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Field of Dreams Summer in Vermont singing Gram Parsons' 'Grievous Angel'

BY LOUIS BLACK

PRELUDE

"In South Carolina There are many tall pines I remember the oak trees That we used to climb"

– "Hickory Wind," Gram Parsons & Bob Buchanon

A fan of the Byrds from the first time I heard them, I confess that when *Sweetheart of the Rodeo* came out in 1968, I didn't get it at first. Growing up in New Jersey meant all the many variants of country music were foreign to me.

The first week of my freshman year at college, a newfound friend and I were checking out the jukebox in a dorm snack bar and discovered the Byrds' version of Woody Guthrie's "Pretty Boy Floyd" from *Sweetheart*. My friend had found the album as difficult as I had, but on a lark we played the single. And then played it again. Then we went up to his room because he had brought *Sweetheart* with him to school even though he didn't like it. We listened to it over and over.

For me, it opened the door not only to country music but to taking chances listening to all kinds of music with which I was unfamiliar. It took well over a half-decade, but listening to that album endlessly eventually lead me to realize the importance of Gram Parsons. Soon after its release in 1973, I bought a copy of *Grievous Angel*. When I wore it out, I bought another copy. And later, yet another.

As one who has lived too much of my life deliberately being alone and in my head, there is a profusion of cultural landmarks that must be acknowledged. As crucial as *Sweetheart* was to me for many years, *Grievous Angel* became part of me, of my heart and breathing.

The story below is about an absolutely crucial, forever life-changing period of my life, although for a number of reasons, I go into none of the details. This may seem like cheating, but the real point that follows is defined by the overall enormity of those times, the details being part of a different though concurrent tale. Ι

"Oh, and I remembered something you once told me And I'll be damned if it did not come true"

> – "Return of the Grievous Angel," Gram Parsons

During the summer of 1974, my friend Fred and I moved from outside Boston up to Bartonsville in southern Vermont to live at our friend Everett's house. Fred was in the middle of a novel, I was trying to write short stories, and Everett was working at a bakery. It was to be a summer of recovery, a much-needed time for renewal, which in so many ways was exactly how it played out. Time passes slowly when you're living in a rural community, which was what we wanted. Fred and I moved at an even slower pace, doing little more than reading, talking, swimming, and drinking, with occasional "work breaks" for writing, cooking, and baking.

Now, more often than not, tumultuous life-changing periods are only barely noticeable while they're happening, so they often occur when least expected. After an exhausting, way-too-action-packed year living in Jamaica Plain, Fred and I were thrilled with the quiet of living in Vermont. There was the house, attached barn, and a school bus fitted out as a camper (sleeping four) all to ourselves. Everett's mother was away for the summer running a crafts school.

Weeks passed into months, but there was an undercurrent of meaning during those times. Friendship became all-important, as did love. In thinking about back then, I remember reading Dashiell Hammett and listening to Gram Parsons as much as anything else. But it was not all quiet and peace.

More than anything else, in fact, that time was defined by croquet.

Π

"Out with the truckers and the kickers and the cowboy angels And a good saloon in every single town" – "Return of the Grievous Angel," Gram Parsons

Bartonsville was so small that the only reason it was officially regarded as a town was that it had a U.S. post office. Once it had been headquartered in the house where Everett lived, as evidenced by a wall

of unused mailboxes in the barn. It had then moved into a neighbor's garage, though it had now been closed for decades. There were no businesses in the community, simply a number of houses on either side of a single paved road that crossed the river by way of a covered wooden bridge.

It was a summer we listened to music whenever we had a chance, though it was vinyl records on a not-very-good stereo. In the months leading up to that summer, *Grievous Angel* was the album I played the most. All the days and nights of that summer we played it more than we played any other album.

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"Well the first time I lose I drink whiskey Second time I lose I drink gin Third time I lose I drink anything 'Cause I think I'm gonna win"

– "Ooh Las Vegas," Gram Parsons & Rik Grech

One of the best things about summer in Vermont is that no matter how hard and heavy the sun pours down, it just never gets too hot. Even before Fred and I moved up there, Everett had begun to transform a very large overgrown field next to his house into a most irregular and bizarre croquet field. It was so oversized that it bore no relation to a regulation court. This mattered not at all, as I'm pretty sure none of us even realized that there were official croquet court dimensions as well as formal rules. It was certainly good that we were unaware and wouldn't have cared if we weren't, because size was only one of that field's many offenses against traditional croquet.

The wickets were homemade, cut out of large scrap pieces of plywood; they looked like bizarre tombstones with somewhat normal croquet tunnel holes cut in their centers, only with elaborate art nouveau-looking decorative tops. Anyone casually glancing at the field would never think of croquet any more than they'd expect to see followers of Anton Szandor LaVey dancing in lewd ecstasy as they summoned demons.

That summer friends came up from Boston and all over southern Vermont to drink way too much while competing

in vicious croquet tournaments. Early on, Everett ratcheted up the intensity for the more serious players by painting his ball black with flaming red skulls. Playing not just to win but to kill, he whacked other players' balls off the field onto the road, where they rolled downhill. None

ever got as far as the covered bridge, though some came close. None of it mattered to me as I never held it together very long, so I'd be out of the game early on, lying in the grass looking up at the sky.

Every couple of weeks, the croquet field became so overgrown with tall grass, towering weeds, and dense undergrowth that playing became damn near impossible until someone mowed the whole field. Somehow, I always found myself volunteered to be that someone. Late in the afternoon I would begin the job. Shirtless, I would spend a couple of hours pushing the gas-powered mower up and down the field.

As I did this I would sing at the top of my lungs, demonstrating not just a complete lack of musicality but never even by accident making a single pleasant sound. My nasal, off-key, uneven voice embarrassed me not at all, as I was convinced that I could not be heard over the roar of the motor.

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THOSE DARLINS Those Darlins (Thirty Tigers)

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Perhaps more sonically upbeat than its predecessor, *Crea-*turesque's details are at times painted in both optimistic and sobering tones. Reitherman's scattershot poetics touch on an array of ideas; it's oppressive American machisimo and Suburbanite sexuality. It's soft drugs and convertible cars. It's the struggle for higher expectations within the mess of modern life, and when wrapped up in the structures of TMTS' surehanded tunes it's an all too delicious combination. I P Available \$12 99 CD

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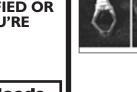
TREVOR HALL Trevor Hall (Vanguard) A mix of reggae, folk and roots-rock, all blended with a

sharp pop sensibility, the music of Trevor Hall lives somewhere between the anthemic grooves of Matisyahu and the gentle melodies of Jack Johnson. Embodying a soufulness, depth and passion far beyond his 22 years.



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had passed away. Features 'Long Long Long', 'My Sweet

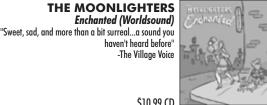
Ruminant Band (Sub Pop) Eric Johnson's Fruit Bats have never shied away from darkness, but more uncommon in this day and age, they've re-fused to shy away from light. Using bright melodies, defiantly major-key chord structures, natural imagery mixed with the ccasional blazing insight and tender observation, The Ruminant Band, marks a further crystallization of Johnson's own melodic instincts and overall vision \$11.99 CD LP Available





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- Laura Barton, The Guardian



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TREVOR GIULIANI

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Almost always, once I discovered an artist I loved – whether a writer, musician, filmmaker, actor, painter, whatever – I would begin to track down and devour all their work. With writers, I tried to find everything they had written so I could read it. With musicians, not only would I buy whatever records I could find, but if I was over at someone's house and discovered albums that I had not heard, I would cease all social interaction to listen to them.

There may well be others, but the only outstanding exception to that practice that I can think of is Gram Parsons. When I discovered that his first solo album, *GP*, had come out a year earlier, I never even thought of buying it. I was so wrapped up in *Grievous Angel* that there was no room for another Parsons album.

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"In my hour of darkness In my time of need Oh, Lord grant me vision Oh, Lord grant me speed" – "In My Hour of Darkness," Gram Parsons & Emmylou Harris

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The terrible truth was that not only could my hideous singing be heard over the noise of the lawn mower by anyone in the house, but it actually carried in such a way as to be heard throughout the community. Even though it undoubtedly pained them more than it pained me, being the sadistic bunch they were, no one informed me of the cacophony I was inflicting on all. Half a dozen times I mowed that field; half a dozen times I sang my heart out. When all was finally revealed to me, it was done just as unkindly and with just as much malicious humor as you might suspect.

When they lay into me I was more than a little defensive, as my feelings were hurt and I was a bit upset about the whole thing. Now, three and a half decades later, I not only remember that whole summer fondly, I've come to cherish both my embarrassment at being mocked and the whole picture and sound of it all. There I was, shirtless in the late afternoon of a Vermont summer day, pushing the mower and singing Gram Parsons' songs as loudly as I could in a voice worse than anyone could imagine as my friends hid their smiles while drinking every bit of alcohol in sight.

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SADDENED BY AWARDS COVERAGE

Dear Editor,

Re: The Austin Fashion Awards: I'm saddened to see such a negative review from both Anne Harris ["Austin Fashion Awards: Put Your Golden Boot Where Your Mouth Is," Chronique blog, July 20] and Stephen Moser ["After a Fashion," July 24]. This event was for and by industry people in Austin; it was not put on for the *Women's Wear Daily* or *CAN* reviews. Having shown multiple seasons in Los Angeles' Fashion Week, I agree that this doesn't compare in the slightest – but that's not what this event was about – with no apologies. It was a bylocal-for-local event put on with local dollars.

If you look around at the economy, you'll notice that Austin is one of the best places to be in the country right now regarding the recession. I believe that it is because of critical local support. Los Angeles Fashion Week canceled once again this year, and it has immeasurably hurt the local businesses. If you look at fashion industry news, you'll notice the forecast out there is bleak when it comes to dollars, fashion houses are downsizing, reorganizing, selling, chaptering - and Austin isn't noticing, first and foremost because we are not a fashion hub, but for the designers who have "made it" in the business and compete in the global marketplace (I myself have to travel to work nearly half of my year), we know how special Austin is and how much it helps our businesses to have local support.

So, thank you, Austin, for all of your hard work and for helping to make this community a supportive one. As for the Critics Choice Best Designer and Best Women's Designer (who was not a regular advertiser with *Rare*, by the way, and I would have liked to have seen some statistics with that statement), who has experience in the fashion hubs outside of Austin, I am happy with the start of what I hope continues to be a fabulous local event.

Rene Geneva

BLACK'S DISSERVICE TO DEMOCRACY

Dear Editor,

I was gladly nodding my head in agreement with this article until I came across the part where Black refers to democracy as nothing but tyranny of the majority ["Page Two," July 24]. Not only is this wildly inaccurate, but it seems to be a prevalent idea among Americans.

For some reason unknown to me, Americans make the Athenian version of direct democracy equivalent to modern democracy. It is not as if they are referring to the modern idea of direct democracy (referenda and initiatives); they are merely referring to a system where the whim of 50% plus one overwhelms the remainder of the populace.

Black and Americans need to get familiar with democratic principles before they start trashing democracy without knowing much about it. Democratic principles include the concept of concurrent majority, which means the rights of a minority are protected from the whim of a capricious majority.

Perhaps basic civics courses in high school need to include ideas on democracy and not just useless memorization, such as the date of Election Day.

Hillary Corgey Houston

[Editor Louis Black responds: Now, I may well have missed something, but are there not any number of theories of democracy, often contradicting one another, and each with its own group of followers? If we talk about a democratic form of government, is it now universally accepted that we mean concurrent majority? I'm serious. If the Athenian model has been entirely discarded, I'm even less aware of current theory than I realized. Given that John Calhoun, the intellectual force behind the idea of a concur-

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rent majority, was in favor of slavery, states' rights, nullification, and limited government, I would think that some theorists would be at least a little uncomfortable following his reasoning. Certainly there are legitimate arguments for states' rights and limited government, but in Calhoun's case, he supported them as a way of preserving slavery.

I don't like voter-mandated referenda and initiatives, mostly because any proposition that has budgetary impact but is not being voted on by those directly responsible for balancing the books is capricious.1

INTEGRITY, NOT INFOTAINMENT

Dear Editor,

Per Michael King's article last week "Point Austin: Stepping on Your Punchline" [News, July 24]. The repeated racist comments made by 590AM KLBJ News Radio talk-show host Don Pryor on his July 14 morning show were shameful.

Pryor is the latest casualty of an industry dominated by right-wing shock jocks, infotainment clowns, and wannabe Rush Limbaughs competing for attention. It's sad that these characters have listeners. You can change this. Advertisers, everyday listeners, and organizations should continue to push back on this foul behavior just like the Hispanic Contractors Association did last week. It's time to bring respect and integrity back to the talk-radio industry.

> David Kobierowski Talk show host 91.7FM KOOP Radio

PROBLEM IS MURDER NOT POT

Dear Editor.

"The 'unfortunate' circumstance in the double homicide, Spangler said, was" not "that Goosey was dealing pot." The unfortunate circumstance was that two people were murdered ["Newsdesk" Blog, July 26].

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Department truly believes that the problem is

Brea Plum

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marijuana, not a murderer.

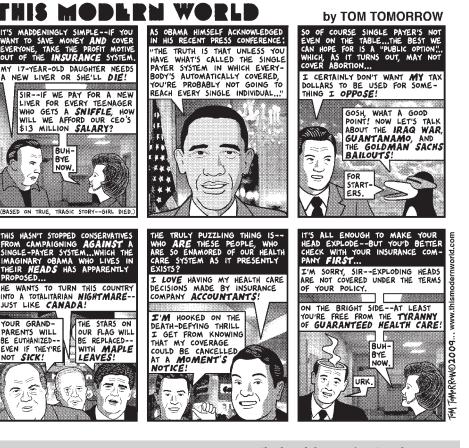
Dear Editor.

In regard to Austin possibly exceeding the new Environmental Protection Agency ozone standard, Lee Nichols writes, "An array of federal sanctions comes down on areas that reach nonattainment, including a loss of highway funds." ["Can Austin Avoid the Stigma of Dirty Air?," News, July 24].

This is not true. No city, including notorious offenders like Houston and Los Angeles, has ever lost federal funding for exceeding the EPA limits (nonattainment). I researched this guestion Here's how it works.

If Austin or any other city exceeds the new standard, the city will be given until 2013 to draw up a remediation plan. If the EPA accepts the plan, the city will be given around five years to reduce its ozone below the limit. If that doesn't work, a new plan is devised and more time is granted to

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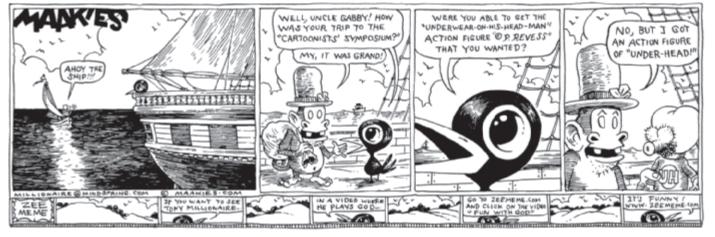


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achieve compliance. Only cities that don't submit a plan to the EPA or don't implement the plan as approved by the EPA will lose federal funds.

Lee can be forgiven for the error. He was only reporting the lie that is knowingly propagated by politicians such as Sam Biscoe and other members of Austin's CAMPO Board. Just like George Bush's weapons of mass destruction lie, they wish to manipulate public opinion with the terror of losing federal funds.

Furthermore, Deanna Altenhoff of the Clean Air Force, has it backwards. She wants people to take the bus on high ozone days. But diesel buses produce more ozone precursors per passenger mile than cars do. Buses also produce more greenhouse gases and deadly particulate matter than cars do. It would be much better to park the buses.

Vince May

AUSTIN CANNOT AVOID DIRTY AIR

Dear Editor,

The short answer to "Can Austin Avoid the Stigma of Dirty Air" [News, July 24] is "No," at least not without directly addressing the fundamental cause of why the region's air quality has consistently become degraded over the past four decades since the National Environmental Policy Act was first passed - the style and pattern of metropolitan development and the transportation system which serves and supports that pattern of growth. The Clean Air Force (I prefer the above title, as it's more truthful and accurate) was from the outset (and remains today) a propaganda tool pushed into being through the efforts of development and highway-industry promoters (and the political actors they supported) in order to "raise public

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awareness" through jawboning and cajoling the problem of impending doom if air quality degraded past the magic number for nonattainment under the Clean Air Act, all the while deliberately blunting or undercutting any discussion of the true underlying cause in order to enable continued sprawl and the construction of specific highways (MoPac, Highway 130) which support largely unrestrained, low-density development before the inevitable hammer came down.

Jim Vance



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Headlines

- Austin Independent School District plans to announce its new repurposing proposal for **Pearce Middle School** before the end of the week. Details are not yet available, and the plan will still need approval by both the board of trustees and Commissioner of Education Robert Scott (see "Naked City," p.20).
- Leading economic indicators: Gail Roper, the city's IT chief, is moving back to Raleigh, N.C. – because she can't sell her home there. City Manager Marc Ott is expected to appoint an interim chief information officer soon. In more tech news, the city released the first of two requests for pro-



posals to redesign the city website, this one calling for tech, architecture, and design recommendations for the final RFP.

- The new Austin City Council held its inaugural meeting on July 23, and as a nod to new Mayor Lee Leffingwell's former career as an airline pilot, Council Member Randi Shade passed out single-serving-size bags of pretzels.
- Nineteen-year-old James Richard "Ricky" Thompson has been charged with two counts of capital murder for the July 21 shooting deaths of John Goosey and Stacy Barnett in the West Campus area. The Austin Police Department said Thompson owed Goosey a "substantial sum" for marijuana. See "Double Murder: The Dark Side of Reefer Madness," p.19.
- And the **drought** goes on forever: The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is crafting a proposal that would require a 40% cutback in groundwater pumping for all permitted users.



Defense lawyer and former County Court Judge **Wilfred Aguilar** died Tuesday of cancer at 60; Aguilar served on the bench from 1985 to 2000.

Texas had 1.5 million **children living in poverty** in 2007, according to the new Kids Count report, an annual sur-

vey funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Travis County showed a very slight improvement on the child poverty front – 43,806 children in 2007, down from 43,978 in 2006. For state and local statistics, see **datacenter.kidscount.org**.

Local indie shop BookWoman is reeling after a ruinous week.



First, two people distracted the cashier and stole money from the cash drawer; Tuesday night, a vandal fired a gun at the store, at 5501 N. Lamar, shattering the storefront windows and front door.

- The order of constitutional amendments on the Nov. 3 ballot has been set by a random drawing by Secretary of State Hope Andrade. The Proposition 1 slot goes to a measure allowing cities and counties to buy land next to military bases, but expect heavy campaigning on Proposition 11, limiting eminent domain. Voter registration ends Oct. 5.
- Supreme Court nominee Judge Sonia Sotomayor won't be getting any votes from Texas when her confirmation comes to the U.S. Senate floor. Sen. John Cornyn voted (by proxy) against her ultimately successful nomination in the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday. Then Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison announced she intends to vote no in the Senate.



The Bottom Line on Health Care

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Tell the Dems to create a real public plan

BY MICHAEL KING

The latest outrage percolating through the rightwing noise machine – in rotation on the Fox network and its blogosphere kin – is Barack Obama's supposed insult to doctors when he said, "The doctor may look at the reimbursement system and say to himself: 'You know what? I make a lot more money if I take this kid's tonsils out." This utter commonplace about the "fee-for-service" system that distorts so much of our health care sent the pundits in search of enraged otolaryngologists (and spell-checkers) who would never, *never*, ever, *ever* make a treatment deci-

sion based on the relative fees involved. (Those of you who have never, *ever* been prescribed a pointless diagnostic test, put your hands down now.) These are, of course, the same guys who insist the government shouldn't get involved in health care because it would unfairly restrict the income of doctors.

Take your pick.

Reporters of Saturday's counterprotest against the health-care-reform rally Downtown were delighted to quote an anesthesiologist claiming the only reason medical costs keep soaring is doctors' fear of lawsuits and that the answer is (cue the corporate chorus) "tort reform." Some reporter with a memory might have thought to ask, "Didn't that train leave the Capitol station a couple of legislative sessions ago?" Indeed, if the Lege passes any more tort deform, it might as well lock up the civil courts altogether. Aren't these the same folks who keep insisting there's no need to regulate health care (or the financial markets or pharmaceuticals or [name your industry] ...), because that's what the courts are for?

Take your pick.

When they aren't denouncing "socialism" (that is, health-care systems in which risks and expenses are shared, more commonly known as "insurance"), opponents of any changes to the current U.S. system (otherwise known as "the weakest go to the wall") are

insisting that we simply can't afford universal health care, especially during a recession (although they were hardly beating the drum for reform when times were good). For a couple of reasons, this is the most preposterous claim of all: 1) Every other industrialized democracy affords universal coverage, more efficiently and with generally better health outcomes; and 2) a political class

that has spent most of the last decade pouring countless billions into two spectacularly wasteful wars simply can no longer claim there isn't enough money for health care for all the country's citizens.

If there's money for Iraq, Afghanistan, and the nuclear fleet, there's money for health care.

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"Another of the arguments I heard this morning and I saw on the signs across the street concerns 'rationing' of health care. What do you think we have right now?"

 Congressman Lloyd Doggett, commenting on opposition arguments to proposed reforms on health care



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THE MAGIC WATER BULLET

AWU's water-demand projection needs its own Zapruder film

BY WELLS DUNBAR

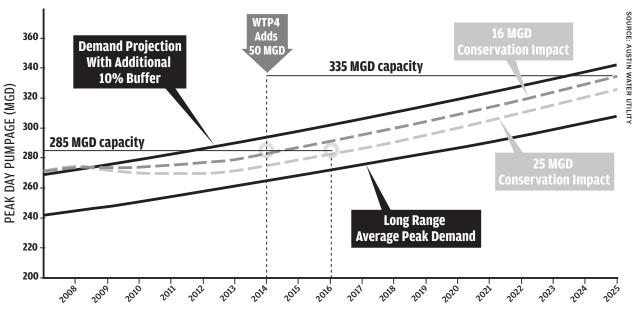
If the recent City Council presentation on the conspiracysteeped **Water Treatment Plant No. 4** was the municipal equivalent of the **Warren Commission Report**, then the solid lines on a graph projecting Austin's future water needs recall the **Magic Bullet**. Never since JFK has a line's trajectory been so studied and scrutinized.

Underscoring the similarly circuitous path of the plant, Assistant City Manager **Rudy Garza** began his WTP4 presentation by noting, "Actually, when I was 9 years old, this project first started discussion, in 1975." Very long story made abruptly short, the city's plans for its fourth water treatment plant – after Ulrich, Davis, and the now-shuttered Green – have changed more over the years than theories about the Grassy Knoll. The original plan, tapping Lake Travis from the headwaters of Bull Creek in northwest Austin, was abandoned. Another site in the Balcones Nature Preserve was shelved. Ultimately, the city bought a tract of land at FM 620 and Bullick Hollow to house the plant, paying some \$32 million.

As the latest official skeptics of the **Delayed Plant of Debatable Necessity** (there's probably a Chinese character by now), new Council Members **Chris Riley** and **Bill Spelman** made inquisitive noises as soon as they were inaugurated – unsurprisingly, considering conservation was a tent pole of Riley's campaign and financial stability one of Spelman's. Last Thursday, their first meeting, they put the plant directly in the hot seat.

The **Austin Water Utility** says that in order to replace Green's closure and meet peak-day demands, the plant is needed by 2014. The water utility is eager to move forward; this briefing was precursor to an Aug. 6 vote approving a construction manager and other contracts. AWU

Director **Greg Meszaros** spent the presentation enumerating the plant's environmental benefits (10,000 metric tons of carbon emissions saved in the first year, by rolling water down the steep grade from Lake Travis instead of pumping it), warning of delays ("It would be very easy ... to slip a year or two," he said, with no hint of irony), and pitching the savings to be achieved by building in an off economy (a cost estimate of \$508 million, assuming 2014 completion, could be shaved by \$23 million to \$45 million with a 5% to 10% reduction in bids; WTP4 opponents, prominently the **Save Our Springs Alliance**, point to a December 2006 cost estimate listing the full cost at \$849 million, including debt payments).



Projected Peak-Day Demand and Treatment Capacity

The Austin Water Utility uses this graph to illustrate the need to build Water Treatment Plant No. 4. Skeptics claim it overstates demand and drastically underestimates the effects of conservation.

The real intrigue came with the graph, which set some sort of Channel 6 record for screen time. "I think some of the critical trend lines here are the blue lines, particularly the upper blue line," said Meszaros, referring to a demand projection

(black in the version reproduced above) – sans any conservation measures – that includes a buffer of an additional 10%. The dotted line beneath lops off 16 million gallons per day, a partial implementation of the city's **Water Conservation Task Force** goal of reducing use by 25 MGD, the larger goal represented in the second dotted line. The 16 MGD line intersects with current capacity at 2014, the "sweet spot," according to Meszaros, when the utility wants to have WTP4's first 50 million

gallons a day online. (The final, potential build out of the plant, subject to future demand, is for 300 MGD.)

Not plotted, however, is the point at which the lower blue line – a projection of long-range demand as-is, without any additional buffer or allowance for conservation improvements, and only for the peak days the utility pumps the most – meets current capacity. It intersects around 2020 – and Riley wanted to know whether that could be further delayed. "When we talked during the Water Conservation Task Force about first steps and pursuing other things in the future, was that really just talk?" he queried Meszaros. "You didn't expect we would ever do anything more without radically changing our lifestyles? We've done about all we can do?" After the director outlined further possible conservation measures, attorney Riley moved in for the close: "If we move forward on every one of those things you just mentioned, we still wouldn't see any change in the lines on the graph?" Meszaros conceded that achieving greater conservation would buy more time.

After Riley's cross-examination, Spelman questioned Meszaros professorially, noting that last summer's peak-day pumpage was 228 MGD, well below the chart's 240 MGD starting point. He also questioned the financial wisdom of moving quickly, noting that three years' worth of additional accrued interest on the cash the city would spend on the plant would outstrip any savings by acting now. That is, "if this were purely a financial decision, and, of course, it's not."

Now the question is whether Spelman and Riley can convince other council members to join them in possibly delaying the plant. **Randi Shade** and **Laura Morrison** both discussed the need for reserve capacity, exacerbated by Green's closure and the age of Davis, presumably staking out wiggle room between Riley and Spelman and WTP4 supporters **Lee Leffingwell** and **Sheryl Cole**.

But whatever happens next Thursday, certainly, the conspiracy will live on.

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THURSDAY30

JOHN LIPSCOMBE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF This isn't an endorsement – merely an assumption that the aspiring county court judge knows how to party. 6-8:30pm. Threadgill's World HQ, 301 W. Riverside. \$25 suggested donation. www.johnforjudge.com.

PUBLIC INPUT: SOLID WASTE Give feedback on the city's strategies for climate protection and zero waste goals in the Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan. (See "A Plan to Plan for a Zero-Waste City," p.17, for more.) 6:30pm. Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Rd., Rm. 130. www.austinrecycles.com.

FRIDAY31

BOOTS VS. BADGES CHALLENGE The Austin Police Department and the Auxiliary to Austin Firefighters Association have



each been battling it out to recruit more blood donors than the other. Donate and vote for your favorite heroes, or come out during the competition. Call or go online to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are also welcome. *8am-4pm. Norris Conference Centers, 2525 W. Anderson, 206-1266.* www.inyourhands.org.

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BLOGGER Celebrate the birthday of Thorne Dreyer, co-editor of the Rag Blog. In lieu of presents, bring funds for the Austinbased progressive Internet magazine. 6-9pm. Maria's Taco Xpress, 2529 S. Lamar,

444-0261. Donations appreciated.

www.theragblog.blogspot.com.

SATURDAY01

SOLAR FIRST SATURDAY brings everyone from homeowners to solar contractors up to speed with the latest solar legislation and tech tricks of the trade. *9am-noon. Habitat Suites*,

500 E. Highland Mall Blvd. \$50. www.imaginesolar.com. **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION & YOU** Democrat **Laura Ewing** and Republican **Pat Hardy** discuss the merits of running for an SBOE seat, an unpaid position that everyone loves to complain about. See if you have what it takes. 11:45am-1:15pm. Yarborough Library, 2200 Hancock.

WE CARE CALL-A-THON The AISD **Office of Dropout Prevention and Reduction** needs a few good volunteers to make calls to students (and parents of students) who have dropped out. Call to volunteer for the call-a-thon or for a shift during the two-week call effort. *10am-1pm. Carruth Administration Center*. *1111 W. Sixth*. *414-0324*.

MONDAY03

MUSIC FOR GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP

Si Kahn, executive director of **Grassroots** Leadership, sings songs of community and freedom to benefit his campaign to end immigrant family detention. 8-9:30pm. MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 971-0487. \$7-10 suggested donation.

TUESDAY04

CHICAS VERDES A monthly get-together for lady greenies. 11:45am. Leaf, 419 W. Second.

EAST AUSTIN SPEAKER SERIES Get a better sense of the Eastside's past, present, and future from the area's grassroots leaders. Topics include activism, housing, jobs, and education. *First and third Tuesdays, 6pm. East Austin Community Development Center, 6002 Jain,* 462-2181. Free. www.swkey.org.

A Patient's Tale

At the Chronicle, we have decent health-care insurance, although like all small businesses, the company gets whipsawed annually by rising rates and changing coverages. (For more on that subject, consult the report just released by the Texas Public Interest Research Group's Larry McNeely, "The Small Business Dilemma.") And just because we're insured doesn't mean we're covered. Right now I'm embroiled in an amusing and frustrating (and expensive) argument with our Enormous Insurance Co. over coverage of recent treatments for a limited but potentially serious condition. An EIC rep first told me (over the phone) that the treatments would cost me only my negligible co-pays. After several weeks of successful therapy, EIC then began denying the claims - on the grounds the treatments took place in a clinic within a hospital and therefore would not be covered, as they would have been if the exact same treatments occurred at a clinic in its own building. (Never mind the reassuring phone call - as far as EIC is concerned, that never happened.) Call it the brick-and-mortar exception - a shell game now costing me several hundred dollars in unanticipated expenses, as well as billing headaches for the doctor and therapists, and now my own reluctance to pursue any followup treatment I might need.

As I wrote to the folks at EIC, I'm sure glad I don't live in one of those countries with socialized medicine, where some bureaucrat would be rationing my medical treatments and standing between me and my physician.

I tell this story with no sense of special exception, rather as the ordinary experience of accessing health care in America. There are plenty of people who have endured much worse. As Congressman Lloyd Doggett points out (see "Health-Care Showdown," p.20), last year roughly 22,000 Americans were rationed out of their lives by lack of health insurance.

Blue Dogs Bite

Virtually every family can tell a similar tale, so it's no wonder a large majority of Americans says it wants major health-care reform, importantly including a public option (like Medicare)

or, even better, a universal single-payer system (Medicare for all). The latter isn't even under serious consideration (for political reasons, not medical ones), and the insurance lobby (ably assisted by the cable blowhards) is doing its expensive best to block the former - for the very good reason that they know they would have to cut costs to compete with a public plan.

Until last November, I had pretty much concluded that there would be no rational health-care system in the U.S. in my lifetime. Now, writing in Texas, where a quarter of the population has no health insurance, I wish I could be optimistic that a serious public plan will survive the congressional labyrinth. If it fails again, we won't be able to blame the Republicans; they no longer have the votes. Instead, some 52 "Blue Dog" House Democrats (and their counterparts in the Senate) - who call themselves "moderates" but are heavily in hock to the insurance and pharmaceutical lobbies - are doing what they can to weaken or eliminate the public option.

If they succeed in obstructing the process and gutting the public plan, whatever survives - a rejuggling of current insurance options will be cosmetic, hardly worth doing, or worse. Right now, the intransigent Blue Dogs form the main obstacle to a decent reform plan coming to the House floor, where it would have a fighting chance of eventually meeting a Senate counterpart and becoming law.

Among Texas Dems, only Laredo's Henry Cuellar calls himself a Blue Dog, but that doesn't mean Texas voters should be quiet about what Congress should do. The Blue Dog communications director, Kristen Hawn, receives e-mail at bluedog@mail.house.gov.

I suggest every Chronicle reader who has his or her own insurance tale to tell - in other words, everyone within the sound of my keyboard - send a (polite) note to the Blue Dogs via Ms. Hawn, add your own story if you like, and tell them that we want real universal health-care coverage, with a public option to compete with the private insurance companies - and we're not falling for the phony argument that "it costs too much." It's the current irrational and brutal anti-health-care system that costs too much, in money and human lives, and we've all had quite enough.



WEDNESDAY05

KUT TOWN HALL MEETING Discuss the recent changes at the KUT radio station. 7pm Threadgill's World HQ, 301 W. Riverside, 472-9304.

ST. JOHN/CORONADO HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING 6:30pm. Pickle Elementary School cafeteria, 1101 Wheatley. www.cityofaustin.org/zoning/sj_ch.htm.

TEXAS NORML convenes a monthly meeting to discuss the latest developments in marijuana-law reform. 8pm. Hickory Street Bar & Grille, 800 Congress, 477-8968. Free. www.texasnorml.org.

THURSDAY06

DANIEL BRADFORD CAMPAIGN KICKOFF Find out why Bradford is running for justice of the peace against a 34-year incumbent. 5-7pm. Longbranch Inn, 1133 E. 11th. www.bradfordforjustice.com.

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Calling All Citizens

Comprehensive Plan and waterfront need engaged Austinites

BY KATHERINE GREGOR

"Where do we want to go? Who and what does Austin aspire to be in 10, 20, 25 years and beyond?" If those questions fire your imagination, it's time to step up and speak out.

Collaboratively defining the big vision for Austin is the first challenge in crafting the city's new Comprehensive Plan. At its July 23 meeting, City Council authorized a contract with comprehensive plan consultant Wallace Roberts & Todd, allowing work to finally begin on the initial "Plan for a Plan" phase. By the end of September, the WRT team and locals should have defined a citizen participation plan - so you can help

shape it. Also decided will be the number and nature of community meetings, surveys, and other Austin-specific outreach to gather broad-based input. (Maybe comment cards at mosh pits, barbecue cook-offs, soccer games, and wiki sites?)

Already on a fast track: selection of a Citizens Advisory Committee. Some council offices are compiling short lists of potential nominees, even though the committee's role, responsibilities, and makeup are yet to be clearly defined. Council, planning commissioners, city staff, and WRT principals (graciously assisting, despite lack of a confirmed contract) have been considering various approaches; there's no standard template from other cities On

Aug. 6, staff will brief council on the Citizens Advisory Committee - presenting recommendations for its role, makeup for broad-based representation, and size (probably 14 to 25 members). Committee appointments could follow at council as soon as Aug. 20 or in September. Interested in serving? Find a nominating council member soon.

I talked to WRT principal David Rouse, from Philadelphia, about what makes a successful community advisory group. "This is a big issue for Austin," he said. Coming from out of town, Rouse and WRT will rely on local advisory groups because "they know the community – we don't. ... They provide continuity throughout the process, as a group of

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people we can get to know, and they can get to know us. We use them as a sounding board to test ideas and to advise us on direction at key points in the process," said Rouse. Diverse representation is important, but rather than appoint spokes- ≦ persons of narrow interest groups, he suggested, it's most helpful to have advisory

group members who know and understand the community as a whole. "It's effective to have people who are engaged, but you don't want to have just insiders," he added. "It does help to have some fresh faces on it; for that reason, some cities go outside the usual stakeholders." A brisk pace is needed to finalize the Citizen Advisory Committee, the citizen participation plan, and a two-year schedule of work with specific milestone deadlines. Neighborhood **Planning and** Zoning Department Director Greg Guernsey emphasized at a recent Liveable City forum the critical importance of completing the plan within two years. (And since Austin's public processes inevitably drag, a compressed 18-month work plan,

allowing a six-month buffer, would be smart.) Among other good reasons, he pointed out the political advantages of getting the job done on the watch of a single, unified council and mayor - which lasts until July 1, 2011. That time frame also is ideal to set up an expected 2012 bond referendum. If Austinites know they'll vote on funding the community priorities identified, suddenly comprehensive planning isn't just a theoretical exercise - it's serious business. That's the best preventive medicine to ward off comprehensive-plan apathy and cynicism.



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Waterfront Advisors

Council appointments to the city's all-new Waterfront Planning Advisory Board will serve as yet another litmus test of the council's planning sophistication. Back in May, the revised Waterfront Overlay Ordinance established that Waterfront Planning Advisory Board members should be "drawn from the fields of urban design, environmental protection, architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, shoreline ecology, neighborhood conservation, civic art, and real property development." That wisely defined a professional board on the model of the

Design Commission. Its members will plan for the shoreline of Lady Bird Lake and its tributary creeks within the protective waterfront overlay, including new amenities. parkland acquisitions, and public access to "better realize the potential of the City's waterfront." But as of last week, no

council quarterback had emerged to assemble a

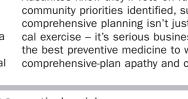
balanced seven-member board with expertise in the nine fields named. The makeup of this board is critical, for it's tasked with "promoting excellence in design, development and protection of the City's waterfront." Read that triple-barreled charge again: 1) design, 2) development, and 3) protection. Council has a rare opportunity to appoint a board of professionals adept at supporting and advancing all three. (Sadly, professional associations in architecture, landscape architecture, and so forth haven't used the intervening months to forward qualified candidates. Other than the local chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism, said Council Member Sheryl Cole, "I haven't heard from anyone.")

The board succeeds the Waterfront Overlay Task Force, which worked only on revising the Waterfront Overlay Ordinance. Makeup of that group followed the usual Austin formula: Put in one room a bunch of neighborhood advocates and representatives of opposing positions, and hope they somehow beat out a sensible compromise. On the task force, the dominant voice was reportedly that of no-growth advocate Jeff Jack, representing SaveTownLake.org; the resulting recommendations globally reinstated all the old height limits from 1986, as well as the original 1985 Town Lake Corridor Study goals. Now under council discussion is whether the advisory board should start fresh, by excluding task force members.

That makes sense, as the new advisory board has an entirely different charge. Immediately, it needs to craft and recommend a density-bonus system, specifying which community benefits developers must provide to earn additional height and entitlements. Council has already voted to allow planned-unit development zoning to trump

Waterfront Overlay restrictions, so a welldesigned and enforceable system to ensure "superior" PUDs will be critical. The board also will consider the over-water boardwalk project to complete the hike-and-bike trail; it might also push the city to get more of the trail completed on land. Another big waterfront planning opportunity: a master plan for cohesive, proactive redevelopment of privately owned tracts along the urban south shore, the likeliest site for new lakeside amenities such as waterfront cafes.

Each council member nominates one board member. If members pack the board with positional advocates, we can expect the same old Austin fights and stasis. But if instead council assembles a truly unbiased professional board, Austin might just realize a 25-year dream – creating a great urban waterfront.



A Plan to Plan for a Zero-Waste City

Get ready for another acronym: The city of Austin has started the public consultation process on the **Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan** (or ISWMMP for short). At its simplest level, it aims to turn the city's **Zero-Waste Plan** into a 50-year strategy to ensure an environmental underpinning for investment and policy, from green building standards for all city-owned facilities

to establishing citywide composting programs. Jessica Kingpetcharat-Bittner, sustainability administrator for Solid Waste Services, called this round of public meetings "the preplanning phase," giving the city a clearer idea of what really matters to stakeholders. She said, "If a topic creates a lot of

discussion, then we'll probably have to look at it a lot more."

It's a balancing act: For example, if the city reaches its recycling targets (20% of trash diverted by 2012, 75% by 2020, and 90% by 2040), the extra trucking may increase pollution, but that's the argument for taking a broad and long-term approach to planning now. Solid Waste Advisory Commission Vice Chair **Rick Cofer** said, "Fifty years is a long time, but I'd rather be overprepared than underprepared." Solid Waste Services has previously been accused of lacking vision, but with this master plan, the hiring of a new department director, and the city considering building its own materials recovery facility, this is the perfect time for setting policy, Cofer



said, adding, "Those three things are all urgent, and they're all going to happen in the next six to 12 months."

At the preliminary planning meeting held July 22, questioning centered on the search for a replacement for former SWS Director **Willie Rhodes**. Austin EcoNetwork founder and former Austin Climate Protection Plan steering committee member **Brandi Clark**

called the appointment pivotal to the department's direction on the long-range plan. "No matter what plan is written down," she said, "it's going to come to leadership and having the right person who really has it in their heart to achieve a zero-waste goal." Cofer also argues that the plan

can't simply find better ways to

ship recyclables overseas. "If we build a great [materials recovery facility] in Austin and you have a long-term plan on how to develop a long-term plan to fund economic development, like a full-time staffer who does green business recruiting, we can close the loop. The stuff that we use here, we recycle here, it gets turned into something here, and then we reuse it here."

The city will take input from various stakeholder groups, including SWAC, through early September, and then will take the results back to council. A public input meeting will be held at 6:30pm today, Thursday, July 30, at Town Lake Center, Room 130, 721 Barton Springs Rd. Details are available at **www.cityofaustin. org/sws/masterplan.htm.** – *Richard Whittaker*

GreenChoice Affordable After All?

Austin Energy has proposed lowering the price of its latest batch of **GreenChoice** wind power. The GreenChoice program traditionally offers a slightly higher rate for wind than for nonrenewable sources, then locks in that rate for several years; over time, regular customers' rates have eventually surpassed GreenChoice prices for most batches, and all past batches have sold out. The current batch, however – priced at 8 and 9.5 cents per kilowatt hour for 5- and 10-year contracts (while regular customers are paying 3.65) – has only sold 1% in seven months.

In a July 24 memo to City Council, AE General Manager **Roger Duncan** explained that when setting the latest pricing, AE had overestimated the potential transmission congestion costs of bringing electricity to town. AE "assumed that the Hackberry wind plant, which supplies Batch 6, would be assigned to ERCOT's 'West Zone' ... and would therefore have higher congestion costs," he wrote. "However, Hackberry was ultimately assigned to the 'North Zone,' thereby reducing its exposure to transmission congestion costs."

According to Electric Reliability Council of Texas spokeswoman **Dottie Roark**, ERCOT's boundaries actually went into effect in January, the same month Batch 6 went on sale. Asked why the utility waited until now to adjust its pricing, AE spokesman **Carlos Cordova** said, "Even though we knew assigning it to the North was going to have some positive changes, we didn't know exactly what the impact was going to be." He also said recent ERCOT "protocol changes" further eased AE's worries, stoked by 2008's skyrocketing congestion costs, which have since eased.

AE plans to formally propose the price change, reducing it to 5.7 cents/kWh for all current and future Batch 6 customers, at the Aug. 20 City Council meeting. It will also propose covering future congestion costs with the "fuel charge" – the part of a traditional utility bill intended to pay for fuel, be it coal, natural gas, or nuclear - rather than the GreenChoice charge (which substitutes directly for the fuel charge on a GreenChoice utility bill). That means non-GreenChoice customers would foot the bill for congestion costs previously covered only by green customers - a welcome change for GreenChoicers, who only use brown power intermittently but pay for all the administrative, operation and maintenance, and other costs associated with producing it while also paying, through the GreenChoice charge, for all the costs of producing wind power. Regardless, says AE spokesman Ed Clark, the change is unlikely to make a dent in the fuel charge. "We don't expect there to be a level of congestion that would require us to increase the fuel charge for Batch 6," he said. – Nora Ankrum







Supporters of those involved in protests of recent election results in Iran, which have led to the arrests of hundreds of activists claiming electoral fraud, staged a hunger strike last week on the south steps of the UT Tower. The demonstration lasted three days as part of similar strikes across the U.S.

Nine (So Far) Vie to Fill Court Vacancy

Gov. Rick Perry has been in office for nearly nine years, but is only now faced with his third opportunity to appoint a judge to the Travis County District Court bench. The seat on the 353rd Judicial District Civil Court opened up in May with the untimely death of Judge Scott Ozmun, who was elected last year.

Who Perry will pick is still anybody's guess - to date, at least nine Austin lawyers have applied for the job - but in considering who he will choose, Perry will have to decide whether he's more interested in finding a temporary caretaker or someone who might actually have a chance to be elected to the all-blue Travis County bench. "It is an intriguing set of circumstances," says Austin state Sen. Kirk Watson.

Among those who have applied for the job are Claude Ducloux, a private practice civil attorney who writes a humor column for the Austin Bar Journal and is known for his sidelines as a singer and actor; Jeff Rose, Attorney General Greg Abbott's deputy first assistant, who previously served as the chief of the A.G.'s General Litigation Division; Madeleine Connor, who has earned an odd reputation in Austin Dem circles - she ran as a Republican for the 299th District Criminal Court against Judge Charlie Baird, and then as a Democrat against Ozmun in last year's primary; and attorney Ernest Garcia, appointed in 1998 by then-Gov. George W. Bush to the county's 126th District Civil Court but defeated in the 2000 general election by Judge Darlene Bryne, who still holds that seat. (The race was close and Garcia called for a recount; he lost by 809 votes.)

Republican-appointed judges have not fared well in Travis County. Two of Bush's appointees - Garcia and Frank Bryan - were ousted when election time rolled around, as were both of Perry's picks: Patrick Keel, beaten by Judge Stephen Yelenosky, and Melissa Goodwin, bested by Judge Jim Coronado. Only one Bush appointee, Judge Julie Kocurek,

has been able to penetrate the blue wall to earn votes to keep her seat on the 390th District Criminal Court, and she has since switched parties.

So if Perry wants to find a judge who will remain on the bench after 2010, he'll have to choose wisely. Although Goodwin lost her seat to Coronado, she was very popular with the Austin bar and enjoyed a reputation for being reasonable and fair-minded. Arguably, her only problem was the "R" next to her name in an election year that was all about the Dems. "This is an interesting situation for the governor, because if he appoints someone strictly because he wants to appoint a Republican, he has to know that the county will work hard to defeat that candidate and will probably be successful, if past experience tells us anything," says Watson.

Because this will be an interim appointment, there will be no formal Senate confirmation prior to election time – which makes Watson's role as Austin's senator that much more important. The Senate has a longstanding tradition of offering members the privilege of vetting appointees who affect their districts. It isn't a formal rule or codified in law, but it is an "informal formality," says Watson, that officials including the governor - take seriously. "I haven't always agreed with the governor, but I also find his office very understanding of that privilege," he says. Watson says he's spoken with some of the candidates, but won't disclose any details about whom he's met or what they've talked about. "I try not to talk about people under consideration, out of deference to the people that have applied," he says.

The county's civil courts are busy, and Watson says he doesn't want to see the seat go unfilled for too long, "but we want to make sure we do it right." And while he doesn't know that Perry will ultimately pick someone that he would "support politically," he hopes the governor chooses "somebody I can sign off on." – Jordan Smith

APPRAISAL REFORM AT THE COUNTY? NEVER MIND ...

Travis County commissioners agreed last week that the county is getting shortchanged on taxable **commercial** properties - then they opted against taking formal action against the Travis Central Appraisal District for lowballing the parcels.

Instead, commissioners decided to throw money at the problem - kicking in additional funding to increase TCAD staffing, with the intent that more people on the ground would presumably deliver more accurate future valuations of properties on the tax roll. In return, Chief Appraiser Patrick Brown vowed to correct a deep-rooted system that has steadily driven the cost of residential properties skyward while commercial property values have inexplicably trended downward. "I am committed to directing our efforts to do a better job," Brown told commissioners at the July 21 Commissioners Court meeting.

Both Brown and Brian Rodgers - an Austin real estate investor who produced an independent study that brought the appraisal inequities to light – had been invited to appear before the court to lay out their respective concerns. A few weeks earlier, Rodgers had met with local elected officials to review his findings, culled from 30 appraisals of commercial properties in all regions of the county. The sample included several choice real estate properties, such as the Downtown Austonian condos and prime tracts of land near Lake Travis.

This year, the appraisal district is wading through a record number of contested property tax cases, the vast majority residential. "We are looking at about 88,000 properties - basically 88,000 people that think [the] values are too high," Brown said. It's no secret that well-off homeowners and large commercial property owners those who can afford to hire big guns as advocates - are generally more successful in getting their values lowered. Their success rate, however, comes at a cost. Because Texas has no income tax, taxing entities depend on property taxes to fund public schools and, along with sales taxes, other government services, and consequently lower-income homeowners end up carrying more of the burden.

Rodgers, a member of activist group ChangeAustin.org, had asked commissioners to either challenge the district (though the deadline for such action passed last month) or seek an audit from the state comptroller's office. He expressed disappointment that the county chose not to pursue the matter.

"I gave the county commissioners \$120 million in missing property valuation on 30 properties as the tip of the iceberg and offered \$120 million more," Rodgers said. "There was little doubt expressed by anyone in the court. So when the commissioners punted in the face of all this proof, I could tell that greater forces than the public good were at work."

Greater forces also prevailed at the Legislature this year, with the unsuccessful attempt to require mandatory sales disclosures on all properties. Brown, like other appraisers across Texas, complains that the lack of a disclosure law creates the biggest barrier to obtaining accurate information. As in past sessions, industry groups, including the Real Estate Council of Austin, lobbied against disclosure legislation. One bill did pass, however, that could shed more light on how appraisal districts operate; it requires the state comptroller to conduct performance audits of appraisal districts every other year.

- Amy Smith

Double Murder: The Dark Side of Reefer Madness

Austin Police Lt. Mark Spangler says that 19-year-old James Richard "Ricky" **Thompson** has told homicide detectives details that only the killer would know about the double homicide last week in West Campus. Thompson was arrested

early Saturday morning on a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge but has since been charged with capital murder for the July 21 killing of former UT students John Goosey, 21, and his girlfriend, Stacy Barnett, 22, in the apartment the couple shared at 904 W. 21st.

Spangler told reporters at a Sunday afternoon press conference that the police investigation has so far revealed that Goosey had apparently been buying "high-grade marijuana" in "substantial amounts" and "repacking it" for distribution and that Thompson (with whom police believe Goosey had done business for at least three years) bought pot from Goosey, both to use and to sell. As of last week, Thompson owed Goosey a "substantial sum of

money," Spangler said. "It is our belief that [Thompson was] left in his own mind with no other options than to kill the person he owed that money to." Spangler said police

have no indication that Barnett was involved in any way with Goosey's pot dealing - indeed, he said they have no evidence to suggest she was even aware of the extent of Goosey's operation.

Spangler said information about Thomp-

son's involvement in the crime came in the form of an anonymous tip, which dovetailed with additional intelligence they'd developed - including that Thompson was one of the last people to call the couple before they died. As standard investigative practice, "we want to find the last people with them alive and work back from that," he said. And one of the last contacts was from a number belonging to Thompson. "We knew he had that phone with him and that he was close to the [apartment] at the time of

the murders." Late Friday night, police served a search warrant at a house on Alexandria Drive in South Austin, where Thompson lives. After finding marijuana (2 to 4 ounces) inside, they took Thompson into custody. Spangler said detectives are still investigating, and addi-

West Campus murder victims: **Stacy Barnett & John Goosey**

tional arrests are possible. Capital murder is punishable by life in prison or death. Thompson remains in the Travis Co. Jail; no bail has been set. - Jordan Smith

City Brokers Peace Accord With Budget Lodge

The city of Austin and North Austin Budget Lodge owner Larry Hall have agreed to terms that would end the city's nuisance lawsuit against the motel, filed late last year in federal court as a means to abate criminal activity that the city says has plagued the site near the corner of I-35 and Rundberg.

Within the month, Hall must install digital cameras inside and outside the property (seven total, with footage kept for 30 days at a time and turned over to police upon request), the property must be fenced (at least six feet high), dusk-to-dawn lighting must be installed, pay phones must be removed, all customers must show valid identification, employees must undergo FBI criminal background checks, and rooms can no longer be let by the hour. Among the most specific requirements is that none of the rooms facing west or south - toward Middle Lane - may be rented until the motel is at capacity. Anyone asking for one of those more isolated rooms "should be met with suspicion and reported" to Austin police, reads the agreement.

The city, including APD, has long argued that the Budget Lodge is a lightning rod for criminal activity. According to a January press release, between Jan. 1, 2007 and Oct. 1, 2008, APD responded to 463 calls at the motel, including more than 100 that involved drug possession and selling, prostitution, and sexual assault or indecency with a child. A "number of the crimes in question" were committed by employees, police said. Motel owner Hall has balked at the allegations, filing a countersuit against the city and arguing that his motel is "family-owned" and provides "safe, clean, and secure lodging," according to a court document. The problem, Hall counters, is that the Rundberg Lane area has been a "ground zero for drug trafficking, prostitution and other criminal activity ... for at least 15 years." He claims his property had been unfairly targeted as a "cause of crime" in the area.

Nonetheless. Hall has signed the final judgment, signed July 22 by federal District Judge Sam Sparks. If he fails to comply with any of the provisions in the order, the property will be shut and sealed for one year; failure to comply can also be punished by fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000, jail time from 10 to 30 days, or both. - J. S.







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HEALTH-CARE SHOWDOWN PLENTY OF WORK TO DO

"I'm supposed to be dead already."

But Austin state senator and cancer survivor Kirk Watson pointed out the obvious - he's not. The reason, he told Democrats and other health-care reform supporters gathered at the AFL-CIO Hall on Saturday, is that after his first fight with cancer, "on a routine CAT scan - by the way, the word 'routine' is real important - they found another tumor, and I had some major surgery for that."

Watson was cured, he said, "because I had access to early, effective, and frequent health care. ... The point being, not everyone in Texas enjoys that. Not everyone in the United States has the ability to be able to do what I've now been able to do after being so sick,

which is be able to seek my dream, be able to raise my family, be able to be involved with my friends, because I had access to health care."

The battle for **national** health-care coverage is on. President Barack Obama began the metaphorical D-day invasion with a prime-time press conference last week, and Saturday's event was one of many held around the nation by Dems to press the fight forward.

The rally apparently went better than Travis County Dems expected, because it brought an overflow crowd that eventually drew the attention of the city fire marshal. Your intrepid reporter never even made it inside the building and had to listen to the rally on a speaker set up outside. Predictably, the event also drew a smaller crowd of right-wing "tea-partiers" in counterprotest. Stationed across the street from the hall, they held signs including such thoughtful messages as "Obama Marxist Traitor."

The star of the health-care rally was one of the local Democrats who may actually get to vote on the bill, Congressman Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin. Having a Democratic

Congress and president are not enough to guarantee passage of the bill, he warned, because of "hundreds of lobbyists and millions of dollars being spent about this issue and a steady diet of misinformation on hate radio and cable television. We have our work cut out for us. ... We need your active involvement.

"The amount of misinformation out there is incredible," Doggett said. While meeting with constituents earlier in the day, he said, a woman with a cane came up to him worrying about the prospect of a "government takeover" - the bill before Congress is for a public option plan, not a takeover of the nation's health-care system - "but she appreciated what I'd done for her Medicare.

"What does she think Medicare is? People [are] claiming that there is going to be euthanasia if we have this plan. They've heard one crazy bit of comment after another." (Indeed, one of the tea-partiers' signs made such a claim.) Doggett read a letter from an Austin artist whose uninsured, ill sister finally killed herself. "If she had been a citizen of any

other industrialized nation," the letter read, "she'd very likely be alive today."

(The rest of Austin's congressional delegation, all Republicans, oppose the current bill. "The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office says it makes health care more expensive and will add almost \$240 billion to our deficit," said Congressman Michael McCaul, guoted in the Brenham Banner-Press. "The rest is paid for by raising taxes on families and small businesses that can't afford it in a difficult economy.")

Another moving bit of real-world testimony came from Austinite Ed Scruggs, whose 22-month-old daughter suffers from neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that causes

tumors and can lead to other severe problems. Scruggs' family does have insurance, but "part of this is just not that you can't get coverage but that you're stuck with terrible coverage and the costs are so high.

> "Early on the doctor warned us that, as an adult, it is almost certain that Katie will never have private health insurance of her own due to preexisting conditions," Scruggs said. "In February, an MRI revealed the presence of two brain tumors interwoven in the optic nerves leading back to the center of the brain. We believe these are benign, but they are growing, and they are inoperable. The only treatment available to her is longterm chemotherapy, which could last up to two years.

"We're overjoyed to have this time with her," Scruggs said as his voice cracked, "but the hardest part that keeps my wife and I up at night is the

unknown. ... Will one of us need to leave our job? We just don't know. What we do know is we have paid thousands of dollars out of pocket for MRIs every three to four months, genetic testing, office visits. And there's no end in sight. This will continue indefinitely, so the long-term future is something we don't talk much about at our house.

"There's simply no room for error. One layoff, one minor accident, or God forbid someone else in the house gets sick, it will break us. ... Just when you think you've paid the bill, another one comes. And then another and another. And then the collection calls start, some for bills you swear you've never seen before. There are days when you don't want to check the mailbox or answer the phone."

"Another of the arguments I heard this morning and I saw on the signs across the street concerns 'rationing' of health care," Doggett said. "What do you think we have right now? In 2006, 22,000 people died because they didn't have health insurance. They got rationed right out of their life and sustenance.'

Lee Nichols

Naked City

> REPURPOSING PEARCE With the new academic year looming, Austin ISD plans to unveil a new repurposing proposal for Pearce Middle School by the end of this week, according to district communications director Andy Welch. While no details are yet available, the district has confirmed that it hopes to reopen the East Austin campus for the 2009-10 academic year. AISD staff have been working with the Texas Education Agency on a proposal that they hope will address the concerns expressed by Education Commissioner Robert Scott



about the earlier Refinement and Realignment Plan submitted by the district. When completed, the proposal will be formally presented to the board of trustees at a special meeting on Aug. 3. If they give it the nod, Welch said, the proposal "will be forwarded, almost immediately, to Commissioner Scott" for his approval. The timing will leave little room for the board and the community to comment on a proposal that needs to be in place before new teacher orientation begins on Aug. 10. Richard Whittaker

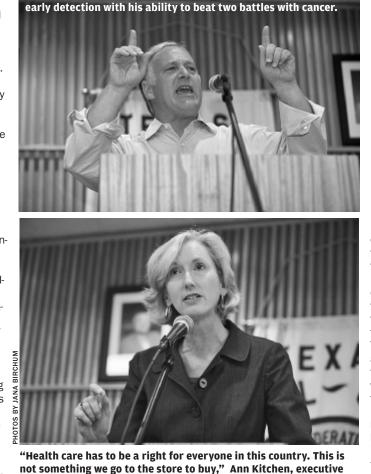


> CARSTARPHEN'S CABINET With the new school year looming, AISD Superintendent Meria Carstarphen has used internal hires to fill two of the three vacant positions in her restructured cabinet. Paul Cruz, associate superintendent for middle schools, takes over the new post of chief schools officer, while Maria Montoya-Hohenstein (currently interim associate superintendent for AISD's north elementary schools) becomes associate superintendent for elementary schools. Carstarphen went outside of the district for her chief financial officer pick, Nicole

Meria Carstarphen

Conley-Abram, who is currently the deputy chief financial officer for Atlanta Public Schools. Education Austin President Louis Malfaro particularly praised the selection of Cruz, saying, "I'm glad that position has gone to someone within the district," and noting that, out of all the superintendents, and as a veteran of the fight to save Webb Middle School, Cruz has the best grasp of the need to bring communities onto campus. The appointments are scheduled for confirmation votes at the AISD board meeting Aug. 3. - R.W.

- PLIGHT OF TEXAS KIDS A new report shows that Texas children were facing increased hardship before the current economic collapse. The annual Kids Count Data Book, compiled by the Annie E. Casey Foundation from multiple sources, indicates that from 2000 to 2007, Texas lagged behind the national average in several indicators of childhood success, such as median family income (41st in the nation) and percentage of children under 17 with health insurance coverage (50th). While there have been improvements in some areas, including teen death rates and high school attrition, Texas has seen negative trends year-on-year in others, with low birth-weight rates rising since 2000, along with the number of children in families receiving food stamps. See the full report at datacenter.kidscount.org. R.W.
- > UP, UP, AND UNEMPLOYED Unemployment continues to rise in Texas, and the state is struggling to pay all the benefits. The Texas Workforce Commission has released statistics for June showing the jobless rate stands at 8% statewide (the seasonally adjusted figure is 7.5%) and at 7.1% in Austin. Although still well behind the national figure of 9.7%, both state and local jobless rates rose far faster from May than the national figure (0.6 percentage points in the U.S., 0.9 percentage points in Austin, and a massive 1.1 percentage points in Texas). The commission has implemented a 13-week benefit-extension program to cover the long-term unemployed. But Gov. Rick Perry is still being criticized for rejecting federal stimulus money for modernizing the benefits system to cover these costs and instead using a federal loan. Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, called it hypocrisy, since the interestfree loan is still "part of the stimulus bill that Governor Perry says he detests so much." - R.W.



director of Integrated Care Collaboration, tells the crowd.

Austin state Sen. Kirk Watson credits access to health care and

the hightower report

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

DOG-SNIFF JURISPRUDENCE

Two criminal cases in Texas have raised quite a stench about a smell test that prosecutors nationwide have been using to toss a lot of folks in jail – folks who turn out to be innocent.

The tactic is called a "scent lineup." Rather than the common police lineup that asks eyewitnesses to pick out a criminal, this method goes to the dogs. Literally. Trained dogs sniff evidence from the crime scene and are then brought into a lineup to detect crime-scene smells on the suspect. The dog-sniff results have been called "hopelessly imprecise," but courts across the country allow them as evidence.

In the two recent Texas cases, dogs put one fellow in jail for two months before a DNA test exonerated him of a robbery and sexual assault, while dogs in the other case almost got the suspect nailed for murder – until another man confessed.

"This is junk science," said an attorney for the Innocence Project of Texas. Then he corrected himself: "This isn't even science. This is just junk."

There are a couple of big flaws with scent lineups. One is that the dogs are easily influenced by their handlers. Another is that there are usually many confusing scents on a piece of evidence or on suspects. But the biggest flaw is this: Dogs can't talk. So their reactions to a scent have to be interpreted in court by the handler, who essentially tells the judge and jury, "This is what the dog is saying."

The whole sniff-and-tell routine is made even more absurd by the fact that there is no training program or test for handlers, and no guidelines or peer-reviewed standards of procedure for running scent lineups. As one defense lawyer puts it, "You make up the rules as you go along."

To have credibility, justice has to be based on the rule of law, not on the voodoo of dog-sniffing.

GOV. GOOBER'S BORDER CAMS

The word "glitch" apparently is derived from a Yiddish term meaning "a slippery place." We Texans know right where that place is: our governor's office.

Gov. Rick Perry, a rather low-watt bulb who's widely known for putting the "goober" in gubernatorial, keeps having to slip out of glitch after glitch of his own making. The most recent example involves a \$2 million federal grant he received last year to fund a pet project that he said would help stop illegal trafficking into the U.S. from Mexico. His plan was to set up 200 webcams along our state's 1,200-mile Mexican border, declaring that this technology would let freelance Web watchers around the globe monitor border crossings. He promised that the virtual vigilance of these global "deputies" would lead to the arrests of 1,200 drug villains and 4,500 illegal immigrants a year.

But – oops! – the performance fell pitifully short of the promise. Only 15 of the 200 cameras were installed, and instead of 1,200 drug arrests, the program produced 11. Not 1,100 ... 11. Instead of 4,500 captured immigrants, only 300 were even detected. Eagle-eyed border watchers from as far away as Australia sent in such useful reports as "[I saw] an armadillo by the water," and, "I saw a spider crawl across the top of the camera."

The sheriff's department in El Paso – a hotbed of crossings – says it never got any useful information from the webcams. "Instead of making Texas safer," said El Paso Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, the camera scam "has made Texas the source of international ridicule."

Still, neither ridicule nor reality have stopped the political game-playing of the goober. Perry's office says there was merely a "glitch" in the border-watch process, and he wants another \$2 million from the feds to keep his game going.

For more information on Jim Hightower's work – and to subscribe to his award-winning monthly newsletter, The Hightower Lowdown – visit **www.jimhightower.com.** You can hear his radio commentaries on KOOP Radio, 91.7FM, weekdays at 10:58am and 12:58pm.





Crash-Scene Budget

City fills the \$30 million gap with higher income, lower expenses

BY WELLS DUNBAR

Considering the 2010 city budget process began months ago, back in May, it's hard for a jaundiced City Hall observer not to meet City Manager Marc Ott's final proposed budget with any more than an anticlimactic shrug. Austin's sales tax woes – down almost 10% since January – have been out in the open all year. The "unprecedented transparency" that Ott's touted for this budget is undeniable – especially in comparison to recent years past. And several of the most controversial proposed cuts, vetted and inoculated over the course of five town hall meetings, were mercifully sidestepped.

But that's just one opinion. In writing about the city's finances, I'm continually reminded of the parable of the blind men and the elephant, in which each man touches a different part of the same whole – tusk, tail, trunk, leg – and therefore delivers a radically different description. The entire \$2.75 billion city enterprise is so large, and encompasses so much, that any single view can only hope to skim the surface.

What we've tried to do is summarize the budget in broad strokes, note which services and programs made the cut and which didn't, and the overall effects on both your pocketbook and city services. But as the budget is still a proposal at this point, numbers are in flux and will likely change again before final adoption.

The last stage in the process is City Council review and adoption, and as council directly crunches the numbers for the next month and a half, it'll consider a lot of intertwining factors. Here are a few it'll spend a little extra time on.

For starters, there's the property tax rate, proposed at 43.28 cents. That's the "rollback rate" – the highest the city can go without calling a special election and roughly an 8% increase over last year. Mayor Lee Leffingwell says he wants to consider lowering the rate – a gambit that might benefit him politically

WHAT'S CUT?

105 vacant city positions (\$7.3 million)

Instead of layoffs or pay cuts, the city realizes its greatest personnel savings by eliminating 105 jobs that have been budgeted but aren't currently staffed. Public safety responder (sworn Police, Fire, and EMS) positions are not affected.

- General Fund: 40.75 full-time positions, \$2.2 million savings.
- **Support Services** (internal, bureaucratic city jobs): 22.4 positions, \$1.8 million savings.
- Transfers out and more (Jobs transferred between departments, plus 23 positions trimmed from the city's IT department and Fleet Services): 41.5 positions, \$3.3 million savings.

General Fund departments (\$8.4 million)

While escaping many of the more severe cuts floated by the city, the General Fund departments are still making sacrifices.

- Parks & Recreation (\$2 million): PARD saves a pretty penny
 – \$1.3 million by shifting some relevant parks costs to
 Anderson Mill, which voted to create its own tax assessment
 district for park upkeep. Slashing unfilled positions and clos ing seven pools make up most of the remaining savings.
- Police (\$1.5 million): Staffing changes have cut overtime costs here, while a few cost-saving reclassifications and charging South by Southwest for security services (should they be necessary) free up more money.
- EMS (\$1 million): Overtime and commodities and training costs are reduced, and empty support positions are eliminated.

in the short-term but would likely harm the city in the long run. Lowering the rate might get the daily's editorial board off his back - although somewhat surprisingly, Sunday's Statesman nodded in favor of the proposed rate. True to form, the editors then complained that the proposed budget imposes "double taxation" via user fees - although they didn't suggest how else to fill the remaining budget gap if the fees are canceled. On the whole, that's somewhat less helpful than the citizen volunteers who showed up at public forums to suggest ways to balance income and expenditures – including the judicious increase of some fees.

The simple truth is that a lower tax rate would only make it that much tougher for Austin to dig itself out of next year's likely budget crunch, while undercutting Ott's claims that the budget represents structural, sustainable changes that should have long-lasting impact. And forgoing the fee increases, without simultaneously raising the tax rate even higher, sends the whole process back to the drawing board.

On the subject of expenses, public safety salaries remain structural (and probably unsustainable) cost-drivers. For instance, forgoing police and EMS raises this year (admirably volunteered by the unions) saved \$4.7 million, almost a sixth of the city's nearly \$30 million shortfall (after the tax hike). But the agreement inked between the city and the unions, while forgoing raises this year (in exchange for, among other things, a 300-hour

- Fire (\$0.3 million): Five support positions are redeployed to front-line firefighting, and an administrative position is axed.
- Planning & Development Review (\$1.3 million): The city is merging Neighborhood Planning and Zoning with the One-Stop Shop development permitting division of Watershed Protection and Development Review, shedding 15 positions and consolidating expenses.
- Health & Human Services (\$1.1 million): Eliminating vacancies, shuttering the South Austin day-labor site, and using grant dollars to pay for programs saves the department cash.
- Library (\$0.7 million): Again, vacancies have been deepsixed, while the library cuts back not on "core services" but on presumed peripherals: for instance, \$69,000 in funding for electronic databases and periodicals.
- Municipal Court (\$0.4 million): Payroll changes result in less overtime, vacancies are cut, and funding for substance abuse/ mental health program Project Recovery is cut by \$30,000.

Employee Compensation, including furlough plan (\$7.1 million General Fund, \$12.4 million citywide)

City of Austin employees have escaped direct layoffs, but the city is tightening its belt further – moves that, following recently lowered raises and a canceled market-adjustment study, have city union leaders grousing about the sacrifices they've made already. The city manager's proposed furlough plan – unpaid time off for employees – was met coolly by council, casting its implementation into doubt.

• Deferred raises for Police and EMS (\$4.7 million): This widely reported gesture has had a substantial budgetary impact, keeping the 2009 Police cadet class doors open.

boost to police sick-day payouts), calls for 3% pay raises in both 2011 and 2012. The city budgeters either believe they can meet the rising cost or were simply kicking the can farther down the road – in any event, public safety costs will continue to dominate budget discussion. While it's a volatile subject, the city might want to take a good, long look at the police meet-andconfer contract and assess whether its benefits (largely, access to case files by civilian members of the Police Oversight Board) outweigh the tremendous financial cost.

As for the city's civilian employees, in the current economy, salary freezes and fewer bonuses are better than layoffs. And so far, judging from council's initial reaction, a proposed furlough program looks dead in the water. But the complaints of

the local chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees take on added relevance when you consider not only the previous sacrifices of the city work force but the byzantine accounting and cash reserves throughout the entire \$2.75 billion budget, which dwarfs the General Fund: a \$40 million emergency fund (large by historical standards), the \$21.4 million budget stabilization fund (a creation of recent years), and revenues from city-owned utilities Austin Energy and the Austin Water Utility – the latter so taboo a topic that Ott felt even a mention by council members was inappropriate on the eve of the city's meeting with its bond rating company. (It's worth recalling that bond rating is an industry that had more than a little involvement in our global financial unraveling – with all its current municipal reverberations.)

JASON STOUT

Those are the broad budgetary outlines, to be fleshed out further in departmental presentations over the next several weeks. And now: describing the elephant.

- No civilian pay increases: After stepping raises down last year from a maximum 4% to 2.5%, the city has canceled raises altogether this year.
- Suspension of service incentive pay: This program essentially pays bonuses tied to an employee's time with the city; the longer he or she has been there, the more he or she receives. Cutting it saves \$1.7 million in the General Fund, \$5.9 million citywide.
- Market-based salary adjustment canceled: The city was planning to implement a study of salaries in the private sector and adjust its own salaries accordingly, but this too has been shelved.
- **Unpaid furloughs:** Will save \$0.7 million in the General Fund, \$3.4 million citywide.

General Fund transfers (\$5.5 million)

Although it receives transfers from revenue-generating enterprise departments such as Austin Energy, the GF also makes transfers out. They'll be reduced this year.

- Transportation Fund: \$3.5 million
- Capital Projects Management Fund: \$1.3 million
- Neighborhood Housing & Community Development: \$2.6 million

Corporate savings (\$6.2 million)

The city overestimated costs in two volatile fields – health care and fuel – leading to savings.

- HMO savings: \$3.7 million
- Fuel-cost savings: \$2.5 million

WHAT SURVIVED?

- Public Safety: As always, public safety received priority attention. High-profile suggestions like converting two fire engines essentially to ambulances (would have saved \$1.2 million), reducing the Police overtime budget (\$1.2 million), or canceling this year's Police cadet class (\$5.2 million) were shelved - the latter saved by the Police and EMS unions agreeing to forgo their scheduled raises this year (saving \$4.7 million).
- Libraries: To the delight of bibliophiles (and families), the Central Library and its branches made it through relatively unscathed. Current Library hours will remain in place, as will the system's annual books budget of \$1.9 million. However, seven unfilled Library positions are among those cut.
- Parks: Several unpopular cuts to Parks & Recreation programs are off the (picnic) table. Among them: funding for certain youth sports programs that (literally) keeps the lights on (\$200,000), a supervised children's play program at 11 locations (\$110,000), and pool swimming hours (\$70,000). But the proposal to close seven older pools is in the final budget.

WHERE'S THE MONEY COMING FROM?

- Property tax: Tentatively set at the rollback rate of 43.28 cents, property tax accounts for \$233.1 million, or 38% of the \$613.3 million General Fund. Mayor Leffingwell says he'll be looking to see if it can be lowered. The increase comes to about \$6 a month for a median-priced home, valued around \$190,000.
- Utilities: While Austin Energy plans no rate increase, Solid Waste Services does its first in 12 years for the Pay as You Throw program. It includes a 35-cent increase to the base charge and a 20-cent increase to the anti-litter fee. A \$1.70 increase to the largest, 90-gallon garbage cart is planned. To incentivize recycling, no increase is planned for 30and 60-gallon carts. The Austin Water Utility proposed 2010 budget includes a 4.5 percent systemwide water and wastewater rate increase.
- Other fees: The city is becoming increasingly creative in sussing out streams of alternate funding.
- Total: \$613.3M • Increased development fees: The city has raised fees to more accurately reflect the costs of development. Bumping construction inspection fees to a flat \$75 (down from the originally proposed \$125) brings in \$100,000, commercial building plan review fees bring in \$100,000, and increased traffic impact analysis fees pull in \$18,750.
- Transportation user fee: This fee, bundled on your city utility bill, pays for road upkeep. Council had already approved a \$1.14 increase, but the proposed budget adds another 52 cents, for a \$1.66 increase.
- · Parking fines: Paying your parking tickets off early is a little bit less of a deal. By raising the early-payment cost from \$15 to \$20, the municipal court brings in about \$270,000 extra.
- Trail of Lights: A \$5 entrance fee to the Zilker Park holiday tradition is expected to bring in about \$250,000.

WHAT'S WITH ALL **THESE TRANSFERS?**

Austin Energy transfers \$100 million to the General Fund, at a council-capped transfer rate of 9.1% of gross revenues. The Austin Water Utility transfers in \$29 million. at a 8.2% transfer rate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

Sales Taxes

\$134.9M

Aug. 5: Budget presentation on General Fund (Police, Fire, EMS, municipal court, Planning & Development Review, Health & Human Services, Library, Parks & Recreation).

Aug. 6: Public hearing; set maximum limit for tax rate; briefing on citizen survey.

Aug. 19: Budget presentations on enterprise funds (Austin Energy, Austin Water Utility, Solid Waste Services, Watershed Protection, Public Works, Transportation Department, EGRSO, Aviation, Convention Center).

Aug. 20: Public hearing on property tax rate.

Aug. 27: Public hearing on property tax rate.

Sept. 14-16: Budget approval readings (generally ceremonial).

LOCAL BUDGET FRENZY CONTINUED ON P.24

DID ALL THOSE BUDGET TOWN HALLS HAVE AN IMPACT?

The city says yes - 14 of the 32 cuts citizens were asked to consider made it into the proposed budget. We've listed the proposals, numbered by their priority rankings.

- 1) Increase early parking fines. Savings: \$270.000.
- 2) Close seven park pools (Bailey, Clarksville, Eastwoods, Odom, Palm, St. Johns, West Austin). After the summer season, the city plans to replace these "non-compliant fill and draw" kiddie pools (which require frequent draining and refilling) with "splash pads" featuring interactive water features for children. Savings: \$50,700.
- 3) Redeploy five administrative positions to front-line firefighting positions. Savings: \$275,000.
- 4) Charge an admission fee to the Trail of Lights. Savings: \$250,000.

5) Security service waivers (i.e., additional APD overtime) for South by Southwest Festival. The city will stop paying for the additional police presence in the overflow Downtown streets during SXSW. Savings:

\$120,000. 6) Increase certain development

> fees. Savings: \$219,000. 9) Increase transportation use fee by 52 cents (in addition to previously planned \$1.14 increase). Savings: \$3.025 million. 10) Changes to Spanish interpreter services at municipal court. Savings: \$21,900. 11) Restructure Neighborhood Housing & Community Development's community

preservation and revitalization program. Savings: \$75,000. 12) Eliminate three vacant Library youth services positions. Savings: \$168,000.

14) Close South Austin day-labor site permanently. This secondary site, which had far less traffic than the original at 51st and I-35, was already temporarily shut-

tered. Savings: \$205,700.

15) Eliminate six building inspector positions. Savings: \$414,700. 18) Reduce maintenance in city facilities. Savings: \$133,000.

21) Reduce Library custodial service and facility maintenance. Savings: \$95.100.

Three - well, 2½, really - of the Top 10 suggested cuts did not happen: converting two fire engines to EMS-style medical response units; eliminating funding for the LBJ High School fire academy, designed to attract minority recruits; and savings were realized for municipal court bilingual interpretation services (see item 10), but plans to appoint a bilingual associate judge for a Spanish-language docket weren't adopted.



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AISD: Holes Plugged ... Temporarily

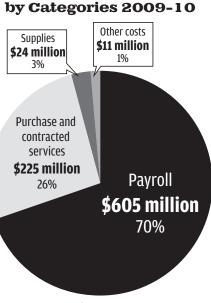
BY RICHARD WHITTAKER

By comparison to most local government agencies in this recessionary year, the Austin Independent School District's coffers are in reasonable shape. But with the board of trustees scheduled to approve the budget for the 2009-10 academic year before classes start on Aug. 24, the district is trying to bolster itself against predictions of lean years to come.

This will be interim Chief Financial Officer Steve West's only budget for the district (the board is expected to confirm the selection of his permanent replacement, Nicole Conley-Abram, the current deputy chief financial officer for Atlanta Public Schools, at its Aug. 3 meeting). When he presented the budget's outline to the board on June 15, he proposed General Fund expenditures of \$865 million for the year. That's down from the 2008-09 spending of \$892 million, with savings of \$31 million coming via the ending of one-time payments. Even so, the district anticipates only \$843 million in revenue, meaning a \$22 million dip into its fund balance to cover the shortfall.

The long-term picture may even be bleaker than proposed in June, so when he returns to the board Aug. 3, West will present what he called "a scrub-down of the budget," using the recently published MGT of America efficiency study (see "Efficiency Study: Not Exactly What the Doctor Ordered?" June 12) and the district's own analysis to cut nonacademic costs. He hopes to find another \$10 million to \$13 million in savings - reducing the deficit but not erasing it. His target is to leave the fund balance in August 2010 closer to \$100 million than \$90 million, keeping cash reserves high for future spending. West added, "I predict that, for the next several years, we're going to be faced with limited resources and continued pressure on growth of spending."

These figures, of course, are only predictions. In previous years, the approved budget has underestimated both revenue and expenditures, and the fear this year is that costs may rise while tax revenue falls. In addition, the district faces a whole new slate of one-time costs – the closure and potential repurposing of Pearce Middle School, the continued repurposing of Eastside Memorial (formerly Johnston High), and the state-ordered introduction of privately contracted teaching and



General Fund Expenditures

Total: \$865 million

training at Reagan High – the eventual total costs of which all remain unclear.

For board President Mark Williams, the trick remains doing more with the same. "We're not raising tax rates, so whatever we do is going to be out of what we have or out of fund balance," he said, adding that even if the district did return to voters for a tax increase, most of the additional revenue would go to the state under recapture (aka "Robin Hood"). As for cutting costs, Williams warns that's tough. "Schools are different to other entities, where you say, 'How much money do you have, and what do we not do?" he said. "We don't get a break on the accountability system where we can say, 'We're just not going to spend as much money on science this next year,' or, 'We're not going to transport the kids." Nor does he see the more discretionary programs, like libraries or athletics, as eligible for the chopping block. "For hundreds, if not thousands, of kids that's what keeps them connected," he said.

The two bright spots on this bleak landscape are the two heavily touted cash injections the district will receive: increased state investment flowing from House Bill 3646, the

Higher Spending for Higher Quality?

When the Austin Independent School District board of trustees starts debating the budget, Education Austin President Louis Malfaro says, "I don't expect a whole lot of fireworks." Yet he still hopes to convince the district to use its fund balance more aggressively, going down to a bond-marketacceptable reserve of \$80 million rather than the \$100 million the district is considering. The extra money, he says, could boost the proposed 3% teacher pay raise to 5%, extend that raise to all support staff, and supplement professional development. Malfaro has long been a critic of AISD's timid approach to the fund balance, and he blames the district's bookkeeping methodology. He asked interim Chief Financial Officer Steve West if his office has any way to track spending throughout the year, instead of waiting for the annual audit due in December. "The answer was no," Malfaro says. Former CFO Larry Throm "was really good at eyeballing where we were going to be. When he was wrong, it was always to the good, so we never came up short." Generally, Throm underestimated the final fund balance by around \$10 million a year - which is what Malfaro wants the district to spend. "We're just asking for the margin of error that we've seen year-on-year," he says. "If we want to keep good teachers, we've got to be able to compete on salaries, and we're not." - R.W. school finance bill, and federal stimulus cash allocated for education.

But - neither is free money. Indeed, West points out that most of it is already allocated for educational mandates, like student/teacher staffing levels and an \$800 pay raise for teachers, librarians, counselors, nurses, and speech pathologists. Senior fiscal analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities Dick Lavine warns against seeing HB 3646 as a panacea: "What the Legislature did was stop schools falling further behind and added roughly enough money to keep up with enrollment and inflation." He's equally frustrated that school districts aren't getting all the stimulus money that D.C. lawmakers originally approved. On July 24, the U.S. Department of Education approved the Texas plan for spending \$3.2 billion in school-related stimulus money. That means an extra \$12 million for AISD (half of which will go straight to the \$800 pay raise). Of the remainder, Congressman Lloyd Doggett has attacked the state's apportionment as yet another example of stimulus funds used instead to bail out the state budget.

When the education stimulus was first discussed in Congress, Doggett said, he was assured that the cash would go straight to the districts for any project they needed, from pay raises to construction. Instead, the Legislature created artificial budget cuts and filled them with federal money, which "totally negates any stimulative effect." For example, the cost of replacing textbooks normally comes out of the Permanent School Fund, but because that fund is underperforming, rather than using the state's untapped Rainy Day Fund, the Lege allocated more than \$1 billion in stimulus cash for new books. "Had these funds been distributed directly to local school districts, as Congress intended, AISD would have received \$78 million in additional funding," Doggett noted.

The general revenue fund balance isn't the only cash reserve that the district must tap this year. A new proposal (suggested by the MGT study) would transfer Child Nutrition Program administration costs from general revenue to the food services budget, thereby spending \$1 million from the \$7 million Food Service Fund balance, essentially a Peter-to-Paul exchange.

That's peanuts compared to the Debt Service Fund. Since revenue from the "interest and sinking" portion of property taxes will likely stay static this year while bond obligations rise, West proposes taking half of the \$22 million Debt Service Fund reserve to cover an estimated \$11 million shortfall in debt repayments. He warns that, with no federal stimulus or state education finance reform likely in the near future, an unpopular tax rate increase is almost inevitable within the next two years.

So even should AISD survive this year with minimal deficit spending, that may not be so easy next year or afterward. When it comes to sustaining education beyond the 2009-10 school year, Lavine voiced his concern for all public schools: "Everything is just postponed, and sooner or later we are going to come face-to-face with the fact that we don't have a revenue system that's adequate."

Travis County Holding Steady ... for Now

Travis County budget officers on Monday rolled out a bare-bones, yet balanced, preliminary budget for 2010, the first step toward preparing for bigger financial challenges in 2011 – thanks in large measure to a projected \$1 billion tumble in new property value, a reflection of hard times in a construction industry that had spent the last several years turning dirt at a frenetic pace.

Not much is likely to change on paper between now and Sept. 29, when county commissioners will approve the final package. Things are so grim, in fact, that commissioners, in an unusual move, have essentially nixed going through the motions of holding budget hearings this year. "I don't see a whole lot of action going on," County Judge Sam Biscoe predicted earlier this month, noting that, with no pay raises and only limited increases for county programs and departments, there's no point in raising anyone's hopes of snagging some extra cash. Most departments have submitted budgets with 5% reductions, which include hiring freezes on "non-essential" positions. With such belttightening measures, the county will avoid employee layoffs, but about 300 vacancies will remain unfilled by permanent employees.

"While the county still faces budgetary challenges for [2010], it does so with officials prepared to control costs, make careful expenditures, and implement improved efficiencies while meeting the public demand for services," Rodney Rhoades, executive manager of the county's planning and budget office, and county budget Director Leroy Nellis wrote in their executive summary, delivered Monday to commissioners and other county officials.

In that context, budget officers presented a preliminary total for all funds of \$648.5 million for the 2010 budget year, which begins Oct. 1. That's a 1.9% decrease from the 2009 budget. About \$4.9 million will be stashed to help weather the economic recession. A glance through the executive summary shows a nickel-and-dime approach to pinching pennies. Holding off on replacing old carpet in county offices, for example, will save an estimated \$44,454. New coats of paint will also have to wait, saving \$28,662.

The initial budget is balanced at a tax rate of \$0.4254 per \$100 valuation, meaning the average homeowner will see a 5.43% increase in the county tax bill – about \$47.16 a year.

The Sheriff's Office will trim \$2.3 million from its budget, eliminating 34 full-time positions. And sheriff's officers will not see increases in their paychecks this year. Part of the reduction in the sheriff's department can be attributed to a population decrease in the county jail. That means staffing for corrections could be reduced by 25 full-time

PROPERTY TAX RATE: IMPACT ON AVERAGE HOMESTEAD

(All homestead values per Travis Central Appraisal District as of July 21, 2009. Source: Travis County.)

-	FY 2009	FY 2010	Increase
Appraised value of average homestead	\$281,440	\$284,962	\$3,522
Taxable value of average homestead	\$210,818	\$215,363	\$4,545
Tax rate	\$0.4122	\$0.4254	\$0.0132
Average tax bill	\$868.99	\$916.15	\$47.16

positions that are currently vacant. At the same time, the county will continue funding with nearly \$2 million various pilot programs, many of which are designed to reduce populations in jail and juvenile detention by addressing the needs of inmates with mental illness and substance abuse problems.

Funding for several programs will move from the "ongoing" column to the "onetime" column, which means such mainstay programs as Keep Austin Beautiful could lose a \$24,200 contribution from the county - unless increased litter in unincorporated areas prompts officials to rethink the matter in 2011.

Among increases in 2010, the county is expected to kick in an additional \$138,774 for the Travis Central Appraisal District, in view of recent revelations that the appraisal district could be lowballing property values of large commercial parcels. Extra funding for the district, Biscoe says, could help provide needed resources to better appraise high-dollar properties. On a slightly brighter note, the total taxable value for Travis Co. property jumped from \$95.07 billion in the 2009 budget to \$97.61 billion for 2010. A gloomier side of that picture is that new property value totals \$2.93 billion - compared to \$3.97 billion in 2009.

The on-again, off-again effort by the city and county to improve the Waller Creek area Downtown could move closer to realization. The county's proposed contribution to the Waller Creek Tax Increment Financing Zone is at \$250,000, up from just over \$66,000 in 2009. The increase follows a city-county deal struck in March 2008. - Amy Smith

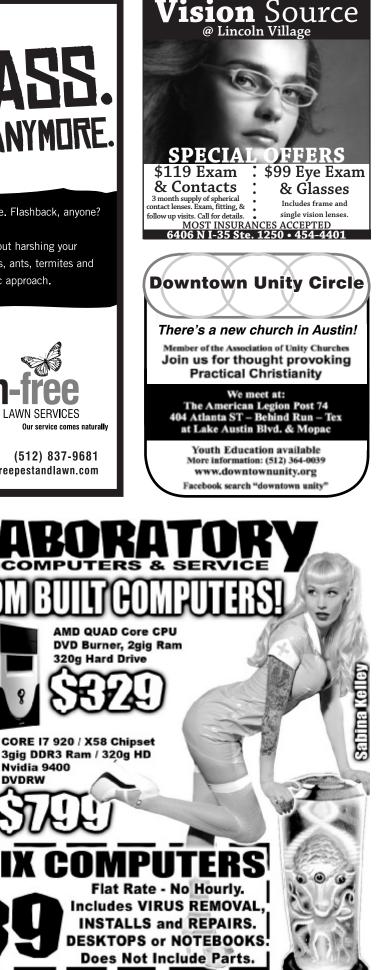




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The Garden and the Moon

BY MICHAEL VENTURA

"Woodstock," the song - written and recorded after Woodstock, the concert expressed the longings of that summer of 1969: "We've got to get ourselves back to the [capital G] Garden." I don't remember anyone at the time questioning the worth or the downside of fulfilling such a wish, but a mostly unconscious acceptance of paradox was typical of what we wished for then. We wanted liberty - and security. We wanted the war to end – but not the excitement of being against the war. We wanted the fall of capitalism – and all that capitalism could supply. We wanted innocence - but did all we could to experience its opposite. We wanted to "drop out" - so long as we might still order pizza, which meant that someone, somewhere, had to keep the mechanisms of society going. We wanted holiness - and publicity. We wanted the self-knowledge of meditation - and to be stoned. Yes, these are vast generaliza-

tions (I, for instance, didn't want to get high). But if we are to believe our own music (and there is no doubt of its sincerity), through the technology by which it was created and disseminated we wanted all this and more, not the least paradoxical of which was how we wanted somehow to transcend the technological world

that supplied the means by which the music connected us all. And one more thing, one more beautifully impossible paradox: Like many before and after us, we wanted a freer sense of order.

One irony lost on most, as it was certainly lost on me, is that the summer we yearned to get back to the Garden was also the summer we celebrated humanity's presence on the moon. Surely they are opposites, the Garden and the moon. You can't go back to the Garden and also go to the moon. A people that tries for the one can't have the other. But yearnings aren't rational, especially the yearnings of that summer, and, in the most stunning image of that era, the garden that is this planet was photographed from the moon, and we saw our home whole for the first time.

As it turned out, the moon was merely a picnic site, visited for show, then abandoned. The dream of the fabled Garden, too, was abandoned. Overwhelmingly, my generation gardened mostly on real estate that they owned on terms allowed by bankers whom they would spend their lifetimes obeying.

As for me, to employ a city usage, I didn't know from gardens while growing up in Brooklyn and the Bronx. I was 14, maybe 15, when I got my first taste of the "Garden" – and it scared me silly. I lived, by

then, with my foster family in Maine. One night, we drove a country road. They stopped the car. The woods all around were, as Robert Frost wrote, "dark and deep." The stars overhead were bright. For the first time in my life, I saw the night as my ancestors saw it, without electric lights or any human light. This terrified

me. Precisely: It terrified my body. I felt a helpless terror in my flesh and tried to hide it. The others left the car and walked a bit, exhilarated. I made as though I was leaning on the car. In truth, I was too scared to lose touch with that manufactured artifact. The city and the car were a "nature" I knew in my bones. The wooded, starry night was as alien to me as the moon, and scarier. If I'd walked on the moon, I might have felt wonder: "Oh my god,



I'm on the moon!" In that ever-ancient nighttime of forest and stars, I felt a pagan's terror before the unknown.

What I felt, I see now, was *why* we left the Garden. The Bible is mistaken. We did not fall; we journeyed.

In that Garden, or that dark and deep forest, we could not express and live out the fantastic multiplicity that is human nature. To do so we needed agriculture, villages, roads, and the creation of every society that expands beyond the primitive: a city. Be it Athens, Tenochtitlán, or Manhattan – a city. They rise and fall, they change over time, they've been arranged in myriad forms under myriad systems, but the constant of human aspiration, ancient or modern, is the city. What were we dreaming of, going to the moon, but one day to build a city there? And from there, to build cities wherever possible, on Mars, on the moons of Jupiter, on some planet in Andromeda. It's what we do.

Surely that was the root of our excitement the night of the moon landing. We believed Neil Armstrong when he said, "One small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." We believed we were headed thataway.

Toni and I watched the broadcast of the moon landing in her apartment in Manhattan's West 80s, a rough neighborhood in those days. They called Central Park "Needle Park," and it deserved the name. Nobody sane ventured its byways in the dark – except that night. Too excited to sleep or stay indoors, Toni and I



gravitated, as if by some basic instinct, to Central Park. Hundreds of others obeyed the same impulse. People played music, danced, greeted each other, laughed, or just stared at the spectacle of it all. "We" – represented by three white male astronauts – were on the moon! The greatest journey (so we thought) had begun.

Some three weeks later I was at Woodstock with Duke, surrounded by the celebratory sense of "We've got to get ourselves back to the Garden." I'm sure I wasn't the only one at Yasgur's farm who had also cavorted in Central Park to celebrate landing on the moon. It's not that none of us was thinking; it's that we were thinking in several directions at once and were pulled toward whatever most strongly attracted us on any given day. Later, if only because we couldn't help it, we grew up.

In an episode of *Dollhouse*, scripted with Jane Espenson's usual excellence, a character refers to Eden as a prison. "Eden wasn't a prison!" exclaims another. "Are you kidding?" says the first, clinching with, "The apples were monitored."

Woodstock deserves its status as the most legendary concert of all time, but paradox is a necessary ingredient of legend. Who helped us survive and escape that muddy, Edenic prison but the very butts of our protests! The Army, bringing in doctors and supplies, and the cops. The DVD box set *Woodstock: 3 Days of Peace and Music:* 40th Anniversary Ultimate Collector's Edition notes that the evacuation of Woodstock was aided by "100 local sheriffs, [and] several hundred State Troopers and deputies from 12 counties." We rebels against society needed all society's resources to get our asses safely home.

The moon landing, too, richly deserves its legend. Our country was at a crossroads. Would we be mighty like the Romans or find a new and more creative way to be mighty? We chose the way of the Romans, wasting ourselves in exploits of empire, and we'll go the way of the Romans, only much faster. Space is still Gene Roddenberry's "final frontier," but, if it is to be humanity's greatest diaspora, it will be under the banner of someone else's civilization, not America's – though we'll always retain the honor of proving it could be done.

As yet, we are still a species that reaches the brink of a truly new age, then backs away, preferring the dream to the venture. Greeks know something about that, their great new age having lasted not two centuries. I think of the Greek poet Kostes Palamas (1859-1943), who saw in our longings a pattern: "the new age/which we always await, which always tries to arrive/ and is always lost, a fragment, at the turn of the cycles."

But it would be a mistake to underestimate the value of that fragment and its capacity, unexpectedly, to renew itself, revive us, and send us again on our way.



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FASHION FALLOUT Seems that my Austin Chronicle cohort Anne Harris pretty well eviscerated the Austin Fashion Awards in the Chronicle's style blog, Chronique (austinchronicle. com/chronique). Yes, we saw the same show, and Harris wrote a few lethal comments, as opposed to the lengthier review I wrote in my column. Lisa Brooks, winner for Best Stylist, wrote me in tears over what Harris had written. I know Brooks and like her very much. I recall having met her at some fashion show a thousand years ago, it seems, and she won my heart by designing a chic little hat covered with newspaper strips and photos from my column. She's a hard worker and deserved to be honored. But Brooks' crime, according to Harris, was to say the word "fuck" while she was at the podium. Harris' point was on target from a particular point of view, but far be it from *me* to criticize anyone for using that word. I believe the word slipped out of my own mouth while accepting my fabulous Kick-Ass Award from Spike Gillespie at BookPeople, in a room chockfull of children. Had I meant any disrespect? No. Could I have chosen my words better? Yes. So I totally understood Brooks' anguish over the criticism. As for Harris, dear readers, you've got a fashion hellcat on your hands. One who, like me, is deeply opinionated and sharp-tongued. But, as you might already know, I know a thing or two about writing bitchy reviews. It used to be my stock-in-trade before I softened with age and infirmity.

OSSIE CLARK DIES AGAIN Though the namesake and founder of the house, Ossie Clark, died in 1996, Ossie Clark the company has just died an ignoble death. Haven't heard of Ossie Clark? He was one of London's best designers during the eras of the Swinging Sixties and the Psycho Seventies, along with Mary Quant, Biba, and Zandra Rhodes. Twiggy, Jean Shrimpton, and Penelope Tree modeled his designs for top photographers David Bailey, Norman Parkinson, and Helmut Newton. Known as the King of Kings Road, Clark also famously collaborated with his wife, fabric designer Celia Birtwell - and though his dresses were good, it was Birtwell's fabrics that made a signature Ossie Clark dress. She just didn't happen to get enough credit for it. He dressed the most stylish scenesters of the day and a number of movie and rock stars such as the Beatles, Marianne Faithfull, Elizabeth Taylor, Mick and Bianca Jagger, Cecil Beaton, Jimi Hendrix, and Liza Minnelli. He reigned supreme, but so did the drugs of the era. Celia and Ossie divorced in the Seventies, and Ossie began (or rather, continued) his slow decline from being a oncegreat artist to someone who could only produce occasionally. A couple of brief returns to the business didn't work out, and poor Ossie died a grisly death after being stabbed by his male lover in their government-provided apartment. In 2003, the Victoria and Albert Museum launched a spellbinding retrospective of Clark's work. Though Clark's legacy seems to be glamour and tragedy, it is only upon seeing the original clothes that one can begin to appreciate Ossie Clark's talent. The stuff that paraded down the runway under the Ossie Clark name for the past few seasons bears no resemblance to Clark's originals in much the same way that the work John Galliano does under the Christian Dior name bears little resemblance to the original.

GIRLTALK It's **Carla McDonald**'s PR company, **Dynabrand**, that landed its client **Clayton Christopher** (the boyishly handsome founder of **Sweet Leaf Tea**) on the cover of *Inc.* magazine, in a story about how to build your dream company. Good work, Carla!... Have you heard the meowing that's going on around town? Well, it can only mean one thing: **Miss Kitty** is *back*. Ruling the airwaves back in the early 2000s at **Mega 93**, Miss



The one and only Miss Kitty's new logo was designed by her uncle, the one and only Bob Staake, who has won many awards for his *New Yorker* covers.

Kitty has a sizable following already addicted to her new Internet radio show, **The Friday Flavor With Miss Kitty**. Listen live Friday nights, 7-9pm at **www.richardcraniumradio.com**, or **77.7 WRCR** online from your laptop, PC, or maybe even your cell phone. Even if I had to use a tin can and a string, I'd still be listening.

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LIBRES Y LOKAS'

Finding the punk in Monterrey's wrestlers and queens

lvete Lucas and Otis Ike shepherd me around their home, through a maze of masked wrestlers and sequined drag queens, campaign banners in Spanish, gay porn mags, pictures of Pope John Paul II. It's quite dizzying, then the bigger picture comes into focus. It's a shrine to Monterrey, Mexico.

"Libres y Lokas," their new multimedia installation at Domy Books, culled from images and interviews the filmmakers/photographers shot in Monterrey during two trips, seeks to connect the

dots between different generations of transsexual performers and small-time wrestlers they met in the impoverished city, where Catholicism still rules. On one stage, performers wait for a chance to drive a piece of glass into another man's skull; on another, they find catharsis and identity through song – another type of bloodletting.

Lucas, who grew up in Monterrey, plays a clip of Adriana, onstage in a black gown and wig at Muxets, one of the few gay bars in town. Lip-syncing to a regional hit, she efficiently changes into men's slacks and a button-down shirt, hastily wipes off her makeup, and rips off her wig. On another screen, two libres grapple intimately on a dirty floor, as children and beer-swilling grandmas scream at them. It's all performance, and the dots are not so far away.

- Audra Schroeder



Austin Chronicle: You mentioned these performances felt like punk to you.

Otis Ike: Growing up with punk music, there was something very inspiring in that, which I've lost touch with and which we've both found again. The frustration of not being understood by society. People building their own arenas, making costumes, working shit jobs so they can buy masks and uniforms, then just cutting the shit out of each other, for no money, so grandmothers can yell curse words at them.

Ivete Lucas: A release of emotion, of true emotion. With the wrestlers, it's anger. With the trannies, it's years of failed relationships and sexual frustration.

AC: And it comes out via performance. **Ike:** The drag queens were more at peace with their lives, in love with music and performing, in love with having their picture taken. The wrestlers definitely have a more



problematic life. Still, there's this GG Allin craziness to the matches, which you don't find that often anymore. We were very into the performance. These are people with nothing, trying to find a way to express their frustration. In these tranny clubs, it's chaos. Then you've got clubs where wrestlers strip. **Lucas:** They do it, and it's not filtered by the media there. It's raw. It's their own motivation. They have to do this, which was part of what drew us to them.

AC: How does religion figure in? **Lucas:** The wrestlers pray to the Virgin before each match, and they have shrines in their houses. So do the drag queens, even though the church is against homosexuality. Adriana blesses the crowd before her performances, but there's a reason the clubs are so dark. **Ike:** The wrestler really struggles, if he's Catholic, with going against what he believes. ... He'll wrestle once in an evening of matches, beat the shit out of someone for an hour, but the tranny, from 1am to 5am, will perform maybe eight times, and that's including change of makeup and character. With both, it's always just waiting for the call for the next gig. **AC:** Back to punk rock.

Ike: Yeah, that feeling of, "When's it gonna happen?" Well, for the wrestlers. Mexico is about exploitation. The trannies have real peace. They're in this DIY scene. They have so much respect and love from the gay community and from women. There's a lot of machismo there, and women are often kind of tossed aside by their husbands. So they see the trannies as sensitive and effeminate, and they perform and love the same music. In a perfect world, they have a nice life.

"Libres y Lokas" runs Aug. 1-Sept. 3 at Domy Books, 913 E. Cesar Chavez. An opening reception on Saturday at 7pm will feature live transformations by local drag queens. For more information, visit **www.domystore.com/austin**.



In surveying this summer's surge in classical drama on local stages ("Classics Comeback," July 3), I asked playwright-director Will Hollis Snider what drew him to the ancient Greek tragedy of *Orestes* for his latest work. His full response wasn't included in that story, but with Cambiare Productions opening the show this weekend, it seemed an apt time to share it. *– Robert Faires*

Will Hollis Snider: What drew me to Orestes above all else are its themes, and one in particular hits me quite personally. This young man has been told his entire life that his destiny is to one

'ORESTES' Questioning destiny

day return home to kill his mother. He's commanded by Apollo to do this, and if he refuses, he will live a life in torment. He follows this command blindly, and when he commits the deed, he is tormented by furies for doing exactly what he was commanded to do. Afterward, he begins to question these commands.

I've always been fascinated by characters dealing with their faith. Two of my favorite plays are Peter Shaffer's Equus and Wole Soyinka's Death and the King's Horseman. Both are essentially about a man questioning his faith. This theme barely scratches the surface in Euripides' original – Orestes questions Apollo's commands but only sparingly - but it resonated so much with me that I wanted to explore and enhance it in my own production. And if this theme resonated so much with me, it has to resonate with a potential audience, too - at least I hope so. Ordinary people have been questioning their faith for millennia. Orestes commits a heinous act because God told him to, and acts much worse than [the one committed by] Orestes are carried out daily in the name of God. Orestes truly believes what he is doing is right and just, but as soon as he does so, he is immediately tormented by the furies. Are the furies manifestations of his

own guilt for what he did? Has he been brainwashed his entire life?

Instead of Orestes spouting through the entire play that his actions were just and sanctioned by Apollo, I wanted him to go on a journey to figure out what was causing his own torment. Is he crazy, are the gods just fucking with him, or does he truly feel tremendous guilt for killing his mother?

In the original text, Orestes questions Apollo's command a few times but never comes out and questions Apollo's existence, though this thought seems to bubble under the surface a few times in the play. However, at the end Apollo magically appears and fixes everything. I wanted this question to bubble underneath throughout the entire play but also never to state whether the gods truly exist or not, to let that question linger with the audience after the show has ended.

What shapes our belief and faith? What makes some people's faith so unwavering? And what makes us begin to question that faith? I think Orestes' character is a great one in which to explore this theme.

Orestes runs July 30-Aug. 15, Thursday-Saturday, 8pm, at the Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo. For more information, call 524-3761 or visit www.cambiareproductions.com.

'Damas, Dramas, and Ana Ruiz'

The debut novel from 'Chronicle' staff writer Belinda Acosta: an excerpt

When Belinda Acosta, the *Chronicle*'s longtime "TV Eye" columnist, was contracted to write the flagship novel in Grand Central Publishing's A Quinceñera Club series, she had never actually attended a quinceañera, that allimportant rite of passage into adulthood for the Latina girl. But soon enough Belinda was steeping herself in all things quinceañera: scouring books, attending trade shows, and even grilling other customers at the nail salon on their own experiences. The legwork certainly paid off; Belinda's book, about a San Antonio woman newly separated from her husband and trying to throw a party for her tetchy teen daughter, is a terrific read, illuminating a specific cultural landmark as well as the universal ups and downs of family life. And good thing she held onto her notes: Belinda has already turned in the first draft of her second quinceañera novel.

The *Chronicle* is pleased to reprint here the prologue to *Damas*, *Dramas*, *and Ana Ruiz*, which goes on sale Aug. 11. Belinda will be celebrating the publication throughout the month of August, first with a book release party at Cuba Libre (409 Colorado) on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 6 to 8pm. There, she'll be enjoying something of a belated quinceañera of her own, with five Los Bailadores, including Paul Saucido of ME Television, squiring her on the dance floor. (Belinda promises no poufy dresses, but she's contemplating a tiara.) Then, on Aug. 25, Belinda will read at BookPeople (603 N. Lamar) at 7pm. To find out more about the novel and upcoming events, see **www.qclubbooks.blogspot.com**. *– Kimberley Jones*

Don't let anyone tell you that being a woman is like - cómo se dice? - a piece of the cake. Mira, take a look around. All these niñitas dressed up like Barbie dolls outside of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, their toes scrunched into pointy high heels, hair pulled into tidy buns, bangs springing over their foreheads or hanging in gaunt strands alongside their girlish faces. The smell of hairspray and designer perfume, starched shirts and polished shoes mingle in the air. The matching boys are tucked into tuxedos looking like they want to be someplace else. They do! The Spurs game starts in thirty minutes. The limo driver allá, is looking at his watch for the same reason. And then there's pobrecita Ana Ruiz. That poor woman! All she wanted was to have a small guinceañera, a nice way to celebrate her niña Carmen con cariño. She wanted Carmen's fifteenth birthday to be special and lovely. Instead, there she is, the one in the lilac dress, her wavy hair going flat and her feet screaming from running around in heels, taking care of one disaster after the next. Today, she looks older than her thirty-eight years, weary from months of worry. The few streaks of gray she has, she got this month alone! Still, everything about Ana is soft-her hands, her laugh, the color of her amber skin. She has a small patch of dark skin below her ear that some women get when they have babies. But because Ana is what you would call pretty, you don't even notice. She's a good-looking woman; thin, but with meat in all the right places, as the men might say. For the women who need to be the center of attention when they walk into a room. Ana is the last one they worry about. They think, She's like a sugar cube - easy to melt with the heat they make with the sway of their nalgas or the heave of their chichis. But oh no! Ana is the one that surprises them. With those lips béseme, the whispery hollows of her cheeks, the way her neck curves like poured water, and finally, that look from her smoky black eyes - that alone will make some men walk

into walls while the women, who thought they were the main dish at the party, will cluck to themselves and think, *Her? Quién* es esa?

You can tell right away that Ana Ruiz is respectable. She's no spring kitten, but she's way too young to cover it up in housedresses. But right now, Ana doesn't care what she looks like. She's wondering how this wonderful day turned to this. All she wanted was a little tradition, a nice way to mark this time in Carmen's life and maybe get back to the way things were before Esteban left.



Carmen is officially becoming a woman today, in a time when becoming a woman happens in a flurry like a million cascarones broken over your head. Just this week, she was figuring out the best way to brush her hair to make the tiara sit just so. Pero, no one knows where the tiara is now and Carmen doesn't even care. Today means nothing and everything to Carmen who, right now, only really wants to know, *When will this pinche day be over?*

Ana is standing near the door of the church. No one would be surprised if she snapped in two from all this drama! But no, like

always, there she is: like a blade of grass in a hurricane. You can smash her down but she will never break. She's the one they call a strong woman, though she never understood why. She would say she only did what she had to do and that if patience and hard work are what it takes to be a strong woman, then okay, call her what you want. But right now, she feels spent. She feels like she might lose it. Her son, Diego, didn't come home last night, and Carmen has been barf-

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ing since midnight. The band that showed up is not the nice mariachi Ana thought was coming but three boys, one with tattoos on his arms and silver rings poked aquí y allá on his face and ears. And did I tell you about the cake? The cake is late. There was talk that there might not even be a cake, and well, you can't have a quinceañera without a cake, can you? Well, the cake finally comes, right after Ana made some calls and that girl they call Bianca tore her dress (accidentally on purpose, if you ask me). One of the boys in the court showed up with a black eye. And just when it seemed like the ground should open up and swallow up this whole mess, then, then there comes la señora with the

cake. Four stories tall, all pink and sparkly. Bien pretty, but late. And because she's late she shows up in shorts and chanclas. No "discúlpeme." No "perdóname." Instead, she laughs como la loca, saying she's on Mexican time. "Mexican time"? Ay, por favor! La señora toda sin verguenza in those chanclas and that thing stuck in her ear like she works in the secret service.

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INDA

One of the boys in the band goes to help la señora with the cake, and then so does

the boy in the tuxedo with the black eye. They're all talking, no one is listening, and everyone wants to be

in charge. So of course you know what's going to happen, right? La señora with the chanclas and the boy with the black eye he can hardly see out of, they look like they're going to crash. I see the whole thing before everyone else. I see the whole picture. I can tell you why Ana is wrung out. I can tell you why Carmen is sick. I can tell you why Ana and Carmen have been fighting. I can tell you where Diego is. I can tell you why the cake is late and why that boy has a black eye. And I can tell you if, and when, that cake is going to fall.

Pero, let me go back to the beginning. The very beginning, because híjole! I love a good quinceañera story. And I got to tell you this one.





CHEESE IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

American Cheese Society Conference

Wednesday through Sunday, Aug. 5-9

www.cheesesociety.org

That low rumble you hear just might be the wheels of cheese rolling into Austin for the annual American Cheese Society conference. From the finest cheesemakers on the continent, cheddars, Bries, chèvres, and blues; ricottas, fetas, mozzarellas, and cotijas are converging in Austin for the premier cheese colloquium, competition, and tasting of the year, held next week at the Downtown Hilton Hotel.

ACS was founded in 1983 as a national grassroots organization for home and farm cheesemaking and cheese appreciation; it promotes the farmstead, artisan, and specialty cheeses produced in the Americas. With more than 1,200 members, ACS provides education, business development, and networking for cheesemakers, retailers, and cheese aficionados.

An important part of the conference is the competition, where cheeses are judged by teams of food professionals representing science, industry, and retail. At the first cheese competition in 1985, 30 cheesemakers entered 89 cheeses. This year, 1,326 cheeses (from 32 states, Mexico, and Canada) will compete in 22 categories such as fresh unripened cheeses, blue-mold cheeses, smoked cheeses, and washed-rind cheeses. Winners, including the best of show, will be announced on Friday, Aug. 7.

The fact that the conference is being held in Austin attests to the burgeoning and serious cheesemaking culture in Texas. In 2008, among the winners were **Pure Luck Farm and Dairy** of Dripping Springs, **Haute Goat Creamery** of Lubbock, **Latte Da Dairy** of Flower Mound, **Lucky Layla Farms** of Garland, and **Mozzarella Company** of Dallas. This year, 63 Texas cheeses are entered in the competition.

Lynne Devereux, founding president of the California Artisan Cheese Guild, notes that more than a dozen California cheesemakers are headed to Austin, and dozens more are entering the competition. "After eight years attending ACS, I can say that 'big' fits the conference and the location this year. The record number of entries in the competition reflects the tremendous growth in artisan cheesemaking across the U.S. and raises the bar on quality cheesemaking. Because the competition is prestigious, the hard-earned prizes mean that winners can be noticed in the marketplace and in the community of fine cheesemaking."

The conference's keynote speaker is Austin's own **Jim Hightower**, author, activist, and former Texas Agriculture commissioner. Amelia Sweethardt of Pure Luck Farm and Dairy, Tim Schwartz of **Real Ale Brewing Co.**, and Chip McElroy of **Live Oak Brewing Co.** are presenting a panel on Texas Terroir, while chefs Josh Watkins of the Carillon and Larry McGuire of Lamberts and Perla will talk about how they source and work with local cheeses. Also participating in the conference are some of the artisan cheese world's most distinguished players. Scholars-in-residence are **Hervé Mons**, distinguished affineur from Roanne, France, and international specialtycheese consultant **Ivan Larcher** of France's Limousin region. Other participants are cheesemonger **Ari Weinzweig** of Zingerman's Deli

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in Ann Arbor, Mich.; **Laura Werlin**, award-winning author of *The All American Cheese and Wine Book*; and **Sue Conley** and **Peg Smith** of Cowgirl Creamery in Point Reyes, Calif.

While most of the conference is limited to ACS members, there are two not-to-be-missed events open to the public. First, on Saturday, Aug. 8, is the **Festival of Cheese**. Billed as the premier cheese event in the U.S. and "the most outrageous display of cheeses ever experienced," the festival showcases every cheese entered into the competition, available for guests to taste along with crackers, breads, spreads, beer, and wine. It's "the best opportunity of the year for chefs, retailers, journalists, and cheese enthusiasts to experience what America's skilled cheesemakers are up to," says conference co-Chair **Cathy Strange** of Austin, global cheese buyer for Whole Foods Market. "It's a great venue for trend spotting." Tickets are \$75, available at 502/574-9950 or **www.cheesesociety.org**.

Then on Sunday, Aug. 9, there will be a giant **cheese sale** open to the public. The competition cheeses will be for sale, offering the public a rare opportunity to buy artisan cheeses from across the country at bargain prices. All proceeds from the sale benefit the ACS scholarship fund. – *MM Pack*

Event Menu Aug. 1-9

- Chile heads with a flair for desserts will want to enter the annual Chile Fest Dessert Contest from Austin's homegrown Z'Tejas Southwestern Grill (1110 W. Sixth, 476-5355; 9400-A Arboretum Blvd., 346-3506, www.ztejas.com). Recipe judging will take place on Aug. 16, and I'm excited about being a judge this year. The winning recipe in each Z'Tejas market will be featured on the restaurant's menu during its annual Chile Fest celebration in September. Proceeds from the sale of the special dessert will benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation, and the first-place winners will receive a dinner catered by corporate chef Jack Gilmore. Second- and third-place winners will receive Z'Tejas gift cards. For complete contest rules and entry forms, go to www.ztejas.com. Entry period ends Sunday, Aug. 9.
- Join folks from the Blanton Art Museum and the new children's TV program Fergus's Funhouse for a Family Fun Day at the new Elevation Burger (9828 Great Hills Trail, 608-4054, www.elevationburger.com) near the Arboretum. The free event will feature kids' arts & crafts projects and storytime with the Funhouse cast. A portion of the price of every hand-crafted milkshake sold during the party will be donated to LifeWorks Austin. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2-4pm. V.B.W.

food-o-file

BY VIRGINIA B. WOOD

The Austin food community certainly is geared up for the opening of what promises to be a really good foodie movie, Julie & Julia. Former Austinite Julie Powell cooked all 524 of the recipes from Julia Child's masterpiece, Mastering the Art of French Cooking, and wrote a blog about it that changed her life and set her on a new career path. The film weaves anecdotes from Child's early married life in Paris and subsequent culinary career into Powell's hilarious tale of cooking haute cuisine in her tiny New York apartment kitchen. Austin chefs and food bloggers have been taking inspiration from the film, which opens Aug. 7. For instance, a capacity crowd (including Powell's mother-in-law, Austinite Jo Ann Powell) packed the house at Cissi's Market & Wine Bar (1400 S. Congress, 225-0521, www.cissismarket.com) recently to sip sake cocktails and nosh on petit fours created by Executive Chef Faith Chan while food blogger Laetitia Bertrand presented a French cooking demonstration. See photos at www.smugmug.com/gallery/9010778_iwPpf#P-1-15. Then on Saturday morning, Dishola.com food writer Laura Kelso and chef Alma Alcocer-Thomas of Fonda San Miguel (2330 W. North Loop, 459-4121, www.fonda sanmiguel.com) prepared dishes with local, seasonal produce at the Austin Farmers' Market (Fourth & Guadalupe). While she was preparing a fresh chile cascabel salsa with poblano rajas, Alcocer-Thomas told the crowd about a recent inspirational trip to Michoacán, Mexico, where she spent a week cooking authentic Mexican regional dishes in the kitchen of renowned cookbook author Diana Kennedy. Kelso whipped up a refreshing batch of Child's classic vichyssoise while inviting onlookers to post reviews of their favorite restaurant plates at Dishola.com. Hungry market shoppers answered trivia questions about the book and movie in order to win free tickets to an upcoming screening. Once Julie & Julia opens locally, chefs at the Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar, Ritz, and Village will be offering boeuf bourguignon and chicken breasts stuffed with mushroom duxelles as menu specials during the run of the film. Alamo Ritz chef Trish Eichelberger also has a delicious Julie & Julia movie feast scheduled for Aug. 11. For the full menu and to make reservations, go to www.originalalamo.com... After our visit to the market, a friend joined me to check out some new places Downtown. At Delish (209 W. Third, 473-4118, www.delish-cupcakes.com), we nibbled on a yummy strawberry cupcake while waiting for the fragrant lemon variety to emerge from the oven... Moving on to Frank (407 Colorado, 494-6916, www.hotdogscoldbeer. com), we just missed the beignets and coffee it serves for breakfast Monday through Saturday until 11am, but we snagged a menu to read all about the hot dogs, artisan sausages, designer cocktails, and inviting selections of craft sodas and beers offered here. Frank is a new venture from folks involved in both the former **Starlite** and the Woodlands, and a quick return visit there is definitely on the agenda.

Austin's Summer Refreshment Treasure Map

Cool off with ice, ice, baby

BY RACHEL FEIT

Let's face it, folks: It's hot outside. I mean, it's really bleeping hot! Fortunately there's plenty of frozen relief to be had in Austin. Whether it's Italian ice, sno-cones, or shaved ice, this town has it on street corners, in parking lots, and at the pools. When the temperatures go nuclear, sno-cone and shaved-ice trailers proliferate like cacti in the desert. But most are only seasonal, and by the time the weather cools, they'll be gone. We've scoured the town in a quest for a noncomprehensive map of this summer's crop, so that the next time you're craving a little snow to help beat the heat, you won't have to go far.

1) Brain Freeze Sno Cones. Sno-cones and shaved ice in fun flavor combinations such as the Frog Kiss (kiwi and strawberry) and the Mexican Flag (coconut, lime, and strawberry). Daily, 11am-9pm. Near South Lamar and Bluff Street, in the parking lot of 700 S. Lamar.

2) Casey's New Orleans Snowballs.

Austin's granddaddy of iced confections, Casey's always does brisk business serving up syrupy, flavored shaved ice, New Orleansstyle. Daily, noon-9pm. 808 E. 51st.

3) Chill Out. Shaved ice with specials that include Dreamsicle, pineapple upside-down cake, peach paradise, and banana cream pie. Daily, noon-8pm. Northwest corner of Guadalupe and MLK, in the Domino's parking lot.

4) Cruisers Premium Shaved Ice. Shaved ice in the standard flavors: black cherry, grape, lime, root beer, tangerine, etc. Monday-Friday, noon-7pm; Saturday, noon-6pm; Sunday, noon-5pm. Approximately 5497 Balcones at Parkcrest in the Exxon parking lot.

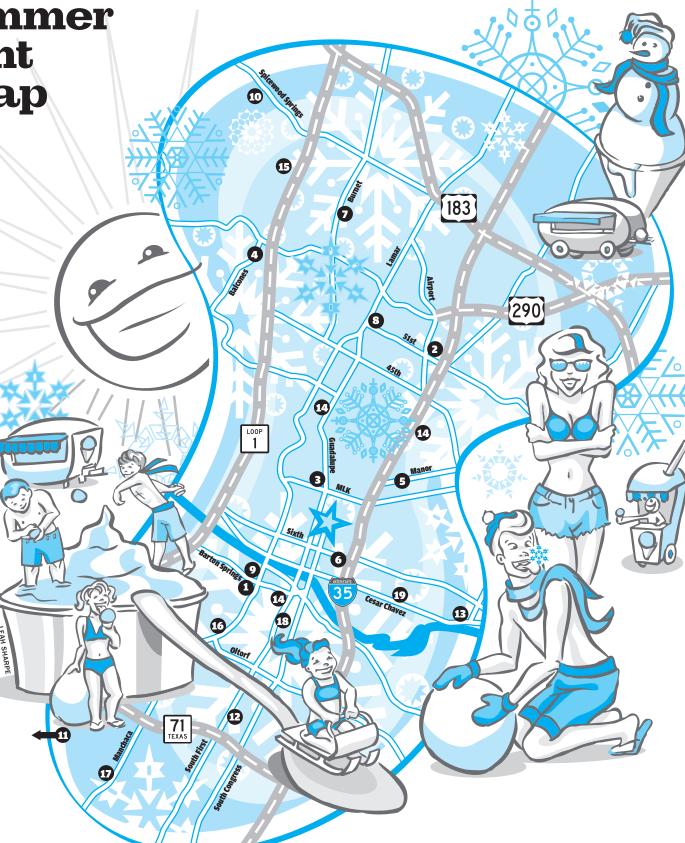
5) Hola Aloha. Hola Aloha's shaved-ice cups are topped with homemade syrups that come in garden-fresh flavors such as lemon-lime ginger, lavender, rose, and morello cherry. All natural sweeteners here. Open daily from 2pm to sunset. 2209 Manor Rd., in the El Chilito parking lot.

6) Jim-Jim's Water-Ice. Light, velvety, Italian ice flavored with real fruit. I can't get enough of the black raspberry, but the mango, lemon, and strawberry are also irresistible. In addition to its storefront, Jim-Jim's has concession carts at Deep Eddy Pool, Zilker Park, and at the Downtown and Triangle Austin Farmers' Markets. 615 E. Sixth. Sixth Street location open daily, noon-8pm.

7) Just Bliss. Shaved ice is served in typical flavors here. Open at 1pm daily. 6701 Burnet Rd., in the old farmers' market parking lot.

8) Leilani's Real Hawaiian Shave Ice.

Made from organic cane sugar, flavors such as passion fruit and guava are less cloying than the typical sweetened syrup. Daily, noon-7pm. North Lamar and 51st on the east side of the street.



9) Molly's Original Sno-Cups. Shaved ice with flavors mixed on site. Chai latte, Sangria, and wedding cake are some of the more eccentric offerings. Daily, noon-8pm. South Lamar and Butler in P. Terry's Burger Stand parking lot (404 S. Lamar).

10) Papa Snow. Shaved ice in the usual flavors. Daily, 12:30-7:30pm. At Spicewood Springs and Mesa in Randall's shopping center in Mesa Plaza at 8000 Mesa.

11) Paradise Shaved Ice. Shaved ice in all the typical flavors. Daily, noon-7pm. 8600 Hwy. 290 W., in the parking lot of Señor Buddy's.

12) PlantEscape Gardens. This nursery recently added a juice bar serving all-natural juices, smoothies, and fruity sno-cones made from crushed ice and flavored with organic, natural syrups, which are sweetened with rice syrup. Flavors that stand out:

black cherry, pomegranate, peach mango, cantaloupe, and raspberry. Monday-Saturday, 9am-6pm; Sunday, 11am-5pm. 3507 S. First.

13) Shaved Ice. A limited selection of flavors, but the attraction of this Eastside shaved-ice stand is enjoying a cup at river's edge, under shady pecan trees. Tuesday-Sunday, 1-6pm. 3407 E. Cesar Chavez.

14) Sno-Beach. This popular shavedice stand boasts three locations: Just east of 811 Barton Springs Rd., across from the Palmer Events Center parking lot on the south side of the street; daily, noon-9pm. Northwest corner of 34th and Guadalupe; daily, noon-8pm. In the Fiesta parking lot at I-35 and $38 ^{1\!\!/}_2$ Street; daily, noon-8pm.

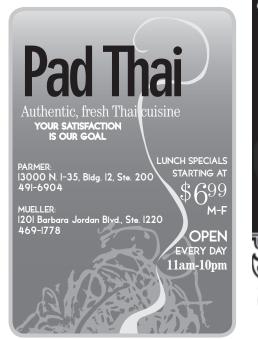
15) The Snow Cone. Shaved ice in a dizzying array of flavors, but ignore the standards and go for the spicy ones. I'm hooked on the spicy "mangonada" - a mix of mango ice, fresh-squeezed lime, chamoy, and chile salt. Daily, 1-7pm. At the corner of Wood Hollow and Far West.

16) South Austin Sno. Shaved ice in all the typical tastes but also with a few unusual flavors such as orchid cream and tamarind. Daily, 12:30-8pm. South Lamar at Hether in the La Feria parking lot (2010 S. Lamar).

17) Texas Shaved Ice. Shaved ice comes in all the usual flavors here, and any can be made sugar-free or sour. Strawberry and blue coconut are the most popular flavors. Daily, noon-9pm. In the BakeHouse Restaurant & Bar parking lot (5404 Manchaca Rd.).

18) Treat. In addition to the usual carnival flavors, Treat does it up swanky with all natural blends specifically designed to promote wellness and sooth the soul. The peaches-and-herb bowl is a cool perfume to the senses. It's just added a drive-up window, too. Monday-Wednesday, noon-9pm; Thursday, noon-10pm; Friday-Saturday, 10am-10pm; Sunday, 10am-9pm. 1311 S. First, in the South Austin Trailer Park & Eatery.

19) Veracruz All Natural. In addition to wispy, fruit-flavored shaved ice, this stand also sells homemade aguas frescas, fruit smoothies, Mexican-style fruit salads, and one of the most tempting pork tortas I've encountered. Monday-Saturday, 7am-7:30pm; Sunday, 2-7:30pm. Cesar Chavez at Anthony in the El Aguacate parking lot (2027 Cesar Chavez).







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DOWNTOWN

AMERICAN CAFE: HICKORY STREET BAR & GRILL Jam-packed come lunchtime. Food bar, above-average hamburgers, and a New Orleans-style breakfast menu. 800 Congress, 477-8968

www.myspace.com/hickorystreetbargrill. \$\$ AMERICAN CAFE: J BLACK'S Late-night bargoers can satisfy their munchies here until midnight every night with some of the best bar food in the area. Plates made for sharing include hu mus, shrimp cocktail, sliders, and pizza, 710-B W. Sixth, 433-6954. www.jblacks.com. \$\$

BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE. DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: WALTON'S FANCY AND STAPLE This florist and sift shop is also a bakery, coffee shop, and sandwich counter. You'll find Niman Ranch, Applegate Farms, and Applewood deli meats; Maytag blue, imported Stilton, Saint-André: Brie, and Vermont cheddar cheese, 609 W. Sixth. 542-3380. www.waltonsfancyandstaple.com. \$

BARBECUE: IRON WORKS BBQ The Works retains its neighborly charm with modest prices and self-serve beer offered from tin coolers. 100 Red River, 478-4855 www.ironworksbbg.com. \$\$

DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: KT'S DELI Housed in the bottom floor of the William P. Clements In Building, this cafeteria-style eatery hoasts good food and low prices. Open for breakfast and lunch. 300 W. 15th, 495-9313. \$

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. \$\$\$\$

FINE DINING, FRENCH: BESS BISTRO ON PECAN This gem offers a varied menu of international comfort food served in a relaxed bistro atmosphere. A great selection of beer and spirits and a well-thought-out wine list complement the experience, 500 W. Sixth, 477-2377. www.bessbistro.com. \$\$\$\$

ITALIAN: SAGRA ENOTECA & TRATTORIA Featuring locally grown produce whenever possible, Sagra puts emphasis on fresh, regional Italian cuisine. The linguini alla carbonara fea tures an egg yolk on top. 1610 San Antonio, 535-5988. sagrarestaurant.net. \$\$

WINE BAR: MAX'S WINE DIVE Spicy comfort food is just half the story at this Downtown wine bar. The list is affordable and varied for those dining in, and the retail area offers great specials. 207 San Jacinto, 904-0111. www.maxswinedive.com. \$\$

AFRICAN: KARIBU ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT Here you can find quality Ethiopian cuisine from either the buffet or the menu. The service

is gracious, and the food is as delicious as it is exotic. 1209 E. Seventh, 320-5454. www.ethiopianrestaurantaustin.com. \$\$

AMERICAN CAFE: CISCO'S BAKERY In the breakfast business for 50 years. Cisco's still serves good migas, huevos rancheros, and hot biscuits with healthy doses of Austin political history. 1511 E. Sixth, 478-2420. \$

BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE: PROGRESS COFFEE serves Fair Trade, shade-grown organic coffee in a revamped warehouse showcasing some of Austin's best artwork. The menu walks a tasty line between deli standards and gourmet innov tion. One block east of I-35. 500 San Marcos, 493-0963. www.progresscoffee.com. \$

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 charbroiled, with a variety of side dishes. 6319 N. I-35, 452-9363. www.pappadeaux.com. \$\$\$ TEX-MEX: AMAYA'S TACO VILLAGE A spacious

no-frills Austin institution that serves classic Tex-Mex breakfasts, lunches, and dinners daily. Look for the fresh homemade tortillas, crispy and slow-roasted beef ribs. 5405 N. I-35, 458-2531. www.amayastacovillage.com. \$

TEX-MEX: ANGLE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT This homey restaurant serves up Tex-Mex breakfasts and huge \$6.25 lunch specials. The incredible homemade corn tortillas are one of Angie's many claims to fame. 1307 E. Seventh, 476-5413. \$\$

TEX-MEX: NUEVO LEÓN This cavernous, friendly restaurant offers cheap combination plates. It's decorated almost exclusively in pink and green and adorned with Texas-shaped mirrors and many Christmas lights. Serious date potential. 1501 E. Sixth. 479-0097. evoleoninaustin.com. \$\$

WINE BAR: UNCORKED You'll find gorgeous views of Downtown, a nicely chosen wine list, lots of wines

by the glass, and an inventive kitchen staff creat ing delicious food. 900 E. Seventh, 524-2809. www.uncorkedtastingroom.com. \$\$\$

LAKE

SOUTHWESTERN, TEX-MEX: CARLOS'N CHARLIE'S "No shirt, no shoes, no problem." Local music happens five nights a week in the summer. so try the grilled shrimp, fajitas, chicken salad while you party. 5973 Hiline Rd. 266-1683, www.cncaustin.com, \$\$

STEAK HOUSE: TEXAS LAND & CATTLE STEAK HOUSE Casual, respectable food served up in superfriendly style. You'll leave with a full stomach and green still in your wallet. 14010 Hwy. 183 N., 258-3733. www.texaslandandcattle.com. \$\$

TEX-MEX: ROSIE'S TAMALE HOUSE With a quarter-century in Austin dishing out tamales and fajitas, it also boasts homemade pralines. 13436 Hwy. 71 W., 263-5245. \$

NORTH

AMERICAN CAFE: KERBEY LANE CAFE Famously fabulous breakfast, lunch, and dinner and a favorite of the late-night set. 13435 Hwy. 183 N. #415, 258-7757. www.kerbeylanecafe.com. \$\$

CAJUN/CREOLE: MADEA'S NEW ORLEANS CREOLE COOKING Large portions at a good value. 113 Pecan Ste. E, 254/230-5071. \$\$

CHINESE, INDIAN: MASALA WOK This ethnic fusion spot offers traditional Indian fare as well as Indo-Chinese dishes: a blend of wok-cooking and Indian spices with plenty of vegetarian options. 1100 Center Ridge #300, 251-9696 www.masalawok.com. \$

CHINESE: MANDARIN HOUSE A respectable and frequently replenished lunch and dinner buf-fet is the main attraction here. Popular items include General Tso's chicken and aboveaverage egg rolls, 8929 N. Lamar, 837-6361, mandarinhouse.com. \$\$

INDIAN: SHALIMAR RESTAURANT Pakistani food that's second to none and a gosht karahi that'll really get your goat. Try the buffet, but it's even better to take a chance on the menu items. 9310 N. Lamar, 719-3700. www.shalimar-austin.com. \$\$

INTERIOR MEXICAN, SEAFOOD: LA MOJARRA FELIZ Authentic Mexican seafood specialties by way of Acapulco and Veracruz served in a small but brightly decorated space. Cold beer spicy micheladas, and superfresh seaf

hard to beat. 8624 N. Lamar, 491-6961. \$ ITALIAN PIZZA: BARIS PASTA & PIZZA Your basic family-style Italian restaurant, where the portions are large, the prices ridiculously low, and the quality is fine, 1501 W. Pecan. 989 8900. www.barispizzaandpasta.com. \$\$

JAPANESE: ODAKU Who would have thought a little, out-of-the-way restaurant would hold such treasures? We went straight for the *hamachi* and *uni*. What a pleasant surprise! **2501** *W. Parmer* #500. 834-9304. www.odaku.com. \$\$

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

TEX-MEX: CHUY'S NORTH LAMAR You'll find the same big plates of gooey Tex-Mex goodness that lure you to the Barton Springs location and quite a bit of the same atmosphere. 10520 N. Lamar, 836-3218. www.chuys.com. \$\$ TEX-MEX: TAQUERIA ARANDAS NO. 4 Mexican breakfasts, sweet horchata, and the sunny red-and-white interior could whisk the fog out anyone's morning brain. 834 E. Rundberg, 835-4369 \$

NORTH CENTRAL

AMERICAN CAFE: HYDE PARK BAR & GRILL Gotta have those batter-dipped fries, we know But this spot at the fork in the road does other things very well, too, such as fish, chicken, and beef. 4206 Duval St., 458-3168.

www.hydeparkbarandgrill.com. \$\$ BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE: OUACK'S 43RD STREET BAKERY Carrying on the tradition of slacker-era

Austin, Quack's is a great place to luxuriate over coffee and a muffin. 411 E. 43rd, 453-3399. www.quackquacks.com. \$

CHINESE, VIETNAMESE: KIM PHUNG CHINESE & VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT Most folks go for the bowls of pho or for the *bun*, but you should give the dinners a try. The hot-and-sour soup rocks, and the lunch specials are delicious, big, and cheap. 7601 N. Lamar Ste. I, 451-2464. www.kplamar.com. \$

FINE DINING: VINO VINO Comfy decor, great wines. surprisingly good food, and reasonable prices erybody coming back. 4119 Guadalupe, 465-9282. www.vinovinotx.com. \$\$

INDIAN: TAL PALACE Austin's longest-established local Indian restaurant, where the royal court cuisine of North India is served in an attractive setting 6700 Middle Fiskville 452-9959 www.tajpalaceaustin.net. \$\$

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. 4301 Guadalupe, 323-0440, www.myspace.com/theparlor. \$

TEX-MEX: IUI IO'S CAFE The vegetarian taco with perfectly grilled zucchini and summer squash is a favorite, along with the enchiladas, chalupas, and faiitas, 4230 Duval St., 452-1040. ww.iuliosaustin.com. \$

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. \$ BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE: LUX BAKERY & CAFE Perfect for coffee and pastries, very affordable

for lunch and a pleasant afternoon retreat where the bubble teas are refreshing, the sweets are satisfying, and the Wi-Fi is free. 3601 W William Cannon #175 891-9850 www.luxbakeryandcafe.com. \$

BARBECUE: TEXAS ROADHOUSE Stop by Willie's Corner for ribs that crumble in front of you and then melt in your mouth. Hire a driver. 9300 S. I-35, 282-7427. www.texasroadhouse.com. \$\$

CHINESE: TIEN JIN CHINESE RESTAURANT This place will cook Cantonese any way you want it. Easy to reach from anywhere in town, the specialties are great service, good prices, and delicious chow. Don't miss the Hong Kong-style chicken. 4534 West Gate Blvd. #105, 892-6699. \$\$

DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: SCHLOTZSKY'S BAKERY & COFFEEHOUSE This Texas chain has been baking its own bread and cranking out sandwiches for decades. There have been many posers since, but no one has come close to the original, 218 S. Lamar, 476-2867. www.schlotzskys.com. \$

INTERIOR MEXICAN: LA TERRAZA Offers standard Mexican fare served in a comfortable atmosphere. Cold beer, cheap margaritas, live maria-chi twice a week. 1605 E. Oltorf, 444-0018. \$\$

JAPANESE: UCHI The sushi ranges from fresh scallops, tuna, and seafood to *negitoro* rolls, seaweed, and chicken salad, and all are highly rated. 801 S. Lamar, 916-4808. www.uchiaustin.com \$\$\$\$

TEX-MEX: AZUL TEQUILA MEXICAN RESTAURANT Offers both Tex-Mex dishes and Interior specialties such as albondigas en chinotle and enchiladas de *pipian*. Go with a crowd, listen to the music, and have some fun. 4211 S. Lamar,

416-9667, www.azulteguila.com, \$\$

TEX-MEX: ERFEBIRDS WORLD BURRITO Stratocaster-sized burritos in a rock & roll environment are the stock-in-trade at this joint. This is a big-boy eating heaven: You don't have to include the veggie stuff you don't want, and there's no way you can walk away hungry. 515 S. Congress, 462-3512. www.freebirds.com. \$

THAI: SUBSIN'S Friendly, attentive service and an affordable menu characterize this tiny neighborhood spot. 5517 Manchaca Rd. 462-1450. subsinsthaifood.com. \$\$

THAI: THAI VILLAGE Enjoy a classy but affordable meal and very artful food presentation. 6406 S. I-35 #1550, 452-3888. www.thaivillageaustin.com. \$\$

UT

AFRICAN: ASTER'S FTHIOPIAN RESTAURANT In addition to the vegetarian selections, you'll find fragrant chicken, lamb, and tender beef. Don't forget to take home the special Ethiopian sauces and a bundle of *injera*. 2804 N. I-35, 469-5966. www.astersethiopian.com. \$\$

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

AMERICAN CAFE: SPIDER HOUSE PATIO BAR & CAFE This cozy old North Campus bungalow provides coffees, juice, and a full bar as well as a small, eclectic, vegetarian-friendly menu in a comfortably shabby atmosphere. 2908 Fruth, 480-9562 www.sniderhousecafe.com \$

BRAZILIAN: SÂO PAULO'S offers Tex-Mex dishes as well as Brazilian cuisine such as its version of the national dish feijoada São Paulo's constantly changing daily specials shouldn't be missed. 2809 San Jacinto, 473-9988. www.saopaulos.net. \$\$

CHINESE: THE MAGIC WOK Cheap lunch and affordable dinners that include soup and an egg roll. 2716¹/₂ Guadalupe, 474-7770. www.magicwok.150m.com. \$

FINE DINING, MEDITERRANEAN: FINO Influences from Nice to Morocco and Italy to Athens, all ably executed by chef Jason Donoho. 2905 San Gabriel, 474-2905 www.astiaustin.com/fino. \$\$\$

TEX-MEX: CHANGOS TAQUERIA Making fresh tortillas right before your eyes. Changos offers 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. \$\$

TEX-MEX: TRUDY'S TEXAS STAR offers a wide range of Tex-Mex with a slightly contemporary twist, and fans are crazy about the chipotle salsa and chips. The half-pound burgers are tasty and massive, and the menu also offers chicken-fried steaks, 409 W. 30th. 477-2935. www.trudys.com. \$\$

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN: VEGGIE HEAVEN The menu is heavy on Asian dishes but also offers meatand dairy-free pastas sandwiches and desserts. 1914-A Guadalupe, 457-1013. www.veggieheavenaustin.com. \$

WEST

AMERICAN CAFE: CORAZON AT CASTLE HILL The offspring of the well-loved Castle Hill Cafe has a refocused menu, but regulars are glad that what wasn't broken remains. Mexico dishes and top-notch service. 1101 W. Fifth 476-0728. www.corazonatcastlehill.com. \$\$

BAKERY/COFFEEHOUSE TEX.MEX. MI VICTORIA Besides a wide assortment of Mexican pastries and cookies, find excellent breakfast tacos here. Menudo, *picadillo*, and *barbacoa* by the pound are also available on weekends. 5245 Burnet Rd., 458-1898. \$

BARBECHE: BUDY'S COUNTRY STORE & BAR-B-O Good quality smoked meats are available by the pound, along with all the white bread, pickles, onions, and peppers you need, 11570 Research. 418-9898. www.rudysbbq.com. \$

CHINESE: CHEN'S NOODLE HOUSE You'll find knife-cut noodles on this eight-item menu, as well as leek pie and onion pie. The wonton soup is loaded with minced pork and garlic wontons. 8650 Spicewood Springs Rd., 336-8888 \$\$

DELI/SANDWICH SHOP: FOOD! FOOD! With more than 20 sandwiches and daily specials to choose from, lunch at this friendly neighbor hood deli will always turn up something and interesting. 2727 Exposition #112, 474-8515, www.foodfoodmenu.com, \$\$

INTERIOR MEXICAN: MANUEL'S GREAT HILLS Manuel's continues to be our favorite place for value-priced drinks and half-price appetizers at happy hour. 10201 Jollyville Rd., 345-1042. www.manuels.com. \$\$

INTERNATIONAL: FABI + ROSI Here diners are treated to European classics such as escargots in garlic butter, moules marinieres, steak frites, and paella, all at shamefully reasonable prices, 509 Hearn, 236-0642. www.fabiandrosi.com. \$\$\$\$

ITALIAN: OLIVE GARDEN ITALIAN RESTAURANT This chain eatery serves reliable, generic Italian food at reasonable prices. A popular family place and a safe choice for those who fear the food-unknown. 8833 Burnet Rd., 459-0701. www.olivegarden.com. \$\$

JAPANESE: BENIHANA The cuisine has been influenced by its surroundings, resulting in the Texas roll - smoked salmon, avocado, cucumcream cheese, and jalapeño. 9070 Research, 451-7505. www.benihana.com. \$\$\$

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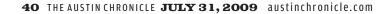
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BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

This year's TFPF panelists still remember the trenches

When doling out a hundred thousand in cash, it's preferable if the purse-keepers know what they're doing. That's why the Austin Film Society, in its 14 years of providing grants via its Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, makes a point of bringing in a seasoned and impartial jury of filmmakers and indie industry vets to judge submissions. And this year, the jury is especially impressive.

Documentarian Sam Green was nominated for an Oscar for his 2003 film, The Weather Underground (which premiered at South by Southwest Film 2003). So Yong Kim followed her much-buzzed narrative feature debut. In Between Days, which won prizes at Sundance and Berlin, with this spring's well-reviewed

Treeless Mountain. And Mike Plante. who has worked in programming and print and Web film appreciation (www. cinemad.iblamesocietv .com), has been the director of programming at the CineVegas Film Festival since

2002. While in

Zeitgeist Films, \$29.99

Austin next week for judging, all three will screen their films and do Q&As afterward. According to AFS Director of Artist Services Bryan Poyser, AFS was looking for

Last year, when my girlfriend and I left

Bourgeois, we felt assaulted. Bourgeois' body

of work is heady and challenging; her earlier,

midcentury work dealt largely in geometric

design but evolved into tightly wound sculp-

tures of enraptured figures, dysmorphic limb

installations in the 1990s internalized the trau-

rooms dressed with sculptures, stitchings, and

ma from physical to psychological: individual

clothing, several of which can only be viewed

voyeuristically through windows and cracks.

The feature-length documentary from

directors Amei Wallach and Marion Cajori

(who died before its completion) explores

tion of her cells is captured in ways the

camera trek through I Do I Undo I Redo -

three massive, multistory towers, installed

in the Turbine Hall of London's Tate Modern

- is suitably climactic. And head-spinning

Bourgeois' oeuvre literally: The ornamenta-

works can't be, as designed, in person. The

and genital abstractions, and increasingly

ambitious installations. Her series of Cell

the Guggenheim's retrospective of Louise

speculates on the reason for the surge: "Certainly the sorry state of reserved online at www.austinfilm.org. the economy has something to do

with it. Folks are panicked, their rich uncles maybe aren't so rich anymore, and they figure if someone's giving money out for film

swirls beneath the bodies of Bourgeois' icon-

ic spiders - dark, spindly-legged creatures

pregnant with egg sacs - convey their dark

grandeur. But the film also explores

Bourgeois, the artist, through

1990s-era documentary foot-

Brooklyn studio. Age hasn't

angrily sanding a sculpture

or speaking about her child-

hood's impact on her work,

still alive, at 97 years old.)

Bourgeois, then in her 80s, is a

flighty, combative subject. (She's

Interviews with friends and critics further

flesh out the Bourgeois mythos: Her father's

long-running affair with their family seam-

stress is the cornerstone of several pieces,

threads of which run through her work with

sewing, fabrics, and clothing. But while provid-

ing an easy shorthand for works such as The

Destruction of the Father, the film traces the

impact of other experiences on Bourgeois;

age of her at work in her

mellowed her; whether

who maybe have applied for small grants

exactly like this." And those jurists will be

wading through a

lot of submis-

breaking 244

sions: A record-

applications for

grants came in

this year. Poyser

a panel of jurists that "have familiarity with But just as significant have been AFS' efforts to outreach and educate about TFPF, the low-to-no-budget level at which a lot of our applying filmmakers are working – folks which to date has provided \$850,000 in cash and approximately \$80,000 in goods

Sam Green, who was nominated for an Oscar for his 2003 documentary, The Weather Underground

(above), is one of three jurists determining this year's Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund recipients.

and services to 250 film and video projects. "The outreach I did over the spring definitely saw an upsurge in attendance," says Poyser. "About 400 people attended the workshops, a 25 percent jump from last year. We got pretty healthy audiences in places like El Paso, McAllen, Corpus Christi - places that you wouldn't necessarily think have much of a film scene. In some ways, it's really inspiring to see this much activity across the state, even if it's all folks who are desperate for cash. The cumulative amount of requests add up to \$2.3 million. so obviously the need is strong."

 Kimberley Jones Grant recipients for the 2009 TFPF will be announced Monday, Aug. 17. For more info, see www.austinfilm.org.



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disturbing footage of facial prosthetics from World War I (which Bourgeois' father fought in) mirror the exploded, organic sculptures she later created. It also traces the impact of Bourgeois' incredible

career on the art world at large, starting in the late 1940s, building into the next decade, then lying dormant before returning strongly

to broader acceptance in the 1970s. Outlasting the brainy winks of surrealism and the formalist exercises of the 1960s, Bourgeois ushered in a more personal, harrowing vision - her father's "sick heart," as seen in the spiders – that reverberates

among today's enfants terribles.

– Wells Dunbar

Work by Louise Bourgeois is included in the Austin Museum of Art's current exhibition "The Lining of Forgetting: Internal and External Memory in Art.

film news

BY JOE O'CONNELL

AUTHOR! AUTHOR! SUBLETT. AHLGREN AIM FOR BIG SCREEN

Jesse Sublett's painfully enjoyable memoir, Never the Same Again: A Rock 'n' Roll Gothic, improbably blends the tales of his rock career at the helm of the Skunks, the murder of his girlfriend, and his battle against cancer. The book has now been optioned by producer Paul Hardister with Drew Southern tapped to direct for the big screen. Meanwhile, David Permut and Steve Lee Jones are producing a feature version of Austin author and financial analyist Paco Ahlgren's sci-fi adventure novel, Discipline, which is about a man's psychological battle with an enemy he cannot see. Ahlgren's first novel, it won the 2008 Eric Hoffer Award.

ADAIR'S BOB WILLS LOVE DOESN'T FADE

Dwight Adair is a true-blue Western swinger. His Bob Wills documentary, Faded Love, screened at the South by Southwest Film Festival in 2005 and is available on DVD. Now he's added the online Bob Wills Radio, featuring interviews with Wills cohorts such as Leon McAuliffe and other artists influenced by Wills. You can listen for free at www.bobwills.com.

AND THE REST ...

Tickets go on sale to the general public Aug. 3 for the Paramount Theatre's world premiere of Mike Judge's Extract, with Judge and star Jason Bateman in attendance. Tickets are available at GetTix (866/443-8849 or www.get tix.net) or the Paramount box office. The screening benefits the Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, and Austin Film Society members can purchase tickets now at www.austin film.org... Short film entries for the Austin Film Festival's Young Filmmakers Competition are due Aug. 1. Get the details at www.austin filmfestival.com... Francois Larosa has completed a Telemundo pilot called El Exito Para Las Cuatro that he describes as a female Entourage. It features four Latinas looking for success in acting and modeling in Austin... Brvanne Cooke, a 20-year-old first-time filmmaker, is drawing buzz for her The Wrong Girl script. Now filming locally, it's a black comedy about regret that's been described as "part pulp, part myth, part love poem"... The first images from UT grad Wes Anderson's stopmotion animation The Fantastic Mr. Fox can be viewed at www.aintitcool.com/node/41720. The film is out Nov. 13... This is the 127th "Film News" column I've written for The Austin Chronicle and the last. Thanks to Louis Black for the opportunity and to my editors Kimberley Jones and Shawn Badgley for putting up with my odd sense of humor. Major applause for all of the up-and-comers who make Austin film such an exciting, vibrant world to observe in constant motion. Consider this my martini shot. Cheers!

TFPF Panel Screenings

Treeless Mountain (D: So Yong Kim): Aug. 12, 7pm, Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar The Weather Underground (D: Sam Green): Aug. 12, 9:25pm, Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar **Be Like an Ant** (work-in-progress) (D: Mike Plante): Aug. 13, 7pm, Austin Studios Screening Room Admission is free for members and nonmembers. but reservations are suggested. Tickets may be

LOUISE BOURGEOIS: THE SPIDER, THE MISTRESS AND THE TANGERINE

projects, they better try to get in line."

Yes, He Kattan!

BY BELINDA ACOSTA

Chris Kattan wants to be famous. Okay, he is famous. The **Saturday Night Live** alum, known for his flamboyant Mango, the strange Mr. Peepers, and half of the sleazy duo the Roxbury Boys on the sketch comedy series, has done all right for himself. He moved on to films when he left SNL in 2003 (Corky Romano, Monkeybone). All in all, he's done well, hasn't he?

According to Kattan, as he says at the beginning of his new three-part TV miniseries, Bollywood Hero, he always wanted to play the leading man, the guy who saves the day and wins the girl. If Harrison Ford is too old for leading man roles, who's getting them?

"Matt Damon," his agent tells him flatly. And Kattan - he's told indelicately - is no Matt Damon.

And thank goodness for that. Because who else could pull off this no-holds-barred role in a show that's part Bollywood musical, part road film, part screwball romantic comedy, and part behind-the-scenes look at filmmaking? Put together, it's one of the most original miniseries to appear on the small screen – ever.

Slyly mixing fact with fiction, Kattan stars as a version of himself, a successful but frus-

trated actor relegated to playing comic roles that are not challenging and definitely no fun. When his agent tricks him into another half-man, half-animal role (Klaptar the Space Goat), Kattan finally loses it.

"Okay, I'm not Matt Damon," he concedes, "but I'm not Yoda either." He begins to make his case for getting larger leading-man roles, only to be laughed at, belittled, sneered at,

and ignored. After a chance encounter with an East Indian film director (Ali Fazal as Monty Kapoor), Kattan is finally offered the lead role he's been looking for. While he frets over the unfortunate title (Peculiar Dancing Boy) after a few more humiliating moments, Kattan happily ditches Hollywood for Bollywood, and we're off.

Filmed over the course of 10 weeks in Mumbai, Bollywood Hero was aided by some of Bollywood's finest, including the stunning Rachna Shah, who stars as Kunti Koothrappally, a reclusive former Bollywood star who Kattan must woo in order to save the film when the original leading lady (Neha Dhupia) quits. Oscar-winning choreographer Longinus Fernandes (who choreographed the "Jai Ho" dance at the end of Slumdog Millionaire) works his magic in Bollywood Hero, while singersongwriter Michael Penn wrote and produced three original songs for the miniseries. A Bollywood version of Penn's "No Myth," performed by the Bombay Dub Orchestra, is easily a high point among the musical numbers.

A great romp and often laugh-out-loud funny, the only downside of Bollywood Hero

is that it's not available on the large screen, where the full scope of its Mumbai backdrop should be experienced. That, and a few of the plot points are a little flimsy, as when Kattan's love interest, Priya (the lovely **Pooja Kumar**), who is also the producer of Peculiar Dancing Boy, leaves in a huff when she thinks Kattan is heaping the praise onto Kunti a little too thick. Her adolescent response is unbelievable, but what the hell. There has to be a starting pistol to launch the romantic chase.



Former SNL funnyman Chris Kattan shows surprising range in the charming IFC miniseries Bollywood Hero.

are Keanu Reeves (overbearing and funny) and Jennifer Coolidge, who literally does nothing and still manages to be hilarious. David Alan Grier, Maya Rudolph, and Kip Kattan (Kattan's real-life father) also appear in brief, highly memorable moments throughout.

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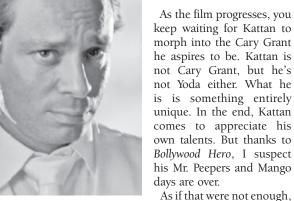
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Bollywood Hero airs across three nights, Aug. 6-8, at 9pm on IFC.

As always, stay tuned.

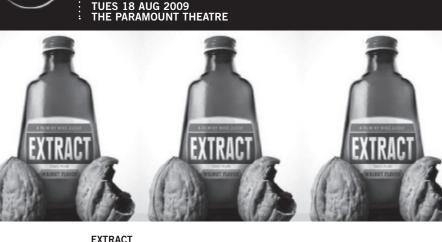
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Rolling Stone From Texas

Now that the initial manuscript has gained approval from UT's faculty board, it is OTR's great privilege to announce that the University of Texas Press will publish The Austin Chronicle Music Anthology 1981-2010, co-edited by the incomparable Doug Freeman and yours truly, next September. Coinciding with the beginning of this paper's 30th year, the hardbound collection traces the evolution of both the local music scene and this weekly while celebrating the individual styles that developed within the two inextricably linked entities. The **Chronthology**, as it's been dubbed in these quarters, features a foreword from Daniel Johnston, an introduction by Chronicle Editor Louis Black, and many now-iconic images, such as a budding Stevie Ray Vaughan outside his first tour bus, that have graced our pages along the way. The greatest hits collection mirrors the Chronicle's editorial approach with an assortment of in-depth features (an oral history of Scratch Acid), seminal album reviews (pre-Spoon Skellington), "Live Shots" (Blaze Foley at the Austin Outhouse), and rarities such as R.E.M.'s interview of Roky Erickson and a Butthole Surfers review written from the perspective of a distraught high school librarian. In the case of Chris Gray's quest to track down James Hand, the trajectory of Antone's leading ladies (Angela Strehli, Marcia Ball, and Lou Ann Barton), and Margaret Moser's 1981 tour diary with the hotel-wrecking Joe Ely Band, the book also reminds us to root for the underdogs. Updates to come.

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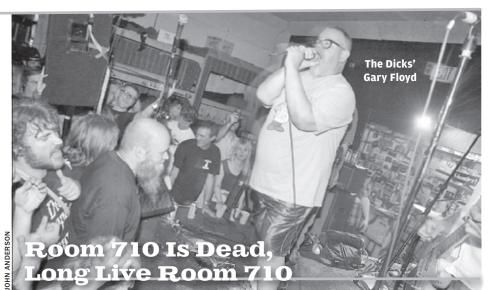
MUSIC NEWS

Sixteen Deluxe is deemed one of the "The Greatest Bands You've (Probably) Never Heard" in the new issue of **Spin**, characterized as "a huggable headrush, giving shoegaze a punk kick and recording two of the 1990s' most pleasurably squalling albums (*Backfeed Magnetbabe* and *Emits Showers of Sparks*)." At the same time, talk of a possible reunion for the local quartet in early 2010 is generating some noise. "Nothing firm, but it is being discussed," verifies bassist **Jeff Copas** via e-mail. "Just getting everyone speaking again is an accomplishment in itself."

 And then there were two: Sarah Sharp and the Tiny Tin Hearts. This is the final week to vote in the *Chronicle's* Sound Wars. The winner performs at the annual Hot Sauce Festival at Waterloo Park on Sunday, Aug. 30. All ballots must be cast by 4am on Saturday, Aug. 1: austinchronicle.com/soundwars. Ray Benson's Western swing institution
 Asleep at the Wheel will receive the
 Lifetime Achievement for Performance
 award at the annual Americana Honors &
 Awards ceremony in September. For now, the
 Wheel's Austin City Limits session with Willie
 Nelson airs on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2pm, as part
 of KLRU's summer pledge drive.

Following Spoon x 3 and Explosions in the Sky's sold-out fireworks at Stubb's, the Sword continues the ushering in of a new era for local headliners by expanding its Mohawk date to a two-night stand, Aug. 28-29.

Jim Ortiz of **Amplified Heat** had his 1960s reissue Fender Stratocaster (with "Adawna" written on the back) and an Anvil pedal case stolen from his van at work on Friday. Contact him at **jimijack59@gmail.com** with any info.



"There's no business like going out of business," bemoans Room 710 owner Asher Garber. Despite receiving a spike in business over the past few weeks, the club still plans to shutter its doors on Monday, Aug. 3, leaving Austin with one less incubator for local talent. The landscape on Red River has shifted dramatically since Room 710 opened in 2000, and the increase in competition for both local and touring acts, plus repercussions from the 2005 smoking ban and the economic downturn, has caused seismic ripples across the board. After all, anyone who missed the Dicks' hardcore lacerations last Saturday can just as easily catch the local punk icons at Emo's on Friday, July 31. "There are a lot of clubs, and it's hard to stay in business with that," Garber agrees, "but I'm more concerned with how the city values the property.

I don't see how the building is worth so much more than the amount of business I'm able to bring in. That's the paradox. You can't tell me this is Beverly Hills when I know it's the fucking slums. That's what the city is doing, and they've really had me bent over the last three years." With any luck, Garber, whose lease doesn't expire until year's end, won't have to file for bankruptcy. He's in negotiations with a group of investors and hopes a deal can be reached within the next month. In the meantime, Hug, Foot Patrol, and Pong help send Room 710 off in style on Saturday, Aug. 1. "It's just best to get out now - I'm ready, and I'm exhausted," Garber concludes. "People are going to feel the loss. There's going to be a real odd feeling on Red River when we close, and I think it's important that people sense that on their own."

Let the Light In

The open road is the most reliable source of inspiration, a landmark metaphor for hardships, opportunity, and the beauty uncovered along the way. That much is made clear in *Amy Cook: The Spaces in Between*, a new documentary directed by **Todd Robinson**, whom the local songstress worked with for the 2000 film *Amargosa*. "It was a little unusual to take the full band on such a short jaunt through the bowling alleys of the Southwest, but it was for the sake of moviemaking," smiles Cook, who recently wrapped up sessions for her **Alejandro Escovedo**-produced third album, *Let the Light In*, which features contributions from **Patti Griffin** and **Ben Kweller**, among others. "I'm a ham for the camera, but I didn't take to the whole **Barbara Walters** interviews where you talk about your past and this and that." The film



premiered on the **Documentary Channel** earlier this month and airs on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2pm, and Friday, Aug. 21, 7 & 10pm, but don't expect Cook to host or attend any viewing parties. "I can't watch myself," she laughs. "It's too uncomfortable." Cook lights up **Mohawk** Wednesday, Aug. 12, the night before she kicks off a Thursday residency at **Jo's on Second**.

Spirit World

Beloved South Austin jack-of-all-trades **Stephen Bruton**, who succumbed to cancer in May, could always find distraction in the studio. Last year he took part in two recording sessions with the **Texas Sheiks**, a roundtable of veteran slingers – Austin's **Cindy Cashdollar** alongside **Geoff Muldaur**, **Suzy Thompson**, and **Johnny Nicholas** – rounded up by the **Resentments**' **Bruce Hughes**. The resulting romp of folk, blues, and jug band tunes, which **T Bone Burnett** deems "modernist classical music" in the liner notes, will be released in September through **Tradition & Moderne Records**. The Sheiks have lined up a few gigs in September, and an Austin date is in the works. "It'll be hard to listen to and then joyous to listen to at the same time," says Cashdollar of the album. "It's another reminder of what a gifted musician [Bruton] was in so many different ways and styles."

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BY MARGARET MOSER

Polly Parsons' late-model Maxima rolls up under the iron Hickory Wind Ranch sign. The storm-gray car noses up the driveway to a vacant house with a few stray chairs out front and stops, the driver smiling at the woman beside her.

"You know what this place reminds me of?" Shilah Morrow, Parsons' lifelong friend sitting in the passenger seat, tips her cowboy hat and nods toward the house. "Joshua Tree Inn."

Sitting in her California living room on Sept. 19, 1973, Parsons was 5 years old when the news of her father's death at the Joshua Tree Inn came on the television. Gram Parsons, 26, shone among the most brilliant stars in the rock firmament, and his career went down in a blaze

of recorded glory, a light snuffed by a drug overdose. The father she hardly knew left a legacy that's taken his only child a lifetime to decipher.

Parsons turns her face to the unprepossessing porch. Her ice-blue eyes linger on it, the summery flowers pinned in her red hair giving her a pre-Raphaelite quality. She nods slowly, hands relaxed on the steering wheel.

"Doesn't it? I thought that, too."

Ride Me High

It's not that rock & roll wasn't thinking about country music in the 1960s, just that no one thought about it the way Gram Parsons did. The nature of Top 40 radio always allowed for country hits; the Beatles picked 'n' grinned through Buck Owens' "Act Naturally" as the B-side to "Help" in

1965, the same year the Byrds recorded Porter Waggoner's "Satisfied Mind." The Monkees' eponymous 1966 debut fiddled "Sweet Young Thing," co-written by Texan Mike Nesmith.

Gram Parsons came by his country music naturally. Born Ingram Cecil Connor III in Florida on Nov. 5, 1946, he was raised in Georgia by a wealthy orange-growing family. Young Gram, whose name changed to Parsons

when he was adopted by his stepfather at 12, showed an early interest in music, forming various high school combos.

During college, his folk band the Shilos did a stint in Greenwich Village, whetting his appetite for the stage. He skipped out of Harvard to play Cambridge and wound up forming the International Submarine Band in New York City. Gram soon navigated the Subs to California, where they floated a country rock disc then sank. By now, he knew country was his calling. In 1967 he became a father.

Gram flew free and easy in mid-1960s L.A., flocking to the Byrds with the seeds of 1968's seminal *Sweetheart of the Rodeo*,

> which featured veteran Nashville sidemen such as Earl Poole Ball and John Hartford playing standards from the Louvins and Woody Guthrie. Included with Gram's own "One Hundred Years From Now" was the song that became his anthem, "Hickory Wind."

The country backbone of Sweetheart of the Rodeo came largely from Parsons and fellow Byrd Chris Hillman, also a new member. The two mixed formidably with head Byrdman Roger McGuinn, a schooled folkie who fully appreciated their roots-driven direction. Feathers flew among the Byrds on tour in Europe, especially after Gram and Keith Richards hit it off, and Gram flew the coop.

The friendship between Richards and Parsons flourished, a gruesome

twosome who inspired and encouraged each other's muses and shared a propensity for the wild side of life. They smoked, drank, played, and bonded all over the map, from Europe to Joshua Tree in the California desert. The next time the Rolling Stones – always the mirror and never the face – recorded, they brought steel guitars and fiddles to the *Beggars Banquet*.



Sin City, Las Vegas, and the Streets of Baltimore

Parsons wasn't the only ambassador of country in 1968 – Doug Sahm appeared on the cover of *Rolling Stone* wearing a cowboy hat that year – but Gram got to the Grand Ole Opry first with the Byrds.

While Sahm was grooving in Mendocino, Parsons rounded up the Flying Burrito Brothers with Chris Hillman. Armed with a purer vision of country than the folk inflections of the Byrds, the group's 1969 debut, *The Gilded Palace of Sin*, was laden with soul standards such as "Dark End of the Street" and "Do Right Woman," but no one was prepared for the originals that the Parsons-Hillman pairing delivered.

"Sin City," "Wheels," and "Juanita" crackled with life, woven crisp and sewn tightly with the threads of rock and country. Parsons wrote with Burrito bassist Chris Etheridge ("Hot Burrito #1") and Barry Goldberg ("Do You Know How It Feels") as well as Hillman, but *Gilded Palace* was unquestionably Parsons' claim to stake, because by their subsequent album, 1970's *Burrito Deluxe*, his molten energy had dissipated. He still twinkled in the Nudie jackets he'd outfitted the band with and scored a coup by recording "Wild Horses" before the Stones did, but Gram left the Burritos before *Deluxe* was served to the public.

Parsons spent 1971 thinking about his new direction, much of it with Keith Richards in the frenetic Rolling Stones camp in the south of France, where *Exile on Main Street* was being recorded amid predictable excesses. His family wealth bought him the freedom of not having to work. It also allowed him to reach into his creative heart unfettered.

The experience of writing his own music intoxicated Parsons, but he craved a voice to complement his serviceable twang, a Tammy Wynette to his George Jones. He found it in Alabama-born folksinger Emmylou Harris, their voices twining eternal, like ivy and oak. Parsons signed to Reprise and with Harris recorded *GP* in 1972 for release early the next year. *GP* was a glorious debut, as electrifying as *Gilded Palace*, just as groundbreaking and equally ignored.

It made Emmylou Harris an instant star and established Gram as a bandleader. His songwriter status needed no affirmation, yet these songs were visceral, naked breakup originals like "How Much I've Lied" and calico confessional "We'll Sweep Out the Ashes in the Morning" accompanying the Glaser-Howard favorite "Streets of Baltimore." Parsons quickly assembled the Fallen Angels, including steel player Neil Flanz, who lives in Austin, for a spring tour that included a stop at the Armadillo World Headquarters on Feb. 21, 1973 (see "Man Mountain and 'Sin City," p.49).

The local stopover included a notorious incident in which Parsons and Harris took umbrage at a question about their progressive country affiliation during an on-air interview at KOKE FM. Both the station and deejay Rusty Bell pioneered country rock radio and were kindred spirits to Parsons' music, so the real cause of the incident remains a mystery. Parsons and Harris denied being "progressive country" – she claimed they were "regressive country" – and both stomped out of the studio.

GP was indelible, but *Grievous Angel*, its follow-up, was the reckoning. It still glistens with steel and heartbreak fiddle, a flashing moment of brilliance that spun Gram Parsons' wheel of fortune into infinity. The gorgeous "In My Hour of Darkness"; exuberant "Ooh Las Vegas"; sad, autobiographical "\$1000 Wedding"; and wistful "Brass Buttons" preserve its magic, which he never lived to enjoy.

Released in 1973, just weeks after his death, *Grievous Angel* capped an amazing output that also recorded its creator's development as a songwriter and champion of a genre suddenly in vogue. That Gram Parsons was ahead of his time remains a given.

"And he made all that music in five years," nods Polly Parsons with a tone of incredulousness. "Five years."

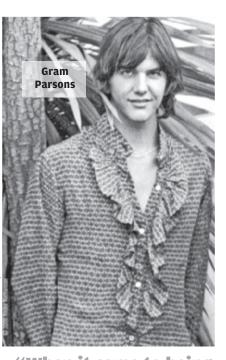
Hour of Darkness, Time of Need

"His name was forbidden in my home, his music forbidden."

Polly Parsons, sitting in the kitchen of her Austin home, lets her gaze wander from the multitude of family photos on an adjacent wall to the square green iridescent tiles on the table in front of her. The images pay tribute not only to Gram but also to generations of movie-star handsome Connors, Parsons, and Snivelys, as well as Polly's husband, artist-musician-concert video designer Charlie Terrell, and their daughter, Harper Lee.

Children of the famous carry a peculiar weight. Children of musicians shoulder a different kind of burden. Children of famous musicians carry the toughest load of all.

"I was sitting on the living room floor, and it came on the news," recalls Parsons. "I immediately went to find out what was going on. I was told a different story every month for about six months - told he died in a fire, he had a heart attack. ... After he died, my mother had a real hard time. We went from commune to commune to commune to commune. She CONTINUED ON P.48



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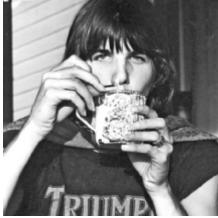
never married and mourned the death of my father more than the life of me. She got sober when I was 14, but by that time it was too late. She was alive and alert, but I was in pain and pissed off.

"By 16, I became horribly addicted to cocaine and alcohol. I never mentioned who my father was, so no one knew until I was about 25. I was terrified that my outcome would be written in stone if I acknowledged the fact that I came from people that couldn't manage to stay on the planet. That's what my lineage was.

"Finally, I got to discover him by myself, on my own terms, and it wasn't pretty. I locked myself in a room, and I listened to everything, and I wrote down everything in journals. I prayed and cried and ripped things up, and 12 days later I came out of that room like: 'Okay. I'm ready.'

"I was about 32."

She used her father's renowned repertoire to take her life in her hands. Not only did she seek control of her heritage, she wanted to experience it fully, so Parsons wrote, performed, and toured in the 1990s. Her star-studded concerts attracted the musicians Gram Parsons influenced heavily – Lucinda Williams, Dwight Yoakam, Norah Jones, Steve



Earle, even Keith Richards. In 2004, she produced concert DVD *Return to Sin City: A Tribute to Gram Parsons*. Two years later, on a whim, she bought a house here in Austin.

"What was it that made musicians like my father spin out of control?" she wonders. "I don't know the answer, but look at how bright their fires burned right before. My father, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison ... they produced an outpouring of jet-fuel-like passion. My father wrote a body of work from 21 to 26 on fire, so I go back to what was happening the moment they went down and how incredible their output was. How do you tie that into a neat little bow in the end, or do you just burst into firelight?

"I knew I could not go forward without coming to terms with who I was and what that meant. How would I take the beauty of the truth, without tarnishing it or embarrassing myself, so I could perpetuate his legacy properly with love and respect? How was I going to come through it and not just recycle the history of my past? My grandfather shot himself in the head, my father's mother died of alcohol poisoning, and my mother's mother committed suicide in our backyard two weeks after my father died.

"I sit here in the aftermath of complete Hiroshima destruction."

Burrito Deluxe: (I) the Flying Burrito Brothers and friend, circa 1969; (r) "Look at him here," giggles Polly Parsons. "He's wearing a cape! And a Triumph motorcycle T-shirt, smoking pot through a mug, and wearing my mother's promise ring."

Oh Lord, Grant Me Vision

"There's a very happy story on the other side of the wall from drug addiction," offers Polly Parsons, rising from the table and readying for a ride next door.

She's referring to her own recovery, complete with relapses, but in a larger sense, she means Hickory Wind Ranch (**www.hickory windranch.com**), a sober living environment she's created for women in entertainment and the arts who are in recovery from alcohol and drugs.

Her own sobriety is as important to her as her husband and child and their home, something she protects fiercely. Yet she's not proselytizing or preaching, and as she drives to the adjoining property, she reiterates the need for a comfortable, controlled, zerotolerance atmosphere.

"I was supported artistically early in my sobriety," she stresses. "Writers and artists were all around me. I had faith it was working for them even if I didn't think it would work for me. So the idea is there really is hope, that if you're in a sober living situation in the language that you speak, you have a fighting chance."

With its facade resembling the premises where her father took his last breath, the ranch house's shared rooms offer women personable quarters under a program that reteaches everyday life skills under supervision and amid random drug testing and regular 12-step and recovery meetings. Parsons gives a guided tour, free-associating along the way.

"My story is I am the daughter of a musician and a woman in an industry that's largely misunderstood in general and one that feels like it needs to be inebriated to create. Women have unique challenges as artists, as musicians, that are intimate and personal and ethereal and not necessarily understood. And if we don't create, our spirits die, so if just one girl or one woman walks through these doors and is able to survive another day, that's enough.

"When it comes to my father, I was in denial for so many years about who I was and who he was and what he meant and how I could live up to that. For years, I was angry and hurt and pissed off, then I came full circle. 'Polly Parsons, do you think it's absolutely morbid that your father was taken into Joshua Tree desert and his body burned by his road manager/best friend?'

"No! As a matter of fact, I think that's so righteous! Right on! God, I hope that I die with people who love me enough to carry out my crazy wishes! I'm glad! And when it came to being my father's daughter, I realized that truth be told, I'm just the luckiest Gram Parsons fan. I'm just as passionate about his music today as when I was 12 and it was forbidden in my home."

She stops outside the bedrooms, the only spaces not furnished, and surveys them one last time. Hickory Wind isn't a nonprofit, and funds are stretched tight. "Right now, what I need is to get beds and linens. When that happens ..."

Callin' Me Home, Hickory Wind

Having Polly Parsons' words read like bumper stickers or a T-shirt isn't a stretch in the realm of recovery. To a degree, all the language employed in such endeavors can sound somewhat pat. There's a reason for that, however: Words work. Yet while 12-step lingo is crucial to the recovery process, Parsons found that too much self-examination can sometimes be more harmful than helpful.



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"Life has the elements of a battle, but with each new challenge comes a new discovery," she explains. "When I'm cut off from the emotional core of my being, whether I'm taking Tic Tacs or heroin, it's only a matter of time before I'm disconnected from everything else."

She's talking about her relapse more than a year ago, a slip that began with a desire to be a good mother. Her doctor prescribed her Xanax, and all too soon Parsons found herself effectively off the wagon.

"I had so much time in sobriety – chips, cakes, anniversaries – now through the back door came doctor-prescribed medication. Whenever an alcoholic or drug addict takes a substance that tries to alleviate feelings, they're no longer sober. I had issues about my father and mother. The more things that came up in therapy, the more confused and depressed I got. And I found out there are some things you don't need to know.

"I really believed I was doing the right thing, that to be a good mother I had to deal with my past regarding motherhood. What I found out is that I am a good mother. I've broken the cycle of abuse, and I *don't* need to know how bad it got. But my brain – just like every other addict on the planet – says that if I'm being prescribed medication by a physician, he must know what he's doing. It was not the right path for me, so once again I started over. "I started taking pilgrimages to Joshua Tree by myself, with the memory of my father, and I made it personal. I started doing the things I had to do to grieve and mourn and come out the other side hopeful. I will never be able to repay the debt to my father, so this is my way of staying close to my heritage and my roots. This is me trying to be a better friend and face a really big shadow, ghost. Very big, but I don't feel anything but love. He is one of the most active spirits I've ever come across. He is right here, right now.

"There's a line he wrote, 'Callin' me home, hickory wind.' It talks about where we go when we're lonesome. I miss him profoundly. Deep down, I believe the thread between life and death is very, very thin, and I don't think he's farther than my prayers. I really feel that he's as close as I need him to be, emotionally and spiritually.

"I'm just his little girl, doing the best I can."

Angels, Grievous and Otherwise

The e-mail came late that night, forwarded from Parsons. The subject line read "Gram Magic" and serves as a reminder that angels do sometimes have dirty faces.

"Ladies, Keith Richards just sent a donation to cover the girls' beds and linens. Is that just too much or what?"

Man Mountain and 'Sin City'

In Ben Fong-Torres' 1991 biography Hickory Wind: The Life and Times of Gram Parsons, the author describes the hastily assembled, short rehearsed Gram Parsons & the Fallen Angels tour during the spring of 1973, with its stops in Texas, including Austin's Armadillo World Headquarters. Of particular note was Parsons' four-night, six-show run in Houston at Liberty Hall with Man Mountain & the Green Slime Boys, proto-roots rockers from San Antonio who were well-known enough to open for Willie Nelson at the Armadillo. According to the book, "Sin City" was added to the set list thanks to audience demand during the Houston run. Man Mountain's founder-guitarist Ron Rose recalls a different version of how Parsons' anthemic number came to be performed.

"[Hickory Wind] pretty well laid it out," affirms Rose. "Wednesday and Thursday, they screamed for 'Sin City,' and he didn't do it. The first show Friday night he didn't do it, so when they emptied the house for the second show, I said: 'Mr. Parsons, we know "Sin City," and this crowd seems to really want to hear it. If we're lucky enough to get an encore, it'd be great if you'd come out and sing it with us.'

"He got all aw-shucks, gosh. It was real cute because until then, he'd been an ass to us. He thought he was Elvis, didn't talk to us, didn't speak a word, no exchange. He'd show up at sound check with a full bottle of Jack Black. At the end of the night it would be



empty, and he wasn't sharing. So he turned to mush, said something like, 'That'd be nice, but I don't wanna cramp your style.'

"And I'm thinking: 'Aw, go ahead, Gram. What the hell.'

"During break between the shows, upstairs backstage, we gathered 'round to find parts for everyone – my group already had threepart harmony worked out. We were rehearsing with Gram, Emmylou, and Linda [Ronstadt]. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. I knew Emmylou from a little-known album, and Linda was always a fave. She was in town opening for Neil Young, and he came down later in the show. So here I am, onstage in Houston with my consortium of San Antonio buds and our dved-in-the-wool heroes. The place went wild.

"The next day Gram's band learned 'Sin City,' and [his playing with us] never happened again. We didn't have two words between us after that." - M.M.







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Local vinyl production rises with summer temperatures, apparently, and singles always outpace LPs. Followed by Static pressed 100 white vinyl 7-inches on Rare Dust Records, and their eventual collectibility correlates directly to the Austin duo's breakout with "Lullaby" b/w "AADC." The A-side illustrates why 45s were conceived in the first place, a plaintive Vaselines-like melody thickened by My Bloody Valentine distortion and strummed against a squall. The vocal could be off a Clash demo in terms of its long ago, faraway sonic London fog. B-side "AADC" would hold its own against a Black Angels' Vietnam protest, this one led by howling Golden Boys axe wielder John Wesley Coleman. "The latest ACG release, probably the coolest," according to local Australian Cattle God wranglers, might very well be a 12-inch split from the Snake Trap and Transmography on cream-orange vinyl. The run of 500, designed by Chronicle best-of Sandy Carson, warps heavy desert instrumentals and hot-oil basslines from the former act, provocatively named opener "John Denver Dies in Clash" the standout. The latter duo writes Germanic computer code that bridges its 1970s/1980s rockist string bending, chanting, "Break out of your cocoon" on leading lumber "Pupa," while "Nanyte" bobs like the Octopus Project on Quaaludes. Conversely, a clear-orange vinyl six-song 7-inch by Explosion Horse on Insect Records jitters with New Wave epilepsy as if the Ritalin didn't help at all, "Jennifer Connelly" and "Tupac's Herpes" spazz. "What You Tasted Like" smears the vocal but cleans up its hyperactivity. Depleted Resource, which brought the Mammoth Grinder LP. delivers hand silk screened cover art on a Lone Star Beer 24-pack for Naw Dude's one-sided 45, its hardcore clatter and burst lo-fi and primal. "Shark Mummy" almost takes a breath before "Red Dawn II" goes off like a cluster bomb. Blind white fury "Shit Stained Glass" obliterates tears for Naw Dude antecedents the Teeners. Self-proclaimed "masters of substancefueled stupidity," the **Bulemics** go Euro distribution on the four-song Burn Baby Burn (Scarey Records), the long-running local punk quintet evoking Dee Dee Ramone's mid-1980s yawp. A ripe cover of Motley Crüe's "Red Hot" screeches behind a Tommy Lee beat and City of Angels chorus. Finally, a matching pair of singles from TV Torso, Sound Team













T·V· TORSO Days of Being Wild I Can See Your Face

frontman Matt Oliver's new flat-screen, offers "The Black Mask" b/w "The Eye in the Pyramid" in a black sleeve and "Days of Being Wild" b/w "I Can See Your Face" in white. Both suffer from DIY production muffle, "Days of Being Wild" also undercooked, but "I Can See Your Face" mulches melodies straight out of Yellow Submarine-era Beatles, and "The Black Mask" channels Ray Davies, as does its flip side. Each comes with a free download card for the whole album. This is your summer to sit and spin. – Raoul Hernandez

NEW ROMAN TIMES

On the Sleeve (New Granada) Not unlike one particular local forebearer, New Roman Times draws a hard line between love

and darkness, only it's never quite clear which side it's chosen. On the Sleeve, the sophomore effort from these Florida transplants, rides a

shadowy, 1980s electro groove through familiar themes of jealousy (title cut), indecision ("Belle du Jour"), and reconciliation ("21st Century Limited"), at times recalling Interpol's Antics and, in the staggered delivery of "West End World," Silent Alarm-era Bloc Party. A lack of confidence, originality, and compelling presentation dampens the album's brighter moments, such as the neon glimmer "VCR" and the throbbing "Young Hearts." Daniel Owens' lyrical daggers aren't nearly as sharp as the band's sound - an engaging backdrop of dual, zip-line guitars, hypnotic bass, and danceable percussion - but his icy-hot tension with Josie Fluri simmers in opener "Smoke in Your Disguise" and "New Distance." Darkness awaits. $\star\star$

Austin Powell

The latest from local drone duo

Headdress yields more direction than its 2007 debut, Turquoise. At just five songs, Lunes is mostly instrumental guitar meditations (save for a few moans and whispers) that shake off the holed-up desert

HEADDRESS

Lunes (No Ouarter)

vibe of Turquoise and translate the blur of passing landscapes into stretches of blues-psych crop circles. Opener "Seethrough" is the warm-up, the 15-minute "Tip of the Pyramid" sets off heat-induced hallucinations, and "The Lost White Brother" finally brings the heavy solos. Lunes shouldn't be listened to in parts, however. By the time "The End" rolls 'round (not the Doors cover), it sounds vaguely like the beginning. Yes, countless bands are doing drone study, some with more volume and some with less, but Lunes is about submersion - turn it up, and shut off your mind. (Headdress

opens for Dungen, Friday, Aug. 21, Mohawk.)

DARLING NEW NEIGHBORS Rocket

DNN isn't afraid to start a food fight, throwing it all at the wall to see what splats on its second LP. The Austin trio's genre-skipping once again produces 1980s love, country, doo-wop, and punk,

quirked up by Elizabeth Jackson's violin and accordion. There's sweet, like "Boys in Cars," accented by Jackson's honeyed, hiccuped vocals. There's the sexual, like "Take It," on which she instructs, "Show me what you got." Slow jams ("Pining") mix with punk ("Electrolux"), and the fridge never gets too empty; the core trio manages eclecticism with small doses of humor. Rocket's more rockin' than 2006 debut Every Day Is Saturday Night, plus its accordion take on Neil Young's "Only Love Can Break Your Heart" is quite charming. There's something distinctly old-school Austin about DNN: It keeps it loose and casual, then cleans up the mess with gusto. (CD release: Carousel Lounge, Saturday, Aug. 22.) Audra Schroeder





Audra Schroeder

& THE UNDERGROUND TOWNSHIP Vearbook

Although Graham Wilkinson's stylistic diversity at times makes his sophomore offering ungovernably eclectic, his persistent vision of opti-

GRAHAM WILKINSON

mistic inclusiveness is admirable. Yearbook opens strafing gritty guitar roots-rock on "Water Towers and Windmills," the dreadlocked local's raw, Waitsian voice rolled in Oklahoma red dirt, but changes course with the Ray LaMontagne-esque soul of "Sunrise" and overly emphatic reggae of "Boys & Girls." The album settles somewhat with "Personality Disorder" and steel-guitar twanged standout "Ragamuffin," which draws Hayes Carll into the fold. While Wilkinson's aesthetic remains defiantly hopeful, it emerges most powerfully in moments of vulnerability like "Momma, Protect Me," "Blame," and the brooding, building strings on the Alejandro Escovedo-aided "Ghosts." Mixed with the tender charm of "Star Blue," hand-clapped romp "Our First Night," and Io-fi piano coda "Blank Pages," Wilkinson proves an inspired artist, if still trying to fully harness his talent. – Doug Freeman ***



POWELL ST. JOHN On My Way to Houston (Tompkins Square)

Misidentified for his contributions to the 13th Floor Elevators' 1966 debut, The Psychedelic Sounds Of ..., Powell St. John is still out to make a name for him-



self. The Austin-bred Bay Area dweller's first offering since his 2006 reintroduction, Right Track Now, rekindles the brushfire folklore of his Waller Creek Boys with acoustic instrumental "Jerry Lightfoot," pays tribute to Austin with "Ballad of Travis Rivers," and bares teeth as sharp as Alejandro Escovedo's Real Animal in the vitriolic politics of the title track. The real stunner is the opening, unreleased Roky Erickson barn burner "Hardest Working Man," which howls like one of its creator's 1980s demons over hot flashes of carousel organ and the acid-guitar lunacy of Aliens' Duane Aslaksen. There are a few blunders ("Take That Girl," "I Loved the Way You Played the Piccolo"), but On My Way to Houston is well worth the trip. ***

– Austin Powell

LEEANN ATHERTON Heart Traveled Road

After a trip through the worldly acoustic sounds of Gypzee Heart, her previous band. Leeann Atherton returns to her roots with Heart Traveled Road. Under the steady hand of producer Rich Brotherton,



who not only brings his guitars but a trunk-full of other instruments including mandola, harmonium, and cittern, the South Austin blues goddess offers up a hodgepodge of roots music that's sure to tickle her followers. She channels Dusty Springfield with "Change of Heart" and gets rowdy à la Delbert McClinton on "Kiss." As she has in the past, Atherton relies too heavily on cliché, the cloying spiritual "Soul Song" being just one example. That can also work to her advantage, however, as it does on the torchy blues "Remember Me," sounding like something Billie Holiday might have recorded. Heart Traveled Road won't win over any new converts, but it's likely to stir up passion in 78704. *** – Jim Caligiuri







Unconventional Medicine: British construction worker Martin Jones, 42, who lost one eye and was blinded in the other in a 1997 explosion, regained his sight this year as a result of a surgery in which part of his tooth was implanted in the eye. Dr. Christopher Liu of the Sussex Eye Clinic used a piece of tooth because a "living … anchor" was necessary to hold a patch of Jones' skin underneath his eyelid, to generate blood supply while a new lens formed. When the lens was healthy enough, Dr. Liu made a hole in the cornea for light to pass, and Jones feasted his eye on his wife, whom he had married four years ago, sight unseen.

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

Questionable Judgments: 1) Christopher Lister, 21, pleaded guilty to a home burglary in June in England's Leeds Crown Court. He and two pals had attempted to steal a plasma TV in broad daylight last year, but witnesses easily identified Lister. He is 7 feet tall and lives only a few doors down from the crime scene. 2) Markeith Webb, who was wanted by police for a bank robbery in Easton, Pa., in June, left a string of indignant phone messages at a police station, angry that cops had released his photograph to the media. Just for that, he said, he would make sure they never caught him. He was captured six days later.

FAMILY VALUES

1) Thomas Stites, 25, was charged with first-degree sexual assault of a child in Manitowoc, Wis., in June, thus becoming the fourth Stites brother to face sex charges recently. (In addition, brother Michael Stites' wife and their son have also been charged with sexual assault.) 2) Mykal Carberry, 13, was arrested in Hyannis, Mass., in March and charged with arranging for the murder of his 16-year-old half-brother, Jordan, so that, according to police, he could take Jordan's place atop the family's prosperous Cape Cod cocaine distribution ring. (The boss' job was open following the boys' father's recent imprisonment.)

INEXPLICABLE

According to the Pentagon, there are only 566 surviving U.S. prisoners of war from the Vietnam era and 21 from the first Gulf War, but the Veterans Benefits Administration has been paying POWlabeled disability benefits to 966 and 286 people, respectively, according to an April Associated Press investigation. The AP found that, even though the Pentagon POW list is posted online, the VA does not routinely check it when a veteran applies for POW status. (POW claimants go to the front of the VA disability-application line and receive various other privileges.)

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

UPDATE

"News of the Weird" reported in 2003 on San Francisco artist Jonathon Keats' project to sell "futures contracts" on his brain cells (provided science discovers how to keep them alive after he dies), with \$10 buying a million of Keats' radically imaginative neurons. In a new recent project, which critiques today's hyperactive media, Keats has published a story in print that will take almost 1,000 years to read beginning to end. Actually, it is only nine words long (published in the interactive multimedia print magazine Opium), and, according to the instructions, the ink will reveal itself, ever so slowly, as it is exposed to air and light, taking about one century per word.

MORE SCI-FI MOVIE IDEAS

1) Researchers in Japan and Spain found recently that Argentine ants, normally highly aggressive and territorial, are actually one huge global colony with three expanding centers: a 3,700-mile-long stretch in Europe, a 560-mile strip in California, and a swath of Japan's west coast. Researchers hypothesized the kinship because, when members from those groups were thrown together, they became docile. 2) A June article in the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases reported the worldwide reach of incidents of tapeworms that grow inside humans to nearly 40 feet in length. The most serious carrier, according to a Scientific American summary, is salmon sashimi. (Anthony Franz's 2008 lawsuit against a Chicago sushi restaurant, for a 9-foot-long tapeworm, is still pending.)

CAN'T POSSIBLY BE TRUE

Until Mayor Sharon McShurley changed the protocol this year, fire stations in Muncie, Ind., had been delivering reports to department headquarters downtown by dropping them off in fire engines. McShurley ordered the department to learn how to send reports by e-mail.

In June, the New York Police Department spent \$99,000 on a typewriter repair contract, which will take on increasing importance since last year NYPD bought thousands of new typewriters, manual and electric, costing the city almost \$1 million. The NYPD still is not even close to computerizing some of its daily-use forms, such as property and evidence reports.

Hundreds of Los Angeles' down-and-out live not just underneath local freeways but inside their concrete structures, according to a June Los Angeles Times report. The largest "home" is a double-gymnasium-sized cavern under the Interstate 10 freeway in the suburb of Baldwin Park. That space is nearly inaccessible, requiring squeezing through a rusty grating, traversing a narrow ledge, and descending a ladder to reach "a vast, vaultlike netherworld, strewn with garbage and syringes," with toys and rattles and a cat carcass visible on an upper platform marginally harder for rats to reach. Authorities shy away from the area, out of fear, but every few years, state officials try to seal the entrance (which the homeless quickly unseal as soon as the officials leave).

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was livid in June when he learned that inmate Tuvia Stern, housed in the city's notorious lockup the Tombs, had arranged a privately catered, 50-guest bar mitzvah for his son inside the facility's gym, officiated by a prominent rabbi and assisted by five jail guards. The caterers were even allowed to bring in knives for food preparation and dining. It was not surprising that it was Stern who pulled it off, because at the time he was awaiting sentencing for running two slick business scams.

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

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THURSDAY **30**

* INSIDE BOOKS is back (now air-conditioned and mosquito-free), so there's no excuse not to help send free books to Texas prisons. Thursdays & Sundays, 8-11pm. Space 12, 3121 E. 12th, 647-4803. www.insidebooksproject.org.

MIX IT UP FOR MDA How can you help the Muscular Dystrophy Association? Just imbibe some fancy drinks and nosh on some special appetizers today between 5 and 10pm. Now you're buzzed, sati-ated, and feeling charitable. *Carrabba's Italian Grill,* 11590 Research, 345-8232. \$15.

* NERD NITE Do you have encyclopedic knowledge about something obscure? Share your dorkiness with people who appreciate an obsessed mind. This week's discussions include the economy, geocaching, and the second-tier characters of John Hughes movies. 7pm. Buffalo Billiards, 201 E. Sixth. Free. www.austin.nerdnite.com

W OUT YOUTH DROP IN High school can be hell, especially for the li'l tyke dykes and fag-o-tots. Our local nonprofit support/drop-in center for gay, les-bian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning peeps, ages 12-19, is open to youth three days a week. Thursdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, 4:30-8:30pm. Out Youth House, 909 E. 49th, 419-1233.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT Ain't no party like an Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan party, 'cause an Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan party don't stop. Help prioritize and strategize to make zero-waste a reality and lower Solid Waste Services' carbon footprint. 6:30pm. Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs. Rd., Rm. 130. Free. www.austinrecycles.com

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

- Blood on the Highway @ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm
- Easy Rider @ Paramount, 8:50pm Happiness Is @ Alamo Drafthouse South. 9:30pm Street Fight @ Texas Music Museum, 7pm The Wild One @ Paramount, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

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ALL AUSTIN, ALL HANDMADE BASH

Come for the bevy of local DIYers showing off their handicrafts, but stay to actually do it yourself with activities and projects. A fashion show, massages, and a rock & roll photo booth ensure that you're stylish all evening. 7-11pm. Beauty Bar, 617 E. Seventh, 963-1790. \$1-2. www.electricpromotions.com/bashinfo.html.

₩ AN EVENING FOR THE LADIES FILM SERIES

Enjoy flicks (on the screen, you naughty naughty). This week: The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love! 7:30pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. 105-A, 472-2785. Free.

🗱 BOOTS VS. BADGES CHALLENGE The Auxiliary to the Austin Firefighters Association and the Austin Police Department have each been battling it out to recruit more blood donors than the other. Donate any time before then and vote for your favorite heroes, or come out during the competition. Extra blood does not mean extra votes. Call or go online to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are also welcome. 8am-4pm. Norris Conference Centers, 2525 W. Anderson, 206-1266. www.inyourhands.org.

community THURSDAY, JULY 30 TO THURSDAY, AUG 6 listings

CLASSIC VIDEO GAME FEST This installment of the fest will cure what ails you with a Dr. Mario tournament. It's like Tetris except with Mario as your pusherman. Come dressed as your favorite videogame character and enter the costume contest, or just enjoy the vintage gaming on the big screen. Sign up befor the tourney begins at 7pm. 6pm-12mid. Game Over Videogames, Highway 183 & Lamar. Free. www.gameovervideogames.com.

FEED THE BLOGGER Celebrate the birthday of Thorne Dreyer, co-editor of the Rag Blog. In lieu of presents, bring funds for the Austin-based progressive internet magazine. 6-9pm. Maria's Taco Xpress, 2529 S. Lamar, 444-0261. Donations appreciated. www.theragblog.blogspot.com

FINAL KITTY KITTY BANG BANG SHOW

What better way for this burlesque troupe to go out than with a titillating homage to end days? Apocalypse Wow brings your Mad Max fantasies to curvaceous life. With names like Bibi la Boop and Legs Cadillac, how can you not shake it? Fri-Sat., July 31-Aug. 1, 9pm. The Independent at 501 Studios, 501 N. I-35, 825-6900.

\$15. www.texaskitties.com

MUSIC UNDER THE STAR Free barbecue, ice cream, and iced tea (while supplies last) draw a crowd to the big star at the Texas State History Museum. Live music helps you digest. If things get too loud, check out the museum's exhibits for free. 6-9pm. Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 Congress, 936-8746. Free. www.thestoryoftexas.com

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSITY CONFERENCE Members of the Hispanic and

African-American business communities are invited to gather, network, and attend workshops designed to launch careers and build brands. 8am-5pm. UT Commons Conference Center, 10100 Burnet Rd. \$15-25. www.texaslead.com

👾 SEND THE SHADY LADIES TO THE WORLD

SERIES It's softball fundraising time at the 'Can. Now, we're not sure what a 50/50 raffle is, but we are pretty clear on strippers and Jell-O shots. Oilcan Harry's, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823.

SUPER SMASH BROS. BRAWL TOURNAMENT IF video games are what it takes to get kids to the library. then so be it. Enter a qualifying round today. Pick up a book while you're there. See www.cityofaustin.org/library for a schedule of events. 2pm. St. John Branch Library, 7500 Blessing, 974-7400. Free.

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Mas Bodas, Archibald Adams (solo album debut and featuring one Stanley Roy on backup vox), and Pataphysics toot at the Scoot. 9pm. The Scoot Inn, 1308 E. Fourth, 478-6200. \$5. www.myspace.com/nomasbodas, www.myspace.com/ archibaldadams, www.myspace.com/patrickhealy.

TUITION PROMISE FUND DEADLINE Enroll your newborn in the state's prepaid college tuition program before prices go up in September. It might seem a bit early, and your kid probably doesn't look all that smart yet, but you'll pat yourself on the back in 18 years. Go online for details. www.texastuitionpromisefund.com

> ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) **Epoch Coffee**

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Easy Rider @ Paramount, 7:15pm Lights. Camera. Help. @ Southwest Key Austin Community Center, 7pm The Wild One @ Paramount, 9:25pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Room 710's Final Weekend Room 710 Jungle Rockers, the Bachelorettes Beerland Doyle Bramhall, the Marshall Ford Swing Band Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum Neville Brothers, Dr. John Austin Music Hall

SATURDAY 01

ACLU MEETING The American Civil Liberties Union presents a day of events (i.e., workshops, discussions, etc.) concerning religious rights in Texas. Register online to attend. 8:30am. Omni Hotel Southpark, 4140 Governor's Row, 478-7300. Free. www.aclutx.org.

AUSTIN URBAN MARKET Help support the local economy by shopping for handmade jewelry, hair and skin care products, dolls, and African decor. The poetry, music, and free balloons for the kids help you get in the spirit of Ujamaa or cooperative economics. 10am-4pm. Villager Newspaper, 1223-A Rosewood, 785-7045. african visions@yahoo com. www.voubuttabelieveit.com/theuiamaawav.htm.

AUSTIN ZOO BENEFIT Local musicians rock for the

this week's

furry, scaly, and slimy animals who can't. Bring money or other items (e.g., blankets, rakes, shovels, and bowls) for Austin Zoo's animal rescue efforts. *8pm-1am.* Carousel Lounge, 1110 E. 52nd, 292-1987. \$5 suggested donation. www.austinzoo.org.

BALLET FOLKLORICO SUMMER CULTURAL FEST

includes traditional dances from Hawaii, India, and China. The finale features Round Rock Ballet Folklorico performing dances from Jalisco, Mexico. 6-9pm. Round Rock Amphitheater, 301 W. Bagdad, 512/659-5667. Free. www.roundrockballetfolklorico.org

CONSERVE ENERGY & SAVE MONEY Austin Energy hosts this series of talks aimed at making you the greenest citizen you can be. 11am. Faulk Central Branch Library, 800 Guadalupe, 974-7400. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

DRIPPING SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET You're local; shouldn't your food be too? First and third Saturdays, 9am-1pm. The Triangle, corner of Highway 290 & RR 12, Dripping Springs, 512/858-4725. Free. www.dsfarmersmarket.yolasite.com

ELEMENTARY MATH CHECKUPS See if your kids' math skills are up to snuff for the next school year. If not, the folks at Sylvan will doubtless help you out for a small fee. 1-3pm. Sylvan Learning Center of North Austin, Highway 183 North at Anderson Mill, 336-1818. Free. www.austinsvlvantutors.com.

FAMILY FUN DAY BENEFIT This new Arboretum burger joint pulls out the stops for the kiddies with arts & crafts, storytime with the cast of Fergus's Funhouse, and 50 cents of every milkshake sold going to LifeWorks. 2-4pm. Elevation Burger, 9828 Great Hills Trail, 608-4054. Free. www.elevationburger.com.

GIRLS ROCK CAMP SHOWCASE The young ladies have survived the boot camp of rock and now show off their skills in front of family, friends, and fans. Come and support the empowerment of youth and this local non-profit. 2pm. The Parish, 214 E. Sixth, upstairs, 479-0474. \$5 suggested donation. www.girlsrockcampaustin.org.

KOMBUCHA-MAKING WORKSHOP What better way to put some bubble in your life than with a big batch of organic kombucha. Call to RSVP, and start brewing today. 10am. Directions given with reservation, 423-1050. \$35 for class and starter kit. www.docjody.com

LIBRES Y LOKAS OPENING RECEPTION Ponder the intersection between drag queens and lucha libre at this photo and video espectaculo by Otis Ike and Ivete Lucas running through September. Opening night features live drag transformations from local faves Kelly



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YOUNG ONES

Kline, Jame Perry, Nacha Type, and more. Opening reception: 7pm. Exhibit runs Sat., Aug. 1-Thu., Sept. 3. Domy Books. 913 E. Cesar Chavez. 476-3669. www.domvstore.com/austin

LITTLE LOUNGE LIZARDS Bring the 10-and-under set for a night on the town. Well, more like an afternoon, but there will be dancing to a live DJ. More than that, you'll be dancing on live sharks under the dance floor. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. First Saturdays, 1-4pm. Qua Bottle Lounge, 213 W. Fourth, 291-0714. \$7-10. www.littleloungelizards.com

WEET SOME LESFIC SHEROES Meet, greet, and read award-winning authors Erin O'Reilly and Brenda Adcock, 7pm, BookWoman, 5501 N, Lamar Ste, 105-A. 472-2785. Free.

PINOCCHIO Austin Summer Musical for Children presents that famous fibbing puppet Pinocchio. Entertain the kids and instill in them a healthy fear of whales at the same time. Sat.-Sun., Aug. 1-2 & 8-9, 2 & 4pm. Boyd Vance Theatre at Carver, 1165 Angelina, 974-4926, Free,

SOLAR FIRST SATURDAY gets everyone from homeowners to solar contractors up to speed with the latest solar legislation and tech tricks of the trade. 9am. Habitat Suites, 500 E. Highland Mall Blvd., 443-5725. \$50. www.imaginesolar.com

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION & YOU Democrat Laura Ewing and Republican Pat Hardy discuss the merits of running for the SBOE, an unpaid position that everyone loves to complain about. See if you have what it takes. 11:45am. Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock. Free. keohane@prodigy.net.

THE FROG PRINCE is a new musical production about a bratty girl who, with the help of a clever frog, learns that being a princess is more than just wearing a tiara. June 27-Aug. 2: Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 2pm. Austin Scottish Rite Theatre, 207 W. 18th, 472-5436. \$10 (\$7. children). www.srct.org.

* WE CARE CALL-A-THON The Austin Independent School District Office of Dropout Prevention and Reduction is looking for a few good volunteers to make calls to students (and parents of students) who have dropped out. Call to volunteer for the call-a-thon or for a shift during the two-week call effort. 10am-1pm. Carruth Administration Center, 111 W. Sixth, 414-0324.

WELDON HENSON According to 'tender Brenda, it's some "honky-tonk with a li'l badonkadonk." Oooch. 10pm. Rusty Spurs, 405 E. Seventh, 482-9002. Free.

ZILKER PRESERVE CLEANUP Nonprofit EcoTexas asks that you don your invasive-species-removal pants and help Zilker look its best. 8:30am. Zilker Nature Preserve, 301 Nature Center Dr. www.zilker.ecotx.org.

FINAL KITTY KITTY BANG BANG SHOW (See Friday.)

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) **Domy Books**

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) East of Eden @ Paramount, 9:20pm Rebel Without a Cause @ Paramount, 7pm The Wizard of Oz @ Paramount, 2, 4:30pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Room 710's Final Weekend Room 710 De La Soul Emo's Girls Rock Camp Showcase The Parish Kim Lenz & the Jaguars Continental Club

SUNDAY 02

👑 BEER BUST & BARBECUE Burgers,

dogs, or BYO meat. You know ... as in eat. Sundays, 5-9pm. Rusty Spurs, 405 E. Seventh, 482-9002. Free.

FRENCH KISS THE COOK The end of the weekend means barbecue on the patio early (5-8pm) and French Kiss into the "oui oui" hours, featuring Vanessa Gordon, Rachel Mykels, and more. Sundays, 5pm-close. Kiss & Fly, 404 Colorado, 476-7799. Free, donations for barbecue go to charity.

👾 PRIME TIMERS LIKE FINE WINE Mature gay men meet monthly. Hellllllooooooo, daddy. 2pm. Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe, 499-7480. Free. www.austinptww.org.

* SCARE FOR A CURE VOLUNTEER

ORIENTATION See what this haunted house institution has up its blood-soaked sleeve this year, with the money going to various local cancer charities. They need volunteers for all positions, from actors to builders to tech folk. 2pm. Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson, 442-8535. Free.

scareforacure@austin.rr.com, www.scareforacure.org

TEXAS FRIENDSHIP DAY Now, we're all for a strong state government, but perhaps it has gone too far. Friendship Day? Can the house of representatives really tell us when we should "promote a healthy dialogue about personal friendships and enrich the lives of all participants"? Don't let the man tell you when you can and cannot be a jerk.

TIBETAN BUDDHIST TEACHING Geshe Soepa shares the knowledge he's gained during his efforts to attain perfection and purify negative karma. Sundays, noon-2pm, Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Land of Compassion & Wisdom, 2601 Penny Ln., 921-6901. Free (donations appreciated). bonniebaptist@hotmail.com, www.austinfpmt.com

* INSIDE BOOKS (See Thursday, 7/30.)

PINOCCHIO (See Saturday.)

THE FROG PRINCE (See Saturday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) A Clockwork Orange @ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek. 8pm

East of Eden @ Paramount, 1pm

Rebel Without a Cause @ Paramount, 3:30pm The Wizard of Oz @ Paramount, 7:30pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Music & a Movie Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek



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BACK IN ACTION It's about food. Sort of. It's about women. Yes, please. It's about community. Indubitably. It's Foodies. And it is back, babies: Western, English, Sybian, however you prefer to ride, Foodies is back in the saddle again. Kitty the woman behind the coveted mass-mailing list of local lesbians – has kept the group alive even during its slow time. But if these Send gay bits to recent few events are any indication, the gayplace@ austinchronicle.com. Foodies phenom will quash any frets of Austin dyke culture withering due to its lack of bars or, ahem, watering holes. When Foodies is cranking full gallop, that austinchronicle.com lack just doesn't matter. Sure, it would gayplaceblog. be lovely to have a place to call our own, but necessity is the big hot mama of invention, and Foodies answers that cry in the lesbo



future of the collision of cultures that is East Sixth Street, 2009. When else have you seen gaggles of women descending in equal degrees of intensity upon establishments as varied as Rio Rita and Primo's? Rabbit's Lounge and East Side Show Room? Cheer up Charlie's and the ATX? Foodies is back, babies. It's free. It's not for profit. It's for fun. And it is so very Austin. Get on the list. (See Foodies blurb, p.55.)

MONDAY 03

BABY BLOOMERS Bring the kiddiest

of kids (ages 3 and younger) for a playdate including storytime, a sing-along, the Little Explorer's Lab, and more childish and educational antics. Mondays, 9am-noon. Austin Children's Museum, 201 Colorado, 472-2499. \$4-8. www.austinkids.org

MUSIC FOR GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP Si Kahn,

executive director of Grassroots Leadership, sings his songs of community and freedom to benefit his campaign to end immigrant family detention. 8pm. MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 971-0487. \$7-10 suggested donation. www.monkeywrenchbooks.org.

PET YAPPY HOUR Dress the family dog up in its finest beach garb, and come out to learn some new tricks. Drink specials for the humans, puppy tutoring. and canine-centric vendors will have you begging for more. 7pm. The Hub, 3815 Dry Creek Dr., 432-5390. Free.

SNICKERDOODLE SUGAR COOKIE DAYS Bring your 5- to 8-year-old for a week or just a day to learn the tasty art of baking homemade cookies. If nothing else, they finish the afternoon with a glass of milk and a delicious treat. Aug. 3-14, 1-4pm. Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina, 974-4926. \$100/two-week session, \$75/one-week session, \$20/ single afternoon carver.museum@ci.austin.tx.us www.carvermuseum.org

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) Kerbey Lane Cafe

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) DFW Punk @ Alamo Ritz, 10pm The Inglorious Bastards @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm

The Black Cat @ Paramount, 7pm The Mummy @ Paramount, 8:40pm MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Counting Crows Austin Music Hall Yppah Mohawk



EAST AUSTIN SPEAKER SERIES Get a better sense of the past, present, and

future of the Eastside from the area's grassroots leaders. Topics include activism, housing, jobs, and education. First and third Tuesdays, 6pm. East Austin Community Center, 6002 Jain, 462-2181. Free. www.swkey.org

FREE HIV/STD TESTING Keep it clean, fellas! Tuesdays, 1-3pm & 8-11pm. Midtowne Spa, 5815 Airport 302-9696 www.midtowne.com

LONESTAR MENSA MEETING Everyone's invited, and everyone can feel like a smarty pants. This month Phil Ryals of the Goodwill Computer Museum shows off some of the collection's vintage tech. 7pm. Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr., 491-9881. Free. www.lsm.us.mensa.org.

WIND JUST FOR LUSHES Time for another installment of your favorite first Tuesday ladies' night, LuSHE. hooked up with cheap drinks and hot lady 'tenders by the eyeful. Race you to the ceiling on that stripper pole. 9pm. Rain on 4th, 217 W. Fourth, 494-1150.

ROYAL FIG SUPPER CLUB Buy your tickets online for this elegant five-course gourmet meal with wine. *7pm. The Allan House,* 1104 San Antonio, 814-9743. \$75. www.rovalfig.com

🗱 SIERRA CLUB MEETING This month Mike Quinn, president of the Austin Butterfly Forum, discusses the monarch butterfly and the threats to its survival. 7pm, Texas State Teachers Association, 316 W, 12th. 877/275-8782. Free, www.texas.sierraclub.org/austin.







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BY GERALD E. MCLEOD **daytrips**

Swimming holes in state parks are some of the most reliable public places to get wet. With a summer as hot and dry as we have had this year, finding a place to swim and a shady

tree to lie under is one of the best kinds of outdoor fun.

I asked a friend at the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department which were the best state park swimming holes. He requested anonymity because it would be unfair to show favoritism on something so subjective.

His list, in no particular order, of the top five state park swimming holes shows his years of service to the parks. I added three of my favorites. Balmorhea State



Park in West Texas was first on his list and should be close to the top of anybody's list of swimming holes. Covering almost two acres, the spring-fed pool stays 72 to 76 degrees year-round. Staying in the park's cabins is also a real treat.

Lost Maples State Natural Area outside of Vanderpool was a surprise to me. Known mostly for the colorful fall foliage, there is a nice swimming hole in the Sabinal River by the campground.

Pedernales Falls State Park near Johnson City is worthy of inclusion on this list. The river is pretty slow-moving, but there are still a few pools where you can get wet. In wetter years, this is one of the best swimming holes in the state.

South Llano River State Park, just south of Junction, is on another river with levels that can fluctuate wildly. There is a spring upstream from the park that keeps the river running during dry seasons. This park is one of the best-kept secrets in the state parks system.

Inks Lake State Park outside of Burnet has the terrific Devil's Waterhole in the northern end of the park. The constant-level lake offers beaches where the pink granite slabs slip into the water. Add to this entry any of the other 14 state parks with "lake" in the name; they all have swimming beaches.

Galveston Island State Park is one that I would add to the list. The park has reopened since Hurricane Ike nearly washed it away.

Palmetto State Park outside of Gonzales needs to be on the list as well. The San Marcos River takes a horseshoe-shaped bend in the park for a good tube ride.

And finally, Garner State Park on the Frio River is one of the most popular swimming holes in South Texas. You can do a float trip or just soak in the cold water. Avoid visiting on weekends, if you can.

At least my trusted source at TPWD didn't suggest I take a flying leap into the water at Brazos Bend State Park. South of Houston, the park is best known for telescopes and alligators. I guess he really is a friend.

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SHAKESPEARE AT WINEDALE presents Much Ado About Nothing, Richard III, and Cymbeline done by students of all ages and backgrounds in a rustic setting. Thu.-Sun., July 30-Aug. 2, Aug. 6-9. Winedale Shakespeare Barn, Round Top, 979/249-4042. www.shakespeare-winedale.org.

FASCINATING WORLD OF BUTTERFLIES begins with an introduction to butterfly identification and then a hike through the gardens looking for the many species that make the park their home. *Sat., Aug. 1, 10am-*1:30pm. Texas Discovery Gardens, *Fair Park, Dallas,* 214/428-7476. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org.

TEXAS FISH SCHOOL Give children 6 years old and older fish sandwiches, and you have fed them for a day; teach them the basics of fishing, and you have a Certified Junior Angler who has learned a lifelong skill. Sat., Aug. 1, 8, 15; 9-11am. Blanco State Park, Blanco, 830/833-4333. www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

HISTORIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Take a drive on the scenic Willow City Loop and a tour of the schoolhouse that was used from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Former students will be on hand to show visitors around and share stories. Sat., Aug. 1, 11am-4pm. Willow City School, 2501 RR 1323, Gillespie County, 830/685-3385. www.historicschools.org.

CRUSH FOR FUN lets visitors get their feet wet, try the winery's offerings, and taste the food of local vendors. Sat.-Sun., Aug. 1-2, 8-9. Pleasant Hill Winery, Brenham, 979/830-8463. www.pleasanthillwinery.com.

ART FAIR features the work of more than 100 Texas artists working in a variety of media. *Sat.-Sun., Aug. 1-2. Pace Park, Salado, 254/947-5040.* www.salado.com. WHEELIN' & DEALIN' POWER DYKES For power dykes and the women who love them, presented by Foodies. Come early, and fawn over fancy furniture. Bring snacks and white (only!) wine. 5:30pm. Bo Concept, 430 W. Second, 258-0835. Free, bring your business cards. beatsagog@aol.com, www.boconceptaustin.com.

YELLOW BIKE BENEFIT CONCERT Building a new headquarters for the Yellow Bike Project doesn't come cheap. But tonight it can come easily. All you have to do to help is watch some music from the likes of James & the Douchebags, the Diving Captain, and Black Cock. *Spm. Emo's*, 603 *Red River*, 477-3667. \$5. www.austinyellowbike.org.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) The Inglorious Bastards @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm The Black Cat @ Paramount, 8:45pm The Mummy @ Paramount, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp Dell Diamond

Yellow Bike Project Benefit Emo's M. Ward Antone's



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BUSINESS AWARDS LUNCHEON The Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce celebrates deserving local businesses and individuals with a soiree and shiny awards. 11am-1pm. Omni Hotel Downtown, 700 San Jacinto, 459-1181. \$25-55. www.capcitychamber.org.

CHEESE IN THE HEART OF TEXAS The American Cheese Society brings its annual conference to Austin. That means cheese workshops, cheese meetings, cheese keynotes, cheese round tables, and cheese booksignings. All culminating with a Festival of Cheese on Saturday, Aug. 8, 5:30pm (\$75 for the general public). See "Cheese in the Heart of Texas," Food, p.35, for more details. Wed.-Sat., Aug. 5-8. Hilton Hotel Downtown, 500 E. Fourth, 485-5999. www.cheesesoclety.org.

COMMUNITY NIGHT AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM means cheap entry for all the exhibitions and activities you expect from this fun and educational kiddie mecca. Wednesdays, 5-8pm. Austin Children's Museum, 201 Colorado, 472-2499. \$1 suggested donation. www.austinkids.org.

GAY KARAOKE Croon your brains out. Pick a number that fits into that night's theme, and bartender Brender will float you a shot. Whoo hoo! *Wednesdays*, 9:30pm-2am. Rusty Spurs, 405 E. Seventh, 482-9002. Free.

LIVE AT THE DRIVE Tonight: Night Viking, Liz Burrito, and How I Quit Crack. 9:30pm. Chain Drive, 504 Willow. 480-9017.

ST. JOHN/CORONADO HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING Get involved in these public planning sessions. The fate of your neighborhood depends on it. 6:30pm. Pickle Elementary School cafeteria, 1101 Wheatley. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/zoning/sj_ch.htm.

SUPER SMASH BROS. BRAWL TOURNAMENT See Friday for more info. 2pm. Hampton Library, 5125 Convict Hill Rd., 974-7400. Free.

TEXAS NORML MEETING convenes monthly to discuss the latest developments in marijuana-law reform. *First Wednesdays, 8pm. Hickory Street Bar & Grill,* 800 Congress, 477-8968. *Free.* www.texasnorml.org.

TIBETAN BUDDHIST TEACHING (See Sunday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Alien^a @ Paramount, 7pm Aliens @ Paramount, 9:20pm The Inglorious Bastards @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm The Goonies @ Central Market North, 8:30pm The Magic Flute @ Metropolitan, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Church of the Snake Beerland

THURSDAY 06

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

LIVING NEWSPAPER PERFORMANCES The Living Newspaper Summer Youth Theatre Troupe from UT's Humanities Institute five-week summer program will be dramatizing issues surrounding immigration in the style of Depression-era Living Newspapers founded by the Federal Theatre Project. *Thu.-Fri., Aug.* 6-7, 10am & 2pm; Sat., Aug. 8, 4pm. Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 Congress, 936-8746. Free with exhibit admission. www.thestoryoftexas.com.

MEET THE LENDER BUSINESS LOAN FAIR Whether you're looking to expand or start a business, you can't do much without a lender. Meet, network, learn about the lending process, and impress would-be lenders with your airtight business plan. 3-7pm. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd., 404-4500. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp.

Q BOYZ SUMMER CLOSURES Fret not. The closures are just for a few days here and there. The usual schedule of *Wednesdays-Fridays*, 2-10pm and *Tuesdays and Saturdays*, 11am-7pm is otherwise in effect. Closed August 6 & 22 and Sept. 5. Q Boyz, 3408 West Ave., 420-8557. www.qboyz.org.

ROSE CARE FOR SUMMER HEAT Learn to reduce summer stress on your rose bushes. Just show up, and the Travis County Master Gardeners Association will show you the way to a strong fall bloom. *9am. Travis County AgriLife Extension Office*, 1600-B Smith Rd. Free.

WIGGLES GO BANANAS Do your little ones scream about the Wiggles incessantly? Well, why not give them something to scream about, because the musical troupe and all its friends are coming to town. Feel free to dress up like your favorite character. 6:30pm. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress, 472-5470. \$22-40, www.gettix.net.

WINEMAKING WORKSHOP Join the Austin chapter of Slow Food International and John Brack of Austin Homebrew Supply as they give attendees the basics of making wine here in Texas. Questions and schmoozing follow. 7pm. Habitat Suites, 500 E. Highland Mall Blvd., 467-6000, 800/535-4663. Free. www.slowfoodaustin.org.

INSIDE BOOKS (See Thursday, 7/30.)

MUSIC (See Music Listings.) Th' Legendary Shack Shakers, Bobby Bare Jr.

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AUSTIN MUSIC MEMORIAL NOMINATIONS Who will be honored with an engraved disc on the Long Center terrace? You decide. Go online for nomination requirements. Suggestions must be submitted before *Aug.* 31 since the induction ceremony will be March of next year. www.cityofaustin.org/music/memorial.htm.

DEAR AUSTIN A purchase of this poetic/photographic ode to our town by local Mackenzie Mayer will benefit our darling Out Youth. The book is available at these impetuously independent retailers: BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. 105-A, 472-2785; BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. \$10. www.ebookwoman.com, www.bookpeople.com.

DONATION REQUEST FOR ARCH Especially during the sweltering summer, the soap desk at the ARCH is in need of all manner of toiletries (deodorant, etc.), handheld fans, lip balm, sunscreen, and water bottles. Check the website, or call for specific items. *ARCH, 500 E. Seventh, 305-4174.* www.frontsteps.org.

FAMILY ELDERCARE FAN DRIVE Now that August is here, we can expect *real* summer heat. Help ensure that the elderly keep cool during these dog days by



CLASSIC VIDEO GAME FEST (SEE FRIDAY)

donating a fan. Call or go online for a list of donation drop-off locations. *Through Aug.* 31. *Family Eldercare*, 2210 Hancock Dr., 374-9056. www.familyeldercare.org.

FOODIES LOVIN' HAD ME A BLAST This legendary e-mail-based social network of women who love women who love food holds special events for the lay-deez. Coming up: Wheelin' and Dealin' Power Dykes, Evening at House Wine, Summer Lovin' Summer Games, etc. Do not miss: E-mail Kitty Poo-Poo to get on the list. beatsagogo@aol.com.

KIDS SUMMER MOVIES Summer means fun in the sun, but, in Texas, sometimes it means cooling down in a dark room. For those times, theatres all over town screen kid-friendly flicks on the cheap (sometimes free). Check out our Special Screenings, p.70, for dates, times, and locations.

LIBRES Y LOKAS Ponder the intersection between drag queens and lucha libre at this photo and video espectaculo by Otis Ike and Ivete Lucas running through September. Sat., Aug. 1-Thu., Sept. 3. Domy Books, 913 E. Cesar Chavez, 476-3669. www.domystore.com/austin.

MAKERKIDS All summer long the Austin Children's Museum gets kids into the DIY spirit with 20 activities in fiber arts, printmaking, sculpture, cardboard creations, and more. Austin Children's Museum, 201 Colorado, 472-2499. \$4.50-6.50. www.austinkids.org.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN TRAILBLAZERS The Austin History Center and the

Austin Public Library are looking for nominations of Mexican-Americans who opened doors and broke down walls for future generations. Categories include individuals in the fields of education, politics, sports, communication, and others. Nomination forms are due before Sept. 30 and must be mailed or faxed. *Gloria Espitia*, 810 Guadalupe, Austin, 78701, 974-7498, 974-7483 (fax). gloria.espitia@ci.austin.tx.us, www.city ofaustin.org/library/ahc/downloads/nomination_form.pdf.

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SUMMER SCHOOL MEALS Kids ages 1-18 enrolled in summer classes in Austin schools are eligible for free food service. Call for more info. 414-0251.



'LIBRAS Y LOKAS' (SEE SATURDAY)

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VALKYRIES WANT YOU Austin's reps in the Texas Rugby Union are calling for newbs. See the website for details. Monday and Wednesday practices, 7-9pm. Burnet Middle School, 8401 Hathaway, 841-8289. alex.davenport1@gmail.com, www.austinvalkyries.com.

& later

HOMOSCOPE Queer shorts and afterdance. Sun., Aug. 30, 8pm. United States Art Authority, 512 W. 29th, 480-9562. hybridvigorproductions@gmail.com, www.myspace.com/homoscope.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Find out more about what you can do to provide terminally ill patients with the care and services they need. Call anytime for information, or sign up for one of Harbor Hospice's volunteer training sessions. Training: Fri., Aug. 14, 11am. Harbor Hospice of Austin, 8700 Manchaca Rd. #502, 236-0400. jstephens@harborhospice.com. www.harborhospice.com.

LOSE THE TRAINING WHEELS BIKE CAMP

helps kids with disabilities learn the skills needed to ride a bike without assistance. Each child gets a 75-minute session each day for five days. Call or e-mail for a registration form. Aug. 17-21. Crockett Events Center, 10601 N. Lamar, 323-0808. \$100. rothberg@email.unc.edu.

SO COOL IN THE POOL Heat 'em up and cool 'em off at these two end-of-summer pool parties to benefit Equality Texas. Check the Web for deets, Pete. Sat.-Sun., Aug. 29-30. 474-5475. \$20, advance. www.equalitytexas.org.

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Tartuffe

City Theatre, through Aug. 16 Running time: 1 hr, 45 min

The success of City Theatre Company's staging of *Tartuffe* is a testament to both Charles P. Stites' fondness for the story – evident in his adaptation and in his performance of the title role –

as well as the strength of Molière's famous comedy. A program note explains that when Stites first read *Tartuffe* as a teen, he was struck by the similarity between the charlatans of the 1600s and the politicians of the day. So City Theatre Company's production is set in present-day Texas, and the new context works amazingly well. Molière was a forward-thinking guy: His maid is as outspoken as her master, his women do not take suppression quietly, and most poignantly, he is suspicious of zealots. The play, denounced by the church in its day, manages to express an important social critique while at the same time providing an entertaining story.

Tartuffe is a tale of faith gone wrong, of pietv leveraged for the gain of power, money, and, hopefully, sex. Orgon is a wealthy man who has become enamored of a seemingly religious, destitute gentleman by the name of Tartuffe. He takes Tartuffe into his home and offers him everything under the roof, from the best pieces of meat to copious amounts of money to his daughter's hand in marriage. So duped is Orgon by false piety, he essentially denounces his family. The family, on the other hand, sees Tartuffe for what he is, a fraud and a criminal, but they struggle to show the light to blinded Orgon. Throughout, Orgon's brother-in-law Cleante serves as the mouthpiece for Molière's views, urging moderation over extremity, humble faith over grandstanding. Cleante tells Orgon, "Phony piety is just as common as phony courage."

Stites' notion to set this 17th century play in a contemporary world was a good one, and his production flows smoothly and enjoyably around Molière's story. The adaptation makes the language feel modern but still elegant. Stites' direction honors the robust physicality of Molière's imagination. The set, with its giant cross and hunting trophies and large portrait of Obama, conveys the sense of a religious, political, and wealthy household. The cast does good work across the board, particularly Wray Crawford in the crucial role of Orgon, who must serve as a foil to the title character; Crawford makes Orgon first a compelling fool, then a sympathetic repenter. Tartuffe might easily be played as a finger-tapping, beard-twirling embodiment of evil, but Stites takes a more interesting approach. His Tartuffe is ever so earthly – a spitting, drooling, sniveling lump of vileness. It's a great combination of the pathetic with the dangerous.

The show has the most fun with its present-day take toward the end of the night. The original includes a deus-ex-machinastyle twist in which an enlightened king saves the day. In this version, the officer who comes to arrest Orgon and instead, to everyone's surprise and delight, arrests Tartuffe, gestures toward the portrait of Obama and goes into an amusing speech: "We live under a leader who is an enemy to lving. His deep soul is blessed with a keen perception. He's far too brilliant to be fooled by empty zeal." The officer even works in a Patriot Act joke. On opening night, the audience was greatly amused by this cheeky yet effective meeting of the old material with the new setting. Ultimately, Tartuffe is about moderation, about rational thought and true faith over corruption and zeal. Molière and City Theatre Company have wrapped the message in an entertaining and well-executed evening of theatre. Any time you can use Barack Obama as a deus-ex-machina device, you're doing something right. And you know Tartuffe has hit home when the actor in the title role gets playfully booed at curtain call. – Hannah Kenah

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OPENING

SUMMERSTOCK AUSTIN: SWEENEY TODD, LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS High school students get their theatre careers started in shows like these – maybe in these very shows – as taught by professional actors in the ways of greasepaint and gaffa. July 30-Aug. 9. Tue.-Sun., 7:30pm. Extra shows: Sun., Aug. 2; Sat.-Sun., Aug. 8-9, 2:30pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 428-1297. \$15-20. www.summerstockaustin.org.

ORESTES "Set days after Orestes' murder of his own mother in retribution for the assassination of his father, the dark fevered hallways of Orestes' mind are explored as he seeks absolution and release from the curse of the House of Atreus." Dark? Heavy? Violent? That's yes times three for this amalgamation of ancient Greek dramas centered by Euripedes' fierce tale. It's a good thing, we say, that the professionals of Cambiare Productions are the ones taking it on. Adapted and directed by Will Hollis Snider. See "Orestes," p.31, for more. *Thu.Sat., July 30:Aug. 15, 8pm. The Off Center, 2211:A Hidalgo, 524:3761.* \$15 (\$12, students; pay what you can, *Thursday).* www.cambiareproductions.com.

RICHARD III Can we ever have enough

Shakespearean kings in town at one time? Witness fanciful history brought to life as the Austin Drama Club presents the Bard's much crueler, more twisted monarch – with Japhy Fernandes in the title role, as directed by mafia-inspired Julio Melo. E-mail for details. *July 30-Aug.* 22. ceasarbnice@yahoo.com.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS Not quite brass orchids, are they, kid? No, this is Robert Harling's heartwarming play that's "full of laughter, tears, and great Eighties hairdos." (Note: Never underestimate the power of Southern women.) Directed by Cathy Jones for the Trinity Street Players. July 31-Aug. 9. Fri.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity, 476-2625. Free, but call for reservations.

VORTEX SUMMER YOUTH THEATRE: ROSSUM'S UNIVERSAL ROBOTS Karel Capek's classic *R.U.R.* comes to life via this year's batch of young Vortex robotniks, directed by Gabriel Maldonado. *Thu.-Sun.*, *July* 31-Aug. 8, 8pm. *The Vortex*, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. \$10-30. www.vortexrep.org.

EPIDEMIC OF FEAR You needn't have devoured Laurie Garrett's excellent *The Coming Plague* in a single sitting to appreciate the trappings (and biological MacGuffin) of this what-if musical – excuse me: *influenzical* – from the warped minds of Crank Collective, directed by John Cecil. Just how paranoid, absurd, and Gitmo-licious might a government response to a fully-fledged epidemic become? See here, where they feature "music that is live and chickens that are not." *Fri.-Sat., July 31-Aug.* 8, 8pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$15. www.salvagevanguard.org.

STAGED BY THE BELL is an episode of the old TV show Saved by the Bell, performed live by the sharp talents of the Institution Theatre. No, seriously. Specifically, it's the episode in which Elizabeth Berkley's character's overambitious nature gets her hooked on caffeine pills. So incredibly bad that it's brilliant, we reckon, and directed by the unstoppable impresario and comedy wizard Tom Booker. Aug. 2-23. Sundays, 8pm. United States Art Authority, 512 W. 29th, 895-9580. \$10. www.theinstitutiontheatre.com.

LIVING NEWSPAPER PERFORMANCES This recreation of Depression-era Living Newspapers originally founded by the Federal Theatre Project will showcase youth performances dramatizing issues surrounding immigration. *Aug.* 6-8. *Thu.-Fri.*, 10am & 2pm; Sat., 4pm. Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 Congress, 936-8746. Free with exhibit admission. www.thestoryoftexas.com.

HOUSE OF SEVERAL STORIES: A TRAGEDY IN TWO ACTS OF NONSENSE Thanksgiving isn't what it used to be in this absurdist comedy about an eccentric family and its unusual guests. The show – written and directed by A. John Boulanger for Imagine That's inauguration – is high-powered with performances by Lauren Lane, Martin Burke, Meredith McCall, Adam Pearson, and Kelli Schultz. Aug. 6-23. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5pm. Austin Playhouse, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. C, 476-0084. \$20-30 (\$15, students). www.it-productions.org.

CLOSING

SOUVENIR Out Bastrop way, Stephen Temperley's comedy about the lady who couldn't sing but became a cult figure with classical repertoire and outrageous costumes is directed by Chester Eitze. *Through Aug.* 10. *Fri.-Sat., 8pm. Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St., Bastrop, \$5-10. www.bastropoperahouse.com.*

THE WEIRD SISTERS: GOODNIGHT, DESDEMONA (GOOD MORNING, JULIET) The all-female troupe's fifth annual production is a Velveeta-nibbling, Coorsswilling, irreverent look at Shakespeare's classics, starring Chris Humphrey. *Through Aug. 1. Thu.-Sat.*, 8pm. Cathedral of Junk, 4422 Lareina, 921-2923. \$5-20. www.weirdsisterscollective.com.

ONGOING

DEAR FRAILTY Arthur Simone is an improvisational actor, abstract expressionist artist, and advocate of the culture of spontaneity. This, though, is a night of his *scripted* monologues and character work, and we reckon we'll list it here as well as in the comedy section. After all, what's less than theatrical about someone, one-third of the ColdTowne posse, who's also a former Air Sex World Champion and winner of the O. Henry Pun-Off? Talented, talented man: Recommended for those who like their comedy dark and twitchy. *Through Aug. 28. Fridays, 9pm. ColdTowne Theater, 4803-B Airport, 524-2807. \$10.*

TARTUFFE The grand Molière's most famous (and perforce French) farce unveils much of every society's bullshit, via the scheming, scandalous scourge of the title character. Here directed for City Theatre by Charles Stites – who takes the plum role for himself, the feckless fiend. "Feckless!" we say. And recommended to lovers of the classics. See review, left. *Through Aug. 16. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5:30pm. City Theatre, 3823 Airport Ste. D, 524-2870.* \$15-25. www.citytheatreaustin.org.

KILLER JOE returns like a good bad nightmare for only three weekends, and then that's it, *c*'est *finis*, it won't be seen again. Capital T Theatre bows to some extremely insistent demand in reprising its take on the darkly comedic play by Pulitzer-winning playwright Tracy Letts. Mark Pickell directs, with the unnerving Ken Bradley in the title role, Joey Hood and others attempting to weather his storm, and enough chicken-fried violence to fill an N.R.A.-brand trailer park. (NB: Nudity, gunshots, adult situations.) *Through Aug.* 8. *Thu.-Sat., 8pm. Hyde Park Theatre, 511 W. 43rd*, 479-PLAY. \$15-25. www.capitalt.org.

KITTY KITTY BANG BANG: APOCALYPSE WOW

The Kitties (in their final show) prepare us for the imminent End Times with a little flash of flesh, a little bump of grind, and a big old smile in the midst of your burlesque-loving phiz. *Fri.-Sat., July* 31-*Aug.* 1, 9pm. *The Independent, 501 N. I-35, 485-3001.* \$15. www.texaskitties.com.

LOVE, JANIS This staged spectacle of live music explores the Texas-born performer not only through her legendary songs but also via letters she wrote to her family. The phenomenal Andra Mitrovich returns in her original starring role, so you know the rafters are liable to burst into flames from the pure paisley power of it all. *Through Aug.* 30. *Wed.-Sat.*, *8pm; Sun.*, 2:30pm. Zach Theatre, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541. \$20-45. www.zachscott.com.

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL: THE MUSIC MAN Did you know that the *Simpsons* homage to this popular show – you recall that episode about the monorail, yes? – was written by Conan O'Brien? Well, now you do. And now you *really* want to grab a pic-a-nic and watch Meredith Willson's classic performed live on the great green hillside by an enthusiastic troupe of locals as the sun sets slowly behind you and it's "Goodnight, My Someone" right here in River City. Through Aug. 15. Thu.-Sun., 8:30pm. Zilker Park Hillside Theater, 2206 William Barton Dr. Donations accepted. www.zilker.org/showinfo.html.

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THE MAIN EVENT TEXAS ROLLERGIRLS

CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT The Hotrod Honeys are undefeated in Texas Rollergirls play this season and look to keep the streak going against the tough-as-nails Hustlers and take home the championship trophy. The first bout of the evening for third place features the Hell Marvs vs. the Honky Tonk Heartbreakers. Live music from the Noise Revival Orchestra. Sun., Aug. 2, 6:30pm (doors), Playland Skate Center, 8822 McCann Dr. \$15 (\$12, advance). www.txrollergirls.com

THE HOME TEAMS 🗮 ROUND ROCK EXPRESS

Head out to the Dell, and catch the rising stars of the Astros organization. Vs. Tacoma: Wed.-Sat., Aug. 5-8, 7:05pm. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, 512/255-2255. \$6-13. www.roundrockexpress.com

RECREATION & FITNESS * AUSTIN TOROS SUMMER

BASKETBALL CAMP Third- through ninth-graders are invited to come learn the game of basketball from some of the best – former Toros players and staff, other pro athletes, and coaches from local high schools. Full- and half-day options available, and campers get Toros ticket vouchers. lunch, and a T-shirt. Mon.-Thu, Aug. 3-6. East Communities YMCA, 5315 Ed Bluestein, 236-8333. www.austintoros.com

FIRST SATURDAY AT HARVEY PENICK GOLF COURSE "Try before you buy" lots of new and used golf equipment. Also putting and closest-to-the-pin contests, and free 30-minute golf lessons. Sat., Aug. 1, 8am. Penick Golf Campus, 5501 Ed Bluestein, 926-1100.

The Austin Aztex lost a golden chance to make up ground in the playoff chase Saturday, giving up two goals to the Montreal Impact in the last 13 minutes and settling for a 2-2 draw that felt more like a loss by the end. The Aztex dominated early in the second half and got a goal and an assist each from Gifton Noel-Williams and A.J. Godbolt before the meltdown. Montreal actually put the ball in the net five times in a 12-minute span, but three strikes were ruled offsides. Then, after all that, the Aztex appeared to have snatched back a win in extra time, but Ryan Caugherty was judged to have fouled the Montreal keeper before scoring. So begins a tough three-game road swing, starting with Charleston and Carolina this Thursday and Saturday. The good news: The Aztex have striker Jean Alexandre back on loan

TOUR DE FRANCE PHOTO SHOW

An ambient photo exhibit of the Tour de France by photographer Brent Humphreys will be on display. Through July 31. Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop, 400 Nueces, 473-0222 Free. www.brenthumphreys.com.

🗮 NALC VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY Join the National Association of Letter Carriers for a day of food, music, and most importantly, volleyball. Funds from this tourney will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Sat., Aug. 1, 3pm. Hanover's Draught House, 108 E. Main St., Pflugerville, 512/451-6252. \$30. www.joinmda.org/NALC181.

SPORTS PHYSICALS FOR STU-

DENT ATHLETES All school athletes are required to have a physical, so why not get one for free, thanks to the Dell Children's Medical Center and the Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Organization? No appointments necessary. Sat., Aug. 1, 8am-2:30pm. Round Rock Health Clinic, 2120 N. Mays #430, Round Rock. Free. centraltexaspnps@yahoo.com.

RUNS, WALKS, & RIDES * MOONLIGHT MARGARITA

RUN is a 5K run and party being held to help maintain the trail along Lady Bird Lake. Start at the trailhead underneath MoPac, and finish at the American Legion Hall (across the street) for the party featuring margaritas, dinner, and live music from the Fireants. Hosted by the Trail Foundation. Thu., Aug. 6, 8-11pm. American Legion Hall, 2201 Veterans Dr., 733-3989. \$35 dona-tion for run, \$65 for afterparty. www.thetrailfoundation.org

SUNSTROKE SUMMER STAM-

PEDE RACE NO. 12 Last in a series of chip-timed 5K races each Wednesday night this summer. Wed., Aug. 5, 7pm. Town Lake Trail (I-35 at the Riverside parking lot). www.summerstampede.com.

listings

JACK'S GENERIC TRIATHLON is short enough for beginners and challenging enough for the experi-enced triathletes. Stick around for the post-race cookout with beer, ice cream, and thousands of dollars in free gear. Sun., Aug. 2, 8am. Texas Ski Ranch, 6700 N. I-35, New Braunfels, 512/472-5646. www.iacksgenerictri.com

WOMEN'S CYCLING CLINIC is open to ladies of all skill levels who are looking to learn more about road and race riding. Hosted by the Austin Flyers' women's racing team, the clinic will cover riding hills, proper cornering, group ride etiquette, pacelines, gearing, equipment, training plans, nutrition, and more. Lunch and breakfast included in the cost. Sat., Aug. 1, 8am-4pm, TX

Orthopedics, 4700 Seton Center Pkwy. \$65. www.austinflyers.com. SECOND SUMMER CONTROLLED PACE 5.000M Everybody who

can stay with the pace for 3,200 meters is welcome to continue on for the full 5,000. *Fri., July* 31, 9pm (meet at 8:30pm). Georgetown High School, 2211 N. Austin Ave., Georgetown, 512/818-2415. Free.

CRITICAL MASS Bicyclists have been "subverting the paradigm" in Austin since October '93. Let's keep it civil, everybody. Held on the last Friday of each month. *Fri., July 31*, 5pm. Riders meet at UT's West Mall . (Guadalupe between 22nd & 23rd). www.critical-mass.info/austin.html.

UPCOMING ACC WINDSURFING LESSONS

Waves have never been Austin's strong point, so why not learn to use the wind to hang 10? Sign up now,

and learn to glide elegantly over the water later. No experience needed. Sun., Aug. 23, 1-6pm. 223-7542. \$85. scottaj1@juno.com, www3.austincc. edu/schedule/wcell/cepfr.htm.

BY NICK BARBARO SOCCET watch

from Real Salt Lake; he nailed the probable goal of the year last month in Puerto Rico. The Aztex U-23s bowed out of the PDL

playoffs last Wednesday with a 2-1 loss to West Texas United.

Throughout the Gold Cup tournament, folks were talking about how young and green the U.S. was. In Sunday's final, they showed just what can happen to such a team, as a troubled Mexico roared to life and totally dismantled the Americans in front of 80,000 fans in Giants Stadium with five second-half goals and their first win on U.S. soil in more than 10 years. Next: a key World Cup qualifier Aug. 12 at the Azteca in Mexico City, where no American team has ever won. It'll be a whole different U.S. squad, but a stronger Mexico team as well, and 5-0 is a powerful motivator, both ways

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







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Jorge Caballero & Virtuosi

Mexican American Cultural Center

Ah, the sweet risk of high expectation, that feeling you get when something you've been waiting for finally arrives. After wooing audiences with his tremendous artistry last summer, Jorge Caballero made a more than welcome return to Austin,

with his local fans cramming into the minimalist theatre of the Mexican American Cultural Center to hear what the classical guitar master would present next.

Caballero's artistic team included New York violinist Maria Conti, Austin Symphony Orchestra principal cellist Douglas Harvey, and Austin Lyric Opera mezzo soprano Elizabeth Cass. The performance opened with a string trio by Argentine Jorge Morel, an impressionistic rhapsody anchored beautifully by Caballero, allowing Harvey and Conti to drift gorgeously above on Morel's evocative melodic brushstrokes. The piece's whimsical, moody jaunts suggested a walk through the streets of a crowded summer city, a casual and fitting opener.

Caballero then gave Conti the spotlight, accompanying her on the impressive "Danza" of Manuel de Falla, which, in Conti's able hands, was every bit the showpiece a Kreisler violin arrangement should be.

The duo continued with Astor Piazzolla's witty "L'histoire du Tango," which begins in 1900 and jumps 30 years with each movement, tracing the tango's development over time. From the sentimental, buttoned-up salon treatment of the opening movement through the jazz influences and harmonic density of 1930 to the playful layers and rock & roll nuances of 1960 and the suggestions of atonality and embraced chaos as the composer nears his death in 1990, this was a triumph of sound, rhythm, and musical storytelling. Caballero and Conti played as one, nailing the work's arching moods.

The gorgeous Elizabeth Cass, in a flowing black dress with a searing blood-red wrap, cast herself beautifully for de Falla's Seven Popular Spanish Songs, which brought all

four musicians together on stage for a second act. The songs, each a short but powerful statement of Iberian character, were rich material for Cass. Standouts included "Seguidilla Murciana," featuring the assured, rapid-fire accompaniment of the string players; the gorgeous "Asturiana," Cass' expressive mezzo in top form; the meditative "Nana," which set Cass' gliding notes to Caballero's simple, effective guitar rhythms; and finally the angry, passionate "Polo," which built into a huge, thrilling final note.

Caballero closed the concert on an intimate note, presenting three self-arranged songs inspired by his mother, a master singer of the música criolla of his native Peru. From the lovely and soulful notes of "Palomo Enamorado" to the energetic, wistful flourishes of "Fina Estampa," the pieces offered the night's sole taste of Caballero's famous virtuosity. The audience, inspired, rewarded the musicians generously.

Now back to the risk of expectation. As a whole, this was an entirely engrossing evening of music, infused at all moments with the rich versatility of classical guitar. When he took the stage, however, Caballero did so as the enormously talented winner of virtually every international award in his field, a superstar who won the a Naumburg award at age 19, the youngest and the first-ever guitarist to win the coveted classical music prize. Though it was nice of him to offer his colleagues the limelight, the night's surprise ended up being the lack of solo guitar material, of aweinspiring technique, the trademark Caballero stamp. Perhaps this was the master's own savvy point, though: Surely he'll be back in Austin soon, so what's wrong with keeping his audience wanting more? - Michael Kellerman

AUDITIONS

BLOOD RITUAL It's almost time for those ol' Halloween haunted houses to start up again, friend. Here the folks of the nonprofit Scare for a Cure are seeking many "actors who can push the edges of fear and imagination. Improvisational skills a plus." Bring a headshot and a résumé if you have one. And (we like this part) be prepared to speak, scream, run, crawl, and improvise, Sun, Aug. 2, 2-5pm. Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson. www.scareforacure.org.

ON GOLDEN POND The Paradox Players are seeking four males (one teen, one seventysomething, two middle-agers) and two females (one middle ager, one sixtysomething) for this classic play, to be directed by Chris Jimmerson in September. E-mail for details. chris_jimmerson@mac.com

THEATRE CALL BOARD

ACTUAL LIVES WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE You don't have to be a writer or performer to join this group, you just have to be 18 years or older and willing to share your experiences living with a disability. All you need is a story to tell, the willingness to share, a sense of humor, and the ability to commit to writing workshops and rehearsals throughout August and September and the two performances on September 25 & 26. This is a free workshop. E-mail Chris Strickling for applications and details. Workshop begins: Sat., Aug. 8. cstrickling@austin.rr.com.

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IN THE CLUBS

CAP CITY COMEDY CLUB 8120 Research #100, 467-2333. Daily, 7pm-1am. www.capcitycomedy.com

Paul Mooney Listen: Mooney wrote many of Richard Prvor's skits on Saturday Night Live, cowrote much of Pryor's Live on the Sunset Strip, and was head writer on The Richard Pryor Show And if that's not enough of a draw, you greedy comedy consumers: Jimmie Roulette opens. Through Aug. 1. Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm

Cap City Open Mic Hey, it could be you up there slaying your friends and neighbors as they've slain you. Sundays, 8pm. Free with college ID.

Mike Lukas This bald-headed funnyman of the multiple personalities and frequent battles against inanimate objects also has a list of TV credits longer than your, well, let's just say it's long, hmmm? Yes, and **Doug Mellard** opens. *Aug.* 4-8. Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm

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

This week: Fresh from their East Coast tour, the improvistas of **Parallelogramophonograph** bring their inspired antics back to the local stage, abetted by the power of Midnight Society. Thu., 8pm. Harold Night ColdTowne performs an improv show just to be close to you. *Thu., 10pm*. Mainstage It's a ColdTowne revue of sketch and improv all rolled up into wonderful with Total Panic. Fri., 8pm. Dear Frailty ColdTowne's Arthur Simone presents an omnibus of original monologues and mania. Fri., 9pm. Punchline The weekly collection of stand-up goodness continues. Fri.. 10nm. Stool Pigeon gets all foodie with the Casserole Queens jump-starting the improv with a thrice-told tale. Sat., 8pm. Cage Match Two improv teams put the fireman's carry, the atomic knee-drop, and the ape sex suplex on each other for your grins and giggles. Sat., 9pm. Stone Cold Improv The house troupe gets funky, now with The Frank Mills and McShane Sat., 10pm.

ESTHER'S POOL 525 E. Sixth, 320-0553. www.esthersfollies.com

Esther's Follies The most popular troupe in town says, "Yes, we can ... entertain the hell out of you!" with its show of musical comedy and sketches, now with the Unleaded Supremes singing "The Big Three Bailout," Espie Randolph as Barack Obama with some special words for our beleaguered nation, and the EF regulars slicing and dicing the likes of Rush Limbaugh, Bernie Madoff, and Octomom, Also, whoa, a new illusion (called "Wink and a Smile") from master magician Ray Anderson. Thrills! Chills! Ripped-

from-the-headlines events turned into comedy gold! Reservations highly recommended. Thu., 8pm; Fri.-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

Thursday: What makes this latest run of Threefer Madness awesome? Mamet. David Mamet. No, the terse yet articulate fucker's not going to be there ... but Asaf Ronen and his cronies are performing **Confidence Men**: Improv in the highly imitable Mamet manner! *8pm. OMG*, it's only \$3!

Friday Double Barrel has two teams of improvisers competing for your laughter and applause. 8pm. \$10. Next comes the eminently topical This Week Tonight show, working its wild improv off the news (of the weird, of the wonderful, of the just plain newsworthy) of the past seven days. Holy current events, anchorman! 10pm. \$10.

Saturday: Girls Girls Girls, Austin's only allfemale, all-singing musical improv troupe (well, no, the keyboard player's a dude), presents its annual Boys of Summer series where, for the next few weeks, the girls will team up with a different member of the unfairer sex and do that thing that they do - together! 8pm. \$10. Maestro is a fierce, multipartite battle for supremacy among improvisers, scored by you, the audience. Highly recommended, because it brings out the wackiest. 10pm. \$10.

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

Open Mic Night You're gonna make it through this year if it kills you. This show might help right where you need it, with your host Chester Fish. Thursdays, 10pm

Repeat Offenders The Cheese Palace goes bleu with the raw, uncensored humor of guiltyparty mouths Norman Wilkerson, Nick Aluotto, Sheena Simmons, Chris Cubas, and Laura Cole Fri.-Sat., July 31-Aug. 1, 9:30 & 11:30pm. \$5.

BUT WAIT - THERE'S MORE!

THE AUSTIN COMEDY TRAINWRECK Stand-up comedy - right there in the Hole, on the Drag, in the heart of collegiate Texas. Tuesdays, 10pm. Hole in the Wall, 2538 Guadalupe. \$5. www.mvspace.com/austincomedvtrainwreck.

COMEDYSPORTZ Competitive improv? Well, of

course - and maestro Les McGehee and his talented friends bring it in full force every Saturday night to this newest little coffeehouse in the 78704. Saturdays, 7pm. Cafe Caffeine, 909 W. Mary. www.comedv7.com

KICK BUTT COMEDY Open Mic Comedy Wednesdays, 8pm. Kick Butt Coffee, 5775 Airport #725, 454-5425.

THE NEW MOVEMENT Not like there's not a plethora of improv classes in this city, but these guys (Chris Trew and Tami Nelson, to be specific) are almost as new as they are fierce - and they're way damned fierce - so check 'em out before our upcoming Improv School Guide graces these pages later in the summer, 1819 Rosewood, 788-2669. www.newmovementtheater.com

LAST GAS COMEDY Some excellent stand-up comedy at this storied joint. Their lives, your lives, the humor that joins them: raw onstage. Sat., Aug. 1, 9pm. Homer's Bar & Grill, 1779 Wells Branch Pkwy #114. Free. www.lastgascomedy.com.

TWO ON TWO Not content to provide two troupes, one after the other, doing their improvised best to knock the working week out of your head and replace it with laughter, Gnap! presents two troupes performing different shows simultaneously. Who will triumph? Who will crash and burn? Who's up for drinks at Nomad afterward? *Fri.-Sat., July 31-Aug. 22,* 8pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$10. www.gnaptheater.org.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL Gnap! Theater Projects presents a double whammy of uncanny improv, featuring two handpicked improv troupes for your entertainment. This week: Prepare for the party mix of Snackers and the distaff delights of Girls Girls Girls. Oh, you know what we mean: Recommended, Sat., Aug. 1, 10pm, Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$10. www.salvagevanguard.org.

dance

TWO LEFT FEET

THE DANCE ZONE: ADULT DANCE & FITNESS CLASSES The Dance Zone, 2323 San Antonio. 236-9328, www.inthedancezone.com.

EGYPTIAN BELLY-DANCE CLASSES WITH DRAKON Beginners to advanced dancers are invited to learn from one of Austin's favorite belly dancers. *Various locations*, 295-2036, 750-7037. \$15 per class or six for \$75. www.desertpassion.com.

SCOTTISH BALLROOM DANCING Lively jigs and reels and elegant strathspeys. No partner needed, but couples welcome. *Tuesdays*, 7-8:30pm. Quicksilver Dance Center, 8711 Burnet, 327-2869. First class free.

PHYSICALLY INTEGRATED DANCE WORKSHOPS These workshops for dancers with disabilities are presented by Forklift Danceworks in partnership with VSA Arts of Texas. Instructor: Tom Giebink. Aug. 6-27. ACC Dance Studio, 1212 Rio Grande #130, 447-6405. 447-6405. Free. www.forkliftdanceworks.org.

BELLY-DANCE CLASSES WITH TWYLA GRACE Twyla of Twyla & the Twilight Star Ensemble teaches ongoing classes in belly dance. Call or write for details. Mon. & Wed., 8:30-9:30pm, 12687 Research at Oak Knoll, 971-0188. www.twylabellydance.com.

ISADORA DUNCAN DANCE CAMP Original classwork and repertory including the Tanagra figures, Bach gavottes, and Schubert waltzes as passed down through generations of Isadora Duncan dancers. *Sundara Yoga Therapy*, 12636 Research Ste. C-206, 249-9201. \$175 per week. www.sundarayogatherapy.com.

DANCE CLASSES FOR BIGGER BODIES Plus-sized professional dancer leads classes based on having fun moving your body and exploring jazz, ballet, ball-room, hip-hop, and other dancing. Saturdays. Beginners, 2pm; intermediate, 3pm; performance team, 4:30-6:30pm. E-mail for location. www.danceswithfat.org.

ARGENTINE TANGO CLASSES Laura Pellegrino offers ongoing classes for beginners, experts, and in-betweeners in her country's sexy dance of record. Khabele Studio, 701 W. Seventh. Full-time university students get 50% discount. www.tangointexas.com.

LUCILA DANCE PRODUCTIONS: CLASSES

FORMING 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 PARKS AND RECREATION: DANCE &

GYMNASTICS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN Dance Associates presents classes for kids ages 24 months and older in a variety of locations around town. Dance, gymnastics, and movement classes are taught with a creative, positive approach at three locations around town. Contact Dance Associates for details. 323-6013. \$25 off first month's tuition. www.danceassociatesaustin.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.

BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASSES Learn different Indian dance styles such as bhangra, classical, and folk dancing. See website for details. 432-5716. *Prices vary.* www.bollywoodshake.com.

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.

FREE SALSA LESSONS AT APL Various branches of the Austin Public Library host weekly salsa lessons. Raul Ramirez teaches the steps and spends a little time filling you in on the history and background of the music and dance. See the website for times. 974-7400. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

BELLY DANCE WITH FINGER CYMBALS Stacey Lizette teaches all levels of dancers, using different cymbal rhythms with a focus on fluidity of hand and arm movements. (Finger cymbals are available for purchase or loan.) *Mondays*, 7:30-8:30pm. Tapestry Dance Company, 2302 Western Trails. www.staceylizette.net.

FLAMENCO CLASSES Beginner: Thursdays, 8-9pm. Intermediate: Mondays, 8:15-9:15pm. Synergy Dance Studio, 3425 Bee Caves Rd. \$14 per class. 923-3270. www.myspace.com/chloebrevelle.

B-BOY/B-GIRL DANCE CLASS Austin favorite and local B-boy teaches an all-ages and all-levels class in

break dancing, *not* hip-hop. We're talkin' the *classics* here! E-mail for details. Saturdays, *noon-1pm*. \$20. g_a_moreno@yahoo.com.

CHADDICK DANCE THEATER: CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES Cheryl Chaddick conducts classes

in contemporary dance at several locations around town. These classes integrate the styles and techniques of Jose Limon and Martha Graham with a heavy influence of ballet and jazz. See website for details. 371-7146. www.chaddickdancetheater.com.

DANCE INTERNATIONAL Each night features a variety of ballroom and Latin dances; each month sees the start of a new course. No partner necessary. Sundays, 6-8pm. Dancers Workshop, 183 & Balcones Woods. Weeknights, times vary. Hills Fitness Center, 4615 Bee Caves, 32-DANCE. Fees vary. www.dancein.org.

ZUMBA DANCE Latin-inspired international music and dance steps designed for everyone. *Tuesdays*, 5:45am; Thursdays, 7pm. Brushy Creek Community Center. E-mail for details. **zumbaaustin@yahoo.com**.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCING Turning and improvised couple dancing for beginning to advanced dancers. No partners needed; wear slick-soled shoes. *Thursdays*, 7:30-9:45pm. *First Unitarian Universalist Church*, 4700 Grover. 454-0598, \$3. www.austinscandi.org.

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 Rec. Center, 811 E. 41st, 453-4225. \$3 donation. www.cityofaustin.org/parks/hancock.htm.

AUSTIN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS Learn a variety of couples and line dances from around the world. All levels of experience welcome. No partner required. Saturdays, 7:30pm (lessons) & 8:15-11pm (open dance). Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41st, 481-9362. \$5. www.alfd.cc.

NIA CLASSES The Nia technique is an energizing workout inspired by dance, martial arts, and healing arts. 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 per class. www.cityofaustin.org/parks/hancock.htm.

KICK BUTT BLUES DANCE Ass-kickin' blues for you to shake your booty to! Food and beverages available. *Fridays* (except third Friday each month), 9pm-1am. Kick Butt Coffee, 5775 Airport #725, 736-2662. \$5. www.kickbuttcoffee.com.

HOT SALSA & COOL SWING In addition to taking a turn learning salsa and swing, stroll the Charanga Cakewalk, spend an hour at the complimentary wine tasting, and kick up your heels to DJ Trey Lopez. Wed., Aug. 5, 5:30-9:30pm. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Rd., 32-WORLD. \$20 (\$15, in advance). www.oneworldtheatre.org.

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. \$5 (\$2, members). www.austinswingsyndicate.org.

FOUR ON THE FLOOR: CLASSES Ongoing classes for various levels of expertise in swing and Lindy Hop culminate in a weekly dance. New classes usually start the first Tuesday of the new month. *Tuesdays*, 7pm (classes) & 9:30pm (open dance). Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Ballroom, 2312 San Gabriel, 453-3889. Prices vary. www.fouronthefloor.com.

classical music

OPENING

AUSTIN SUMMER POPS ORCHESTRA: VIVA ESPANAI Professor Annette Jurcevic conducts this Pops celebration of music inspired by Spanish culture, featuring works by Bizet, Rimsky-Korsakov, and de Falla. Guest guitarist: Darin Layne. Sun., Aug. 2, 2pm. Mabee Ballroom, Ragsdale Center, St. Edward's University. \$8 (\$5, seniors, faculty, staff, students). home.earthlink.net/~austinsummerpops.

MUSIC FOR TWO HARPISCHORDS Keith Womer, harpsichordist and director of La Follia Austin Baroque, is joined by California's Don Simons in a concert of music for two harpsichords, including works by Buxtehude, Bach, Handel, Couperin, and Rameau. Sun., Aug. 2, Apm. Armstrong Community Music School, 901 Barton Springs Rd., 472-5927 x108. \$10 (§5, seniors, students). www.austinlyricopera.org. INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC CIRCLE OF AUSTIN: PANDIT HARIPRASAD CHAURASIA, EMPEROR OF THE FLUTE Sun., Aug. 2, 5pm. Westlake High School, 4100 Westbank. \$20-100 (Free, ICMCA members; discounts for seniors, students). www.icmca.org.

OTTMAR LIEBERT The world-renowned guitarist returns to town! Friday shows are already sold out, try this day instead: Thu., Aug. 6, 7pm. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Rd., 32-WORLD. www.oneworldtheatre.org.

visual arts

EVENTS

PRINT + ADDICTION: MATTHEW BRIAR BONIFACIO RODRIGUEZ One of Austin's favorite street artists is featured in this popular interactive exhibition series from Industry Screenprint Studio. Purchase a blank shirt (\$15), choose your layout of designs created by Rodriguez, and print the shirt yourself on Industry's 8-color press. *Fri., July 31, 7-10pm. 2503-B E. Sixth*,

963-4161. Free. www.industryprintshop.com.

DOMY BOOKS: LIBRES Y LOKAS Otis Ike and Ivete Lucas present their documentary photographs of two distinct but perhaps inherently tied groups in Monterrey: lucha libre wrestlers and transgendered queens. Reception (with a performance by Transgender Queens): Sat., Aug. 1, 7-9pm. Exhibition: Through Sept. 3. 913 E. Cesar Chavez, 476-3669. www.domystore.com.

AUSTIN PALETTE CLUB SHOW Aug. 3-29. 974-4000. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/dougherty/gallery.htom.

CLOSING

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY: CAROL MARINE Colorful new oil-on-panel paintings from this fine artist. *Through Aug. 6. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428.* www.wallyworkmangallery.com.

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY: DUNE SHACK

SUMMER The upstairs gallery is graced with photographs and abstract paintings by Suzanne Lewis that evoke the weathered structures (once serving as temporary residences for the likes of e.e. cummings, Annie Dillard, Jackson Pollock, and others) along the three miles of Cape Cod National Seashore. *Through Aug.* 5. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428. www.wallvworkmanefallery.com.

ART PALACE: ICE COLD AND I AM NOT SO

DIFFERENT Not one but *two* new exhibitions from this Eastside powerhouse of visuals: Cruz Ortiz brings a panoply of Mexicultural stunners, and curator Rachel Cook presents a wonderground of artists' photographic docs and manipulations. Through Aug. 5. 2109 Cesar Chavez, 496-0687. www.artpalacegallery.com.

HARRY RANSOM CENTER "Fritz Henle: In Search of

Beauty" encompasses a broad range of Henle's photography, including images of 1930s New York, Mexico, and Paris; innovative nudes; and portraits of famous personalities. Through Aug. 2 "The Persian Sensation: The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám in the West" More than 200 items - among them Persian manuscripts, miniature editions, and illustrated parodies - from the Ransom Center's extensive collections illustrate the Rubáiyát's storied history. Through Aug. 2.

VSA ARTS: 12 X 12 EXHIBITION More than 50

paintings – oils, acrylics, and mixed media – by 26 artists affiliated with Imagine Art, dedicated to promoting the creative power in people with disabilities. *Through Aug.* 1. *Access Gallery, 3701 Guadalupe #103.* www.vsatx.org. **ST. ED'S: WITH REGARDS** New work by Austin photographers Adam Boley, Megan Carney, and Rebecca Marino. Through July 31. St. Edward's University, 3001 S. Congress, 448-8740. www.stedwards.edu.

RUSSELL COLLECTION: UMLAUF SHOW & SALE The family of sculptor Charles Umlauf is giving collectors a second opportunity to acquire the remaining sculptures and art they've chosen to release from their private collection. *Through July 30.*

1137 W. Sixth, 478-4440. www.russell-collection.com. BUTRIDGE GALLERY: BIG CHIEF, YOU DA PRETIESTI Gene Vandiver's photography and Donna Pardue's videos document the elusive Mardi Gras

Pardue's videos document the elusive Mardi Gras Indians of New Orleans, who make dazzling suits of feathers and beads. *Through July* 30. 1110 Barton Springs Rd., 974-4000. www.cityofaustin.org/dougherty/gallery.htm.

ALEC DRUMMOND: THE VIEW FROM THE PASSENGER SEAT The artist's newest work, now on display in Bay 6 Gallery. *Through Aug.* 1. 5305 Bolm #12, 386-5700. www.bay6studios.com.

EAST END GALLERY: THE BODY CANVAS This new exhibition features work by Ricardo Acevedo, Jeff Little, Matchi, Nic Wibblesman, and others. *Through July 31. 1101 Navasota.*

ONGOING

DIBONA STUDIO Oil paintings and "sculptural tattoos" by Joyce DiBona. *404 W. Milton*, 851-2646.

AUSTIN ART IN PUBLIC PLACES: TEXAS BIENNIAL This is the first time that AIPP has commissioned temporary public art! Ryah Christensen's Door/Not Door is near the Eastside Hike and Bike Trail, just south of Nash Hernandez Road. Bill Davenport's Giant Mushroom Forest is on the west end of Auditorium Shores, near the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail. Sasha Dela's Variegated Continuum is at the Mexican American Cultural Center. Buster Graybill's Bait Box is adjacent to the boat launch on the Eastside Hike and Bike Trail. Ken Little's Homeland Security is in the clearing between Doug Sahm Hill in Butler Park and the Palmer Events Center. Colin McIntyre's Emergence is on a landscaped mound immediately east of the Dougherty Art Center's parking lot. Through Dec. 31.

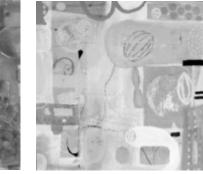
> WHIMSICAL WUNDERKIND MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ IS THE FEATURED ARTIST AT THE LATEST "PRINT + ADDICTION" SHOW.

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'Carol Marine: New Paintings'/ 'Suzanne Lewis: Dune Shack Summer'

Wally Workman Gallery through Aug. 6





'Lesley Nowlin: Guatemala

L. Nowlin Gallery through Aug. 29

Neapolitan ice cream has three flavors in one, and it is a fine way to keep a group happy. In that spirit, two neighboring galleries are dishing up a triad of new art this summer.

The front gallery at Wally Workman Gallery is chock-full of delicious-looking oil paintings by Carol Marine. Her still lifes of fruits and vegetables are more hunger-inducing than the Food Network. Upstairs, the abstract, layered styles of painter Suzanne Lewis offer a great escape into one-of-a-kind patterns and flat spaces. Also a welcome arrival in the building is the L. Nowlin Gallery, currently exhibiting photographs by owner Lesley Nowlin. Her large-format black-and-white images of marketplaces in Guatemala give documentary photography a boost with an intimate viewpoint and portraits of beautiful working women.

Sometimes travel photography bores me. A recurring gripe of mine is an undercurrent of pity - I feel sorry for the poor people in the photos. Nowlin avoids this puritanical cliché by effectively highlighting positive attributes of the people she portrays. In Market Wandering, the camera is behind a shop stall, showing the backs of the sellers. As two young shoppers look down and point at something, their faces glow with a lively look. I found myself really wanting to know, "What are those two looking at?" Was it jewelry? An animal? They looked like friends out having a great day at the market.

Carol Marine paints fresh produce with a loose, square brushstroke. The consistency in her brushwork signals a prolific artistic practice. Her thin layers and even surface quality are impressive, painterly, and confident. The food she paints is food I actually eat. So Marine's tomatoes, garlic, jalapeños, grapes, lemons, limes, and oranges feel like the Austin Farmers' Market rather than a crusty old meat pie or rabbit for the stew pot. These are contemporary paintings that honor the long tradition of still life painting. In a couple of pieces, Marine's sensitivity to the shadows in the overlapping vessels reminded me of one of my favorite painters of all time, Giorgio Morandi, an Italian. While Morandi's colors are muted, Marine's paintings are jumping with well-mixed and tasty color.

Suzanne Lewis' paintings feel cheerful, the warm colors and bright layers seem to contain some innate optimism. Lewis uses thick and thin textures, boxy patterns, and beachy colors in this series of oil paintings. I'm reminded a bit of paintings by Andrew St. Martin. Both artists carefully flatten their picture planes, using rectangles in rhythm and creating linear forms that are organic seed or plant characters. These paintings contain thin-sanded areas, then a thick area is built up and, while wet, scratched through to reveal dark colors painted underneath. I enjoy the play of the chunky forms with the lines. Lewis searches the picture plane and reveals a balanced composition. Blues, greens, yellows, and browns hang out together in a Fifties groovy sea life ensemble. I get pretty picky about abstract paintings, and I was pleasantly surprised by the vibrancy and depth of many of these. - Rachel Koper

AUSTIN GALLERIES: 20TH CENTURY MASTERS Original lithographs, etchings, intaglios, and screen prints by Marc Chagall, Salvador Dalí, Pablo Picasso,

and more. 1219 W. Sixth. LA PEÑA: TROPICAL POP Paintings by Stanley Bermudez. Through Aug. 7. 227 Congress, 477-6007. www.lapena-austin.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.

PRO-JEX GALLERY: THE NATIVE AMERICANS Stunning photography by Edward S. Curtis. Through Aug. 31. 1710 S. Lamar, 472-7707

FAB GALLERY: URBAN/STREET New works for these concrete and crumbling times by Bethany Johnson(!), Russell Burns, Tim Creswick, Krutie Thakkar, Bonnie Gammill, Mala Kumar, Kallista Stephenson, and others. DFA Building, 23rd & Trinity. www.thefabgallery.com

STUDIO C GALLERY: PONIES & PENGUINS New works by Holly Bronko and Alexandra Valenti.

2309 Thornton. **TEXAS FOLKLIFE GALLERY: RANCH GATES OF THE**

SOUTHWEST Photographs by UT design professor Daniel Olsen and designer Henk Van Assen. Through

Sept. 4. 1317 S. Congress, 441-9255. www.texasfolklife.org.

BROCCA GALLERY Sculpture by Gary Yarrington and mosaics and paintings by Augusto Brocca. Through Aug. 31. 1103 E. Sixth. 468-9792. www.broccagallery.com

NEW EAST ARTS GALLERY: FACING EAST The documentary photography by Kaleema H. Al-Nur, Ann Armstrong, Martha Grenon, Adolfo Isassi, and Neesha Thakkar captures life in Central East Austin. 1601 E. Fifth #106.

L. NOWLIN GALLERY: GUATAMALA Lesley Nowlin's photographic portraits from Guatamala. Through Aug. 29. 1202 W. Sixth. www.Inowlingallery.com

EYE CONTACT ART showcases the work of Joshua Garcia and others. 12400 Amherst #102, 825-8577. www.evecontactart.com.

GAY FAY KELLY: IN BETWEEN Photography and video by Carrie Kenny. As part of the exhibition, the first 80 viewers may take away a small photograph from stock the artist has provided. Call for appointment. Through Aug. 21. 1811 W. Eighth, 478-7676. www.gayfaykellyart.com.

ART ON 5TH: LOCAL ARTISTS SHOW Work by local and Texas artists in a variety of media. Through Aug. 10. 1501 W. Fifth, 481-1111. www.arton5th.com

ARTAMICI FINE ART GALLERY Artists from Argentina, Mexico, Chile, and Peru; paintings by Augustina Rodriguez, Oscar Riquelme, and Pablo Taboada; drawings by Gilberto Ramirez; and metal sculpture by Augusto Brocca. 78 San Marcos, 457-0171. www.pablotaboadastudio.com

ARTHOUSE: NEW AMERICAN TALENT 24 features several Austin-based artists among the national diversity and will give you a glimpse into what's happening in the more noncommercial world of images and objects, as selected by the University of Chicago's Hamza Walker. Through Aug. 23. 700 Congress, 453-5312.

www.arthousetexas.org.

AUSTIN ART GARAGE Original art by emerging Austin artists. 2200 S. Lamar Ste. J, 351-5934. www.austinartgarage.com.

AUSTIN ART GLASS This glassblowing studio and gallery offers functional and decorative glass art, classes, and more. 1608 S. Congress, 916-4527. www.austinartglass.com

AMOA: THE LINING OF FORGETTING: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MEMORY IN ART The Austin Museum of Art's newest show, curated by Xandra Eden, explores the ways we remember, forget, rewrite, and even fabricate memory. Sculpture, pho-tography, works on paper, installation, video, and computer-generated works by 14 international artists – including Louise Bourgeois, Dinh Q. Lê, and Rachel Whiteread – make use of family photo albums, Road Runner cartoons, the works of Shakespeare, and Barack Obama's presidential primary campaign in evoking their subjects. *Through Aug.* 9. 823 Congress, 495-9224. www.amoa.org.

FRANCISCO MATTO: THE MODERN AND THE

MYTHIC This Blanton show provides a rediscovery of Matto's work and highlights the tremendous influence that his five decades of landscapes, cityscapes, portraits, abstractions, and sculptural totems had on subsequent Latin American artists. Through Sept. 27. MLK & Congress, 471-7324, www.blantonmuseum.org.

BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS Unique handmade glass art and jewelry. 108 W. 43rd, 380-0770. www.austinbluemoon.com.

THE CATHEDRAL OF JUNK is approximately 60 tons of junk wired together over 15 years to form intricate towers and rooms in the backvard of a South Austin home. Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, noon-9pm, or by appointment. 4422 Lareina, 299-7413. www.keenaustinweird.com

D BERMAN GALLERY: JANA SWEC AND JARED THEIS These two Central Texas artists use expressive line quality and personal themes to illustrate their work. Pen and ink on paper? Yes, beautifully. But also - pen and ink melded with ceramics Recommended. Through Sept. 5. 1701 Guadalupe, 477-8877. www.dbermangallery.com.

DAVIS GALLERY: SUMMER SHOW An excellent presentation of the gallery's favorite artists, Stella Alesi, Caprice Pierucci, and David Everett, among others. Through Aug. 29. 837 W. 12th, 477-4929. www.davisgalleryaustin.com

CREATIVE RESEARCH LAB: HALF & HALF. PART ONE This show is billed as "the love child of the artists and art historians of the Department of Art and Art History." As biased as we are toward bastards, we must recommend the exhibition curated by Kara Carmack, Ariel Evans, Bonnie Gammill, and Lauren Hanson. Through Aug. 8. 2830 E. MLK, 322-2099. crlab@austin.utexas.edu

LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER: **ORIGAMI** Forty new works by paper-fold artist Joan Son. *Through* Oct. 4. 4801 La Crosse, 232-0100. \$7 (free, members. www.wildflower.org.

MEXIC-ARTE: A LEGACY OF CHANGE This expansive show features the museum's permanent collection and is organized around five themes Death & Rebirth, Mestizaje & Connections, Conflict & Struggle, Identity & Consciousness, History & Memory. 419 Congress, 480-9373. www.mexic-artemuseum.org.

MACC: DOS VISTAS UN CAMINO AL RUMBO DE LA HUMANIDAD This is the first comprehensive exhibition of the artwork of Malaquias and Maceo Montova, the father and son who, for the past five years, have focused on issues of globalization and immigration. Through Aug. 29. 600 River St., 478-6222, www.maccaustin.org.

MITCHIE'S FINE BLACK ART presents an eclectic selection of African and African-American artwork 7801 N. Lamar, Ste. D-106, 323-6901. www.mitchie.com **MUSEUM OF NATURAL & ARTIFICIAL**

EPHEMERATA: WONDEROUS INSTRUMENTS Take a curator-led tour and see homemade, odd, or rare musical instruments; exotic tools; miraculous and

magical objects; and more. Tours: Saturdays, 1-4pm. 1808 Singleton, 320-0566. www.mnae.org. OKAY MOUNTAIN: COLD END This solo show by

Colby Bird features sculpture, photography, video, and paintings that reference "the artist's gesture" as a method of placing oneself on the continuum of global commerce and class. Through Aug. 8. 1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B. www.okaymountain.com

OKAY MOUNTAIN: COCONUT CRY, OKAY GOODBYE Daniel Fabian's works represent a recurring theme of the artist's thwarted escape to a utopian tropical destination. Yeah - sigh - ain't it the truth. Through Aug. 9. 1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B. www.okaymountain.com

SOUTH AUSTIN MUSEUM OF POPULAR CULTURE: MICHAEL MALONE Here's a comprehensive retrospective of the tattoo flash and other excellent creations (several colorfully stunning Chronicle cov-ers among them) of the late and lamented Michael Malone (aka Rollo Banks). Recommended. Through Aug. 22. 1516-B S. Lamar, 440-8318. www.samopc.org.

YARD DOG: JENNIFER HARRISON New paintings from this popular Toronto artist. Through Aug. 31. 1510 S. Congress, 912-1613. www.yarddog.com

SPACES

AUSTIN ART GARAGE: DAN GRISSOM New works at J. Black's Feel Good Lounge. 710 W. Sixth. www.austinartgarage.com

EASTSIDE BOOKS Currently showing works by Patrick King, Ramon Lozano, and John Metcalf. 2415 E. Fifth. 472-2665. www.eastsidebooksaustin.com.



DECOLA & EUSEBI GALLERY Stained and leaded glass and mosaics. 701 Tillery Ste. A-11, 389-2266. www.decola-eusebi.com

BRICK OVEN Paintings by Sheri Mays, Jeff Baker, and Kijaso. Through Aug. 3. Brick Oven, 1608 W. 35th. 453-4330. www.brickovenon35th.com.

BENNU COFFEE Diego Fishburn of Treehouse Splash will show his smile-driven artwork. Also, Ross Harper's collection of antique photography documents the Siege of Paris in 1871. Through Aug. 31. Bennu Coffee, 2001 E. MLK, 478-4700. www.bennucoffee.com

CAFFE MEDICI: LANCE ROSENFIELD

New photography. 1101 West Lynn, 569-0432. www.rosenfieldphotography.com.

EPOCH COFFEE: ROBBIE ORTIZ Portraits and paintings of bullfights. Closing reception: Fri., July 31. 8-10pm. 221 W. North Loop, 454-EPOC. www.robbieortiz.com.

KERBEY LANE: BARBARA LUGGE Stitchings and paper constructions. Aug. 3-Sept. 1. 3704 Kerbey, 451-1436. www.barbaralugge.com.

MELLOW JOHNNY'S: LE TOUR An ambient photo study of the Tour de France by photographer Brent Humphreys. 400 Nueces, 473-0222. www.brenthumphrevs.com

PROGRESS COFFEE: WORD ON THE STREET Viia G. Mendelson's original photo collages of local color and dynamics. Through Aug. 10. 500 San Marcos, 493-0963. www.wordonthestreetphotography.com.

RIO RITA: JOE GALLAHAN This emerging photographer represents the Eastside in image after striking image. 1308 E. Sixth, 524-0384. www.jwgphotography.com.

ROADHOUSE RELICS Vintage neon, carnival banners, and other tributes to U.S. popular culture by Todd Sanders. 1720 S. First, 442-6366. www.roadhouserelics.com

WESTS Artwork by Dan-Ramone Vivan Chavez, Raguel Reves, and others. 408 Josephine.

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

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POEM OF THE ISSUE

he sits worn on a smooth rock on the edge

of the scenic pullover his sand blue eyes stare at the sky

at the lifting grey and white rounding tops

and torn bottoms of clouds

watching lost like he was left behind

at the campfire

of his youth

looking to the clouds but slow they move so slow

far across the blue stage

they only change never enter or exit

iust blossom catch wind and drag a wake of missing

- Craig Sullender, "magnet"

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Funny People

D: Judd Apatow; with Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen, Leslie Mann, Eric Bana, Jonah Hill, Jason Schwartzman, Aubrey Plaza, Maude Apatow, Iris Apatow, RZA, Aziz Ansari. (R, 146 min.)

"Do you ever get tired of playing the same songs over and over again?" a young comic named Ira (Rogen) asks the singer-songwriter James Taylor, who has just watched Ira's set.

"Do you ever get tired of talking about your dick?" Taylor snipes back. Apatow, of course, has built a miniempire on dick jokes, and Funny People, the writer-director's bid at something more grownup, just as obsessively tugs at the male genitalia for laughs. But even the raunchiest Apatow film has more than a sideline interest in relationships that go beyond the one between the cock and the balls - The 40-Year-Old Virgin and Knocked Up both had sincerely felt love stories at their cores - and in Funny People Apatow brings the serious stuff of mortality and human misery to the forefront. Rogen uses his Charlie Brown slouch here to good effect as Ira, a stand-up comedian struggling with the rigors of the circuit and his own crippling insecurity. Early on, Ira is hired by his comic hero, George Simmons (Sandler), as a sort of His Guy Friday, supplying jokes, fresh Diet Cokes, and moral support as George muddles his way through a leukemia diagnosis and the spiritual crisis it inspires. Rogen has limited range his mouth tends to curl up, as if he's ever on the verge of breaking character - and Sandler shies away from the dramatics, too, quick to go to the goofy voice or crude riposte. But Apatow has cannily built in a fail-safe: These are comedians, a wounded breed famed for its itchiness around empathy or open sentiment. They riff because that's who they are, and it's a more than valid entry point into Apatow's exploration of two men tumbling toward intimacy. It's a satisfying exit that proves more elusive. Funny People has a wide, unwieldy scope, and its dual narrative focus has the effect of neither feeling fully formed. There are very funny detours, surely informed by

Apatow's own time in the Hollywood trenches, the comedy circuit, the laughably disposable prime-time sitcom, and the dichotomy between comic elders and their brash successors. (A hit parade of funny people passes through the film, from an opening home video of a very young Sandler prank-calling Amex as Janeane Garofalo and Ben Stiller cackle in the background to cameo bits from Andy Dick, Sarah Silverman, and Ray Romano and larger parts from new guns Ansari and Hill.) Apatow also sets a lovely sequence in Marin County, where George goes to woo the one that got away, Laura (played by Mann, Apatow's wife; their children also co-star). Mann, whose sharpness can be misdirected into shrill, is deeply moving as a wife and mother tempted to rearrange her life for a man who appears, in the face of death, to have rearranged his own. In this subplot, Apatow takes on complicated dynamics that are happily absent of the undercurrent of male rage that marked his earlier works (he's also lessened his irritating tendency toward too-topical humor). He's rewriting his own songbook here, in the key of James L. Brooks, a master at that tricky mix of humor and heartfelt. Brooks knows how to make the funny organic to the people. Apatow isn't quite in his league yet. But Funny People - sensitive, shaggy, a little bit draggy - is as much about the maturation of Ira as a performer and George as a man as it is about Apatow's maturation as an artist. - Kimberley Jones ★★★ Alamo Ritz, Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate



ALIENS IN THE ATTIC D: John Schultz; with Ashley Tisdale, Robert Hoffman, Carter Jenkins, Austin Butler, Ashley Boettcher, Henri Young, Regan Young, Gillian Vigman, Kevin Nealon, Doris Roberts, Andy Richter. (PG, 86 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. High School Musical's Tisdale stars in this film about a group of kids trying to save their Maine vacation home from extraterrestrials while keeping their clueless elders out of the loop. – Marjorie Baumgarten Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

THE COLLECTOR D: Marcus Dunstan; with Josh Stewart, Michael Reilly Burke, Madeline Zima, Andrea Roth, Juan Fernández, Daniella Alonso, Robert Wisdom, Karley Scott Collins. (R, 88 min.)

Co-written by Marcus Dunstan and Patrick Melton with an eye toward the crimsondrenched ultraviolence of the Saw films, The Collector gets off to what appears, at first, to be a whole new tack on the rapidly bleeding-out horror subgenre handily labeled "torture porn." Stewart plays Arkin, a seemingly nice enough handyman/loner with a troubled past and an even more troubled future, who has been hired to beef up the security at the pricey-looking mansion of the wealthy and entirely unsympathetic Chase family, headed by growly husband Michael (Burke) and Botox-injecting wife Victoria (Roth). The Chases are on their way out of town for a weekend getaway with their precocious tweener daughter Hannah (Collins); rebellious teen offspring Jill (Zima, of Californication) opts to stew, pout, and otherwise stay behind in favor of nailing some boyfriend action while the cats are away. The twist here arrives with Arkin's backstory: He's an ex-con, a professional burglar with a skill set which includes not only breaking and entering but also safecracking. As it turns out, his estranged wife is desperate for cash to pay off some unidentified loan sharks who have promised to make her life a living hell (although it already seems pretty hellish to begin with) if their

usurious outlay isn't repaid in full by midnight that very night. Arkin, a housebreaker with a heart of gold – much is made of his dedication to his own young daughter - opts to burgle the Chases' home and retrieve a fist-sized gemstone he knows is secreted in an upstairs safe. The film kicks into Sawstyle overdrive when, in the midst of cracking the combination, Arkin discovers he is not alone, and a far worse sort of home invader, the titular Collector (Fernández, sporting a bizarre full-head mask that looks as though it's made entirely of scorched marshmallows) has arrived to install some unspecified home improvements of his own. These include, in no particular order, a series of Rube Goldberg-esque mantraps secreted around the house. Cue the Chase family's unexpected return and you have, well, a butcher's dozen of top-notch gore effects, some occasionally suspenseful cat-and-mousery between Arkin and the Collector, and a whole lot of mangled rich people. Unfortunately, what you don't have is much of anything in the way of explanatory backstory (outside of Arkin). We never learn who - or what - this Collector is or what, exactly, he collects or even his motivation for slaughtering the already insufferable Chase family. Plot holes abound, one of the most egregious of which is the entirely relevant question of how the Collector managed to booby-trap the house in what seems like only a few hours while the family was away. Motivation, means, and madness are often just flat-out ignored in favor of some seriously deafening sound design and director of photography Brandon Cox's Sawinfluenced visuals, which makes the whole film look as though it was shot through a particularly nasty cataract. This is Dunstan's feature debut, and both he and co-writer Melton have Project Greenlight's Feast on their screenwriting CVs, as well as entries 4-7 of the Saw films, but if anything, The Collector ends up feeling like a series of leftover gore gags and audio stingers from those earlier, freakier horror shows. It'll probably get your date to crawl into your lap (or ask for some earplugs), but The Collector feels like the final, welcome nail in the bizarrely popular tortureporn coffin. - Marc Savlov ★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Highland,

Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North



G-FORCE D: Hoyt Yeatman; with Bill Nighy, Will Arnett, Zach Galifianakis, Kelli Garner, Gabriel Casseus, Jack Conley, Tyler Patrick Jones; with the voices of Nicolas Cage, Steve Buscemi, Tracy Morgan, Sam Rockwell, Penélope Cruz, Jon Favreau. (PG, 89 min.)

The adolescent ticket-taker at Monday's matinee told me I have really pretty hair, and I very nearly fell over - how often, really, are people kind without provocation or generous without hope of reward? I was a little bit shamed, actually, and I decided I was going to be a better person, starting right then and there - starting, in fact, with G-Force, a movie I had only an hour before referred to, sight unseen, as "that goddamn gerbil spy movie." My first mistake: G-Force stars guinea pigs, not gerbils. My second mistake: I should have pledged to start this new open-hearts policy in another 89 minutes, which is how long it takes to weather this technically competent if utterly artless family film from überproducer Jerry Bruckheimer. Among the film's many bewilderments: the sight of genuine comic talents such as Galifiniakis and Arnett (in the flesh), wrangling with material so beneath them as to be subterranean, while Favreau and Rockwell, doing voice work as rodents, mouth lines that appear to have been cobbled Mad Libslike from a master list of creaky catchphrases ("Don't try this at home," "Mess with the bull, you get the horns") and movie quotes from age-inappropriate sources such as Die Hard and Scarface. In its gadgetlust and obvious Transformers envy, G-Force is as loud and stupid as anything former Bruckheimer collaborator Michael Bay ever cooked up, and its characters' sketchings are similarly crude. (One wonders if Cruz knew the introduction of her character, Agent Juarez, would be trilled to a Spanish guitar.) But the real head-stumper here is how so much time, effort, and money could be spent in the service of something so colossally dumb. And then I remember my pledge about kindness and generosity extending even so far as to goddamn gerbil spies - sorry, guinea pigs - and I scour my brain for some bright spot. Come to think of it, those guinea pigs have really pretty hair, too. The film's special effects work, combined with 3-D technology, renders their every hair supple and defined. But the eyes - oh, the eyes are dead, as vacant as those of a plastic doll. It doesn't end with the eyes: All of G-Force is just as - Kimberley Jones vacant and pointless. → Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

ORPHAN D: Jaume Collet-Serra; with Peter Sarsgaard, Vera Farmiga, Isabelle Fuhrman, Aryana Engineer, Jimmy Bennett, CCH Pounder. (R, 123 min.)

Perhaps the most unsettling aspect of this relatively effective entry into the hoary little-girls-from-Gehenna genre is the fact that it was co-produced (along with 15 others) by Leonardo DiCaprio and Joel Silver, a match to rival any in Hollyweird lore. (Here's hoping it portends further interesting executorial endeavors for DiCaprio. I'm thinking a Jan Svankmajer/Gregory Dark-helmed *VeggieTales* outing might well be in order for the vegetable-eating actor/producer/ greenie.) Director Collet-Serra has 2005's efficiently disturbing *House of Wax* do-over to his credit, and here he manages to inject

some seriously warped life (and, natch, death) into the almost completely stripmined genre of evil children who enter otherwise normally dysfunctional nuclear families and proceed to go absolutely bat-shit. When it comes to vile little preteen pyschopaths. it's all in the eyes, as every film from Wolf Rilla's vintage Village of the Damned to Mervyn LeRoy's The Bad Seed can attest, and 12-year-old American actress Fuhrman has the look that kills and kills again, in spades. Esther (Fuhrman), a patently diabolic 9-year-old Russian orphan is adopted by Kate (Farmiga) and John (Sarsgaard) Coleman following the stillborn death of their third child. The grief has sent recovering alcoholic Kate into treacherous mental waters and John spinning back toward his prior adulterous ways. Their two biological children, cowed adolescent Danny (Bennett) and preteen Max (Engineer, who manages to trump Fuhrman's calculated, disturbing performance), are little more than grim pawns in Esther's slow-building usurpation of this already heavily benighted family. Still, in films such as this, it's rarely, if ever, a wise choice to adopt pale, raven-haired Euro-gothlings with decidedly outré artistic inclinations and unexplained scars; you'd be far better off going the in vitro route with an assist from Udo Kier or, failing that, Giovanni Lombardo Radice. Orphan is expertly and expressively lensed by Jeff Cutter, whose longtime association with One Hour Photo's Mark Romanek is much in evidence in the film's striking camerawork, which mines both bruised-looking visual veins similar to those perfected by Freddie Francis in his Hammer horror days and Romanek's own off-kilter, semisurreal stylistics. Bottom line: This Orphan is an atmospheric and occasionally vicious little git and an above-average entry into the "cuddly hellspawn" genre, overlong at two-plus hours, but nowhere near as excruciatingly overdone as others of its ilk (Devil Times Five, I'm talk-- Marc Savlov ing to you). ★★ Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

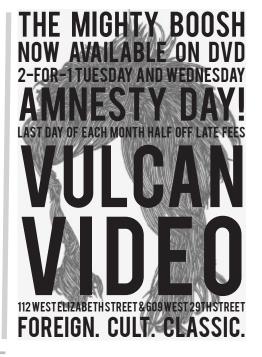
openings & ratings

Aliens in the Attic (PG) The Collector (R) Funny People (R) The Stoning of Soraya M. (R) Street Dreams (R) Unmistaken Child (NR)

**** As perfect as a movie can be
 *** Slightly flawed, but excellent nonetheless
 ** Has its good points, and its bad points
 * Mediocre, but with one or two bright spots
 * Poor, without any saving graces
 * La bomba

THE STONING OF SORAYA M. D: Cyrus Nowrasteh; with Shohreh Aghdashloo, Mozhan Marnò, James Caviezel, Ali Pourtash, Navid Negahban, David Diaan, Parviz Sayyad. (R, 116 min., subtitled)

This impassioned. American-financed drama is in service to the filmmakers' opposition to the religiously sanctioned stoning of inconvenient or insubordinate Muslim women in Iran and elsewhere. So far, so good. However, The Stoning of Soraya M. is a classic case of preaching to the choir, since it's doubtful the film will reach many of the minds that need changing. If the film were to be shown in remote Iranian villages such as the one in which the story takes place, it's more likely that it might spark gut reactions and incite institutional review. However, it's unlikely that any adherents of the punishment of stoning people to death will speak out in favor of their barbaric belief as the movie plays throughout America and other outposts of the Western world. Add to this that the film is based on a true incident written about in 1994 by novelist and journalist





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Public Enemies: Fri-Wed, 10:05am, 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20pm; Thu (8/6), 10:05am, 1:00, 3:55pm
MovieCamp: Star Wars: The Clone Wars: Wed, 10:00am
Transformers: Revenge of the Faller: 10:00am
The Ugly Truth: 10:15am, 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45pm

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*The Ugly Truth: 10:00am, 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20pm **CINEMARK HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA 14**

12812 Hill Country Blvd., 800/FANDANGO. *Aliens in the Attic: 11:50am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50pm NCM Fathom: DCI 2009: Big. Loud & Live 6:

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*Harry Potter and the Hall-Blood Prince: Fit-Wed, 12:10, 1:20, 2:30, 3:40, 6:05, 7:15, 8:25, 9:35;
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Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs: 11:55am, 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15pm *Ornhan: 12:25, 3:30, 6:55, 10:00

The Proposal: 11:35am, 2:15, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25pm Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen: 11:45am, 3:10, 6:35,

*The Ugly Truth: 11:30am, 12:45, 2:05, 3:15, 4:35, 6:10, 7:10, 8:40, 9:40pm

CINEMARK MOVIES 8 ROUND ROCK 2120 N. Mays (Round Rock), 512/388-2848, Discounts daily

before 5pm

erore spm. **Clubhouse: igor:** Tue, 10:00am **Imagine That:** 11:15am, 1:45, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45pm **Land of the Lost:** 11:50am, 9:40pm **Monsters vs. Aliens:** 2:30, 5:05, 7:20 **Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian:** 11:20am 12:20, 1:40, 2:45, 4:00, 5:10, 6:30, 7:25, 9:00, 9:55pm **The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3:** 11:00am, 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30pm

9:30pm Terminator Salvation: 11:10am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50pm X-Men Origins: Wolverine: 11:30am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30,

Year One: 11:40am, 2:10, 4:20, 7:40, 10:10pm

CINEMARK ROUND ROCK 4401 N. I-35, 800/ FANDANGO. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$2.50 pi

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*Orphan: 10:20am, 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:25pm The Proposal: 10:10am, 12:40, 4:00, 7:15, 9:50pm

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen: 11:40am, 3:15, 6:50

*The Ugly Truth: 10:30am, 11:50, 1:00, 2:20, 3:30, 4:50, 6:40, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30pm

CINEMARK SOUTHPARK MEADOWS 9900 S -35, 800/FANDANGO. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket

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*Funny People: 10:10am, 11:30, 1:45, 3:05, 5:15, 6:30, 8:30, 9:45pm *G-Force: 9:55am, 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55pm

*G-Force (3-D): 11:15am, 1:35, 3:55, 6:25, 8:55pm The Hangover: 10:35am, 1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40pm Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: 10:00am, 10:50.

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*Orphan: 10:30am, 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20pm The Proposal: 2:05, 4:40, 7:15

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen: 9:45am, 1:05, 4:25,

*The Ugly Truth: Fri-Wed, 10:15am, 11:35, 1:00, 2:10, 3:40, 4:45, 6:20, 7:10, 9:15, 10:05pm; Thu (8/6), 10:15am, 11:35, 1:00, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 10:05pm

DOBIE THEATRE 2025 Guadalupe (Dobie Mall.

DOBIT THEATRE 2/25 Classified (Dobie Mail, second floor), 472-FLM. Away We Go: Fri, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sat-Sun, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon-Thu (8/6), 7:30, 9:50 The Hangever: Fri, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat-Sun, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon-Thu (8/6), 7:00, 9:30 Harw, Orthers and the Juff Blood Palead Friest Eff 5:15, 8:20;

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GALAXY HIGHLAND 10 North I-35 & Middle Eiskville 467-7305. No one under 18 will be allowed in the theatre on Friday and Saturday after 7pm without an adult.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE 713 Congress, 472-5470.

Aliens: Wed, 9:20pm Alien': Wed, 7:00pm The Black Cat: Mon, 7:00pm; Tue, 8:45pm East of Eden: Sat, 9:20pm; Sun, 1:00pm Easy Rider: Fri, 7:15pm The Munny; Mon, 8:40pm; Tue, 7:00pm Rebel Without a Cause: Sat, 7:00pm; Sun, 3:30pm The Without a Cause: Sat, 7:00pm; Sun, 3:30pm

The Wild One: Fri, 9:25pm The Wizard of Oz: Sat, 2:00, 4:30; Sun, 7:30pm

TINSELTOWN NORTH North I-35 and FM 1825

(*Pflugerville*), 512/989-8540. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$2.50 premium.

*Aliens in the Attic: 11:05am, 12:15, 1:30, 2:40, 3:55, 5:05, 6:20, 7:30, 8:45, 9:55pm

*The Collector: 10:25am, 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05pm

NCM Fathom: DCI 2009: Big. Loud & Live 6: Thu (8/6), 5:30pm

*Funny People: 9:55am, 11:05, 12:10, 1:20, 2:30, 3:35, 4:45, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:25pm

*G-Force: 10:20am, 11:10, 12:45, 1:35, 3:10, 4:00, 5:35, 6:25, 8:00, 8:50, 10:25pm

*G-Force (3-D): 9:30am, 11:55, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35pm

The Hangover: 9:30am, 11:55, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15pm

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: 10:20am, 12:05, 1:50, 3:35, 5:20, 7:05, 8:50, 10:35pm

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs: 11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50pm

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*Orphan: Fri-Wed, 10:45am, 1:45, 3:25, 4:45, 7:45, 9:45,

Public Enemies: Fri-Sat, 12:15, 6:25; Sun, 9:30am, 12:15, 6:25pm; Mon-Wed, 12:15, 6:25; Thu (8/6), 12:15pm

*The Ugly Truth: 10:00am, 11:15, 12:35, 1:50, 3:10, 4:25, 5:45, 7:00, 8:20, 9:35, 10:55pm

Brüno: 10:10am, 11:20, 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:25, 5:40, 6:50,

*Food, Inc.: 10:00am, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25pm

***Orphan:** 10:45am, 12:15, 1:45, 3:10, 4:45, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:40pm

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3: 10:30am, 1:10, 3:50, 6:20,

Clubhouse: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie: Tue-Wed, 10:00am

WESTGATE 11 South Lamar and Ben White

*G-Force (3-D): 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25

The Ugly Truth: 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00 *Up:* 12:40pm

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showtimes.

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shows is regular ticket price plus a \$2.50 premium. Aliens in the Attic: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20

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The Proposal: 10:40am, 12:00, 1:20, 2:45, 4:10, 5:25, 6:40, 8:10, 9:20, 10:40pm

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen: 10:05am, 11:00, 11:50, 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:35, 4:20, 5:10, 6:05, 6:55, 7:50, 8:40,

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TINSELTOWN SOUTH South I-35 at Stassney

326-3800. \$10 "special event" ticket prices apply to

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9:30, 10:00pm

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5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:40, 10:45pm

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*The Hurt Locker: 9:45am, 12:55, 4:05, 7:15. 10:25pn

Freidoune Sahebjam and that the incident

he recorded occurred approximately 20-25

years ago, sometime after the fall of the

Shah, it is unknown how prevalent the

practice remains in Iran or how relevant this film might be to its modern-day resi-

dents (were they allowed the opportunity

thing about The Stoning of Soraya M. is

view throughout the last quarter of the

nearly two-hour movie. Granted, the title

that there is no suspense. But as Soraya

M.'s (Marnò) half-buried body arches back

her forehead - her fresh, red blood all the

while contrasting with the parched, dusty

landscape - viewers also experience this

protracted agony of the flesh and begin to

crave blessed release. (Many viewers at

the screening I attended exited the the-

atre at this point.) Not since 2004's The

Passion of the Christ have we seen such

an explicit and sustained assault on the

flesh in a nonhorror film. It's more than

a little curious then that The Stoning of

Steve McEveety, who until recently was

a producer with Mel Gibson's outfit, Icon

Productions, which made The Passion of

the Christ. Coincidentally, starring in that

earlier film as the crucified title character

Stoning as the journalist whose car breaks

down in a godforsaken Iranian village and

remains there long enough to uncover its

secrets. Until the ritual stoning starts in

the film's last 30 minutes, there are many

segments of ethnographic interest as we are given entrée to Muslim women's often

hidden world behind the chador, and the

piece also provides work for many compel-

ling Iranian-born actors. Still, the melodra-

ma is marred by stark distinctions between

good and evil, a kind of dramaturgy that

will be overly simplistic for most Western

viewers. The Stoning of Soraya M. is like a

splatter film made for the Lifetime Network,

with touches of The Ox-Bow Incident tossed

mob mentality to form. Rather than increas-

ing sympathy for the plight of women living

under the ironclad rule of paternalistic the-

ocracies, The Stoning of Soraya M. is more

Islamic faith. It is possible to support the

journalistic ideal that no stoning should be

left unturned while also championing better

Zamoscianyk; with Paul Rodriguez Jr., Rob Dyrdek, Ryan

- Marjorie Baumgarten

likely to incite Western antipathy for the

STREET DREAMS D: Chris

Sheckler, Ryan Dunn, Terry Kennedy. (R, 98 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. A teenaged, Midwestern skateboarder dreams of getting

sponsorship, but he gets no support from his family, girlfriend, or best friend and rival. So he

hightails it to Florida to showcase his skills in the Tampa Am contest. - Marjorie Baumgarten

storytelling.

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in just so we notice how easy it is for a

was Caviezel, who also co-stars in The

Soraya M. is produced by Mpower Pictures'

says it all: A stoning will occur; about

and then bobs forward like a battered

punching bag with each stone thrust to

its splatter-film ethos, which is vividly on

to see it). However, the most discouraging

n Fnday and Saturday arter / pm without an aduit. Allens in the Attlife: Firk-31, 10-45am, 12:50, 2:55, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10, 11:45pm; Sun-Thu (8/6), 10:45am, 12:50, 2:55, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10pm The Collector: FirS-at, 11:00am, 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25, 11:50pm; Sun-Thu (8/6), 11:00am, 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 0:25cm

Funny People: Fri, 10:00am, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00,

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10:15 **The Ugly Truth:** Fri-Sat, 10:10am, 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45, 11:50pm; Sun-Thu (8/6), 10:10am, 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45pm

GATEWAY THEATRE 9700 Stonelake, between Capital of Texas Highway and Highway 183 in the Gateway shopping center, 416-5700 x3808. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$2.50 premium. Aliens in the Attic: 11:50am, 2:05, 4:25, 6:45, 9:30pm The Collector: 12:15, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00 Funny People: 11:05am, 12:40, 2:20, 3:50, 7:00, 7:30, 10:10, 10:40pm 10:10, 10:40pm *G-Force: Fri, 2:45, 5:00, 9:50; Sat, 12:30, 5:00, 7:25; Sun, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25; Mon, 2:45, 5:00, 9:50; Tue-Thu (8/6), 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50 *G-Force (3-D): 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20

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The Proposal: 11:35am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35pm

Star Trek: 10:15pm Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen: 12:35, 3:45, 7:10.

10:30 **The Ugy Truth:** Fri-Tue, 11:25am, 12:25, 1:45, 3:00, 4:15, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25pm; Wed, 11:25am, 12:25, 1:45, 3:00, 4:15, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40pm; Thu (8/6), 11:25am, 12:25, 1:45, 3:00, 4:15, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:25pm

IMAX THEATRE Texas State History Museum,

 IMAA IHEAIRE lexas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress, 936-IMAX.
 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: Fri-Sat, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00, 12:00, 3:00, 100, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon-Thu (8/6), 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
 Texas: The Big Proture: Fri-Sat, 10:00am; Mon-Thu (8/6), 10:00am Under the Sea 3D: Fri-Sat, 11:00am; Mon-Thu (8/6), 11:00am

LAKELINE STARPORT Lakeline Mall at Highway 183

and RR 620, 335-4793. Discounts daily before 6pm and

Amenis in the Auto: 12:10, 2:40, 4:43, (705, 9:40) Funny People: 12:20, 3:35, 7:10, 10:15 *G-Force: 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35 The Hangover: 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00 *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: 12:15, 3:40, 7:00, 10:10

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs: 11:45am, 2:05, 4:25, 7:25,

9:50pm Family: Kung Fu Panda: Tue-Thu (8/6), 10:00am Orphan: 12:35, 3:20, 7:30, 10:25 Family: The Tale of Despereaux: Tue-Thu (8/6), 10:00am The Ugly Truth: 11:55am, 2:30, 4:55, 7:35, 9:55pm

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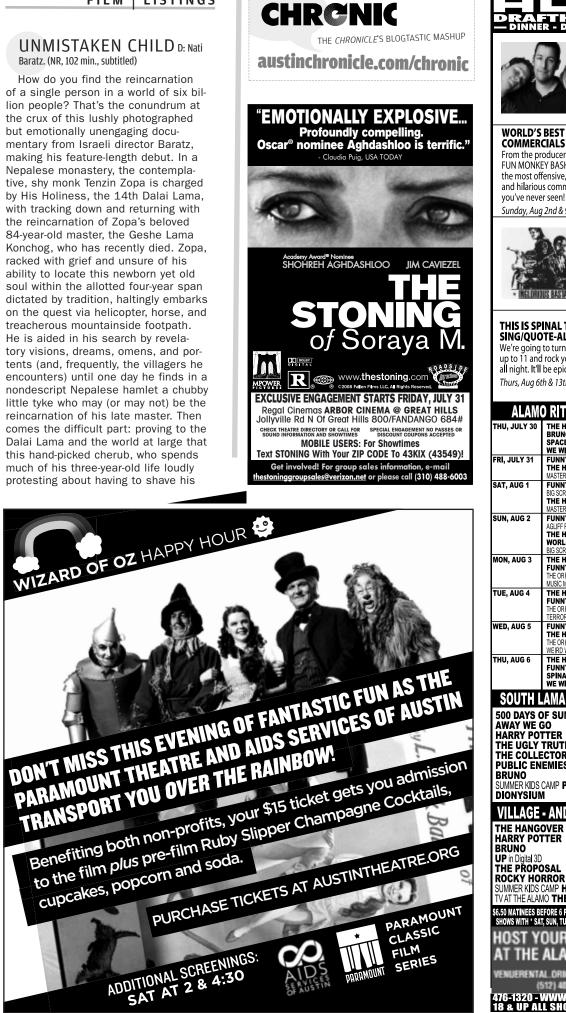
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UNMISTAKEN CHILD D: Nati Baratz. (NR, 102 min., subtitled)

How do you find the reincarnation of a single person in a world of six billion people? That's the conundrum at the crux of this lushly photographed but emotionally unengaging documentary from Israeli director Baratz, making his feature-length debut. In a Nepalese monastery, the contemplative, shy monk Tenzin Zopa is charged by His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama, with tracking down and returning with the reincarnation of Zopa's beloved 84-year-old master, the Geshe Lama Konchog, who has recently died. Zopa, racked with grief and unsure of his ability to locate this newborn yet old soul within the allotted four-year span dictated by tradition, haltingly embarks on the quest via helicopter, horse, and treacherous mountainside footpath. He is aided in his search by revelatory visions, dreams, omens, and portents (and, frequently, the villagers he encounters) until one day he finds in a nondescript Nepalese hamlet a chubby little tyke who may (or may not) be the reincarnation of his late master. Then comes the difficult part: proving to the Dalai Lama and the world at large that this hand-picked cherub, who spends much of his three-year-old life loudly protesting about having to shave his





head and playing with remote-control Tonka trucks, is indeed the right kid. Unmistaken Child is a full-immersion glimpse into the ancient traditions of Buddhist reincarnation and one that no filmmaker has ever before explored with this level of freedom and insight. (Martin Scorsese's pseudoepic Kundun, a fictional account of the goings-on here notwithstanding.) That said, despite the near-palpable sense of spirituality created by the film's natural dramatic arc and Cyrin Morin's ominous score, Baratz's film lacks the necessary historical context to be a true revelation, especially for Western audiences who may be less familiar with the ancient teachings of the Buddha. Chief among many questions left unresolved is why, other than the fact that they were close friends for many years, does the Dalai Lama insist that Zopa be the one and only monk responsible for finding Konchog Version 2.0? Unmistaken Child never reveals the answer, nor does it adequately explain the rules guiding Zopa's search. Possibly, certain Buddhist precepts are not for Western (or Israeli) eyes and ears, but nagging puzzles like this make Unmistaken Child occasionally feel like a particularly pious version of Lone Wolf and Cub meets Nepalese travelogue. Who knew reincarnation could be such a lovely - Marc Savlov snooze? Arbor **



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AWAY WE GO D: Sam Mendes; with John Krasinski, Maya Rudolph, Carmen Ejogo, Jeff Daniels, Catherine O'Hara, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Allison Janney, Chris Messina, Melanie Lynskey, Paul Schneider, Jim Gaffigan, Josh Hamilton. (R, 98 min.)

Mendes' strange journey through the American psyche (American Beauty, Road to Perdition, Jarhead, Revolutionary Road) takes the British-born filmmaker down another blind alley in his latest film, Away We Go. It is essentially a road-trip movie, highlighting the travels of expectant parents Burt (Krasinski) and Verona (Rudolph) as they search for a place to settle down and raise their child. Their relationship's naturalism clashes with the anxieties of the nutty, deluded, and broken characters they visit along the way, and inevitably, Burt and Verona wind up seeming superior and special, which puts an unpleasant spin on Away We Go. See it for the performances - they are delights, from the leads to the characters in the episodic vignettes. But the film's vision of Gen-Y nesting is liable to leave you up a tree. Only people with no real problems can devote so much time to finding the perfect place to feather their nest and raise their chicks. (06/19/2009)Marjorie Baumgarten ★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South. Dobie

BRÜNO D: Larry Charles; with Sacha Baron Cohen, Gustaf Hammarsten. (R, 82 min.)

Cohen's third feature - following 2002's mostly overlooked Ali G Indahouse and 2006's hugely successful Borat - is a lot like its rampantly gay, Viennese protagonist: The film may have only the best of intentions, but it tries too hard and ends up being shallow, superficial, and only sporadically funny. It's certainly a far cry from the comic/cultural lunacy of Borat, which in hindsight proves to be a surprisingly good-natured mockumentary/provocation when compared to the downright mean-spiritedness of this new(-ish) incarnation. Brüno feels less like a skewering of American homophobia than it does an excuse to string together a series of jury-rigged sketches and encounters with the likes of Ron Paul (who exits in a queer-phobic huff after Brüno comes on to him in a hotel room) that probably wouldn't have passed muster on Da Ali G Show. Cohen's Brüno is less specific and less interesting than Borat - and therefore less funny. (07/10/2009) - Marc Savlov ★ ★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Tinseltown South

(500) DAYS OF SUMMER D: Marc Webb; with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Zooey Deschanel, Geoffrey Arend, Matthew Gray Gubler, Chloe Moretz, Clark Gregg. (PG-13, 95 min.)

"You should know up front: This is not a love story," (500) Days of Summer's omniscient narrator warns us. The film then lays out the rabbit-hole, pop-cultural obsessions and core-rocking events that defined the He and She of this un-love story, Tom (Gordon-Levitt) and Summer (Deschanel). The two meet cute in the office elevator as Tom blasts the Smiths' "There Is a Light That Never Goes Out" on his headphones. When Summer sings along, his head nearly spins on its axis and, soon enough, they are off to the races. What follows is a 500-day breakup/makeup hamster-wheel spin of a coupling, told in a teasing, fractured timeline. With beautiful performances from Deschanel and the sweetly sincere Gordon-Levitt, (500) Days is a superior entry in the emerging canon of romantic comedy, and proves a funny, seductive, and surprisingly honest dramatization of the ways we snooker ourselves into incompatible love. (07/24/2009) - Kimberlev Jones ★★★★ Alamo Drafthouse South, Arbor, Barton Creek Square

FOOD, INC. D: Robert Kenner. (PG, 94 min.)

Food, Inc. largely forgoes bombast, but you don't need graphic depictions of a kill floor to get the drift here, which is, more or less, that the American food industry is pretty much fucked. One imagines that this eve-opening, stomach-queasing doc could have been artlessly done and still been effective - the information within is that vital - but Kenner has produced an engaging, cohesive narrative that informs but never scolds. It even heartbreaks, with explorations of one poverty- and diabetes-ravaged family's struggle to eat healthfully and another mother's congressional battle, sparked by her son's death from tainted meat. Food. Inc. maintains a nothingbut-the-facts (you supply the indignation) stance until the end, in an unnecessary call-to-arms that nudges the film into agitprop territory. Frankly, the filmmakers aren't giving the audience enough credit: We get it. We are what we eat. And what we've been eating has been engineered, assembly-lined, and/or brutalized. How's that for an appetite suppressant? (06/26/2009) Kimberlev Jones ★★★ Arbor, Tinseltown South

The Inglorious Bastards

The Inglorious Bastards (1978) D: Enzo Castellari; with Bo Svenson, Peter Hooten, Fred Williamson, Michael Pergolani, Ian Bannen. (R, 99 min.) Get ready for Quentin Tarantino's differently spelled story of a "take no prisoners" squad of World War II soldiers by catching up with Castellari's Seventies action picture. Tarantino's storyline differs from Castellari's colorful Italian war movie, but he acknowledges the inspiration nevertheless. @Alamc Ritz, Monday-Tuesday, 7:55pm; Wednesday, 9:15pm.





The Wizard of Oz

The Wizard of Oz (1939) D: Victor Fleming; with Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, Billie Burke, Margaret Hamilton. (G, 101 min.) Summer Film Classics: Toto Too. Follow the yellow brick road. (*) @Paramount, Saturday, 2, 4:30pm; Sunday, 7:30pm.

THE HANGOVER D: Todd Phillips; with Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha, Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Mike Tyson, Mike Epps, Sasha Barrese, Rachael Harris, Jeffrey Tambor. (R, 99 min.)

The Hangover instantly has the feel of one for the ages. It is deliciously darker than Phillips' previous comedies, Old School and Road Trip, but it isn't as thick with malice as those credits suggest. "Bromance" is too dopey of a word for what goes on here; The Hangover honors the significance of male friendship without insisting on its primacy. The occasion here is the Vegas-set bachelor party for Doug (Bartha), organized by his three groomsmen: Phil (Cooper), straitlaced Stu (Helms), and Doug's nonsequitur-spouting future brother-in-law, Alan (the sublime Galifianakis, so outré he's toeing performance art here). They wake the next morning, surrounded by the spoils of the party (a scorched hotel suite, a missing tooth, a tiger in the bathroom), but with zero recollection of how it all happened. An edgier film could have been carved out of that premise, but you'd be hard-pressed to find one as consistently, relentlessly funny. (06/05/2009) - Kimberley Jones ★★★★ Alamo Ritz, Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Dobie, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

HARRY POTTER AND THE

HALF-BLOOD PRINCE D: David Yates; with Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Helena Bonham Carter, Jim Broadbent, Robbie Coltrane, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman, Maggie Smith, Timothy Spall, David Thewlis, Warwick Davis, Tom Felton. (PG, 153 min.)

Yates returns as director after his superlative Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. The opening frames of The Half-Blood Prince further the series' urgency and panic but once the students return for a new term at Hogwarts, it's business as usual. Gone is any escalation, the ever-thickening, ever-sickening sense of dread; The Half-Blood Prince would rather flush pink with its lovesick teens than forward-thrust toward the mammoth battle of good vs. evil. Don't get me wrong: It's a giggling good time, watching adolescent boys try to work out their feelings, and the film's trio of leads - Radcliffe. Grint, and Watson - have grown from stuttering child actors into confident, even subtle performers with an easy rapport. But with all the hemming and hawing over love stuff, the action and the epicness have gone missing. It's always a pleasure to be in the company of Potter, but still: Where's the magic, huh? (07/17/2009) Kimberlev Jones

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THE HURT LOCKER D: Kathryn Bigelow; with Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty, Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse, Evangeline Lilly, Christopher Sayegh. (R, 131 min.)

The hybridization of arthouse and action doesn't happen all that often, but it should, if mashing the two genres makes for film as riveting and rattling as The Hurt Locker. Bigelow's film tells the story of an elite bomb-dismantling squad winding down a tour of duty in Iraq. "Story" is perhaps misleading, as The Hurt Locker, very little interested in character backstory or conventional plot, charts a series of missions, some more successful than others, with only the occasional interlude of drunken roughhousing. There's no moralizing here, no monologuing about why we fight: The Hurt Locker mostly restricts its focus to dramatizing the dirty work of bomb dismantling in a war zone, and that it does brilliantly. The tension is enough to make you slightly sick, and the overall mood of the thing is deeply dispiriting, but then, nobody ever said that war isn't hell. (07/10/2009) - Kimberley Jones $\star \star \star \star$ Arbor, Barton Creek Square, Southpark Meadows, Tinseltown North

ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE

DINOSAURS D: Carlos Saldanha; with the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Queen Latifah, Simon Pegg, Seann William Scott, Josh Peck, Chris Wedge. (PG, 93 min.)

3-D has finally found a home to call its own. Animated fare such as this third outing in the prehistoric, non-nuclear-family franchise use the stereoscopic fad to good effect, offering vertiginously dizzying flights with pterodactyls and toothy battles with the saurians of the title. Returning from the series' last installment are young woolly mammothsin-love Manny (Romano) and Ellie (Latifah) and their extended, multispecies herd; insecure sloth Sid (Leguizamo), saber-toothed tiger Diego (Leary), and possums Eddie (Peck) and Crash (Scott). Joining them is newcomer Buck, a Melville-spouting mad weasel with an Ahab complex and the voice of Pegg. Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs doesn't have a lot more to say than it did last time about accepting a nontraditional family, but what it does have going for it are its well-delineated characters and a relatively sharp sense of the absurdities of the close-knit clan. That, and a love for dinosaurs, goes a long way. (07/10/2009)Marc Savlov

★★ Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate



A Clockwork Orange

A Clockwork Orange (1971) D: Stanley Kubrick; with Malcolm McDowell, Patrick Magee, Michael Bates, Adrienne Corri, Aubrey Morris. (R, 137 min.) Movies and Music. P Kellach Waddle and the musicians of PKWproductions present their most requested "new" production – A Clockwork Orange. Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven will be performed, along with pieces by Waddle, based on Beethoven's themes. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Sunday, 8pm; \$15. MOON D: Duncan Jones; with Sam Rockwell, Dominique McElligott, Kaya Scodelario, Matt Berry, Benedict Wong, Malcolm Stewart; with the voice of Kevin Spacey. (R, 97 min.)

If Jones felt any first-film jitters, they are nowhere to be seen in his confidently measured and philosophically nuanced debut science-fiction film. After three years manning alone a moonbased drilling station, Sam Bell (Rockwell) has developed a rapport with the motorized CPU Gerty, whose simple expressions, along with the voice work of Spacey, produce an actual character for Rockwell to play off of ... and here's where you should stop reading if you haven't seen *Moon* yet. (Massive spoiler ahead.) Turns out the Sam Bell we've grown to care for isn't the first Sam Bell, nor the last. Lunar Industries made a whole host of Sam clones, and when a Gerty error results in two at once, the "original" Sam is faced with a corporeal reminder of the man he used to be. *Moon* doesn't belabor its point and really soars in the connections – unholy, but heartfelt – between man and machine and between man and his better angels. (07/10/2009) – *Kimberley Jones* ******** Arbor, Dobie





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East of Eden

East of Eden (1955) D: Elia Kazan; with James Dean, Julie Harris, Raymond Massey, Jo Van Fleet, Burl Ives. (PG, 115 min.) Summer Film Classics: The Ultimate Rebel. Dean made his starring debut in this adaptation of the John Steinbeck novel about two brothers' rivalry for the love of their father. (Double bill: Rebel Without a Cause.) (*) @Paramount, Saturday, 9:20pm; Sunday, 1pm.



MY SISTER'S KEEPER D: Nick

Cassavetes; with Cameron Diaz, Jason Patric, Abigail Breslin, Sofia Vassilieva, Evan Ellingson, Alec Baldwin, Joan Cusack, Thomas Dekker. (PG-13, 109 min.)

Anyone who watched his 2004 melodrama The Notebook knows Cassavetes is not a man to leave a spot of sap untapped, and in My Sister's Keeper, he pulls out a very big drill indeed. After years of enduring painful and invasive procedures to prolong the life of her cancer-stricken sister (Vassilieva), Anna Fitzgerald (Breslin) is suing her parents (Diaz and Patric) for her medical emancipation. The film works best as a portrait of a family at war, with both cancer and each other; there's very little meat on the bone of the legal subplot, and it seems to only intermittently hold the attention of Cassavetes and his co-writer Jeremy Leven. My Sister's Keeper is unfocused, pat, and predictable in plot and dialogue. but the actors are so likable that when two characters push a box of Kleenex back and forth, one can't help but sniffle in tandem. Unsubtleties be damned, our defenses fall. Meanwhile, Cassavetes' reign as the go-to waterworks man remains uncontested. (06/26/2009)- Kimberley Jones

★★ Tinseltown South

THE PROPOSAL D: Anne Fletcher; with

Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen, Craig T. Nelson, Betty White, Denis O'Hare, Malin Akerman, Oscar Nuñez, Aasif Mandvi. (PG-13, 107 min.)

Only very rarely do romantic comedies reinvent the wheel, which is why whole decades passed between Annie Hall, When Harry Met Sally, and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. At best, when we queue up for the latest studio romantic comedy, we can hope for a curveball or two (hence the comic-relief bit player, sassy grandparent, and embarrassingly public avowal of love, all featured in The Proposal). When you strip all that away, what you're left with is two deeply charismatic lead performers. Bullock plays the Canadian-born Margaret Tate, an all-work and no-play literary editor who, when threatened with deportation, bullies her long-suffering assistant Andrew (Reynolds) into a marriage of convenience. Eletcher demonstrates with The Proposal that she can put together a funny, able romantic comedy that is a cut above, but no more. Still, those leads are awfully likable, and if The Proposal doesn't reinvent the wheel, merrily we roll along nonetheless. (06/19/2009) - Kimberley Jones ★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse

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PUBLIC ENEMIES D: Michael Mann; with Johnny Depp, Christian Bale, Marion Cotillard, Channing Tatum, Giovanni Ribisi, Emilie de Ravin, Stephen Dorff, Billy Crudup. (R, 143 min.)

When "Pretty Boy" Floyd (Tatum) is gunned down in *Public Enemies*' opening, it foreshadows a dozen more deaths to come, many at the same hand as Floyd's – Melvin Purvis (Bale). Soon Purvis tightens his focus to public enemy No. 1, John Dillinger (Depp). The title's pluralization aside, this is Dillinger's show and Depp's, and the actor is

Alien³

rock-solid in capturing the famed bank robber's charisma and confidence. Mann (Heat) tweaks the color in Public Enemies to stunning effect (as with a diseased-looking, late-afternoon yellow at a Miami horse track), and not just to stylistically wank off: The off-shade of sunlight pinpoints the emotional key of the scene, in which Dillinger tries to assure his girlfriend he's going to live forever. It's a crucial moment, but Depp doesn't quite sell it. Which is a shame, because he has a marvelous foil in Cotillard. You can't tear your eyes off her any more than you can Mann's flawed yet engrossing picture. (07/03/2009) - Kimberley Jones ★★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North

TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF

THE FALLEN D: Michael Bay; with Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, John Turturro, Rainn Wilson, Ramon Rodriguez; with the voices of Hugo Weaving, Peter Cullen, Tom Kenny. (PG-13, 149 min.)

Bay's follow-up to his international smash hit of 2007 ups the ante on big and dumb. His new Transformers movie, whose extraterrestrials are based on the Hasbro toys that can morph from cars and other metal objects into awesome fighting machines, aims for impact over sense, clobbering viewers with its sensory overload and bludgeoning us into weary submission. The film is a clanging, full-metal racket from start to finish, with only the rare narrative pause devoted to exclusively human interactions. But, honestly, that's not what we and gazillions of non-English-speaking viewers around the globe want from this franchise. It's the action. On that score, this film is a poster child for the idea that more does not always equal more. With a typically grandiose running time, Revenge of the Fallen overstays its welcome by at least a half-hour, and two new Autobots - the illiterate, ghetto-speaking Skids and Mudflap (voiced by Kenny) - are the most retrograde blockbuster embarrassment since Jar Jar Binks. (06/26/2009) - Mariorie Baumgarten ★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM

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THE UGLY TRUTH D: Robert Luketic; with Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler, Eric Winter, Bree Turner, Nick Searcy, Cheryl Hines, John Michael Higgins, Kevin Connolly. (R, 95 min.)

It's the same old story: An uptight professional woman (Heigl, as TV producer Abby Richter) finds love with an earthy male chauvinist (Butler, as ratings-magnet Mike Chadway, whose segment is thrust into Abby's morning mix). The outcome is never in question in these Hollywood romantic comedies; it's the getting there that makes the movie sparkle or not. Heigl and Butler prove to be no Hepburn and Tracy in this regard. Their characters never genuinely spring to life. Yet the actors are only the most visible aspects of this crassly conceived movie. The film seems calculated to be a "girls night out" picture with an "R" bite that includes plenty of profanity and faked orgasms. Its plotting is utterly predictable. Luketic's direction is workmanlike at best; the staging underserves the

story, the lighting washes out the characters, and the makeup does the actors no favors. Taken as a whole, *The Ugly Truth* is much like its orgasms: phony and unsatisfying. (07/24/2009) – *Marjorie Baumgarten*

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UP D: Pete Docter, Bob Peterson; with the voices of Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer, Jordan Nagai, Bob Peterson, Delroy Lindo, Jerome Ranft, Elie Docter. (PG, 96 min.)

Pixar tops itself with its new animated offering Up, a movie so visually and emotionally skillful that it makes Monsters, Inc. look positively antic, Toy Story seem like mere child's play, and WALL-E appear as sentimental fluff. Up's promotional campaign, which suggests little more than a fantastical movie about a house that flies on balloon power, doesn't help spread the sense of the film's rich emotional currents and taut action sequences. The movie's preamble is such a penetrating thing of beauty that it could exist on its own as a lovely short film. Although Up's action sequences are well-constructed and suspenseful, there is really nothing that makes the film necessary to see in 3-D. However, in terms of its narrative structure and lessons learned. I suspect we will be comparing Up with classics like The Wizard of Oz for years to come. (05/29/2009) - Mariorie Baumgarten ★★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Village, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Westgate

WHATEVER WORKS D: Woody Allen; with Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood, Patricia Clarkson, Ed Begley Jr., Henry Cavill, Michael McKean. (PG-13, 92 min.)

After five years of making films abroad, Allen returns to his old stomping grounds of Manhattan for his latest comedy, Whatever Works. Larry David (Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm) is Boris Yellnikoff, a misanthropic misfit who lives by himself in a crummy apartment. Into his life tumbles naive waif Melodie St. Ann Celestine (Wood), a Southern beauty-pageant princess who's become a New York City runaway. She begs him for food, and he invites her up to his apartment for a meal, which turns into a place to sleep - and, before you know it, marriage. With scores of witty one-liners and excellent performances by David and Wood, Whatever Works feels more like a Woody Allen movie than have many of his recent films. Still, for a movie that goes out of its way to mock the pious self-delusions of Frank Capra's It's a Wonderful Life, Whatever Works offers us an ending that practically insults our intelligence. Consider our enthusiasm curbed. (07/03/2009) - Marjorie Baumgarten ★★≯ Arbor

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE D: Gavin Hood; with Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber, Danny Huston, Ryan Reynolds, Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Will.i.am, Dominic Monaghan, Kevin Durand. (PG-13, 107 min.)

Wolverine is a noisy mess, an origin/prequel that's nicely full of Jackman's glare and seriously killer snarl as Wolverine but utterly devoid of the borderline-subversive smarts that made Brvan Singer's X-Men outings so contemporarily resonant. Director Hood (Tsotsi) opens strong, with a wickedly crafted opening-credits sequence that shows young mutant Logan and his more feral half-brother, Victor, aka Sabretooth (Schreiber), emerging from Canada's Northwest Territories, circa 1845, to fight side by side in the Civil War, both World Wars, and Vietnam. It goes downhill from there as the semisibs are recruited by black-ops evildoer Gen. Stryker (Huston) to be part of an elite mutant fighting force; chaos and some very poorly rendered CG effects, excluding a masterful helicopter evisceration, ensue. Longtime readers of the Marvel series will likely laugh at Reynolds' portrayal of Deadpool, dig Will.i.am's Wraith, and already know enough about Logan/Wolverine's back-and-front story to wonder how on earth an X-Men film could be so ... bland. (05/08/2009)Marc Savlov



The Magic Flute

The Magic Flute (2006) D: Julie Taymor. (NR, 115 min.) **Metropolitan Opera: Encore Presentation.** Mozart's masterpiece is presented in an abridged, English-language version created especially for families. This performance was originally presented in December 2006 as the inaugural transmission of *The Met: Live in HD* series. Directed by Tony Award winner Taymor and conducted by Metropolitan Opera Music Director James Levine, the cast includes Ying Huang as Pamina, Matthew Polenzani as Tamino, and Nathan Gunn as the bird catcher Papageno. @Metropolitan, Wednesday, 7pm.

YEAR ONE D: Harold Ramis; with Jack Black, Michael Cera, Oliver Platt, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, David Cross, Olivia Wilde, Hank Azaria, Juno Temple, Vinnie Jones. (PG-13, 97 min.)

Slayer was right: God hates us all. How else to explain this blasphemously asinine and crudely scatological buddy pic so obsessed with bodily discharge that it makes Pasolini's Salò look like an episode of Full House? Year One reimagines the Book of Genesis as a warped Hope and Crosby comic travelogue - The Road to Sodom - minus the class and with Black and Cera playing pre-Darwinian variations of their respective obnoxious oaf and wide-eyed naif roles. Zed (Black) and Oh (Cera), predictably inept hunter-gatherers, are banished from their tribe and trudge through prehistory from one biblical high point to another. Read literally, the Old Testament is awash in bestiality, rape, pedophilia, murder, and overall seaminess. But Year One somehow manages to leech all the inherently subversive fun out of the whole thing. The only people who should be peeved enough to raise hell about Year One are the viewers who had to pay to sit through it. (06/26/2009) Marc Savlov ★ Movies 8

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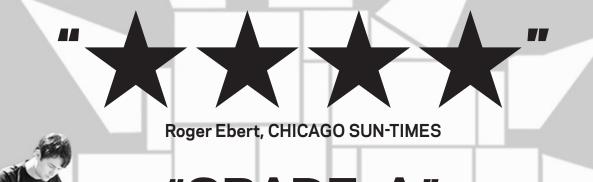
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TERMINATOR SALVATION * Movies 8

Alien³ (1992) D: David Fincher; with Sigourney Weaver, Charles S. Dutton, Lance Henriksen. (R, 115 min.) Summer Film Classics: One Mean Mutha. Weaver's Lt. Ripley and H.R. Giger's brainchild face off in Fincher's beautifully shot sequel that goes nowhere. (Double bill: Aliens.) (*) @Paramount, Wednesday, 7pm.



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PARAMOUNT SUMMER CLASSIC **FILM SERIES** PARAMOUNT BORN TO BE WILD -- JULY 30-31 Easy Rider (1969) Restored print. 40th Anniversary!



THU AT 8:50; FRI AT 7:15 The Wild One (1954) Brando's iconic performance as packleader stirring up trouble in a small town. THU AT 7: FRI AT 9:25

TOTO, TOO! -- AUGUST 1-2



The Wizard of Oz (1939) Sunday pre-film event with free Ruby Slipper Champagne Cocktails and Oz cupcakes. \$15 Tickets. Benefits AIDS Services of Austin. SAT AT 2 & 4:30 SUN AT 7:30



Rebel Without a Cause (1955) SAT AT 7; SUN CANCELLED

East of Eden (1955) James Dean stars; dir. Èlia Kazan SAT AT 9:20: SUN CANCELLED

HORROR & SCI-FI WEEK -- AUGUST 3-10

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The Black Cat (1934) MON AT 7; TUE AT 8:45 The Mummy (1932) MON AT 8:40; TUE AT 7

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special *screenings*

BY MARJORIE BAUMGARTEN

The symbol (*) indicates full-length reviews available online: **austinchronicle.com/film**.



Blood on the Highway (2008)

D: Barak Epstein and Blair Rowan. (NR, 88 min.) Austin Film Festival. Three road-trippers accidentally wander into the town of Fate, Texas, which is populated by dimwitted, thirsty vampires. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm; \$4, AFF members free.

Easy Rider D: Dennis Hopper; with Hopper, Peter Fonda, Jack Nicholson. (R, 94 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Born to Be Wild.** This is the movie by which Hollywood discovered the commercial power of "youth culture." Today, *Easy Rider* may be seen as an old hippies' road movie, but once upon a time it was the road least traveled. (Double bill: *The Wild One.*) (*) @Paramount, 8:50pm.

Go to Hell (1999) D: Michael J. Heagle; with Raymond P. Whalen, Jim Jorgensen, Jessica Michals, Carl Besasio. (NR, 90 min.) **Cult Thursday.** A tabloid journalist's soul is stolen, and he goes to hell to get it back. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

Happiness Is (2008) D: Andrew Shapter. (NR, 90 min.) Shapter's film shares the insights of various well-known and unknown persons regarding the meaning of happiness. Celebrating the kickoff of the film's national tour, a DVD release party also occurs earlier in the day, 5-7pm at Waterloo Records. See "After Life and Liberty," July 24, for more on the film. @Alamo Drafthouse South, 9:30pm; tickets are free and can be reserved at www.happinessisthemovie.com.

Spaceballs: The Quote-Along (1987)

D: Mel Brooks; with Brooks, John Candy, Rick Moranis, Bill Pullman. (PG, 96 min.) @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

We Will Rock You: The Queen Sing-Along Sing your heart out, and you will be the champion. @Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm.

The Wild One (1954) D: Laslo Benedek; with Marton Brando, Mary Murphy, Lee Marvin, Jerry Paris. (NR, 79 min.) Summer Film Classics: Born to Be Wild. This Stanley Kramer-produced film is the original biker movie. When this motorcycle gang terrorizes a sleepy town, the gangleader (played by Brando) is asked by a citizen, "What are you rebelling against?" to which he famously responds, "What've you got?" (Double bill: Easy Rider.) (*) @Paramount, 7pm.

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2008 Computer Animation Festival Austin ACM SIGGRAPH: Lift-Off for New Orleans. This mixer and special animation screening is a preconvention celebration for the upcoming national SIGGRAPH convention in New Orleans. Food, drinks, and door prizes. @Opal Divine's Penn Field, 7pm; free.

The 400 Blows (1959) D: François Truffaut; with Jean-Pierre Léaud. (NR, 99 min.) French New Wave Series. Celebrating the 50th anniversary year of French New Wave cinema with French-inspired refreshments. (*) @Ligne Roset Boutique, 7pm; free.

Just a Little Bit Crazy (2004) D: Will Dotter. (NR, 58 min.) This locally made feature film documents Taylor's annual Rattlesnake Sacking Championship. @Texas Spirit Theater at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, noon, 5pm.

Street Fight (2005) *D: Marshall Curry. (NR, 83 min.)* **African Film Screenings.** This fascinating documentary tracks the 2002 mayoral race in Newark, N.J., in which challenger Cory Booker tries to unseat the entrenched and unethical incumbent Sharpe James. African refreshments available. @Texas Music Museum, 7pm; free, but donations are appreciated.

KIDS

Bee Movie (2007) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

City of Ember (2008) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Curious George (2006) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

- Happy Feet (2006) Summer Kids Camp. Free. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am.
- Hotel for Dogs (2009) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

Space Chimps (2008) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

Spirited Away (2001) Summer Kids Camp. Free. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11:30am.

FRIDAY 31

Easy Rider @Paramount, 7:15pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991) D: Kevin Reynolds; with Kevin Costner. (PG-13, 143 min.) Master Pancake Theater. There's nothing funny about men in tights, right? (*) @Alamo Ritz, 7:45, 10:45pm.

The Wild One (1954) @Paramount, 9:25pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

SPACES

Lights. Camera. Help. The three-day festival, culminating in a wrap party on Sunday at which the winners will be announced, brings attention to the films-for-a-cause genre by showcasing the best PSAs, shorts, and feature-length films that nonprofits use to help spread the word about their causes. See **www.lightscamerahelp.org** for more info and the schedule. @Southwest Key Austin Community Center, 7pm.

KIDS

Happy Feet (2006) @North Village Library, 3pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Igor (2008) Summer Cinema Series. Parents can dine at the Southwest Bistro while the kids watch a movie and fill up on free popcorn. (*) @Hyatt Regency Austin, 6:30pm; free.

SATURDAY **01**

Alien: The Director's Cut (2003) D: Ridley Scott; with Tom Skerritt, Sigourney Weaver, Veronica Cartwright, Harry Dean Stanton, John Hurt, Ian Holm, Yaphet Kotto. (R, 116 min.) Big Screen Classics. The modern horror story meets the space opera in this outstanding film that launched a small franchise. Weaver quickly rose to the top of everyone's hit parade for her characterization of the toughas-nails Ripley, and Scott's visual pizazz (with the help of H.R. Gizer) upped the ante for movie images

of visceral horror. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 1:30pm.

East of Eden (1955) See p.68.

Rebel Without a Cause (1955) D: Nicholas Ray; with James Dean, Natalie Wood, Sal Mineo, Jim Backus. (NR, 111 min.) Summer Film Classics: The **Ultimate Rebel.** Dean essays 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. (Double bill: East of Eden.) (*) @Paramount, 7pm.

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991) @Alamo Ritz, 7:45, 10:45pm. (See Friday.)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) D: Jim Sharman; with Richard O'Brien, Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry. (R, 95 min.) Austin fans have been dressing up and doing the "Time Warp" thing live for more than 30 years straight. For more info, see www.austinrocky.org. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 12mid.

The Wizard of Oz (1939) See p.66.

SPACES

Just a Little Bit Crazy (2004) @Texas Spirit Theater at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, noon, 5pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Lights. Camera. Help. @Calhoun 100 (on the UT campus), 7pm. (See Friday.)

KIDS

Kung Fu Panda (2008) Austin Parks & Recreaction: Splash Party Movie Night. Movie starts at dusk; call 472-8546 for more info. (*) @Deep Eddy Pool. 8:30pm.

SUNDAY 02

Alien: The Director's Cut (2003) @Alamo Ritz, 9:30pm. (See Saturday.)

A Clockwork Orange (1971) See p.66. **East of Eden (1955)** See p.68.

Ready? OK! (2008) D: James Vasquez; with Carrie Preston, Lurie Poston, Michael Emerson. (NR, 91 min.) **aGLIFF**. In this comedy, a single mom struggles to understand her son's growing obsessions with dressing up, dolls, and cheerleading. Hosted by Rebecca Havermeyer. @Alamo Ritz, 1pm.

Rebel Without a Cause (1955) @Paramount, 3:30pm. (See Saturday.)

The Wizard of Oz (1939) See p.66.

World's Best Commercials Compiled by the folks at the Alamo, this program contains more than 140 ads from all over the globe, including the bizarre, sublime, sexual, low-brow, and truly inexplicable. Also included are commercials directed by the likes of David Lynch, Michel Gondry, Jean-Pierre Jeunet, and more. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.



Austin Film Society Summer Youth Camps You *know* those kids want to learn how to make movies; AFS youth filmmaking camps teach hands-on narrative and experimental techniques using digital video. The camps run Monday through Friday (9am-5pm) in August and are appropriate for ages 12-15. See website for details, and register soon. \$250 (\$225, AFS members). www.austinfilm.org.

Austin FilmWorks: Feature Lab is now accepting registrations for this fall's class sequence in which filmmaker Steve Mims requires students to produce two short films and play a key role on a class-produced feature-length film. See website for details. www.austinfilmworks.com.

Austin School of Film Classes An excellent slate of classes is available for your cinematic advancement at the Austin School of Film, with professional instruction in Final Cut Pro, DV and HD cameras, animation and lighting techniques, and more. See website for details. **www.austinfilmschool.org/classes**.

Robert Rodriguez: Shorts Benefit The director's Troublemaker Studios premieres its latest movie for the kids, Shorts, to benefit Austin's nonprofit Thoughtful House Center for Children. All tickets include admission to a children's carnival on Congress Avenue in front of the Paramount after the screening. *Sun., Aug.* 16, 2:30pm. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress, 472-5470. www.austintheatre.org.

Screen It Like You Mean It Austin Studios has a state-of-the-art screening room, which is available to the public on a rental basis. Community and indie rates are available for the room, which sports an 18-footby-7-foot screen, 28 fixed theatre seats, and a surround-sound system and supports Super-35, 35mm, 16mm, VHS, and DVD formats. Handicap accessible, restrooms – the works. It also has a "break room" suitable for presentations, meetings, and general cinematic tomfoolery. *322-0145.* www.austinstudios.org.

The Screenplay Workshop: Summer Registration Now enrolling adults for summer workshops and consultations. Offerings include: **Screenwriting Master Class** Everything you need to know to write one that's better than 98% of what's out there. *Tuesdays*, 7-9:30pm. *Through Aug*. 18. \$315. **Introductory Script Consultation** A 1½-hour private consultation on your screenplay or screenplay ideas. \$70. **Private Instruction and Story Consultation Package** 7½ hours of private instruction. \$370. All programs taught by professional screenwriters in Central Austin classrooms. www.thescreenplayworkshop.org.

SPACES

Just a Little Bit Crazy (2004) @Texas Spirit Theater at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, 5pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Lights. Camera. Help.: Wrap Party @New Movement Theater, 8pm. (See Friday.)

MONDAY **03**

The Black Cat (1934) D: Edgar G. Ulmer; with Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi. (NR,

65 min.) Summer Film Classics: Thirties Horror. Though purportedly based on the Edgar Allen Poe tale, this expressionistic Universal horror tale does its own thing. The film features the first pairing of Karloff and Lugosi, who play a demonic architect and a mad doctor, respectively. Guiding the proceedings is the B-movie master Edgar G. Ulmer (*Detour*). (Double bill: *The Mummy*.) @Paramount, 7pm.

DFW Punk (2008) D: Laura Tabor-Huerta. (NR, 68 min.) **Music Monday.** In this documentary about the Dallas and Fort Worth punk and new wave music scene numerous people are interviewed including Bobby Soxx, George Gimarc, Barry Kooda, and MC 900 Ft Jesus, and performances by the Ralphs, the Nervebreakers, the Telefones, Teenage Queers, Why Am I?, and Riot Squad are featured. @Alamo Ritz, 10:45pm.

The Inglorious Bastards (1978) See p.66.

The Mummy (1932) D: Karl Freund; with Boris Karloff, Zita Johann, David Manners, Arthur Byron, Edward Van Sloan. (NR, 73 min.) Summer Film Classics: Thirties Horror. Archaeologists uncover the mummy of ancient Egyptian prince Im-Ho-Tep, who then seeks out the reincarnation of his long-lost love in this atmospheric Universal horror classic. (Double bill: The Black Cat.) @Paramount, 8:40pm.

The Thick of It Showing over the course of a three-part program is this run of the BBC television series on which the new political satire *In the Loop* is based. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 10pm.

SPACES

Just a Little Bit Crazy (2004) @Texas Spirit Theater at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, noon, 5pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

The Mighty Boosh Austin School of Film: British Comedy Nights. Episodes from the first season of this British TV show screen. For more on the show see "Doin' It Their Way," July 17. @Tiny Bar, 7pm.

KIDS

Happy Feet (2006) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11:40am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

The Princess Bride (1987) Summer Kids Camp. Free. @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am.



The Black Cat (1934) @Paramount, 8:45pm. (See Monday.)

Deathdream (1974) D: Bob Clark; with John Marley. (PG, 88 min.) **Terror Tuesday.** Celebrate director Clark's birthday with this rare screening of his horror film about a soldier's corpse that returns from Vietnam more bloodthirsty than ever. @Alamo Ritz, 10:45pm.

The Inglorious Bastards (1978) @Alamo Ritz, 7:55pm. (See Monday.)

The Mummy (1932) @Paramount, 7pm. (See Monday.)

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

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Just a Little Bit Crazy (2004) @Texas Spirit Theater at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, noon, 5pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

KIDS

Bee Movie (2007) @Arbor, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

City of Ember (2008) @Westgate, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Curious George (2006) @Westgate, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Happy Feet (2006) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11:40am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Igor (2008) @Movies 8, 10am. (See Friday.) Kung Fu Panda (2008) @Lakeline, 10am. (See Saturday.)

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) @Arbor, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

The Princess Bride (1987) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am. (See Monday.)

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) Summer Movie Clubhouse. \$1. (*) @Tinseltown South, 10am.

The Tale of Despereaux (2008) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

WEDNESDAY 05

Aliens (1986) D: James Cameron; with Sigourney Weaver, Bill Paxton, Paul Reiser, Michael Biehn, Carrie Henn, Lance Henriksen. (R, 137 min.) Summer Film Classics: One Mean Mutha. Weaver is back for more alien mischief, and this time she's determined to wipe them out for good. Cameron helms the movie and turns out a nonstop action fest. (Double bill: Alien³.) (*) @Paramount, 9:20pm.

Alien³ (1992) See p.68.

The Inglorious Bastards (1978) See p.66. The Magic Flute (2006) See p.68.

The Muthas (1976) D: Cirio Santiago; with Jeanne Bell, Rosanne Katon, Jayne Kennedy, Trina Parks. (R, 101 min.) **Weird Wednesday.** Female pirates are captured and sent to prison in this Filipino action film. @Alamo Ritz. 12mid.

SPACES

The Barber of Siberia (1998) D: Nikita Mikhalkov; with Julia Ormond, Richard Harris, Oleg Menshikov, Aleksei Petrenko. (NR, 180 min.) UT Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies: Films of Nikita Mikhlakov. Free. @Geography Bldg., Rm. 102 (UT campus on 24th), 7pm.

The Goonies (1985) D: Richard Donner; with Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen, Corey Feldman, Kerri Green, Martha Plimpton. (PG, 114 min.) Central Market and 101X FM: Summer Movie Series. From a story by Steven Spielberg, this kids comedy is sick, rude fun. Outdoor movie begins at dusk. (*) @Central Market North, 8:30pm; free.

Just a Little Bit Crazy (2004) @Texas Spirit Theater at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, noon, 5pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Riki-Oh: The Story of Ricky (1989) D: Ngai Kai Lam; with Frankie Chin, Sui-Wong Fan, Ho Ka Kui. (NR, 91 min.) BYOB. (*) @Roadhouse Rags, 9pm; \$5.

KIDS

Bee Movie (2007) @Arbor, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

City of Ember (2008) @Westgate, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Curious George (2006) @Westgate, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Happy Feet (2006) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11:40am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

Kung Fu Panda (2008) @Lakeline, 10am. (See Saturday.)

Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) @Arbor, 10am. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

The Princess Bride (1987) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am. (See Monday.)

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) @Tinseltown South, 10am. (See Tuesday.) Star Wars: The Clone Wars (2008) Summer

MovieCamp. \$1. (*) @Barton Creek Square, 10am. The Tale of Despereaux (2008) @Lakeline.

10am. (See Tuesday.)

THURSDAY 06

DCI 2009: Big, Loud & Live 6 (NR, 315 min.) NCM Fathom. Drum Corps International presents the 2009 World Championship quarterfinals live. @Southpark Meadows, Hill Country Galleria, CM Cedar Park, Tinseltown North, 5:30pm.

This Is Spinal Tap Sing- and Quote-Along (1984) D: Rob Reiner; with Reiner, Michael McKean, Christopher Guest, Harry Shearer, Tony Hendra, Fran Drescher. (R, 82 min.) @Alamo Ritz, 7:45pm.

We Will Rock You: The Queen Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 10:15pm. (See Thursday, 7/30.)

The Workhorse Chronicles (2006) D: Denise Korycki. (NR, 60 min.) **Cult Thursday.** Mastodon's first official DVD release. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

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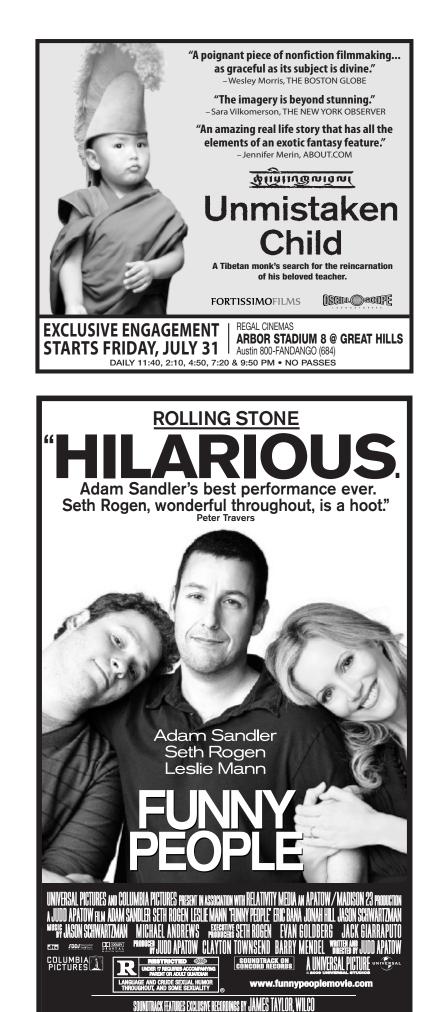


Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009) D: David Yates: with Daniel Radcliffe.

Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Helena Bonham Carter, Jim Broadbent, Robbie Coltrane, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman, Maggie Smith, Timothy Spall, David Thewlis, Warwick Davis, Tom Felton. (PG, 153 min.) (*) Thu. (7/30)-Sat., noon, 3, 6, 9pm, 12mid; Sun., 1, 4, 7, 10pm; Mon.Thu. (8/6), noon, 3, 6, 9pm.

Texas: The Big Picture (2003) D: Scott Swofford; narrated by Colby Donaldson. (NR, 39 min.) Panoramic shots of Texas grace the screen as the state is shown to be a land capable of growing everything from grapefruit to microchips. Thu. (7/30)-Sat., 10am; Mon.-Thu. (8/6), 10am.

Under the Sea 3D (2009) D: Howard Hall. (NR, 40 min.) The impact of global warming is examined in the waters of Southern Australia, New Guinea, and elsewhere in the Indo-Pacific region. Thu. (7/30)-Sat., 11am; Mon.-Thu. (8/6), 11am.



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Foot Patrol

Room 710's Final Weekend

Room 710, Friday 31-Sunday 2

If Room 710's walls could talk ... scratch that, actually, as the Red River venue's hook has always been a loud and fast one – rocking trumps talking – and after nearly a decade, it's closing its doors, but not before one last freak show. Friday, Eyehategod

members reconvene to dish out the sludge as Hawg Jaw, with Split Hoof, Burn Heavy, and Scraps of Life warming up your innards. Saturday night, Foot Patrol and Pong bring their own gong shows, with Hug fluffing the happy hour crowd at 8pm. That which will need hosing off the walls the next day will no doubt be legendary. See "Off the Record," p.45. – Audra Schroeder

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Emo's, Tuesday 4

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HIGH TENSION WIRES, THE HEX DISPENSERS Scoot Inn, Saturday 1

Pumpin' iron in the garage, with the Bad Sports.

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Mohawk, Monday 3 Houston MC brings the live band.

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NEVILLE BROTHERS, DR. JOHN Austin Music Hall, Friday 31

This is the kind of double bill you used to find in New Orleans during Jazz Fest on the riverboat, but here in Austin, it's the rare opportunity to catch two masters from the City That Care Forgot. Dr. John's trademark growl and Nawlins ivory tickle remain "mos' scocious," and when paired with the Neville Brothers' legendary funk-soul, it's nothing short of divine. – Margaret Moser

DE LA SOUL Emo's, Saturday 1

Imagine how Chuck D must have felt when his "Countdown to Armageddon" stalled because three dudes from the 'burbs were talking about the "D.A.I.S.Y. Age." Twenty years on, De La Soul's *3 Feet High and Rising* is every backpack rapper's bible, an album on the short list of hip-hop's most influential. "Do as De La Does" and feel the love as Trugoy, Posdnuos, and Maceo relive Strong Island's "Magic Number." – Chase Hoffberger

KIM LENZ & THE JAGUARS Continental Club, Saturday 1

The L.A.-based Lenz, who called Dallas home for a while, brings her Jaguars back to prowl the Lone Star State. Featuring Nick Curran on guitar, new disc *It's All True!* is hotly anticipated by the retro-rockabilly and whoopin'/hollerin' crowd. Curran & his Lowlifes open, guaranteed to rumble the jungle onstage. – *Margaret Moser*

GIRLS ROCK CAMP SHOWCASE The Parish, Saturday 1

Witnessing the shift in a young girl's mind when she realizes that she can do anything with an instrument is quite intense and pays off Saturday. As the second and final session of Girls Rock Camp Austin comes to a close, the bands formed over the past week play back that oh-wow moment. The \$5 donation benefits the camp. Doors at noon. – Audra Schroeder

MUSIC & A MOVIE Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Sunday 2

Back by popular demand, local classical provocateur P. Kellach Waddle pairs strings, keys, and a screening of *A Clockwork Orange* for your viewing pleasure. Kubrick's ultraviolent masterpiece meets Beethoven's schadenfreude as Waddle and fellow local composers Graham Reynolds and Peter Stopschinski smash and grab. 8pm. – Audra Schroeder

M. WARD Antone's, Tuesday 4

Matt Ward's languid drawl harbors a timeless quality, the sound of living room parties spilling out onto the sidewalk to meet dawn. The Portland, Oregonian's sixth songwriter deluxe disc, *Hold Time* (Merge), electrifies his early folk picking in pursuit of purer rock & roll roots, an inclusive vision of Americana that streams across radio dials dislodged from history. – *Doug Freeman*

BOB DYLAN, WILLIE NELSON, JOHN MELLENCAMP Dell Diamond, Tuesday 4

Austin's spent the summer in "My Wife's Home Town," Dylan's hellish rewrite of Willie Dixon's "I Just Want to Make Love to You." The Bard also has thoughts on "If You Ever Go to Houston," from spring's *Together Through Life*. Willie Nelson delivers *American Classic* on Blue Note at the end of August, while Mellencamp still ponders 2008's *Life Death Love and Freedom*. Get to Round Rock early, because as AC/DC proclaims, hell ain't a bad place to be. – Raoul Hernandez

GUN OUTFIT Beerland, Thursday 6

Olympia, Wash.'s DNA runs deep in Gun Outfit's debut LP, *Dim Light* (Post Present Medium). The trio's muddy Northwestern punk is dragged into the basement on "Had Enough" and "Troubles Like Mine," the double vocals of guitarists Dylan Sharp and Caroline Keith echoing a more amped-up Beat Happening or awkward Dead Moon. Deskonocidos, Teenage Cool Kids, and Ghost Knife open. – Audra Schroeder



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NEVILLE BROTHERS (FRI., 7/31)



KIM LENZ (SAT., 8/1)



M. WARD (TUE., 8/4)



GUN OUTFIT (THU., 8/6)



Saturday: **Broken Gold**, **Serious Tracers**, Sound on Sound, 6pm Monday: The **Steps**, Waterloo Records, 5pm

Tuesday: **Yppah**, Waterloo Records, 5pm Thursday: **Generationals**, Waterloo Records, 5:30pm

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On Friday, August 28 & Saturday, August 29 Ciao Chow Catering's commercial kitchen will be available for FREE so that you can make your salsa. YOU MUST BRING ALL OF YOUR OWN INGREDIENTS and please plan to make one quart of sauce. Once you are finished, you will receive a receipt verifiying that your salsa was made in a commercial kitchen. Please BRING THIS RECEIPT WITH YOU WHEN YOU check-in on the morning of the event.

Restaurant Hot Sauce Makers must provide a receipt verifying that their sauce was made in a commercial kitchen so that the general public will be able to sample it under the tasting tent. Please BRING one quart of sauce and the receipt to check-in on the morning of the event.

ALL HOT SAUCE ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY OUR PANEL OF JUDGES REGARDLESS of where they were made.

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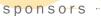
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(9:30) THE AMSTERDAM Brent Adair,

Tom Gilliam (8:00) ANTONE'S Uncle Lucius (10:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Tony Airoldi (7:30)AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735

Matthew Gray Delves Into Humanity Pools, Canadacoda, FM Campers

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Eric Tessmer

Lodge No. 1735 Pitch Black Jungle, Beerland

William Fitzsimmons, Cactus

The Lovers, Carousel Lounge

Emory Quinn, Cheatham Street

Sore Losers, Creekside Lounge

Squidbucket, Headhunters

Chris Jamison, Botticelli's

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THU 30

Cafe

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Bat Castle, Room 710

BEERLAND Built by Snow, Quiet Company, Chelsea Manor, Pitch Black Jungle, Fresh Millions, Higher Than Why

THE BELMONT Jeff Lofton Ouartet (7:00), DJ Blick (10:00) BOTTICELLI'S Chris Jamison, Aimee Bobruk

BROKEN SPOKE Dance Lessons, Jesse Davton (8:00)

THE BROWN BAR Kenny Luna **CACTUS CAFE** William Fitzsimmons (8:30)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE The Lovers (9:00)

CATHEDRAL OF JUNK The Weird Sisters (8:00)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Emory Quinn

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Oliver Giraud (10:00); In the Club: Ruby Dee & the Snakehandlers (6:30), Frank Smith, Ian Moore (10:00)

LISTINGS ARE FREE AND PRINTED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS, Acts are listed chronologically. Schedules are subject to change, so call clubs to confirm lineups. Start times are provided where known and are PM unless otherwise noted

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TUE 4

M. Ward, Antone's

Pipsqueak, Ultra Twist, Reerland

Bob Dylan, John Mellencamp, Dell Diamond

Barcelona & Meese, Seabird, Emo's Waylon Payne, Saxon Pub

Yppah. Waterloo Records WED 5

Church of the Snake, Color Club, TV Ghost, Beerland Stone River Boys, Continental Club

The Cab, A Rocket to the Moon, the Summer Set, Eye Alaska, My Favorite Highway, Emo's

Aaron Kamm & the One Drops, Flamingo Cantina

Burning Street, Headhunters Charlie Parr, Aaron Sinclair, Mohawk

Jess Klein, Momo's Atmosphere. Evedea & Abilities, Attacted to Gods,

Stubb's THU 6

Gun Outfit, Teenage Cool Kids, Beerland

Th' Legendary Shack Shakers, Bobby Bare Jr., Ghostfinger, Emo's

Ottmar Liebert, One World Theatre

The Wiggles, Paramount Theatre

Teenage Wolf, Plush Dan Montgomery, Saxon Pub Generationals, Waterloo Records

for your **benefit**

MON 03 Grass Roots Leadership Benefit w/ Si Kahn, MonkeyWrench Books

THF 04 Yellow Bike Project Benefit w/ Black Cock, the Diving Captain, James & the Douchebags, Emo's

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Closure in Moscow, Secrets Dark Party, Alex B., Mux Mool, Beyond Gods & Empires, the

All Handmade Bash, the WonderCraft Benefit w/ Monster Girl, DJ Blende, Salvo, Beauty Bar

SAT 01

Austin Zoo Benefit w/ Eve Monsees & the Exiles, Chadd Thomas & the Crazy Kings, Chrissy Flatt, Carousel Lounge

Girls Rock Camp Austin Showcase, Benefit, the Parish

august SAT 1 **Matthew Gray Delves Into** Pine Hill Haints, Beerland Humanity Pools, Austin Moose Otis Gibbs, Cactus Cafe

Kim Lenz & the Jaguars Jade Idol, the Honeybees **Continental Club** Psycho 78, Creekside Lounge Artist vs. Poet, Watchout! Theres Ghosts. De la Soul. Kenan Bell, Emo's Six Pack Deep, Flamingo Cantina Denitia Odigie, Ree Boado, Flipnotics Coffeespace Eleven Hundred Springs. Gruene Hall Bassturd, Headhunters Minor Mishap Marching Band,

Hole in the Wall Matthew & the Arrogant Sea, Lamberts

Randy Rogers, Nutty Brown Cafe Rocketboys, Stubb's

SUN 2

Dead Space, Mystery Lights, Beerland Otis Gibbs, Continental Club They Mean Us, Hole in the Wall Buster Jiggs, Momo's Buster Jiggs, Saxon Pub Rvan Cabrera, Backseat Goodbye, Stubb's

MON 3

Counting Crows, Michael Franti, Spearhead, Augustana, Austin Music Hall Glasvegas, Emo's Yppah, Mohawk Clav McClinton, Momo's

Kid Cudi, B.o.B., Pac Div, Stubb's **FRI 31** Neville Brothers, Dr. John, Austin Music Hall The Bachelorettes, Beerland Dovle Bramhall, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum Gay Duo, Creekside Lounge The Dicks, Emery, Maylene & the Sons of Disaster. & Whisper, Kiros, Emo's Max Stalling, Gruene Hall The Deathray Davies. Buttercup, Mohawk the Parish

Stoics, Red Eyed Fly Hawg Jaw, Room 710 Will Hoge, the Orbans, Stubb's Blood Engine, Triple Crown

FRI 31











CALENDAR (COMMUNITY SPORTS ARTS FILM MUSIC) LISTINGS

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COPA BAR & GRILL Salsa Lessons w/ Tony, the Brew (8:00) CREEKSIDE LOUNGE A Letter of Warning Mutant Press

of Warning, Mutant Press, Hoodrats, Sore Losers **DONN'S DEPOT** Murphy's Inlaws

EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD Lucky Strikes (8:00)

ELEPHANT ROOM Joe Cordi, Butch Miles & the Jazz Express (6:00)

EMO'S The Boxing Lesson, Carney **EVANGELINE CAFE** Craig Toungate

(7:00)

1ST DOWN & STASSNEY SPORTS BAR Ted Hall & the Pleasure Cats (9:00)

FLAMINGO CANTINA Killing Industry, Fatback Circus (9:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Curtis McMurtry (6:00) FURR'S FAMILY DINING Carlton

Lombard (noon, 6:00) GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN

SALOON Alvin Crow (9:00) GRUENE HALL Sarah Pierce (7:00) GÜERO'S TACO BAR Myrna

Cabello (6:30) HEADHUNTERS Guncotton,

Squidbucket, the Culprit, the Faded, Supercrash, Steve Syxx

HOLE IN THE WALL Condiment Sandwich, Melissa Bryan, Preston Dukes, Mike Nicolai, Amy Mitchell, Miss Jackson, Leatherbag

HOUSE WINE Kelly Mickwee (6:00) IGUANA GRILL Bobby Earl Smith (6:00)

JO'S HOT COFFEE Marshall Ford Swing Band (7:00)

JOVITA'S The Cornell Hurd Band (8:00)

LAMBERTS Mother Falcon (10:30) LUCKY LOUNGE lan McLagan &

the Bump Band, Grant Ewing Band (6:00)

THE MADISON Mista Swift, Graham Wilkinson

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Phil Brown, Jimi Project (6:00)

MEAN-EYED CAT Erik Larsen & Peacemaker (8:00)

MOHAWK Team Fabrication, Mandroid, LAX MOMO'S David Lutes, Deadman,

Matt McCloskey, the Brimmers, LeBaron Fairchild

MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)

NORTH BY NORTHWEST RESTAURANT & BREWERY Sounds of AM

NUTTY BROWN CAFE Cedar Valley Band

ONE 2 ONE BAR Wayne's Donkey, 80H Project (8:00)

THE PARISH Barebones Orchestra, That Damned Band,

Wino Vino **PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE** Americana Showcase (7:30)

THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS Open Mic

POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Buster Jiggs

RABBIT'S LOUNGE Del Rossi (8:00) RANCH 616 Lucas Hudgins (8:00) RED EYED FLY Shadowdog, Ben

& Brett, Grand Archer, Soco Sons, Joe Six Pack

RED FEZ DJ Rapid Ric, Mike Maven & the Good Life (8:30) RED SHED TAVERN Charlie Hurtin & the Hecklers (8:00) RENAISSANCE HOTEL Rich

Demarco (6:00) RILEY'S TAVERN Blue Diamond Shine

ROOM 710 Bat Castle, Blackholicus, Capricorn USA, Ignitor

RUTA MAYA One Love, DJ Trypset, Foot Clan, Dubbel Dutch, Mad Classy (8:00)

SAXON PUB Sunny Sweeney, Tin South, Jason Eady (8:00)

SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & GRILL Iron 60, Video Vamp

SHINER'S SALOON Jeremy Steding (9:00)

SPEAKEASY James Kinney (9:30) STUBB'S Outside: Pac Div, B.o.B., Kid Cudi, Asher Roth; Inside Later: Zeal, Phranchyze

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Open Mic THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Ruby

Jane Smith (9:00) TINIEST BAR IN TEXAS The

Banters (9:00) TOM'S TABOOLEY Fractals (8:00)

TRIPLE CROWN R.C. Banks, Van Sanchez, Chief Fuzzer, I.S.S.

TROPHY'S Two Hoots & a Holler WATERLOO ICE HOUSE GALLERIA Bo Porter (9:00)

Z'TEJAS Kris Kimura (6:00)

FRI **31**

THE AMSTERDAM Earl Poole Ball, Red Line Riot, Spoiled Royals (6:00)

ANTONE'S Del Castillo (9:30) ARTZ RIB HOUSE Michael Ballew (7:30)

AUSTIN MUSIC HALL Dr. John, Neville Brothers (8:00)

BACKSTAGE STEAKHOUSE & GARDEN BAR Michael Samuels (7:00)

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Preacher Keen

BEAUTY BAR All Handmade Bash, the WonderCraft Benefit w/ Monster Girl, DJ Blende, Salvo (7:00)

BEERLAND The Bachelorettes, the Jungle Rockers

THE BELMONT DJ Blick (10:00) BOAT HOUSE GRILL MJ Torrance BOB BULLOCK TEXAS STATE

HISTORY MUSEUM Music Under the Star w/ Doyle Bramhall (6:00)

BOTTICELLI'S Gillian Welch Tribute w/ Aaron Franz 'BOUT TIME DJ Flement

BROKEN SPOKE Dance Lessons, Gary P. Nunn (8:00)

THE BROWN BAR Kenny Luna BUDDY'S PLACE Geezinslaw

Bros. w/ Sam & Son (9:00) CACTUS CAFE Bruce Robison (8:30)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Unfortunate Heads, Greatest American Heroes (7:00)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Bobby Duncan

CINDY'S GONE HOG WILD Righteous Brisket, Freebleeder, Motionside (9:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Mike Flanigin (10:00); In the Club:

Flanigin (10:00); In the Club: The Blues Specialists (6:30), Seth Walker (10:00) COTTON CLUB 3 X Texas (8:30) CREEKSIDE LOUNGE The Cooper Cranes, Insect Sex Act, Gay Duo. Megazilla

DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the Station Masters

DRY CREEK SALOON Damon Bramblett (8:00)

EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD Mark Goodwin Trio (8:00)

EL SOL Y LA LUNA Mary Welch y los Curanderos (8:00) ELEPHANT ROOM T. Jarrod Bonta,

ELEPHANT ROOM T. Jarrod Bonta Just Released (6:00)

EMO'S Outside: Kiros, Secrets & Whisper, Closure in Moscow, Maylene & the Sons of Disaster, Emery; Inside: The Altars, Crash Gallery, World Burns to Death, the Dicks

EVANGELINE CAFE Third Coast Showcase w/ Jim Patton & Sherry Brokus, Cleve & Sweet Mary, Kim Miller (10:00)

THE FIFTH GALLERY John Gomi

1ST DOWN & STASSNEY SPORTS BAR Young Gunz (9:00)

FLAMINGO CANTINA Shazz, One-Step Program, Subrosa Union

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Floating Opera Orchestra, Wino

Vino (9:00) **FURR'S FAMILY DINING** Carlton Lombard (noon, 6:00)

GIDDY UPS Scott Wayne (5:00) GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN

SALOON Weldon Henson (9:00) GRUENE HALL Max Stalling (8:00)

GÜERO'S TACO BAR Los Flames (6:30)

HANOVER'S Suede

HEADHUNTERS Johnny Flash, Chris McFarland, Fireball Show, Sleep Good, Phunky Jah Punks, Cactus Peach

HOLE IN THE WALL Neal Kassanoff, Grave Baby, Street Light Suzie, Bass Line Bums (10:00)

HOUSE WINE Will T. Massey (8:00)

IGUANA GRILL Candiland (6:00) JOVITA'S Girl Guitar, Vinyl Affair, Forty-Six (6:00)

LAMBERTS The Jitterbug Vipers (7:00), Graham Wilkinson (10:30)

LUCKY LOUNGE Angel Ferrer, DJ Diamond Tip (9:00)

MOHAWK Inside: Salim Nourallah & the Constellations, Buttercup CD Release,

Deathray Davies; Outside: Bankrupt & the Borrowers, T Bird & the Breaks (9:00) **MOMO'S** Joanna Barbera, Jacob

MOONRIVER Doc Pointer (9:00)

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Phil Wiseman

(10:00)

Dark Party

Dames (7:30)

Middle Men

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CALENDAR (COMMUNITY SPORTS ARTS FILM MUSIC) LISTINGS

CLUB LISTINGS FROM FRIDAY

RENAISSANCE HOTEL Rich

Demarco (6:00) RILEY'S TAVERN Tres Womack ROMEO'S Rob Greenfield & Ephraim Owens

ROOM 710 Splithoof, Hawg Jaw, Super Heavy Goat Ass RUTA MAYA Sunray Project,

Muse Oasis, DJ Viajero, Exstus (9:00)

SAXON PUB The Regulars (6:00), Freedy Johnston, Jon Dee Graham (8:00) SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB &

GRILL The Space Rockers SHOOTERS BILLIARDS The Crush

(9:00) SKI SHORES WATERFRONT CAFE Tracie Lynn (6:30)

SPEAKEASY LC Rocks (9:30)

STARDUST CLUB Second Hand Rose**STUBB'S** The Orbans, Will Hoge

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THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Bob Schneider's Texas Bluegrass Massacre (9:00)

TREE HOUSE ITALIAN GRILL Aunt Ruby's Sweet Jazz Babies (7:30)

TRIPLE CROWN Mark Jungers, Blood Engine, Lug

TROPHY'S Copper Pocket, Beat Seekers

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH STREET The Jems (7:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE AT THE GROVE Wynn Taylor (10:00) WATERLOO ICE HOUSE

DOWNTOWN Curtis McMurtry WATERLOO ICE HOUSE GALLERIA

Rip Lorick (9:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE SLAUGHTER LANE Six Sons of a Gun (7:00) WHIP IN Trio Elote

SAT **01**

THE AMSTERDAM Mysterious Ways (10:00)

ANTONE'S The Fabs, Mike Flanigin's B-3 Groove, Jimmie Vaughan (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Central Texas Bluegrass Association (7:30) AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET

DOWNTOWN Shawn Madden (8:00am)

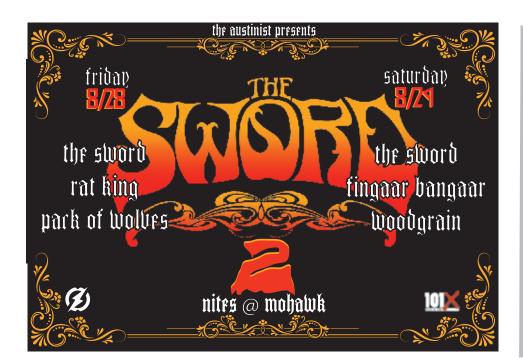
BACKSTAGE STEAKHOUSE & GARDEN BAR Michael Samuels (7:00)

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Charlie Crane Band



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CLUB LISTINGS FROM SATURDAY

BEERLAND Pine Hill Haints, Blue Flames, Flametrick Subs THE BELMONT DJ Blick (10:00) **'BOUT TIME DJ Element (9:00)**

CACTUS CAFE Otis Gibbs, Jimmy LaFave (8:30)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Austin Zoo Benefit w/ Eve Monsees & the Exiles, Chadd Thomas & the Crazy Kings, Chrissy Flatt (8:00)

Eddie "Steel" Foster CD Release

Flanigin's B-3 Groove (10:00); In the Club: Continental Graffiti (3:00), the Honeybees, Jade Idol, Nick Curran & the Lowlifes, Kim Lenz & the Jaguars (10:00)

COTTON CLUB Ricky Calmbach (9:00)

CREEKSIDE LOUNGE Psycho 78, Al Shire & the Henchmen, the Sweethearts DONN'S DEPOT Nash Hernandez

Orchestra EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD Mark

Goodwin Trio (7:00)

- EL SOL Y LA LUNA Nelson Saga & Arma del Alma (10:00) **ELEPHANT ROOM** Jeff Lofton
- Ouintet (9:30) EMO'S Outside: Kenan Bell, De

La Soul; Inside: Let's Get It, Watchout! Theres Ghosts, Artist vs. Poet, leffree Star

1ST DOWN & STASSNEY SPORTS BAR Burl Wilkerson (9:00)

FLAMINGO CANTINA Six Pack Deep, Spies Like Us, Channel One (9:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Ree Boado, Denitia Odigie, Ray Primm (7:00)

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Two Hoots & a Holler (9:00)

GRUENE HALL Brian Keane (1:00), Eleven Hundred Springs, Tejas Brothers (9:00) GÜERO'S TACO BAR Ted Roddy (6:30)

HANOVER'S Johnny Hootrock HEADHUNTERS Bassturd. Beat Seekers

HOLE IN THE WALL Brad Gaines, Sick's Pack, Minor Mishap Marching Band

IGUANA GRILL Matt the Electrician (6:00)

JOE'S CRAB SHACK Bow Leg Billy JOVITA'S Next Up Teen Showcase w/ Artica Embrace, Team Next, Hero to the Villain, Baphemetis (3:00), Girl Guitar, Whodo Texas Blues Heelers (6:00)

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LUCKY LOUNGE Matt White, DJ

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Megan

Blue & the Sugar Daddies

MOHAWK Shitty Carwash, Castle,

Pack of Wolves, Eagle Claw,

MOMO'S Douglas Jay Boyd, Brian

Pounds, the Belleville Outfit,

Jeremy Nail & the Incidents

NUTTY BROWN CAFE Randy Rogers

Texcellorators (6:00)

Scorpion Child (9:00)

MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN

Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (11:30am)

THE PARISH Girls Rock Camp

Mighty (10:00)

Santos (7:30)

DJ Dallas (10:00)

Club, Big Balls

(8.00)

(8:00)

RED EYED FLY Sometimes

RED FEZ DJ Kurv (10:00)

RENAISSANCE HOTEL Rich

ROMEO'S T. Jarrod Bonta

Demarco (6:00)

RED SHED TAVERN His & Hers

ROADHOUSE RAGS Iron City Soul

ROOM 710 Hug, Pong, Foot Patrol

RUTA MAYA Roger Len Smith,

Jabarvy, Forgotten Space,

SAXON PUB Autumn Boukadakis,

Jarrod Dickenson (8:00)

THE SCOOT INN Inside: Bad

Flounders Without Eyes (6:00)

Walt Wilkins & the Mystiqueros

Sports, Hex Dispensers, High

Tension Wires; Outside: DJ Orion, Prince Klassen

SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB &

SKI SHORES WATERFRONT CAFE

Tracers, Broken Gold (6:00)

Future, Rocketboys, the Steps

Wheels, Shandon Sahm (9:00)

THREADGILL'S WORLD HO Greezy

GRILL The Reds

Danny Britt (6:30)

SOUND ON SOUND Serious

STARDUST CLUB Rip Lorick

STUBB'S Doublethink, Dear

Shakers, Big Chris Gates & Gatesville, the Redneck Boys

Austin Showcase, Benefit (noon); DJ Baby G., Jah

PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Danny

POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL

Doug Warriner, Bad Rodeo

RAIN ON 4TH Eighties Night w/

Salvation, Gentlemen's Social

MAGGIE MAE'S Rick Harvey & the

Sea (10:30)

(6:30)

Protege (9:00)

LAMBERTS Marshall Ford Swing Band (7:00); Followed by VICTORY GRILL Blues Jam

Band (7:00); Followed by VICTORY GRILL Blues Jam Static, Matthew & the Arrogant Session (2:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE AT THE GROVE Bobby Kennedy (10:00)

Mirage Jazz Ensemble (7:30)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE DOWNTOWN Paul Finley (7:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE GALLERIA Will Dunlap (2:00), Slackey Family Band (9:00)

sun **02**

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE LAKE CREEK A Clockwork Orange w/ P. Kellach Waddle, Graham Reynolds, Peter Stopschinski (8:00) ANTONE'S Hairy Apes BMX (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Texas Swing Kings (6:30)

AUSTIN MUSIC CAFE Scat Cats (7:30)

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Irish Tunes Session (8:00)

BEERLAND Mystery Lights, the Makeout Party, Dead Space'BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (8:00)

CAFE CAFFEINE Steelbeam (5:00) CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Brown Sugar Jones (4:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Jon Dee Graham & Otis Gibbs, Mike Flanigin (8:30); In the Club: Heybale! (10:00)

COTTON CLUB Can't Hardly Playboyz (7:00)

EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD James Speer (7:00)

EL SOL Y LA LUNA MJ Torrance (11:30am)

ELEPHANT ROOM Kris Kimura Quintet (9:30)

ELYSIUM Regression: Retro Eighties w/ DJ Pumpkin Spice

EMO'S Cactus Rash, Set Aflame, Amarna Reign, the Showdown

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Amy Annelle, Steve Bernal, Wayne Sutton, Brewski Salmineo (6:00)

FRIENDS Open Mic Blues Jam (8:00)

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Flat Top Jones (4:00)

GREEN PASTURES RESTAURANT Jacques Vilmain (11:00am)

GRUENE HALL Jeff Strahan (12:30), Guy Forsyth (5:00)

GÜERO'S TACO BAR Tex Thomas & the Danglin' Wranglers (3:00) HEADHUNTERS The Doolins, Dave

Insley's Careless Smokers, the Original Mexican Bob HOLE IN THE WALL We the Granada, They Mean Us, Tornahdo, Bee vs. Moth (9:00)

HYDE PARK BAR & GRILL Marshall Ford Swing Band (7:00)

IGUANA GRILL Jamie Thomas (6:00) JOVITA'S Geron Hoy (6:00)

LAMBERTS Black, Red & Black (7:00)

LONG CENTER FOR THE PERFORM-ING ARTS Terrace Lawn: Austin Symphony Orchestra (7:30)

LUCKY LOUNGE Wiretree (10:00) MANUEL'S Tony Campise, David Webb (11:30am)

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Imperial Golden Crown Harmonizers (12:30)

MAX'S WINE DIVE Chadd Thomas & the Crazy Kings (6:00)

MOMO'S Buster Jiggs, Matt Powell (8:00)

NUEVO LEÓN Mariachi Relampago (1:00)

NUTTY BROWN CAFE Java Jazz (11:00am)

THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS Don Turnley

POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Jessie Lee Miller

RAIN ON 4TH Hedda Layne (6:00)

RED FEZ DJ Kurupt (10:00) RED SHED TAVERN Triad Jazz Band (8:00)

RILEY'S TAVERN Open Mic w/ Glenn Allen

RUTA MAYA Monster Big Band (7:00)

SALVAGE VANGUARD THEATER Jano (thing) Selector, Furby Youth Choir, Eric Archer,

Spaceinvader Orchestra (9:00) SAXON PUB Buster Jiggs (3:00), Bobby Whitlock & CoCo Carmel, Walter Tragert, Poor. J.

Brown, Voodo Djembe (6:00) SKI SHORES WATERFRONT CAFE

Marvin Dykhuis (5:30) **STUBB'S** The Bells of Joy (noon); Plug in Stereo, October Nights, Backseat Goodbye, Ryan Cabrera (10:00)

TEXAS FRENCH BREAD Amy Zamarripa (12:30)

THINGS CELTIC Celtic Song Session (2:30)

TRIPLE CROWN Open Mic w/ Pat Pankratz, Holly Aiken, Nate Hinds

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 360 Sunday Brunch w/ Buzz Guerra WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH

STREET Jim's Country Jam (7:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE AT THE GROVE Drawing Back (7:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE GALLERIA Jeff Lofton Quartet (1:00)

Z'TEJAS Acoustic Jungle (6:00)





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MON 03

ANTONE'S Michael Kingcaid, Mike & the Moonpies (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Sarah Elizabeth Campbell & the Banned (7:30) AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735

Plutonium Farmers (8:00) AUSTIN MUSIC HALL Augustana,

Spearhead, Michael Franti, Counting Crows B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Eric

Heard Showcase 'BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (9:00)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Cheatham Street All-Stars

CHEZ ZEE Rich Demarco (6:30)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: James Robinson (10:00); In the Club: Continental Graffiti (6:30), Two Hoots & a Holler (10:00)

DONN'S DEPOT Kenny Luna EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD Kris

Kimura Quartet (7:00) **ELEPHANT ROOM** Milkdrive, Michael Mordecai's Jazz Jam

(6:00)EMO'S Ida Maria, Glasvegas **EVANGELINE CAFE** Charles

Thibodeaux & the Austin Cajun Aces (6:30) FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE T. Jarrod Bonta (8:00), Lost &

Nameless Orchestra (9:30) GÜERO'S TACO BAR Trio Indiano (6:30)

HEADHUNTERS Snippy Lovin' & the Southern Sandwich HOLE IN THE WALL Reverend

Glasseye, La La Quarry (10:00) LA PALAPA Baby Dallas LUCKY LOUNGE The Spoiled

(10:00)LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Robbie's Open Mic (9:00)

MINGS CAFE Dahveed. G., Eldridge Goins, Brad Houser

MOHAWK Richard Henry, Yppah (10:00)MOMO'S Clay McClinton, Josh Grider, Wisebird, Eugene Christopher, School of Liars, Clay McClinton, Josh Grider, Wisebird, Brian Pounds, Sean

Faires (7:00) **MONKEYWRENCH BOOKS** Grass Roots Leadership Benefit w/ Si Kahn (8:00)

RABBIT'S LOUNGE Blue Monday w/ Leeann Atherton (8:00)

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FRI, JULY 31

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WED, AUG. 5

RED EYED FLY | Deal Suicide, Hero to the Villain, Tides of Attraction, I See a Ghost

RED FEZ Komson (10:00) RED SHED TAVERN Mama B.'s

Blues Monday (8:00) ROOM 710 Heart & Soul Sound System (8:00)

RUTA MAYA Open Mic (7:00) SAM'S TOWN POINT Open Blues

Jam w/ Breck English (8:35) SAXON PUB Jarrett Schaub, Lonelyland, Jeff Plankenhorn, the Twalls (7:00)

SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB &

GRILL Brent Wood SPEAKEASY Jonathan Terrell

STUBB'S Sam Bradlev

WATERLOO RECORDS The Steps (5:00)

TUE 14

ANTONE'S M. Ward (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Texas Old Time Fiddlers Jam (7:30)

AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO. 1735 Mike Woods (8:00)

BASTROP SENIOR CENTER The Kitchen Pickers (6:30)

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Suzanne Smith

BEERLAND Ultra Twist, Pipsqueak BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (9:00) **CAROUSEL LOUNGE** The Coffee Sergeants (7:00)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Midnight River Choir (9:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Ephraim Owens Experience (10:00); In the Club: Planet Casper (6:30), La Tampiquena (10:00)

DELL DIAMOND John Mellencamp, Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan DONN'S DEPOT Donn & the

Station Masters EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD Mark

Goodwin Trio (7:00) **ELEPHANT ROOM** Stanley Smith w/ Jon Dovle (6:00), Tony

Campise Quartet (9:30) ELYSIUM Nineties Night w/ DJ Boba Fett, DJ Minimus

EMO'S Outside: Yellow Bike Project Benefit w/ Black Cock, the Diving Captain, James & the Douchebags; Inside: Seabird,

Barcelona & Meese (8:00)

EVANGELINE CAFE Brennen Leigh (6:00), Kevin Gallaugher, Greg Anderson (8:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Erik Hokkanen's Laboratory (9:00)

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Jim Stringer (9:00)

GÜERO'S TACO BAR Trio Indiano (6:30)

HEADHUNTERS Slide by Bigtime, Triverse, the Grapes

HILL'S CAFE Singer-Songwriter Night w/ Bill Rice

HOLE IN THE WALL Clyde & Clem's Whiskey Business (10:00)

JOVITA'S Amanda Hickey, the Jitterbug Vipers (6:30)

LA PALAPA Baby Dallas LUCKY LOUNGE DJ Rapid Ric,

Boombox w/ Carlos Sosa (10:00) MOHAWK Sad Like Crazy, Tyler Jordan, HMS Foolhardy (10:00)

MOMO'S Sageet Millenium, Crying Monkeys, Acoustic

Jungle, the Batikum ONE 2 ONE BAR Karl Morgan

(8:00) PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Sand

Sheff (7:30)

POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Troubadillos

RED FEZ Twist Up w/ DJ Manny (10:00)

RED SHED TAVERN Hunter Trace (8:00)

RUTA MAYA Poetry Open Mic, Music Open Mic (6:00)

SAM'S TOWN POINT Open Mic w/ Erin & Michael (9:00)

SAXON PUB Sugar Bayou, Patty David, Mystic Knights of the Sea, Landis Armstrong & the Guilty Pleasures, Waylon Payne (5:00)

SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB & **GRILL** Five Ways From Sunday SHINER'S SALOON Open Mic w/ Adam Cutro (10:00)

SIX LOUNGE James Hyland (10:30) SPEAKEASY Salsa Lessons, the

Brew (9:00) T.C.'S LOUNGE Eastside Band (9:30)

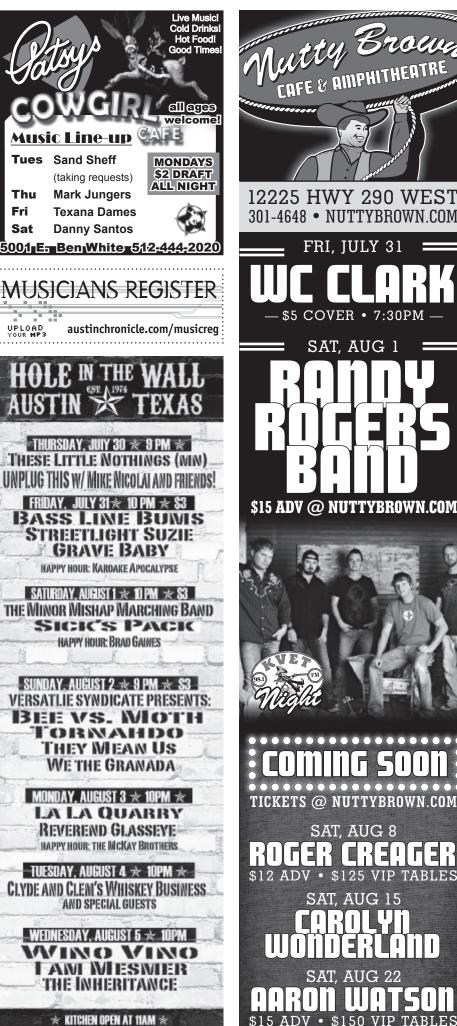
TROPHY'S Songwriter Showcase w/ Sunny Fairly

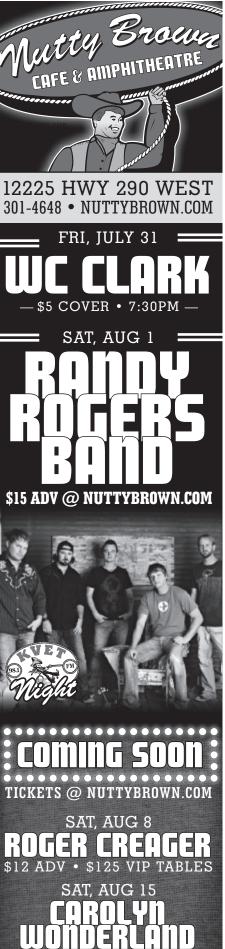
VINO VINO Kat Edmonson (7:30) WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH

STREET Will Dunlap (7:00) WATERLOO RECORDS Yppah (5:00)









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THE AMSTERDAM Paula Nelson (8:00) ANTONE'S Ritmo 3 (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Shelley King (7:30)

- B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Suzanne Smith, Brent Adair, Brent Adair (10.00)
- BEERLAND TV Ghost, Color Club, Church of the Snake (9:00)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE The Soulphonics (7:00)

CHAIN DRIVE How I Quit Crack,

Liz Burrito, Night Viking CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Kent Finlay's Songwriters

Circle (9:00) CHEZ ZEE Jacinta (7:00)

CISSI'S MARKET Jeff Lofton Trio (8:00)

THE COCKPIT Club Inclusive w/ Julie Nolan (9:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery Trube, Farrell & Sniz (10:00); In the Club: Stone River Boys (6:30), Jon Dee Graham James McMurtry (10:00)

CUBA LIBRE Havana Nights w/ the Cadagues (8:00)

DONN'S DEPOT Albert & Gage EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD Mark Goodwin Trio (7:00)

ELEPHANT ROOM Jazz Pharoahs

(6:00), Ephraim Owens Ouartet (9:30) ELYSIUM Mid Wave w/ DJ

Pumpkin Spice, DJ Edminister EMO'S My Favorite Highway, Eye

Alaska, the Summer Set, A Rocket to the Moon, the Cab

THE FIFTH GALLERY MC Dr. Strange Powers

Aaron Kamm & the One Drops (9:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE

FRIENDS Swamp Sauce (8:30)

SALOON Cobalt, Roger Wallace (9:00)

(7:00)

HEADHUNTERS Spikey, Inline

HOLE IN THE WALL The

Wino Vino (10:00)

Woode Wood (7:00)

J. King, Andy Macintyre & the Primal Groove (6:00)

(7:00)

Rick McRae, Terry Hale, Art Kidd (6:30)

Mayhem (9:00)

Sinclair, Charlie Parr (10:00) MOMO'S Gum B, Jess Klein,

Suzanna Choffel, Drew Smith,

(8:00)

NUTTY BROWN CAFE Bruce Newman's Nutty Idol PARMER LANE TAVERN Pete Benz COPA BAR & GRILL Salsa

(8:00)

Sidekick

Lessons w/ Tony, the Brew

CREEKSIDE LOUNGE Belligerent

DONN'S DEPOT Murphy's Inlaws

EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD Kris

Three Jazz Collective (6:00)

EMO'S Ghostfinger, Bobby Bare Jr.,

Th' Legendary Shack Shakers

Curtis McMurtry (6:00); Justif,

Joanna Barbera, CJ Vinson,

SALOON Alvin Crow (9:00)

HOLE IN THE WALL Condiment

GRUENE HALL Ponty Bone (7:00)

Sandwich, Dead Mellotron,

Followed by Static (10:00)

JOVITA'S The Cornell Hurd Band

Low Line Caller; International Waters; She, Sir (10:30)

LUCKY LOUNGE Love at War (9:00)

MOHAWK Warhol Birthday Party

MOMO'S Courtney Fairchild, Matt

MOTHER'S CAFE & GARDEN Thomas "Doc" Grauzer (6:00)

Americana Showcase (7:30)

Warning, Beckham Bros., Josh

del Rossi, Thanks for the

LAMBERTS Lee Mork (7:30);

THE MADISON Mista Swift,

Graham Wilkinson

(8:00)

(10:00)

Halverson

Open Mic

Laden (10:00)

Garv Lee Cox

ONE WORLD THEATRE

PARAMOUNT THEATRE

The Wiggles (6:30)

PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE

THE PIER ON LAKE TRAVIS

PLUSH Teenage Wolf, French

RED FEZ DJ Rapid Ric, Mike

SAXON PUB Tommy Shannon, Frosty, David Holt (6:00); Stop the Truck, Dan Montgomery,

Slow Down Lady (8:00)

THE SCOOT INN Douglas Kent

& the Homewreckers, Dave Insley's Careless Smokers,

SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB &

GRILL The Fuss

Steding (9:00)

Open Mic

SHINER'S SALOON Jeremv

TEXAS BAR & GRILL Acoustic

THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Hector

Ward & the Big Time (9:00)

TOM'S TABOOLEY Fractals (8:00)

Muchos Backflips!, Perfect

TROPHY'S We the Granada,

Generationals (5:00)

WHOLE FOODS PLAZA Brent

Pants, Tornahdo

WATERLOO RECORDS

Rick Poss, Frank Smith (9:00)

Roast, Dubbel Dutch, Spin

POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL

Maven & the Good Life (8:30)

Ottmar Liebert (7:00)

Kimura Quartet (7:00)

ELEPHANT ROOM Tony Airoldi,

FLAMINGO CANTINA Jamaican

FURNOTICS COFFEESPACE

Ruby James (8:00)

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN

Independence w/ the Mau Mau Chaplains (9:00)

86, Freebleeder, Zombie

(9:00)PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Texcentric Radio Hour (7:30)

PLUSH Weight w/ the Herd POODIE'S HILLTOP BAR & GRILL Open Mic w/ Ru Coleman &

Texas Boogie REALE'S PIZZA & CAFE "Frankly

Singing w/ Ken Kruse (6:30) RED EYED FLY Bus to Brooklyn, Leprechaun Theory, Plastic

Empire RED FEZ Atash (10:00)

RED SHED TAVERN Classic Reggae Party w/ Dr. Dubbist (8:00)

RUTA MAYA La Mona Loca (9:00) SAXON PUB The Nortons (6:00), Dimestore Poets, Walt Wilkins & the Mystiqueros, Dean

Seltzer (8:00) SCHOLZ GARTEN Eliza Gilkyson

(7:00)SHERLOCK'S BAKER ST. PUB &

GRILL Video Stars SPEAKEASY LC Rocks (9:30)

STUBB'S Outside: Attacted to Gods, Eyedea & Abilities.

Atmosphere; Inside Later: Jet Horns TEXAS BAR & GRILL Country Jam

w/ L.C. Parker, Jim Hiles, Gus Brown (9:00)

VICTORY GRILL Blues Jam Session (8:00)

w/ Lili & Walter (7:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE 38TH STREET Ptarmigan (7:00)

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE GALLERIA Wynn Taylor (9:00)

Doster, Bill Carter (6:00)

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THE AMSTERDAM Dust Bowl Dreamers (8:00)

ANTONE'S Oh No! Oh My!, the Soldier Thread, Quiet Company (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Lone Star

1735 The Lemmings, Rainbow Dragon, Darling New

Neighbors (8:00) B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Fric Tessmer

BEERLAND Ghost Knife, Teenage Cool Kids, Deskonocidos, Gun Outfit (9:00)

THE BELMONT Jeff Lofton Quartet (7:00), DJ Blick (10:00)

BROKEN SPOKE Dance Lessons, Jesse Dayton (8:00) **CAROUSEL LOUNGE** Joshua Bain

(7:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Woodsboss, Mario Matteoli, Brian Salvi, Oliver Giraud (7:00); In the Club: Charlie Terrell & the Murdered Johns (6:30); Chili Cold Blood, the Jungle Rockers, Grady (10:00)

Adair (6:00) Z'TEJAS In These Shoes (6:00)

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FLAMINGO CANTINA Vida Deluxe, George Carver, Sick's Science Project (6:30)

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN

GRUENE HALL Texas Renegade

HANOVER'S Cobalt

With You, Electric Vengeance, Jane Doe Eyes, Burning Street, Capital City Outlaws

Inheritance, I Am Mesmer.

JACK & ADAM'S BICYCLES

JOVITA'S Daniel Stokes, Philip

LA PALAPA Baby Dallas

LAMBERTS The Moonhangers

LAS PALOMAS Javier Chaparro,

LUCY'S ON THE SQUARE Electric

MOHAWK Ethan Azarian, Aaron

Phil Marshall

NUNO'S ON SIXTH Clay Jeffrey

TROPHY'S J.T. Wright & Solstice

VINNY'S ITALIAN CAFE Open Mic

Z'TEJAS Will Sexton. Stephen

311 CLUB Joe Valentine (9:30)

Swing (7:30) AUSTIN MOOSE LODGE NO.

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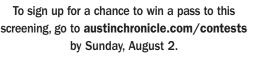
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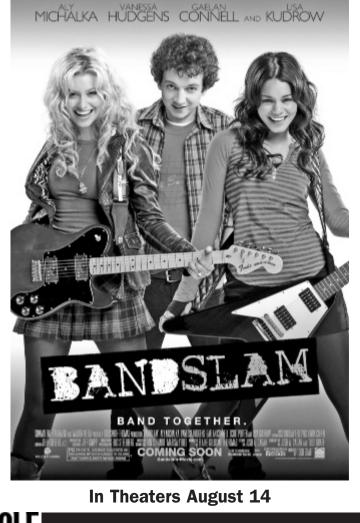
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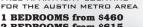
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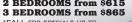
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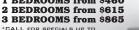












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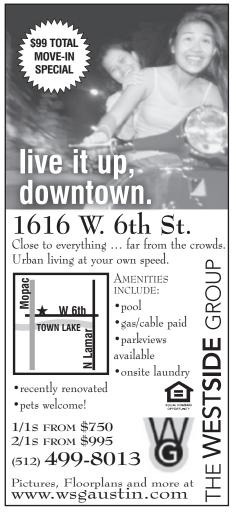
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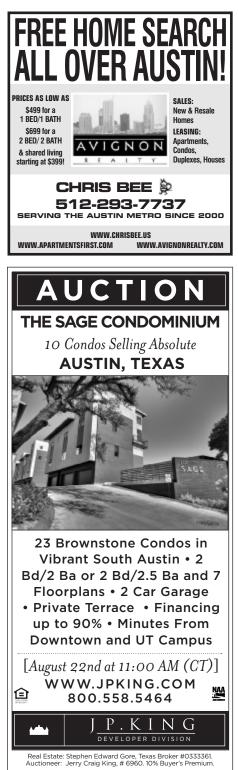
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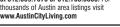
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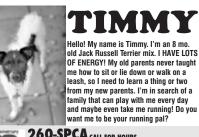


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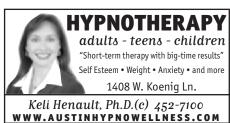
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CAUSE NO: D-1-GN-09-001886 To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JUANITA E BURGESS AND THE UN. KNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JAMES C. BURGESS Defendant(s), in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. 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 AUGUST 31, 2009, and answer the **ORIGINAL PETITION of** Plaintiff(s), filed in the 98TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Travis County, Texas, on JUNE 12, 2009, a default judgment may be taken against you. Said suit being number D-1-GN-09-001886, in which 21ST MORTGAGE CORPO-RATION Plaintiff(s), and DI-

ANNA KELLY A/K/A DIANA KELLY, CHARLES BURGESS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JUANITA E. BUR-GESS, DECEASED, AND THE LINKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JAMES C. BURGESS, DE-CEASED Defendant(s), and the nature of which said suit is as follows: SUIT TO JUDICIALLY FORE

CLOSE ON PROPERTY DE-SCRIBED IN PETITION AND KNOWN AS 1241 SOUTH DUNLAP ROAD, AUSTIN, TX 78725 ALL OF WHICH MORE FUL

LY APPEARS FROM PLAIN-TIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE, AND WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR ALL IN TENTS AND PURPOSES. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, July 17,2009

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MEN-DOZA

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe. P.O. Box 679003 (78767) Austin, Texas 78701 By /s/ CHRISTINA CARTER

Deputy REQUESTED BY: SHAWN BRADY 6351 PRESTON ROAD, SUITE 350 FRISCO, TX 75034 BUSINESS PHONE: (972) 424-7200 FAX: (972) 424-7244 EMAIL:

sbrady@mcblawfirm.net

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO: D-1-GN-09-001917 To: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SANTIAGO R. AGUILAR 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 AUGUST 24, 2009, and answer the ORIGINAL PETITION TO ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP of Plaintiff(s), filed in the 53RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Travis County, Texas, on JUNE 16, 2009, a default judgment may be taken against vou. Said suit being number D-1-GN-09-001917, in which ESTEBAN R. AGUILAR Plaintiff(s), and HEIRS OF SANTIAGO R. AGUILAR Defendant(s), and the nature of which said suit is as follows

THIS SUIT IS BROUGHT BY ESTEBAN R. AGUILAR TO QUIET TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY SITUATED AT 6205 FAIRWAY STREET IN AUSTIN. TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS LOT 9, BLOCK 2. CL. ANGEL SUBDIVISION, PLAT NO. 793/441. AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 785, PAGE 260 OF DEED RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND OWNED BY HIS DECEASED BROTHER, SANTIAGO R. AGUILAR, WHO DIED ON OCTOBER 28, 1979. ALL OF WHICH MORE OCTOBER 28, 1979. ALL OF WHICH MORE FULLY APPEARS FROM PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION TO ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP 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, July 10, 2009. AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe, PO Box 679003 (78767) Austin, Texas 78701 By /s/ BRIAN HILL, Deputy REQUESTED BY PAMELA R. JULIAN 2420 MCCULLOUGH AVE.. SUITE 122 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212 BUSINESS PHONE: (210) 735-4910

FAX: (210) 785-0779 CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-09-003071 To: INEZ VIRGINIA GUZMAN and to all who it GUZMAN and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may em-ploy an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, July 17, 2009. AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MEND07A

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse

who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and peti-tion a default indemost may

tion, a default judgment may

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and an-swer before the Honorable

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 ex-piration of twenty days from the date of service of this ci-

tation, then and there to answer the ORIGINAL PETI-TION IN SUIT AFFECTING

THE PARENT-CHILD RELA TIONSHIP AND TRAVIS COUNTY STANDING ORDER of RUBEN FLORES AND JA-

of RUBEN FLORES AND JA-NIE FLORES Petitioner(s), filed in said court on JUNE 09, 2009, against INEZ VIR-GINIA GUZMAN Respondent(s), and said suit being number D-1-FM-09-003071 the docket of said Court, and entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF FIDENCIO FLORES, VERONICA, MARIE FLORES, VICTORIA REY FLORES, VICTORIA REY FLORES, ND ANTHONY JE-

FLORES AND ANTHONY JE-SUS FLORES CHILDREN",

the nature of said suit is a re-quest ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATION-

SHIP AND TRAVIS COUNTY

The Court has authority in

this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree in the

CHILD's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-

the termination of the parent-child relationship, the deter-mination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservation with authority to consent to the CHILD's adoption.

STANDING ORDER

be taken against you.

AV0813 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 RECIEVE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

I WILL PROCEED TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REDEEMED BY THE OWNERS, THEREOF TO WIT;

AUGUST 13. 2009 @ 9:30 AM @ AUSTIN POLICE DEPT.,

4308 TERRY-O LANE, AUSTIN, TX 78745 091950201 1992 BUIC 4DR 802TCB TX 1G4CW53L2N1632817 095035975 1987 GMC PK KK6054 TX 1GDHR34K4HS522986 095038315 1994 MAZD PK 6DPN47 TX 4F4DR17X4RTM02168 095038317 1999 CHRY 4DR KCS350 TX 2C3HE66G0XH248349 095040143 1981 JEEP II 186BYE TX 1JCBM87A6BT065347 095040253 1982 BUIC 2DR YN734W NJ 1G4AJ47A7CH252479 095040256 1998 LINC 4DR DV995X TX 1LNFM97V4WY698011 095040261 1998 BUIC 4DR 537RVV TX 1G4HP52K6WH483185 095040266 1983 MERZ 4DR 263JHK TX WDBCB20A8DB040315 095040269 1998 CADI 4DR KZN195 TX W06VR52R1WR088342 095040270 1986 CHRY SW 522HXC TX 1B3BD39D0GF265899 095040745 2004 PONT 4DR 284GWC TX 1G2NF52E54M554437 095040746 1991 CHEV PK IJA773 OK 1GCCS14RXM2221363

1000 Guadalupe P.O. Box 679003 (78767) By /s/ DANIELLE LITTLETON, Deputy Austin, Texas 78701 REQUESTED BY: LEIGH VANCE DE LA REZA 1704 1/2 SOUTH CONGRESS AVE, STE Q AUSTIN, TX 78704 BUSINESS PHONE: (512) 424-6739

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-09-003904 To: BRYSON SAMUELS and to all who it SAWUELS and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may em-ploy an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

VOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and an-swer before the Honorable District Court, 98TH JUDI-CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra-vis County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, July 22, 2009. AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA Travis County District Clerk

the COMMON LAV by Evan Johns and Luke Ellis

Austin, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the PETITION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A CHILD of MINDY LEE NOR-MAN Petitioner(s), filed in said court on JULY 22, 2009, against BRYSON SAMUELS Respondent(s), and said suit

Respondent(s), and said suit being entitled "", the nature of which suit is a request NAME CHANGE.

The Name, Birth date, and Place of Birth of said is as follows:

JASMIN LEE SAMUELS

AMARILLO, TX. POTTER

The Court has authority in

this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding

on you, including the termi-

nation of the parent-child re-lationship, the determination

of paternity, and the appoint-ment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

05/27/2001

COUNTY

The material in this column is for informational purposes only. It does not constitute, nor is it a substitute for, legal advice. For advice on your specific facts and circumstances, consult a licensed attorney

DOES THE SETBACK ORDINANCE APPLY TO MY GARDEN SHED?

I live in Austin and I started to build a small garden shed alongside the common fence that I share with my neighbor. Halfway through building it, my neighbor stopped me and said that I couldn't build a structure within a certain distance of the fence. Is that right?

Most likely yes. Many people think of their houses as their castles, and they assume, often incorrectly, that as kings of their respective castles, they can do what they want within the confines of their own property. Not so fast, particularly if you want to avoid answering to your Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

Common to almost all zoning restrictions is a minimum "setback" requirement. The setback is a sort of buffer zone surrounding your property; imagine it as the terrestrial moat of your castle, where building restrictions are a bit more prohibitive. The city of Austin's setback requirements vary a good deal depending on the property's zoning classification, whether it lies at the edge of a neighborhood, its date of annexation, and its location in relation to roads or alleys. In addition, setback requirements vary even within properties, as the side yard restrictions are usually smaller than front or rear vard restrictions

The city's official website offers general development standards for residential and commercial properties at www.cityofaustin.org/develop ment/zoning2.htm. However, as mentioned above, other considerations can factor into the setback requirements, so it's always best to first contact the city's Zoning Review Division at 974-2380. Also, be sure to remember that any accessory building larger than 200 square feet will require a building plan review and permit, as will any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical work regardless of the structure's size.

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





by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

HOW TO GENTLY GET OUT OF A TIGHT SOUEEZE

Dear Tom and Ray:

It might have been the Red Sox sticker on my car, but I found myself in a no-win situation in New York City a few weeks ago I had traveled to New York for the weekend, and I was able to secure a perfect parking spot on the street. When I arrived back at my car on Sunday, I came across a gruesome sight. The cars in front of and behind me were parked so close to my bumpers that there wasn't enough lube, crowbars, or 1,000-point turns to get me out of my spot. The cars on either side of me literally were touching my bumpers. So my question is, What to do? Should I "gently" move them (use my car to push the other cars far enough so I can get out)? Or should I just walk to the nearest bar for cocktails to wait them out? – David

TOM: Well, I think you may have little choice, David. You may have to use what some New Yorkers call "persuasion.

RAY: I certainly would give the other drivers a reasonable grace period. Wait around for 15 minutes or half an hour if you can - just in case they stopped to run into a store or pay a quick visit to a friend. But in some parts of New York City, people can park a car and not use it again for a month!

TOM: But even if you're in an area where people have to move their parked cars every day, having to stand around until the next morning is not fair to you And clearly, those cars weren't there when you parked the car (or you never would have gotten into the space). So both of them knew they were blocking you in. In which case, you are justified in forcing your way out.

RAY: We don't know if a police tow truck or the city help line (dial 311) would be of any assistance. We tried calling the NYPD to ask, but they suggested we e-mail them Form 4063b and wait until the Martians land for a response. (To be fair, we prefer to think they're out preventing crime rather than responding to questions from a couple of jamokes like us.)

TOM: But unless the police or parking department will help you, you may have no choice but to force your way out. I saw a guy in Boston with a Lincoln Town Car, and he was in the same situation - he had been parked in. So he was turning the wheel back and forth, back and forth, trying to get out, all to no avail. Finally, he lost his patience.

RAY: So he puts the thing in drive and floors it, smashing into the car in front of him and pushing that car into the car in front of it.

TOM: Then he realizes he's not sure which guy was more responsible. So he puts it in reverse and floors it again, and does the same thing to the guy behind him.

RAY: Then he puts on his turn signal, which is now dangling from the back of his car, pulls out, and goes on his merry way.

TOM: By the way, that's how my brother usually gets into a parking space.

RAY: Here's a better way to do it. David: Put the car in drive; make sure you're bumper to bumper, so you do as little damage as possible; and then slowly squeeze the gas pedal (you ultimately may have to push it pretty hard) until the car in front of you moves a couple of feet Then go backward slowly, until you're bumper to bumper with the car behind you, and do the same thing.

TOM: Once you have room to get out, feel free to leave a sternly worded note on the offending windshields, and go on your merry way. And next time, take the train to New York. It's a wonderful experience.

What's the best way to warm up your engine in the morning? Find out by ordering Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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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continued legal notices

Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe. P.O. Box 679003 (78767) Austin, Texas 78701 By /s/ KATHERINE FRAZIER, Deputy

REQUESTED BY: MINDY LEE NORMAN 7107 A SILVER DALE DR. AUSTIN, TEXAS 78736 512-983-5166

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION IFB B090302-JW

IFB B090302-JW Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the Hunters Bend Sidewalk Improve-ments (IFB No. B090302-JW), a 2700 LF sidewalk im-provements and signal mod-ifications project from Westall to F.M. 969 in Precinct 1, will be received by Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, at the Travis County Purchasing Office. 314 Purchasing Office, 314 West 11th Street, 4th Floor, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701 until 2:00 P. M. CST, August 12, 2009, then publicly opened and read aloud. Note: The Time-Date Stamp Note: The Time-Date 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 date and time of receipt of bids.

Copies of plans and specifi-cations may be obtained from the **TRAVIS COUNTY** from the TRAVIS COUNTY PURCHASING OFFICE. A re-fundable deposit of \$100.00 in the form of a cashier's check, money order, or com-pany check payable to "Travis County" will be re-quired for each set of bid dependent but bid bid ocuments that is issued The deposit will be refund-ed if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within 21 calendar days of the bid calendar days or the bid opening. Copies of plans and specifications may be viewed free of charge in the Travis County Purchasing Of-fice. The project manual and plans can be viewed online and downloaded at www.co.travis.tr.us/purand downloaded at www.co.travis.tx.us/pur-chasing/solicitation.asp. In addition, plans and specifi-cations will be made avail-able for viewing free of charge at various Austin-area Plan Rooms indicated in list below.

A bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the to-tal bid amount will be re-quired. Payments will be made for completed work in programming payments with progressive payments with the County retaining five per-cent (5%) of each payment until final acceptance of the until final acceptance of the project. Payments will be made by check. A Payment Bond is required in the amount of one-hundred per-cent (100%) of the contract amount, if the contract amount exceeds \$25,000. A Performance Bond is re-quired in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, if the contract amount exceeds \$100,000. Bidder should use unit pricing, exceet as pro-

cent as pro unit pricing, except as provided for in the Specifications Historically Underutilized

Businesses including Con-tractors, Subcontractors, and Suppliers are encouraged to Suppliers are encouraged to participate in this project consistent with the goals of the Commissioners Court. Contractors will be required to comply with all applicable Gual Employment Opportu-nity laws and regulations, all Federal, State, and local reg-ulations for construction safe ty and health standards. The successful bidder must commence work upon issu ance by County of a written Notice to Proceed. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received. Bids may not be withdrawn for ninety (90) calendar days after the date on which they are opened. CYD GRIMES

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is here-by given that the Letters Tes-tamentary for the estate of Angelo L. Borrero were is-cured on Live 21 2000 in sued on July 21, 2009 in Docket Number C-1 PB-09-000857, pending in the Pro-bate Court Number 1, Travis County, Texas to Michael A. Borrero, Independent Execu-tor of the Estate. The address of record to which all claims may be pre-sented is 6563 Needham

Lane, Austin, Texas 78739 All persons having claims against this estate are re quired to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

All claims shall be addressed in care of Gabriel Gutierrez, Jr, Attorney of Record for Mi-chael A. Borrero Independent Executor of the Estate of An-gelo L. Borrero at the above address.

TRAVIS COUNTY PURCHAS-ING AGENT

NO. C-1 PB-09-000857 IN

THE ESTATE OF ANGELO L. BORRERO DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

DATED the 31st day of July. 2009

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES PURSUANT OF TEXAS ABANDONED MO-TOR ACT, THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE AUC-TIONED OFF BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE UNLESS CHARGES ARE SATISFIED. GARAGEKEEPER: IMAGE AUTO STORAGE 407 FM 685 PFLUGERVILLE, TX 78660 512-251-9400 VEHICLE: 72 FORD MUS-TANG GRAY

PICKED UP AT: FARREL DENT REMOVAL ON POND SPRINGS RD VIN: 2F01F142525

PLATE: YEN707

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE NOTICE OF LIEN SALE In accordance with the pro-visions of Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, there being due and unpaid charg-es for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an own-er's lien of the goods herein-after described and stored at the Uncle Bob's Self Storage locations listed below. And, due notice having been giv-en, to the owner of said prop-erty and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such hav-tice for payment of such havtice for payment of such hav-ing expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the

below stated locations(s) to the highest bidder or other-wise disposed of on the following dates. No one under 16 allowed. Cash Only. Uncle Bob's #285 9717 U.S. HWY 290 F Austin, TX 78724 (512) 278-1220

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 @ 9:00 AM

236 Sean Garner: hsld gds, furn, boxes, appliances, TV/ stereo equip, other 514 Jose Munoz: hsld gds furn, boxes, sporting goods, appliances, TV/stereo equip

803 Sherry Shannon: hsld gds, furn, boxes, TV/stereo equip 8821 Wendy Caceres: furn TV/stereo equip Uncle Bob's #231 8227 North Lama Austin. TX 78753 (512) 833-0855

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 @ 10:00 AM 306 Joe Pannenbacker: band 327 Ronald Zobel: hsld gds, furn, TV/stereo equip, office 724 Samuel Davis: hsld gds boxes, tools, appl. boxes, tools, appl. 737 Iheanyi Aguoru: hsld gds, furn, boxes, sporting gds, tools, appliances, TV/ stereo equip, construction equip, landscaping equip, acctng rcrds, sales samples, auto parts

743 Gus Villarreal: furn. tools

810 Eva Hernandez: hsld gds, furn, boxes 960 Gilley Jennifer: hsld ads 1026 Laureal Williams: hsld gds, furn, boxes, TV/stereo eauip 1032 Glen Branson: hsld

gds, furn, boxes, tools, ap-pliances, TV/stereo equip, landscaping equip 1105 Talisha Reese: furn, ap-pliances, TV/stereo equip 1206 Cuellar Stephanie: hsld ads furn 1210 Hose Dennis: hsld gds, oxes

Uncle Bob's #276 2830 South A.W. Grimes Blvd Round Rock, TX 78664

(512) 310-0279 Tuesday, August 18, 2009 @ 11:00 AM 2108 Sergio Acosta: house

hold goods, furniture 2118 Bruce Blackwell: household goods, furniture, boxes, appliances, TV's or stereo equip 2126 Bruce Blackwell household boxes, furniture 2206 Dusty Crider: household goods, furniture, boxes, appliances, TV's or stereo

equip 2431 Larry Lewis: household goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, tools, appli-ances, TV's or stereo equip, construction equip 3114 Stan Marshall: house hold goods, furniture, boxes. appliances, TV's or stereo equip, landscaping equip 3124 Greater Austin Moving: household goods 3126 Greater Austin Moving: household goods 3414 David Orta: household goods, furniture, boxes, ap

nliances 4120 Lori Carlin: household goods, furniture, boxes, ap-pliances 4219 Jennifer Asberry: furni-ture, boxes, tools, applianc-es, TV's or stereo equip

4233 Angelina Herrera: household goods, furniture, boxes, tools 4404 Keisha Brooks: house-hold goods, furniture, TV's or stereo equip, account records

4414 Juanita Avalos: furniture 5407 Millie White: household goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, TV's or ster-eo equip, office furniture, office machines/equip 5421 Millie White: household goods, furniture, boxes

5426 Daniel Garza: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, TV's or stereo equip 6106 Candace Fowler: furniture, boxes 6326 Pamela Grove: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes,

TV's or stereo equip 6401 Todd Best: furniture 7412 Christopher Amos: household goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, tools, appliances, TV's or stereo

equip 7417 Venita Williams: house-hold goods, furniture, TV's or stereo equip

8227 Miguel Zarco: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, tools 9116 Kelli D'Agostino: house-hold goods, furniture, boxes, tools, appliances

9504 Tonya Mason: furniture, boxes Uncle Bob's #197

5547 McNeil Dr. Austin, TX 78729 (512) 336-8390

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 @ 12 noon 202 Kennyatta Chappel: furn, sprtng gds

406 Yolanda Palomarez: furn, boxes 422 Darvis Marshall: hsld goods, furn, boxes, appli-ances, TV/stereo equip 813 Robert Smith: hsld goods, furn, boxes, TV/stereo equip 835 Jennifer Hodges: hsld gds, furn, boxes, appliances, TV/stereo equip 1215 Andy Mojica: tools, furn

1302 Teresa Pleasant: hsld gds, furn, boxes, TV/stereo equip

1722 Rebecca Batchelor: hsld gds, furn, boxes, TV/ stereo equip Uncle Bob's #287 6509 South First Street Austin, TX 78745

(512) 326-9696 Tuesday, August 18, 2009 @ 1:30 PM 110 Robin Hammack: house-

hold goods, furniture, boxes, appliances 220 Patrick McCarver: house hold goods, furniture, appli-

254 Sylvia Garcia: household 2232 Alice DeLaCruz: house-

hold goods, furniture, boxes, appliances, TV's or stereo equip, office equip 2431 Fabian Ybarra: house-hold goods, furniture, TV's or stereo equip

3215 Beverlyn Calvert: household goods, furniture, boxes, appliances, TV's or stereo equip 3231 Laura Perez: household goods, furniture, boxes

3302 Brenda Schmalenber-ger: household goods, boxes 3409 Randie Constancio: household goods, furniture, boxes, appliances, TV's or stereo equip 3411 Geoff Dickerson: household goods, furniture

3503 Benito Godes, furniture 3bold goods, furniture, boxes, sporting goods, tools, appli-ances, TV's or stereo equip, office machines, construction 3520 Kirsten Collins: house

hold goods, furniture, boxes NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC **REGULATION** Notice is her by given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approv-al of the following traffic reg ai of the following traffic reg-ulation: SET MAXIMUM PRI-MA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON SOUTHWARD COVE IN PRECINCT THREE, AND PARKING PROHIBITION ON BLILE FULFE PROAIDIN. BLUE BLUFF ROAD IN PRECINCT ONE.

Any resident of Travis County, Texas, aggrieved by this proposal action may make written request for a mandatory public hearing. Such request must be ad-dressed to the Transportation and Natural Resources De-partment, Travis County, Tex-as, PO. Box 1748, Austin, Texas, 78767, and must be received within seven (7) dwn of this notice days of this notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PS Orangeco, Inc. hereby gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Landlord's Lien pursuant to Chap-ter 59 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place indicated below, and on the following terms: All property generally described below generally described below will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, or credit cards, NO CHECKS, with payment to be made at the time of the sale. Seller reserves the right to re-fuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sale. The property will be sold on the 12th of August 2009 on or about the time in-dicated at each self-storage facility identified: NO CHIL DREN PLEASE.

Wednesday, August 12th 2009.

9:00 a.m. Public Storage @9814 Westgate Blvd, Aus-tin, TX 78748

0029 DONNA CAMPBELL, BOXES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS 0060 LARRY D. HALLOWAY, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 0111 DALE ROBERTS, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 0150 LARRY D. HALLOWAY, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 0153 LARRY HALLOWAY. ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 0163 LARRY D. HALLOWAY, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 0086 MARK SMITH, BOXES FURNITURE, COMPUTERS 0225 JOHN MURPHY, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

0287 SHONA MCGARY, BOXES, TOTES, ELECTRON-ICS

0297 SHARON EMILY ROD-RIGUEZ, BOXES, FURNI-TURE

A005 DORA PERALEZ RE-CIO, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS C068 CLAY ZIMMERMAN BOXES, FURNITURE, BED DING

0309 CARMEN RAMIREZ, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS

0526 GALE BARCHUS, BOX-ES, TOYS, FORD F-150

9:30a.m. Public Storage @ 7200 S 1st Street., Austin,

TX 78745

3069 NINA SAPEDA, BOXES, BEDDING

3229 DOUG HARRIN, BOX-ES. FURNITURE, PICTURE

11:15 a.m. Public Storage @ 5016 E Ben White, Austin,

C110 GARRIT TIDMORE, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

C118 ERIC TRAUGOTT, BOXES, BABY SWING, VAC-

C122 THOMAS LOERA, BOX-ES, BAGS, TOTES

C159 ANGELICA MANZANO, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

C169 YVETTE WELCH, WASHER, DRYER

C241 DEBRA WALL, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

C228 PATRICIA JACKSON, BOXES, CLOTHING

C258 JEANNETTE MOTA, WASHER, DRYER, BOXES

TOTES, FURNITURE, BED-DING

C322 BRENDA CARRING-TON, BEDDING, FURNITURE, STEREO

C354 AMADA HERNANDEZ, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

C356 MARLEN ORTIZ, FUR-NITURE, TIRES

D009 GERALD GERHARDT, TOYOTA SCION

E018 JOHN ANTHONY DA-VILA, BOXES, PIANO, TOOL BOX

11:30 a.m. Public Storage @ 2121 S IH 35, Austin, TX

1100 JENNIFER ANDRADA,

2022 CARRIE COX, BOXES, SHELVING, LADDER

2013 JAN SIMPSON, BOXES, BEDDING, FURNITURE

3034 LAMONT SHOWERS, BOXES, FURNITURE, COM-

3095 JOSHUA DE LA CRUZ, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

3121 AIR QUALITY SOLU-TIONS, BOXES, FURNITURE,

12:00 p.m. Public Storage @ 3911 RR FM 620 S, BEE CAVE, TX 78738

1208 BRIDGET NOACK, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

of property to satisfy land-lords lien. Sale is 11:00 AM

Saturday, August 8, 2009 at Airport Self Storage 2725 Lyle Road, Del Valle, TX.

Property will be sold to the highest cash bidder. Clean

highest cash bidder. Clean-ups and removal deposits are required. Seller reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any or all properties from the sale. All units include but not limited to household items, furniture, appliances, boxes and misc. items unless oth-erwise noted. Property in-cludes contents of spaces of the following tenants: Freddie Besa, Melissa Hamby, Karla Quintero, C, Buckberry, L, Martin, Gonzales, Shanila Owens, Edward Brown, Keith Therrein. Tim Knight, Angeli-

Therrein, Tim Knight, Angeli-ca Smith, and Brandon Rus-

redeem the contents anytime

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PS Orangeco, Inc. hereby gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Land-lord's Lien pursuant to Chap-ter 59 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place

indicated below, and on the following terms: All property

generally described below will be sold at public sale to

will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, or credit cards. NO CHECKS, with high and the sale. Seller reserves the right to re-fuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sold on the 13th & 14th of August 2009 on or about the time indicated at each self-storage facility identified: NO CHILDREN PLEASE. Thursday August 13, 2009

Thursday August 13, 2009

9:00 a.m. Public Storage @

Delinquent Tenants

sell. Tenant has the right to

prior to the sale. Contact Laura Brown (manager) at

512-385-4830.

BOXES, FURNITURE

78741

PUTER

LAWNMOWER

C298 ANJILIA DAVIS

TX 78741

UUM

C073 CHARLES BROWN, BOXES, REFRIGERATOR, SHED

D109 ROBERT R. SWAF-FORD, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT F188 LORI ANN RODRI-GUEZ, TOTES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

F199 MICHELLE GOMEZ, POTTERY, FURNITURE, BOX-ES

K293 MARTIN ESTRADA, BAGS, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS L336 HENRY CALDERON

BOXES, FURNITURE L339 ENDRINA BUENO, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

O453 CYNTHIA MARTINEZ, FURNITURE, BEDDING, ELECTRONICS Q502 LORENZO HERRERA, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE 10:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 7112 S Congress, Austin,

TX 78745 B35 CHRISTINA SMITH, FURNITURE, TOYS, BIKE

C37 SARA WENDELL, TOTES, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS E21 ANNIE BALL, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING E23 CHALEO GAMBOA, WASHER, DRYER, BBQ E30 HOWARD HILL, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

J38 RAYMOND RENDON JR, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT J48 BRIAN BURTON, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT K24 GUALDALUPE WRIGHT, TOTES, BOX SPRING, DRESSER

K36 DANIEL PIPER, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

K49 BRIAN BURTON, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT L55 LINDA CHANDLER, BOXES, STOVE, FURNITURE L79 CROSS COUNTRY VAN LINES, WASHER, DRYER, FURNITURE

M22 TRACY HERNANDEZ, BOXES, FURNITURE, BED-DING

M43 NANCY BENDELL, BOX-ES, TOTES 10:30 a.m. Public Storage @ 4202 Santiago, Austin, TX 78745

157 JACKIE COX, FURNI-TURE

330 JOE BLANKEN, BOXES, TOOL BOX, LADDER 447 LILLIAN MOORE, BOX-ES, BED, SUITCASES 610 JOE BLANKEN, BOXES, TOOLS, SHELVING 666 JAMES BIGGS, TOTES, FURNITURE, LAWN MOWER 709 DAVID GARZA, FURNI-TURE, BEDDING, ELEC TRONICS

11:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 2301 E Ben White, Austin, TX 78741

1032 NEGEVTECH NEGEV-TECH, BOXES, TOTES, TRUNK 1095 CRYSTAL CORREA, BOXES, FURNITURE, MI-CROWAVE 1099 GORDON PEARSALL, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

2006 ASHLEY WILLIAMS, BOXES, CLOTHING 2011 PATRICIA SMITH, TOTES, FURNITURE, TOYS 2036 DOMETRA GILBERT, BOXES, FURNITURE, BED DING

2102 KENNETH R. PIPKINS, BOXES, FURNITURE 2107 ERNEST LEMONT, BOXES, TOYS, BIKES

2138 APRIL KING, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE 2154 SHAWN VASQUEZ, FURNITURE, BEDDING, ELECTRONICS 3005 KELSEY L HART, BOX ES, ELECTRONICS, HAND DOLLY

1033 E 41st Street, Austin, TX 78751 3060 TEXAS MENTOR, FILE 1085 RON FOSTER, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING 2035 BERRI MCBRIDE, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 3093 BRIANA DELLYN MED-EARIS, BOXES, TOTES, BED-

DING

D160 TAMARA PHILLIPS, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

F024 ALERED HENRY BOX

ES. FURNITURE, BBQ GRILL

H011 JAMES MC ARTHUR, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

H020 RUBY HICKS, BOXES, TOTES, ELECTRONICS

10:30am Public Storage @ 937 Reinli, Austin, TX., 7875

244 HELEN RIVAS, BAGS, BOXES, TOTES

333 JOHN VIS, BOXES, TOTES

349 TIM DAVIS. BOXES

DING

372 BARBARA JULES, TOTES, FURNITURE, BED-

407 BERNADETTE URDY, BOXES, TOTES

480 BRANNEN TEMPLE, BAGS, BOXES, TOTES

631 RANDY KIRCHHOF, BOXES, TOTES, TOOLS

633 DEIDRE WALKER, BOX-ES, BAGS, TOTES

743 JOANIQUE ANN GAR-CIA, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES 755 MARY ANN DIAZ, BOX-ES, TOTES, FURNITURE

779 ERIC WILSON, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

906 IONNA WASHINGTON, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE 914 JEFFREY PAYNE, BOX-ES, TOTES, TOOLS

11:00am Public Storage @ 8101 Nth Lamar Blvd., Aus-tin, TX 78753

1001 FELIPE ALVAREZ JR, BOXES, FURNITURE, BED-

1007 DANYELL STANLEY, BOXES, BAGS, ELECTRON-ICS

1217 SAVANNA HAYTER, BOXES, FURNITURE, BED-DING

1415 UNIQUE DORSEY, BOXES, BAGS, BEDDING

1505 CRAIG GATEWOOD, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

201 SARAH BROWN, BOXES, FURNITURE

2096 JERMAINE JACKSON TOTES, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS

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SAT 10-5PM OR BY APPT.

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471 TRACY LEVESQUE, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

226 JEROME BUCK, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

3112 REGINA DOS-REIS

BOXES, FURNITURE, BED-DING

3143 BILL MACEYRA, BOX-ES, BEDDING, ARTWORK

3157 IRENE GARCIA CAN TU, BOXES, TOTES, COM PUTER

316 KRISTY BOWDEN, BOX ES, ARCADE GAME, TOTES

3160 MICHAEL SMITH, BAGS, ELECTRONICS, VINYL RECORDS

407 BLAKE DAWGERT, BOX-ES, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS

433 JOSE CAVAZOS, FUR-NITURE, TOYS

462 JONATHAN KAVA-NAUGH, BEDDING, TOOLS,

527 THOMAS BOWIE, BOX-ES, BAGS, TOTES

N1285 MAILING WILLIAMS-DAVIS, TOTES

N1402 MATTHEW FAGAN, BOXES, FURNITURE, BED-

N2286 SERGHEL GOMEZ, BOXES, TOTES, BEDDING

N2374 MACK MOORE, FUR-NITURE, TOYS

N3365 SETH ROSSON, BOX-ES, BAGS, SUITCASES

N3428 DEIDRE CHASE, BED-DING

12:00pm Public Storage @ 8525 N Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78753

B011 ADRIAN JENKINS, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

B028 IRENE GARCIA, BOX-ES, BAGS, TOTES

E025 RENEE GROOM, BAGS, BEDDING, TOTES

F025 BRIAN DENNIS, BOX-ES, BAGS, TOTES

H042 DONNA CALLENS, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS

J012 VANDY LEWIS, BOXES, BEDDING

12:30pm Public Storage @ 8128 N Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78753

B008 KIM JOHNSON, BOX-ES. TOTES. FURNITURE

\$1.850.

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\$1,950

warranty

Warranty. \$8,950.

warranty, \$3250.

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A03I MARGRET ELDRIDGE, BAGS, TOTES, ELECTRON-ICS

C028 JENNIFER PEARCE.

11:30am Public Storage @ 12318 N Mopac Express-way, Austin, TX 78758

A047 WILLIE SMITH, BOXES, TOTES, BEDDING

A048 LYSSA NUNEZ, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

B173 MICHAEL WHITESIDE, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELEC-

B191 HERBERT (BRANDON) CAMPBELL, BOXES, TOTES

B203 GENEVIEVE W. JOHN-SON-RATLIFF, BOXES, ART-

C270 JANELLE BOOKER, BOXES, TOTES, TOYS

C318 HENRY ROUNTREE, BEDDING, FURNITURE, TV

C376 JAMES MORAN, BOX-ES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

D516 ANGELA POCOROBA, BEDDING, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

D517 ANGELA POCOROBA, BOXES, WASHER, DRYER

D541 ROSELLA SALTARELLI.

12:00pm Public Storage @ 9205 Research Blvd., Aus-tin, TX 78758

A036 NORMAN ARMSTEAD,

A044 CYNTHIA VEGA, FUR-NITURE, BEDDING

A073 SHAWN JONES, BOX-ES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

A096 BROCK SEMMINGSON BOXES, FURNITURE, ELEC-

A214 JANAE ROBINSON, BOXES, TOTES, TV

A215 NAOMI ONYEBUCHI, FURNITURE, BEDDING

A259 CHRISTINA SOSA, BOXES, ELECTRONICS

A265 CARY CAMPBELL, BOXES, FURNITURE

B004 MARTINA BURTON FURNITURE, STEREO, TV

NEW VEHICLES FOR SALE THIS WEEK: 5,05

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ALL WITH OUR FAMOUS WARRANTY

A228 JOHN WALBERG, BOX-ES, STEREO

A015 BARBARA LEACH.

BOXES FURNITURE

BOXES

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BOXES, FURNITURE

TRONICS

WORK

BAGS, BOXES, TOTES

E013 DORINA RODRIGUEZ, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

E048 PAULA LOWE, FURNI-TURE, BEDDING, ELEC-TRONICS

E108 DAVID VASQUEZ, BOX-ES, BAGS, TOTES

BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

G056 CHARLES CHRISTIAN, BOXES, TOTES, ELECTRON-

F004 RC CATHEY, BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDDING

E031 NETTIE KELLOUGH

Friday August 14, 2009

9:30am Public Storage @ 1517 Round Rock Ave., Round Rock, TX 78681

1107 MELVIN J FRIESEN-

1116 ANGELITA CANTU, TOTES, FURNITURE, BED-DING

1117 MARVIN HARRIS, BED-DING, BOXES, FURNITURE

1148 DARLENE MARTINEZ, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

1178 MARY EKENE, BAGS, BOXES, TOTES

4116 JOHN LAMPHEAR, BOXES, TOTES, BEDDING

4130 CONSWAYLA SMITH

BOXES, FURNITURE, BED

6114 DEBBIE ROY, BED-DING, FURNITURE, BOXES

10:00am Public Storage @ 13675 N US HWY 183 Aus-tin, TX 78750

0305 GABRIEL LOOP, BOX-ES, FURNITURE

1176 MICHELLE ROSASCHI, WASHER, DRYER, FURNI-TURE

2273 CYNITHIA MOON, BOX-

10:30am Public Storage @ 12915 Research Blvd., Aus-tin, TX 78750 1005 ADRIANA ALMANZA, BOXES, FURNITURE

3118 WESLEY MOSS, BAGS

11:00am Public Storage @ 10931 Research Blvd., Aus-tin, TX 78759

2218 CONNY WILLIAMS, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES

5078 RAMON PARRA,

DRESSER, TV

AND EVERYTHING ELSE AND EVERYTHING ELSE HAD AN ACCIDENT? WE'LL SAVE YOU MONEY!

1982 Nissan pickup, X-cab, only 91k, recent complete service,

1992 Mercedes 300SL, just super clean, nice. Red, tan leather.

1992 Toyota Previa, drives super, new major service. Warranty.

1994 Honda del Sol, sporty fun for not a lot - \$3995 with full warranty.

1995 Jeep Cherokee, recent major service. Warranty, drives super,

1996 Saturn, 4 dr., auto, in process of repairing engine. Warranty.

1998 Firebird, extremely clean in and out. Recent major service.

1999 Toyota Solara coupe, gorgeous red, leather, sun roof, \$5950,

Drives super. T-tops; snappy red. \$3950.

1994 Camry, four door, auto, very clean inside, minor cosmetics,

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HAHN, FURNITURE

THE ESTATE OF ERNEST WILMER PERRY, DE-CEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ernest Wilmer Perry were issued to Jimmy Wilson Perry, on July 28, 2009, in Cause No. C-1-PB-09-000892 now pending in Probate Court No. One, Travis County. Texas. Sitting in Mat-

County, Texas, Sitting in Mat-ters Probate.

The residence of the Inde-pendent Executor is 5900 Oakclaire Lane, Austin, Tra-vis County, Texas 18735. 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.

WALKER ARENSON, Attorney

DATED July 28, 2009.

512.327.4422

for Jimmy Wilson Perry

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Anne K. Yale, Deceased, were issued on July 22, 2009, in Cause No. C-1.PB-09-000804, pend-ies is the Dechet Court Na

ing in the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to: John William Coppinger.

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 pre-scribed by law.

1601 Rio Grande St., Ste. 550

DATED the 22nd day of July,

/s/ Candice H. Bocock, At-torney

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Daisy

Carriger Westerman, De-ceased, were issued on July 21,2009, in Cause No. C-1-PB-09-000810, pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to: Jason

c/o: Brad Wiewel

Attorney at Law

Austin TX 78701

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The residence of the Inde

C027 AARON COOKE, BOX-ES, EXERCISE EQUIP, TOTES

C102 KARLA KUHN, BOXES, FURNITURE, STEREO

E183 JABARI STONE, BOX-ES, FURNITURE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXE-CUTION issued by the clerk of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct #One in and for

Precinct #One in and for TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, May 16, 2008, in caused numbered 011077 styled SANCHEZ, MIKE versus DEX-TER, LEE. On a judgment rendered against Dexter, Lee at 15704 FM 969, Austin Tex-co 70704 Highder, Juce 10.

as 78724. I did on June 19, 2009 at 02:26 P.M. levy upon

property of Dexter, Lee the following described real property TO WIT:

1. 10 .Acres of the ABS-5-SUR-33 BURLESON J ACR 55.710 PROPERTY ON 15704 FM 969 AUSTIN, TEX-AS 78724.

On August 4, 2009 being the first Tuesday of the month

between the Hours 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM beginning at 10:00 AM At the Travis County Courthouse, 1000 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, ownership and interest of in and to the above-de-scribed property. Dated at Austin Travia

Dated at Austin Travis County June 22, 2009

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS You are buying whatever interest, if any, the debtor has in the property. Purchase of the debtor's interest in the property may not extinguish any liens or security interest held by other persons. There are no warranties of title, merchantability of fitness for a particular purpose.

/s/ CPL J. VILLALOVOS UNIT #105

TRAVIS CONSTABLE PCT #1

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST

Borkland.

The notice to the Independ-ent Executor may be deliv-ered at the following address:

c/o Barnes Lipscomb &

2901 Bee Caves Road.

Austin, Texas 78746

/s/ Ellen Stewart

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 22nd day of July,

Attorney for Independent Ex-

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Tom D. Hill was appointed

Notice is hereby given that form D. Hill was appointed Guardian of the Estate of Tom Weaver Hill, An Inca-pacitated Person, on June 30, 2009, and such Guardian was qualified and Letters of Guardianship were issued on July 15, 2009, in Cause No. C-1-PB-09-00035, pending in the Probate Court Number 1 of Travis County, Texas.

1 of Travis County, Texas. 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. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows: Tom D. Hill, Representative, Estate of Tom Weaver Hill, An Incapacitated Person C/a Law Offices of Brooks

c/o Law Offices of Brooke

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lloyd A. Shannon, Deceased were is-sued on the 15th day of De-cember, 2008, in Cause No. C-1-PB-08-089780, pending

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816 W. 10th Street

Austin, Texas 78701

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CHRONICLE AND

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2000 Lexus RX-300, had minor ding at right rear quarter. Ready this

2005 Nissan Nismo Frontier 4 wheel drive, 56k, warranty, \$11,950.

Has a salvage title, BUT we are currently fixing it, and it had only

2007 Toyota Corolla Matrix. This is a very clean car, red, gray interior.

cosmetic damage to the front. Only 33k, with a one year warranty. Auto. Nice.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP WITH RESTORATIONS. Passion, welding, and careful work a must. Email: jannie@austin.rr.com.

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2004 Toyota 4Runner SR5, 1 owner, never wrecked, never smoked in. Leather,

week. Stunning, with 103k. Can trade, and a warranty. \$9,500

2001 Toyota Corolla, fully loaded, with under 100k. One year

warranty, very clean, can trade, \$4,900.

really nice 50k. Can trade. Warranty. \$13,950.

Can trade. See it - save thousands, \$9,950.

2005 RAV-4, 55k, warranty, can trade, \$11,950

Stewart, PLLC

Attorneys at Law

Box D

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4070 SHAWANA HOLMES, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE 4116 JEANETTE WHITE, BAGS, TOTES, FURNITURE

4177 RENE L KINSELLA, BOXES, BAGS, LAMPS

5045 JASON MOORE, BED-DING, BOXES, TOTES

5095 HOLLY NEAL, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

5165 SYLVESTER STEWART, BOXES, ELECTRONICS

9:30am Public Storage @ 10001 Nth IH-35, Austin, TX

1005 ANDRE JACKSON, BAGS, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS

2058 STANCY SPENCER, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

2060 JASON M INGRAHM, BAGS, FURNITURE, BED-

2083 WILLIAM MCCRADIC, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

3028 TRACY MITCHELL, BOXES, BAGS, ELECTRON-

5032 JEANNIE MCDONALD, BOXES, ELECTRONICS,

5079 GLORIA MCKAY, BOX-ES, BAGS, FURNITURE

5087 RONALDO RODRI-GUEZ, BOXES, FURNITURE, TOTES

8027 MELISSA VENEGAS, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

10:00am Public Storage @ 10100 Nth IH-35, Austin, TX

A004 WAYNE GARY GUNNI-

B009 YOLANDA TREJO, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE

B070 ADIS YAMILET PRU-DENCIO, FURNITURE, BED-DING

CO31 WILLIAM KERN, BOX-ES, BAGS, TOTES

D026 SARA GARCIA WASH-INGTON, BOXES, TOTES

ER, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

8061 JIMMY BROWN JR., BAGS, TOTES, TOYS

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TOYS

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in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to Lloyd Kelly Shannon Claims may be presented in care of the

Independent Executor of the Estate as follows: c/o Steven P. Boney

Estate of Llovd A. Shannon. Deceased 1122 Colorado St., Ste 2320

Austin, TX 78701-2100 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by the law. DATED the 23rd day of July,

2009 By: /s/ Steven P. Boney Attorney for Independent Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charlotte Jane Treaccar, Deceased were issued on July 7, 2009, in Docket No. C-1-PB-09 000735, pending in the Pro-bate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to: Kenneth Charles Treaccar.

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. Claims shall be addressed to:"Representative Estate of Charlotte Jane Treaccar

c/o John W. Brodnax John W. Brodnax, P.C.

1202 Lakeway Drive, Suite 1 Lakeway, Texas 78734" (512) 261-0101

DATED the 27th day of July, 2009 /s/ John W. Brodnax

ATTORNEY FOR INDEPEND-ENT EXECUTORS

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be ac-cepted by Travis County for

the following items: 1.Drug and Alcohol Testing Services, S090285-ML

Opens: August 13, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m.

AN OPTIONAL PRE-PRO-POSAL CONFERENCE WILL **BE HELD ON AUGUST 5.** 2009 @ 10:00 A.M.

2.Judge's Professional Li-ability Insurance, P090325-0.1

Opens: August 17, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m.

Proposals should be submitted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, PO. Box 1748. Austin. Texas 78767. Proposal Documents can be obtained from or viewed at the Travis County Purchasing Office at no charge or by downloading a copy from our website: www.co.travis.tx.us/purchasing/solicitation.asp. Proposers should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if appropriate. Payment may be made by check. The suc cessful proponent shall be required to furnish a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) o the contract amount awarded, if applicable.

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is here-by given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ELIZABETH J. (BETTY) MCWILLIAMS were issued on March 30, 2009 in Docket Number C-1-PB-09-000152. pending in the Probate Court Number One, Travis County, Texas to CARLA MCWIL-LIAMS CORICH, Independent Executor. The address of record for CARLA MCWIL LIAMS CORICH is 5707 A. Westgate Blvd., Austin, Tex-as 78745. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims to the foregoing ad-dress within the time and in the manner prescribed by law/

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is here by given that Letters Testantary for the Estate of IORA PEARL BENNETT were issued on May 21, 2009 in Docket Number C-1-PB-000500, pending in the Pro-bate Court Number One, Tra-vis County, Texas to CALVIN S. MCINTOSH, Independent Executor. The address of ecord for CALVIN S. MCIN-TOSH is 23 Gilcrest Forest Court. The Woodlands. Texas 77381, All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims to the foregoing ad dress within the time and in the manner prescribed by

PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is here by given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JEFFREY ROTHMEIER were issued on April 28, 2009 in Docket Number C-1-PB-09-000271, pending in the Pro-bate Court Number One, Travis County, Texas to GEOF-FREY ROTHMEIER, Independent Executor. All per-sons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims to Su sanna Bond, Attorney, 1411 West Avenue, Suite 100, Aus-tin, Texas 78701 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

law.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Western District of Texas SUMMONS IN A CIVIL AC-

TION CASE NUMBER: A-09-CA-

082 LY Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Juan Pedro Alaniz, as Next Friend of A.J.A., a Minor, Elvira Alaniz, Emmanuel Alaniz

TO: Saul Ernesto Ramos Cor-nejo (by publication) YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED and required to serve on PLAINTIFF'S AT-TORNEY

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ticket. He's much more entertaining than his opponents, mainly because he embraces his Stooginess. It's one of the things that makes him seem less of a politician and more of a regular guy. Yet, as authentic as Kinky may seem with his Johnny Cash togs and his big Texas ceeegar, he is still as much a politician as any of his opponents. He wants it as bad or worse than they do and very

likely has convinced himself, like his opponents, that he is in it for the good and glory of Texas. Altruism is a disease that afflicts just about anyone seeking public office - or a seat at the right hand of the Father for that matter - so it's foolish to call any of the candidates out on that score. If you consider the candidates' professed altruism and authenticity a wash, all you're left with is their ideas, qualifications, and experience. You would think that leaves Kinky dead last (which is a likely possibility come election time), but regardless of his lack of experience and qualifications, Kinky does have some good ideas, ones actually worth giving him your vote. Unfortunately, he also has some crazy fucking shit on his platform that should give you significant pause, regardless of how entertaining a governor he would be. For instance: Kinky wants to repeal all smoking bans. Fair enough, Kink, as long as the repeal has a provision that allows nonsmokers to fart in smokers' faces in retaliation. Freedom for everyone, Anvone badass enough to fog up a room full of complete strangers with cigar smoke shouldn't mind a little butt mist on his nose. Kinky also wants to legalize casino gambling to pay for public education. Hey, it worked for Louisiana didn't it? Whoops! Maybe not. Didn't we solve our education funding crisis with the Texas Lottery anyway? He also wants to get rid of the TAKS test because teachers are "teaching to the test." Would the Kinkster prefer they teach to their whim? Surely the teachers in the poorest school districts would hold themselves to the same lofty standards of rich school districts like Westlake or Highland Park. Surely they feel the same sense of altruism he does. And yet, when all is said and done, as goofy as Kinky is he still outshines the pep squad. Yes, it's preposterous, but as the least of evils, he seems at present the most rational choice. Why? He supports increased teacher salaries, renewable energy, the right to choose, gay marriage, health care for uninsured Texas children, and the legalization of marijuana. The pep squad and Ambassador Tom can't and won't match that sort of political lunacy, so it appears our best choice comes with some pretty ugly flaws, which should make for some spirited lampooning in the upcoming months, starting first and foremost with Austin's own Esther's Follies, who are currently performing their How to Secede in Texas Without Really Trying, a comedy variety show that pokes fun at the Texas gubernatorial candidates as well as national political figures and celebrities. They also throw in plenty of song, dance, and, yes, even magic - something Kinky's going to need plenty of if he wants to hang wallpaper in the Governor's Mansion

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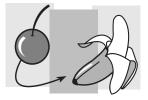
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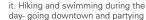
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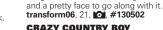
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YOU'LL LOVE ME

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LOOKING THE ONE ...

am pretty open minded person, easy to get on with and I'm definitely not a shrinking violet. I'm also loyal, genu-

ine and ambitious but not a slave to my work. jaspexin, 38, 101, #130776

NEW TO AUSTIN

I moved from Boston to Austin because of the climate and music. I'm interested in expression, fitness, poli tics and a smart, beautiful that loves music. Duff, 33, 101, #130768



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I'M 19! I love all things art,I love Music go to shows regularly I'm a sucker for a

TALL,NERDY,ARTIST

Pixol. 26. 101. #130748

NEW TO AUSTIN

DIFFICULT TO SAY

good set of eyes.I'm very affection-

ate and giving so I hope you can be.

Trying to meet new people. My friends

savs that I am funny. I always look for

Restaurants, Movies. Six Flags, Horror

movies are my Favourites. I am a Yes

Man. ktngandhi, 26, 21, #130730

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🏹, **🖸**, #130681

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Work way 2 much, don't have much free time, am looking to meet a

friend that I can share what free time

Although my name says curious, I've

been with girls but it's been awhile.

I can't help it, but I love to have my

cake and eat it too! CuriousLiz, 21,

I blend well, love creating, deep witty

conversation, good friends, good

food,outdoor most anything. Love

Fem women, ocean breeze, hike,

travel, adventure, clear honest com-

munication, good humor, romance,

Even though I like to think I'm

unique, I'm sure I'm just like every

other 21 year old out there except

knowing. krisnm, 21, 101, #129775

I'm someone you'll never regret

learning. Devine303, 40, 101, #130350

FUNNY, SERIOUS, CONFUSED

I do have with. Holla. Iroc, 56, 37,

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HUMOROUS, QUIRKY, SHY

I believe in the energy that surrounds us, and the positive energy that I put forth will bring positive results. Looking for friends and should the attracon be right, LTR. MaestroDelGato, 50. OL #127339

SSSEXICAN

i live my life one day at a time. love morning coffee, watching movies, live music, cooking, sports, mt. bonnell, & people with a sense of humor call me :). posdata, 28, 0, #129223

DELICIOUS JAMS OHYEAH

l love tattoos, reggae, live music, boardshorts, outdoorsyness, lips, mr. chen, adventure, laughing, reading, writing, biology, random trivia, and rockband. I want your body. Natisfaction, 23, 101, #128909

SMARTASSCHICK

Laid-back, 33 year-old professional.soft-butch (whatever the hell that means??!!). I would like to meet an attractive, chill woman who has a brain and can have a stimulating convo, good kisser. cooshrockets, 34, 10, #128395



TEXAS LEOIAN

Life is short. I'm in school aettina my Nursing license. I want to pay back to my world before my time runs out here on this precious earth. LMenges, 44, 122677

GOTTA LOTTA LOVE

I'm very low maintenance and just looking to meet someone that likes to explore, the city, the country. your mind, my body! Let's go for an adventure, you and me. RockThe-MikeRight, 28, 101, #130670

LONELY TONIGHT

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hungry wanderer from vermont who needed a full body transplant to the southwest. looking for a hand to hold while wandering around at night through the dives, venues and alleys. thewanderer, 23, 101, #130881

WORK IN PROGRESS

I love to laugh, never take anything too seriously.Kinda new to the area, just want to get to know the city better and have fun, do things, enjoy life, etc. layercake, 25, 101, #130879 SEXERIFIC MOVIE LOVER

I am a movie and music lover look ing for a SWF for WDSQRPY. Or something like that. I really would like someone who loves movies. laughter, talking, and everything else. motoons81, 28, 101, #126129

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LONELY ROMANTIC

38yo,Hispanic male , 5'6",200,br/br,very easy going and affectionate,roman tic,spontaneous,ambitious,love the outdoors,travel,would like to find a guy i can spend time with and get to know and see what happens from there sthaustin78704, 38, 01, #130019

FUNNY, SWEET, NAUGHTY

Looking for adventure. I like doing anything from stimulating my brain to "Stimulus Packages". Need a guy who's friends with his innerchild and is open to anything. Is it you? spongebob_naughtypants, 23, **10**, **#129945**

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FUN LOVING

My names Liz, I'm laid back and know how to have a good time. Looking for some friends in my area to hang with :). MissLiz, 19, 10, #130876

"I'M NOT PERFECT"

Never deprive someone of hope, it may be all they have The only people you need in your life are the ones that prove that they need you in theirs. br4421, 52, 🔯, #130655

LEVEL, HONEST, SPONTANIOUS I like activities and different types of people. I am really laid back, not care free per say, but take care of my re-sponsibilities to the best of my ability. addhyperactive, 26, 10, #125465

NY IN AUSTIN

Been here 3 months, to meet people, I have gone to book clubs and one rpg. looking for people to play basketball with, bar hopping or Alamo Drafthouse. AnchorPete, 26, 0, #130596

OUTDOORSY. FUN. CRAZY

I am young, fun loving, movedtoaustin 3 years ago. im looking for some girls to be friends with, club with, get drunk with, and possibly become reat friends with. Ialalaura323, 20, #130364

INTROVERTED EXTROVRET

l'm new here, & I break the monotony by going to shows & the Drafthouse for Terror Tuesdays/Weird Wednesdays, I'm in a relationship, so just friends and socializing. adolfoagogo, 28, 🔄, #130305

shot in the dar

FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO

Christy the speech therapist-I'm the bald writer who chatted you up on the flight from Chicago. I was too shy to ask for your number. How about coffee? When: Monday, July 27. Where: Flight from Chicago. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904254

LISA LOEB LOOKALIKE

Yellow skirt; "Guessing Games" "Truthfully," "Falling in Love." "You Don't Know Me," "Probably," "Some-one You Should Know." "We Could Still Belong Together," but "It's Over," you've "Come Back Home." "Stay." When: Sunday, July 26. Where: HEB self checkout midnight. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904253

ELIZABETH!

It's Justin, Remember me? Mr. Alsup's Human Anatomy class... Spring 2006. You gave me some cds for my bday. I recently found them. It's been a long time. Let's re-connect. When: Saturday, April 8, 2006, Where:

ACC Rio Grande campus. You: Woman. Me: Man. 2 #904252 LOST PUPPY

Me: walking around your neighborhood at midnight, looking for a lost puppy. You: cutie on the porch, got my number. We found the puppy Gimme a call anyways. When: Thursday, July 23. Where: near Duval. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904251

PAINFUL DENTAL HYGIENIST

You enjoyed knowing that you reached my pain threshold. Wearing maroon scrubs. I was your last clean ing of the day. My next cleaning isn't for another 6mths. See you sooner? When: Wednesday, July 22. Where: Dentist Office. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904249

FORMER SOUL MATE.

Kiwi...ever since we've been apart my heart has been aching and my soul is lost.I'm sorry for everything. Will you forgive me? Heart J...Your former Soul Mate When: Monday, July 13. Where: Last saw you in front of your apartment while get-ting my belongings. You: Woman. Me: Man. 🕿 #904248

BINGO HIPPY

You: Long Hair Hippy at Treasure Island handing out bingo cards like a well-oiled machine. Me: Dark hair goddess. I want to get lucky and core with you. When: Wednesday, July 15. Where: Bingo Hall. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904250

MOTORCYCLE BANK CHASE

Motorcycle beard-o 7th St Chase ATM.I was behind you & loved the viewed.Watching your withdrawal excited me.I chased after you & followed you home.Wanna make a deposit into my piggybank? When: Tuesday, July 21. Where: Chase bank, 7th Street. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904247



LADY FROM COLDSPRINGS

Hurriedly met at red-eyed fly. Joined us for shots, ended up at sidebar. You're new in town and I want to show you around. You're cute, didn't save your number. When: Friday, July 17. Where: Red-Eyed Fly and Sidebar You: Woman. Me: Man. #904246

YOUR FORGOTTEN BAGEL... you know who you are. and i remembered, but it was too late. please

come back for what is platonically, rightfully yours!! When: Friday, July 17. Where: hot mama's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904245

YOGURTSPOT SHOOT-DOWN

To the guy in workout clothes at Yogurt Spot: I tried to start up conversation about your healthy yogurt choice, and you shot me Thanks. When: Monday, July 20. Where: Yogurt Spot. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904244

SEXY WOODLAND HOSTESS You had a polka-dot dress with a

white bird and short blonde hair. I think you are amazingly beautiful. Thanks for the menu. When: Tues-day, July 14. Where: The Woodland. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904230

DREADS. TATTS. FLIGHTPATH.

YOU: (Pretty In) Pink/Black Dress Fluorescent Pink Heels; Dreads; Left Leg Tattoo (And Then Some); Drinking Tea. ME: Wallflower In Front Room. I See You Here Often. Tea For Two? When: Monday, July 20. Where: Flightpath Coffee Shop. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904243

FLAMINGO CANTINA You told me you liked my red shirt with the skulls on it. We introduced ourselves. You told me your name was Colleen. Let's hang out somtime. When: Saturday, July 18. Where: Flamingo Cantina. You You Woman, Me: Man. #904242

SUNDAY LAUNDRY @43RD

you dropped quarters, whacked the detergent dispenser and flipped your hair. had my chance when I was leaving but naturally said "excuse me" I'd dig another shot at small talk. When: Sunday, July 19. Where: Hyde Park Next to Quacks. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904241

ÌDELICIOUSLY AMBIGUOUSÎ Where: Whole Life Books Thursday eve, 7/16. You: Tall, slender, very attractive. You drive late model Acura Me: Man, blond hair, glasses. We chatted while walking to our cars Lunch? When: Thursday, July 16. Where: Whole Life Books. You:

Woman, Me: Man, #904240 **TARGET MOPAC/BEN WHITE** I think your name is James. I come in just to catch a glimpse of you. Love

our blue eves. Drinks sometime? When: Saturday, July 18. Where: Target at Mopac and Ben White You: Man. Me: Woman. #904239 **HOLD STEADY-**

shoes. -Hold Steady ike your When: Thursday, July 16. Where: Thundercloud. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904237

HANGOUT BUDDY

Im a friendly and outgoing guy. I like late nights, people that dont get offended easily, and people that say whats on their minds. waitingforserenity, 40, 101, #130279

LONELY IN SUBURBS

Looking for someone who is also interested in going shopping, getting mani/pedis, working out, getting coffee/smoothies, trying new restaurants, going to movies, and just hanging by my pool(possibly drinking/smoking). **MissTwenty**, 20, 0 #130277



ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GÓMEZ:

Why the hell do we still have Catholic children in a concentration camp in Taylor, Texas? -Paul Aviña. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SOMERS We may be late, but we're not DNF!

dog(Chief). I felt a connection, did you? Your name's Michelle. Can we schedule a date without the "bums? When: Monday, July 13. Where: The Woods on Barton Skyway pool. You: Woman. Me: Man. T #904228

SCOOTER SEEKING LOVE Me:silver scooter. You:called 911 when an SUV tried to hit me. The place: Guad near 25th 7pm 6-17-09. Any witnesses out there?Show some scooter love & come forward! When: Wednesday, June 17. Where: Guadalupe. You: Man. Me: Woman. 🕿 #904227 SATURDAY SPOON SHOW

You: gray top, black skirt, cool blue shoes, brown hair in ponytail, classy with elan Me: brown hair black T jeans, sneaker. Wanna exchange more than glances? You rocked me. When: Saturday, July 11. Where: Stubb's. You: Woman. Me: Man. 🕿 #904226

SMILING CICI'S READER

CiCi's pizza on I35. You were tall, dark and reading Atonement. You smiled. I'm blond, black glasses, blue dress, with someone who is not my boyfriend. We should meet? When: Friday, July 17. Where: Cici's Pizza on IH35. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904236

BURGER KING-GUADALUPE

You were sitting my yourself, you have dark rimmed glasses and a cute smile. I was sitting near the TV with a brown long sleeve dress shirt. Dinner or drinks? When: Wednesday, July 15. Where: Burger King near UT campus. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904235

CENTRAL MKT ROCKER

You: black hair/tattoos in bulk dept Me: similar look, shy. You always catch my eye. Want to meet for coffee? When: Friday, July 17. Where: Central Mkt south. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904234 **DEWEY DANGER**

We're coworkers. If you ask me on another date I'm actually going to shoot you in the dark. When: Thursday, July 16. Where: Library. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904233

FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

by Rob Brezsny for July 31-August 6

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Would you like to spend the next 30 years working your assets off to make your bosses rich? If not, I suggest you start formulating plan B immediately. The astrological time is not exactly ripe to extricate yourself from the wicked game, but it's ripe to begin scheming and dreaming about how to extricate yourself. Here's a tip to get you in the mood. Assume that there's some validity in the meme that mythologist Joseph Campbell articulated: "Follow your bliss and the money will come." Then ask yourself, "Do I even know what my bliss is? Not my mild joy or diversionary fun but my unadulterated bliss?" Once you know that, you can follow it. And then, inevitably - although it may take a while - the money will follow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sent. 22): As the season of riddles and paradoxes kicks into high gear 1 present you with a two-part guiz. Question 1) Since it has taken you your whole life to become the person you are today, is it reasonable to expect that you can transform yourself in a flash? Question 2) On the other hand, since you are more creative than you give yourself credit for, and are also in an astrological phase when your ability to change is greater than usual, is it reasonable to assume that you must remain utterly stuck in your old ways of doing things?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): So much to say and do. So little time. Is it OK if I pepper you with pithy hints? It's the only way to fit everything in. Here goes. There's strength in numbers, Libra. So travel in packs. Round up support, and whip up group fervor. Always say "we," not "I." Add at least one new friend, and bolster at least one old friendship. Think before you act, but always act instead of watching from afar. Avoid doing stupid things in smart ways. To court good luck, do charity work. To ensure that extra favors will come your way later this year, do extra favors now

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The Biblical book of Isajah prophesies a future time of undreamedof harmony and cooperation. "The wolf will romp with the lamb," reads one translation, "Cow and bear will graze in the same pasture, their calves and cubs will grow up together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox." I have it on good astrological authority that you're now eligible for a preview of this paradisiacal state. To receive your free introductory offer, you need only meet one condition. You must vow not to harm any living thing - not even a cockroach. Not even the person you love best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You Sagittarians are famous for filling your cups too full. Sometimes this is cute. Sometimes it's a problem for those who don't like Cabernet Sauvignon sloshed on their handwoven Persian rugs. This week, however, I predict there will be little or no hell to pay for overflowing. So go ahead and transcend your containers, you beautiful exaggerators. Feel free to express yourself like a fire hose. Now enjoy a few gems from your fellow Sagittarius, the extravagant poet and painter William Blake. 1) "The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom." 2) "Exuberance is beauty." 3) "The lust of the goat is the bounty of God." 4) "You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Constant vigilance, my friend. That's what I advise. Be attentive to details you sometimes gloss over. Wake up a little earlier, and prepare for each encounter with greater forethought. Stare a little harder into the hearts of all those whose hidden motivations might detour your destiny. Monitor every communication for hints that all is not as it seems. Most importantly, guard against the possibility that you may be overlooking a gift or blessing that's being offered to you in an indirect way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "Keep exploring what it takes to be the opposite of who you are," suggests psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, author of the book Creativity: Flow and the Psychology of Discovery and Invention. This advice is one of his ideas about how to get into attunement with the Tao, also known as being in the zone or getting in the groove or being aligned with the great cosmic flow. How would you go about being the opposite of who you are, Aquarius? According to my reading of the omens, that will be an excellent question for you to muse about in the coming weeks. As you stretch yourself to embody the secret and previously unknown parts of you, I think you'll be pleased with how much more thoroughly that allows you to be in sync with the rhythms of life

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Internet addiction has risen to epidemic proportions in China. In early 2009, psychologists in Shandong province began offering an alleged cure that involved the use of electroshock therapy. Parents of 3,000 young people paid Dr. Yang Yongxin and his team more than \$800 per month to hook their anesthetized teens up to machines that sent electricity through their brains to induce artificial seizures. After four months, the Chinese government intervened and halted the treatment, noting that there was no evidence it worked. This practice might sound comically barbaric to you, but I think it has a certain resemblance to the way you have been dealing with your own flaws and excesses: with inordinate force. In the coming weeks, I really think it's important not to punish yourself for any reason, Pisces, even if it's for a supposedly good cause. The lesson of the Chinese experiment is: not only is it overkill, it also doesn't even have the desired effect.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Are you a gelatinous pool of longing yet? Are you a perfumed garden of madly blooming purple explosions? Are you throbbing and gooey and half-nauseated with that delicious sickness some people called love? If not, I don't know what to tell you. By all astrological reckoning your gut should be swarming with drunk butterflies and the clouds should be taking on the shapes of mating horses. If you're not half-drowning in these symptoms, I implore you to find a way to pry open the floodgates.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You're primed to cancel a jinx in the coming days, Taurus. You could help someone (maybe even yourself) escape a bewitchment, and you might be able to soothe a wound that has been festering for a long time. In fact, I'm playing with the fantasy that you are now the living embodiment of a lucky charm. At no other time in recent memory have you had so much power to reverse the effects of perverse karma, bad habits, and just plain negative vibes. Your hands and eyes are charged with good medicine. Other parts of you are, too, which means sexual healing could be in the works. But as you embark on your mission to cure everyone you love. remember the first law of the soul doctor: "Physician, heal thyself."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The Norwegians used to have a concept called svoermere, which meant something sweetly futile or deliciously unprofitable. While I can see the appeal that your particular version of svoermere has had for you, Gemini, I think it's time to think about moving on. According to my reading of the omens, you have both a right and a duty to seek out more constructive pleasures that not only make you feel really good but also serve your long-term goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's Freedom from Want Week! For Cancerians only! During this uncanny grace period, you might actually feel perfectly contented. It's quite possible that you'll be free from the obsession to acquire more security, more love, more proof of your greatness, more chotchkes, more everything. You may even make the shocking discovery that you don't need nearly as much as you thought you did in order to be happy, that maybe you have a lot to learn about getting more out of what you already have.

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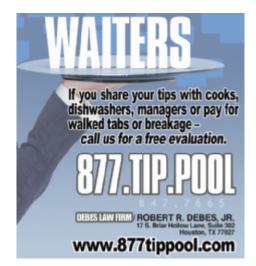
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