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Between the Lines

What editors blog about when they blog about editing

BY LOUIS BLACK

In some long-term and perhaps particularly obsessive desire to level with *Chronicle* readers about outside commentary on both the publication and myself, as well as to convey internal patterns of thought and attention, the following is offered. At the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies Convention in Toronto a few weeks back, I met Tony Ortega, the current editor of *The Village Voice*. I was quite excited to meet him, as I – along with so many other members of the weekly press – had grown up with the *Voice*.

I was therefore a bit surprised when I followed a link sent to me by Roland Swenson, managing director of South by Southwest. What follows is Ortega's response to the "Page Two" column that appeared in the *Chronicle* issue dated July 23. The column was a bit of a boilerplate rant that I have presented in this column a few times over many years. When writing it, I did not even think in passing of Tony Ortega and *The Village Voice*. But I have to admit it was somewhat exciting to find someone else almost as thin-skinned as myself working at a weekly.

The following is excerpted with permission from the *Voice*'s Runnin' Scared news blog. For clarity of context, it is edited very slightly at the beginning. It is followed by my humbled response and then by Tony's comment. There are other comments on Ortega's piece, but you'll have to go to the original blog to see them: blogs.villagevoice.com/runninscared/archives/2010/07/memo to louis b.php.

Nostalgia MEMO TO LOUIS BLACK, EDITOR OF THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE By Tony Ortega, Wed., Jul. 28 2010

[...] It was great to hang out with you in Toronto, which for me is the primary reason I go to AAN conventions – to meet fellow editors and see if we can't help each other out in some way. For example, at that dinner we attended with David Carr, I had a great conversation with Tim Keck, publisher of *The Stranger*, and he and I explored some ideas for how we could join forces for a future event.

In hindsight, that trip to Toronto was really worth it for an editor who, like others, is looking for more ways to maximize the web, hold on to our traditional dedication to investigative journalism, and still have fun in a difficult economic era. Throwing back beers with fellow AAN members and telling war stories every year is simply a great rejuvenator.

So it's with some dismay that I read your column this week which suggests you took away a very different conclusion from our meeting. As in: the all-too-familiar and lazy slam at our company.

Before you embarrass yourself further in what you purport to be two additional columns which will no doubt explain to readers how editors such as myself have given up on the "alternative" ideal, I would hope you might check yourself and actually examine some facts.

It's pretty clear that you're talking about my company when you deride "'alternatives' becoming far less alternative" and that "specialize in 'gotcha' journalism, which is more concerned with with [sic] exhibiting embezzlers, corrupt elected officials, and pedophiles than with the regular workings of government." You also make the complaint that AAN's annual awards "honor the editorial content that is most like that of slick weekly and monthly magazines."

Well, OK, let's take a look at this year's AAN awards. *The Village Voice* did particularly well this year, taking five first place awards and a third.

Our film critic, Jim Hoberman, who has been reviewing movies here for 30 years, took first place for his film column.

But I guess I'll have to have a talk with Hoberman about betraying our alt-weekly roots with his slick weekly writing

We also won a first place for the political columns of Tom Robbins, another longtime veteran here. Week in and week out, Tom gives New Yorkers the best peek behind the scenes of what's going on at City Hall, exposes the corruption in local union leadership, and in general cuts through the superficiality you find in the local dailies.

But I guess I'm going to have to have a talk with Tom about dialing things back and focusing on the "regular workings of government." Maybe he could have an exciting round table with some local activists or something.

We also won a first place for the music writing of Rob Harvilla, our music editor who happens to be newer – he's been on the job about four years now – and is, admittedly, a little younger than the folks who started alt-weeklies back in the day. But then, it kind of helps to have a younger dude covering emerging music. At least that's our theory. Rob won for his weekly columns, which tend to be some of the best music writing in the country.

But I guess I'm going to have to have a talk with him about maybe getting some more Dylan and Stones in there.

Our other two first places are awards that I know must freak you the fuck out, Louis. We won for best staff news blog (Runnin' Scared) and best staff music blog (Sound of the City).

I know blogs scare the crap out of some alt-weekly oldtimers. It's like, you have to write something *every day* now, and some of these kids are posting things practically *every hour*.

I guess I'm going to have to have a talk with our blogging crew. In order to hang on to our alt-weekly roots, we're going to need to smoke a lot more weed, write a lot less, and get back to writing nothing but lazy political essays (what the hell was that opening bit in your column, Louis? Talk about old-school mush).

I guess you'll have to forgive me for letting you down, Louis. I told you I had a lot of respect for *The Austin Chronicle* and I meant it. But I thought you were one of the smart ones and understood that in the fierce fight for our lives some of us are in, writing the same old lefty political essays has been completely drowned out by the noise of the Internet.

Carrying water for local lefty activists? Hey, that went out when those activists got their own Twitter feeds and Tumblrs and, of course, blogs. They don't need us anymore, Louis.

We made a decision some time ago that the only way we'd continue to stay in this game was to focus not on the same old political essay writing but on original reporting, surprising our readers by not being predictable, and by doing our best to piss off everyone -- right, left, and center.

Does that make us less "alternative"? Well, as plenty have pointed out, in the age of the web it's nearly impossible to define "alternative" anymore. But I know what *you* mean when you say "alternative," Louis. It's the old hippie ideal of endlessly pushing a lefty agenda to keep up your "movement" cred. Hey, good luck with that. But I live in a cutthroat town, and I have salaries to pay. Your version of "alternative" wouldn't last a month here. Instead, we'll keep on digging up original stories about police corruption, union skullduggery, hot bankers, hippie crack dealers, rotten landlords and school segregation.

And along the way, I'll continue to celebrate the legacy of this newspaper which, if you actually took the time to look at some of its oldest archives, you would see was born with a passion for investigating and explaining this crazy town in a way the dailies couldn't touch. That, from the beginning, was what "alternative" was all about. And it's something we're just as passionate about now.

One other thing, Louis. Your paper, the *Chronicle*, took home one of the most prestigious awards at this year's contest for a classic piece of journalism: a story that questions the convictions of a couple accused of pedophilia.

Wasn't that one of the things you accused us of doing? Gotcha journalism about pedophiles?

Just sayin'.

I look forward to reading your next installment about what

Sincerely, Tony Ortega Editor The Village Voice

Louis Black says:

Tony,

There is no way I could have been more taken aback by your comments. *The Village Voice* has long been the beacon paper that the rest of us aspire to and though its prestige had slipped over the years you've been returning it to its former glory. On top of that I've long thought that Michael Lacy is simply one of the best editors and writers in the alternative press bar none. Even though I have reservations about one company owning so many papers in almost every case Jim Larkin and Lacy have improved the papers they took over. Finally, I regard Patty Calhoun (of Denver's *Westword*) as the finest editor of writers among all the weeklies.

Having initiated the AAN editorial Awards, I am disappointed at the way they've turned out but I should have been clearer that I was not talking even a little bit about the quality of the winning writers and their work. I just don't feel the categories are expansive enough to cover some of the areas where weeklies excel.

I was thrilled to meet you, as *The Voice* has been a part of my life for most of it. I'm not going to list the numerous weeklies that I think have lost their way but there are dozens. I'll also plead guilty to lazy writing and lazy thinking (especially if it appears that my complaints about the award winners had to do with the quality of the work). I am disappointed in the current state of many of the weeklies but my writing was certainly not aimed at the *Voice*.

The next two columns by the way are going to be a very short incomplete sketchy history of the alternative press with a somewhat muddied chronology of the Boston papers in particular and a review of Joan Micklin Silver's *Between the Lines*, one of the few movies to tackle weeklies that has long been unavailable in any home accessible format (Amazon now has it on DVD, I highly recommend it).

I'm sorry you took my column the way you did while accepting all blame for not being clearer.

Yours in admiration, Louis Black Posted On: Wednesday, Jul. 28 2010 @ 5:06PM

Tony O says:

Well, you're no fun, Louis. I thought we'd get several more rounds out of this.

I got my gloves all laced up and everything.

I guess I'll just have to go over and slug Kamer, instead.

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HEAD-BUTTING THE LIT SCENE

Dear Editor.

Re: Wayne Alan Brenner's "Everybody's Talking at You" [Books, July 30]: Well, I guess Mr. Brenner feels he's done a good day's work - managed to piss off half the Austin literary scene and get chummy with some other groups that, just like the rest of us, pretty much talk to themselves at their readings. "Geezers"? "Jerkoffs"? Oh well, the best revenge for language like that is knowing he'll be in our shoes sooner than he can imagine. See that kid at the bike park? He already thinks you're old. I really didn't expect this level of hostility from the Chronicle, nor did I expect you would so totally ignore venues that are listed in your Litera section every week and have been around for a decade or more. Bands and a cover charge to draw in listeners? Old idea - goes back to poetry and jazz afternoons in the 1950s, you old goat.

Ralph Hausser

OVERTHROW CORPORATIONS

Dear Editor,

Re: Louis Black's July 30 "Page Two": We want to take our government back from corporations. Thanks to the Supreme Court, they now have the rights of individual Americans, plus additional protections endowed to financial institutions. Corporations and the men who run them are setting agricultural, environmental, energy, foreign relations, and human rights policies here and globally, and the U.S. mainstream corporate-owned media is keeping most of our public dull and distracted. Thank goodness for alternative news media and foreign TV news such as al Jazeera and the BBC. Watching for-

THIS MODERN WORL









by TOM TOMORROW A LOW-LEVEL WHITE HOUSE STAFFER HAS A DISTANT RELATIVE WHOSE FRIEND'S NEIGHBOR'S BROTHER ONCE MADE A DISPARAGING REMARK ABOUT RONALD REAGAN! SO IN OTHER WORDS. HATRED OF WHITE PRESIDENTS IS ENDEMIC AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION? ISN'T THAT JUST SAID?





NEXT: SOMETHING MORE STUPID THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED POSSIBLE. **THEN** SOMETHING MORE STUPID THAN **THAT**.

eign TV news shows that many other countries' citizens are better informed than we are about U.S. policies here and abroad.

The public is against the U.S. presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, yet our "statesmen" recently funded \$37 billion for our continued presence there, even though the Pentagon has misplaced billions and we still owe the Iraqi government billions. Who, then, is in control?

While Diebold and other corporations are taking over the electoral process (see their numerous mistakes and power grabs in documentaries and online) and corporations can give candidates as much as they want, a strong anti-corporate third party might still be a way for

people to regain control. It would take awareness and teaching, hard work together, and focusing vague or misplaced anger onto peaceful electoral change. I'm afraid the public is unable or unwilling to go that route.

As our lives become increasingly intolerable, people will probably resort to civil disobedience, which will be put down by corporate/government entities like Blackwater. I hope I'm brave enough then to stand for what I believe is right.

Right now, dialogue about these issues is very important and should be encouraged rather than put down, as Louis Black does.

> Fancy Fairchild Elgin

TEA PARTY VS. 'THE OTHER'

Dear Editor.

It shouldn't be that difficult to understand that the tea party movement wants to take back the country from "somebody not like them" - meaning white, middle or working class, mainly male, and over 50 years old. The somebody not like them can be black, Hispanic or Latin, liberal, highly educated, and nonreligious. If you recall, during Sarah Palin's run for vice president, she kept highlighting "real Americans" in her speeches and emphasizing Middle America as people she can relate to (as though Indiana doesn't have illegal aliens, liberals, drug dealers, abortions, etc.). This tea party movement is about not liking the change going on in America, which is moving toward a multiethnic look and feel. The recent immigration law in Arizona reflects the sentiment to take our country back from immigrants (Latinos in this case). I feel this is just the beginning, and more anti-establishment sentiment is coming our way. In one way, it's nice to see that a black man has become the establishment being railed against. Power to the people!

THANK GOD FOR STEPHEN

Dear Editor.

Loved your "After a Fashion" deal [July 23] about [Kim Kardashian] dragging her tired ass over to Sephora! I almost blew soda out of my nose when I read that! Thank God for you, Stephen! You are so funny.

Beverly Benton

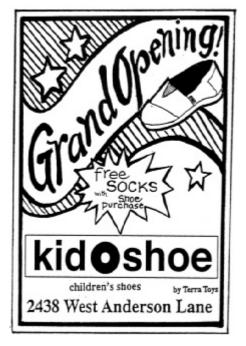
STANDS BY GUN STATEMENT

Dear Editor.

Re: Keith Batcher's "On Guns and Bikes" ["Postmarks," July 30]: I stand by what I said. that the only purpose of a handgun is to kill. That doesn't mean that every time a handgun is used a death results, only that the purpose is to kill. If Batcher has fired 200,000 rounds over 50 years without hurting/killing anything, it could mean that he's a terrible shot and should have his guns taken away. More likely, it means that he target-shoots, which hopefully means with all that practice he hits what he's aiming at. This should









bode well for innocent bystanders. Who have you shot at anyway, Batcher? Are you saying that mere brandishment is effective use of a handgun? If so, why load it? If someone didn't believe a handgun would kill them, would merely brandishing it be effective? Or would you actually have to shoot someone? Can you guarantee that you won't kill someone you shoot at and hit?

Daniel Lea

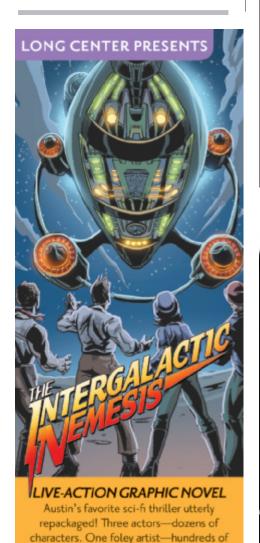
SHULTS WONDERFULLY TALENTED

Dear Editor

I was wonderfully surprised to see a cover story on the local artist Ian Shults ["Covert Stories," Arts, July 23]. I wanted to write last week, but the days slipped by as I thought, "OK, someone will comment."

I picked up the *Chronicle* and there was nary a word about this wonderfully talented

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artist in "Postmarks." I have never met the gentleman but own two pieces in his earlier style purchased at the annual Blue Genie Art Bazaar.

I was immediately taken by the energy and subject matter and bought Cheap Nude No. 4. I believe it was but one of a group. The next year, I bought the lovely framed Cauldron.

Seeing Shults' new direction in his style immediately captures the energy and whispers of noir imagery as well as leaving the viewer to think and imagine a personal scenario, either a real event or fantasy, related to the images in their own way, and that is what art does, intertwine the artist and the viewer.

Always leave them wanting more and thinking. Shults' art does that with a hint of mystery. You wonder what the next frame will be. The next event.

Thank you for featuring a wonderful artist, and best wishes for his success in the art world.

Elaine Witkowski

RIGHT ON, WIKILEAKS

Dear Editor,

Thanks to all the people who support WikiLeaks. org, the oligarchy is beginning to see that its dirty secrets can no longer be safely hidden from the public. Countless millions of Americans are sick and tired of the warmongering, bullying, massacres, and massive deceptions that have become major aspects of the U.S. government's modus operandi. Many are very ashamed of the reputation the USA has earned, which has many people abroad seeing the U.S. as something like a rich, spoiled, teenage bully on steroids and pot. The oligarchy's intentional perpetual war



scam, designed to gratify its extreme greed while milking the American people (of about a trillion dollars a year), is unsustainable insanity. All who can see that the nation is ruled by an oligarchy (written about in the Chronicle by Michael Ventura in April and May this year ["Letters at 3am"] and by others, elsewhere) are encouraged to learn about WikiLeaks and to support them. Those who think that the oligarchy is a fantasy are encouraged to guess again. The truth, widely known, is the one thing that will bring them down and set us free from them and the horror that they create. If we want to move forward, if we want to have a government that is truly by and for the people and a world at peace, WikiLeaks and courageous whistle-blowers are necessary heroes that must be generously supported. Otherwise, it appears to be only a matter of time before someone

nukes what they see as a big sick bully and all hell breaks loose.

Robert Halcon

OFFICER DRIVES AWAY VISITORS

Dear Editor.

I was a victim of highway robbery in your city. This happened when my wife and I chose to spend our 25th anniversary in Austin. Driving in on I-35, an Austin police officer was following us quite closely. I changed lanes to the right to allow the officer to go by. When the officer changed lanes at the same time, he pulled me over and falsely charged me with changing lanes without signaling and cutting him off. His attitude was incredibly snide. I left your city with a \$167 ticket. I have no other traffic violations for this. Why didn't he issue a warning? Why wasn't he courteous to visitors to your city? Because of this officer, we will choose not to visit your city in the future and will suggest the same to everyone we know.

Don Cox

BOTTLED WATER IS A SCAM

Dear Chronicle.

So now we have bottled water shaped like the UT Tower. Are people still not getting the message? Bottled water is a scam. As much as 40% of it, including Dasani and Aquafina, is tap water. Yet bottled water costs hundreds of times more. The plastic leaches into the environment, and those little indestructible plastic molecules are a prime suspect in causing birth defects and sterility in amphibians. Hmm, I wonder what they're doing to us?

Then there's the huge waste of gas involved in transporting all those bottles, and the fact that tap water is much more regulated and quality inspected than bottled water. Also, Austin is in the Top 10 for American cities with the best water. There are studies here and in Europe that show bottled water has significantly higher levels of bacteria than tap water. The list goes on and on.

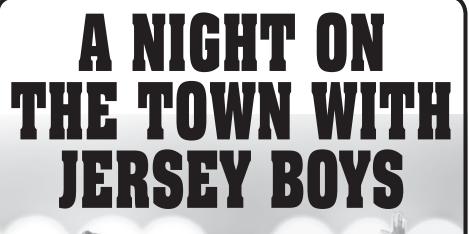
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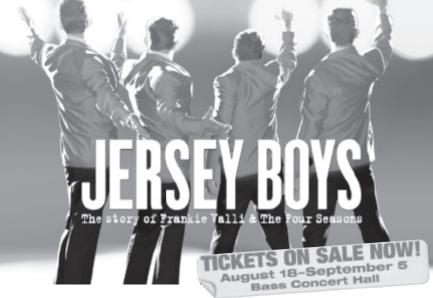
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Headlines

- After a lengthy executive session on July 29, the City Council narrowly rejected a settlement with the family of police shooting victim **Nathaniel** Sanders II. A furious Judge Sam Sparks castigated council for scrapping the deal and set the civil trial date for November 2011. See "Point Austin." right, and "Sanders Settlement Collapses," p.14.

A T-shirt worn at Nate Sanders' funeral

- ▶ Another turn in the city's Fleet Services scandal: A onetime leader of the office comes forward for the first time. See "Former Fleet Services Manager Says Scrap Tires Only a Symptom," p.16
- The Austin Independent School District is one of the big winners in the latest state school accountability ratings, with more campuses than ever rated "exemplary" or "recognized." However, many critics are questioning whether the state's new predictive Texas Projection Measure is artificially inflating results. See "A Closer Look at AISD's Ratings," p.18.



- > Still licking their wounds from last week's clatter (see above), council members return to the dais today (Thursday, Aug. 5) to consider an upgrade on audio/video recording devices in police vehicles, a recycling services contract, and an amended historic zoning ordinance. See "City Hall Hustle," p.12.
- Save Our Springs Alliance has filed a lawsuit over the city's construction of Water Treatment Plant No. 4. The plaintiffs, which include Environment Texas and a UT biology professor, argue that a component of the construction process violates the **Endangered Species Act**. See "Naked City," p.12.
- > The UT-Austin admissions process for nontop-10% students went to court Tuesday, with lawyers for UT, which is being sued by two students enrolled at UT-San Antonio, defending the ethnic component of the policy before the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals.
- Deportunity knocks: Gov. Rick Perry's re-election campaign is holding a raffle, with prizes including a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol by right-wing revisionist David Barton, a calf-roping lesson from Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and - the best prize of the bunch - lunch with Karl Rove.
- Gay rights activists Wednesday celebrated a federal court ruling overturning the voter-driven Proposition 8 initiative backed by the Mormon and Catholic churches.



Prepping for paint: Workers set up scaffolding around the Capitol dome before adding a new coat of paint to spruce up the historic structure.

Hanging Together or Apart

Sanders vote less about money than community, race, and justice

BY MICHAEL KING

So much for "the process."

Last week at City Council, a good deal of rhetoric was devoted to "the process" - in this case the judicial process, which opponents of the proposed settlement in the Nathaniel Sanders II/Leonardo Quintana civil rights lawsuit explained would finally determine "what really happened" when Quintana shot Sanders last year and thus settle the matter once and for all. But nobody on the dais had consulted federal Judge Sam Sparks, who – after council's Thursday vote to reject the settlement that both sides' attorneys had told Sparks on July 12 they were ready to accept - blew "the process" out of the water, informing the city that it would now not see his court before November 2011, and moreover, any further settlement talks damn well better include every single member of the City Council. Moreover, declared Sparks, since he couldn't trust the city to "support the recommendations of its lawyers," any future settlement would have to be concluded at least 25 days in advance of a trial date.

Well, now they've got plenty of time - although it will truly be a hoot if Sparks holds the council to the letter of the negotiating stipulation that further talks include every council member, which under the

Open Meetings Act could only occur in a public meeting. Last week's attempt at public negotiation didn't turn out so well. (For more detail, see "Sanders Settlement Collapses," p.14.)

Praise for "the process" had come mainly from Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez, who had declared in advance of the

> tentative \$750,000 settlement with the Sanders family. On the other hand, there were three votes to agree - Sheryl Cole, Bill Spelman, and Laura Morrison - who argued that in light of the council's instructions to its defense attorneys, a deal is a deal (where have we heard that before?) and that the city badly needed to move on from litigation to community reconciliation.

meeting that they would vote to reject the

Randi Shade and Chris Riley, the swing votes in this melodrama, first proposed reducing the settlement to \$500,000 - which Riley called an "arbitrary" but "more neutral" number - but when that motion couldn't garner another vote, they provided the 4-3 majority to defeat any settlement at all.

Why had the middle ground effectively become "\$500,000 or nothing"? Riley told me this week: "I thought about why I didn't vote for \$750,000 in the CONTINUED ON P.13

QUOTE of the WEEK



- "The premise that somehow if we go to trial we're going to gain more transparency is just simply not true."
- Council Member Sheryl Cole, before casting her vote for a \$750,000 settlement with the family of police shooting victim Nathaniel Sanders II



Naked City

- ▶ IT'S RAINING CATS AND CATS Cat lovers lined up around the Austin Humane Society's North Austin shelter on July 31 ready to take home a new pal during the society's free adoption day. According to AHS spokeswoman Lisa Starr, a total of 161 cats were adopted on Saturday during the free-for-all cat-extravaganza, just 90 cats fewer than the shelter typically adopts out in an entire month. The success of the program was a relief for the shelter, which has been operating at 200% of its normal cat-pacity thanks to a mad breeding season that saw 1,000 cats brought to Town Lake Animal Center in just three months. Just because the free-fur-all is over doesn't mean that now isn't still the purrfect time to adopt a feline friend. The AHS has ongoing adoption specials for kitty lovers. Check www.austinhumanesociety.org for more information on the adoption process.
- QUESTIONING PERRY'S MANSION-HOOD Wondering why the reconstruction of the Governor's Mansion is taking so long? Now there's a handy Web cam showing what's happening. Unfortunately for Gov. Rick Perry, it's being run by EvictRick.com, which is using the live stream to point out that the renovation of the historic home has ground to a halt. Perry actually moved out of the mansion and into a \$9,900-a-month property just outside West Lake Hills in October 2007 eight months before the still-

unsolved arson attack turned a scheduled face-lift into a full restoration. Last session the Legislature allocated \$22 million – including \$11 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act federal stimulus money – for the repairs. While the State Preservation Board said it hopes to



restart the renovation this summer, it has yet to announce a project management firm or get the necessary building permits approved by the Texas Historical Commission. EvictRick.com spokeswoman Katie Naranjo said, "It's really just been sitting there with no one tending to it." Calling the cost of Perry's rental "a double taxation on the people of Texas," she called for him to move back into "the real mansion that [he] should be living in that's being paid for by taxpayers already." — Richard Whittaker

> STILL SORE OVER WTP4 On July 29, the Save Our Springs Alliance, Environment Texas, and University of Texas biology professor Mark Kirkpatrick (who serves as the SOS science officer) filed suit against U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the city of Austin in an attempt to stop or delay construction related to the planned Water Treatment Plant No. 4. Most specifically, the suit charges that the city and FWS are negotiating an agreement ("Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances") that would allow the city, during construction of the plant's intake and transmission lines, to sidestep Endangered Species Act protections for the Jollyville Plateau Salamander and other ESAprotected species. The SOS brief charges that such an agreement, in the absence of an environmental impact determination that the work will have no significant negative environmental effects, effectively violates both the National Environmental Policy Act and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. The plaintiffs also cite numerous other neighborhood and citizen objections to WTP4 and ask for a ruling that the defendants are violating federal and state law. - Michael King

NEWS ____

IN THE SHADOW OF SANDERS ...

Council facing less dramatic agenda this week

BY WELLS DUNBAR

Sometimes it's hard to imagine city initiatives outside the bold-face issues that dominate the discussion: the **Sanders family settlement**. The **city budget**. The November **transportation bond** vote.

Michael King tackles the Sanders settlement fallout the next page over, in words assuredly more eloquent and measured than the Hustle could manage (see "Point Austin," p.10). Council's next budget work session is scheduled for Aug. 18, and the members' musings on the General Fund should bear out what they like (and dislike) in City Manager **Marc Ott**'s financial proposals. The bond vote returns this week at the Thursday, Aug. 5, meeting, at which council should set ballot language for a November election. While the Hustle – if not the city – is having a hard time shaking off the settlement drama, this week's workmanlike agenda is free of five-alarm controversy.

That's not to say the Sanders pall won't hang over the meeting. A procession of items all pertain to the single element of the shooting that brought any punishment to shooter **Leonardo Quintana** – his failure to turn on his **patrol camera**. Items 6, 13, 14, 20, 21, and 22 - combined - mark "Phase 1" of the department's shift to, in agenda parlance, "a fully-integrated, solid state system for digital video and audio capture, storage, transfer, and video management and the archival of recorded files on high capacity secure digital memory cards or solid state hard drives." This first phase rollout is for 43 patrol cars, followed by a gradual encompassing of more cars and motorcycles. It isn't cheap: The main contract is \$3.5 million, plus additional money in the form of new staff positions, data transfer and storage costs, and more; the total project cost of all the installations is estimated at \$15 million. (Kinda puts that \$750,000 settlement figure into perspective, doesn't it?)

There's another familiar headline grabber making its council return: an item inking a one-year contract with **Texas Disposal Systems** for short-term recycling services (read: before a local **materials recovery facility** is built), with two optional six-month extensions (Item 25). Hall watchers may remember TDS' displeasure at being shut out of the bidding for the MRF after it was ruled the company had violated antilobbying provisions in attacking current contractor Greenstar's MRF proposal; council subsequently rejected the bidders that applied for the MRF contract, directing the city manager to negotiate only with TDS and Balcones Resources.

While Item 25 doesn't have bearing on who will ultimately win the MRF contract, TDS' triumph over **Greenstar** for short-term services, starting Oct. 1, certainly won't hurt its chances. The contract requires a "living wage" of \$11 an hour for

employees and guarantees the city 80% of recyclables revenue, minus a per-ton "tipping" fee. However, the agenda backup material notes, "Although the contract is revenue generating for the City, because the revenue is market based there is the potential, although unlikely, that the City would incur costs," much like what happened with Greenstar.

The rest of the agenda is made up of the kind of neighborhood zoning and development issues that are the meat and potatoes of any council agenda. The most prominent may be a public hearing and possible council action on a city code amendment limiting the number of tax-abating **historic property designations** to three per month (Item 50). Several recommendations to the original proposal have emerged from myriad boards and commissions: For example, the Historic Landmark Commission doesn't want HLC-initiated cases to fall into the three-per-month limit, while the Planning Commission recommends that any unused slots in the monthly allotment roll over to the next month, until the end of

the year. It should be interesting to see how council reacts to the proposals – endorsed by the Heritage Society, along with some of its own suggestions – and whether they defeat the abatement-capping intent of the measure.

The Planning Commission returns to the forefront in an item from **Chris Riley** and **Laura Morrison** calling for an expedited public input process in developing compatibility standards and density bonuses with respect to implementing the

East Riverside Corridor Master Plan (Item 29). The boards and commissions process is slated to be similarly truncated, with input limited to the Planning Commission, which is a matter for concern considering that when they broached the subject earlier this year, the PC reaffirmed the importance of neighborhood-placating compatibility standards over density – the prime requirement along Riverside if it's ever to become a main arterial for urban rail. (See "City Hall Hustle," Feb. 26.)

In other urbanist happenings, Item 28, from Riley, **Randi Shade**, and **Sheryl Cole**, requires that vacation of **Downtown alleys** (to ensure room for construction activity) first be reviewed by the Design Commission and the Downtown Commission. Riley goes all Edwin Waller on us, stating that aside from adding connectivity, "many cities are reclaiming their alleys and utilizing them for housing, recreational opportunities, pedestrian and biking connections, enhanced water quality, greenways, and redevelopment opportunities that contribute to thriving pedestrian centers."

It remains to be seen if, after last week, council can reclaim its own conversation.

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res publica for more details and events, see community listings, p.54.

THURSDAY 05

MCMANSION ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING Weigh in on a proposed expansion of this ordinance's geographic boundaries. *4pm. City Hall, council chambers, 301 W.* Second, 974-2000. www.cityofaustin.org/zoning/sf_regs.htm.

FRIDAY 06

DPS DIAMOND JUBILEE Enjoy barbecue, facility tours, SWAT demonstrations, and more for the **Texas Department of Public Safety**'s 75th anniversary. 9am-3:30pm. DPS Headquarters, 5805 N. Lamar. www.txdps.state.tx.us/DiamondJubilee/BBQ.pdf.

RAG BLOG BASH Help raise funds for the Rag Blog and celebrate Editor **Thorne Dreyer**'s birthday. 6-8:30pm. Maria's Taco Xpress, 2529 S. Lamar. \$10. www.theragblog.blogspot.com.

SATURDAY 07

BUS RIDERS UNION MEETNG 11am. Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe. Free. www.busatx.org.

LOBV WATERING HOLES RIDE The League of Bicycling Voters celebrates the hottest day of the year with a ride to various watering holes – mainly the swimming kind, with mealtime stops at the drinking kind. 1-10pm. Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop, 400 Nueces, 473-0222. www.lobv.org/hot.

VIGIL AT T. DON HUTTO Help celebrate the oneyear anniversary of the end of family detention at Hutto, and join the call for continued reform. 7pm. T. Don Hutto Detention Center, Taylor, 512/971-0487. blibal@grassrootsleadership.org. **ELAINE TYLER MAY** discusses her book *America* and the *Pill: A History of Promise, Peril, and Liberation,* about the revolutionary history of the birth control pill. 3pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar. www.bookpeople.com.

SUNDAY08

STUDENTS OF THE WORLD See films made by students who traveled to New Orleans, Kosovo, and Tanzania to learn about global and social issues. 7-10pm. United States Art Authority, 2906 Fruth, 480-9562. Free. www.studentsoftheworld.org.

MONDAY09

PHONE BANK FOR CLEAN ENERGY Volunteer with the local **Sierra Club** folks, and eat some pizza. 6-8pm. Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club Office, 1202 San Antonio. www.texas.sierraclub.org.

TUESDAY10

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING 6:30pm. Clinton Hunter Substation, 404 Ralph Ablanedo, 974-4182. www.citizenobserver.com.

PUBLIC MEETING: TEXAS RAIL Discuss the future of both passenger and freight rail in Texas. 6-8pm. TxDOT Austin District Office, 7901 N. I-35, Bldg. 7,486-5125. www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/rail_plan/public_meetings.htm.

WEDNESDAY11

LONE STAR MENSA MEETING features a presentation on the **smart grid** by Austin Energy's Al Sarria. 7pm. North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck, 491-9881. Free. www.lsm.us.mensa.org.

first place, and there was the point that '750' represented a victory for one side – which is not the purpose of a settlement. At that point, I couldn't do that." Shade said this week that she remains hopeful that even under the judge's restrictions, a settlement remains achievable some time in the next year. "I'm still hopeful," she told me, "that there's an opportunity to settle that does not assign guilt, does not polarize the community, and that's financially responsible."

In Black and White

Ah, yes, polarization. In the immediate aftermath of the vote, emotions are running high, with the yea/nay denunciations predictably and painfully breaking largely along Eastside/West side and black/white racial lines. Online trolls are demanding Austin NAACP President Nelson Linder's ouster, after Linder denounced the vote as a declaration of "war" on the black community. Now that "the process" has been extended for another 16 months, we can look forward to

weeks or months of similarly intransigent conversations; perhaps the council majority will explain how that public flame war is supposed to

provide, in Mayor Leffingwell's subsequent conciliatory phrase, "some immediate relief to people who I know are suffering."

The vote to reject the settlement was reinforced by the Austin Police Association and official insistence that the Sanders family attorney, Adam Loewy, had undermined the deal by telling a reporter that the settlement would constitute an acknowledgment by the city that the shooting was "unjustified." Shade told me she believes that statement violated both the letter and spirit of the proposed agreement; Riley said the entire council discussion would certainly have been different without Loewy's statement, although he can't say it would have turned out any differently. He read to me the relevant section from the settlement summary: "The terms include a confidentiality/nondisparagement clause, requiring the plaintiffs and their counsel to maintain confidentiality as to the terms and existence of the settlement, and to not claim the settlement as a victory, or to share their evidence with the press."

Responded Loewy via e-mail: "That is totally absurd. We have done everything in our power to uphold and respect the agreement. Moreover, Shade's own argument confirms there *is* a valid settlement agreement. The truth is this isn't about me; this is all driven by the APA's strong-arm political tactics. Certain members of this council are more concerned with appeasing APA than respecting the terms of a settlement agreement." Loewy insists that a valid settlement agreement remains in place and that he "expects the city to live up" to its terms.

He wasn't quite finished. "The city has treated my clients like second-class citizens since the day of the shooting, and this despicable pattern continues with this latest stunt. Regardless, we are more confident than ever that justice will prevail in this case. You can't treat people like this and expect to be on the side of justice."

Whatever else it might do, that frank exchange of views doesn't seem likely to advance the common cause of reconciliation.

Judge Sam Sparks' Aug. 2

order concerning the Sanders

family's civil rights lawsuit is posted online

with this story at austinchronicle.com.

Spelman, remarkably sanguine considering the circumstances, said that while he expected a delay of some months to allow both sides to

"cool their jets," settlement talks would resume probably around the turn of the year, after trial preparation and after the city gets some clarification from the court about how the council, in practical terms, should be involved. He preferred to accentuate the positive: "We did at least send a fairly clear message to the plaintiffs and the plaintiffs' attorneys that there is a number we can settle this case for – a majority of this council can settle this case for. It's not \$750,000."

Whether that realization will be sufficient to move the churning public conversation about race, the Austin Police Department, young black men, and one whole community in a more positive direction remains to be seen. We had better start to get it right. Sparks offered an additional warning: "It is not clear if the parties will ever be able to obtain a constitutionally fair trial in Austin because of the pretrial publicity and public statements made by counsel and public officials to the media."

THURSDAY12

COUNCIL CLEANS THE POOL Join City Council members and other volunteers in this annual assault on algae and silt in Barton Springs. 9:15am. Barton Springs Pool, 2101 Barton Springs Rd. www.friendsofbartonspringspool.org.

PUBLIC MEETING: TEXAS TRANSPORTATION PLAN Give feedback on the Texas Department of Transportation's long-range, statewide transportation plan. 4-7pm. TxDOT Austin District Office, Bldg. 7, 7901 N. I-35. www.txdot.gov/ public_involvement/transportation_plan/overview.htm.

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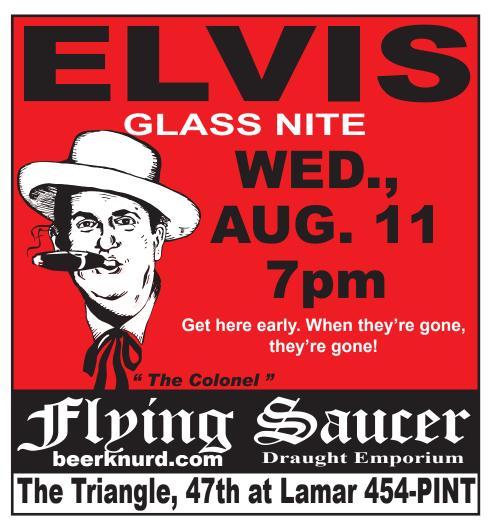
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Sanders Settlement Collapses

City Council rejects payment to family, will proceed to trial

BY WELLS DUNBAR

At its meeting last week, the City Council rejected a settlement with the family of **Nathaniel Sanders II**. Judge Sam Sparks has now set a trial date for November 2011.

After a marathon, four-hour executive session during which council privately discussed the matter and an hour's worth of public testimony - all in favor of or neutral on the settlement except for Austin Police Association President Wayne Vincent – deliberation began with a substitute motion from Council Member Chris Riley to pay the Sanders family \$500,000 instead of the original settlement proposal of \$750,000. Riley called for community reconciliation but said that while a trial looms, "we find ourselves in an adversarial relationship with the Sanders family." Searching for "an end that recognizes the legitimate concerns on both sides," Riley noted that more money had been paid out in other officer-involved shootings, but ones for which the officer was fired. Seeking a figure that wouldn't be "perceived as an admission that the shooting was unjustified," he offered \$500,000, an admittedly "absolutely arbitrary" figure "which is far less than Nathaniel Sanders' life was worth."

Council Member **Randi Shade** began by quoting from a widely circulated article in *The Boston Globe*, "How facts backfire," that argues "our beliefs can dictate the facts we chose to accept." Seconding Riley's motion, she said, "I sincerely believe that arriving at a settlement agreement that acknowledges that mistakes have been made on all sides, but also doesn't come with the frame as an unjustified shooting, is in the best interest of the city." Following the emotionally volatile public testimony, Riley and Shade's argument, however well-intended, quickly lost the audience. Shade noted, "Nathaniel Sanders had a

gun," to which someone in the crowd shouted, "No fingerprints!" (confirmed by forensics), bringing a quick warning from Mayor **Lee**

Leffingwell. Shade pressed on, insisting, "I can't support a settlement that attaches to it a city admission of an unjustified shooting."

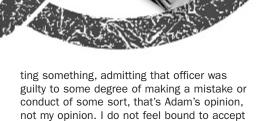
MOTION SICKNESS

"We have simply never, to my knowledge, in the history of the city, done this," replied Council Member

Sheryl Cole, arguing against
the motion for a \$500,000 settlement. "Where we've had a settlement offer, where we've instructed
staff to go and negotiate in good faith
and they have done that and come back
with an offer, and we decide that it is too
much and put another number on the table"
– a breach, in her eyes, of council direction
to "go negotiate in good faith." Cole characterized the change as setting a bad precedent: "It's bad policy because it puts us in
uncharted waters."

Council Member **Bill Spelman**, also in opposition to the motion, spoke to the headline crux of the anti-settlement argument, that the Sanders' family attorney, **Adam Loewy**, had "claimed in an unguarded moment that if we accepted the settlement, that we were somehow admitting something" (the lawyer's statement had become a driving force in the APA's opposition). "I can look at the facts for myself and decide what it is that I think is true. If Adam tells me accepting \$750,000 is a settlement, somehow admit-

Chris Riley and Randi Shade were the swing votes in turning down the proposed settlement.



Adam's opinion in this matter. ...

"I would like to have paid \$500,000 or some other smaller number," Spelman continued. "Weeks ago, months ago, through the negotiation process, we might have ended up with a number like \$500,000, but that is simply an unrealistic number right now."

Council Member **Laura Morrison** spoke next, against the argument "that we need to go to trial and have the full dialogue. A federal court case is not a place to have a dialogue. The attorneys on either side are trying to constrain everything that the other side is saying. It's not the place to have a dialogue. ...

"Two weeks ago, when we started really

"This is war."

- Austin NAACP

President

Nelson Linder

looking at this decision, it felt like a very complicated decision to me," she concluded. "Today it feels very simple. And the simple answer for me is that it is right to accept the settlement as recommended by the legal staff."

Leffingwell then spoke, arguing that the \$500,000 compromise "is not much difference" from the original \$750,000 settlement. While he could support a figure matching potential litigation costs, "that number is far, far below either one of the numbers that we're talking here today." Moreover, he said the payment "sends a message that the city of Austin admits that this was an unjustified shooting. I don't admit that – I don't think anyone here on the dais admits that. But that's one of those things that once it's out there, that genie is very, very hard to put back in the bottle. ...

"I don't want to dwell on monetizing this issue, but what we're talking about here is

taking taxpayer money from other taxpaying citizens," he said, returning to the settlement amount. "There has to be a clear and compelling case for that

ear and compelling case for that transfer," one he didn't think had been made.

Mayor Pro Tem **Mike Martinez**, the earliest to declare publicly against a settlement, spoke next, stating: "I don't believe that a community can come together if we agree to a settlement. I don't believe in the long run that we can all agree with what happened and move forward." In the end, Riley's substitute motion failed, netting only Shade's vote and his own.

TO SETTLE OR NOT TO SETTLE

Cole then spoke in support of the

proposed settlement of \$750,000.

"The premise that somehow if we go to trial we're going to gain more transparency is just simply not true," promising that materials currently suppressed – documents obtained by the Sanders family during discovery – would be available upon settlement. "On a national level, the O.J. Simpson trial, that certainly did not result in community reconciliation. Locally, we know that with the **Cedar Avenue** trial" – the unsuccessful civil trial brought by several young African-Americans against the Police Department following an

against the Police Department following an 80-officer melee at a 1995 East Austin party

– "that that certainly did not result in community reconciliation." Cole emphasized that a trial would be not only painful for the Sanders family but also for defendant **Leonardo Quintana** and his family.

Cole said council needs to put "the entire city" first. "I don't mean the 1,000 that worked on our campaign or the 500 who gave you money," perhaps a subtle allusion to the APA and its Chamber of Commerce-flattering campaign against set-

tlement, "or the 10,000 that you might get e-mails and hear from or the 50,000 that voted for you – because when we raised our hand we said we were governing for 750,000, whether they voted or gave money or did anything."

Spelman addressed

Leffingwell's cost-to-taxpayers argument, claiming "the opposite is true. If we are trying to protect Austin taxpayers, we need to vote in favor of the settlement, because a settlement guarantees the taxpayers will have to spend no more than \$750,000." He also argued that a federal trial could cull "jurists from not just Travis County but all over Texas, including Levelland and, God help us, Tulia," the Panhandle town infamous for the trumped-up drug busts in 1999 primarily targeting black residents.

"It's going to be months and months and maybe careers before we stop talking about all this stuff, if we go in the direction of going



to court. I think it's time for us to change the subject. We should stop arguing about who's to blame for what's happened in the past, and we should accept responsibility for making sure that we do not repeat the past, that this never happens again, and the best way to do that is to accept the settlement and move on."

Nevertheless, the motion for settlement failed, 4-3 – neither Shade nor Riley siding with Cole, Morrison, and Spelman.

A FORK IN THE ROAD

Although the meeting moved on, the discussion ended in tumult. The Rev. Freddie **Dixon**, director of community affairs at the University of Texas' Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, came to the microphone to speak, unprompted, as a matter of personal privilege. Audience members stormed from the room in audible rage, some loudly accusing the majority of being bought by the APA. Responded Shade, "It's incredibly insulting to suggest that any of us who voted the way we did has anything to do with the police union to ignore the fact that there are a lot of ways to look at this - it's just as outrageous to ignore the fact that there have been so many people who distrust police officers, but it is just - as every African-American male is not a criminal and carrying a gun, it is true that not every officer ..." at which point she dropped her analogy. Shade continued, "I did not make this vote to try to not hurt the feelings of the police association. That was the furthest thing from my consideration on this."

A more fitting coda to the discussion was provided by Dixon: "We cannot move forward if the past is always in front of us, and the past seems to always be in the front of us, as it relates to race relations here in the city of Austin. And if we are to be the city that we are touted in national magazines and across the country, then we need to get beyond the symptoms and the epidemic that is at the core, which is race. And I do feel that the matter that has been taken up here is a betrayal to the community, the entire community, and that betrayal is that the city asked in good faith to negotiate with the family and then midway in that negotiation we say that that negotiation is no good."

Speaking to reporters afterward, Austin NAACP President **Nelson Linder** was less guarded. While saying council's decision wouldn't affect his plans to partner with the APA in facilitating engagement between beat cops patrolling East Austin and the young black men who live there, he called Leffingwell and Martinez "two-faced cowards" and said the same of Shade and Riley. "They speak with forked tongues. ... This is war."

The next day, Leffingwell issued a statement standing by his decision, adding: "I'm fully aware that my decision was hurtful to some in the community, and I regret that. I would like to have been able to make a decision last night that would have perhaps provided some immediate relief to people who I know are suffering."





Former Fleet Services Manager Says Scrap Tires Only a Symptom

Fired whistle-blower says management has ignored serious problems for years

BY JORDAN SMITH

Officials in the city's Fleet Services department were reportedly warned about problems in the city's tire management program as early as seven years ago.

That's what a former Fleet manager turned whistle-blower told the Chronicle - a version of events that again conflicts with city officials' evolving story about what they knew and when they knew that tires, especially those destined for the scrap heap, were not being properly tracked or disposed of in order to account for inventory and comply with state law.

Hiram Kirkland, who had previously declined to discuss the matter due to his pending litigation against the city, broke his silence last week. According to Kirkland, a former Fleet operations manager who was terminated in March 2009 (allegedly for a conflict of interest), he began reporting inconsistencies in the tire program as early as 2003 and then in earnest starting in 2006, when he says he was told by his supervisors that the city did not have to follow state law pertaining to the disposal of used rubber. There were "no controls, and no one watching, and they're leaving a lot of money on the table," Kirkland said.

In December, the Chronicle reported that thousands of city vehicle tires had been abandoned on a tract of land leased by Victor Almaguer, owner of Vic's Tire Service, which once had a contract with the city to fix flats. Almaguer was not contracted to transport, store, or dispose of used city tires, nor was he registered with the state (as required) to do so. Nonetheless, Almaguer said he'd been collecting the city's worn-out rubber since 2003 at the direction of then-Tire Program Manager Bill Janousek. (Janousek was terminated earlier this year for failing to adhere to city personnel policies; he is in the process of trying to get his job back.) Through a review of Fleet records, we found that since at least 2006 (the first year for which we requested records) the city had failed to complete a single tire manifest form correctly - meaning not only was the city not in compliance with state environmental laws, but also that there was no way for the city to determine how many tires it had disposed of or where those tires landed.

City officials first told us that they'd only learned of the piles of city-owned scrap tires in Southeast Austin when the Chronicle began making inquiries last fall. After we provided extensive documentation obtained from a Fleet service center manager, Daniel Lomas, reflecting that he told Fleet managers about the tires beginning in May 2008 – and that City Manager Marc Ott had been alerted to the problem by Lomas last summer - the city changed its explanation. Yes, Ott had received that e-mail, we were told during a July meet-

ing at City Hall, but he passed it on to then-City Attorney David Smith, who apparently told no one else about it - not at Fleet and not at the city's financial services division, which includes Chief Financial Officer Leslie Browder, who ultimately oversees Fleet's operations. Instead, Smith reportedly turned the information over to Austin Police and that was it. Fleet officials acknowledged that in October 2008 they began a review of tirerelated processes and then, beginning in September 2009, began asking questions of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality about whether the city's manifest process complied with state law. But it wasn't until after we reported on the abandoned tires that the city actually began following state law, contracting with a specific

vendor to dispose of the tires properly.

use but that still had some life left. "There are quite a bit of tires that they throw away that a person could fix up and sell," he said. But at that point, the city would have abandoned its legal responsibility to track the tires to disposal.

According to Kirkland, Wieczorek said he would look into it. Kirkland doesn't believe that ever happened, because after Kirkland was promoted to operations manager in 2006, he realized there were still improprieties occurring with city tires - including that tires were not being tracked with proper manifest paperwork. Again, Kirkland said he took his concerns to Wieczorek and Janousek, who was still running the tire program. "I was concerned about proper tire dispos-

David Smith

But Wieczorek denies telling Kirkland that the city was exempt from environmental regulations regarding scrap tires. "I never said the city was exempt from that because I knew it wasn't," he said. al," Kirkland said during an interview last week, his



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FOLLOW THE TIRES

But according to Kirkland, he alerted former Fleet Officer Tom Wieczorek about possible problems with the tire program in 2003 shortly after he started his job as a manager over two Fleet service centers that handle solid waste vehicles. Kirkland said that one of his shops was next door to the tire shop and that on more than one occasion while working late he saw Almaguer pull a trailer up to the tire shop and remove tires from the city's scrap stack. On occasion, he said, it seemed that Almaguer was taking "a lot" of tires that still had "useful life left on them." (Notably, when we first inspected the scraptire pile at Vic's Tire Service, there was at least one city-owned tire marked as dating from 2003.) Almaguer said that he was never told he could take tires that were still useful, but he said it was common that the city would throw out tires that it could no longer

city in 2008. But he says that he "kept getting shut down" by Wieczorek and then Janousek, both of whom repeatedly told him that the "city was exempted from the manifest process." Moreover, Kirkland says, he was told that as long as the city had a contract with a tire supplier, the "vendor guaranteed proper disposal" - in other words, that the city bore no responsibility for tracking the tires to their final disposition.

As it happens, that is a misstatement of state law, yet one that has apparently been repeated by Fleet officials in the years since. In an audio recording of an August 2009 meeting between Service Center Manager Lomas and the current Fleet administrator. Gerry Calk, the head of Fleet tells Lomas that the city is not liable for its used tires once they're taken from the city for disposal.

Since then, Fleet (and city management) officials have acknowledged that their previous understanding of state regulations was incorrect, but Kirkland's account suggests that the official blind eye had been turned on

More generally, city spokesman Reyne Telles responded, "The allegations made span a seven-year period and primarily involve former employees. It is not realistic to suppose that current staff could provide comment, under deadline, on alleged instances involving a timeframe that precedes their own employment," although he added that the city will continue to work with the Chronicle "in order to answer questions as best we can."

the problem for far longer than city officials

Wieczorek, who is now retired and living

out of state, said he does remember an alle-

gation that good tires were being dumped as

scrap and sold by local used tire vendors -

an allegation he said could have come from

Kirkland back in 2003. As Wieczorek recalls

matter, and "they followed up but couldn't do

anything" to prove any local businesses were

it, Austin Police were contacted about the

have so far acknowledged.

actually selling old city tires.

Telles also said that "specifics concerning Hiram Kirkland involve active litigation and thus the city is limited in the scope of comment that can be made."

(The city fought successfully last fall to have Kirkland's whistle-blower lawsuit dismissed, but Kirkland has appealed, and the case is currently pending before the 3rd Court of Appeals.)

Kirkland said it wasn't the first time he'd documented serious problems with Fleet operations nor the first time that those concerns went unheeded. Indeed, he said that when he was promoted to Fleet operations manager in 2006, Wieczorek gave him a specific task: Find out why Fleet was carrying a \$2.5 million budget deficit, and fix the problem. Kirkland had reduced waste at his service centers and took on the new task with similar focus.

INVENTORY MYSTERY

Kirkland quickly found problems not only with the tire program but also with the inventory controls at Service Center 13, which services Austin Police Department and Austin Energy vehicles. According to Kirkland, in reviewing inventory at the center, he noticed that a manager had accessed back records, reopened old work orders, and charged to those documents additional parts inventory - including batteries and Freon. That might make sense if someone had forgotten to list a part on a particular invoice, but according to Kirkland the revisions were chronic and inexplicable. For example, "There's no way you can put three batteries in one Crown Vic" police car, he noted.

Kirkland assigned Lomas (now manager of Service Center 5) to help him review the inventory documents. In all, they found 250 work orders that had been changed after they were officially closed, and 150 instances in which they felt the changes were not easily explained - for example, the three batteries in a single cop car or another instance in which 30 pounds of Freon was billed to a Ford F-150 truck, a vehicle that "takes about 3 pounds" of the air conditioner gas, he said. Kirkland brought those examples to Wieczorek, who asked Fleet's human resources representative, Sharon Huckabee, to review the situation. Kirkland and Lomas turned over documents to Huckabee, Kirkland said. But nothing happened.

A "long time had passed, and I could not get ... Huckabee to return my phone calls," Kirkland said. Ultimately, he said, she did contact him but said she really needed the information in a different format; Kirkland did as asked and heard nothing more. It is unclear what happened after he provided the reformatted information in early 2008. Not two months later, he was removed from his position and placed on a lengthy administrative leave. He never returned to work.

Asked about this history, spokesman Telles responded in an e-mail, "Sharon Huckabee has it documented that the first time Hiram conveyed a concern was ... in October 2007. Further, more specific and meaningful documentation was provided to her in February and March 2008, at which point the investigation moved forward through the City Auditor." In a telephone conversation, Telles added that Huckabee says she was waiting for "further definition of what the allegations were."

In March 2008, Kirkland said, he got an unexpected visit from the city auditor's integrity unit. Ultimately, he learned that the auditor's office was there to investigate a 6-month-old anonymous phone tip; the caller had alleged that Kirkland was improperly steering service centers' manufacturer warranty work done on city-owned vehicles to Riata Ford - where his son was employed. Kirkland vehemently denies the allegation. City policy dictated that when service was needed on a warranty vehicle, the work would be spread among the local dealerships – in the case of Ford vehicles, Kirkland

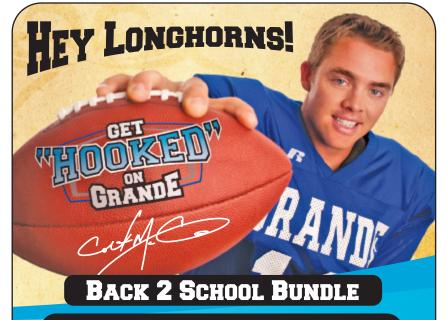
said, that meant the work would be split among Truck City, Maxwell, and Riata Ford. "I had the numbers run, and [the work the city sent out] was almost equal" among the three dealers, he said recently. Kirkland said he had clearly disclosed to Wieczorek that his son worked at Riata and that he'd been told by city officials that it wasn't a problem.

But in a report issued by the assistant city auditor in September 2008, Susan Wynne, head of fraud investigations for the office, reported to CFO Browder that Kirkland had not disclosed his son's relationship to Riata, which was a conflict of interest, and "several" service center employees reportedly told Wynne that they felt that Kirkland had pressured them into using Riata. Ultimately the APD, which also investigated, closed out its inquiry without recommending criminal charges. Early last year, Kirkland was officially terminated. He filed suit, alleging that he was retaliated against for bringing to light numerous problems - including in the tire program and at SC 13 – that were never fully investigated. "I realized there was a movement to get me out of there," he said recently. "I was trying to fight on too many fronts.

On March 30, 2009, well over a year after Kirkland reported the problems, Wynne reported to new Fleet Officer Calk that an investigation of an allegation of "a largescale theft of inventory" at SC 13 was found to be without merit. The problem, she noted, was simply that employees at the center were "using an alternate form of inventory adjustment compared with other service centers."

However, Wynne also noted that her investigation, undertaken based on "information from an employee," was not comprehensive but designed only to determine "the veracity of this allegation." Therefore she could not say whether employees might actually be stealing: the auditor's office "cannot provide assurance that employees have not stolen inventory from the service center using other concealment methods," she wrote. Both Kirkland and Lomas dispute Wynne's findings - using an alternate inventory recording method does not explain the irregularities they found in the SC 13 records, they say. And neither man knows if the problems with record-keeping are ongoing; Lomas said he was subsequently told by Calk to concentrate on managing his own center.

Ultimately, Kirkland says he believes the problems at Fleet go much deeper than a pile of scrap rubber, and a large part of the problem is the apparent city management acceptance that things at Fleet - responsible for the more than 5,000 vehicles owned by the city - will never change. "The root of the problem ... is that the rule of thumb is that you don't rock the boat. It is just common knowledge that human resources, the assistant city managers, the city manager, don't want these things reported. So you've got 90 percent of the guys working hard every day and they close their eyes to all of this," he said recently. "It's the way the whole system is designed: Report nothing and get along just fine."



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Climate Protection: City in No Hurry To Cool It

CoolAustin.org

Any day now, the city's annual report on the Austin Climate Protection Program is due for release. (It's late, but then so has been every major goal of the program.) Perhaps the report will prove impressive. But the handful of folks closely following the program agree that - as environmental activist **Scott Johnson** tactfully put it at the last city Resource Management Commission meeting - "the program has underperformed."

Resource Management Commission Chair Christine Herbert said she may share that concern. "I think we need to evaluate whether this program has succeeded or not," said Herbert, who expects the annual report to be presented by ACPP Director Ester Matthews at the commission's

Aug. 17 meeting. "I think it's time to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of what this program has been able to accomplish. Is it still in our best interests to operate this way?"

Ownership of the ACPP has fallen through the cracks. Since its February 2007 inception, the program has been housed, staffed, and funded at **Austin Energy** – but the ACPP is a city of Austin program, responsible for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from all sources at the municipality as well as communitywide. The dual AE-Austin structure - plus a number of other handicaps - has yielded mediocre performance. Karl Rábago, who provides leadership of the program as a vice president at

AE, said last week that he now believes it would make sense to house the communitywide and departmental efforts at the city, not AE, "A small team of people, deployed inside AE, is not the way to change the fundamental culture of the city," he said. As for the program's performance to date, Rábago insists, "I'm satisfied."

For the past few years, the program has been missing deadlines, failing to fully meet its council mandates, failing to make public a detailed plan of action with real performance measures, and failing to make Austin "the leading city in the country" for climate action, as council directed. Yet no one has demanded accountability. The usual environmental community leaders grumble, but no effective community oversight exists. It's been far too easy for the mayor, City Council, and city management to shrug, say "not my department," and ignore evidence of weak management, internal strife, and tepid results.

In the Chronicle's review of last year's thin annual report, the program's shortcomings were chronicled in detail, as were a host of possible solutions and ideas from other cities. (See "Two Years Gone - How Many Left to Save the Planet?" April 17, 2009, and "Not So Cool," June 19, 2009.) Officials contacted agreed that the program needed scrutiny, yet no structural improvements ensued.

The consequences of failing to deliver communitywide greenhouse gas emissions reductions are very real.

Protection need imp based on all the best international science, we need to begin preparing for serious climate impacts: increasing water shortages, hotter summers, more frequent and severe weather events, new diseases and insect infestations, increasing numbers

With global warming occurring at an alarming clip,

of endangered species, and loss of habitats. Yet a resolution passed last year by the Environmental Board that the ACPP add "adaptation" to its charge and begin planning for these threats – died at council.

As a council member, Lee Leffingwell was co-sponsor of the 2007 resolution that set the bar high - to make Austin No. 1 for greenhouse gas emissions reductions. AE's new

electricity generation plan (if finally adopted by council) might indeed qualify as one of the most aggressive in the U.S. But on goals charged to the program staff, they've fallen behind. Council directed staff to return within a year with a communitywide plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all sources, including transportation and land use - 31/2 years later, we still don't have one. (A community plan process was endlessly discussed, finally launched this March, then stalled, then recently restarted.) Council directed staff to establish short-term and long-term carbon-reduction targets, communitywide, and develop a comprehensive plan for meeting them. It's uncertain whether those quantifiable targets and a way to hit them will be in this year's report.

Other problems include a failure to incorporate into the program the communitywide greenhouse gas emissions impacts of three key departments - Austin Water, Transportation, and Solid Waste Services. Solutions proposed to drive community engagement included a mayoral green-ribbon panel of corporate, major employer, philanthropic, academic, scientific, and community leaders, such as that convened by Mayor Richard J. Daley in Chicago. Asked why Mayor Leffingwell hasn't convened a similar panel, Amy Everhart, policy director for the mayor, said he would if asked: "The Mayor's office has been intimately involved in the ACPP Community Plan since the summer of 2009 after he took office. This is one of the Mayor's top priorities."

The past year has seen the resignations of four passionate young professionals - all with advanced degrees in the field hired to staff the program: Jake Stewart, Rachel Thompson, Sascha Petersen, and most recently, Jennifer Clymer. Why have they left? Reasons they shared with me included poor team morale, personality conflicts, lack of a strategic direction, and frustration that the program is accomplishing so little. Rábago said he's unconcerned by the exodus: "I was not at all surprised. The bureaucracy here is numbing. That's annoying to a young person."

ACPP Director Matthews has announced she plans to retire this year. The city's new chief sustainability officer, Lucia Athens, starts Sept. 7 – but, at least initially, will have no staff. With so many vacancies to be filled at ACPP, a more sustainable use of staff resources might be to rethink staffing and reorganize the climate program under the fresh leadership of the chief sustainability officer. The program is costing Austinites between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million a year where is the return on the investment? Everhart said that when the annual report is presented to council, probably in August, "If it seems like the plan is veering off course, then the Mayor will certainly step in to right the ship."

"My recommendation is, clearly, after three years it's time to re-evaluate and maybe realign some of the goals and create new ones," said Herbert, who was nominated to the commission by Council Member Randi Shade. "I certainly would be happy for the [Resource Management Commission] to pass a resolution calling for metrics and measurable goals and results annually. In this economy, every other city department's budget has had a good working-over, so it's time to look at this one, too, before you spend more money and do any more hiring." - Katherine Gregor

A Closer Look at AISD's Ratings

Austin Independent School District's campuses have seen big improvements under the state's latest accountability ratings. But there are significant questions being asked about what, if anything, those ratings actually measure.

The good news is that the district itself was classified "academically acceptable," while 109 of the 110 campuses either met or exceeded the minimum standards. Out of that total, 32 schools reached the state's highest ranking of "exemplary" - up from 24 last year, while 36 were classified as "recognized." In a statement, AISD Superintendent Meria Carstarphen said, "These ratings for 2010 show us where our hard work has paid off, and where more work is needed."

In total, 37 schools increased their rankings by at least one level. However, three elementaries dropped from exemplary to recognized (Bryker Woods, Boone, and Davis), while seven (Blazier, Casev, Kocurek, Menchaca, Odom, Walnut Creek, and Wooldridge) fell from recognized to academically acceptable. In a statement, AISD put the declines for most of these campuses down to "the increase in the standards required to be a Recognized campus in 2010" rather than actual performance changes.

At the bottom end of the scale, only one AISD school, Green Tech at Eastside Memorial, was classified as "academically unacceptable." Seven (Garcia, Lamar, Martin, Mendez, and

Pearce middle schools, as well as LBJ and Reagan high schools) rose to academically acceptable. However, in order to hit those standards, three of those schools (Garcia, Mendez, and Pearce) had to use the new Texas Projection Measure, which uses regression analysis to predict whether students will reach required standards in future years. House Public Education Committee Chair Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, has been highly critical of that measure for disguising real results. However, Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said he believes the system to be "reliable. Nonetheless, I am willing to re-examine its use because we want the public to have complete faith in the school ratings."

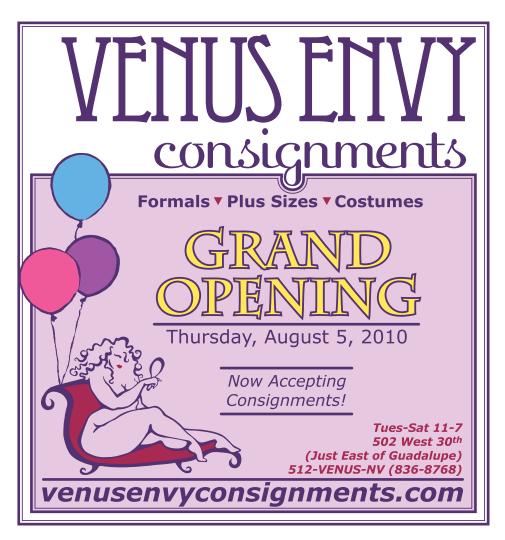
Whatever happens, the system will undergo a major upheaval next year when Texas schools shift over from the current Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests to the new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness testing system. The Texas Education Agency will have to start building a new accountability system later this year, and the change will mean there will be no school ratings released for 2012. "The 2011 rating will hold over for an extra year while we crank the new system up in 2013," said TEA spokesperson **Debbie Ratcliffe**. "So hope for a good rating that year if you're a school administrator."

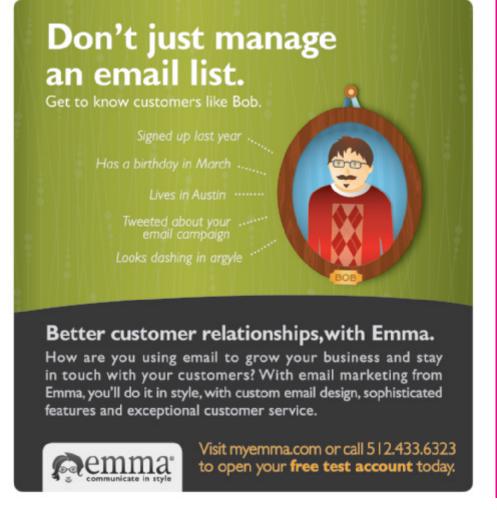
- Richard Whittaker

City Website Redesign: Pick Your Fave



Three designs have been proposed in the long-gestating process of redesigning the city of Austin website, and citizens can view and vote on them until the end of the month. The pages can be viewed and ranked at www.speakupaustin.org/austingo, and the city is also soliciting feedback on Twitter (@austingovonline, #austingo), and at www.facebook.com/austintexasgov. The mockups will be used in the website redesign process, which will commence early next year. - Wells Dunbar









Getting the Formula Just Right

"My hope is that we'll have

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start grading in December."

- Developer's attorney

Richard Suttle

It's been little more than two months since the surprise announcement that Austin might be home to the revamped United States Grand Prix. Now that the shock of the news has died down, project developer Full Throttle Productions LP faces a massive engineering and permitting challenge: turning 900 acres of Travis County into the United States' first-ever permanent dedicated Formula One racing facility in time for the 2012 season.

So what exactly are the applicants hoping to build? Obviously, the track itself, plus a pit lane, hospitality and clubhouse areas (commonly known as the "paddock"), a grandstand, and some permanent parking. Development attorney Richard Suttle, who's leading the application process, called the track "a 3½-mile driveway," but it's a little more

complex than that. To create a surface safe for racing speeds of more than 200 miles per hour, the asphalt will effectively have to be laid in one pour. The project managers are still discussing whether they can use

an existing off-site facility to mix the materials they need or need to acquire their own manufacturing permits.

For Formula One fans, the big issue is track design. Unlike NASCAR, in which cars race on a regular oval circuit, each F1 track is unique. Full Throttle Productions managing partner and former race car driver Tavo Hellmund has said that he intends the layout to produce exciting races and establish the U.S.

Grand Prix as one of the top events on the F1 calendar. However, while German architectural firm Tilke **GmbH** is the world's leading track builder, some drivers and fans claim its "Tilkedomes" are dull, with limited overtaking opportunities. Suttle said he expects the track design to be released within the next couple of weeks but that Hellmund's hands-on management approach is already affecting the design for the better. "A lot of [Tilke's] tracks are flat," he said, "but this will have some topography to it."

The land will also have to be prepared for the additional people attending race day, and Suttle said he learned much about that process from his visit to the Silverstone Cir-

> cuit in rural England. Most of the grandstands will be temporary - built for races and then dismantled out of season - but that requires preparing the surface for the weight. As for the large number of cars

expected on race days, Suttle said, "You park on the grass." Instead of laying acres of concrete, he said, "you do turf management and build a French drain," where water settles out through trenches filled with gravel. The investors plan to add more facilities, potentially including hotels and a research campus. Suttle said, "I don't know that it will be years before we have the discussions, but I doubt we'll have approval before race time."



Since the site is outside of city limits but within Austin's extraterritorial jurisdiction, the permitting process will involve City Council and county planners, as well as the Texas **Department of Transportation**. According to Joe Gieselman, Travis County's executive manager of Transportation and Natural Resources, while all the agencies will have different priorities, "instead of the applicant having to deal with all three parties, we can deal with it all at one time. We'll hear the same issues, and we can help them get through the process as quickly as we can."

Suttle said his office is still finishing up the initial paperwork, but he's optimistic that having all three agencies at the table, as well as having local engineers working with Tilke, will ease the process. "My hope is that we'll have enough documentation and approval that we'll be able to start grading in December." he said.

Outside of the tract itself, the big issue will be the traffic. With potentially hundreds of thousands of guests attending race weekends, the site will make heavy use of the nearby Highway 130. However, TxDOT-maintained roads such as FM 812 and Elroy Road may well require upgrades. The county will be looking at access for emergency services vehicles, as well as the possibility of public transportation or shuttle buses. Gieselman said, "We'll want to know from their engineers what kind of traffic impact the event is going to have and what improvements are going to be necessary to accommodate [it]."

On-site, the big initial discussion will be about drainage and impervious cover. It's not the easiest area to build in, with a mix of clay and topsoil that shrinks and expands with shifts

in the weather. The facility will require a wastewater system and will require working around existing gas lines. The county will expect emergency management plans, but Suttle said the gas lines will not affect construction. The low-pressure lines will either be relocated or encased, while the plans have been designed to completely avoid a high-pressure line and electrical cables across the tract. Adding extra land to the property to avoid them "was probably a little faster and cost a little more," said Suttle but worth it to keep to their deadlines.

Gieselman said he does not expect the developers to submit a complete plan for the entire complex in one go, but rather to submit it in phases. As for getting the first step - landscaping and leveling the terrain approved before the end of the year, he argued that all comes down to the developer's engineers. "The higher quality the applicant's submittal," he said, "the quicker they're going to get the review back and be done with it." - Richard Whittaker

Cap Metro Survey Shows Drop in Satisfaction

Capital Metro has been desperate for good news of late. Last week, it seemed to have found some – but unfortunately, dark clouds can be spotted even in a sunny sky.

A recent press release trumpeted the findings of a customer satisfaction survey performed at the agency's behest, boasting that 83% of respondents expressed happiness with Cap Metro's bus service (MetroRail riders were not included).

But here's the problem with those numbers: That's 83% of respondents, not riders, as a casual reader of the release might mistakenly suppose - in fact, Cap Metro board Chair Mike Martinez made that gaffe himself in a Facebook posting. The problem is that the 1,251 riders interviewed by the Houston/Phoenix firm Creative Consumer Research were divided almost evenly between riders of regular routes, UT shuttle buses, and suburban express buses, because roughly 400 from each group is the magic number generally considered necessary to achieve a statistically valid sample. But actual ridership is not evenly divided: Regular routes account for 68% of riders, while express buses cover only about 2%, and UT shuttles pick up about 30%.

So in terms of actual ridership, the 83% number is meaningless. Instead, extrapolate the satisfaction levels for each group (72% regular, 89% UT, 90% express) through the real ridership levels, and the satisfaction rate is actually more like 77%. Taking the glasshalf-empty view, a cynic might ask: Why are nearly one in four Cap Metro customers less than satisfied?

Of course, the even bigger cause for concern: Why are regular riders much more likely to be unhappy with service than UT students and express-riding suburbanites? Also, of 59 disabled riders interviewed, why did only 66% express satisfaction? Some agency critics have argued that Cap Metro is working harder to attract "choice" riders (those with other transportation options) than to serve the "transit-dependent" (the poor, disabled, or otherwise carless), and these numbers lend credence to that perception - 74% of UT riders and 81% of express riders have access to a car, while only 42% of regular riders do (see "Can't Get There From Here," Jan. 22).

In the report's recommendations, its authors write: "Regular route riders are lower income, under employed and less educated, for the most part, while those riding the

Express routes, for the most part are likely to have higher level jobs, more education and have a significantly higher income. Capital Metro should explore these factors as ... possible contributors to the lower ratings of the Regular routes."

As for the disabled riders, Cap Metro spokesman Adam Shaivitz correctly pointed out that 59 people is well below the 400 needed for a quality sample. (But then again, the aforementioned press release used that figure, stating, "more than 60 percent of riders with disabilities who responded to the survey said Capital Metro is serving their needs well.")

The latest survey findings represent a drop-off from a similar study in 2008. The 83% of the total sample expressing satisfaction is a 7% drop from two years ago, and the regular rider satisfaction of 72% is a severe drop from 86%. "We will be analyzing the areas in which we declined compared to 2008," Shaivitz said, citing possible factors such as fare increases, a drop in gas prices since 2008, reductions in service levels, and the economic decline. "The numbers for 2010 are good, but more importantly, they will help us get better." - Lee Nichols

Survey Results: 2008 to 2010

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Pirate radio station tells FCC to go walk a plank BY KEVIN BRASS

Nine months after the **Federal Communications Commission** moved to shut down an unlicensed Austin radio broadcast, the pirate station is still on the air, openly defying the government order.

"I'm not giving up, because this is about the truth," said **Deborah Stevens**, the public voice behind the station, as she eats quiche at a South Austin diner. Her voice rises a couple of octaves when she mentions "the truth," Barack Obama's birth certificate, or "the cartel" – especially the cartel. "It's all about the cartel, the monopoly cartel, the Texas Association of Broadcasters and the FCC protecting their cartel illegally," said Stevens, part of a group loosely known as **Radio Free Austin**.

For more than a decade, the group has used frequencies at 90.1FM and 100.1FM to broadcast shows discussing what they see as the government cover-up of 9/11, the growth of the police state, and the accuracy of various prophecies. Their guru is **Alex Jones**, self-styled leader of Infowars, man's last hope against the much-discussed and constantly feared **New World Order**. Some commuters may know the station from the handmade signs touting liberty and the station's frequency occasionally unfurled on a fence along MoPac, north of Downtown.

Last November the FCC ordered Stevens and her husband, Jerry, to pay a \$10,000 "forfeiture" for operating the station without a license. Also fined was former Travis County Sheriff **Raymond Frank**, 84, who served as sheriff in the Seventies and ran for the post again in 2008 on a platform that included reducing penalties for marijuana possession. For many years, the station broadcast from a transmitter on an old 80-foot-tall wind tower on Frank's Mount Larson property.

"Hell, no," said Frank, when asked if he had paid the forfeiture. However, the Radio Free Austin transmitter was reportedly moved from Frank's tower after the FCC forfeiture notice was served. The station currently broadcasts on 90.1FM from an "undisclosed South Austin location," sending out a relatively low-power signal between 200 and 300 watts. Although the quality varies, it can usually be heard fairly clearly around Downtown.

Stevens believes the FCC has no legal grounds to shut the station down. There have been few court challenges to the FCC's authority. "They rely on people rolling over," Stevens said. Most pirate broadcasters are "flakes" who play music and quickly cave to the FCC's threats, she believes. "It's very clear it is legal," Stevens says with conviction.

Stevens is not a lawyer. She runs an website called

RuleofLawRadio.com, which focuses on "reclaiming our freedom with Scripture, truth, law, fundamental principles, & comedy!" Her Internet radio show, which emphasizes ways for ordinary citizens to "take back control" of the legal system, is part of the 90.1FM lineup. Stevens is also a musician, playing in bands such as Root 1 and Three Shoes Posse with her husband, Jerry.

She started working with the station in 2007, after Jerry happened upon a broadcast of Jones' show. "It totally changed our lives," she said. Now she's absolutely sure that the mainstream media "is totally controlled, bought, and paid for by the government, no question about it." To Stevens, the Internet, public access television, and catchy road-sign posters are not enough – the message must be on radio. "You have to be in the cars," she said.



Stevens believes she's on firm footing. The frequency for Radio Free Austin was carefully chosen to minimize chances of interference, she said. As long as the station is not causing interference, the FCC has no right to shut it down, she insists. "Ridiculous," responds Oscar Rodriguez, vice president of the Texas Association of Broadcasters. The FCC clearly has the authority to respond to unlicensed broadcasters, he says. "They are certainly doing

The nearest station on the radio dial to 90.1FM is public radio station **KUT**, at 90.5FM. KUT has not recorded any specific instances of interference, but it has received complaints from listeners, said **Jim Reese**, manager of digital technology. "From a technical standpoint, there is no way they could legally operate from that location on 90.1, even if they were inclined to do so," he said.

harm to the broadcasters following the rules

and standards of the federal government."

Deborah Stevens with radio co-host Randall Kelton at the Travis County courthouse

Either way, it doesn't matter to the FCC. Any stations "transmitting at certain frequencies and certain powers absolutely need a license, whether they are interfering or not," FCC spokesman Eric Bash said.

But it's often difficult to shut down the broadcasts. The FCC is not an enforcement agency. Cases are turned over to the **Department of Justice** for prosecution, which often has difficulty tracking transmitters and their owners. In Berkeley, Calif., a group of unlicensed broadcasters has been fighting the FCC in court for more than a decade.

At this point, Stevens' only contact with the DOJ was a letter warning her to pay the debt, which she promptly ignored. If the DOJ and FCC don't follow the letter of the law, she promises a wave of lawsuits. "I don't think they want to mess with me," she said. She's already filed one suit, challenging the credentials of the FCC's field operative. The case was quickly dismissed; Stevens says she will appeal.

Rather than backing off, Stevens wants to grow the Austin station. She plans to set up a trust to cover the operation, and the transmitter will soon be moved to a new tower in West Austin, broadening its reach, she says. The trust will operate as a nonprofit and no one will be paid a salary, she says, although she hopes to get reimbursed for her legal services. The station already generates revenue by selling advertising spots to the Internet radio networks carried on the station, which tend to feature advertisers like SurvivalistSeeds.com and the latest book on the "shadow government."

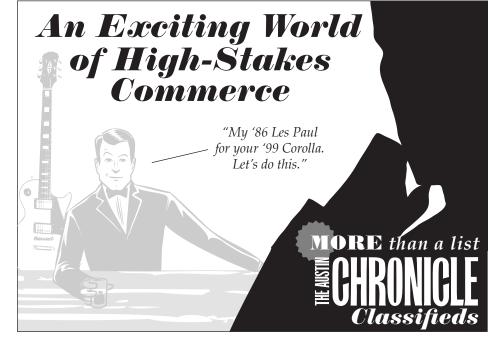
"We're doing this for the people," Stevens said, even though she gets a little fuzzy about how many actual people are listening. But this is where Stevens wants to make a stand. She practically dares the DOJ to move against her. "If they refer it to a collection agency, I will come down on them like a ton of bricks," she said. The legal case could go on for years, she promises.



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BY JIM HIGHTOWER

WALL STREET'S MOM-AND-POP BANKERS

Don't cry for **Jamie Dimon**, America.
As CEO of **JPMorgan Chase**, this ruling mogul of Wall Street must now cope with the recently enacted financial reform bill, which imposes a host of new regulations meant to rein in the rip-offs, frauds, and other excesses of Wall Street bankers.

Republican lawmakers, however, are crying that the Democrats' reform bill puts a crushing burden on the poor financial giants. While these Wall Street apologists wail and keen, though, slick operators like Dimon are wasting no time on tears. Instead, they're devising ways to slip out of the new regulatory reins. For example, the law limits the outrageous overdraft fees that banks have been sneaking onto our debit card accounts. No problem – the giants are quietly imposing new "maintenance fees" for basic checking accounts. Forget receiving a free toaster for opening an account, banks now hit you with up to \$15 a month just for the privilege of putting your money in their bank.

Dimon insists that this is necessary: "If you're a restaurant, and you can't charge for the soda, you're going to charge more for the burger," he lectures.

Come on, Jamie, drop the mom-and-pop pose. You're not a little restaurant struggling to make ends meet – you head a monopolistic financial behemoth that helped ruin the economy for America's real moms and pops, then took billions in taxpayer bailouts, used the crisis to increase its monopoly power, continues to get federally subsidized money, just announced a 78% hike in profits, and recently paid you a salary and bonus of \$18 million.

The Dimons of Wall Street keep picking our pockets because they believe they're entitled to excessive profits and paychecks. To help bring these greedheads down to Earth, visit **Americans for Financial Reform:** www.ourfinancialsecurity.org.

DON'T GO BAREFOOT IN GOP'S GRASSROOTS

Congressional Republicans have spent the first two years of the Obama administration as the rock-solid party of "no," "uh-uh," "no way," "forget about it," "nothing doing," "we're-agin-it-and-we'll-kill-it." This is one reason their job approval rating is in the ditch.

But now, GOP leaders in the House say they are shifting from pure negativity to step forward with their own bold policy ideas. Terrific! What are some of those? "Uh ... um ... well," say the leaders. "We don't know yet, but that's why we've launched an exciting new campaign that we call **America Speaking Out**. We'll go directly to the grassroots people, asking for their ideas, giving them a voice, and letting them shape the 'new Republican agenda.'"

Again, terrific! Where are you starting? "Uh ... um," stumble the leaders, before mumbling: "Washington, D.C."

Indeed, only six weeks after America Speaking Out was introduced as "an unprecedented initiative to listen to the American people," ASO did not rush out to hold a policy-crafting get-together in an open town hall forum in Fargo or Fresno – but in the snug privacy of Rep. John Boehner's Capitol Hill office. And who were the just-plain-folks that the House GOP leader invited? His e-mailed solicitation went to just 20 top lobbyists representing big corporations and such business front groups as the U.S. Chamber of **Commerce** and the **National Association** of Manufacturers. This is the bunch that Republican leaders consider to be their real "grassroots" constituency.

Well, sniffed an ASO spokesman, it's important to "receive input" from the nation's largest employers.

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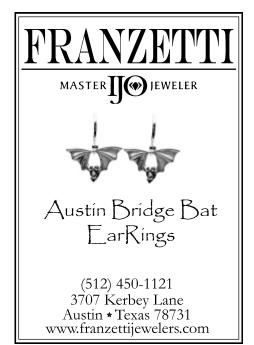
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Promises, Promises

Two Austin neighborhoods vie to bring down federal dollars to help transform communities

BY RICHARD WHITTAKER

Half a million dollars in federal grants may sound like a lot – but in terms of tackling entrenched poverty, it's barely a drop in the ocean. Yet two Austin communities hope that it will become the down payment on a new future for Austin's urban poor.

What's on offer is called a Promise Neighborhoods grant. The Department of Education will select up to 20 projects nationwide to split an opening grant of \$10 million. The recipients will use that money to start planning a "promise neighborhood." Based on the model of the Harlem Children's Zone, the idea is to bring nonprofits, educators, and local government together to start applying for a total of \$210 million in future federal five-year grants. The grand plan, as backed by President Barack Obama, is to do what seems impossible: to break the intergenerational cycles of poverty, ill health, malnutrition, unemployment, and academic failure that have blighted too many American communities.

There has been controversy that two applications have been filed in Austin. One, the Austin Achievement Zone, would be based in the St. John/Coronado Hills neighborhood in Northeast Austin; the other, the East Austin Children's Promise, is based in Govalle/Johnston Terrace. In fact, for a large city, two applications is not unusual; in Houston alone, six different groups have filed applications with the U.S. Department of Education, and that figure is dwarfed by Los Angeles (10) and Chicago (13).

Those numbers reflect the reality of this particular exercise: that the two Austin bids are competing not against each other but against a nation of applications and tough criteria for eligibility. In total, 941 projects lodged letters of intent with the Department of Education, and even though only 339 actually submitted full proposals, that still gives Austin's proposals only a one in 17 chance of being selected. Moreover, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has given priority to eligible projects from either rural or tribal communities.

Paul Tough spent five years reporting on the Harlem Children's Zone (see "The Canada Model," p.25) and says there's "an R&rD feel" to the federal offer. "The Harlem Children's Zone is one particular model," he said, "but this isn't about cloning it in other cities. It's about adapting it for different places." There will be certain shared components of any successful application, not least that schools will be used as the logistical hub for any proposal. "That's why it's being run by the Department of Education and not Health or anyone else," Tough said. But this endeavor is about taking all the agencies and entities that are already in place – educational, medical, nutritional, char-

itable, governmental, commercial, and legal – and getting them to work together – better, smarter, and more effectively. Tough said: "We have to start from the principle that we're already spending lots of money in these communities in really bad ways that are making life harder for people to live there. For me, it's a chance that's worth taking."

The Austin Achievement Zone

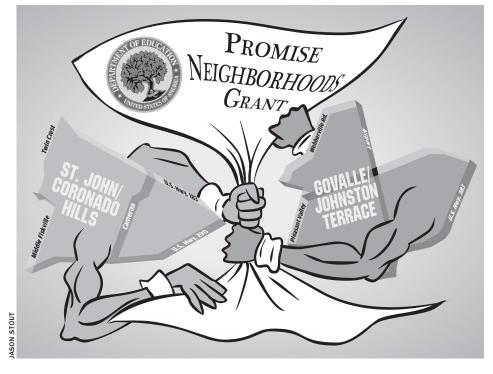
If there's an Austin neighborhood that has become an unhappy poster child for modern educational problems, it may well be St. John. Both Reagan High and Webb Middle have lived under the state axe of mandatory repurposing, and along with Pickle Elementary, these schools form the educational hub of the Austin Achievement Zone proposal. Allen Weeks, chairman of the zone's steering committee, said, "The place-based approach is pretty unique, where you say, 'We're going to take responsibility for an area of the city, not just for the kids but the parents and the families.'"

Former Austin Independent School District trustee Karen Dulaney Smith is the Achievement Zone's project support specialist and its first employee, and she sees it as a continuation of what she's always tried to do. She said, "When I came on the [AISD] board four years ago, one of my big goals was to have the city and the county and the school district collaborate more closely." She is, she noted, far from the first member of the board trying to break down the institutional walls; as for the idea that this is something new, she pointed to a



long history, from 19th century social reformers to the New Deal, of taking holistic approaches to fixing childhood poverty. The trick, she said, is to ensure bureaucratic longevity. "Committees work really effectively, but then another idea comes along and gets everyone's attention, and they go for that idea and they forget about what had been working and let it wither."

Dulaney Smith is not the only current or former elected official involved in this project. Representatives of AISD, as well as county and city government, sit on the steering committee, and members of the local legislative caucus have publicly backed the proposal. A



plethora of local charitable foundations, including Dell, Sooch, and the Webber Family, have loaned their expertise and will help secure the matching cash required for any federal contribution. Dulaney Smith said, "One wonderful thing that's happened is that DLA Piper, which is a very large law firm that has offered consultation to four potential promise neighborhoods, has offered to help us." For Dulaney Smith, the firm's expertise in structure and governance "will be very valuable, because when you have a lot of people working together, you want to make sure that everyone can do what they need to do within the confines of the organization they represent and that you don't set up something that precludes participation."

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Karen Dulaney Smith, former AISD board member now with Achievement Zone

The most important partner is also part of the largest. The Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk, based at the University of Texas at Austin, has become a leader in issues such as dropout prevention and autism spectrum disorder research. While its staff and researchers are examining more hands-on involvement, initially its role is administrative. Project liaison and senior research associate Sarojani Mohammed said, "The requirements of the grant require a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or an institute of higher ed to submit the proposal, so we are the applicant."

However, their big job will be to chart the impact of the project on students and their

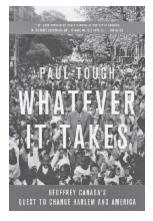
families. Dulaney Smith said, "We have to have data, and we have to have a way to manage and collect that data for a broad group of providers, interest groups, and governmental entities, and how can you do that without someone who has the knowledge of how to put it together?"

What's attracted all this high-level interest? It's not just that the area has needs - though with a 43% child poverty rate, 26% of 16- to 19-year-olds out of school or out of a job, and 47% of adults with limited English-language skills, the neighborhood's needs are undeniable. It's that the area has also become an example of what community outreach can do to turn schools around. It was the St. John Neighborhood Association that convinced the AISD trustees to reject former Superintendent Pat Forgione's 2007 scheme to turn their neighborhood middle school into a boys academy, and it was with this community's backing that innovative programs – such as the Family Resource Center and YouthLaunch's Urban Roots farming project - started at Webb and are now expanding and being emulated throughout the district. While the heavy hitters add credibility and institutional liaisons, it's the local charities that have signed on, such as LifeWorks and United Way Capital Area, which will run the projects. Beyond that, it will be local community activists such as Weeks and the St. John Neighborhood Association that can provide the street-level know-how.

It's also the community presence that will be vital in getting neighbors involved. Like people in many working-class neighborhoods, some St. John residents see education as a luxury, not a necessity. For some, especially migrant families from extremely impoverished nations, their current conditions may be the best they've ever experienced. Dulaney Smith said that in conversations some community members had made their priorities very clear. She said, "If you haven't had electricity or run-

The Canada ModelHarlem Children's Zone

In 2007, when then-Sen. Barack Obama first proposed the Promise Neighborhoods initiative on the 2007 presidential campaign trail, he said the purpose was "to replicate the Harlem Children's Zone." Since its formation in 1997, that project has been credited with breaking intergenerational cycles of poverty and low achievement in a 97-block area of Manhattan. While the projects applying for the new federal grants may have the same vision and even many of the same proposals, the one thing they can't replicate is Geoffrey Canada, the charismatic, visionary, and sometimes controversial CEO of Harlem Children's Zone Inc.



Paul Tough's 2004 article on Canada for *The New York Times* evolved into a full biography in 2008, recounting how the Bronx native reshaped a local social services nonprofit called the Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families into the Harlem Children's Zone Project. In a recent interview with the *Chronicle*, Tough explained, "The reason I called the book *Whatever It Takes* is because that's his philosophy. ... They take this comprehensive approach, combining educational support and social programs, to try to meet all the needs that kids have in that neighborhood – and there are a lot of needs."

At the heart of the Children's Zone program is what Tough described as "an unending conveyor belt of social services" from prenatal care through to college prep. "The idea is that these same kids are funneling through this same pipeline from birth through college ... to provide the same kind of support that middleclass and upper-middle-class kids get as they go through their childhood and adolescence."

The project is all-inclusive: Centered around the zone's three charter schools and covering roughly 8,000 students and 6,000 adults, initiatives include the Baby College for expectant parents, pre-K education, and even asthma and obesity programs. The idea is to remove every reason why a child might struggle or drop out of school, which Tough saw as "plugging all the holes in the safety net" instead of the current "Band-Aid approach. That works for some kids, like where you run a good afterschool program and one out of 20 or so is going to be the kid that has that magical connection to the counselor or teacher, and their life really is transformed. But for most kids, that's really not enough."

If that conception-to-college network sounds expensive, Tough said, "it is." The program's 2010 fiscal year budget is expected to reach \$75 million. Yet even with an average cost per child of around \$5,000 to \$6,000 a

year, Tough said, "they make a very good case that spending this money early on, the savings that society gets in terms of ... crime prevention, less money in the judicial system, less money on locking people up, less money on welfare payments, is going to easily outweigh this kind of expenditure."

Tough was also clear that just because something succeeded, that doesn't mean it will work elsewhere. Part of the reason Canada's project worked in Harlem was that he came from a very similar community and understood the local culture. He said, "Any successful replication is obviously going to involve a lot of help from outside ... but if it just feels like it's something that's imposed from without by people who know better telling poor people what to do, it's not going to work."

Another part of the Harlem experience any new project will find it hard to replicate is Canada himself. While sometimes controversial within New York educational circles, the charismatic CEO has become a force to be reckoned with in New York politics while retaining his hands-on management position in the Children's Zone. Tough argues that it's not so much about replicating the leadership structure as ensuring accountability. The big difference between what Canada did and either Austin proposal is that he effectively had to build every school and every program from the ground up, while the local applicants are bringing existing agencies together into new partnerships. In Harlem, Tough said, "Geoff's in charge, there's a clear corporate hierarchy, everyone reports to the next person up, and there are consequences for not reaching your goals. That's harder to do when you're piecing something together from something that already exists."

Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America, by Paul Tough (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 304 pp., \$26)

ning water or a roof over your head, certainly one that doesn't leak, and suddenly you have electricity and running water and a job, what else is there to want?"

The East Austin Children's Promise

The idea of breaking the cycle of poverty and low expectations is what motivated Aus-

tin's other proposal well before the Obama administration proposed the Promise Neighborhoods. Now the East Austin Children's Promise plans to build on what Southwest Key is already doing in the Govalle/Johnston Terrace neighborhood.

Founded in 1987, Southwest Key made its reputation in Texas by providing alternative education centers under the Juvenile Justice CONTINUED ON P.26





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Alternative Education Program. In 2003, the nonprofit took a radical new step by reaching out to Govalle/Johnston community members and asking them directly what they needed. In 2008, it completed its El Centro de Familia, containing the organization's corporate headquarters as well as the area's first middle school since desegregation in 1983: the East Austin College Prep Academy. Entering its second year and drawing students from across East Austin, the free charter school places an emphasis on math, science, and bilingual literacy. It's a rigorous curriculum that requires a lot of commitment from students and their families, with nine-hour days and occasional six-day weeks. There is a payoff to all that work: Southwest Key President Juan Sánchez said, "Part of the promise we make to our kids is that if you stay in our schools, you will graduate from college."

For Southwest Key, one selling point is its experience in drawing down federal funding and bringing it into the community in a focused and holistic way, like the \$2.1 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the new job-creating social enterprise complex. Southwest Key representatives also argue that their experience with community outreach will show that they can provide the kind of dedicated staff that a program as all-inclusive and vast as a promise neighborhood will require. Academy Superintendent Nellie Cantú said: "If you think about the innovative things that make us different, one of the things that come to mind immediately is that all our teachers, administrators, and support staff are on-call until 9[pm] for students. It could be for tutoring; it could be parent conferences; it can be for students or their families or the community.'

Another aspect of the Promise Neighborhoods equation is the idea of outreach beyond the school fence. Cantú's students

"Part of the promise we make to our kids is that if you stay in our schools, you will graduate from college." - Southwest Key President Juan Sánchez

are already required to take part in one weekend of community service a month. In addition, all parents are enrolled in the Academia des Padres, in which they are educated on how to help their children benefit from the school's approach. Cantú said, "Our philosophy is not only that parents be involved but [that] they also be engaged in their children's education."

According to Sánchez, "It's about setting a culture that's very different from what these kids and this community has ever experienced, and that culture is about first believing that all these kids have the capacity and the ability and the intelligence to go to college and finish college." What has to be installed is the social infrastructure - jobs, health care, affordable housing, and family security - to allow them to flourish.

As a member of the project's advisory body, People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources co-founder Susana Almanza argued that not only is this an area that has historically needed this kind of project, it's one that can mobilize quickly and effectively around worthwhile endeavors. With past victories like relocating the East Austin tank farm and supervising a neighborhood plan under their belt, she said: "This is a well-organized community. It's not a community where you have to look for individuals."

One Tough Vote

While both projects share the goal of improving their communities, there have been clashes over how best to engage the federal grant process. The point of greatest friction was a June 14 vote by the AISD board of trustees to adopt a memorandum of understanding supporting the Austin Achievement Zone application; that decision has been harshly criticized by the East Austin Children's Promise group. In a press release, Southwest Key Deputy Executive Director Joella Brooks wrote, "We feel it is a disadvantage to the youth in East Austin for AISD to 'pick and choose' which community to prioritize when ALL of Austin's students deserve a quality education and attention."

However, AISD board of trustees President Mark Williams said that the decision wasn't about snubbing anyone but about formalizing and acknowledging the district's existing deep involvement with the Austin Achievement Zone. Right from the beginning, he said, "There was an active and aggressive effort on behalf of the St. John neighborhood to form a team and form a partnership." AISD was a core part of that team, with Superintendent Meria Carstarphen, AISD trustee Cheryl Bradley, and Webb Middle School Principal Reynaldo Garcia joining the project's steering committee, while Chief Schools Officer Paul Cruz and trustee Annette LaVoi joined the effort as advisers.

Southwest Key had been part of the very earliest discussions, Williams said, but "peeled off" to work on its own proposal and only came back to the district much later. Williams said, "It's one thing to say that we support each proposal, but are we an integral partner or is someone just asking us to endorse an effort?" When Southwest Key approached the board, "it was very late in the ball game, and it wasn't really clear how substantive a role we would really have," he said.

'The Next New Thing' Can AISD fulfill the promise?

At first glance, the Promise Neighborhoods initiative looks like a great way to fix what has ailed Austin schools and to give AISD students a better chance at a worthwhile education. Then again, that's what the Office of High School Redesign was supposed to achieve when it opened in 2005. Same for the establishment of Blueprint Schools in 2002, 1987's Plan for Educational Excellence, and Superintendent Meria Carstarphen's new Turnaround Initiative.

According to Larry Cuban, professor emeritus of education at Stanford University and author of As Good as It Gets: What School Reform Brought to Austin, the problems of charting educational reform in Austin follow the national experience. His book chronicles that past 60 years in the history of AISD and asks the simple question: Why haven't these initiatives fixed the district? The problem, the book suggests, is not that they are good or bad programs; it's that no one knows if they work or not. That leads to what Cuban calls "reform churn" - constantly replacing one new program with another, or superimposing them on one another.

While a massive amount of data is collected for federal, state, and local metrics, the numbers gathered are used punitively, not analytically. Even though many reforms introduced under Superintendent Pat Forgione, such as strategic compensation and professional learning communities, were aimed at motivating and developing teachers, "there was no systematic analysis of what goes on in classrooms," Cuban told the Chronicle. "So that second step of seeing what really happens when

these reforms hit the classroom, that isn't really happening at all."

Moreover, the belief that replacing staff in the hope that different teachers and principals can suddenly produce miracles - now enshrined in state law as part of the Texas Education Agency's mandatory repurposing regulations - can lead to what he dubs "churn and burn," where staff turnover eradicates any sense of continuity and destroys any chance of mapping what does and doesn't work in the classroom. That only accelerates the cycle, Cuban said, "because you never really find out what happens, and people say, 'Well, you know, that was interesting, but it didn't work, so let's do the next new thing."

Part of the problem is that school districts are pulled in different directions by two opposing philosophies of reform. At one end of the continuum are those Cuban describes as "entrepre-

neurial, who say schools can do it alone and accept no excuses." At the other, he said, are those "who say, 'Sure, you should hold schools accountable, but you can't hold them responsible for the history of poverty, the history of segregation, and the consequences that flow from that legacy." Traditionally, Democrats have pushed the more holistic approach while Republicans have

leaned toward the "blame the teachers" approach - but now, he said, "the dominant rhetoric [of both parties] is: 'Pull up your socks. No excuses. Schools can do it alone."

In that context, that the White House has pushed the Promise Neighborhoods initiative so hard seems almost aberrant. Yet by accepting that not every child enters kindergarten with the same advantages, Cuban suggests, this approach has the potential to really break the disparities in the educational system. One core problem shared by Austin school reforms to date has been that "there isn't enough coordination with other city agencies and of social and medical services that would extend the reach of schools into the

community." That a Promise Neighborhoods grant could encourage that collaboration is, for him, "a big plus."

As Good as It Gets: What School Reform Brought to Austin, by Larry Cuban (Harvard University Press, 304 pp., \$25.95)



Money Can't Buy Happiness

The Department of Education is scheduled to review all applications in August, with an announcement of the winners in September at the earliest. Even should the Austin Achievement Zone or the East Austin Children's Promise defeat the long odds and get a grant, the truth is that half a million dollars, even matched by donations, isn't a fraction of what's needed for truly permanent neighborhood change. So what will this money really do?

This is, after all, only a planning grant, but it's the key to unlocking further federal grants, and Obama has said that he plans to make billions of dollars available long-term to ensure the success and expansion of these projects. Meadows Center Associate Director Greg Roberts said, "It's important to distinguish between the planning year and the big grants that will come out, starting next year, that will provide for implementation of actual models." What this money is about, he said, "is getting ourselves organized, as a collective and in the community, so that when those \$10 million grants do come down, we have our act together."

The long-term hope of the Obama administration is that the initial pilot phase of Promise Neighborhoods will be so successful that the program continues and expands into other cities. If it pays off, it could become the standard operating procedure for fixing broken communities. For Dulaney Smith, that's a strength of the Austin Achievement Zone proposal. The immediate plan is to start fixing the problems in St. John. If that works, the project will expand beyond the 78752 ZIP code, bringing in the kids at the equally troubled Dobie and Pearce middle schools. At every step, Dulaney Smith said, staff will ask themselves: "How do we do something that's model-able and that we can replicate elsewhere? That's what is different about this. rather than other efforts where you just dump a bunch of services in a neighborhood."

And according to their sponsors, even if both Austin applications fail, the projects will live on. The East Austin Children's Promise is an extension of what Southwest Key is already doing, and a core part of Dulaney Smith's job involves finding alternate funding to continue the same projects with the existing partner agencies. Moreover, as Roberts of the Meadows Center noted, "If you don't get funded for the planning grant, that does not disqualify you from applying for the implementation grant."

And just the sheer act of applying for a grant can have a positive effect. Weeks said, "A lot of communities have said that the real benefit of this process is that it's started a really helpful conversation about breaking down [bureaucratic] silos and connecting systems." He's already seen partner agencies start to discuss educational outcomes as a component of their budget discussions, "so I think all across the nation where people are doing this kind of planning for this grant are engaged in something that they really should be involved in anyway."







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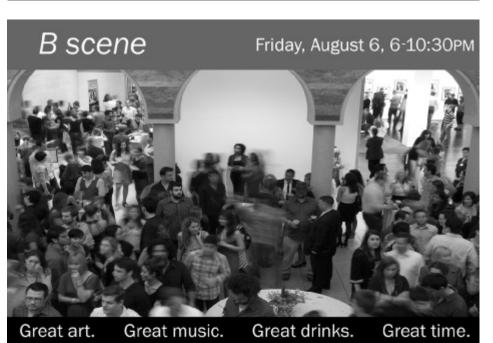
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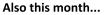
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BLUE THEATRE Burned but not beaten

One word you never want to hear associated with theatre: fire. It's laid waste to too many stages throughout history, from Shakespeare's original Globe Theatre to Esther's Follies' original Pool. So when news spread of a fire at the Blue Theatre on July 27, many feared that the 10-year-old warehouse space would be the element's latest theatrical victim - which would be a particularly devastating blow to Nicole Portwood and Jenny Gravenstein, who took over the Blue less than a year ago and would be out of a theatre before they'd really made it their own.

In this case, however, the black clouds of smoke rising from Springdale Road contained a few silver linings. For one, the fire didn't originate in the theatre but in a storage shed that sits between the Blue and the neighboring warehouse occupied by Blue Genie Art Industries. For another, Gravenstein, who serves as operations manager, was still at the theatre when the fire broke out and was able to get firefighters on the scene before it could spread to the Blue itself and before anyone could get hurt. Also, the building is insured, which will help to some extent with repairing what damage there was: mostly fire damage to the south wall of the building's exterior, along with some smoke damage to the interior. And last but not least, the Blue team had previously scheduled a fundraiser for the following Sunday – originally intended to raise cash to replace the currently on-loan lighting system - and this allowed them to solicit

some support from the community regarding fire repairs while the catastrophe was still fresh in everyone's minds.

Portwood, who serves as executive director, reports that around 50 people showed up for the Blue Light Special block party Aug. 1 and that sufficient funds were raised for a new light board, which was enough to make the event a success in Portwood and Gravenstein's estimation. But what has impressed the two even more has been all the additional support they've received from throughout the community, from donations that are still coming in through the Blue's website (a secure PayPal link at www.bluetheatre.org) to the Blue Genie crew offering to paint a new mural on the outside of the building.

That said, numerous challenges still face the Blue Theatre team. Since the south wall is where the electrical connections are located, the Blue has been without power since the fire, forcing Gravenstein to clear the calendar and reschedule a number of workshops, meetings, auditions, rehearsals, and classes. Having received approval from their insurance provider for one electrical bid, Portwood thinks the lights may go back on late this week or early next. What's crucial is that they be on by Aug. 15, when the next rental production, Tutto Theatre Company's I Witness, is set to load in. Beyond the power problems are repairs to the building that need to be addressed. The back wall of the



Austin firefighters survey the damage after drowning the blaze that threatened the Blue.

stage was burned badly enough that it has to be scraped, resurfaced, and repainted, and every surface inside the Blue will have to be detailed to remove smoke damage. Insurance will cover that kind of harm, but Gravenstein and Portwood are responsible for the costs of repairing or replacing anything that's not part of the structure, which includes the old curtains throughout the space that will almost certainly have to be replaced.

If this were something other than a stage space, the people who manage it might be inclined to shut the doors and swallow the loss. But corny as it is, theatre people really subscribe to the dictum that "the show must go on." And Portwood and Gravenstein are evidently show folk through and through. "We're not discouraged, just focused on all the great programming we've done so far this year and on the needs of the artists and productions booked for the rest of the season," writes Gravenstein. "We're getting lots of help from folks right now and we're feeling real optimistic about getting everything taken care of soon."

For more information or to make a still-welcome donation, visit www.bluetheatre.org.

Robert Faires

'METAMORPHOSES' watching the gods descend, poolside



For almost 20 years, Dave Steakley has been intimately involved with the artistic workings of Austin's venerable Zach Theatre, but never in all those years has he been involved in a season guite as special as the current one. This year, Steakley decided to focus on Austin artists and stories that he felt connected to the city in some truly intimate way, and while so far he's managed to reunite the homegrown Flaming Idiots, produce a new play by University of Texas playwright Steven Dietz, direct a modern interpretation of Thornton Wilder's Our Town, and stage a version of the musical The Drowsy Chaperone (now on the theatre's Kleberg Stage) that has taken the city by storm, nothing in this, Steakley's 19th season, might be more appropriate or more stunning than what he has planned for Mary Zimmerman's Metamorphoses, a play about love based on Ovid's narrative poem of the same name.

"I knew that I could cast Metamorphoses locally," says Steakley, "and given that Zach's stages are a thrust and an arena [the Whisenhunt Stage], I'd always wanted to create it in our smaller space for a greater level of intimacy. In Zimmerman's original production, the gods appeared above a wall painted like sky at the back of the set, an idea I knew couldn't translate to our arena. So I began to imagine, is there a way I can get these mythical figures, these gods, in the air over the audience and pool?'

Enter Nicole Whiteside, the creative associate director of Austin's Blue Lapis Light, they of the transcendent aerial dance Requiem, performed on the shell of the partially constructed

and abandoned Intel building Downtown. "When Dave and I looked through the theatre," says Whiteside, "I just couldn't believe they were going to put on this

very complex production in that tiny, tiny space. So we talked about what was possible."

A lot, in fact, was possible. The Metamorphoses aerialists will use six apparatuses: two aerial silks, two hoops, and two slings. The difference between this show and your usual Blue Lapis Light production is that, instead of the aerialists using the silks, hoops, and slings to ascend in the space, they will thrillingly enter from the air above the audience and descend. Perhaps just as interesting, and

in keeping with Steakley's wish to cast locally, none of the aerialists are professional dancers, rather, they are members of the Austin community who have taken classes from Blue Lapis.

Now, also consider that set designer Michael Raiford, a longtime Steakley collaborator, has constructed a 3-foot-tall, 12-footdiameter pool in the center of the space, with a deck that extends an additional 31/2 feet between the pool and the audience -

> "so everybody's kinda in the splash zone," says Steakley – and you'll have an even better idea of how special this production might be.

"We're trying to encourage people to come supercasual to this show, in their shorts and T-shirts if they want to," says Steakley. "I deliberately scheduled it at this time of year because there's no place you want to be in Austin, Texas, in the summer other than floating in Barton Springs or on the lake or in a pool." Or, perhaps, in the splash zone at Zach Theatre, communing with the gods and watching Steakley's very special Metamorphoses. - Barry Pineo

Metamorphoses runs Aug. 5-Sept. 12,

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Theatre in the Round (Rock)

Penfold Theatre makes its entrance up north - where it's always wanted to be

BY ROBERT FAIRES

The past decade has seen more than 50 theatre companies spring from the fertile soil of our creative capital, most of them launching with the same dream: to produce plays in their own stage space somewhere in Central Austin. Most, certainly, but not all. Take, for instance, TexARTS, that specialist in musicals of the American stage, which started with the vision of bringing professional theatre to the region of lakes west of the city. Or Penfold Theatre Company, which was founded with the idea of doing the same for the metropolitan area north of Austin.

That latter example may surprise fans of the company's debut production, Art, at City Theatre or its revival of the drama Three Days of Rain at the Hideout or its stagings of the chamber musicals The Last Five Years and John & Jen at Austin Playhouse and the Hideout, respectively. In other words, everything that Penfold has staged to date has been where most of the area's theatre companies work, deep in the heart of town. True enough, but that all changes this week when Penfold opens The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) in the Round Rock Amphitheater. This production sets Penfold squarely where its three founders have always wanted it to be.

"In the demographic research we did" - "we" being the Penfold triumvirate of Sean Martin, Ryan Crowder, and Nathan Jerkins - "we saw a disconnect: huge population boom in the north with zero professional theatre going on," says Crowder, who hastens to add that this is "not to discount the honorable work of our community theatre friends." Among those 350,000 residents in North Austin, Round Rock, Pflugerville, Cedar Park, Georgetown, and Leander was, the three felt, a large audience for the theatre they wanted to do, the theatre they had trained for together at Abilene Christian University.

"Abilene was good to us," says Jerkins. "Not only did it introduce us to each other, but it also gives us a common artistic background. We have always respected each other's talents, but coming from the same program, we have a common vocabulary and artistic shorthand created by our ability to reference the same things.'

School, however, wasn't where the three hatched the idea of forming a theatre company together. In fact, the summer they all roomed together while working on a production of Broadway Bound, recalls Crowder, they had "no idea that our paths would ever cross that closely again." Martin (class of '03) left his home state to train at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, then settled in Chicago. Crowder ('04) went on to Ohio University to obtain his Master of Fine Arts in acting. And Jerkins ('05) followed his wife to Austin, where she was getting a doctorate in physics. They had lost touch until Martin, tiring of Chicago, called Nashville native Jerkins to get his take on Music City as a the-

atre town. What happened, though, was Jerkins began to sell Martin on Austin's very large and vibrant arts scene," and not only was Martin quickly sold on the idea of moving here, he began pitching it and the idea of starting a theatre company - to other friends, among them Crowder.

"Sean called me out of the blue asking if I wanted to start a theatre in Austin," says Crowder. "I started reading about the city and got really excited. Not only was it like going home, but I felt there was still room for us. As a place where the arts were still developing, there was a place for us to

contribute and leave a real mark. All of us are performers at heart, but we're also all married and had life goals above what the traditional actor path could support. We wanted to be able to support ourselves financially with our art. We also share a belief, like other artists, that art has real purpose, and we felt we could best fulfill that purpose if we had control over the work we were doing.'

Martin echoes the sentiment: "We were all at a place in our lives where we were ready for the next big thing. We all came to the realization that having a day job and auditioning when you can wasn't the long-term life goal. We all wanted to take theatre into our own hands. Why not start our own company?'

By chance or cosmic design, Crowder had recently spent months working on a project to develop a theatre as part of a retreat center for community leaders in Denver. "I did tons of research on nonprofits and theatre management," he says. "But the project fell through when the retreat center moved to D.C. and onto a smaller plot of land that didn't have enough room for a theatre." But he was able to channel all that newfound knowledge into the company with his old college pals.

And the more they learned about Central Texas, the more opportunities they saw for their company in the North Austin metro area. "Nathan came across an article about Round Rock's downtown redevelopment plan," recalls Crowder. "A professional theatre seemed like the perfect addition to a plan intended to revitalize an urban core. Not only that, but there was a growing synergy under way. In 2008, the Round Rock Area Arts Council formed, as well as the Round Rock Symphony. The Community Foundation established an arts endowment. It was clear to us that this was something on peoples' minds. Which makes sense. The city just hit 100,000 and will be 200,000 in a few decades. The population has grown so quickly; the culture sector is now trying to catch up.

The only hitch was, when the Penfold trio was ready to produce its first show, they couldn't find a venue in their region of choice. "We needed theatres to perform in," says Martin, "and there really aren't any that suited our needs in North Austin. And there just aren't many theatres north of Hyde Park. We needed to start doing shows and make a name for ourselves, and the only place to do that was in Austin proper." What Penfold lost in location, though, it gained in quick recognition. "These first four shows have given us so much," says Crowder, "primarily relationships with artists and credibility in the form of box office history, reviews, and awards. We wouldn't have the same opportunities if we immediately went north and started performing in alternative venues."

And even in central Austin, the Penfold team was able to connect to its North Austin audience, Crowder says. "When we produced The Last Five Years, we invited Cathy Kincaid, who is president of the RRAAC. She loved our work, as well as our ideas, and introduced us to a large number of community leaders in business, government, art, and education circles."

"We ended up having half of the Round Rock City Council and numerous bigwigs from different city organizations all show up," adds Martin. "After the show closed, we were invited to lunch, and they basically said, 'What can we do to make sure you are here?' Right now, Round Rock is really interested

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So the trio has made Round Rock a big part of Penfold. City Council Member Kris Whitfield, community activist Judy McCloud, and Round Rock Independent School District arts curriculum specialist Lisa Roebuck, as well as arts council President Kincaid have all been asked onto the board. The company gave a concert performance of John & Jen to introduce Penfold to local restaurant owners. And the founders have made a point of

reaching out to the city's established arts groups: the Sam Bass Community Theatre, Round Rock Symphony, Round Rock Community Choir, and, says Crowder, "anyone else we thought we could link arms with in building up support for the arts in the north." They've even invited these companies to perform before performances of Complete Works. "The relationships we've been able to make with our community is one of the best things we have going for us," says Crowder.

For Penfold's official introduction to the city they want to call home, the trio found inspiration in Round Rock. "It had CONTINUED ON P.33



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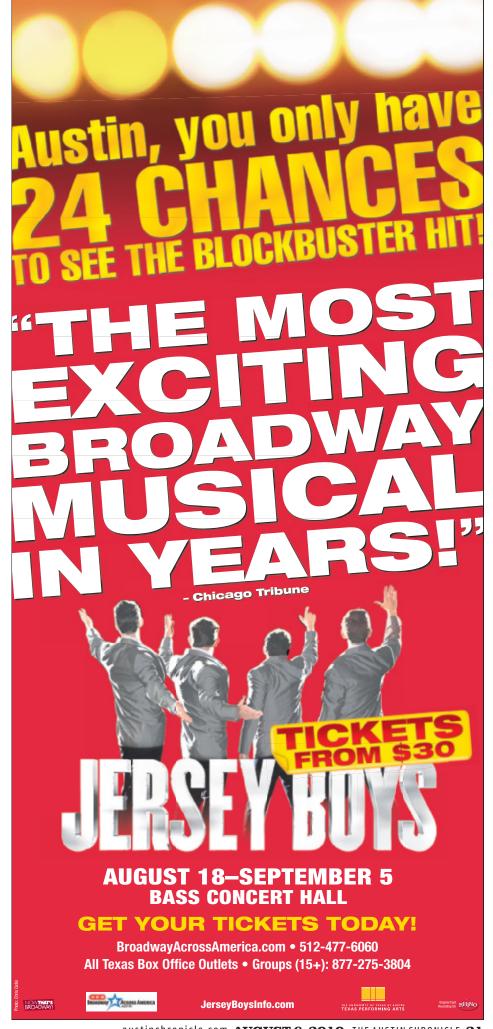
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THE THIEVES OF MANHATTAN

by Adam Langer Spiegel & Grau, 259 pp., \$15 (paper)

The publisher, or perhaps the author himself, hit the nail on the head when deciding to release The Thieves of Manhattan as an original trade paperback. Everything from the straightforward writing style to the bite-sized chapters makes Adam Langer's latest novel

as readable as they come. Take it to the beach, but don't turn your brain off just yet.

What starts as a commentary on the world of publishing evolves (devolves?) into a thriller complete with gunplay, a femme fatale, a treasure map, and double crosses. At the center of the hullaballoo is not a Maltese falcon but a rare manuscript that either burned years ago or was heisted and made to look like it was destroyed.

This is all unbeknownst to Ian Minot, who lives on the

outskirts of literary success as he toils his talents away in a coffee shop. That is, until he is sucked into a literary confidence game where he meets a cast of characters that resembles the real world's publishing pariahs, including memoirist-in-the-hood Blade Markham, whose persona echoes that of JT Leroy (aka Laura Albert, whose words of

praise for Langer sit hintingly on the book's back cover). Oprah whipping boy James Frey is probably the best corollary to the protagonist. As Ian slides down the slippery slope of turning fiction into memory and memory into fact, Langer throws in a few humorous barbs at everything from Charles Frazier's book advances to Michael Chabon's haircut and Jonathan Franzen's glasses.

For Langer, the art of the memoir lies somewhere between fiction and nonfiction. A memoir is only as good as the author's memory, and in the world of Thieves (and the real world). where publishers are as desperate to find the next big thing as struggling authors are to be successful, the "truth" gets fuzzier by the moment.

Langer's sharp and read-

- James Renovitch

able prose sometimes bogs down in a labyrinth of Paul Auster-esque meta-noir, but those moments are few. Most of the time the plot trucks along with enough plot twists and literary in-jokes to keep the brain engaged and the eve bouncing along contentedly. It's a beach read you don't need to be

KINGS OF THE EARTH

by Jon Clinch

Random House, 416 pp., \$26

In every farming community, there's always one family that everyone knows isn't quite right. In Carversville, deep in rural New York, that's the three Proctor boys. It's not that they're dangerous or even boys anymore: Call them hillbillies or rednecks or bumpkins,

the three gray-bearded old men just never had time for anything beyond their

farm gate. When

Vernon dies in his sleep, the eye of suspicion falls on his younger brothers, simpleminded Audie and silent Creed. So when the cops and prosecutors come calling, modern investigative

techniques are confronted with men whose whole world ranges from meadow to milk-

ing parlor. What's revealed is less a whodunit and more a biography of an often undocumented way of life.

Inspired by the true story of the Ward brothers (documented in the 1992 film Brother's Keeper), Clinch's book tries to tear the Proctor farm down to the roots. Where the filmmakers explored urban mis-

conceptions about rural life, Clinch sees the Proctors' world as one that has been left behind by progress. His Rashomoninspired narrative flits from narrator to narrator, jumping back and forth from the quiet days in the 1930s, before Creed was even born, to 1990 and the days after, as Audie puts it, Vernon "went ahead." There's no pastoral romanticism here: The Proctors

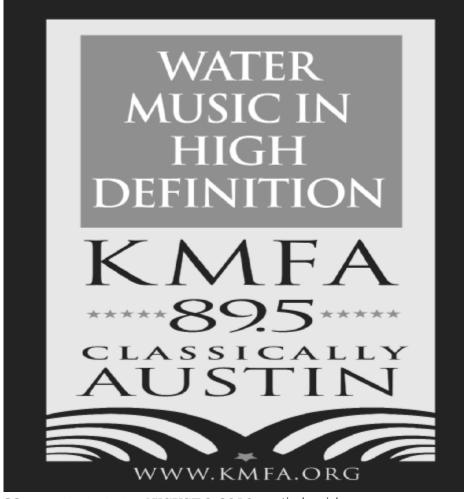
> are the kind of men for whom cleanliness is a luxury, doctors are of less use than a vinegar poultice, and if sharing one bed was good enough for them when they were boys, it's good enough for them 60 years later.

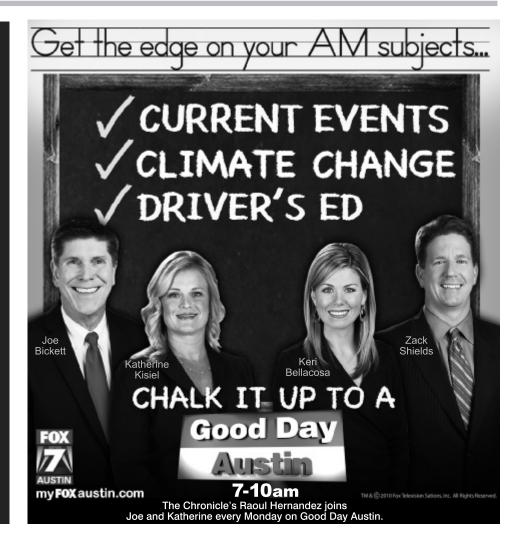
Clinch captures the dungstained reality of dairy-farm life and the constant grind of its rhythm, but it's his mastery of voices that makes this tale so compelling. From the boys' taciturn neighbor Preston to their garrulous and scheming brother-in-law

DeAlton and Donna, the sister that got away, everyone has something to say about what happened to Vernon. Yet, for the Proctors, this is just one more day in a life where death and accidents are part of the daily grind. For Clinch, the old saying is true: You never own a farm, because the farm owns - Richard Whittaker



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this new, perfect little amphitheatre," says Martin. "It was outside and really nice. We thought of how successful things like [the] Zilker [Summer Musical] and Shakespeare [in the Park] were and wanted to do it with our own twist." And, adds Crowder: "We thought a great way to introduce ourselves to as many people as possible would be to create a true community event. Free, outdoors, and fun take away any barriers people might have to coming." "We wanted something that could connect with everyone," says Jerkins, and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged), with its knockabout comic race through the Bard's plays, seemed ideal. "It has a very wide appeal," he says. "It's witty. It's polished but still has a natural improvisational roughness. It's contemporary but is born from and honors the classic. It treats the audience as part of the experience. It felt right."

While its first show in the North Austin metro area has yet to open, Penfold is already looking ahead to its second and third. The company's 2010-2011 season includes the new comedy Going With Jenny, by Baylor University playwrights Thomas and Sherry Jo Ward, at the Round Rock Public Library complex, and a revue of Noël Coward songs and scenes, A Marvelous Party!, presented one night only at Kindred Oaks in Georgetown. Until it can develop its own space, "we're trying to get more and more creative" in the spaces we use, notes Crowder.

And will Penfold be getting its own space? "We've been talking with city staff about the downtown revitalization since we heard about it," Crowder says. "We were at the design charrette where they laid out the plan visually - in fact, a 15,000-square-foot theatre is drawn into the plan for us. Most recently, we've been talking with Round Rock City Manager Jim Nuse about a new development the city is considering and how a theatre might be part of it. Those plans are still in the early phases, but the discussions have been happening for a few months."

But the first season up north and whatever developments take place in the next year will happen without one-third of the Penfold tri-

umvirate. Later this month, Martin returns to the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art to study directing. "Of course, Sean's departure for a year will be a challenge," says Crowder. "But hopefully when he comes back, we'll be all the farther along, and he'll have something crazy exciting to jump into. I've stopped predicting. It seems like the world is brand new year to year."

"Despite all the planning we have done and continue to do, it sometimes still feels like we're making it up as we go," adds Jerkins. "It's all a surprise, and that is equal parts invigorating and nerve-racking."

And it isn't likely to get any less surprising, since, as Crowder says, "the support systems Austin has in place don't exist up there. Public funding is a huge issue. Space is a huge issue. Even educating folks about how arts organizations operate is something we're constantly pushing. We really are pioneers - leaders of a movement - helping get it started from scratch."

But if there's one lesson all three Penfold leaders have taken from their company's first two years, it's that the community is behind them. "When we arrived, we didn't know much about the scene, and anyone we talked to was willing to sit down with us," says Martin. "This town's theatre has exactly the same vibe as what I loved about Chicago. It's like family. It didn't matter if you were the Equity star at the largest theatre or a bit part in a show in someone's garage; you were all in this together. I love that."

"Sean's right," says Crowder. "I never would have dreamed how warmly we have been received by everyone. What's happened so far has been, in many respects, thanks entirely to the kindness of others - from City Theatre and Austin Playhouse, who co-produced our first two shows, to patrons, critics, volunteers, board members, you name it. I'm overwhelmed by it all – and very grateful."

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) runs Aug. 5-22, Thursday-Saturday, 8pm; Sunday, Aug. 22, 6pm, at the Round Rock Amphitheater, 301 W. Bagdad Ave., Round Rock. For more information, visit www.penfoldtheatre.org.



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after a fashion by Stephen MacMillan Moser

THE WISDOM OF SNOOKI "I'm not trashy unless I drink too much," she says. Hearing the reports about the arrest for disorderly conduct of the illbred slutty little troll known as **Snooki** from **Jersey Shore** has really affected me. That's right, I laughed until I cried. She is so execrable and so despicable that my hand automatically goes over my mouth when I see her picture. "Do you know who I am? I'm fucking Snooki!" she reportedly told the cops who cuffed her (while she herself was wearing a tank top emblazoned with the word "Slut."). "I'm a star; you can't do this to me. You can't do this! You guys are going to be fucking sorry for this! Release me!" She went on to snarl, "I'm the best thing in this town," while the mayor of Seaside Heights, N.J., seems to agree with her, saying: "We're getting wonderful publicity! We couldn't pay a half-million dollars for this!" Well, um, yes actually, you could pay half a million dollars for that kind of publicity. You could probably own Snooki for less than that. And what a bargain that would be just to hear your very own little Snooki say things like: "I'm a vet tech. Like, I save animals; I don't kill them. That's why I don't eat lobster or anything like that 'cause they're alive when you kill it," and: "I hate guys. I'm turning lesbian, I swear," and: "I don't go tanning anymore because Obama put a 10 percent tax on tanning, and I feel he did that intentionally for us. McCain would never put a 10 percent tax on tanning because he's pale, and he would probably want to be tan. Obama doesn't have that problem. Obviously.

PRIMERS Someone tried to tell me recently that Charles Frederick Worth was the "Father of Haute Couture." Though Worth was indeed a huge player in its development, its inception can be traced to Rose Bertin, milliner and modiste to Marie Antoinette, who could be called the "Mother of Haute Couture." Bertin began by selling ribbons to the haute monde from Le Grand Mogol, her shop on the still-fashionable Rue St. Honore in 1770. In a turnabout from custom, she evolved from having the customers tell her what they wanted to presenting her customers (especially the young queen of France and her fashionable ladies of the court) with extravagant hats and gowns of her own design. Working with the queen's hairdresser, **Léonard Autié**, together they created the massive and tall hairstyles that have come to represent the era - hair that was decorated with props and accessories (ships, mechanical birds, etc.) to reflect the issues of the day, be they gossip or smallpox. Bertin was the first to send out dolls and mannequins to other cities and parts of the world to publicize her styles. She also became known as the "Minister of Fashion" by the Queen's detractors, and after the Queen's untimely demise, fashion changed so rapidly that Bertin

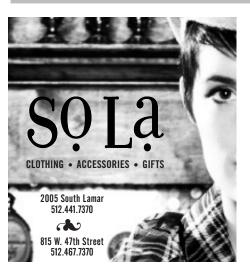


Zilker Park went decidedly mammalian as a dancing flash mob of about 200 converged on Barton Springs Pool to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week. Thanks, Mom!

retired, selling her business to her nephews at the fin de siècle. She had indeed established the practice of dictating fashion. But it was Worth who started putting his name on labels inside the clothes he made in the mid-19th century. An Englishman who settled in Paris when he was 19. Worth had been originally discouraged from pursuing dressmaking because it was considered lower-class. But he found a wealthy industrialist who believed in him, and together they opened Worth and Bobergh in 1858. Worth showed his creations four times a year and invited his clients to place orders that were then fitted to them impeccably. Though he had to close due to the Franco-Prussian War, Worth reopened in 1871 at No. 7 Rue de la Paix as the House of Worth with his sons Gaston and Jean-Philippe. The House of Worth continued to flourish after the death of its founder, and Gaston went on to establish the Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture, the governing body of haute couture which still reigns today. Thank you. I feel much better after having gotten that off my chest.

SHOOTING STAR Rising design star and UT alum Elisa Jimenez (Project Runway, season four) will participate in Andy Coolquitt's 88 photography event held at Domy Books (www.domystore.com), Saturday, Aug. 7, 7-10pm followed by a Pop-Up Store at W3II People (www.w3llpeople.com), Sunday, Aug. 8, 2-5pm.

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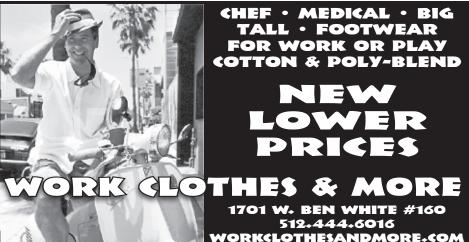




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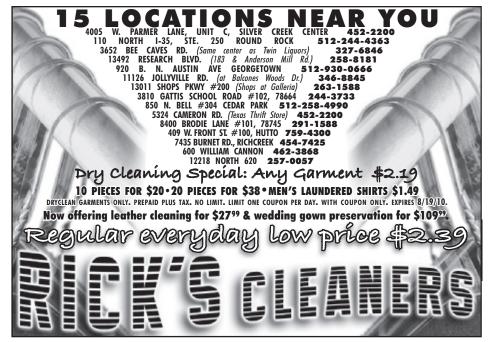
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Stay Puft Marshmallow Man Explodes Over Historic Sixth Street Entertainment District: S'mores Served

Actually, parkside chef/owner Shawn Cirkiel will be serving s'mores, Three Olives Vodka grape sno-cones, and other film-inspired street foods when he teams up with the Alamo Drafthouse to present a twilight screening of the goofy sci-fi comedy Ghostbusters this weekend. The Drafthouse Rolling Roadshow production will close off the 500 block of San Jacinto for the evening. Gates open at 7:30pm, and the suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds from donations and food and beverage sales will benefit the neighborhood cleanup efforts of the **6ixth Street Austin** association (www.6ixth.com). Bring some lawn chairs, and relax in front of the Rolling Roadshow's 40-foot inflatable screen. "The Sixth Street District is an Austin treasure. Business owners in the neighborhood are working together to improve it and clean it up." says Drafthouse CEO Tim League. Have some laughs, eat some s'mores, and help them out! Sunday, Aug. 8, 9pm. - V.B.W.

Champagne Through a Straw!



The weather forecasters keep saying this summer isn't too bad, but it feels plenty hot to me, which makes it the perfect time for a cold adult beverage. Now, this will probably shock some readers, but there are people who prefer their bubbly beverages to be made from grapes instead of grains. That's right, Champagne over beer! Lucky for those of us who like to sip straight from the bottle, a lot of wineries have taken the gauntlet hurled down by **Champagne** Pommery's POP, 187-milliliter bottles (one-quarter of a regular bottle) of true Champagne made to be sipped through a straw or straight from the bottle.

The next major brand to go for the drinkthrough-a-straw crowd was **Francis Ford** Coppola Winery's Sofia Mini (\$13/four-pack), which is a sparkling wine in a can. The main benefit

Delicious stuff, but with a

four-pack of the gorgeous

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gant drinkers need apply.



of this product is that you can take it to the lake without attracting the attention of the gendarmes. The wine is made from Pinot Blanc, Riesling, and Muscat instead of Champagne's classic combination of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The taste difference is obvious, with the Sofia Mini being a bit more sweet, soft, and light. The whole world of spar-

kling wine is now on the hunt for this Champagne-sipping demographic. Some of the best new versions include the crisp Segura Viudas Brut Reserva (\$3.25/small bottle), the concentrated **Chandon** Rosé (\$7), Cristalino Cava Brut (\$4), and the surprisingly good Korbel Brut (\$13/four-pack). Spec's and the big Twin Liquors stores have the best supplies, but all of these wines are widely available in wine shops, liquor stores, and grocery stores - and they are a lot of fun.

- Wes Marshall



Event Menu Aug. 5-13

- > If watching The Red Shoes as a child inspired you to study dance, the Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar has the perfect event for you. Enjoy a four-course feast and screening of the classic film, to benefit Ballet Austin. \$75 per person; necessary reservations can be made at www.originalalamo.com. Thursday, Aug. 5, 7pm.
- > Local real estate agent Stacey Rider (www.fourpoints foodie.com) is one of five finalists in a competition to develop a new flavor for Ghirardelli Chocolate. Rider will present a recipe demonstration and tasting at Faraday's Kitchen Store (1501-A RR 620 N., 266-5666, www.faradayskitchenstore.com). Saturday, Aug. 7, 10am-2pm.
- The gardening tots at Ronda's Montessori Garden (4300 Mt. Vernon, 707-8635, www.rondasgarden.net) invite Austin parents and kids to their annual Basilfest. Festivities will include garden tours, basil plants for sale, samples of basil tea, and foods made with basil. Sunday-Friday, Aug. 8-13, 9am-noon.
- > Author and Asian medicine expert Pam Ferguson will be the featured speaker at the monthly Wisdom Wednesday series at Satay (3202 W. Anderson #205, 467-6731, www.satayusa.com). \$30 covers the program and dinner prepared by chef/owner Dr. Foo Swasdee, Cash bar, Reservations required. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 6:30-8:30pm.
- ➤ Award-winning bartender Bill Norris will pass the torch to wine director and new bar manager Josh Loving before leaving Fino (2905 San Gabriel, 474-2905, www.finoaustin.com) to pursue his own project. The evening will include a five-course Chef's Table dinner paired with specialty cocktails. \$75 per person; reservations required, and seating is limited. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 6:30pm.

food-o-file

BY VIRGINIA B. WOOD

Chef/restaurateur Parind Vora describes himself as a man with a broken heart. A fire destroyed the dining room, artwork, and fixtures at his Downtown eatery, Restaurant Jezebel (914 Congress, 499-3999, www.restaurantjezebel. com), last week. The fire has been ruled accidental, and Vora hopes that insurance on his business and his landlord's policy on the building will be enough to have Jezebel back in operation sometime in the fall. Meanwhile, he's trying to keep the Jezebel staff busy by finding them positions at his other two restaurants, Braise (2121 E. Sixth, 478-8700, www.braiseaustin.com) and Simplicity Wine & Eats (4801 Burnet Rd., 419-0200, www.simplicitywinebar.com). Vora encourages his Jezebel customers to patronize both the sister restaurants while he gets the company's crown jewel back up and running... Viewers of ABC's Nightline are familiar with the regular "Platelist" segment that features a nationally known chef preparing a signature dish from his or her restaurant. This spring, ABC called for entries in a People's Platelist competition, asking viewers to submit the names of their favorite regional restaurants. Out of thousands of entries, 20 finalists have now been chosen, and one of those is one of our favorite destination restaurants, Royer's Round Top Cafe (www.royersroundtopcafe.com) in the tiny hamlet of Round Top. The Royers must submit a three-minute video about their restaurant to ABC by mid-August, and fans of the restaurant are welcome to submit essays describing their favorite dishes or experiences at the cafe. Nightline will air clips from the finalists' videos and quotes from viewer essays for about a month, starting in late August. All 20 videos will be posted online during that time so that viewers can vote for their favorite. The winner will be featured in a People's Platelist segment in the fall. See more info at www.abc news.com/ nightline/platelist... The staff at Texas Folklife **Resources** (1317 S. Congress, 441-9255, www.texasfolklife.org) are joining forces with the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Texas Department of Agriculture on a three-year project to gather information about Texas food traditions. They'll be traveling the state talking to chefs, home cooks, gardeners, farmers, ranchers, and guests at fairs, festivals, and celebrations about what's cooking in Texas. The results of their surveys will be featured in radio and TV documentaries, museum exhibits, and oral histories. To be part of A Place at the Table, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/V9GK6DS and share your family food traditions... Chef Kevin Williamson and his staff at Ranch 616 (616 Nueces, 479-7616, www.theranch616.com) are busy with a new project - helping the owners at the historic Gage Hotel (205 NW First St., Marathon, 432/386-4205, www.gagehotel.com) revamp their restaurant and bar operations. Ranch 616 at the Gage opens in late August with chef Chano Aldrete on the range, an updated dining room, a new menu and new cocktails. Also lending a hand is well-known local wine guy Ross Outon, who is consulting on a wine program for the Gage before he departs for Santa Rosa, Calif., to assist in the harvest and crush at Siduri vineyards after Labor Day.







Mike Rila Cooks With Fire

... on his BattleBot rotisserie **BY VIRGINIA B. WOOD**

My friend Mike Rila loves a project, and he's a self-reliant multitasker. The Saturday I dropped by to interview him for this story, he had pork cooking on the backyard rotisserie, water going in the garden, and he was working underneath a classic black 1962 Plymouth Belvedere up on blocks in the front yard. Mike has been married to my friend Kellye for nearly 20 years, and he's one of those remarkably handy guys who can do pretty much anything he sets his mind to. He makes his living as a plumber, but he and Kellye built both of the houses they own in Wimberley, and they extensively remodeled their current home in South Austin before moving in. Once the house was done. Mike enhanced the backyard with a screened-in porch, built a deck

with a fire pit, put in a pond, and installed their raised-bed vegetable garden. He can fix cars and brew beer (and moonshine, as a result of his backwoods Ohio adolescence), and he sees no point in buying something if he can make it himself. "Manual Mike, that's what we call him," Kellye says with pride.

Kellye Rila and I have been cooking (and eating) buddies for more than 10 years, but Mike and I really didn't bond over food until about a year ago. He helped me with the heavy lifting required to get a turkey into and out of the deep fryer last Thanksgiving (see "Food-o-File," Dec. 25, 2009), and we talked about how he had learned to garden and cook watching his mom feed a house full of kids on a Presbyterian minister's small salary. To thank

him for the help, I gave him a review copy of British chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's encyclopedic cookbook *The River Cottage Meat Book* (Ten Speed Press, 544 pp., \$40). Mike devoured the book, and our next conversation was all about how it inspired him to prepare a crown roast of pork during the winter holidays. This story evolved from the point where Mike's impressive handiness and his interest in cooking intersect. "Get him to tell you about the BattleBot rotisserie he built," Kellye encouraged one day over brunch at Olivia, and the story took shape from there.

It turns out that all those inviting backyard amenities made the Rila house a natural party destination, and the couple soon found themselves hosting cookouts for their legion of friends. "I'd be sweltering over the grill, and guys would stand there with me for a few minutes drinking a beer, but they'd wander off and I'd end up missing most of the party and smelling like smoke," Mike said ruefully. He realized he needed an apparatus that he could move over the fire pit or the grill that would rotate automatically to ensure even cooking without constant supervision. "How can I do that?" he wondered aloud. "I knew it had to be cantilevered and mobile, so I made a sketch, looked around here for things I could use, and went to Lowe's for the rest. I ordered small telescope motors to turn the meat rods from American Science & Surplus online," he recalls. There is no end to this man's ingenuity.

What Mike came up with does resemble a small version of those motorized machines robot geeks use to fight in televised competition, which is why Kellye christened it the BattleBot rotisserie. The concrete frame sits in a metal form on wheels, making it possible for Mike to roll it up to the grill rather than using a remote control to send it into battle, but somehow that doesn't seem like his style, anyway. The BattleBot didn't see any action last summer, what with the killer heat making backyard entertaining uncomfortable and the severe drought making any fire risky. But Mike's back in business this year. His meat of choice is most often chicken, because "with this style of cooking, you get a good crispy skin."

When I saw Argentine chef Francis Mallmann present a live fire cooking demonstration and dinner class at Central Market in the late spring, I realized Mallmann and my pal Mike were kindred spirits. I gave Mike a copy of Mallmann's award-winning cookbook, *Seven Fires: Grilling the Argentine Way* (Artisan, 278 pp., \$35), for inspiration and told him I wanted to write a story about him and his homemade





cooking contraption. Before long, we were talking about what he would cook. The most impressive dish Mallmann presented at the Central Market dinner was whole salmon sides cooked in a salt crust. Mike was intrigued by Mallmann's salt crust cooking method – encasing fish or meat in a damp crust of kosher salt and applying heat from both sides to deliver a moist, flavorful meal. Instead of fish, he chose to go with a 4-pound pork shoulder roast. However, following the author's instructions to wrap the meat in pork skin before applying the salt crust proved to be a challenge in itself.

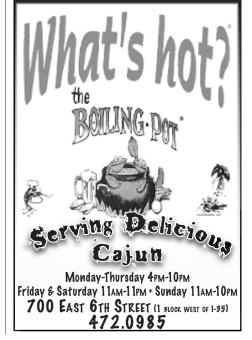
"I knew I'd seen whole pig heads and skin for chicharrónes at the Mexican market on Stassney, so I figured that would be the best place to look," Mike explains. He got a friend to translate for him at the neighborhood carnicería and came home with enough pork skin to successfully wrap the pork roast. He seasoned the pork shoulder with slivers of sautéed garlic and wrapped it in the skin, carefully tying the package with kitchen twine before sliding it onto the meat rods and packing it in the moist salt crust. While the crust set, Mike got his fire going using his preferred fuel of choice, Cowboy Charcoal Co. hardwood charcoal (\$6.97 for 8.8 pounds at Lowe's). "It's made with their hardwood flooring scraps, and it burns clean and hot without any of that chemical smell you can get with those pressed briquettes," he explains.

I wish I could tell you Mike was able to make the salt-crusted pork roast successfully rotate on the BattleBot, but even the wire cage he devised couldn't keep the crust intact. Undaunted, he scraped off the crust and left the wrapped pork slowly turning over the hot coals. He checked it periodically with a meat thermometer and removed it from over the coals when the interior temperature reached 165 degrees Fahrenheit. The outside skin had rendered into a big, salty chicharrón, leaving the pork inside moist and full of flavor. To accompany the meat, Mike made a salsa by

blending a can of Muir Glen Organic fireroasted tomatoes, some sun-dried tomatoes and Boggy Creek Farm smoke-dried tomatoes packed in olive oil, and about six twiceroasted (as in roasted, peeled and seeded, and then returned to the fire for added roasted flavor) poblano peppers. The thick, smokysweet salsa was the perfect foil for the mild, juicy meat. What a feast!

While we were eating, Kellye told me that from time to time she's overheard her married friends sitting around the backyard asking their husbands for a screened-in porch, a deck, a fire pit, or maybe some kind of water feature. "So far, none of them has asked for a BattleBot," she laughs. I can tell her why – without Manual Mike, it just wouldn't be the same.

See more photos of Mike's BattleBot, the Rilas' backyard, and the pork roast with this story online at **austinchronicle.com**.







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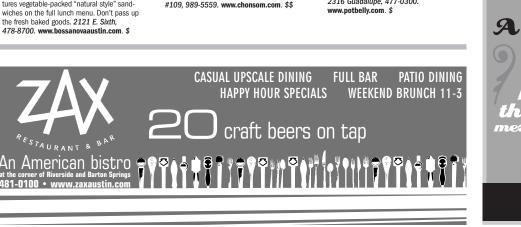
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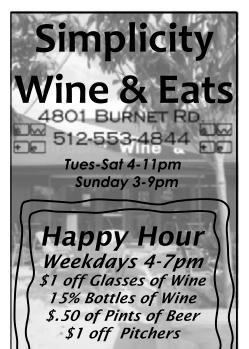
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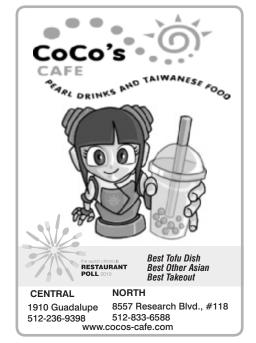
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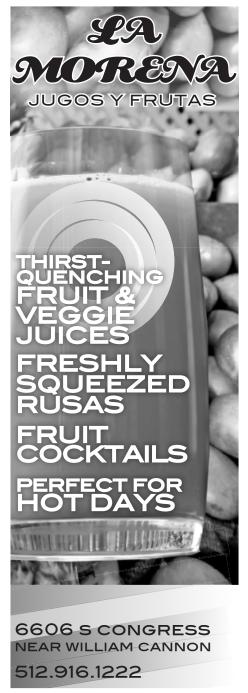
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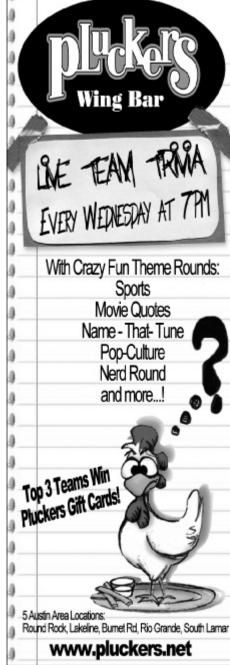


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on the download

BY JAMES RENOVITCH

The Wii opened the world of gaming to the hand-eye challenged, but the divide between hardcore players and the barely initiated remains largely unbridged. Party games and lesser Wii titles can close the gap in players' abilities by randomizing aspects of gameplay or not keeping score at all. And if there's one thing a devout controller jockey (myself included) can't abide, it's not being rewarded for time spent mastering an otherwise useless skill set.

Enter downloadable games, which conveniently reside in the above-mentioned divide. Previous straight-to-hard-drive releases such as Braid and World of Goo engaged the noob with eye-catching art design and simple controls but challenged even those with the hardest of gamer cores. Below are recommendations for the gamer-haters who might just find their niche in one of these two recently released and notable downloads.

Ron Gilbert is one of gaming's funnymen. His Monkey Island series are classics, and the recently released DeathSpank (\$15, for Xbox and PlayStation3) contains many elements of its predecessors. Choose Your Own Adventure-style dialogue drives the experience and sets up most of the comedic quests as the titular character explores the tongue-in-cheek majesty of forests both enchanted and haunted. The RPG elements are simplified for the laugh-seeking gameaphobe. It might be seen as the poor man's Brutal Legend (made by Monkey Island coconspirator, Tim Schafer), but the ease of play and relatively short 10-hour-or-so length is to DeathSpank's credit.

For a more viscerally creepy experience, there's the shadowy Limbo (\$15, only for the Xbox 360). Not content with just its backlit monochrome atmospherics, the game quickly goes from eerie to downright disturbing as

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you take control of a nameless young man who wakes up in a strange and increasingly dangerous world. The startling sound effects and lack of music keep nerves frayed, and the inevitable and frequently grisly ends that await you at the hands of giant spiders and buzz saws will have you sweating for about four hours. The children that inhabit the early portions of the game provide the most shocking moments in the unrelenting and seamless netherworld. Of the thousands of hyperrealistic virtual enemies I've killed over the years, having to drag the limp outline of a recently deceased kid to a ditch to trigger a trap is one of those rare gaming experiences that will stick with me. The black-and-white yet still vivid deaths can be turned off in the settings menu, but the game will still be too intense for many young players. The puzzles get trickier, and the unsuspecting player increasingly identifies with the abstracted boy on an expositionless journev of survival. Limbo is a perfect ambassador to those with a strong artistic eye and a weak competitive spirit for interactive play. The gameplay is solid, intuitive, and never repetitive, if not entirely unique; however, what the developers do with a masterful touch is drag you into its flickering world and refuse to let go, even after the stunning but enigmatic conclusion. Limbo proves that games can engage in ways that lack world-saving epicness.

I have a dream of a time when gamers of all ability levels can play the same game without rolled eyes on one end or condescending words of encouragement on the other. But until then, we have these downloadable tools of togetherness, catering to both camps - with accessibility and without loss of a true challenge. The days of discs with their set amount of data capacity are numbered as the increasingly wide spectrum of game length and depth benefits from that lack of constriction. Because not everyone has 40 hours to spend shooting aliens, again.

It's hot, y'all. And we're cheap. In the dog days of summer, we get our kicks on the couch and in the airconditioned cool, with a TV, a laptop, a PDA. Here's a rundown of our most recent pop-culture fixations.

The Legion of Extraordinary Dancers



- ➤ It's a bird! It's a plane! No it's an extraordinary dancer! Doled out in short, five- to 15-minute vignettes, the new Web series The Legion of Extraordinary Dancers (www. thelxd.com) - directed by Jon Chu of Step Up 2: The Streets fame - is unapologetically literal. Dance isn't a metaphor for telling the story, it is the story. And by story, I mean an epic tale in which our heroes – otherwise ordinary people with extraordinary abilities to pop, lock, and pirouette – will dispatch justice against some very dark, trenchcoatwearing forces of evil ... by dancing. I dare you to look away. - Nora Ankrum
- > Spike TV may claim it's the guy channel, but it's FX that knows who men are. The Tuesday night one-two of Denis Leary's unrelenting dramedy, Rescue Me, and Louis C.K.'s teethgrindingly brilliant and hilariously awkward comedy, Louie, runs through to the fall, when Sons of Anarchy and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia will tag in. - Richard Whittaker
- The Good Guys: The West Wing's Emmy Awardwinning Bradley Whitford performs an acting about-face as he steals the show on this Dallas-based cop series that started on Fox in June. No longer a buttoned-down presidential aide, Whitford now sports a bushy mustache, Southern drawl, and goofy persona as a veteran cop who only retains his job because of a single act of heroism performed long ago. Colin Hanks as his young partner provides a good foil on the best TV show filmed in Texas after Friday Night Lights. – Marjorie Baumgarten
- What am I looking at? Tweets on the hashtag #TCA on Twitter. The Television Critics Association is having its big conference for most of the month. I'm not there, and from the looks of the tweets, that's not entirely a bad thing. Out of the garble, a couple of good tweets do rise to the surface. I live for those. - Belinda Acosta
- Once you get over the sniggering premise of the BBC drama Being Human - a vampire, a ghost, and an especially weepy werewolf share a flat and their bottled-up feelings in Bristol - it's hard not to get sucked in by its Buffy-inspired mix of bantering, brooding, and bloody good action. Series two premiered in late July on BBC America, but those of us without a fancy cable package used to be able to purchase a season pass on iTunes – an option which has mysteriously disappeared in the last few days. Bring it back, stat, iTunes, and fang you in advance. K.J.

THE ECLIPSE

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In the quantifying grief sweepstakes, is it more devastating for a father to lose a daughter, a child to lose a mother, or a husband to lose a wife? The question is pondered aloud on more than one occasion by the satellite of wounded survivors that form The Eclipse, a curious little Irish film from acclaimed playwright Conor McPherson. With the corners of his mouth soured down like Sam the Eagle, Ciarán Hinds (There Will

Be Blood) plays new widower Michael Farr, a woodshop teacher trying to raise two preteens and manage a sickly father-in-law in the wake of his wife's death to cancer. Farr means well, and tries hard, but he's barely keeping his head above water. For distraction, he volunteers at a local literary festival, where he meets a lovely author of nonfiction books on the paranormal (played by High Fidelity's Iben Hjejle) and a boorish drunk of a bestselling novelist (Aidan Quinn, with gusto). McPherson, best known for his prize-winning breakout play The Weir, makes precision work of the complicated dynamics of the three leads, and the film's uncommon focus on the slow bloom of a midlife relationship is a pleasure. Ah, but did I mention the ghoul who keeps time in the wardrobe? The Eclipse premiered at last year's Tribeca Film Festival to positive reviews, and though it

never saw wide release in America, it's been quietly building buzz as it rolled out on DVD early this summer. It deserves the good notices - the leads are terrific; McPherson, belying his stage-bound background, uses a roaming camera to eerie effect; and his wife, vatch Fionnuala Ní Chiosáin, an amateur musician, supplies a piano- and choral-heavy score that is crucial to the film's atmospherics - but, frankly, if The Eclipse weren't plunked down in Ireland, where the supernatural is supposedly quotidian, then I think significantly less slack would be cut for the half-cooked ghost story.

Kimberley Jones

Emily Hagins' Unsucky Movie Career

Austin's zombie girl taps into vamps for her third feature

BY MARC SAVLOV

Picture this: A young woman with a peaches-and-cream complexion, her blond, shoulder-length hair pulled back from her forehead, sits in her bedroom speaking directly to a camera, speaking directly to you:

"Hi," she says. "My name is Emily Hagins, and I'm *really* excited about my new movie called *My Sucky Teen Romance*. It's ... about these geeky kids who go to this sci-fi convention every year, but this year's a little bit different because when they go they meet these *real* vampires who show up at the con dressed as *fake* vampires. And so the kids have to use what they know about vampires and pop culture and everything that they can draw from to stop these bad vampires from taking over the con."

The shot is tight, the camera jiggles now and then, but it's a smart, professional movie pitch. The walls backgrounding Hagins are covered with readily identifiable movie one-sheets – *Sin City, Team America: World Police, Land of the Lost, There Will Be Blood, Iron Man* – but off in the lower left-hand corner of the frame, you can also just make out a cluster of pink, orange, and teal Care Bears plush toys.

"I'm 17 years old now," Hagins continues. "I'm about to graduate high school, and I feel like I've made a lot of things, and I just want to take everything I've learned from those projects and put it towards this film and make it the best it could possibly be.

"I really hope that's enough to convince you to help make our project possible by contributing a donation. I think we have some interesting perks for you guys, and thank you for taking the time to watch my video. And have a good day."

That's Austin-based teen filmmaker Emily Hagins' video pitch for her third feature film, as posted on the IndieGoGo.com independent film-funding platform. IndieGoGo, similar to other new-paradigm funding websites such as the equally popular

Kickstarter.com, is part of a new wave of Internet-indigenous funding sites that allow filmmakers to shoot their own pitches for potential investors, place them online with accompanying relevant information and particulars about the upcoming productions, and then, essentially, try to meet a capped amount of donations in a given amount of time. (IndieGoGo and Kickstarter vary on certain aspects, such as the percent-

age they take – or don't take, if the time limit expires before the funding cap is met, in the case of Kickstarter – but they're both working toward the same goal: namely, helping microbudgeted indie filmmakers get enough seed money to at least begin production on their films.

Happily, in Hagins' case and at the time of this writing, her \$8,000 funding cap has been met and surpassed by \$640, with 68 hours left to go.

Hagins' My Sucky Teen Romance, then, is officially green-lit, not by a studio but by herself and her longtime (well, since she was 12) production company, Cheesy Nuggets Productions (www.cheesynuggets.com). As Hagins informs me, this initial \$8,000 is slated almost entirely for the film's art department – another IndieGoGo funding project will be initiated once principal photography, which began in mid-July, is completed by

the first week of September. Which, of course, is when classes begin again for Hagins, who attends LBJ High School's magnet school, the Liberal Arts and Science Academy. Summer goes by so quickly when you're a kid, doesn't it?

If the name Emily Hagins is new to you, then chances are you haven't been attending the past half-decade's worth of Fantastic Fests. That's where, in 2009, the documentary *Zombie Girl: The Movie* premiered locally, having already brought home a Spirit of Slamdance award from that year's fest. Directed by Austinites Erik Mauck, Justin Johnson, and Aaron Marshall, *Zombie Girl* provides a handy backstory to Hagins' debut feature, *Pathogen*, a bloody good (caveat: bloody good for a 12-year-old) zombie-infestation flick shot with the assistance of friends and family that she wrote/shot/cut in 2005.

It's rare if not completely unheard of that an audience and filmmaking community such as Austin's gets the chance to witness the maturation of a filmmaker from puberty onward, but, remarkably and inspiringly, the ongoing saga of Emily M. Hagins – teen filmmaker, guts 'n' gore-drenched zombie fan, and Care Bears connoisseur – provides just that.

Asked about how he's seen Hagins grow as a filmmaker from his days documenting the often scattershot, on-the-fly production of *Pathogen*, *Zombie Girl*'s Erik Mauck says: "The weird thing is that Emily today is almost the same as the Emily that made *Pathogen*. Not in the technical sense – she's grown by leaps and bounds since then, obviously – but because even when she was that awkward 12-year-old girl, she was able to describe to you exactly what she wanted. It was almost like talking to an adult filmmaker."

Hagins' girlish poise behind the camera and in interviews belies her earlier, noncomedic subject matter: *Pathogen* featured enough wet red stuff to make *Evil Dead*-era Sam Raimi proud, and even Hagins' admittedly troubled sophomore feature, the

relentlessly downbeat family-curse melodrama *The Retelling* (loosely based on the old Japanese folk tale *Hoichi the Earless*, best known in the West as part of Masaki Kobayashi's eerie classic *Kwaidan*), had a surplus of splashy bullet hits and even (spoiler alert) outright *matricide*. This from a then-15-year-old girl whose high school yearbook photo probably has the tagline "Most likely to be really sweet 4-ever."

So what, exactly, were the formative filmic experiences that led her down this darkened cinematic path stalked by zombies, ancient curses, and bloodsucking freaks? George A. Romero's Dead flicks? Operatic Lucio Fulci goregasms peeped on the sly? Devil Times Five?!

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Teen Romance

"Um ... I know I watched *The Muppet Movie* over and over again from the time I was around 6 months old," Hagins explains. "And I saw *Spy Kids*, like, eight times when it came out."

Okay, granted, you probably weren't expecting her to cite Orson Welles or, thank goodness, *Andy Milligan*, but *The Muppet Movie*?! (Hang on there – wasn't Vincent Price a guest host on *The Muppet Show?* Ah, but alas, Hagins wasn't even born when Jim Henson's genius variety show went off the air in 1981.)

Obviously, she's matured since then, in all ways.



"Pathogen and my second feature, The Retelling, were very different experiences for me. Pathogen was on the fly, all the time. We were just trying to figure out what to do the next day while we were shooting. With The Retelling, the technical aspects improved a lot: The sound is good; the picture is clear, for the most part; and it was just a more professional-looking film. We lost a lot of footage night-shooting, and there were times when it was just not a fun experience."

Now, with Hagins beginning work on her third feature at the still-tender age of 17, you really have to ask: What's the secret to Hagins' unheard-of five-year run as a teen filmmaker? How, when most kids her age would have hung up their boom mics and lavaliers ages ago to focus on more traditional teenage girl pursuits – like, say, boys or hanging out at the mall – has she managed to script, cast, shoot, edit, and release not one, not two, but – fingers crossed – three feature films, all before the ancient age of 18?

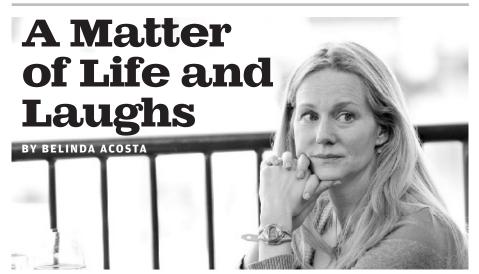
Hagins pauses to think before answering, and then says: "I think the best advice that anybody ever gave me was just to persevere and never give up, no matter what happens, because those accidents and problems along the way can turn into happy accidents. You never know. And I've followed that advice on every film."

Sage advice. Can we ask from whom?

"Did you ever see that Raiders of the Lost Ark adaptation?"

You mean Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Adaptation, the shot-for-shot remake of Steven Spielberg's Raiders, by Eric Zala, Jayson Lamb, and Chris Strompolos? (See "'Lost Ark,' Resurrected," May 30, 2003.)

"That's the one. I was there when they screened that at the Alamo when I was 10 years old, and during the Q&A I asked them what advice they would give to a young filmmaker. That was their reply to me: 'Never give up.' And now *I'm* giving that same advice to young filmmakers who come up to me saying: 'This is hard! What do I do now?!' Hey, I've been in that boat."



Laura Linney stars in The Big C, about one woman's life post-diagnosis with terminal cancer.

Maybe it's too early in her career to call **Laura Linney** a grande dame of, well, anything. But to me, she's one of the sparkling talents that we've been privileged to watch on film, TV, and, for some, live on stage. She was doleful and heartbreaking in **Love Actually**, kooky and fun during her run on **Frasier**, and now she is starring in her own TV series where we will get to see more of her talent, front and center.

Linney stars as Cathy Jamison on **The Big C**, a new dramedy on Showtime. I don't have Showtime, but I am seriously thinking of ordering it just so I can watch her. Fortunately, I was privy to an early peek of the first episode, and while I was not blown away by it, I am still a Linney fan and am looking forward to seeing how this series develops.

The Big C has two meanings. The first is a reference to the main character. The second is in reference to her life-changing challenge: She's been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and she must decide on all those things none of us who take for granted that another day, another month, another year is around the corner typically think about.

Among the decisions Cathy is contemplating is a swimming pool. Her yard is too small, but she wants one. Still, she allows the friendly but overly aggressive contractor she's hired to talk her into a nice hot tub/deck combo. You can read the disappointment on her face, but Cathy, it seems, is not one to put up a fight. Soon enough we learn that her life is filled with overbearing men - her husband, Paul (Oliver Platt), who probably doesn't deserve her; her teenage son, Adam (Gabriel Basso), who is unsurprisingly surly; and her kooky brother, Sean (John Benjamin Hickey), who lives life as an outsider. It's Cathy's relationship with Sean that is the most interesting. He's an eco-nut, prone to ranting and performing guerrilla theatre (as in hanging from a noose made of plastic shopping bags in a parking lot). Sean pointedly makes fun of his sister's uptight, tightly cinched lifestyle, while Cathy worries about her brother's safety and if he's getting enough to eat. They love each

other in that adversarial yet devoted way that siblings do, which is a great source of sentiment and humor.

Cathy is reluctant to tell her loved ones about her diagnosis, which allows the viewer insider knowledge from Cathy's point of view. This makes the experience of confronting her mortality both intimate and sometimes uncomfortable. Unlike the typical disease-of-the-week TV movies of yesteryear, *The Big C* is not focused on the melodramatic outpouring of emotion from those surrounding the stricken. Instead, the experience is distilled through the patient and through the performance of one very capable actor.

Thankfully, just when the reality begins to cut close to the bone, *The Big C* turns to humor. Besides the volleying between

Cathy and Sean are breathtaking interactions with Cathy as a high school teacher with another brusque teenager, the ebullient **Gabourey Sidibe** (*Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire*). Here, Sidibe plays Andrea, another typically surly teenager. But instead of letting Andrea get the best of her, Cathy

shows her backbone, tossing back salvos at the girl in a way that would be ghastly coming from someone else.

TV Guide, among others attending the Showtime presentation for *The Big C* during the Television Critics Association press tour, posted this quote from Linney on Twitter on the making of the show:

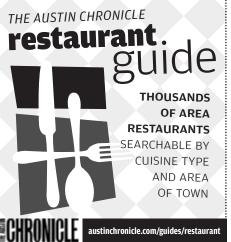
"What hit me the most was ... that we all have a limited amount of time and that it's a privilege to grow old." It's this thoughtful, clear-eyed approach that I believe will make *The Big C* much more than a tearjerker, mining unexpected humor when needed and mining emotion without sentimentality. And while it's presumed that Linney's character will die at the end, this is one series I can't wait to begin.

The Big C premieres Aug. 16 at 9:30pm after the season premiere of *Weeds*.

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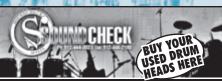






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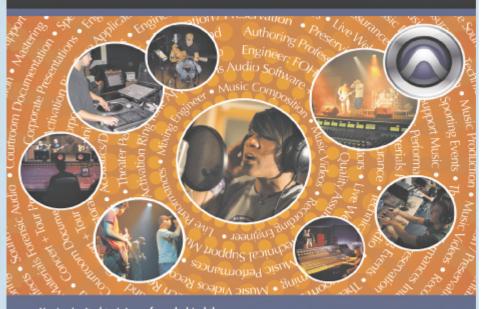
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HT THE RECORD MUSIC NEWS by Austin Powell

Funny How Time Slips Away

Forty years ago on Aug. 7, the Armadillo World Headquarters officially opened, but the old National Guard Armory at 5251/2 Barton Springs Rd. didn't transform into a cultural haven overnight. "I remember very clearly the opening night being one of the worst of my life," recalls then- $\bf Shiva's\ Headband\ manager\ and$ venue co-founder **Eddie Wilson**. "There was a lot of disappointment and aggravating behavior. The line was asshole to belly button all the way out the door and around the parking lot with people who had really good reasons why they shouldn't have to pay." That changed with time, of course, as the Armadillo evolved into the Fillmore of the South, hosting AC/DC's first stateside gig (see "Let There Be Rock," Aug. 29, 2008), a heroic run from Bruce Springsteen (see "The Wild, the Innocent, and the Five Armadillo Shows," April 3, 2009), and everything cosmic in between. "I always thought it looked like Noah's ark turned upside down," smiles Wilson, who's finishing his long-delayed memoir, "and we had 'em coming in two by two, every creature imaginable." To commemorate the anniversary, Paul Ray &



the Cobras headline Wilson's neighboring Threadgill's World Headquarters on Saturday, boasting the lineup – sans the late Junior Medlow – that recorded the shelved *Live & Deadly* album with Angela Strehli at the Armadillo in 1979, which is finally being released later this year. "A couple of chance meetings a few months ago got things in motion, and all concerned agreed it should come out now," writes guitarist Denny Freeman. Across town at Threadgill's Old No. 1, Hank Alrich, Wilson's "hero of the Armadillo," hosts an old-fashioned song swap on Sunday, Aug. 8, with a who's who from Austin's hay-daze, celebrating the second release from his Armadillo Records, *Taking Turns*.



In light of the recent Russian spy bust and **Angelina Jolie**'s espionage thriller *Salt*, the **Flying Balalaika Brothers**' Monday night Red Army Surrender Jam at **Ruta Maya** seems like too good of a secret to be true. Since late April, the Russian expatriates – as many as nine, no fewer than three – have quietly carved out a niche in South Austin, issuing convulsive gypsy

folk tunes that combine **Gogol Bordello**'s *Trans-Continental* Hustle and the desert romanticism of **Devotchka** with strains of bluegrass and Colombian music. "This is a crazy Russian song; don't even try this," prefaced beatboxing accordionist/guitarist **Zhenya Kolykhanov** before a number that sounded like **Dick Dale** fronting a Soviet **Sir Douglas Quintet**. Originally formed on the streets of Los Angeles, the FBB relocated locally earlier this year after scouting out the area while on tour with the Red Elvises, and released its self-titled debut, "Of all the places in Texas, only Austin was laid back and would get the humor," says Kolykhanov, who also leads the rockabilly outfit Russian Spies. The Red Army Surrender Jam continues throughout August, but the Iron Curtain may close soon after, due to an acrimonious split between the coffeehouse and former booker **Sandra Collins**. Earlier this week, the two parties reached a settlement for Collins' lost booking commissions from Aug. 26, 2010, through March 30, 2011, on the condition that, as the settlement states, she "promises never to set foot on the premises of Ruta Maya again."

Running With Scissors

"I hate to use a bad cliché," reflects Mohawk proprietor and Transmission Entertainment's James Moody regarding the lineup for the 2010 Fun Fun Fun Fest, which is expanding to include a third night, Nov. 5-7, at Waterloo Park, "but this is the go big or go home year." That much is evident even at a peripheral glance: Devo, MGMT, Bad Religion, the Dirty Projectors, Gwar, Os Mutantes, the Vandals, Cap'n Jazz, Mastodon, High on Fire, the Hold Steady, Jean Grae, Deerhunter,

Municipal Waste, Dwarves, and the reunited Polvo, as well as the previously announced Suicidal Tendencies, the Gories, and Slick Rick, who will be performing his *The Great Adventures Of.*The fifth annual fall classic boasts Transmission's strongest bill by far, with plenty of local love (League of Extraordinary Gz, Mother Falcon, Woven Bones, Hatred Surge) and tastemaking cred (Best Coast, Spain's Delorean, Dâm-Funk). Plus, in a characteristic curveball, Weird Al Yankovic

headlines Friday night's kickoff, and the weekend's comedy stage transforms into **Circus Austinus**, with an Air Sex competition, a multimedia show from Brooklyn's **Cold Cave**, and **Monotonix**, no-holds-barred, in the ring of **Anarchy Championship Wrestling**. "It's going to be a full-fledged free-for-all back there," relates Moody. A second wave of early-bird tickets goes on sale this week. Weekend passes remain \$75, while three-day tickets start at \$95. **www.funfunfunfest.com**.

Clash of the Titans

Just when it seemed like the mash-up genre had exhausted its last sample, local laptop bandits Car Stereo (Wars) and **Neiliyo** both dropped free mixtapes through the Austin boutique label Artifact Workshop that perfectly encapsulate this deadbeat summer. The former's Explains It All recycles Top 40 hits with 40 bars of Dirty South verses in a manner that would make Girl Talk blush, while the latter's Copyright 1302 layers original electro-funk raps over beats and bleeps from the 1980s and previews an all-new LP, Swish. Both artists share a wink-and-nod affection for the past and are appearing at an official Lollapalooza preparty at the Hideout in Chicago this weekend. "It's kind of interesting to bring back these older tunes because of the similarities to the newer music," relates **Neil Petty**, the one-man **LCD** Soundsystem behind Neiliyo. For the complete teleconference interview with both artists and links to downloads, visit austinchronicle.com/earache.

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Random Play

Two of this fall's most highly anticipated shows – the reunited **Guided by Voices** (Sept. 30) and **Of Montreal** with **Janelle Monáe** (Nov. 3) – are being held at the **East Side Drive In** (1001 E. Sixth), otherwise known as the empty lot where **Transmission Entertainment** hosted **Mess With Texas** during South by Southwest in March. "The ultimate intention is to do a mixed-use project there," says **Richard Kooris** of **Urban Infill Partnership**, which owns the property.

■ E Street continues to shine a light on Austin. Springsteen guitarist **Steven Van Zandt** has dubbed the **Mother Truckers**' "Summer of Love" one of the "Coolest Songs in the World" for his Sirius radio show, **Underground Garage**, an honor he previously bestowed on the band in 2008 for its "Streets of Atlanta." After its current *Van Tour*, the Truckers pull into the **Continental Club** on Saturday, Aug. 28, before a weeklong tour of Denmark.

The envelope please: AJ Castillo, Vitera, Los Splendi2, and La Clave de Mexico rock the red carpet for Best Austin Band at Premios Texas 2010, returning to the Long Center Thursday, Aug. 12. The sixth annual Latin music awards show broadcasts on KAKW's Univision 62 and features performances from Ozomatli, Aleks Syntek, and Diana Reyes, among others.

Applications are now being accepted through **Sonicbids** for the **2011 South by Southwest Music Festival**, March 16-20. www.sxsw.com/music/shows/apply.

Michael Franti taped an impromptu acoustic set for Austin City Limits last Wednesday when flight issues delayed the arrival of reggae titan Jimmy Cliff. The two later performed "The Harder They Come," but the Chronicle's Thomas Fawcett subtracted style points for Franti's lyric sheet. Check his full recap at austinchronicle.com/earache.

Nasty Dogs & Funky Kings

The DVD mother lode of 'Rockpalast'

BY RAOUL HERNANDS

"I had been called to [German public-broad casting company] WDR in 1974," explain Piichel. "My task was to rebuild the your company."

Essen, Germany, 1980: Their faces haven't yet been overtaken by hair.

Billy Gibbons hops and bobs like a Civil Warera pugilist in a rounders hat, and with Dusty Hill in his Che Guevara beret, the now-lifetime musical partners assume a comic Southern Gothic, the guitarist tall and skinny in a black (linen?) leisure suit, and the bassist shorter and stouter in a white shirt and black vest. Frank Beard, glimpsed from the back of the drum riser, wears a silky black shirt. When the trio fries the Gulf Coast humidity off "I'm Bad, I'm Nationwide." its bad becomes global.

"Heard It on the X" is all barbed wire. On the nuclear boogie of "Nasty Dogs & Funky Kings," Gibbons wields his Les Paul like a backhoe. "Beer Drinkers & Hell Raisers" gets in a Coup de Ville and lets fly, the two guitarists trading raw-throated blues verses like

hand claps. "La Grange" next, which scorches the Houston triumvirate's 60-minute main set, prompts your peeing yourself. First encores: Elmore James' "Dust My Broom" (ornery), "Jailhouse Rock" (King size),

"Tush" (Dusty @#\$%^& Hill). Billy Gibbons, scarecrow of the guitar. Merle Haggard's "Okie From Muskogee" tunnels the three backstage, and the DVD credits roll.

"I made ZZ Top known in Europe," declares Peter Rüchel almost immediately and without prompting one afternoon (his evening) last week from Cologne, Germany. "They played *Rockpalast* in April of 1980, which was their first appearance in Europe and their first appearance on television also, I think. After that they were known all over Europe."

Rüchel put on 17 Rockpalast Rocknights between 1977 and 1986, typically one in March or April, and the other one in October. Three acts per bill began late night Saturday and bled into the early hours of the Sabbath. All were broadcast live on German television and beyond, "until the last note was played."

"During the night that ZZ Top appeared on *Rockpalast*, the other groups appearing were the Blues Band, Joan Armatrading, Ian Hunter & Mick Ronson, and then ZZ Top, which was at 4 in the morning," recalls Rüchel. "When I

first proposed this to their manager, Bill Ham, when we met in Chicago – where ZZ Top were playing two nights at the Aragon Ballroom – he said, 'Well, 4am, that means everyone in Europe is fast asleep.' I threw my heart over the hurdle and said, 'Not with this band.' And I was right, because at 5:30 in the morning, they gave five encores."

Not only were the semiannual *Rockpalast* concerts recorded for later rebroadcast, Rüchel and his crew filmed hundreds of shows throughout German clubs year round.

"In these, we also were able to make discoveries," reveals Rüchel. "The programming was not following the charts. It was totally left to our judgment. That means mine as the producer and the consulting director's. So in one club concert in '81, we recorded U2 in front of 350 paying guests, and it was these 350 –

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plus the director and myself – who *knew* this was a good and promising band while *not* knowing how far they would get."

That particular *Rockpalast* brand DVD won't make its way into commercial release any time soon, but ZZ Top's *Double Down Live, 1980-2008* (Eagle) scuttled onto the digital highway last year with all the fanfare of a nearsighted armadillo but the reel-life buried-treasure cache of the Alamo.

The Promised Land

Hall of Fame rock & roll dots late-night 1970s TV from the U.S. to Denmark, but copyright and licensing keep archival music crucibles such as *Don Kirshner's Rock Concert* mostly out of the public domain. Time Life is segmenting *The Midnight Special*, periodic *Soul Train* spin-offs continue dribbling out (last week's *The Best Of*), and greatest-hits selections from the UK's *Old Grey Whistle Test* tease unseen ice masses below the surface, but only *Rockpalast* continues seeping live music history onto Amazon.com in fits and spurts.

"I had been called to [German public-broad-casting company] WDR in 1974," explains Rüchel. "My task was to rebuild the young people's programs. That included drama, discussion, documentaries, and also music.

"Of course, it was a totally different media situation than the one we have now, because at that time there were only three channels in Germany: Channel 1, which I worked for; Channel 2; and the search channels, which were regional – all of them being public TV. There was no commercial TV, which in Germany appeared only in the mid-Eighties. This also marks the end of *Rockpalast* nights."

The program returned in 1990 for another five years, becoming periodic thereafter, with its founder's last active years at the beginning of the new millennium. *Rockpalast* still airs new and vintage shows in Germany on Sunday nights.

"I don't know," laughs Rüchel when asked how many performances are in *Rockpalast*'s completist vaults. "Hundreds."

He estimates 40 titles circulating Europe, while domestic availability counts half that, everything from a vaunted Little Feat per-

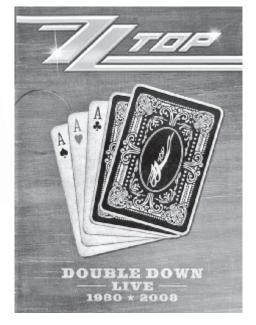
formance featuring the late Lowell George and classic lineup Lynyrd Skynyrd from 1976 to Harry Chapin, Mitch Ryder, and Rick James. The overall online index is staggering (www.rockpalastarchiv.de). Stateside go-to licensee Eagle announced just last week a new

Nils Lofgren double-disc release.

"It is not easy; put it that way," sighs Rüchel. "At the time, we acquired only television rights, nothing else. Sometimes contracts definitely excluded other use, so in each individual case we have to regain the relevant rights for DVD publication. It's become easier since top acts like ZZ Top and the Who have agreed. I have been talking to the Who management about the release of the Who concert since March 2008.

"And a holy grail?" repeats Rüchel, thinking. "I would like to have the concert of Peter Gabriel from 1978, but he doesn't think that this is up to his present standards. It was a very simple presentation compared to what he's doing onstage now, so he doesn't like it anymore. We are very friendly with one another, but I can't overcome. I would like to have the Grateful Dead's [3½-hour set from 1981]; this is closer to happening.

"And of course there's one who has never played *Rockpalast*, whom had he ever appeared on *Rockpalast* would have been my primary concern: Bruce Springsteen."



Recent 'Rockpalast' Avalanche

MEAT LOAF Bat Out of Hell: The Original Tour (Eagle)

According to the DVD notes, Bat Out of Hell remains a worldwide pinnacle behind Michael Jackson's Thriller and AC/DC's Back in Black. The write-up also puts the 1977 disc alongside Dark Side of the Moon, Sgt.



Peppers, and Quadrophenia. "You guys look like one of the most unlikeliest couples in rock & roll today," opines the German host during a preshow segment from Frankfurt, 1978, Jim Steinman the Broadway wannabe and Meat Loaf the Texan. The former's narration from the piano bench ("On a hot summer night would you offer your throat to the wolf with red roses?") crosses Byron with Norman Mailer, while a belly shot of the singer during the closing reprise of "All Revved Up With No Place to Go" is King Kong iconic. NYC siren Karla DeVito tries to levitate "You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth (Hot Summer Night)" - on LP it's Ellen Foley – but it's still off-Broadway. Blind side: "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad." 90 minutes. ★★★

JOAN ARMATRADING Steppin' Out (Eagle)

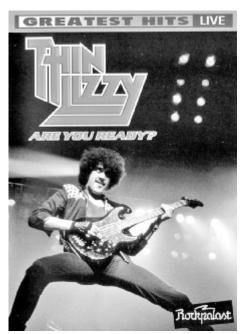
West Indies-born pop folkie raised in the UK birthplace of Black Sabbath, Judas Priest, and Thin Lizzy himself, Philip Lynott – all from Birmingham – in retrospect looks like Tracy Chapman's



older sister. As with the Caribbean-accented "Rosie," vocals of inner/outer conscience power 1980 turnaround *Me Myself I*, which contributes four songs to the 84-minute set, including closer "When You Kisses Me." Even with "How Cruel" ("I bite my tongue, and it bites me back"), the thick timbre of Armatrading's voice becomes monochromatic. **

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THIN LIZZY Are You Ready? (Eagle)

"One, one, one," intones Lizzy incarnate Phil Lynott. "Are you ready? Are you ready?" Bronzing the penultimate 1981 lineup of this UK warhorse, these 111 minutes are even immune to the heinously mic'd guitar tandem of Snowy White and wasted rock ranger Scott Gorham. The frontman slums from Chinatown's "Genocide" ("People around here don't take kindly to the killing of the buffalo") and rare 7-inch "Trouble Boys" to an early version of "Angel of Death," here titled "Desaster." Black Irish Lynott stands long and tall, clear-eved in his leather studded vest and spiked wristband, no shirt, sporting a cannonball Afro and pirate hoop earring - a comic-book superhero thumping his instrument like Dale Earnhardt, while Emerald Isle mate, mainstay, and backbone of the band Brian Downey pounds loose and wiry on the drums. Lynott's red Converse hi-tops catch the spotlight like the pick flicking across his bass strings as he surveys the open-air crowd with the smoky eyes of stardom. Watching him deliver another mouthful of West Side Story as the band pretends it's Eddie Cochran catches in your throat. People drop Thin Lizzy references like pecans from Texas trees, but very few know what it really looked and sounded like. This is it, kids. ***

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JOHN CIPOLLINA/NICK **GRAVENITES BAND**

West Coast Legends Vol. 1 (SPV)

Filmed in Dortmund, 1980, nine years before Quicksilver Messenger Service man John Cipollina died, southside Chicago blues guru Nick Gravenites, who founded the Electric Flag with Paul Butterfield's Mike Bloomfield and wrote



"East West" before joining Big Brother & the Holding Company in S.F., led a combo including Austin-born bassist and current Houston entertainment lawyer Al Staehely. His wolfish "Signs of Life," chased by Cipollina's working slide on his trademark red Gibson SG with black, Batmanesque inlay, proves both Staehely's vocal and compositional grit. For "Buried Alive in the Blues," Cipollina steps to the mic for some added intro: "This song Nick wrote for Janis Joplin, but she got buried first. It's kind of a long story." Quicksilver's trademark jam, Bo Diddley's "Who Do You Love," closes without all the heyday histrionics sadly. A 15-minute bonus excerpts the film Blues Survivors for some Gravenites color/ background. ★★★

JORMA KAUKONEN & VITAL PARTS West Coast Legends Vol. 2 (SPV)

Captured on the same bill as the Gravenites/Cipollina band, Jefferson Airplane gunner Jorma Kaukonen, sporting a black "Impeach Reagan" T-shirt and New Wave red pants, holds an electric seminar on table-saw blues. Woozy string bending

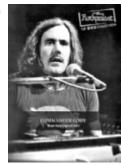


("Trimmed and Burning Milk Cow Blues") and the guitarist's singing (on the succeeding "To Hate Is to Stay Young") bunch up like a postblues Iggy Pop. Kaukonen's Les Paul sauce on "Bar-B-Que King" would have been at home at the Armadillo, while "Wake Up Dead Man" could teach U2 a thing or two about honking. Tag-teaming the Rev. Gary Davis ("Death Don't Have No Mercy") with Robert Johnson ("Walkin' Blues") turns just plain lethal. Kaukonen saves the best for last with six-string tractor pulls "Valley of Tears" and "Straight Ahead." "This band does accept drug contributions," he adds. 90 minutes. $\star\star$

COMMANDER CODY Blues Rock Legends Vol. 1 (SPV)

Out of Ann Arbor, Mich., but originally from Boise, Idaho, - and soon, like Nick Gravenites, an S.F.

émigré (later a Texan) - George Frayne was the original Eugene Hütz, an indefatigable bordello ringmaster plying hipster country-billy rather than gypsy punk. The Commander's Lost Planet Airmen here include diesel-fueled Telecaster master Bill Kirchen on Doug "My



Sharona" Fieger haircut and Buddy Holly glasses. Frayne's boogie-woogie keys on "Beat Me Daddy 8 to the Bar" soften on a "sweet country and western ballad ... we've got those 'Down to the Seeds and Stems Blues.'" "Ubangi Stomp," nitro hit "Hot Rod Lincoln," and Leiber & Stoller lockdown "Riot in Cell Block No. 9" dance atop the bar, though not the one on 1974 Armadillo red house, Live From Deep in the Heart of Texas.

SPIRIT West Coast Legends Vol. 3 (SPV)

Taped in 1978, Spirit's slinky psych connects the 13th Floor Elevators to the Black Angels and beyond. No surprise on the threads: frontman Randy California iammed with Hendrix in Jimi James & the Blue Flames at the



age of 15 and carries said flame in his Isle of Wight headband and blouse, while adopting third stone from the sun arrangements of Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone" and "All Along the Watchtower," not to mention a smoking "Hey Joe" (teeth shredding and behind-theback massages) and "Wild Thing." The bandleader's synthesized effects strike a bum note, but California's facility on his Rockpalast-stickered Stratocaster matches the Golden State-sized timpani of original Spirit drummer Ed Cassidy, the guitarist's stepfather. Calling card "I Got a Line on You" remains a rail of moonshine adrenaline; Allman Brother Dickey Betts adds Southern Comfort to the end jam. California died in Hawaii in 1997 saving his son from ocean currents. 113 minutes. ★★★

DICKEY BETTS & GREAT **SOUTHERN 30 Years of Southern**

Rock: 1978-2008 (SPV)

Double-disc set, with the first 100 minutes from Essen. 1978, and another hour and a half 30 years later in Bonn. On the former, Betts



takes a swig from a small bottle and lays it on the drum riser as the set begins. His sub-

Audio 'Rockpalast': Integrity Check

CD counterparts edited for length on the SPV imprint:

John Cipollina/Nick Gravenites Band ★★★★ Paul Butterfield Band ★★★★

Commander Cody; Spirit ★★★ Jorma Kaukonen & Vital Parts; Dickey Betts & Great Southern ★★

Three Other Dinosaur Discoveries

ROLLING STONES Stones in Exile (Eagle)

What the 2-CD reissue of magnum opus Exile on Main St. lacked in audio revelations is made up for in unseen visuals grooving this hourlong documentary. Thirty minutes of extended interview nuggets: eight minutes with head man Keith Richards, Bill Wyman's enduring pride ("no one could touch us onstage, no one"), poor ravaged Anita Pallenberg's clear-eyed recollections, and Mick Jagger and Charlie Watts



agreeing that the Stones finished only nine songs in nine months of exile in the south of France. ***

360 Degrees at the Rose Bowl (Universal)

Irish peacekeeping force redeems its stillborn No Line on the Horizon with this twosaucer Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the group's stage space needle a cross between H.G. Wells' War of the Worlds and Pink Floyd's The Wall. As disembodied as the two-hour Universal Studios ride becomes, U2 fires on all boosters ("The Unforgettable Fire"). Unfairly excised "Breathe"

on a second disc of extras and time lapse from Berlin, plus Barcelona excerpts could have stayed in the hangar. ★★



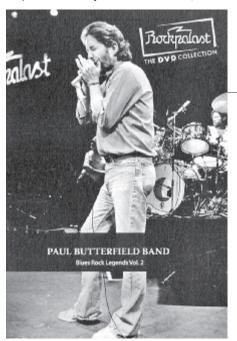
RUSH Beyond the Lighted Stage (Zoë)

Too many documentaries, let alone music histories, inform us there's a tale that needs telling. Some stories, like this 107-minute romantic comedy adventure for instance, bubble up from the wellspring of natural phenomenon. A second disc of extras, starring a pair of 1974 rave-ups with original drummer John Rutsey and an uncut performance of "La Villa Strangiato" from the film, matches up a trio of hobbies -



golf (Alex Lifeson), baseball (Geddy Lee's Shoeless Joe Jackson bat), and road rage (Neil Peart). ★★★

sequent performance suggests it wasn't holy water. "This is a song about getting drunk and taking a lot of dope, getting put in jail, and having your lady leave you. And writing a song about it," the guitarist prefaces "You Can Have Her," and his singing, if you can call it that, calls into question Betts' compositional claim. Dan Toler breathes life into Betts' Allman Brothers' staple "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed," with



the lead longhair faring far better on "Jessica" and perfunctory closer "Ramblin' Man." Between the latter two lies a "Mountain Jam"-like 30 minutes of roundrobin solos ("High Falls"). Three decades later, a considerably more sober Betts, with son Duane on third guitar - who'd probably rather sound like his old man instead of simply being the spitting image of him - rolls mostly Allmans ("Statesboro Blues," "Blue Sky," "One Way Out," "No One To Run With"), with Michael Kach aboard as a Gregg Allman sound-alike (barely). Performance catches a breeze halfway through, but it's no Fillmore set, East or West. ★

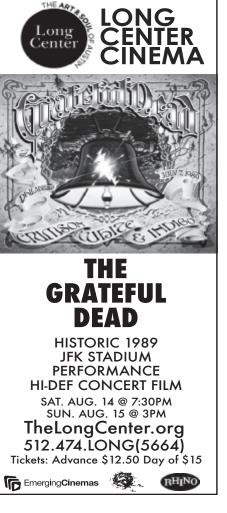
PAUL BUTTERFIELD BAND

Blues Rock Legends Vol. 2 (SPV)

White-boy blues ("Fool in Love") as stoked by Chicago harp cat Paul Butterfield, who fronts a fivepiece driven by two baby-faced but fleet-fingered pipe cleaners and a low-down rhythm section. First flamethrower Buzzy Feiten razes all. The bandleader's resonator heats the proceedings until the cooldown of "It's Alright" goes soul to scream, then gets chased by Woodstock mow "Goin' Down" in a blaze of glory lighting into Albert King's "Born Under a Bad Sign." "Just When I Needed You Most" douses the coals gratefully. A backstage segment afterward seals the deal. Butterfield died in 1987 at 44. 66 minutes. ****







THE ARCADE FIRE The Suburbs (Merge)

Win Butler is no stranger to The Suburbs. The Arcade Fire co-founder and his multi-instrumentalist brother William grew up in Houston's The Woodlands, a masterplanned community that serves as the metaphorical backdrop to the



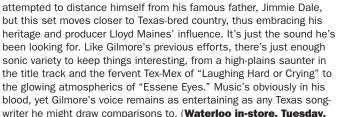
Montreal outfit's highly anticipated third LP. "I dreamt I drove home to Houston on a highway," reflects Butler in centerpiece "City With No Children," one of several references to the East Texas sprawl. He's still gazing into his rearview mirror as the chorus concludes, "A garden left for ruin by a millionaire/ Inside of a private prison." The Arcade Fire began as escape artists, fleeing from such moments of shared discomfort and crimes unknown into childhood fantasies of heroic proportion. With The Suburbs, the baroque pop outfit attempts to reconcile its past and present - living with both "Suburban War" and critical acclaim ("Rococo") – casting the neighborhoods of 2004's Funeral in the afterglow of 2007 sequel Neon Bible. The resultant narrative drama marks the band's most conceptually complete work to date, landing somewhere between Bowie's Berlin and Springsteen's Asbury Park, especially in the vintage-electro anthem "Half Light II (No Celebration)" and the staggering urgency of "We Used To Wait." Régine Chassagne excels in her role of the desperate housewife in "Empty Room," which pairs racing strings against a Loveless guitar-symphony, and "Half Light I," a ghostly elegant duet with Wall of Sound orchestration. Butler matures from innocence (jagged, early standout "Ready To Start") to experience ("Modern Man") and back again, with unwavering intensity. Ultimately, there's no resolution to The Suburbs, only a requiem for the uncomfortably numb.

**** - Austin Powell

COLIN GILMORE

Goodnight Lane

Minus a couple of EPs along the way, it's been six years since Colin Gilmore's last long-player. Goodnight Lane proves he's spent that time well, sharpening his songs full of solid hooks, curious ideas, and a youthful vision. Previously, Gilmore



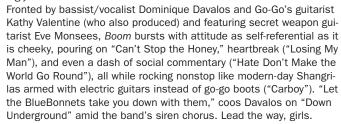
Aug. 10; Saxon Pub that night.)

– Jim Caligiuri

THE BLUEBONNETS

Boom Boom Boom Boom

If Lucinda Williams didn't really come into her own until she had a few years under her jeans, the same is true for the BlueBonnets, the Texa-Cali female fourpiece pumping pure rock refreshingly free of embellishment like "roots" or "alt."



 Margaret Moser ****

COLINGILMORE



PATRICIA VONNE Worth It (Bandolera)

**** PERFECT *** GREAT *** GOOD ** MEDIOCRE * COASTER

Whatever you're expecting from this new Patricia Vonne disc, the title says it all. The statuesque local Latina here rocks a tough stride in her

BY MARGARET MOSER



career at a time when she knows her territory better than ever, exuding a newfound confidence woven tightly within her signature bilingual compositions ("El Marinero y la Sirena," "Cowskulls and Ghostowns"). ★★★

texas platters

girlie action

MIRANDA DODSON Change a Thing (Folk Star)

With Robert Harrison of Future Clouds & Radar ably producing, Miranda Dodson has it made, especially with guests like Charlie Sexton



bassist George Reiff and Alejandro Escovedo cellist Brian Standefer. Clearly on the alt edge of singer-songwriter country-folk, Dodson's own songs twinkle ("Never Be the Same," "Slow Motion"), but her cover of Jimmy Cliff's "Sitting in Limbo" is a thing of beauty. ★★↓

THE APPLE TRIO

The Apple Trio picked the right year to deliver its eponymous debut. The homegrown chamber pop trio from McCallum Fine Arts Academy combines cellist Diana



Burgess of Mother Falcon with Caiti Coughlan on viola and Olivia Erwin on violin. Their airy tunes are red-ripe and sweet, composers Burgess and Coughlan exhibiting a charming lack of guile or artifice ("Raindrops," "Could I?"). ★★★

AMY ANNELLE

The Cimarron Banks: A High Plains Emanation (High Plains Sigh)



Wedged between traditional folk, Western balladry, and cheeky singer-songwrit-

ing, Cimarron Banks is the soundtrack before a script. Produced by Craig Ross, it's presented in song-cycle style, befitting a lonesome and unpredictable nature. Amy Annelle's lovely voice carries like the Texas wind throughout, evocative lyrics begging further examination. ***

GINGER LEIGH Better Than Well - Live at the Saxon (Ginger Leigh Music)

As one of the reigning queens of Austin folk pop, Ginger Leigh was overdue for a live release. Her eighth CD



gathers 10 tracks from her repertoire, including "Angel" and "Time To Move On" from 2006's fine Sugar in My Coffee, plus a comic bit discussing the pronunciation of her name in Italian. Warm and pleasing as the wood interior of the Saxon itself. ★★ֈ

reissue

STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN & DOUBLE TROUBLE Couldn't Stand the Weather (Epic/Legacy)

There's the sophomore slump (U2's October) and the sophomore slam (Led Zeppelin II). Stevie Ray Vaughan & Double Trouble's second LP for Epic, 1984's Couldn't Stand the Weather, amounted to following up Jimi Hendrix with, well, Stevie Ray Vaughan (1954-1990). Where the local, Dallas-born guitarist's debut, Texas Flood, a year earlier chiseled its name immediately into the all-time blues registry, Couldn't Stand the Weather went directly from his forebear's Are You Experienced to Electric Ladyland without ever stopping at Axis: Bold as Love (another second-outing slump). A double-disc reboot of Vaughan's commercial breakthrough -500,000 sold and double that eventually - inspires flashbacks to a rain-lashed MTV video for "Couldn't Stand the Weather" that will still soak your socks. Even now Texas elements best describe the disc, opening like the skies on a follow-up of sorts to Texas Flood instrumental and Grammy-nominee "Rude Mood." At one minute and 52 seconds, "Scuttle Buttin" busts open Couldn't Stand the Weather like loose shudders in a typhoon. The title track then showers

meteors on Vaughan's trademark bolero. Its composer's spatial flurry of riffs, where rhythmic pause equals 1,000 years of solitude, peels back pure kiss-the-sky Strat varnish. And that's before "Voodoo Child (Slight Return)" powers forth, a standard that Double Trouble bassist Tommy Shannon pressed his best friend to cover (see "In a

Blink of an Eye," Chronicle Music blog Earache!, July 28). After a dizzying cluster of vertiginous string bends toward the five-minute mark comes the song's portentous greeting, "I won't see you again in this world," after which Vaughan almost swallows the next line. "See you in the next," before hollering the punch

line: "Don't be late!" Two full decades after the guitar hero's death, and in the face of posthumous galaxies of catalog comportment, the studio version sounds somewhat tame. Setting off the album's second half is the same weather system powering both the title cut and another video era favorite, a cover of Austinites Mike Kindred and W.C. Clark's "Cold Shot." Its chill 'tude melts into all nine late-night minutes/rivulets of "Tin

Pan Alley (aka Roughest Place in Town)." Two final SRV originals on the eight-track, 38-minute LP, "Honey Bee" and speakeasy closer "Stang's Swang," call bar time. If not better than Texas Flood, then Couldn't Stand the Weather manages that which the best sophomore efforts (Cream's Disraeli Gears) ultimately accomplish - refining an act's key

> ingredients/influences into an evolutionary advance. Session overflow, 11 tracks, reshuffles portions of posthumous peak The Sky Is Crying and Sony's initial Couldn't Stand the Weather expansion in the form of 10 covers and Vaughan original "Empty Arms," which would prove an initial step toward Vaughan & Double Trouble's first relative slump - the still fiery Soul to

Soul. A previously unreleased stab at Sky Is Crying opener "Boot Hill" proves pleasingly raw, but nothing notable justifies the filler. Same goes for the second CD here, a live sampling of Couldn't Stand the Weather in Montreal two weeks after the album's release, unremarkable save for its penultimate track, 11-minute Mars rover "Lenny." The reissue, not the album: **

- Raoul Hernandez

LEAD STORY

Among the promotions offered by New York City's upscale Marmara Manhattan hotel is a "birth tourism" package exploiting the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment, For about \$35,000, a foreign expectant mother with a visa can spend her delivery week in luxury accommodations (including medical care) and assure her baby automatic U.S. citizenship. (That child could then become an "anchor," subsequently making it easier for the parents to acquire green cards.) Also, The Washington Post reported in July that three agencies in China, with U.S. affiliates. offer similar packages to their affluent citizens, whose primary concern seems to be providing their children access to a U.S. education as an alternative to China's expensive, competitive system. (Historians agree that the purpose of the citizenship right in the 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, was to recognize former slaves as citizens.)

MORE TALES OF THE MIRACLE DRUG

1) A naked 47-year-old man was taken to an El Paso burn center in July after "friends" won a bet and got to set his prosthetic leg on fire, and it spread to his body. The man admitted to police that he had lost fair-and-square, by downing "only" six beers. He was treated for several days and released. 2) In June, two 34-year-old men in Horsham, Australia, underwent surgery as a result of a plan hatched during a drinking bout. They had both wondered if it hurt to get shot and thus obliged each other.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Black magic failed to secure the World Cup for Africa this year, but on the other hand, the weak host team, South Africa, managed an opening round draw with Mexico and an upset victory over France. "Sangomas" (traditional "healers") spreading "muti" (powders, potions, animal bones, especially from speedsters like horses and ostriches) had been out in force. World Cup stadium security was tight, but in African league soccer games, it is not uncommon for sangomas, pregame, to bury animal parts on the field or to have players urinate on it to improve the karma.

British Safety Ninnies: The local government that runs the Ebdon Road Cemetery in Weston-super-Mare, England, ordered the removal of the small cross marking the grave of Rosemary Maggs, who died in May. The local council had prohibited crosses in the cemetery, citing safety.

Things You Didn't Think Happened:

1) Although 85% of Americans are covered by health insurance, the figure in Rwanda is 92%. In that country's 11-year-old system, everyone pays \$2 a year – obviously just for basics. However, Rwandans' main problems are more easily treatable – infections, malnutrition, malaria, childbirth – and not expensive diabetes, obesity, and cholesterol-clogged arteries. 2) In Israel's West Bank, Palestinians have a highly competitive racecar season, and one team on the rise this year is the sexism-fighting female squad led by driver Suna Aweida. "Driving is driving," she told BBC News in June.





Britain's head constable told a police chiefs' meeting in June that they were being "buried" under a "telephone directory"-sized (6,497 pages) compilation of rules and regulations telling street bobbies in massive detail such things as how to apply handcuffs and ride bicycles.

In July, acknowledging pressure from local Asian activists, officials at the Exchange mall in Rochdale, England, removed the toilets from two of the facility's restroom stalls and installed "squat toilets," also known as "Nile pans" – and often referred to by Westerners as "holes in the ground." The officials said they were trying to serve the many Pakistani and Bangladeshi immigrants living in greater Manchester.

LATEST RELIGIOUS MESSAGES

One of Britain's 200 or so "consecrated hermits" might soon be homeless as the owner of her cottage in rural Shropshire County has listed it for sale. Karen Markham, 44, lives by rules set down by St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism, that require her to rise at 4am, pray and chant for three hours, then contemplate in silence. For recreation, she weaves rugs using wool from local sheep, according to a May report in the Daily Telegraph.

American "Sangomas": 1) In July, a fifth-grade teacher at Jacox Elementary School in Norfolk, Va., resigned under pressure after administrators discovered she was rubbing "holy oil" on students and their desks during school. 2) Teachers Leslie Rainer and Djuna Robinson were removed from teaching duties at Blanche Ely High School in Pompano Beach, Fla., in March after they were seen sprinkling "holy water" onto a colleague, a self-described atheist. Other witnesses disputed the details, but the two were charged under the school's "anti-bullying" policy for aggressiveness toward the other teacher.

REDNECK CHRONICLES

From Florida's Panhandle Region: 1) A 24-year-old man was arrested in Crestview, Fla., in April after he allegedly removed a window air-conditioner and crawled into a house in which his wife was staying. They had recently separated, and he told police that he had not "gotten any" in three weeks and was going to "get some." 2) In June in Okaloosa County, Fla., passenger Courtnea Bradley, 21, roughed up the driver while the car was moving, making it swerve wildly, thus allegedly endangering her baby in the backseat. At the subsequent traffic stop, a defiant Bradley allegedly told officers, "My (expletive) family is one of the richest around, and we will have y'all's (expletive) jobs."

A 'NEWS OF THE WEIRD' CLASSIC (AUGUST 1991)

In May (1991), 19 members of the Michigan House of Representatives (led by the chairman of the Judiciary Committee) introduced a resolution designed to deal with obnoxious social problems, but without creating expensive regulatory programs. The resolution would establish, at the State Archives, a "Registry of Bothersome Practices," on which people could contribute to an official list of complaints about such things as elevator music and magazine blow-in subscription cards.

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THURSDAY 05

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., 974-7800. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp.

* MCMANSION ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Check out the proposed amendment to expand the geographical boundaries of the ordinance that keeps architectural monstrosities at bay. Scope the plan and share your constructive thoughts with the council. 4pm. Council Chambers at City Hall, 301 W. Second, 974-2000. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/zoning/sf_regs.htm.

HEDDA TAKES A LEAP This week's Hedda Layne appearance will benefit LEAP, a nonprofit which serves to motivate underserved youth, much in the same way diva Hedda serves to motivate tha bootay. First and third Thursdays of each month, 6pm. The Belmont, 305 W. Sixth, 457-0300. \$10 suggested donation. www.heddalayne.com, www.leapaustin.org.

NERD NITE Three specialists (nerds) talk about their specialties (nerdness). This month's topics include David Furer on wine smarts, Steven Polunsky on the only mutiny in U.S. naval history, and Rachel Youens on those confounding QR codes. Drink up, dork. 7:30pm. Buffalo Billiards, 201 E. Sixth, 479-7665. Free. www.austin.nerdnite.com

INSIDE BOOKS VOLUNTEER NIGHTS Various opportunities and skills are needed to help send requested books to Texas prisons, Thursdays & Sundays, 8-11pm. Space 12, 3121 E. 12th, 647-4803. www.insidebooksproject.org.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU This summer's batch of Vortex-trained kids

brings the Kaufman/Hart comedy to the longtime Eastside stage, under the direction of Mick D'arcy. Through Aug. 7. Thu.-Sun., 8pm. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. \$10-30. www.vortexrep.org.

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL: ANNIE Bring

the family, a blanket, and your love of precocious, singing orphans. Zen Japanese Food Fast will be selling its edibles for the famished. *Through Aug.* 14. Thursdays-Sundays, 8:30pm. Zilker Hillside Theater, 2206 William Barton Dr., 479-9491. Free. www.zilker.org.

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)

Rio's Brazilian Cafe

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.) Blood Into Wine @ Alamo Drafthouse Village, 10pm The Red Shoes @ Alamo Drafthouse South, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Soilwork, Death Angel Emo's Future Clouds & Radar ND at 501 Studios KB the Boo Bonic Flamingo Cantina

FRIDAY 06

* TEXAS DPS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Bring the kids and either get them excited about our Department of Public Safety or perhaps scare them straight with events ranging from SWAT and helicopter rappelling demonstrations to tours of the headquarters. The kids zone has a trooper dunking booth, obstacle course, fingerprinting station, and more. Sign up for the barbecue lunch beforehand (\$10) if you think all the excitement is going to make



you hungry. 9am-3:30pm. Texas Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 5805 N. Lamar, 424-2396. Free. w.txdps.state.tx.us/contact.htm

LAUNCH PAD JOB CLUB Get the support and tools you need to find your job, every week. 10am. Phillips Pavilion, 1504 E. 51st. Free. www.launchpadjobclub.com.

* HAM RADIO SUMMERFEST This two-day convention for amateur radio enthusiasts begins Friday night with the Swapfest and continues all

day Saturday with more swapping, plus presentations, workshops, exams, and the chance to get good deals on new and used equipment. Fri.-Sat., Aug. 6-7. Austin Airport Marriott South, 4415 S. I-35. \$10 (\$8. advance). www.austinsummerfest.org.

RAG BLOG BENEFIT BASH Help raise funds for the Rag Blog and celebrate the 65th birthday of its editor, Thorne Dreyer. Support the local newsmagazine published by the New Journalism Project. 6-8:30pm. Maria's Taco Xpress, 2529 S. Lamar, 444-0261. \$10 suggested dona-

 $tion. \ \ \textbf{www.theragblog.blogspot.com}$

* RECOMMENDED

YOUNG ONES

GAY PLACES

PFLUGERVILLE'S MUSIC IN THE PARK features the rock and soul of Uncle Lucius. 7pm. Pfluger Park, 515 City Park Rd., 512/251-5082. Free. www.cityof pflugerville.com/musicinthepark

SUMMER MUSICAL GALA This is Austin Summer Musical for Children's largest fundraiser of the year. See this year's production of Pirates of Pedernales while you contemplate how much you're willing to bid on the silent auction items. 7pm. Boyd Vance Theatre at the Carver Museum, 1165 Angelina, 971-0810. \$10 suggested donation. www.summermusical.com.

VENUS VELVET VARIETY HOUR features the best in local burlesque, shaking what their respective mothers gave them to the tunes of the Rat Pack. 10pm. Momo's, 618 W. Sixth #200, 241-9799. \$10. www.facebook.com/venusvelvet.

SHUNDA K IS HERE TO SAVE THE DAY Or, as the Yo Majesty spitter and Peaches collaborator puts it in her new single, "Here I Am To Save the World." Either way, we are safe as titty milk when Shunda's in the haus, Beauty Bar, 617 E. Seventh, 391-1943. www.facebook.com/shundakofyomajesty

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU (See Thursday,

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL: ANNIE (See Thursday, 8/5.)

COMEDY (See Arts Listings.)

Jake Flores and Seth Cockfield! YES! Velveeta

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.) Fair Bean Coffee, La Peña

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Five Easy Pieces @ Paramount, 7:15pm Prizzi's Honor @ Paramount, 9:20pm

Silent Film/Remixed Series @ East Austin Trailer Park and Eatery, 9pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Joan Baez Stubb's

Happy Birthday United States Art Authority 75th Birthday Tribute to Rahsaan Roland Kirk

Elephant Room Rasputina The Parish

SATURDAY 07

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL WEDDING

TOURS Call or e-mail to reserve your spot on this tour to see if a Ren Fest wedding is right for you. We're not sure if you need a tour to answer that question, but who are we? 9:45am. Texas Renaissance Festival, 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville, 800/458-3435. Free. weddings@texrenfest.com, www.texrenfest.com.

this week's

ALADDIN Your kids will be rubbing every lamp in the house after they see this tale of a genie, a princess, and, of course, Aladdin himself. Suitable for kids between the ages of 3 and 10. Through Aug. 29. Saturdays, 10am, and Sundays, 2pm. Austin Scottish Rite Theatre, 207 W. 18th, 472-5436. \$10 (\$8, children). www.srct.org.

BUILDING BLOCS AUTISM CENTER GRAND

OPENING Celebrate the opening of this language and behavior center with face-painting, cookie decorating, treasure hunts, sensory integration activities, and more. 10am-2pm. Building BLOCS, 9707 Anderson Mill #220, 827-7011. Free. www.blocsaustin.com

FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN SEMINAR Come early to this popular seminar. Find out the recommended planting times for fall veggies and other helpful tips to grow food in your own backvard, 10am, Southwest Hills Community Church, 7416 Hwy. 71 W., 854-9600. Free. www.tcmastergardeners.org.

FAMILY NATURE QUEST The whole family can enjoy these one-hour hikes followed by crafts, activities, and a scavenger hunt. Environmental stewardship was never so fun. Call or e-mail to register. First

BY KATE X MESSER **gay**place

FAGTASTIC SELF-STARTER? Dykealicious news hound? Queertabulous politico? Under- and

over-ground scene queen? Well, honey crack those hairy knuckles and get typing. The Gay Place Blog seeks three or so new bloggers. Be broad-based, broad-minded, and not even necessarily a broad! You don't even have to be gay! Interested? Rummage through the Gay Place Blog archives (dig deep) and get a feel for what we've been doing over the years, and then come up with your own take. Here's what your friendly neighborhood GPB edi-

tor (me!) would love to see in an e-mail, by way of

Send gay bits to gayplace@ austinchronicle.com. Visit austinchronicle.com/ gayplaceblog.

application: a brief profile about your fine self, an

idea of your areas of interest and expertise, how frequently you can realistically contribute blog posts, résumé basics (who you are, how we can contact you, and a way to verify the above), and an amazing writing sample. Make me gasp. Also, be available for the occasional group meeting/outing. We are fun! Bad news? No pay. Good news? Great forum for your brilliance, a fine team

with whom to commingle, and broad exposure. There we go with the broads again. Go figure. Submit to us (me!): Address it to Kate at gayplace@ austinchronicle.com. We will reply to all applicants.











L - R: SHUNDA K (SEE FRIDAY) | NATIONAL PRO FASTPITCH SERIES (SPORTS, P.58) | MELANCHOLY PLAY (ARTS, P.60) | THE OTHER GUYS (FILM, P.66) | CYNDI LAUPER (MUSIC, P.78)

Saturdays, 10am-1pm. McKinney Roughs Nature Park, 1884 Hwy. 71 W., Cedar Creek, 512/303-5073. Free. outdoorprograms@lcra.org. www.austinnatureday.org.

BUS RIDERS UNION MEETNG Get on the bus and help assert the public's power over Austin's transit system. 11am. Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe, 499-7480. Free. www.busatx.org.

LEARN TO MAKE KIMCHI at the library? It's true. An experienced maker of this Korean dish will show you how. 11am. Faulk Central Library, 800 Guadalupe, 974-7400. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library/faulk_central.htm.

*SUPER SMASH BROS. BRAWL' FINALS It's time for previous tourney winners to gather and see who can virtually brawl better than the rest. The wild-card tournament starts at noon with the cream of the crop kicking off and kicking butt at 1:30pm. Carver Library, 1161 Angelina, 974-7400. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR RIDE So what if it's 100 degrees outside? Biking around town is still an option, or at least that's what the host, the League of Bicycling Voters, claims. It's certainly true if you're pedaling from swimming hole to swimming hole. Water and food stops take place along the way, with the sweat finally getting rinsed off at Barton Springs' free swim. 1-10pm. Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop, 400 Nueces, 473-0222. www.lobv.org/hot.

er 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. \$9-10.50. www.littleloungelizards.com.

SCULPTOR-TO-BE WORKSHOP Kids learn to to use new materials to express their creativity. Reservations are recommended. 1:30pm. Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum, 605 Robert E. Lee, 445-5582 x101. \$12. sheila.fox@umlaufsculpture.org, www.umlaufsculpture.org.

VIGIL AT T. DON HUTTO DETENTION CENTER Texans United for Families, Grassroots Leadership, and other statewide groups celebrate the one-year anniversary of the ending of "family" detention and call for continued detention reform at Hutto. Call or e-mail for more info. 7pm. T. Don Hutto Detention Center, Taylor, 512/971-0487. blibal@grassrootsleadership.org.

WAKING SLEEPING BEAUTY kidsActing updates the timeless story for the whole family with original songs by Jerry Jeff Walker, Django Walker, Sara Hickman, and more. Sat., Aug. 7, 7pm. Center Stage Texas, 2826 Real, 836-5437. \$14.
www.kidsactingstudio.com.

FASHION FOR THE AMALA FOUNDATION Threads from local designers and boutiques make their way down the runway while your dollars make their way to the Amala Foundation's Global Youth Summit. 8-10pm. Club de Ville, 900 Red River, 423-5175. \$15. lizbrownbullock@gmail.com.

SPLASH PARTY MOVIE NIGHTS continue with movies in the pool every Saturday night at dusk. Tonight's feature: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs. Deep Eddy Pool, 401 Deep Eddy Ave., 472-8546. Regular pool fee.

CENTRAL TEXAS BOYS OF LEATHER MEETING Shiny, shiny ... shiny boots of leather. First Saturdays, 8-10pm. Chain Drive, 504 Willow, 480-9017. \$5 to benefit CTBOL charities. www.ctbol.org.

DEFENSIVE CYCLING CLASSES Did you get a ticket while riding on your bicycle? It happens. Just like for tickets in your car, you can take a defensive cycling course and get the ticket dismissed. *9am-noon*. *BikeTexas*, 1902 E. Sixth. \$25. www.austincycling.org.

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

PIRATES OF PEDERNALES Local nonprofit Austin Summer Musical for Children tells the musical tale of



HAM RADIO SUMMERFEST (SEE FRIDAY)

what happens when four kids stumble upon a treasure map and embark on an adventure of a lifetime. Sat. Aug. 7, 11am, 2 & 4pm; Sun., Aug. 8, 2 & 4pm. Boyd Vance Theatre at the Carver Museum, 1165 Angelina, 971-0810. Free. www.summermusical.com.

HAM RADIO SUMMERFEST (See Friday.)

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU (See Thursday, 8/5.)

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL: ANNIE (See Thursday, 8/5.)

LITERA (See Arts Listings.)
Elaine Tyler May BookPeople

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)

Domy Books, Pump Project, Wally Workman Gallery

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Bram Stoker's Dracula @ University Hills Library, 1pm South: Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance Expedition @ Alamo Ritz, noon

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Everyone Knows Everyone 8 Mohawk
Ty Segall Emo's

Paul Ray & the Cobras Threadgill's World HQ Brian Posehn/Off With Their Heads Red 7

events

FALL WELLNESS WORKSHOP Get the whole body-mind-soul back in balance with yoga, mediation, body awareness techniques, and even some skin and nutrition tips. *Sun., Aug.* 29, 3-5pm. *Kula Yoga, 2415 Exposition, 542-3334.* \$30. www.austinkulayoga.com.

FAMILY YOGA AT RUTA MAYA Bring the little yogis. It's never too early to start. Saturdays, 10-11am. Ruta Maya, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free with cafe purchase. www.rutamaya.net.

FULL MOON YOGA Charles MacInerney teaches classes all over town but also offers private instruction and hosts retreats. Once a month for 18 years, he has also hosted Full Moon Yoga – a free, outdoor yoga class. Go online for location and time details. 459-2267. charles@yogateacher.com, www.yogateacher.com

NATURE OF ENLIGHTENMENT Yoga, breath work, meditation, and instruction combine to help you on the path to enlightenment. *Sat., Aug. 14, 5-7pm. 5555 N. Lamar, 366-3828.* \$10. www.artoflivingaustin.org.

ONENESS BLESSING Anyone need a shift in consciousness without all too many cultlike trappings? The Oneness people have you covered with only a modicum of controversy. *Thursdays and Fridays*, 7:30pm. Casa de Luz, 1701 Toomey, 476-2535. Donations welcome. www.onenessmovementaustin.com.

PEACE MEDITATION Can't you spare 45 minutes to send out peaceful vibrations to the universe? *Sundays*, 9:30am. Eastside Yoga, 1050 E. 11th, 779-8543. Donations accepted. www.eastsidevoga-austin.com.

THE SPIRIT WELL Get to the root of your wellness issues with the fine folks at Gayatri and balance your spirit with exercises, discussion, and meditation. Thu., Aug., 12, 7pm. Gayatri Healing Center, 9603 Dessau, 699-1234. \$30. www.gayatrihealingcenter.com.

YOGA BY CHARITABLE DONATION Once a month, one Yoga Yoga location hosts a yoga class with donations going to a local charity. Check the online schedule for times and charities. *Third Fridays*. www.yogayoga.com.

studios

BEA LOVE YOGA Brandy hosts regular classes all over town as well as special events and private instruction. Call or go online to sign up. 609-9230. brandy@bealoveyoga.com, www.bealoveyoga.com

PEACE STUDIOS Take one of the many studio courses or get yourself to Shipe Park (off 45th Street between Avenues F & G) for by-donation yoga. 1607 Sage Hollow, 294-5524. www.yogainthepark.net.

YOGA RX Caroline McCarter offers specialized classes and personalized attention to ensure that your stretching and posing suits your needs. *Yoga Rx*, 2200 S. Lamar, 554-3988. www.yoga-rx.com.

RUTA MAYA YOGA CLASSES Free yoga classes every day but Sunday. Come out for happy-hour yoga or one of the morning sessions. Check the website for a schedule. *Ruta Maya*, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 707-9637. Free with cafe purchase. www.rutamaya.net.

CLEAR SPRING STUDIO Down in the increasingly hip South First strip lies this house of yoga, tai chi, meditation, and massage. *Clear Spring Studio*, 605 Copeland, 231-9644. www.clearspringstudio.com.

SANIEH YOGA Sanieh teaches classes all over town or even in your own home if you're so inclined. Go online for a schedule, or e-mail to schedule a house call. 470-2362. sanieh@saniehyoga.com, www.saniehyoga.com.

YOGA YOGA With five locations and 350 weekly classes, Yoga Yoga has something for all levels of ability. It also offers yoga-teacher training and special events all year round. info@yogayoga.com, www.yogayoga.com.

DAWN LIGHT YOGA Melissa Savoie offers regeneration yoga and Rise and Shine Flow in addition to private lessons by appointment. 3400 Kerbey. \$12, drop-in; \$60, six-class card.. www.dawnlightyoga.com.

YOGA & PILATES AT THE VORTEX E-mail to register for a stretching and strengthening routine. Mondays & Wednesdays, noon; Sundays, 10am. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. \$7 per class. missdoss@yahoo.com

CASTLE HILL YOGA Take individual courses or one of its class series to take your yoga journey even

further. Castle Hill Specialized Fitness, 1112 N. Lamar Ste. B, 478-4567. www.castlehillyoga. com.

BLACK SWAN YOGA This donation-based studio has sweaty yoga, power yoga, and everything in between. 1114 W. Fifth. hello@blackswanyoga.com, www.blackswanyoga.com.

KULA YOGA CENTER Calling itself "Austin's Family Yoga Center" isn't a misnomer, what with its infant/parent classes and other kid-friendly courses. Also look out for its special classes for dancers, athletes,

and even students (for PE credit no less). *Kula Yoga,* 2415 Exposition, 542-3334. www.austinkulayoga.com.

ONEYOGA.US This donation-based community studio offers 60 classes a week. Go online for instructor bios and a schedule. *Oneyoga.us*, 1122-C S. *Lamar*, 707-2565. www.oneyoga.us.

YOGA VIDA Heated power vinyasa flow yoga seven days a week for all ability levels. *Yoga Vida*, 3620 Bee Caves Rd., 482-0800. www.yogavida.net.

YOGA FOR HEALTH Gentle classes led by certified exercise physiologist and yoga instructor Paul Smith every Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Austin Yoga for Health at Remedy Center, 4910 Burnet Rd., 452-6623. www.austinyogaforhealth.com.

BODHI YOGA Varying classes ranging from vinyasa to hot yoga (in a heated room) all at the convenient campus-area location. *Bodhi Yoga*, 2905 San Gabriel, 478-2909. www.bodhiyoga.com.

SACRED STREAMS YOGA recently moved to its new Crestview location, but it still offers the usual classes, specialized series, and personal meditation and yoga practice. 2013-A W. Anderson. jen@sacredstreamshealing.com, www.sacredstreamsyoga.com.

BREATH & BODY YOGA offers a slew of classes, boot camps, and special events. 4800 Burnet Rd. #440, 374-1021. www.breathandbodyyoga.com.



YOGA SHALA Enjoy intimate yoga sessions in a hand-built palapa surrounded by a garden setting. 1205 Hillside, 443-5377.

www.oneyoga.com

AUSTIN YOGA INSTITUTE specializes in lyengar yoga with daily classes for varying skill levels. If your skill level is high enough, the institute has teacher training to prepare you for certification. 1122-C S. Lamar, 923-4643.

www.austinyoga.org

SOMA VIDA This is your one-stop spot for yoga, Pilates, acupuncture, massage, birthing services, life coaching, and more. Expect to leave a more balanced person. Soma Vida, 1210 Rosewood, 628-1580. www.somavidaaustin.com.

DHARMA YOGA has classes seven days a week from basics courses to vinyasa yoga for the experienced posers. *Dharma Yoga*, 3110 Guadalupe, 420-0009. www.dharma-yoga.net.

LOVE YOGA CO-OP Get the full yoga treatment with classes and workshops that help center the body and mind. Go online for a complete list of courses and to meet the instructors. Love Yoga Co-op, 2525 S. Lamar (behind Maria's Taco Xpress), 310/866-0874. www.loveyogacoop.com.

NIASPACE Specializing in yoga, Pilates, and a blending of several fitness disciplines, NiaSpace has lots of, well, space (both parking and studio space) right on South Congress. *NiaSpace*, 3212 S. Congress, 443-3013. www.niaspace.com.

DAVILA YOGA Davila's unique system of yoga and physical therapy is designed to improve health and vitality. Group classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Go online for rates. *Davila Center for Yoga & Holistic Wellness*, 3202 W. Anderson, 762-9548. www.davilayoga.com.

BY GERALD E. MCLEOD daytrips

Harriet Ann Moore Page Potter Ames is known as "the bravest woman in Texas." She gained her title by surviving the tumultuous years of the Texas Revolution and three husbands. A granite

monument to her stands on a bluff on the north shore of Caddo Lake in northeast Texas.

The pioneer woman might have been forgotten if not for a memoir she wrote when she was 83 years old. Although Harriet's tale was never published, Elithe Hamilton Kirkland came across a copy and turned it into Love Is a Wild Assault, a bestselling novel released in 1959.

In 1998, the Caddo Lake Historical Research Committee produced a play about Harriet to raise funds for the monument. On a county road, near the end of FM 727, the group placed an obelisk in her honor.

Born in New York on Sept. 6, 1810, Harriet came to Texas with her first husband, Solomon Page, just as the war for independence was heating up. He abandoned her and their two small children to join the Texas Army. She was left to fend for herself as civilians evacuated the country ahead of the Mexican Army.

That's when she met Robert Potter, a former member of the North Carolina Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives. He escaped to Texas after castrating two men while in a jealous rage.

In Texas, as a representative from Nacogdoches, Potter signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. He also helped

draft the Constitution of the Republic of Texas, participated in the Battle of San Jacinto, and was the first secretary of the Texas Navy.

After the war, Potter and Harriet were married by bond, a union without the blessing of the clergy. This was probably done because of the uncertainty of Page's whereabouts, although he was presumed to be dead.

The couple retired to a peninsula on Caddo Lake – land deeded to Potter for his military service. Potter was elected to the Texas Senate, and the couple had two children. Everything was going well until Potter got involved in the Regulator-Moderator War.

The feud had its beginnings in fraudulent land dealings along the Louisiana-Texas border. In March of 1842, Potter's home was surrounded by regulators, and he was killed trying to escape.

Six months later, Harriet married Charles Ames of Clarksville. He died in 1865, and Harriet moved to New Orleans.

In his will, Potter left his property to two women in Austin. For years Harriet tried to recover the land. Although she lost, her suit set into motion the beginnings of Texas laws on common-law marriage. She died in 1902 in Covington, La. The exact location of her grave is unknown. Only a marker on Potter's Point and a novel remind us of a woman who survived one of the most violent eras of Texas history.

995th in a series. Day Trips, Vol. 2, a book of "Day Trips" 101-200, is available for \$8.95, plus \$3.05 for shipping, handling, and tax. Mail to: Day Trips, PO Box 33284, South Austin, TX 78704.

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PEACH & MELON FESTIVAL The little farming community brings out the best of the locally grown produce along with a carnival, bike rides, seed-spitting contests, free watermelon, lots of music, and food vendors. *Thu.-Sat., Aug. 5-7. New Community Park, DeLeon, 254/893-2083.* **www.deleontexas.com**.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. This year's shower should peak on the night of Aug. 12 and the morning of Aug. 13, but you may be able to see some meteors any time through Aug. 22. For a potentially spectacular show, find a dark spot away from town and look to the northeast after midnight until dawn. Aug. 5-22. www.earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskysmeteor-shower-guide.

HARVEST WINE TRAIL includes 26 wineries presenting special activities during the harvest time, plus discounts on purchases and food samples. *Fri.-Sun.*,

Aug. 6-8, 13-15. Texas Hill Country, 866/621-9463. \$35 (\$60, couple). www.texaswinetrail.com.

CLARITY TUNNEL BAT TOURS The park known for its scenic canyon walls also has a buffalo herd, 90 miles of trails, and tours to an old railroad tunnel to see the bats emerge for their nightly bug hunt. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28. Canyons State Park & Trailway, Quitaque, 806/455-1492. www.towd.state.tx.us.

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL brings together local, regional, and international musicians for a weekend of workshops and concerts. *Fri.-Sun., Aug.* 6-8. *Houston,* 713/839-7000. www.jazzeducation.org.

A COTTON PICKIN' TIME With the harvest of the first cotton crop of the season everyone gets to help with picking, ginning, carding, and spinning the cotton, then there will be a hand loom to try and a chance to dye the fabric you made. Sat.-Sun., Aug. 7-8. Barrington Living History Farm, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, 936/878-2214. www.birthplaceoftexas.com.

SUNDAY 08

basilfest Get your kids ages 2 to 6 hooked on basil early with tasting exercises, tours of the garden, and double digging exercises. Sun.-Fri., Aug. 8-13, 9am-noon. Ronda's Montessori Garden, 4300 Mount Vernon. Free, donations appreciated. www.rondasgarden.net.

CAPITAL CONFECTIONERS' DAY OF SHARINGBritish sugar artist Stephen Benison headlines this day of demos for the sweets-inclined. 9am-5pm. Wingate Inn, 1209 N. I-35, Round Rock, 512/371-3401. \$45. www.dos.capitalconfectioners.com.

SPORTS COLLECTIBLES SHOW Buy, sell, or trade that sporty memorabilia at this one-day event. 10am-5pm. North Austin Plaza Hotel, 6911 N. I-35, 254/760-8682. \$2. www.jmventertainment.com.

FLYING THEATER MACHINE Parents and their 4-to 10-year-olds work together to improve the improve by bringing suggestions to add to the manic comedy on stage. The current theme is made-up magic, so put on your thinking caps. Sundays, 2pm. The Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress, 971-3311. \$7.

www.flyingtheatermachine.com.

**HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CELEBRATION Visit our very own hostel on the banks of Lady Bird Lake. Meet the staff, have some food and drinks, enjoy the live music, and bid on some auction items if you're so inclined. 4-7pm. Hostelling International – Austin, 2200 S. Lakeshore, 444-2294. Free. www.hiaustin.org.

CRUISING PINK WITH KOMEN The Young Professionals Council teams up with Susan G. Komen for the Cure for a cruise on Lake Austin. Food, drinks, and a Texas sunset all included. 6:30pm. Lake Austin Riverboats, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd., 674-5415. \$35 (\$25, members). www.komenaustin.org/ypc.

** STUDENTS OF THE WORLD College students traveled to New Orleans, Kosovo, and Tanzania to see what organizations are doing to help infrastructure issues. Those trips were filmed and now are being screened here in Austin. See the fruits of their charitable labor. 7-10pm. United States Art Authority, 2906 Fruth, 480-9562. Free.

www.studentsoftheworld.org.

ALADDIN (See Saturday.)

PIRATES OF PEDERNALES (See Saturday.)

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL: ANNIE (See Thursday, 8/5.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Cummings Farm @ Baby Blue Studio, 9pm
Five Easy Pieces @ Paramount, 2:40, 7:15pm
Ghostbusters @ San Jacinto & Sixth, 7:30pm
Prizzi's Honor @ Paramount, 4:45pm
The Shark Is Still Working @ Alamo Ritz, 1pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Ambrosia One World Theatre

MONDAY 09

NEIGHBORHOOD FARM MARKETS The Sustainable Food Center will be offering local, farm-fresh produce through the end of August. Mondays: Northeast WIC Clinic, 71.12 Ed Bluestein (8-11am); St. Johns Community Center, 7500 Blessing (noon-2pm). Wednesdays: Rosewood-Zaragosa WIC Clinic, 2800 Webberville Rd. (9-11am), 236-0074 x101. www.sustainablefoodcenter.org.

GEEK SQUAD SUMMER ACADEMY The Girl Scouts of Central Texas and the Geek Squad invite all middle school and high school girls to sign up for this three-day event to inspire young women to go into technology careers. Register online to attend. Mon.-Wed., Aug. 9-11. Concordia University, 11400 Concordia University Dr., 490-2303. \$35. terryo@gsctx.org, www.gssummeracademy.com.

ORGANIC GARDENERS MEETING Learn about the latest innovations in organic gardening. *7pm. Zilker Botanical Garden*, 2220 Barton Springs Rd., 443-7187. Free. www.austinorganicgardeners.org.

EMPLOYMENT GROUP A presentation on job-search skills is followed by networking. One-on-

one guidance with a vocational expert can also be arranged. Second and Fourth Mondays, 6:30-8pm. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 3525 Bee Caves Rd., 327-3370. Free.

www.austinemploymentgroup.org.

VALKYRIES HAVE THAT SPECIAL TOUCH
Austin's women reps in the Texas Rugby Union
are calling for newbs. Calling all ruggers for the
2010 season! See website for details. Monday and
Wednesday practices, 7-9pm. Burnet Middle School,
8401 Hathaway, 841-8289. recruiting@austinvalkyries.
com, www.austinvalkyries.com.

BASILFEST (See Sunday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Gigi @ Hampton Branch Library, 6pm
Space Is the Place @ Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm
The Thin Man @ Alamo Ritz. 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
Black Cobra Emo's

TUESDAY 10

knobs to 91.7FM. It's OutCast! Tweak your knobs to 91.7FM. It's OutCast, with Heath, Stephen, intern Susan, and the Gay Place's Kate X smackin' down with the top of the LGBT crop. Listen as they welcome and grill guests from every band of the rainbow. KOOP = queer, yo! Tuesdays, 6-7pm. KOOP Radio 91.7FM. www.koop.org, www.outcastaustin.com.

SOLUTIONS TO FIBROMYALGIA Learn the latest techniques for reducing pain associated with the nervous system disease. 6pm. Peoples Rx, 3801 S. Lamar, 892-3366. Free. wholehealth@hotmail.com.

ALLGO MOVIE NIGHT Get to know ALLGO the pressure-free way. What a perfect first date: You, some snacks, new friends, and a good movie. Just don't try that yawn and arm trick. They've seen it all. Second Tuesdays of the month, 6:30pm. ALLGO, 701 Tillery, 472-2001. Free. www.allgo.org.

EUROPE ON A SHOESTRING Learn to travel the European continent without losing your shirt. 7pm. REI, 9901 Capital of TX Hwy. N., 444-2294. Free. www.hiaustin.org.

**AISD TRANSFER REQUEST You can obtain transfer applications at any high school or at the Office of Student Services. Requests for transfer are due today and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Office of Student Services, 1111 W. Sixth, 414-1726. www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/academics/parentsinfo/transfer.

**EXARAOKE WITH MARGARET Margaret's one damn fine KJ. North Austin's fave neighborhood gay bar may not offer cash to the best crooners (like some other bars), but someone might offer you \$\$ to stop singing. Tuesdays, 9pm. 'Bout Time, 9601 N. I-35, 832-5339. www.bouttimeaustin.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING This three-part session begins today, giving you an introduction to organizing a neighborhood watch. Second Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Clinton Hunter Substation, 404 Ralph Ablanedo, 974-4182. www.citizenobserver.com.

BASILFEST (See Sunday.)

GEEK SQUAD SUMMER ACADEMY (See Monday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
The Dry Land @ Texas Spirit Theater, 7:30pm
The Keep @ Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm
The Thin Man @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)
Cyndi Lauper Paramount Theatre
Butch Hancock Cactus Cafe

WEDNESDAY 11

CAREGIVER ACADEMY ON NUTRITIONAL HEALTH Austin Heart Hospital and Meals on Wheels are part of this complete breakfast and help you ensure that all the meals you make are healthful. 9:30am. Parsons House, 1130 Camino la Costa, 477-3796 x215. Free. www.handaustin.org.

AUDITION FOR ALLGO'S CABARET Hey

ALLGOers and allies! Come to this cabaret tryout with a three- to five-minute act and get footloose in the footlights. Performance will be in early October, so you have plenty of time to work on your Liza (or non-Liza, as non-cabaret skits are encouraged). Wed.-Thu., Aug. 11-12, 7-9pm. ALLGO, 701 Tillery, 472-2001. lopez.candace@gmail.com, cdeprang@gmail.com.

e-mail to schedule your inspection. 10am. Richard Moya Park, from Highway 183, head east on Burleson Road, park is on the right, 854-3248. Free. kimberly. orts@co.travis.tx.us, www.tcsheriff.org.

STARTING A NEW BUSINESS SEMINAR Service Corps of Retired Executives offers this free seminar full of real-world advice from local retired executives. Call to register. 11am-1pm. Faulk Central Library, 800 Guadalupe, 928-2425. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

ORIGAMI CLUB MEETING I have to say, the Origami Austin people send me the coolest paper designs every month with their press release. Ask them how to make the improbably awesome easy-fold map. 6pm. Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock, 567-4493. Free. www.origamiaustin.org.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT LECTURE Join in the discussion of learning about astronomy with Richard Hendricks. 7pm. Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr., 345-4435. Free. www.centerforinquiry.net/austin.

LONE STAR MENSA MEETING Everyone's invited, and everyone can feel like a smarty pants. This month's presentation features Austin Energy's Al Sarria discussing Austin's smart grid. 7pm. North Village Library, 2505 Steck, 491-9881. Free. www.lsm. us.mensa.org.

BASILFEST (See Sunday.)

NEIGHBORHOOD FARM MARKETS (See Monday.)

GEEK SQUAD SUMMER ACADEMY (See Monday.)

VALKYRIES HAVE THAT SPECIAL TOUCH (See Monday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Birdemic: Shock and Terror @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm Brighton Rock @ Paramount, 7pm Odd Man Out @ Paramount, 8:50pm RoboCop @ Texas Spirit Theater, 7:30pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Crystal Castles Stubb's Enthroned Emo's

The Sour Notes, Hollywood Gossip, Literature

Butch Hancock Cactus Cafe

THURSDAY 12

JOE MCDERMOTT CONCERT If the

music isn't enough to keep the kids entertained, there will be a superslide and a fire truck for backup. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase. 10am. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 10205 RR 620 N, 301/580-3765. \$5.

MDA EXECUTIVE LOCK-UP Local business and community leaders will be on "lockdown" in an attempt to drum up money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The day's proceeds benefit more than 650 local MDA client families. 11am. Eddie V's Edgewater Grille, 301 E. Fifth, 472-1860. hgeer@mdausa.org, www.mda.org.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC INPUT The Texas Department of Transportation is having its second round of open house meetings where the public can offer feedback on the state's future plans. We suggest flying cars. 4-Tpm. TxDOT District Office, 7901 N. I-35, Bldg. 7. Free. www.txdot.gov.

CHARITYBASH This month's party with a purpose benefits the Cipher, a community hip-hop project. 7-10pm. Aloft, 11601 Domain Dr. \$10 suggested donation. www.charitybash.org.

** TRANSITION AUSTIN MEETING Join this group attempting to make the transition from an oil-based society to a more sustainable future as smooth as possible. 7pm. Lars Stanley Studio, 1901 E.M. Franklin. Free. www.transitionaustin.org.

BUCK OWENS BIRTHDAY BASH Don your finest cowboy duds for a who's who of Continental Club favorites all in one evening. The money goes to the Center for Child Protection. See Club Listings, p.78, for a complete lineup. 8-11pm. Continental Club, 1315 S. Congress, 472-1164. \$15. www.centerforchildprotection.org.

JUST BEE The Pollyanna Theatre presents this original play about two queen bees who must work together to overcome adversity. For kids between the ages of 4 and 10. Aug. 12-15: Thu., Fri., & Mon, 9:15, 11am, & 1pm; Sat., 11am & 2pm; Sun., 2pm. Rollins Studio Theatre at the Long Center, 701 W. Riverside, 743-7966. \$8.50 (\$6.50, children).

www.pollytheatre.org.

BASILFEST (See Sunday.)

AUDITION FOR ALLGO'S CABARET (See Wednesday.)

waking sleeping beauty (See Saturday.)

INSIDE BOOKS VOLUNTEER NIGHTS (See Thursday, 8/5.)

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL: ANNIE (See Thursday, 8/5.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)
Brighton Rock @ Paramount, 9:20pm
Odd Man Out @ Paramount, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

One-Eighty @ Nueva Onda, 8pm

White Mystery Beerland
Buck Owens Birthday Bash Continental Club
Butch Hancock Cactus Cafe

now ...

DRAG KINGS: THE MUSICAL SKIT SUBMISSIONS Submit your facially follicled brilliance for this year's DKTM at Blue Theatre. Contact Eaton for further details. Deadline: Mon., Aug. 23. apuchek@gmall.com, www.kingsnthings.org.

ACCESSIBILITY INTERNET RALLY Web professionals and nonprofits in need of a website face-lift should sign up online for the AIR-Austin conference later this year. Making sites accessible to those with disabilities will be at the top of the agenda, but knowledge sharing will be the order of the day. The deadline to register is Sept. 15. www.knowbility.org/air-austin.

CASTING FOR HGTV SHOW Individuals or couples looking to buy your first home and want all your successes and failures broadcast to homes across the nation, now's your chance. Call or e-mail for an application. Casting takes place through August. 303/712-3283. Free. mgolliday@highnoontv.com, www.hgtv.com.

GOODWILL BRAND U MAKEOVER CONTEST Visit any Goodwill location, and get some back-to-school shopping done. While you're there, register to win a free makeover and \$100 shopping spree with a personal shopper. Your before and after photos may be used in an ad campaign for Goodwill. Contest ends *Aug.* 22. 637-7100. www.austingoodwill.org.

GROUP IDENTITY IDENTITY GROUPS Twice-amonth identity groups for youth (allies welcome), ages 12-19, now forming for Wednesday and Sunday meetings. Sundays, 3:30-4:30pm: first & third, male-identified; second & fourth, transgender-/genderqueer-identified. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm: first & third, youth of color-identified; second & fourth, female-identified. Out Youth, 909 E. 49½, 419-1233. Free. www.outyouth.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The raging heat and lack of students has put H4H at a loss for volunteers. If you're 18 or older, go online and sign up for a Saturday shift. No experience needed, and training is provided. Groups of five

or more should e-mail voldirector@ahfh.org to sign up. www.austinhabitat.org.

kids cooking school Central Market gets the kids (ages 5 to 12) in the kitchen learning about chocolate or even an intro to knife skills (for the older kids). Call to sign up. Through Aug. 12. Central Market North Cooking School, 4001 N. Lamar, 206-1000. \$40 per class. www.centralmarket.com.

LATINITAS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS to help lead and assist afterschool to foster confidence, cultural pride, and teach young girls to express themselves through media and art. Volunteers must be available between 3 and 6pm and able to commit to two hours per week. 447-4440. brooke@latinitasmagazine.org, www.latinitasmagazine.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS AND MORE VOLUNTEERS are desperately needed as summer approaches and volunteers go on vacation, not to mention an increased demand for the nonprofit's services. Go online for details, or call to volunteer. 476-6325 x105. **www.mealsonwheelsandmore.org/volunteer.**

OUR BODY: THE UNIVERSE WITHIN UT'S H.J. Lutcher Stark Center for Physical Culture & Sports presents this educational exhibition that uses actual human bodies that have been plastinated so you can see all the inner workings. *Through Sept. 22. Stark Center, Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, 471-0648.* \$21 (\$11, kids & students). www.starkcenter.org.

Our buds at Equality Across America Texas stand at the ready – the very second that decision comes down in California's Proposition 8 trial – to send out a call for an Austin rally. Activism on a dime, baby! Sign up on the website to get the very latest and to learn how to get involved. www.eaatexas.org.

STRIKE A (REAL) POSE Organic Love Photography is looking for LGBTQ families for a project exploring the myriad expressions of "family." Participating families will receive a free DVD of their photos. 964-1422. organiclovephoto@gmail.com, www.organiclovephotography.com.

THE WHOLE POLE AND NOTHING BUT THE POLE Check the brass on those ovz, dude. Whoa. And check the Brass Ovaries website for info on events and upcoming pole-dancing classes. 477-POLE. www.brassovariespoledancing.com.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU (SEE THURSDAY, 8/5)



ORIGAMI CLUB MEETING (SEE WEDNESDAY)

& later

ships available).

站 I'M FROM DRIFTWOOD TOUR

LAUNCH Nathan Manske is hitting the asphalt again to collect more tales of gayness from the American road. In 2009, we gave him a "Best of Austin" for his *I'm From Driftwood* project, and we encourage folks to get in on this sweep. This party is a launch and fundraiser, featuring tunes, libations, and some serious Q (of both the LGBT and brisket variety). *Thu.*, Sept. 2, 7pm. The Salt Lick, 18001 FM 1826, Driftwood, 512/858-4959. \$50, suggested donation.

CANCER CONNECTION VOLUNTEER TRAINING is for cancer survivors and their loved ones who are interested in providing emotional support to patients currently battling the disease. Apply online at www.thecancerconnection.org. Fri., Aug. 27, 5:45-9pm; Sat., Aug. 28, 8:45am-4pm. 342-0233. \$25 (scholar-

ccmc Recruits! Q: How many lead singers does it take to change a light bulb? A: One. He holds the bulb while the world revolves around him. Ah ha ha! The Capital City Men's Chorus wants to help you find your voice at this new singers meeting. Mon., Aug. 16, 6:45pm. Trinity United Methodist Church, 600 E. 50th, 477-7464. Free. www.ccmcaustin.org.

KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL LADY BIRD LAKE CLEAN-UP Register online, and meet at one of many starting locations to help pick up trash in and around one of Austin's natural treasures. Lady Bird would want it that way. See website for details. Sat., Aug. 14, 9-11am. 391-0617 x902. Free. www.keepaustinbeautiful.org.

wingle & MIX: FOODIES TURNS 6! Really, sweetheart, you don't look a day over 5. Ga ga goo goo. And if you don't know Foodies, this is the event at which to acquaint: their sixth anniversary. Foodies' special blend of friendly makes for a warmer lezzie mingle experience than most. So come on out and make about 200 new friends ... or "buddies." Tue, Sept. 14, 6:30pm. The Clay Pit, 1601 Guadalupe, 322-5131. beatsagog@aol.com, www.foodiesaustin.com.

ROUND-ROBIN WEDDING TOUR Looking to get married fast, in public, and with the money going to charity? You're in luck. For a \$500 donation, you can be married with four other couples (along with 25 guests) and then transported to two (of five) other venues for champagne, cake, and general merriment. Photographers and limos are provided. Go online for more details. The public can also attend (\$20). Sun., Aug. 22, 6pm. www.weddingindustryoutreach.com.

TRANS PARTNERS GROUP The trans journey can be so lovely when shared. It can also be a challenge. Here's a new support group for those who are on the quest. Contact Monrovia for pregroup interview. First Thursdays, beginning Sept. 2, 7-8pm. Katy Koonce & Associates, 2520 Longview #302, 529-3318. \$25 suggested donation; no one turned away. monroviavh@gmail.com, www.katykoonce.com.

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

STOOTS BY MARK FAGAN listings





National Pro Fastpitch Softball Series

Ryan Sanders Baseball hosts this five-game, four-day fastpitch softball affair featuring the Chicago Bandits and the USSSA Florida Pride. You may not recognize the team names, but you'll certainly recognize their star players as two of the top female athletes in the country. Jennie Finch (two-time world champ, gold and silver Olympic medalist, and one of People magazine's Top 50 Most Beautiful People) will be suiting up for the Chicago Bandits while ex-Longhorn and current legend Cat Osterman (gold and silver Olympic medalist, three-time Collegiate Player of the Year, 2009 National Pro Fastpitch MVP) will lead the USSSA Florida Pride. If that weren't enough, the rest of the rosters are filled out with fellow Olympians. Fans who donate two canned goods get \$2 off their tickets. Chicago vs. Florida: Thu.-Fri., Aug. 12-13, 7pm; Sat., Aug. 14, 6pm (doubleheader); Sun., Aug. 15, 2pm. Dell Diamond, 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock. \$5-10, \$30 series pass (discounts for seniors, military, kids). www.roundrockexpress.com.

BY NICK BARBARO SOCCET watch

The first-place Austin Aztex look to extend their league lead when they host the Tampa Bay Rowdies this Saturday (Aug. 7, 7:30pm; House Park, 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd.). In two previous meetings this year, the Aztex and Rowdies have battled to highscoring draws - 2-2 in Florida, and 3-3 here in Austin, with Tampa getting the equalizer in the last seven minutes each time. The Rowdies have won just one of their last 10 games, after going undefeated in seven games in May. The Aztex, on the other hand, extended their unbeaten streak to six games with last week's 3-1 win over Miami, behind goals by Eddie Johnson, Lawrence Olum, and young striker Kendall McFayden who was a late sub playing in his first pro game ever. McFayden augments an already potent strike force, with Johnson, Jamie Watson, and Maxwell Griffin all in the Top 6 in the league in scoring - plus the team is very high on new addition Randi Patterson, a striker just purchased from Baltimore. No time like the present to catch this very exciting young team; the Aztex have only three more regular-season home games after this one, as they end with eight of their last 11 on the road.

And fire up the DVR, because the USL Premier **Development League** championship game is on Fox Soccer Channel at exactly the same time as the Aztex game, Saturday, 7:30pm. The host Portland Timbers

U23s (18-0-0) are trying to become the first team in the PDL's 15-year history to finish as undefeated champions.



The Aztex, along with the American Outlaws Austin chapter and the Free Beer Movement, are hosting a Beat Brazil Dollar Beer Bash at Mister Tramps Sports Pub and Cafe (8565 Research) - a watch party for the USA vs. Brazil game, Tuesday, Aug. 10, 7pm (live on ESPN2 and Univision).

The **Seattle Sounders** and **Toronto FC** each advanced to the group stage of the CONCACAF Champions League for the first time, by earning draws Tuesday in tough second-leg preliminary round games in Central America. With that, Major **League Soccer** will have at least four of the 16 spots in the group stage - its most ever. The L.A. Galaxy could join them but would have to reverse a 4-1 first-leg deficit when it plays at the Puerto Rico Islanders Wednesday night as we go to press. The Islanders are currently in last place in the Aztex's USL conference but have a history of success in the prestigious Champions League.

THE HOME TEAMS

TXRD LONESTAR ROLLERGIRLS it's the Putas Del Fuego vs. the Hellcats in banked-track Roller Derby action. If you can't make it to the bout, follow the action live online. Sat., Aug. 7, 7pm (doors at 6). Palmer Events Center. 900 Barton Springs Rd. \$15 (\$13, advance), free for kids under 12. www.txrd.com.

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS As Bill Veeck said, "There are only two seasons – winter and baseball." For more on the Express, see Chronicle Sports blog the Score. Vs. Fresno: Thu.-Sat., Aug. 5-7, 7:05pm.. Vs. Sacramento: Sun.-Wed., Aug. 8-11, 7:05pm. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, \$6-30.

www.roundrockexpress.com.

* FANS FROM FANS Family Eldercare and the Round Rock Express are offering free admission to the Aug. 7 Express game for fans who donate a new electric fan or \$15 to the cause. Electric fans will be dispersed to those most in need of fighting off Texas' brutal heat. Sat., Aug. 7, 7:05pm. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley, Round Rock, 512/483-3557. One new fan or a \$15 donation. www.familyeldercare.org.

* AUSTIN AZTEX For more on the Aztex, see "Soccer Watch," left. Vs. Tampa Bay: Sat., Aug. 7, 7:30pm. House Park, 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd. \$12-15; \$10, group rate; free, kids 5 and under. www.austinaztex.com.

TEXAS STARS ICE GIRLS AUDITIONS Women 18 years old and up who think they've got the skills required to be a Texas Stars Ice Girl need to register

now for this fun opportunity. Auditions closed to the public. See website for details. Sat., Aug. 7, 8:30am registration. Cedar Park Center, 2100 Avenue of the Stars, Cedar Park. www.texasstars.com.

AUSTIN VIPERS of the North American Football League host the Orange Stark Tigers. Sat., Aug. 7, 7pm. Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 10211 W. Parmer. \$10. adults; \$8, military and senior; free, kids 12 & under, www.austinvipersfootball.com.

RECREATION & FITNESS

WAYA FLAG FOOTBALL Register now for the West Austin Youth Association's five-on-five flag football season, for kids in grades kindergarten through sixth. Deadline is Fri., Aug. 27. www.waya.org.

ADULT KICKBALL The TX Waterloo Division of the World Adult Kickball Assoc. plays games Mondays at Gillis Park (2504 Durwood). See website for details. www.kickball.com/season/ txwaterloosummer2010.

COAST TO COAST BASEBALL TRYOUT & HITTING CAMP Kids ages 10-18 are invited to have their hitting, fielding, arm strength, and speed skills evaluated for a chance to be accepted into the program, represent the USA in competition in Puerto Rico, and work with top college coaches and pro scouts. See website for more. Sat., Aug. 7, 10am.

St. Edward's University, 740/373-4455. www.coasttocoastathletics.com

FIRST SATURDAY AT HARVEY PENICK GOLF COURSE "Try before you buy" lots of new and used equipment. Also putting and closest-to-the-pin contests and free 30-minute lessons. Sat., Aug. 7, 8am. Penick Golf Campus, 5501 Ed Bluestein,

* NPF SOFTBALL CLINIC Held in conjunction with the National Pro Fastpitch Softball Series, members of the Chicago Bandits will run this clinic for kids 6 and up. Participants receive a T-shirt, camp photo, and a voucher for a free reserved ticket for each NPF Softball Series game (see left). Thu.-Sat., Aug. 12-14, 9am-1pm. Dell Diamond, 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, 512/238-2214. \$155 for the entire four-day clinic. www.roundrockexpress.com

DANCE DANCE PARTY PARTY Ladies enjoy a booze-, boys-, and judgment-free dance zone where they can wear what they want and groove as they please. Sundays, 7-8:30pm. \$5. NiaSpace, 3212 S. Congress. www.ddppaustintx.wordpress.com

CAPITAL OF TEXAS OPEN WATER SWIM - LAKE GEORGETOWN features a 750-meter loop course with awards for the top three male and female finishers. Sat., Aug. 7, 9am. Russell Park, Georgetown, 512/350-9178. www.rbsportsllc.com.

RUNS, WALKS, & RIDES

MAMMA JAMMA RIDE Sign up now and start raising funds to help support Central Texans coping with breast cancer. Sat., Sept. 25, www.mammaiammaride.org.

MOONLIGHT MARGARITA RUN 5K starts at the trailhead near Austin High School, and finishes on Veterans Drive, with participants then heading to the American Legion Hall for the postrace party, hosted by Maudie's. The race will benefit the renovation of the Johnson Creek Trailhead. Thu., Aug. 5, 8pm. The Rock - Johnson Creek Trailhead (near Austin High), 784-2312. \$40 run, \$110 run and party. www.thetrailfoundation.org.

LABYRINTH WALK Walking a labyrinth is a "form of prayer... dating back to at least the 4th century in Christian tradition." Fri., Aug. 6, 6-8:30pm. St. David's Episcopal Church, 301 E. Eighth, 891-0392. www.stdave.org.

NONE OF THE ABOVE

TEXAS GRIDIRON FOOTBALL KICKOFF UT football's coaching staff will speak with ESPN's Ron Franklin about the

Horns' current squad, and Craig Way will announce the 2010 preseason All-Centex team. Lunch included. Thu., Aug. 5, noon. Austin Convention Center, 500 E. Cesar Chavez. \$55, ticket; \$500, table of 10. www.austinsports.org.

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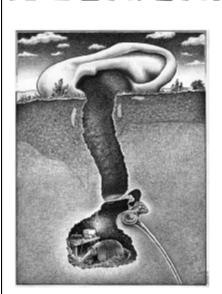
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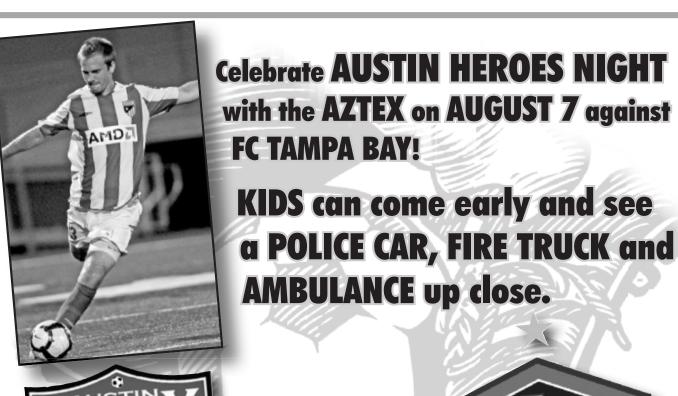
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CITES listings



Tilly is melancholy, and she isn't the only one. So is Lorenzo, a therapist from an unidentified European country who speaks in an unidentifiable European accent. Frank is melancholy as

well, although it doesn't have anything to do with the fact that he is a tailor, and Frances, a hairdresser, is also melancholy, although her lover, Joan, doesn't seem particularly melancholy, although she is somewhat perturbed after Frances falls in love with Tilly. But only somewhat, and she feels better once she falls in love with Tilly as well. Lorenzo also falls in love with Tilly very early on in our story, although Tilly doesn't love him back. Rather, she falls in love with Frank, and he falls in love with her. Until, that is, Tilly unexpectedly finds happiness, which changes everything.

So goes the plot of this Sarah Ruhl play, the second production by the relatively new Palindrome Theatre. Of course, there's more to it than that: a plethora of almonds, for instance, that play a very large role in the second act. And a guitarist, composer Matt Hines, who perches atop the set from the very beginning to the very end of the show and accompanies the performance throughout without ever drawing undue attention to himself (unless, of course, he has to). The play tends toward the absurd, with characters asking questions you would most likely never ask in life and finding themselves in situations you would most certainly never encounter. Director Kate Eminger stages the play with delicate care. There's a sweetness in Ruhl's script that is apparent from the very beginning, and Eminger has managed to get her actors to extend that sweetness

into their performances. While some physical violence occurs, it's played entirely for comic effect; for the most part, whenever the characters come into physical contact with one another, the contact is soft, gentle, and kind.

And so are the performances. Each member of the ensemble – Nathan Brockett, Jude Hickey, Bernadette Nason, and Corley Pillsbury – brings a palpable love to his or her individual character, and this is particularly true of Helyn Rain Messenger as Tilly. Messenger plays Tilly's melancholy simply, without undue embellishment, implicitly trusting Ruhl's often poetic, always evocative words to carry Tilly's loneliness and sadness. And Messenger plays Tilly's happiness in exactly the same way, adding not much more than a dose of energy and a winning smile to carry Tilly into an entirely different state of being.

But what is probably most surprising about this very funny, utterly charming, and truly sweet production is that the play, in the end, is not melancholy at all. As I watched the silly goings-on in the second act (any of which I would be quite loath to give away, as the play rockets off in a direction that you would never imagine), the further it went, the more I began to smile, until, at the end, I was quite literally grinning stupidly from ear to ear. For while there is much melancholy in this melancholy play, by the end there is only happiness. And strangely enough, the two have a very similar taste. — *Barry Pineo*

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OPENING

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM

SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) The comical condensation of everything the Bard ever put onstage is brought to you with full breakneck vigor in a mere 90 minutes by a madcap trio (Ryan Crowder, Judd Farris, and Nathan Jerkins) from Penfold Theatre Company, directed by Beth Burns out in Round Rock. Aug. 5-22. Thu. Sat., 8pm. Extra show: Sun., Aug. 22, 6pm. Round Rock Amphitheatre, 301 W. Bagdad Ave., 512/ 850-4849. Donations accepted. www.penfoldtheatre.org.

SUMMER YOUTH MUSICAL: CRAZY FOR YOU This high-energy comedy is presented by Theatre at the J and features mistaken identity, plot twists, lively dance numbers, and classic Gershwin music. *Thu., Aug. 5, 7pm; Sun., Aug. 8, 2pm. Jewish Community Association of Austin, 7300 Hart, 735-8000.* www.jcaaonline.org.

METAMORPHOSES Dave Steakley and Zach Theatre take on Mary Zimmerman's powerful play, based on the myths of Ovid, using a striking poolside setting in exploring the transformational power of love, the inevitability of change, and the human ability to adapt even when challenged by the gods themselves. For more about the play, see "'Metamorphoses," p.29. Aug. 5-Sept. 12. Wed.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. Zach Theatre, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541. \$20-39. www.zachtheatre.org.

NO SHAME THEATRE On the first Friday of each month, Gnapl Theater Projects presents Austin's preeminent open-mic performance forum. Script-inhand or memorized, funny, dance-based, bad, weird, or just what-the-hell, all styles of performance are welcome, and it's a hella entertaining thing. *Fri.*, Aug. 6, 10pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$3. www.gnaptheater.org.

THE WEDDING SINGER You don't need Adam Sandler onstage to enjoy this Tim Herlihy romantic comedy – a veritable explosion of Eightles pop music – out in Georgetown, do you? Aug. 6-Sept. 5. Fri.-Sat., 7:30pm; Sun., 2pm. Palace Theater, 810 S. Austin Rd., Georgetown, 512/869-7469. www.georgetownpalace.com.

CRACK! THE IMPROVISED PUPPET MUSICAL Yes: puppets. But don't bring your young kids to this show, unless you want them to end up as warped as your twitchiest uncle. Do bring *your own self*, though, to witness a wild collision of improv comedy, puppetry, and music from Gnap! Theater Projects, as created by Sara Farr, directed by Valerie Ward, and starring a gang of improvisers who dare to put their hands inside the puppet head. *Aug. 6-21. Fri.-Sat.*, *8pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater*, *2803 Manor Rd.*, *474-7886.* \$10. www.gnaptheater.org.

BLAME IT ON THE PONY EXPRESS Whitney Ryan Garrity's comedic melodrama is staged in all its villain-hissing, popcorn-throwing vigor under the direction of Karen S. Miller for the Way Off Broadway Community Players out Leander way. Aug. 6-21. Fri.-Sat., 8pm. Extra show: Sun., Aug. 15, 3pm. 11880 FM 2243 W., Leander, 512/259-5878. www.wobcp.org.

ARALYN'S HOME ECONOMICS: MOVING DAY

This is a live, documentary-style performance piece by local "Keep Austin Weird" celeb Aralyn Hughes, telling about the ordeal of moving her worldly goods and downscaling her material exuberance. Call the director and videographer, Amparo Garcia Crow, for details. Sun., Aug. 8, 7pm. 441-6085.

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE Zach Theatre presents this wildly acclaimed musical about ... well, about a musical, really. Directed by Nick Demos and starring Martin Burke as the man whose living room is invaded by a Broadway spectacle of romance, song, and much spirited hoofing. Held over! *Through Aug.* 29. Wed.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2pm. Zach Theatre, 1510 Toomey, 476-0541. \$20-45. www.zachscott.com.

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CLOSING

AUSTIN DRAMA CLUB: ROMEO AND JULIET The classic, as interpreted by Japhy Fernandes and company. Through Aug. 8. Fri.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 7pm. 12345 Pauls Valley. 569-7435. \$5-30. www.austindramaclub.com.

MELANCHOLY PLAY Sarah Ruhl's contemporary farce is brought to the stage by Palindrome Theatre with Helyn Rain Messenger, Corley Pillsbury, Nathan Brockett, Jude Hickey, and Bernadette Nason rocking the boards under the direction of Kate Eminger. An original score is performed live by composer Matt Hines of the Eastern Sea. See review, left. Through Aug. 8. Thu.-Sat., 8pm, Sun., 5pm. Austin Playhouse, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. C, 467-0084. \$20 (\$15, students, seniors). www.austinplayhouse.com.

SUMMERSTOCK AUSTIN: CABARET AND SWEET CHARITY This year's Summer Stock brings the classic Cabaret, directed by David Valdes, and that ground-breaking Sweet Charity, directed by Ginger Morris. Both productions have Michael "Evil Dead: The Musical" McKelvey as music director and will be presented in repertory. See website for schedule. Through Aug. 7. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 428-1297. \$15-25. www.summerstockaustin.org.

VORTEX YOUTH THEATRE: YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU This summer's batch of Vortex-trained kids brings the Kaufman/Hart comedy to the long-time Eastside stage, under the direction of Mick D'arcy. Through Aug. 7. Thu.-Sun., 8pm. The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd., 478-5282. \$10-30. www.vortexrep.org.

ONGOING

CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF Don't feel like watching The Mendacious Adventures of Brick and Maggie at City Theatre in Austin? Catch T. Williams' classic Southern drama directed by David Schneider out at the Wimberley Playhouse. Through Aug. 22. Fri.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 2:30pm. 450 Old Kyle Rd., Wimberley, 512/847-0575. \$18. www.wimberleyplayers.org.

CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF "Sultry" and "steamy" are the relevant adjectives, of course, as City Theatre presents Jeff Hinkle directing Tim Brown, Rachel McGinnis, and Garry Peters in this Pulitzer-winning Tennessee Williams classic. See review, p.62. Through Aug. 15. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5:30pm. City Theatre, 3823-D Airport, 524-2870. \$15-25 (\$12, students; \$10, Thursdays). www.citytheatreaustin.org.

CIRCLE MIRROR TRANSFORMATION This is what won the Obie for Best American Play this year. This is the new script from Annie Baker, who wrote HPT's last, widely acclaimed production: Body Awareness. This is directed by Ken Webster and features him, Katherine Catmull, Kenneth Wayne Bradley, Rebecca Robinson, and Xochitl Romero. This is all the comedy that a stage can stand, and then some. Held over! Through Aug. 14. Thu.-Sat., 8pm. Hyde Park Theatre, 511 W. 43rd, 479-PLAY. \$19 (\$17, students, seniors, ACOT; pay what you can, Thursdays). www.hydeparktheatre.com.

EARLY GIRL This Caroline Kava drama that offers a look behind the scenes at a brothel is directed by Charles P Stites for the Paladin Theatre Company. Through Aug. 22. Thu.-Sat., 8pm; Sun., 5:30pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$20 (\$15, Thursdays). www.paladintheatrecompany.com.

THE 52ND ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL: ANNIE Even as the comic-strip heroine's publication ceases in newspapers everywhere, the city of Austin brings her staged exploits to the annual summertime shindig on the hill. Through Aug. 14. Thu.-Sun., 8:30pm. Zilker Hillside Theater, 2206 William Barton Dr., 479-9491. Free www.tilker.org

comedy

IN THE CLUBS

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

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

People Saying Things Live! Austinites take the stage this month to tell a story based on Dogs Day Afternoon. Hosted by Mary Jo Pehl, this month's show features comedian and actor Marv Pratt, Monica Ballard (recently featured on the Biography Channel's "My Ghost Story"), and electrical and biomedical engineer James Fett. Sat., Aug. 7, 9:30pm. \$7.



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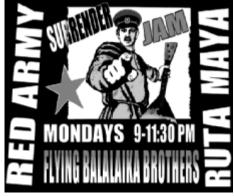
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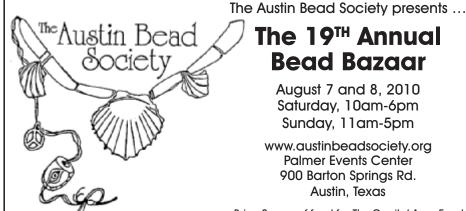
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Cat on a Hot Tin Roof



City Theatre, 3823-D Airport, 524-2870

www.citytheatreaustin.org
Through Aug. 15
Running time: 2 hr., 30 min.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof is a talky play. That's not a bad thing. At his best, Tennessee Williams wrote characters who talk and talk and talk, and in the process utterly expose themselves and all their inner workings, all while believing their facades to

be intact. It's almost magical at times to see someone like Big Mama (Terri Bennett) go on and on about her love for her husband and her son Brick, yet there it is the whole time: that raging neediness, that desperation for a home and a family that can respond to her smothering affections.

The family does not oblige, however. Favorite son Brick (Tim Brown) spends the entire play drinking himself into a barely coherent daze, finding new reasons to hobble back to the wet bar despite a stage full of people informing him of his drinking problem. He's on crutches, in one of those fantastically obvious devices that clues us in to his crippled emotional state.

Brick is joined by his wife, Maggie (Rachel McGinnis – more on her in a moment), and his parents, Big Daddy (Garry Peters) and Big Mama, who each try to avoid the reality of death as much as Brick avoids the reality of life. Then there's Brick's unloved brother, Gooper (Jonathan Urso), and his wife, Mae (Samantha Brewer), who together redefine the word "smug" thanks to their reproductive talents. If it weren't for that Tennessee Williams touch that renders each and every one of these characters vulnerable and naked by the end, it would be rough going.

If you see plays regularly in Austin, then you start to see many of the same actors.

It's fun to notice patterns and styles. Then every once in a while, you might also happen to catch a performance in which an actor takes a great leap forward – where something snaps into place and really cool things happen.

With Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, McGinnis tackles the role of Maggie, a complex, needy, passionate woman of many layers, and McGinnis brings something deeply engaging and intense to the part. As Maggie, her focus is sharp and unwavering. She is cruel, but the wonderful thing about McGinnis' work is that it's still painfully clear how much Maggie still loves her estranged, alcoholic husband, Brick. Equally to her credit is how she allows Maggie to step back in Act II, when the face-off between Brick and Big Daddy takes over. Many actors can take on a lead role; not everyone can also be a supporting player in the same show without pulling focus. One hopes that McGinnis will continue to challenge herself.

Jeff Hinkle's direction is a good choice for City Theatre, which often reaches out to younger directors with varying results. This production isn't the most polished, but it's got a strong base, and many of the people working on it are worth watching.

- Elizabeth Cobbe

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

Tig Notaro It's Tig! It's Tig! No, it really is: *Her*, the celebrated funnywoman with the trail of festival hits and TV appearances and material so funny that Cap City dares to use **Lucas Molandes** as an opening act. Yeah: Recommended. *Fri.-Sat.*, *Aug.* 6-7, 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.

John Caparulo The man's just been signed up for his own show on NBC, so, yes, this may be your last chance to see him, live, without paying a C-note in some Erwin Center-sized arena and wailing for a chance to touch the hem of his ermine jacket. (Besides, Todd Merriman opens.) That's right: Ermine. Aug. 11-14. Wed.-Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10:30pm.

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

The Week in Coldness: ColdTowne presents Life Lessons as imparted by that all-female improve cabal Sarah 7. Thu., 8pm. Double Date Night showcases two-person improv troupes. Thu. 10pm. Mainstage Sketch Lab promises to make good on ColdTowne's sketch-supremacy agenda. Fri., 8pm. Live at ColdTowne is the house flavor of stand-up comedy, featuring some of Austin's best. Fri., 10pm. Bonk! With a name like that? Nothing else but late-night vaudeville hijinks. Fri., 11pm. Free. **Boy Toy** offers a free show, featuring **Starter** Kit. Sat., 7pm. Stool Pigeon features the pintsized powerhouse Shana Merlin of MerlinWorks iump-starting the night with a thrice-told tale. Sat. 8pm. Cage Match Two improv teams go all lucha libre on each other for your grins and giggles. Sat., 9pm. Paralellogramophongraph just can't stayaway from that ol' ColdTowne stage. Sat., 10pm. The Late Night Show sizzles with Midnight Society and, yes, the everlovin' Frank Mills. Sat., 11pm. Free Shows on Sunday Night! Oh, check them out, lucky citizen. Sun., 7 & 8pm. Also, the Monday Night Mash happens each week, also with free admission, and can you guess the night on which it occurs at 8:30pm?

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

Esther's Follies Esther's popular jesters bring you this red, white, and blue summer of musical satire and lively vaudeville, Texas-style! The magic of Ray Anderson, topical satires on the news of the day – Tea party antics! Rick Perry parodies! Oil spill filiblusters! – and musical production numbers unleash a spectacle of hilarity right there on Sixth Street. What do the mistresses of Tiger Woods, Jesse James, and John Edwards have in common? They're lampooned here, by some of Austin's cleverest. Reservations highly recommended. Thu., 8pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 & 10pm. \$20-22 (discounts available Thursdays & Fridays for seniors, students, military). Additional \$5 for special reserved seats. \$12-20.

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

Thursday: Oh, how **Threefer Madness** brings you a trio of improv troupes! Oh, how they work without a script! 8pm. \$3.

Friday: Girls Girls Girls: The Boys of Summer Austin's favorite *musical* bevy of improv beauties adds a different Y-chromosomed hottie to the mix each week, for superior comedy hijinks in July and August. This week: Eric Heiburg. 8pm. \$10. The Spectacle! This week the improv showcase rocks like a Sammy with two Hagars, with Parallelogramophonograph and Midnight Society. 10pm. \$10.

Saturday: Who Is T. Henry Baudecliffe? is comedy improv based among the rediscovered creations of a Henry Darger-like reclusive genius. Outsider art spurs narrative tropes! Freaky! Wild! 8pm. \$10. Maestro is a fierce, elimination-style battle for supremacy among improvisers, scored by you, the audience, sure to bring out the wackiest. 10pm. \$10.

Sunday: The Weekender Just a five-spot gets you into the perfect capper to your steady two-day vacation: sketch comedy somewhere between pure silly and near brilliant, from one of Austin's up-and-coming troupes. (Except that, in the case of Your Terrific Neighbors on the first Sunday of each month, it's a troupe that's already arrived – and will rock your comedy world.) \$5.

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

Open Mic Night They're coming out of the alcohol-sodden woodwork to try to make you laugh, with your host, **Ryan Cownie**. Thursdays, 10pm.

Jake Flores and Seth Cockfield! Yes! We'll admit we're biased – sure – but we're not, check it, full of shit. Especially when it comes to this reco: Don't miss this one-two punch of pure comic excellence. These are two very funny men who live in your city, and they'll make you laugh about just what it's like to do that. If you're not braindead, friend, this is the show for you and your pals, or for you and a date, because this is the real, unHollywooded deal. And, cool, Ryan Cownie opens. (There are supposed to be "special guests," too, whatever the hell that means, but we don't care, we're already so there and on our second White Russian.) Fri.-Sat., Aug. 6-7, 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.

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TIKI TUESDAYS @ CHERRYWOOD Local funnyman **Seth Cockfield** hosts an open mic where anybody can do a short set, but – much better – some of the city's top comedy talents break in their new material. Catch 'em here before they bolt for L.A.! *Tuesdays*, 10pm. Cherrywood Coffeehouse, 1400 E. 38½.

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

KATHY GRIFFIN The soi-disant D-List Queen of Comedy returns to Austin with her fame-snarking spiels that'll be sure to have you fact-checking your back issues of *Us* and *People* magazines. Is there anything funnier than the agony of not being a sufficiently celebrated celebrity? Haw! *Thu.*, Aug. 5, 8pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 457-5100. \$49-89. www.thelongcenter.org.

THE NEW MOVEMENT Acclaimed comedy instructors Chris Trew and Tami Nelson execute their brand of hijinks with talented friends and disciples. Yes, a regular ongoing series of shows of all kinds, right there in the theatre next to Nubian Queen Lola's, in inimitable Chris 'n' Tami style. You want comedy? Check this: The Megaphone Show Wednesdays, 9:30pm. Free. Block Party Thursdays, 9:30pm. \$2. The 11:11 Cinematheque Comedy evisceration of an entire cult film. Thursdays, 11:11pm. \$1. The Main Event Competitive improv and joke wrestling. Fridays, 9:30pm. And this week's recommended pick: Improv meets Mortified with The Table of Incontinence Sat., Aug. 7, 9:30pm. New Movement Theater, 1819 Rosewood. www.newmovementtheater.com.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL Two Gnap!tastic improv troupes, one after the other, for maximum compareand-contrast opportunities of comedy styling and schools of prov-fu. This weekend, **Techno Forest of Doom** brings the power and the glory, only to be matched awesome for awesome by **Girls Girls**. Sat., Aug. 7, 10pm. Salvage Vanguard Theater, 2803 Manor Rd., 474-7886. \$10. www.gnaptheater.org.

dance

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NOCHE PORTENA Enjoy an authentic Argentine atmosphere as tango and folklore singer Daniel Montserrat performs weekly, accompanying featured dancers and the occasional afterdinner couples. *Thursdays*, 7:30-10pm. *Buenos Aires Cafe*, 1201 E. Sixth, 382-1189. Free. www.buenosairescafe.com.

RAKASA REVUE BELLY-DANCE SHOWCASE features Zira of Gypsy Rogues, Yvette-Marie, and the tribal stylings of Twisted Notionz, as well as Kimora, Zahara, and Kahramana of Bahaia's Kan Zaman Dancers. Fri., Aug. 6, 7:30pm. Casa de Luz, 1701 Toomey, 850-6122. \$10 (\$8, in advance; free, ages 12 and younger). www.casadeluz.org.

SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA After touring more than 100 cities on five continents, the Shen Yun company comes to Austin for a spectacular original production of Chinese dance and music. Sat., Aug. 7, 2:30 & 7:30pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside, 474-5664. \$45-120. www.shenyunperformingarts.org.

classical music

OPENING

AUSTIN SUMMER POPS ORCHESTRA: SCI-FI! Music from science-fiction films from the 1960s to 1980s (Star Wars, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, and more) and five movements of Holst's The Planets. Sat., Aug. 7, 7:30pm. St. Edward's University, 3001 S. Congress, 448-8400. \$12 (\$10, students, seniors). www.austinsummerpops.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON OPERA: OPERA SHOWCASE

The St. Edward's University Music Department and Spotlight on Opera have begun their annual summer season collaboration, an ambitious, three-week program of musical performances from the world of opera. This week: Three completely unique programs of staged excerpts from the world's most beautiful operas, including La Boheme, Madame Butterfly, Faust, The Mikado, and more. Aug. 7-8; Sat., 7pm; Sun., 2pm. Jones Auditorium, St. Edward's University, 3001 S. Congress. Sat., Aug. 14, 7pm. Alma Thomas Theater, Southwestern University, Georgetown. 246-1914. \$10 (\$7, seniors, students, faculty, staff). www.spotlightonopera.com.

ONGOING

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

NOTES & ENCORES

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SEEKS EXPERIENCED CHORAL SINGERS The Parish Choirs of St. David's Episcopal Church are holding auditions for two exciting performances of choral masterworks: The choirs will present Maurice Durufé's deeply moving *Requiem* for the Feast of All Souls in early November; and the choirs will appear with the Austin Symphony Orchestra in its annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* in early December. Call for details. St. David's Episcopal Church, 304 E. Seventh, 610-3538. www.stdave.org.

visual arts

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WEST END GALLERY NIGHT: FIRST THURSDAY Nine galleries within walking distance (and with ample parking) are bedecked with new works and await your visit on this particular day each month. Venues include Art on 5th, F8 Gallery, Haven Gallery, Lotus Gallery, Russell Collection, Stephen L. Clark Gallery, Sterling Images, Wally Workman Gallery. See website for gallery map. Thu., Aug. 5, 6-8pm. 478-4440. www.artaustin.org.

CITY GLASS GRAND REOPENING They've moved, these glass artists with their fusing and blowing and solid liquid ways, and this open house event welcomes the public to the fiery studios. Sat., Aug. 7, 2-6pm. 5305 Bolm #7, 584-9323. www.cityglass.us.

GALLERY BLACK LAGOON'S JEWELRY SHOWA one-day show of local artisans' brilliant baubles and metallic and beady fineries, with free and tasty noms. Sat., Aug. 7, 2-7pm. 4301 Guadalupe.

www.gallervblacklagoon.wordpress.com.

OPENING

FINE AUSTIN LIVING: WALL TEXTURE Twodimensional works of *slightly* more than two dimensions, by Sharon Kyle Kuhn, Todd Van Duren, Nina Mihm, and others, presented by Frames of Reference. Reception: *Thu.*, Aug. 5, 6-8pm. Exhibition: *Through* Oct. 15. 4238 Bee Caves Rd. www.fineaustinliving.com.

BIRDHOUSE GALLERY: CHRIS HOLLOWAY Paintings, drawings, still photographs, and video combine in the artist's "HighHeal," a tripartite series featuring Distorted Supermodel, Money, and On Location at Marfa's Prada. Yes. Reception: Sun., Aug. 8, 6-10pm. Exhibition: Through Aug. 22. 1304 E. Cesar Chavez. www.hollowavart.com.



ANDY COOLQUITT GETS PAST THE TENSE WITH THE YEAR 1988 AND MANY LOCAL ARTISTS AT DOMY BOOKS THIS WEEKEND.

LA PEÑA GALLERY: DAVID DE LARA "Tender Dissonance." Reception: Fri., Aug. 13, 6-8pm. Exhibition: Aug. 6-28. 227 Congress #300, 477-6007. www.lostdreams.org, www.lapena-austin.org.

STARVING ART STUDIOS: LUKE ZIMMERMANN A posthumous collection of abstract works. Opening: *Fri.*, *Aug.* 6, 4-7pm. Exhibition: *Through Aug.* 29. 2324 E. Cesar Chavez. www.lpzimmermann.com.

DOMY BOOKS: 88 1988 was a terrific year for art in Austin! So sayeth curator Andy "The Legend" Coolquitt, who's operating under the auspices of Domy and Okay Mountain to present the best of back-in-the-day creations by Jill Thrasher, Regina Vater, Carolee Schneemann, Kal Spelletich, Steve Jones, Nick Maffei, Penny Van Horn, Sawad Brooks, Bill Lundberg, Sheelah Murthy, and others. Reception: Sat., Aug. 7, 7-10pm. Exhibition: Through Sept. 9. 913 E. Cesar Chavez, 476-3669. www.domystore.com.

CO-LAB: AIN'T NOTHIN' LIKE THE REAL THING Sarah Welch, Sarah Crowe, and Graham Austin explore contemporary forms of substitution within a range of media. Opening reception: Sat., Aug. 7, 7-11pm. Closing reception: Sat., Aug. 14, 7-11pm. 613 Allen, 300-8217. www.colabspace.org.

WALLY WORKMAN GALLERY: 30TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW How do you effectively follow an lan Shults debut, especially if the exhibition will mark the 30th year of a gallery's existence? Workman goes for the win with a group show of excellent venue regulars – Jennifer Balkan, Helmut Barnett, Amy Guidry, Angie Renfro, Eric Stevens, and others – to start the gallery's next decade. Reception: Sat., Aug. 7, 6-8pm. Exhibition: Through Sept. 4. 1202 W. Sixth, 472-7428. www.wallyworkmangallery.com.

PUMP PROJECT: NATALYA KOCHAK The artist's "The Family of Man in Watercolor" uses a unique method combining layers of painting and silkscreening to express community, connection and time. Reception: Sat., Aug. 7, 7-10pm. Exhibition: Through Aug. 22. 702 Shady. www.natalyakochak.com.

CLOSING

DRAGONFLY GALLERY: MIXED-MEDIA ARTISTS OF HOUSTON Through Aug. 12. 4007 Marathon, 420-9000. free. www.dragonflygallerytx.com.

STUDIO2GALLERY: AVAA SHOW Here's a diversity of new works by members of the Austin Visual Arts Association, chosen by Donna Crosby and Tina Weitz. *Through Aug. 7. 1700 S. Lamar #318, 386-9233.* www.studio2gallery.com.

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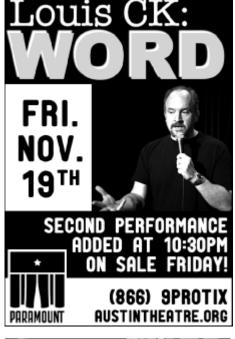
DIBONA STUDIO Oil paintings and "sculptural tattoos" by Joyce DiBona. 404 W. Milton, 851-2646. www.joycedibona.com.

AUSTIN ART GARAGE Original art by local artists. 2200-J S. Lamar, 351-5934. www.austinartgarage.com.

ART IN A NUTSHELL This is the gallery of Ismael Cavazos, creator of "The Old Man in the Peanut," featuring his creations involving scribbles, drip paintings, rocks, inkblots, and clouds. 2209 S. First, 436-6551. www.ismaelcavazos.com.

THE MARCHESA: RENE NORMAN & ANDREA NELSON An exhibition of new work in what used to be the Monarch Event Center, yes. *Through Aug. 30. Lincoln Village, 6406 N. I-35. 454-2000. free.* **www.themarchesa.com.**













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The Dutch artist M.C Escher, from whom this year's Austin Chamber Music Festival quartet-in-residence draws inspiration. was known for his ability to take individual components and

weave them into fantastic and mindbending works of art. It's a fitting emblem for a string quartet, as the success of any small ensemble relies on that fine balance between the individual performances and the voice created by their sum.

There's no doubt that each member of the Escher Quartet brought gobs of talent with them to Austin. One needed only to hear violinist Adam Barnett-Hart's virtuosic work in the opening movement of Haydn's famous String Quartet No. 30 ("The Joke"), or violist Pierre Lapointe's mournful solo material to open the Bartók String Quartet No. 6 for proof. Judging by the standing ovations following the first and second acts, I may be in the minority here, but taken as a whole, the quartet's concert was a bit of a letdown.

The ensemble's sound was bold and robust from the first notes of the Haydn. Credit is certainly due for their enthusiasm, but this was "The Joke," a playful and frothy piece that, if anything, calls for a bouncy, delicate touch. In the second and third movements, balance issues persisted in the inner voices, which contributed to a generally heavy-handed performance. The players shone brightly, however, at the very end with an entirely convincing take on Haydn's musical prank. Though this effective showmanship drew laughter from the crowd, the performance that preceded it was generally flat.

The Bartók quartet certainly provided the ensemble some meatier material, and again there were moments of inspired work. Written just before Bartók fled Europe as it descended into World War II chaos, the piece

is fraught with sadness, paranoia, and fear. I heard an audience member compare the sound to a Hitchcock film score, which fittingly captured the spirit of the piece. Here the Escher Quartet had a chance to delve into denser emotions, but they never seemed to truly connect to the piece. Though the performance was sound technically, it came across as overly clinical and disjointed.

The performance concluded with Beethoven's String Quartet No. 7, often referred to as the "Russian Quartet," as it was written on commission for the Russian ambassador to Vienna at the time. The first of Beethoven's middle period quartets. this piece has all the adventurous spirit for which the master is famous, from the bucolic opening themes of the first movement to the fiery second movement and majestic final movement, inspired by a Russian hymn. The quartet's performance was stronger than in the first half and displayed a greater sense of cohesion. It was a satisfying conclusion.

After all was said and done, it was tough to know just how much the musicians themselves enjoyed their performance. Perhaps this was part of what made the concert seem a bit cold to me. The heart of any successful performance is an engine of inspiration that you can feel as an audience member. Here, this was lacking. Given the rigors of their monthlong devotion to the festival through master classes, workshops, and public performances, perhaps the members of the Escher String Quartet had merely run out of gas. - Michael Kellerman DAVIS GALLERY: THAT SUMMER FEELING The gallery's regular (read: excellent) artists explore their memories of summer in this group show. Through Aug. 28. 837 W. 12th, 477-4929. www.davisgalleryaustin.com

MUSEO: ILLUSTRATING LIFE Frames of Reference presents original works by Graham Franciose, Gregory Truett Smith, and Larry Goode. Through Oct. 16. 11266 Taylor Draper. www.museoliving.com

TESTSITE: JUST BECAUSE 10.3 Sculpture and installation artist Michael Krumenacker's newest works in "Your Hair Is Mine." Through Sept. 5. 502 W. 33rd. www.fluentcollab.org/testsite.

CHAN CHAN: PHOTOS AND PAINTINGS OF CUBA The photography of Piercarlo Abate and the paintings of Luis Abreux show a side of Cuba that's seldom seen. 81 San Marcos St. www.piercarloabate.com

CORONADO STUDIOS The Serie Project, a nonprofit Latino arts organization hosted by Coronado Studios, produces, promotes, and exhibits serigraph prints created by diverse artists. 6601 Felix, 385-3591. www.serieproject.org.

GALLERY 5619: I AM HUMAN. I AM SPIRIT. This immersive exhibition of photography, sound clips, and narrative by writer Trevor Boehm and photographer Kara Payne explores the lives of the Sioux Indians of Montana. Through Aug. 29. 5619 Airport, 751-2360. www.gallery5619.org

GRAYDUCK GALLERY: CLOSED MONDAYS is the clever and perfect name of this show of work by Austin art-museum workers. Who: Milli Apelgren, Annie Arnold, Joe Janson, Bill Molthen, Casey Polacheck, John M. Sager, Cassandra Smith, and James Tisdale. Through Aug. 29. 608 W. Monroe. 826-5334. www.grayduckgallery.com

WYATT BRAND GALLERY: KENNY BRAUN The (astonishingly good) photographer presents "Surf" in glorious black and white. Through October. 107 Leland #4, 904-9928. www.wvattbrand.com.

DUMONT GALLERY Linda Dumont: cityscapes, abstracts, and portraits. Call for appointment. 906 E. Fifth. 698-1890. www.lindadumont.com

AUSTIN ART SPACE: WHAT TEXAS MEANS TO ME Work by 35 different artists, juried by Phillip Wade Through Aug. 28. 7739 Northcross, 771-2868. www.austinartspace.com

EYE CONTACT ART showcases the work of Joshua Garcia and others. 12400 Amherst #102, 825-8577. www.evecontactart.com.

GALLERY BLACK LAGOON The husband-and-wife team of David Lujan and Singer Mayberry (of the Parlor family) have turned the former Movie Store at 43rd & Guadalupe into an art gallery. Now featuring work by Jeffrey Swanson, Ryan Davis, and Christa Palazzolo 4301 Guadalupe. www.galleryblacklagoon.com

VSA ARTS: ON MOUNTAIN TIME Work by four artists from El Paso: Elena Octuna Batista, Lorene Glenn Rogers, Leonardo Ceniceros, and Elisha Rachelle. Access Gallery, 3701 Guadalupe #103. 454-9912. www.vsatx.org.

ART ON 5TH: 1000 CRANES OF PEACE Join your friends and neighbors in pledging donations represent ed by 1000 origami cranes in this monthlong event, presented by SAHELI to raise funds and awareness for survivors of domestic violence. Through Aug. 21. 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 St., 457-0171. www.pablotaboadastudio.com

COURTYARD GALLERY: JENNIFER CHENOWETH The artist's flowing, three-dimensional wall installation is inspired by the four elements: earth, water, air, and

fire. Through Aug. 27. AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center, 1900 University Ave., 404-1900, 877/744-8822. www.ienchenoweth.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: RUNNING THE NUMBERS Photographer Chris Jordan "takes numbers that are too big for the mind to grasp and makes them shockingly beautiful for the eye to behold." As if that weren't enough, two huge and intriguing sculptures by Sunyong Chung gorgeously complicate AMOA's locals-only space, and another gallery is bedecked by the stunning conglomerations of the "Collection Selections" showcase, Recommended, Through Aug. 15. 823 Congress, 495-9224. www.amoa.org **BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS** Unique handmade glass art and jewelry. 108 W. 43rd, 380-0770. www.austinbluemoon.com

BIG MEDIUM: ALL ABOARD Here's a collaborative show presented by Mike Parsons and friends: Sunju Shin, Zack McDonald, Andy Rihn, Matt Rodriguez, Dennis Hodges, Mike Aho, Michael Sieben, and more. (Each artist has contributed a handmade stuffed creature that will be placed aboard a small boat.) Through Aug. 28. 5305 Bolm, 385-1670. www.bigmedium.org.

D BERMAN GALLERY: FAITH GAY AND RAYMOND **UHLIR** The newest works from these Austin artists are twin explosions of color and (in Uhlir's case) strange narrative. Through Aug. 21. 1701 Guadalupe, 477-8877. www.dbermangallery.com.

REALITY X 2: IMAGINATION AS LIVED EXPERIENCE Paintings by Brazilian artist Werllayne Nunes. Through Aug. 28. Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina, 974-4926. www.werllayne.com

BLANTON MUSEUM: MATISSE AS PRINTMAKER Printmaking's such a beautiful craft when done well, and who better to represent old-school lithography and such than Monsieur H. Matisse? Recommended. Through Aug. 23. MLK & Congress, 471-7324. www.blantonmuseum.org.

L. NOWLIN GALLERY: THE PORTRAIT A wide array of portraits, in fact, captured by photographers so diverse, so skilled in color or black-and-white, that it's like having a pair of perfect eyes roaming the world for your consideration and awe. Through Aug. 14. 1202-A W. Sixth, 626-9301. www.lnowlingallery.com.

AMOA – LAGUNA GLORIA: CAROLE MCINTOSH SIKES Through Aug. 23. 3809 W. 35th, 458-8191. www.amoa.org

LORA REYNOLDS GALLERY: CORDY RYMAN The New York-based artist's paintings and sculptures address elements of architecture with rich texture and a unique color palette, expertly displayed in this new solo show called "Scrapple." Through Sept. 4. 360 Nueces #50, 215-4965. www.lorareynolds.com.

MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM: YOUNG LATINO ARTISTS Claudia Zapata is the curator of "Consensus of Taste," the 15th iteration of the popular series which includes, this year, a commemorative serigraph by Matthew Rodriduez and an entrance mural by James Huizar among the vibrant works on display. Through Aug. 30. 419 Congress, 480-9373. www.mexic-artemuseum.org.

MACC: TOWN OF CLOUDS Visual documentation of the Wirranrika (Huicholes) culture in Jalisco, by Mexican photographer Diego Huerta. Through Aug. 14. 600 River. 974-3772, www.maccaustin.org.

MITCHIE'S FINE BLACK ART presents an eclectic selection of African and African-American artwork. 7801 N. Lamar Ste. B-148. 323-6901. www.mitchie.com

MUSEUM OF NATURAL & ARTIFICIAL EPHEMERATA: UNDERGROUND Huzzah! It's a new exhibition from one of Austin's most quirkily delightful galleries. What goes on underground, whether culturally or geologically? Some of what goes on also goes on here, in a charming display. Curator-led tours: Thursdays, 4-7pm; Saturdays, 1-4pm; and by appointment. Through Nov. 30. 1808 Singleton, 320-0566. www.mnae.org.

REVERSE GALLERY: WORKS OF SPRING Michael Bacon paints abstracts on the back of clear vinyl, and his works are viewed through the untouched side. 612 Brazos #100, 592-0219. www.michaelabacon.com

SOUTH AUSTIN POPULAR CULTURE CENTER Posters and more from the hevday of Austin's Vulcan Gas Company and Armadillo World Headquarters. Through Aug. 28. 1516-B S. Lamar, 440-8318. www.samopc.org.

WOMEN & THEIR WORK: PERSISTENCE OF MOMENT Karen Mahaffy uses video, sculpture, and drawing to create reminders of the exceptional contained among the ordinary. Through Sept. 22. 1710 Lavaca, 477-1064. www.womenandtheirwork.org.

YARD DOG: BRAD & SUNDIE RUPPERT The Rupperts are a husband-and-wife team from Iowa who use wire, vintage ceiling tin, watch parts, vintage fabrics, and architectural salvage to create their unique sculptures. Through Aug. 22. 1510 S. Congress, 912-1613. www.yarddog.com.

SPACES

FARM TO MARKET: LANCE BRADLEY Paintings and prints. 1718 S. Congress, 462-7220. www.thelancebradley.com.

DECOLA & EUSEBI GALLERY Stained and leaded glass and mosaics. 701 Tillery Ste. A-11, 389-2266. www.decola-eusebi.com

RUBY'S BBQ'S – L. P. ZIMMERMANN GALLERY SHOW Fri., Aug. 6. free. www.austinstarvingart.com.

EASTSIDE BOOKS Currently showing works by Patrick King, Ramon Lozano, and John Metcalf. 2415 *E. Fifth*. 472-2665. www.eastsidebooksaustin.com.

RUSSELL'S BAKERY: NORMAN GARRETT Photodocumentation of brides and their weddings

Photodocumentation of brides and their weddings. 1601 W. 38th, 619-9633. www.thanksforthememories.biz.

BENNU: VISUAL LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Photography by Poet on Watch and Emily Kinsolving; paintings by Andrea McArdle. 2001 E. MLK, 972/836-4255. www.malisite.ning.com.

CORONA CAFE: DESERT MOTORSPORTS RACING Photography by Terry Raven. *Through Aug.* 25. 1215 *Corona,* 524-0014. www.coronacafeaustin.com.

FAIR BEAN COFFEE: PAUL MCGUIRE

"Fractallography" is generated by the artist's custom-designed software. Reception: *Fri., Aug. 6, 5-8pm.* Exhibition: *Through Aug. 31. 2210-I S. First, 775-0458.* www.realgalleryaustin.com.

JOEY SEEMAN: CHOLAS POR VIDA The artist's work pays tribute to the *cholas*, *pachucas*, *rucas*, gang girls, prison art, and lowrider culture. *Through Aug.* 9. 1308 E. Sixth, 524-0384. www.joeyseeman.com.

RIO'S BRAZILIAN CAFE: ERICA HOWARD The artist's "Cheese Is Made Out of the Moon" opens with live music and tasty noms. Reception: *Thu., Aug. 5, 6-9pm.* Exhibition: *Through Aug. 31. 408 N. Pleasant Valley,* 828-6617. www.riosofaustin.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.

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

AUSTIN DETAILS: CALL FOR ENTRIES: NEON SHOW You don't have to be as neonly awesome as Ben Livingston to be part of this celebratory exhibition of a gas, gas, gas. Works in or about neon are eligible for consideration. See website for details. Deadline: Aug. 20. 106 E. Eighth, 391-0999. www.austindetailsart.com.

THE DIG PUB IN CEDAR PARK: CALL FOR ENTRIES E-mail for details. 512/996-9900.

CITY GLASS: WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES Glass blowing? Yes, and more. 1105 E. Sixth, 584-9323. www.cityglass.us.

ATELIER 3-D: A SCULPTORS' STUDIO is a centrally located sculpture studio (featuring the work of Steve Dubov, Heather Tolleson, and Terry Wilemon) that offers ongoing classes and workshops for all skill levels; the venue's also open to artists looking for workspace and tools. Call or see the website for details. 701 Tillery, 385-1115. www.atelier3-d.com.

2011 TEXAS BIENNIAL: CALL FOR ENTRIES Open to artists of all mediums who are living and working in Texas. See website for details. Deadline: *Aug.* 31. 385-1670. \$20 to apply. www.bigmedium.org.

CANTANKER: CALL FOR ENTRIES Rachel Cook and Claire Ruud are the jurors for this 11th full-color catalog and exhibition based on the theme of the "Ambiguous Object," to include work in all mediums that "uses ambiguity to allow viewers both the literal and physical space to observe and imagine." See submission form online. Deadline: Aug. 31. cantanker.wufoo.com/forms/cantanker-call-for-entries-the-ambiguous-object.

CHERRYWOOD ART FAIR: CALL FOR ENTRIES See website for details. Application deadline: Sept. 12. www.cherrywoodartfair.org.

BLUE MOON GLASSWORKS: CLASSES This

Hyde Park epicenter of everything silica-based and lovely offers instruction on glass fusing, leaded glass, precious-metal clay, and much more. See website for details. 108 W. 43rd. 380-0770. www.austinbluemoon.com.

MONOTYPE PRINTING WORKSHOP Cheryl Finfrock, instructor. Sat., Aug. 7, 10am-4pm. 2830 E. MLK, 477-9328 x21, \$150. www.flatbedpress.com.

MACC: ART CLASSES Sculpting, working in clay and paper pulp, painting with acrylics: many opportunities for learning a craft here. See website for details. 600 *River*, 478-6222. **www.maccaustin.org**.

AUSTIN FIGURATIVE GALLERY Art Seen Alliance presents a live model painting and drawing session. Poses are for 15 minutes each, except on the third Monday of the month, when the entire session is of one pose for two hours. Bring your own supplies. *Mondays*, 7-9pm. 2906 Fruth, 480-9562. \$5. www.artseenalliance.com.

American Short Fiction: Indian Summer Party

How you gonna follow a cover

cephalopod? Here's the perfect abecedarian nightcap before this endless summer ends: Indie songster Danny Malone kicks off the event with a fine set, setting down a folkie red carpet upon which Elizabeth Bigger and Chris Gibson will read pieces from the newest issue of ASF and Tomás Morin will delight the crowd with his vivid verse, all brought to you at Mohawk by the lettered savants of Austin's nationally celebrated literary magazine. Thu., Aug. 12, 6:30pm. Mohawk, 912 Red River, 482-8404. www.americanshortfiction.org.



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READINGS, SIGNINGS, AND PERFORMANCES

CARLOS CISNEROS follows up his bestselling debut mystery *The Case Runner* with the legal thriller *The Name Partner*. Wed., Aug. 11, 7pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

PATTI DENUCCI is one of two Austin women whose essays grace the book *Fearless Women, Fearless Wisdom*, featuring photos by Mary Ann Halpin. *Tue.*, Aug. 10, 5-8pm. BookWoman, 5501 N. Lamar Ste. 105-A, 472-2785. www.ebookwoman.com.

KIMBERLY WILSON presents *Tranquilista: Creating Enlightened Work and Mindful Play.* She is the founder of three yoga studios, an eco-clothing line, and a nonprofit and is still tranquil. *Mon., Aug. 9, 6pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.* **store-locator.barnesandnoble.com**.

ELAINE TYLER MAY recounts the history of the most culturally revolutionary drug in modern time. America and the Pill traces the last 50 years of this miracle that once promised happy marriages and the end of poverty but delivered something much more powerful: women's control over their own bodies. Sat., Aug. 7, 3pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

PEOPLE SAYING THINGS LIVE! Austinites take the stage this month to tell a story based on Dogs Day Afternoon. Hosted by Mary Jo Pehl, this month's show features comedian and actor Marv Pratt, Monica Ballard (recently featured on the Biography Channel's My Ghost Story), and electrical and biomedical engineer James Fett. Sat., Aug. 7, 9:30pm. Cafe Caffeine, 909 W. Mary, 447-9473. \$7. www.cafe-caffeine.com.

TEXAS NAFAS unleashes an interview with Thom Moon Bird (fka Thom the World Poet). Ric Williams says begin, and Thom carries on. Thom reverses the process for the last 15 minutes. Whew! Taped in the Austin backyard of Texas Nafas. Every week in August on Channel 10 and 16. See website for exact times. **www.channelaustin.org**.

CULINARY PERSONALITY JENNIFER SCHAERTL teaches y'all how to produce Gourmet Meals in Crappy Little Kitchens. Thu., Aug. 5, 7pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.

CONNIE MERRITT presents *Too Busy for Your Own Good*, a handbook for those who took the "Futurist Manifesto" a little too seriously. *Thu.*, *Aug.* 5, *7pm. BookPeople*, *603* N. *Lamar*, *472-5050*.

store-locator.barnesandnoble.com.

WRITING/BOOK GROUPS

AUSTIN FICTIONISTS meet twice a month to workshop members' short stories, novel chapters, and personal essays. They're accepting new applications for membership. Send a writing sample of no more than 10,000 words with a brief statement on why you want to join to jamfabl@hotmail.com.

SISTERS IN CRIME features Ed Martin with an update on the case of Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Martin, a special agent for the Internal Revenue Service, was active in the investigation of O'Hair's activities and the 1995 murders of her and her family members. Sun., Aug. 8, 2pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652. Free. www.hotssinc.org.

AUSTIN WRITERS WORKSHOP meets to write, read, and discuss screenplays. *Mondays*, 6:30pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.

THE NOOK CLUB dishes on the latest updates in the NOOK world, meeting the first Thursday of each month. *Thu., Aug. 5, 7pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum,* 10000 Research #158, 418-8985.

THE MYSTERY GROUP investigates Roseanna by Per Wahloo and Maj Sjowall. Wed., Aug. 11, 7:30pm. Barnes & Noble Arboretum, 10000 Research.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME is a long-running, just-for-fun, noncritique writing practice group. Meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Sat., Aug. 7, 10am-noon. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.minutesoffame.wordpress.com.

AAIM BOOK CLUB sweeps as they walk *The Jain Path*, translated by Aidan Rankin. *Mon.*, *Aug.* 9, *7pm.* BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. www.bookpeople.com.

OLD QUARRY CLUB learns A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines. Tue., Aug. 10, 7pm. Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center Dr., 345-4435.

WINDSOR PARK CLUB discusses the brilliant A World Lit Only by Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance: Portrait of an Age by William Manchester. Tue., Aug. 10, 7pm. Windsor Park Branch Library, 5833 Westminster, 928-0333.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

AUSTIN WRITERS WORKSHOP meets to write, read, and discuss screenplays. *Mondays*, 6:30pm. Barnes & Noble Westlake, 701 Capital of TX Hwy. S., 328-3652.

AUSTIN PUBLISHING UNIVERSITY presents Session 2: Content Is King. Learn techniques and tips, including how to structure the writing process, get past the first blank page, and present your ideas in a compelling way. Sun., Aug. 8, 1pm. BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar, 472-5050. Tickets on sale now. **www.bookpeople.com**.

OPEN MICS

EXPRESSIONS: A NIGHT FOR PEACE This all-ages reading features Anyah Dishon, Chris the Future, Daniel Cioper, Elzy Cogswell, India Rassner-Donovan, Lili & Walter, and surprise guests. Bring a dish for the potluck supper at the interval and cans of food for the Poets Pantry. Sat., Aug. 7, 7pm. Baha'i Faith Center, 4317 Airport, 459-4417.

CAFE CAFFEINE features acoustic music, poetry, free speech, improvisations, and collaborations. All-ages performance. Hosted by Thom Moon Bird. Sundays, 2-4pm. Cafe Caffeine, 909 W. Mary, 447-9473. www.cafecaffeine.com.

FAIR BEAN Hosted by Amy Zamarripa. Fridays, 5-7pm. Fair Bean Coffee, 2210-I S. First, 444-BEAN. www.fairbeancoffee.com.

GENUINE JOE Thursdays, 7:30-10pm. Genuine Joe Coffeehouse, 2001 W. Anderson, 220-1576. www.genuinejoe.com.

THE HIDEOUT is hosted by Thom Moon Bird. Next up is Danny Strack, fresh from the Slam Nationals. *Mondays*, 7-10pm. The Hideout Theatre, 617 Congress, 476-0473. \$2 (or canned food for Poets Pantry). www.hideouttheatre.com.

HOT MAMA'S Sundays, 4-6pm. Hot Mama's Espresso Bar, 2401 E. Sixth, 476-MAMA. www.hotmamasaustin.com

JPS JAVA OPEN MIC hosted by Bear. First and third Fridays, 8-10pm JP's Java, 2803 San Jacinto, 494-0015. www.jpsjava.com.

SPOKEN & HEARD Bring words, make noise, bring yourself, make friends. ASL interpreter available. Hosted by the Crew. Sundays, 7-10pm. Kick Butt Coffee, 5775 Airport #725, 454-5425. www.kickbuttcoffee.com.

THE AUSTIN POETRY SLAM Mike Henry and a rotating group of slam ninjas captain the crew that has all the best of stand-up, pomo theatre, rock & roll, and phone sex rolled into one cosmic-heat blast. Wednesdays, 8pm. ND at 501 Studios, 501 N. I-35, 485-3001. \$5 (21 and older). www.austinslam.com.

RUTA MAYA POETRY is one of the longest-running weekly open mics in Texas. Hosted by David Bates. *Tuesdays*, 6-9*pm. Ruta Maya*, 3601 S. *Congress Ste.* D-200, 707-9637. www.rmpoetryaustin.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

MORE POETRY! the Chinaberry at a distance (he keeps the memory closed) him there head bent – the boy looking up (she says she cannot get at it) receiving something lost (i have to protect myself) a prophecy hanging in the shadows (it wants itself on a sudden plain) we stand as if movement were a word unsaid (yes say yes) & the faces of all that hide shimmering between its leaves (i want what is between) his was not a promise so why pretend to run into some other hour (it is haunted those fields that cabin) the boughs are never empty (wait up the boy says: i have a bird that wants its own distance, its terrible rustle of wings). Namaste. Dive.

POEM OF THE ISSUE

Gone, the garden

Missed anniversary

No more children

Started drinking

House is gone,

Picket fence is gone

Death

Gone, everything

Stewart L. Pope, from "Happy Endings"

listings



The Disappearance of Alice Creed

D: J Blakeson; with Gemma Arterton, Martin Compston, Eddie Marsan. (R, 100 min.)

As thrilling cinematic tension goes, this UK import bypasses the metaphorical piano-wire garrote and blasts off into the razor-ribbon-around-an-infant's-neck stratosphere. No joke:

You'll want to book an appointment with your manicurist beforehand, because your nails are going to be gnawed to the bloody quick by the time the final, perfect frame of The Disappearance of Alice Creed sears itself onto your retinas. This is director Blakeson's first major feature - by "major" I mean the first to secure an American release - and it's a beautiful piece of ghastliness front-loaded with menace and supercharged with the sort of gritty, stoic unease that used to be something of a British trademark before such recent Australian filmmakers as Nash and Joel Edgerton (The Square) and David Michôd (the forthcoming Animal Kingdom) sailed up from Down Under on tragic seas of criminal despair. The Disappearance of Alice Creed does both those films one better, though (no mean feat). A kidnapping caper with only three characters and hardly more than one location, Blakeson's genre masterpiece ratchets up the emotional suspense

to mind-frying proportions. Of the plot, little can be said beyond this: Arterton (utterly redeeming herself from the stain of Clash of the Titans) is Alice Creed, who is kidnapped

> by two rough traders, Vic (Marsan, of the Red Riding trilogy) and Danny (The Damned United's Compston). Vic and Danny have a plan; the plan does not unfold as expected. Actually, very little in The Disappearance of Alice Creed arrives in sync with your expectations. Blakeson's script is as good

as his direction, and this genuine mind-blower of a movie has more real narrative surprises up its sleeve than any American caper film since The Usual Suspects, though is otherwise dissimilar to Bryan Singer's breakthrough film. The film is delicious, welcome, and entirely satisfying and, as an added bonus, far and away the best genre-fan date movie of the year. See it with someone you'd love to cuff. - Marc Savlov

*** Alamo Drafthouse South

new. *reviews*

AISHA D: Rajshree Ojha; with Sonam Kapoor, Abhay Deol, Anand Tiwari, Ira Dubey. (NR, 126 min.)

Not reviewed at press time. Proving that Jane Austen adaptations never go out of style, Aisha offers a Bollywood interpretation of her novel Emma. - Marjorie Baumgarten Tinseltown South

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS

D: Jay Roach: with Steve Carell. Paul Rudd. Zach Galifianakis. Jemaine Clement, Stephanie Szostak, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, David Walliams, Ron Livingston, Larry Wilmore.

The most memorable, sweet, and absurdly amusing characters in Dinner for Schmucks a remake of French director Francis Veber's film The Dinner Game - aren't even human or even, really, characters. They're dead prop mice: stuffed, costumed, and posed in tiny, dramatically efficient dioramic re-enactments of famous artworks, such as Edvard Munch's The Scream and Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. As created by the lead schmuck - a hapless, clueless IRS minion named Barry Speck (Carell, rehashing multiple notes from his lengthy comic repertoire) - these touching little verminous vignettes provide a glimpse into the true heart and soul (or what's left of it) of Dinner for Schmucks, a film that is far more aggressively mean-spirited than I suspect its makers intended. Barry, cloaked in a vintage-ugly windbreaker and a precarious mental state that whipsaws from merely disconcerted to overtly pathological, meets Rudd's up-andcoming financial wunderkind Tim, who, with

his vile boss, Fender (Greenwood), dangling the possibility of major career advancement before him, recruits poor Barry for the titular dinner at which various wealthy caricatures meet, dine, and make sport of sundry schmucky caricatures. The dinner, which arrives at the end, is the lesser end which the greater comic means of the film strive toward, however. The real question here is whether the not-yet-entirely corrupted Tim will sell what remains of his soul - by prostrating the dim Barry before the altar of latter-day Wall Street \$ucce\$\$ - and whether the nerds will have their revenge. It's a dramatic conundrum with few surprises (although Flight of the Conchords' Clement is a schmucktastic high point) as Carell alternately ricochets between being horrifyingly socially inept and meekly mousy. There are inspired gags, to be sure, but they're few and far between. The preposterously riveting Galifianakis, as one of Barry's semi-insane co-workers, is another inspired bit of casting and comedic execution, but really, this repast left me less than sated. - Marc Savlov ★★ Alamo Ritz, Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

FLIPPED D: Rob Reiner; with Madeline Carroll, Callan McAuliffe, Rebecca De Mornay, Anthony Edwards, John Mahoney, Penelope Ann Miller, Aidan Quinn, Kevin Weisman. (PG, 90 min.)

That Flipped works at all is no small wonder, and if that sounds like a backhanded compliment, you're right on the money. So is this: It's Reiner's best film in a decade ... but just look at the competition The Bucket List, Rumor Has It ..., Alex & Emma. In Flipped (based on Wendelin Van

Draanen's young-adult novel of the same name), Reiner returns to some of the same elements that defined his 1986 legacy work Stand by Me: a coming-of-age story steeped in small-town, midcentury Americana and accompanied by voiceover narration. Here, there are two young ones on the cusp of that changeover into young adulthood. Juli (Carroll) is a tough but sensitive semiwild child who flips when blond and blue-eyed Bryce (McAuliffe) moves into the house across the street. They're a very calculated study in opposites. She's messy, and he's upright; she's open to new ideas, he's timid to break from the pack; she's artistic, like her father (Quinn), while he elects to take orders from other arbiters of taste. Bryce is entirely unworthy of Juli, but I suppose young women have wasted their sighs and swoons on lesser men since time began. But must we spend half a movie on said lesser man's inner thoughts? The title refers in part to the film's gimmick (taken from the novel) of showing scenes from one child's perspective, then replaying the same action from the other's perspective. Much of the action is so undramatic as to hardly warrant a first viewing, let alone a second, and the film is weighed down by nonstop voiceover. Yet, for so many wrongs, there are certain charms. Carroll, as the single-minded Juli, is an unaffected actress who radiates smarts, and her beamy rapport with Quinn is a touching evocation of fathers and daughters' mutual-appreciation society. Indeed, far more interesting than Juli and Bryce's banal budding love is Reiner and coscripter Andrew Scheinman's sensitive exploration of how parents shape their children. - Kimberley Jones ** Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, CM

Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North

MIDDLE MEN D: George Gallo; with Luke Wilson, Giovanni Ribisi, James Caan, Gabriel Macht, Stacey Alysson, Jacinda Barrett, Kelsey Grammer, Terry Crews, Laura Ramsey, Christopher McDonald, Rade Serbedzija, Robert Forster, Kevin Pollak, Jason Antoon. (R, 105 min.)

Why this titillating, ripped-from-your-2amdesktop slice of XXX-rated Internet history is receiving such a soft marketing push from distributor Paramount Vantage is beyond me. Like its subject matter, it deserves better. It's the true (albeit embellished, natch) story of the somewhat random birth of organized Internet porn, which, as everyone from your mom to your kids to the Russian mob and the (still incarcerated) gonzo porn magnate Max Hardcore knows is, let's be honest here, what the Net is all about. Or, at least, what 37% of it is about (according to recently released figures courtesy of Internet filtering outfit Optenet). With breezily profane panache and no small debt to both GoodFellas and Boogie Nights, Middle Men journeys backward in Internet history to 1995. It was then that two coked-up ne'erdo-wells - a former NASA technician and certifiable genius with the pitch-perfect name of Buck Dolby (Macht) and manic, chainsmoking sleazoid Wayne Beering (the gleefully anarchic Ribisi) - teamed up to create the first dial-up, porn-on-demand website. They quickly realize that the key to future success (success being relative, this meant more money for blow and hookers) rested on the simplicity - and, more important, the anonymity - of their customers' burgeoning credit-card payments. Dolby, a computer guru as well as a walking freak-out, wrote the program (literally overnight) for the very first pay-by-credit-card porn site. Regardless of your stance on pornography, Dolby's brainstorm was a revolutionary act in every sense

openings & ratings

Aisha (NR)

The Disappearance of Alice Creed (R)

Flipped (PG)

★★★★★ As perfect as a movie can be

Slightly flawed, but excellent nonetheless

Has its good points, and its bad points

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Middle Men (R)

The Other Guys (PG-13)

Step Up 3D (PG-13)

Twelve (R)

Mediocre, but with one or two bright spots

Poor, without any saving graces

La bomba

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CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE 3D (PG)

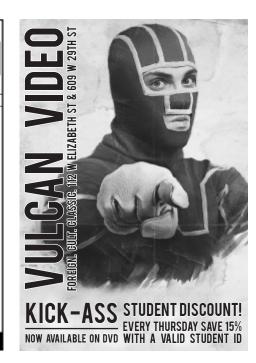
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showtimes friday, august 6 - thursday, august 12

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE AT THE RITZ 320 E. Sixth.

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Birdemic: Shock and Terror: Wed, 7:00pm
Dinner for Schmucks: Fri, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 11:00, Sat, 1:00, 2:25, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, 8:00, 6:00, 9:00; Mon-Thu (8/12), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Fantastic Fest: The Expendables Clinemapocalyse: Fri, 10:00pm
Weird Wednesday: Freebie and the Bean: Wed, 12mid
The Human Centipede (First Sequence): Wed, 9:25pm
Shark Week: Jaws: Sun, 7:00pm
Terror Tuesday: The Keep: Tue, 9:45pm
Hecklevision: Mega Shark vs. Glant Octopus: Sun, 10:15pm
Action Pack: Op Princess Sing-Along: Thu (8/12), 7:00pm
Action Pack: Pop Princess Sing-Along: Thu (8/12), 9:25pm
Shark Week: The Shark is Still Working: Sun, 1:00pm
AFS: South: Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance
Expedition: Sat, 12:00pm

Expedition: Sat, 12:00pm Music Monday: Space Is the Place: Mon, 9:45pm Master Pancake: Spider-Man: Sat, 7:30, 10:30 Cinema Cocktails: The Thin Man: Mon-Tue, 7:00pm

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE LAKE CREEK

**Tay29 Research, 219-5408.

**Despicable Me (3-D): 11:00am, 3:20, 6:00pm

**Dinner for Schmucks: Fri, 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10;
Sat-Sun, 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon-Thu (8/12), 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Inception: 12:00, 12:0, 4:40, 8:00, 9:00

**The Other Guys: Fir, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 7:35, 10:20pm; Sat-Mon, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 7:35, 10:20pm; Sat-Mon, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 7:35, 10:20pm; Wed, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 7:35, 10:20pm; Wed, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 7:35, 10:15pm Repoi The Genetic Opera With Live Shadow Cast: Fir, 12mid Saft: 11:20am, 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30pm

Anime at the Alamo: Shuffle: Tue, 10:00pm

The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Fi-Mon, 1:10, 4:15; Tue-Thu (8/12), 1:00, 4:15

Kids Camp: Spy Kids: Mon-Thu (8/12), 11:00am

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE SOUTH 1120 S. Lamar.

Kids Camp: Babe: Mon-Thu (8/12), 11:00am Cyrus: Fri, 10:05pm; Sat, 7:15, 9:50; Sun, 7:15pm Mon-Wed, 7:15, 9:50

The Disappearance of Alice Creed: Fri. 11:00am. 1:30. 9:40pm; Thu (8/12), 11:00am, 1:30, 4:10, 7:05pm *Inception:* Fri, 11:45am, 3:10, 7:05, 10:30pm; Sat-Wed, 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; Thu (8/12), 12:45, 4:40, 7:00

14.40, 7.00 Mad Men: Sun, 10:00pm Middle Men: Fri, 11:10am, 1:45, 4:20, 7:35, 10:20pm; Sat-Sun, 11:15am, 1:55, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20pm; Mon-Wed, 11:15am, 1:30, 4:20, 7:35, 10:20pm; Thu (8/12), 11:15am, 1:30, 4:10, 8:00pm Salt: Fri, 11:30am, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30pm; Sat-Wed, 11:30am 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05pm; Thu (8/12), 11:30am, 2:15, 4:50, 7:55pm

Master Pancake: Spider-Man: Fri. 7:00. 10:00 *Tov Story 3 (3-D): Fri. 11:05am. 1:40. 4:30pm Sat-Sun, 11:05am, 1:40, 4:20pm; Mon-Wed, 1:40, 4:20; Thu (8/12), 1:40, 4:25

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE VILLAGE 2700 W

Anderson, 459-7090. Tuesday matinee Baby Day shows (first show of the day) are intended for parents and

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**Despicable Me (3-1): Fin, 4:45, 7:15, 10:45; Sat, 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 10:45; Sun, 11:45am, 3:55, 6:40, 10:45pm; Mon-Thu (8/12), 11:45am, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10pm

**Inception: Fin, 11:00am, 3:45, 7:25, 9:45pm; Sat, 12:40, 3:40, 7:00, 9:55; Sun, 12:00, 3:25, 7:00, 9:20; Mon-Wed, 12:00, 3:25, 7:00, 10:15; Thu (8/12), 12:00, 3:25, 7:00

**Kids Camp: **Kung Fu Panda: **Mon-Thu (8/12), 11:00am, 11:00, 7:15, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 12:10, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 12:10, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 12:10, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 11:10 Mon-Wed, 11:10, 11:00 Mon-Wed, 11:5, 11:00 m, 10:35; Thu (8/12), 21:15, 4:50, 7:35

**The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia: Mon-Thu (8/12), 9:45pm

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I Am Love: 12:40, 3:30, 7:10, 10:00 The Kids Are All Right: 12:20, 12:50, 3:10, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30,

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BARTON CREEK SQUARE (AMC) Barton Creek

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Dinner for Schmucks: Fri-Sat, 10:15am, 11:30, 1:05, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:45, 8:00, 9:35, 10:55, 12:20am; Sun-Thu (8/12), 10:15am, 11:30, 1:05, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:45, 8:00, 9:35, 10:40pm

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CINEMARK CEDAR PARK 1335 E. Whitestone,

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*Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore: 10:50am, 1:10,

3:30, 5:40, 8:10pm
*Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (3-D): 11:50am, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:10pm
*Charlie St. Cloud: 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:30
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6:30, 9:50pm *The Other Guys: 10:40am, 12:00, 1:20, 2:40, 4:00, 5:20, 6:40, 8:00, 9:20, 10:40pm *Ramona and Beezus: 11:10am, 4:20, 9:30pm *Salt: 10:10am, 12:40, 3:20, 6:10, 8:40pm The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Fri-Tue, 1:40, 6:50 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse: Fri-Tue, 10:20pm

CINEMARK HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA 14

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2:55, 5:25
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Despicable Me: Fri-Wed, 11:30am, 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50pm *Dinner for Schmucks: Fri-Wed, 11:00am, 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, Grown Ups: Fri-Wed. 10:20pm

Inception: Fri-Wed, 11:05am, 12:15, 1:30, 2:40, 3:50, 5:00, 6:15, 7:15, 8:30, 9:40pm *The Other Guys: Fri-Wed, 11:00am, 12:25, 1:45, 3:10, 4:35, 6:05, 7:30, 9:00, 10:15pm

*Ramona and Beezus: Fri-Wed, 11:40am, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45pm Salt: Fri-Wed, 11:25am, 12:45, 2:05, 3:25, 4:40, 6:10, 7:20,

8:45, 10:05pm *The Sorcere's Apprentice: Fri-Tue, 2:00, 7:35 *Toy Story 3: Fri-Wed, 11:15am, 4:55, 10:10pm *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse: Fri-Tue, 7:40, 10:30

CINEMARK MOVIES 8 ROUND ROCK

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The A-Team: 12:45, 3:30, 7:15, 10:00 Clubhouse: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel:

Tue, 10:00am Get Him to the Greek: 7:05, 9:40 How to Train Your Dragon: 11:15am, 1:30, 4:00pm Iron Man 2: 6:50, 9:50

The Karate Kid: 11:00am, 12:15, 2:00, 3:45, 5:15, 7:00,

Knight and Day: 11:45am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:45, 10:15pm Marmaduke: 11:30am, 1:45, 4:30pm Sex and the City 2: 12:00, 3:15, 6:40, 9:55 Shrek Forever After: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45

CINEMARK ROUND ROCK 4401 N. I-35. Round Rock, 800/FANDANGO. Cost for 3-D shows is regular ticket price plus a \$3.50 premium.

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore: 10:10am, 11:10, 12:50, 1:50, 3:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30pm *Charlie St. Cloud: 10:40am, 1:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15pm ***Despicable Me: Fri-Wed, 9:50am, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40,

*Despicable Me (3-D): Thu (8/12), 5:15, 7:40, 10:20

*Dinner for Schmucks: 10:20am, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00pm *Flipped: 9:40am, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20pm Miception: Fri-Tue, 10:05am, 1:20, 4:50, 6:15, 8:10, 9:40pm; Wed-Thu (8/12), 6:15, 8:10, 9:40
*The Other Guys: 10:30am, 11:50, 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:10,

6:30, 7:50, 9:10, 10:30pm Ramona and Beezus: 12:35, 6:05

Salt: 11:30am, 2:20, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35pm **The Sorcerer's Apprentice:** 9:55am, 3:30, 8:50pm **Step Up 3D: 10:00am, 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 8:40pm *Step Up 3D (3-D): 11:20am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10pm Top Story 3: 9:45am, 12:20, 2:55, 5:30pm The Twilight Saga: Eclipse: 8:20pm

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*Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore: Fri-Sun, 10:05am, 11:05, 12:25, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:10, 6:10, 7:30, 9:45pm

*Charlie St. Cloud: Fri-Sun 10:30am 1:05 3:40 6:20

Despicable Me: Fri-Sun, 10:20am, 12:45, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20pm

*Dinner for Schmucks: Fri-Sun 10:35am 1:20 4:05 6:55

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8:00, 9:10pm *The Other Guys: Fri-Sun, 10:25am, 11:20, 1:00, 2:05, 3:50, 4:45, 6:35, 7:25, 9:20, 10:10pm *Ramona and Beezus: Fri-Sun, 12:55, 6:15 *Sat: Fri-Sun, 10:10am, 12:50, 3:25, 6:05, 8:40pm *Step Up 30 (3-0): Fri-Sun, 10:40am, 1:25, 4:15, 7:00,

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse: Fri-Sun. 8:45pm

DOBIE THEATRE 2025 Guadalupe (Dobie Mall.

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The Girl With the Dragon Tattor: Fri, 4:45, 8:00;
Sat-Sun, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00; Mon-Thu (8/12), 8:00pm
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The Killer Inside Mer: Fri, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; Sat-Sun, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; Mon-Thu (8/12), 7:15, 9:40;
The Other Guys: Fri, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sat-Sun, 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon-Thu (8/12), 7:30, 9:50

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9:35pm **Fire Sat.** 10:30am, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35, 11:50pm; Sun-Thu (8/12), 10:30am, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00,

7:20, 9:35pm *Step Up 30 (3-D): Fri-Sat, 10:45am, 11:40, 2:10, 2:20, 4:40, 4:50, 7:10, 7:20, 9:40, 9:50, 11:55pm; Sun-Thu (8/12), 10:45am, 11:40, 2:10, 2:20, 4:40, 4:50, 7:10, 7:20, 9:40, 9:50pm

GATEWAY THEATRE 9700 Stonelake, between Capital of Texas Highway and Highway 183 in the Gateway shopping center, 416-5700 x3808. Discounts daily before 6pm and all day Wednesday, Cost for 3-D

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> Changes may sometimes occur; viewers are encouraged to call theatres to confirm showtimes ably, when their success overwhelmed them: too much money and zero business skills. Enter Houston businessman and all-around fixer and family man Jack Harris (Wilson), a calm, cool, and initially very nice fellow who, in a convoluted spiral too complex to get into here, finds himself inexorably pulled into the slimy wake of Dolby and Beering's many meatheaded messes. Some examples: the involvement of ruthless Russian godfather Nikita Sokoloff (the ever-excellent Serbedzija, late of 24), an ill-advised dalliance with porn star Audrey Dawns (Ramsey), and run-ins with the professionally bent attorney Jerry Haggerty (Caan). The expository narration (from Wilson) comes fast, furious, and funny but never slows the gloriously crazed pace of this coke-fueled rocket ride to Planet Sin. With the performances amped up to 11 (including a swell cameo from Forster), you'd think Middle Men would result in a migraine, but that never occurs. Director Gallo, who previously penned Midnight Run and Michael Bay's two Bad Boys actioners, deftly integrates the histrionic historical narrative with endless money shots of Ribisi and Caan sharking it up, with everything set to a mid-Nineties music mix worthy of the worst strip joint you've ever visited (trust me, I've been there). Zealously nasty fun which, surprisingly, ends on something of a note of upbeat grace and familial redemption. Middle Men is more entertaining than 99% of 37% of the Internet. - Marc Savlov *** Alamo Drafthouse South, Gateway

of the term. Their downfall began, predict-

THE OTHER GUYS D: Adam McKay; with Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Eva Mendes, Michael Keaton, Steve Coogan, Ray Stevenson, Samuel L. Jackson, Dwayne Johnson, Rob Riggle, Damon Wayans Jr. (PG-13, 107 min.)

Reeling himself back in from the career crash-zone territory of Land of the Lost, Ferrell returns to more familiar stomping grounds with this fourth comedy re-pairing with director McKay (Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby, and Step Brothers). Again, Ferrell plays a big boob, although his Detective Allen Gamble in The Other Guys is not as clueless or as extreme a doofus as his characters in these previous movies. Gamble is an NYPD forensic accountant who loves his desk job. His resentful partner, Terry Hoitz (Wahlberg), has been reassigned to desk duty following an embarrassing incident that not only wounded his pride but also left him with the stinging sobriquet "The Yankee Clipper." Rising to the challenge of playing straight man to Ferrell's flights of fancy, Walhberg also embellishes the character with some choice comic bits of his own. This is not the textbook con he portrayed in either The Departed or We Own the Night. Nor is he playing the comic relief with the drop-dead abs as he did recently in Date Night. Wahlberg actually has that puffy, doughnutty cop look down pat here, and when he wails about being a peacock who needs to be let loose to fly, we recognize him as a full-fledged partner in Farrell's zaniness rather than a mere sidekick. The Other Guys opens strongly and front-loads its best gags into the first third of the film. After that, the jokes begin to repeat themselves, and the

plot becomes mired in unintelligible details of the white-collar crime that Gamble and Hoitz are investigating. Lots of stuff crashes and blows up, leaving Keaton, as the precinct captain, plenty to rail about. Also providing solid support are Jackson and Johnson as the station's top cops, who only appear in the film's opening sequences and whose ridiculous glory everyone seeks to emulate, and Riggle and Wayans Jr. as another pair of department go-getters. Scripted by Ferrell's partners in the website Funny or Die, McKay and Chris Henchy, The Other Guys adopts that website's overall tone of political discontent in its use of corporate criminals as comic punching bags. (Ferrell's impersonations of George W. Bush helped popularize the website, along with political-campaign spoofs and digs at the economic crisis.) This film is never more pointed than in its closing credits, which offer a visually snazzy onslaught of statistics about economic disparity in the U.S. between the ultrawealthy and the average joes and kicks off with accompanying music by Rage Against the Machine. The Other Guys isn't likely to be top dog at the station house or the box office, but it'll be serviceable in a pinch. - Marjorie Baumgarten ** Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Dobie, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

STEP UP 3D D: Jon Chu; with Rick Malambri, Adam G. Sevani, Sharni Vinson, Alyson Stoner, Keith Stallworth, Kendra Andrews, Stephen Boss, Facundo Lombard, Joe Slaughter. (PG-13, 107 min.)

Why are the Step Up movies so white? Consider the evidence: Six romantic leads over the course of three movies - well, to be fair, really the same movie with Mad Libs-like switch-outs in character motivation and setting of the final dance battle - and not a single abovethe-line non-Caucasian in the bunch, even as a multiplicity of ethnicities fill in as backup dancers and in bit parts. Step Up 3D's male lead Malambri, inadvertently making the case for original Step Up star Channing Tatum as a maestro of emotiveness, plays Luke, den leader to a crew of dancers living, loving, and battling in an improbably well-appointed NYC warehouse. Malambri appears to have been cast for his Drakkar Noir good looks and little else – certainly not for his dancing, which is spotlighted in an enjoyable tango and nowhere else. Any other member of the Pirates crew would've been preferable to Malambri - they're a likable group, with personality to burn - but it's Sevani, a carryover from Step Up 2: The Streets, who steals the show. As the gangly misfit Moose, Sevani has the theatrical impishness of a court jester but the soul of a poet, and his playful duet with a gal pal (Stoner) - set on the streets, to a remix of Fred Astaire's "I Won't Dance" - is easily the most winning sequence in a film that has its fair share of gaspingly good dance moves. But the 3-D format is

a distraction. Sure, it's nifty enough to see dust particles swirling or hands swooshing at you, but mostly the 3-D muddles the invention and exquisiteness of the film's raison d'être: the dancing. – *Kimberley Jones* ** Barton Creek Square, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

TWELVE D: Joel Schumacher; with Chace Crawford, Emma Roberts, Rory Culkin, Philip Ettinger, Esti Ginzburg, Curtis Jackson, Billy Magnussen, Emily Meade, Charlie Saxton, Jermaine Crawford, Jeremy Allen White, Zoë Kravitz, Ellen Barkin; narrated by Kiefer Sutherland. (R, 93 min.)

As the movies would have it, out in California this summer the kids are all right. On Manhattan's Upper East Side, however, the kids are definitely a handful. Like The Kids Are All Right, Schumacher's film premiered at Sundance last January and received a boost from that pedigree. But there's no getting around how dreadful Twelve is – how tone deaf it is to its young protagonists and how vapid its ersatz production design seems. The focus of this latest film by Schumacher (St. Elmo's Fire, The Lost Boys, Batman & Robin) is the fameobsessed young party-hoppers invented in then-17-year-old author Nick McDonell's novel. The self-absorbed teens of Twelve appear to be the spiritual godchildren of







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Bret Easton Ellis (Less Than Zero) and Larry Clark (Kids). Back from their elite private schools on spring break, these characters enact their stylized dramas over the course of one weekend. In an even earlier decade, they would have been the sort of prep-school "phonies" despised by Holden Caulfield. Now they are social climbers who harbor little more ambition than a mention in the "Page Six" gossip column. The unflattering light in which Schumacher casts his characters extends only to their emotional realms; their physical images are always dappled and stunning. Gossip Girl's Chace Crawford is White Mike, the story's central figure. After his mother's death from cancer, White Mike becomes a drug dealer instead of going to college. He's good at his job, but he broods a lot and is unwilling to deal the new fictional drug called twelve, which appears to be instantly addictive. Twelve is dealt by Lionel (Jackson, aka 50 Cent), who doesn't brood. (And the craziest stand-alone scene comes when new twelve devotee Jessica (Meade) trips out to her vast collection of stuffed bears inciting her to commit murder.) White Mike's scruples keep him from seeing or admitting the truth about his activities to Molly (Roberts), the girl who has loved him since childhood. He feels she's too good for him. All throughout the film, a gravelly voiced omniscient narrator (Schumacher regular Sutherland) intones facts and details about the various characters, who come and go with interchangeable regularity. Most of what we learn about them derives from his narration, rather than anything they say or do. The story builds to a violent crescendo that would be shocking were it not obvious that it was inevitable. (To paraphrase Chekhov, if you introduce a sword in the first act, it's bound to smite others by the third.) Twelve is the initial release by the new distribution company Hanover House, and I don't predict a healthy start for the fledgling company. Furthermore, the advertisements touting the film as a contemporary Less Than Zero make ridicule too easy: Twelve is so much less than zero. - Marjorie Baumgarten Gateway, Tinseltown South



The Dry Land

The Dry Land (2010) D: Ryan Piers Wiliams; with Ryan O'Nan, America Ferrera, Jason Ritter, Wilmer Valderrama, Ethan Suplee, Melissa Leo. (R, 92 min.) Austin Film Festival: Conversations in Film. Home from Iraq, a soldier suffers from PTSD and has trouble reintegrating into small-town Texas life. Williams will be in attendance for a Q&A following the film. @Texas Spirit Theater, Tuesday, 7:30pm; \$12, \$8 AFF and AFS members.

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CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE D: Brad Peyton: with Chris O'Donnell. Jack McBrayer; with the voices of Christina Applegate, Katt Williams, Bette Midler, Neil Patrick Harris, Sean Hayes, Wallace Shawn, Roger Moore, James Marsden, Nick Nolte. (PG, 82 min.)

Although it's great fun for the under-8 set and for those of us monitoring the chaos theory that is Nolte's career of late, this film is otherwise mediocre and features some of the most uninvolving 3-D CGI since Clash of the Titans. This sequel to 2001's Cats & Dogs is really just another reason to go see Toy Story 3 (again). Mixing live-action cats, dogs, a Williams-voiced pigeon, and a mouse whose import to the story is dubious at best, Cats & Dogs riffs and lifts heavily from the James Bond oeuvre, but with, you know, cats and dogs. The premise was inspired sort of - the first time around, but not so much nine years on. Cute may be what the filmmakers aimed for, but far too many of the film's episodic, strungtogether sequences fail to be anything more than that. (07/30/2010) Marc Saylov

★ → Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

CHARLIE ST. CLOUD D: Burr Steers; with Zac Efron, Charlie Tahan, Amanda Crew, Augustus Prew, Ray Liotta, Kim Basinger, Donal Logue. (PG-13, 95 min.)

Efron reteams with his 17 Again director to play Charlie St. Cloud. a mortality-obsessed young man of 23. The sudden accidental death of his younger brother sends Charlie into an emotional tailspin. Five years later, he works as the live-in caretaker at the cemetery where his brother is buried. Charlie plays a daily game of catch with his dead brother, and you almost expect him to pull a Yorick's skull from his catcher's mitt, so eager is Efron to display his dramatic chops. And the kid has some, to be sure – as if he didn't already demonstrate that in Richard Linklater's Me and Orson Welles. Yet there is a certain kineticism to Efron's physical presence that may always make him a questionable choice when casting gloomy, emotionally pent-up characters. Nevertheless. Efron does a serviceable job in this young-adult drama that blends elements of fantasy, romance, and weepies into a package that is unconventional despite its relative predictability. (07/30/2010) – Marjorie Baumgarten

Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Highland, Gateway, Gold Class, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate

COCO CHANEL & IGOR

STRAVINSKY D: Jan Kounen; with Anna Mouglalis, Mads Mikkelsen, Elena Morozova, Natacha Lindinger, Grigori Manoukov.

Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky, based on a book by Chris Greenhalgh, takes a harsher approach toward Chanel, depicting the fashion icon as a person who put her own interests above others' and who cut a direct path between herself and what she wanted. What she wants here is the married Russian musician Stravinsky, whom she sees as a kindred soul, a daring artist working outside cultural boundaries. Years after their first encounter, Chanel sees him again, in Paris with his wife and four children. She invites the family to live at her country home, and here begins the sexual affair. The filmmaking style is rote biopic mode; events sinuously follow one another yet disclose few details. Mouglalis and Mikkelsen are fine as Chanel and Stravinsky, though the film's costume design is its most enthralling aspect. Alas, Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky unfolds on a screen instead of a catwalk. (07/16/2010) - Marjorie Baumgarten *** Arhor

COUNTDOWN TO ZERO D: Lucy Walker. (NR, 90 min.)

The excellent anti-nuke doc Countdown to Zero eloquently points out that there have been precious few changes in the nuclear postures of the U.S. and former Soviet Union officials in the last two decades. Recounting the history of nukes, mankind's seeming inability to render them obsolete, and the many nightmare scenarios that are cropping up with almost daily frequency in this grim new age of terror-ondemand, Countdown to Zero is less a documentary in the traditional sense than a scathing piece of advocacy journalism. Much of what director Walker chooses to show and tell here is not new. What is fresh and relevant, however, is devastating: Current interviews with former President Jimmy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, Tony Blair, Pervez Musharraf, outed CIA agent Valerie Plame Wilson, and goofy Russian ne'erdo-wells collectively offer enough new insight into the ongoing nuclear threat to keep a sane person awake and afraid for weeks. (07/30/2010) - Marc Savlov Arbor

CYRUS D: Jay Duplass, Mark Duplass; with John C. Reilly, Jonah Hill, Marisa Tomei, Catherine Keener, Matt Walsh. (R. 93 min.)

With Cyrus, the transition of the Duplass brothers from their germinal Austin filmmaking roots into full-blown Hollywood filmmakers is complete - even though their new comedy will not be mistaken for any studio-generated yukfest. The addition to their work of an Oscar-tier cast raises the Duplasses' off-kilter material to a new high, though the team's visual improvements remain less noticeable and more predictable. As with the brothers' previous features. The Puffy Chair and Baghead, they manage in Cyrus to spin an appealing yarn from thin narrative threads Their end result is less the point than the process of getting there (which may help explain why the ending of Cyrus is so unsatisfying). Even though the film is a story about psychological incest and a struggle between a 21-year-old man-boy and his mother's suitor, the tone of the film is more comic than icky. (06/25/2010) – Marjorie Baumgarten *** Alamo Drafthouse South, Metropolitan

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DESPICABLE ME D: Chris Renaud, Pierre Coffin: with the voices of Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand, Julie Andrews, Miranda Cosgrove, Dana Gaier, Elsie Fisher, Will Arnett, (PG. 95 min.)

Everyone knows that the villains are usually the most interesting characters. So the filmmakers were wise to give the megalomaniacal Gru (voiced amusingly by Carell) his own animated movie. The world of Despicable Me is reminiscent of The Incredibles, where superheroes and supervillains fully participate in suburban life, blending in unnoticed by ordinary folk. Then, snotty new-villain-on-the-block Vector (Segel) pulls a stunt that bumps Gru from his No. 1 supervillain ranking. Gru retaliates by plotting to steal the moon. Part of his plan involves the adoption of three orphaned sisters (Cosgrove, Gaier, and Fisher), through whose demands for him to accompany them to ballet class and read bedtime stories - as well as some flashbacks that reveal him to be a villain with iustifiable mommy issues - Gru discovers his sensitive side. Gru's Minions - yellow, pill-shaped, bespectacled beings that gurgle in some sort of fractionally understandable language – are the movie's ultimate scene-stealers. (07/09/2010) - Marjorie Baumgarten ★★★ Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, Alamo Drafthouse Village, Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Lakeline, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

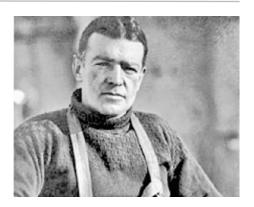
GET HIM TO THE GREEK D: Nicholas Stoller: with Jonah Hill, Russell Brand, Sean Combs, Elisabeth Moss, Rose Byrne, Colm Meaney. (R, 108 min.)

Get Him to the Greek is episodic and spasmodically funny: Good jokes and gags perk up otherwise rambling and sometimes misbegotten sequences. The film feels like a collection of sketches instead of a mad, three-day, drug-and-sex-infused whirl from which junior A&R guy Aaron Green (Hill) has been deputized by his label boss Sergio Roma (Combs) to fetch debauched rock star Aldoux Snow (Brand) in London and fly him to Los Angeles for a commemorative performance at the famous Greek Theatre. Hill and Brand have good chemistry as the mismatched couple. A side trip to Las Vegas and an aborted sexual threeway slow the proceedings down for meager payoffs, and the rampant sexism and third-act moralizing about the value of monogamy and sobriety may prove to be turnoffs to other viewers. Surprisingly, the women -Mad Men's Moss as Green's girlfriend and Byrne as Jackie Q – deliver rich, sympathetic performances. (06/04/2010) - Mariorie Baumgarten

★★★ Movies 8

South: Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance Expedition

South: Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance Expedition (1919) D: Frank Hurley. (NR, 88 min.) Austin Film Society: A Summer of Restoration - Selections From Milestone Films. This remarkable black-and-white documentary has been restored with its original tints and toning. It preserves a record of the heroic journey made by Shackleton and five of his men across 850 frozen miles in a small boat after his ship, intended to cross Antarctica, became mired in the ice. The film was made by a professional cameraman on board. @Alamo Ritz, Saturday, noon; \$6, AFS members free.



Five Easy Pieces

Five Easy Pieces (1970) D: Bob Rafelson; with Jack Nicholson, Karen Black, Billy Green Bush, Fannie Flagg, Susan Anspach, Sally Struthers, Ralph Waite, Lois Smith. (R, 98 min.) Summer Film Classics: Back-to-Back Jack. This is one of those "original slacker" stories about a gifted pianist from the privileged classes who chooses to work on the oil rigs and slum through life as an average joe. Five Easy Pieces is also the film that contains Nicholson's oftrepeated chicken-salad speech in the diner. (Double bill: Prizzi's Honor.) (*) @Paramount, Friday, 7:15pm; Sunday 2:40, 7:15pm.

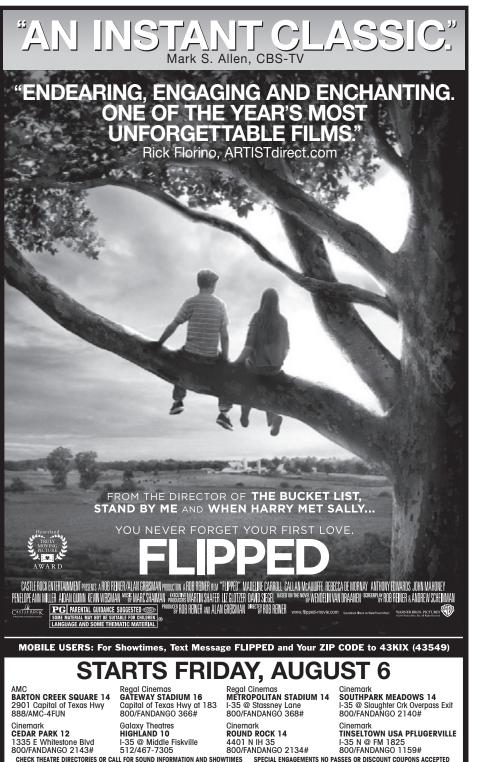


THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH

FIRE D: Daniel Alfredson; with Noomi Rapace, Michael Nyqvist, Lena Endre, Sofia Ledarp, Peter Andersson, Georgi Staykov, Yasmine Garbi, Mikael Spreitz. (R, 129 min., subtitled)

"Played with fire" may be misleading, playfulness not being one of the leading characteristics of Lisbeth Salander, the black-leathered, dragontatted, hog-riding hacker – bisexual to boot! Back in her native Sweden, Salander reconnects with an old flame, Miriam Wu (Garbi), and assiduously avoids her more recent paramour, Mikael Blomkvist (Nyqvist), a journalist at Millennium magazine and the series' co-lead. The Girl Who

Played With Fire's chief frustration is in how removed Salander and Blomkvist are from each other: Even as their plots dovetail – Blomkvist's sex trafficking investigation dead-ends in a double homicide, and Salander's fingerprints are on the murder weapon – the two leads share nary a word. There are no complaints to be made with the casting; Rapace, especially, is dead-on as Salander, who, like some kind of hyperjuiced, anti-Energizer bunny, takes a licking and keeps on ticking. Too bad this adaptation feels just as automatic. (07/16/2010) – Kimberley Jones







GROWN UPS D: Dennis Dugan; with Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Kevin James, David Spade, Rob Schneider, Salma Hayek, Maria Bello, Maya Rudolph, Joyce Van Patten, Ebony Jo-Ann, Steve Buscemi, Colin Quinn, Tim Meadows. (PG-13, 102 min.)

A review of Sandler's checkered past roles reveals a once-daring comic slooowly sinking out of sight in a cookie-cutter quicksand career that - Funny People notwithstanding - has turned into a rote, staggeringly unchallenging, and generally unfunny series of riffs on none other than Adam Sandler™. *Grown Ups* is the latest in an ongoing series of Sandlerian schmaltzfests that are at once achingly nostalgic morality tales and stuttery repetitions of everything that has come before. The manic, hair-trigger man-child is almost entirely replaced by some sort of child-man who looks longingly to the past in an effort to forestall the future. Thus we get the harried dad of Click, the other harried dad of Bedtime Stories, and Grown Ups' successful (but harried) Hollywood agent (and dad) Lenny Feder, who reunites with his four best friends from the old junior high school basketball team only to realize that his current life, wife, and kids are drowning in the shallows. (06/25/2010) - Marc Savlov

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I AM LOVE D: Luca Guadagnino; with Tilda Swinton, Flavio Parenti, Edoardo Gabbriellini, Alba Rohrwacher, Pippo Delbono, Diane Fleri, Maria Paiato, Marisa Berenson, Gabriele Ferzetti, (R. 120 min., subtitled)

"When I moved to Milan, I stopped being Russian," explains Emma Recchi, the austere, well-heeled wife. mother, and woman at the center of this swirling

and gorgeous film. "There was too much of everything," she continues, "in the shops, in the streets.

I learned to be Italian." American ideas of what it means to be "Italian" aside, what Emma learns over the course of I Am Love is how to throw herself body, soul, and sanity - upon the unexpected breakers of l'amour fou. It is her hope - and ours - that this prematurely dour beauty will thus regain an epicurean measure of the Emma that, presumably once was and perhaps could still be. It helps tremendously that Emma is played, frighteningly, fetchingly, by the breathtaking Swinton, who long ago cornered the market on that peculiar mix of ethereality and carnal gravitas that no other actor I know of can touch. (07/02/2010) Marc Saylov

INCEPTION D: Christopher Nolan; with

*** Arbor

Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page, Tom Hardy, Ken Watanabe, Dileep Rao, Cillian Murphy, Marion Cotillard. (PG-13, 149 min.)

Inception, Nolan's first film since the eye-rollingly overpraised The Dark Knight, is a mindbender and surely the most intellectually and viscerally engaging action film in years. DiCaprio plays Cobb, the leader of a crew that traffics in a unique kind of corporate espionage in which they design a dreamscape, then trap, say, a CEO into said dream in order to extract highly sensitive, highly profitable information. But, early on, they are hired to do the opposite: to plant an original idea in the head of an heir to an energy conglomerate (Murphy). You can't discount the novelty and dazzling invention of Nolan's premise, and DiCaprio's

blend of unflappable cool and spittle-sob emotiveness is irresistible. What endures, though, is Inception's sense of desperate tumult as worlds collapse, multiple ticking clocks go off, and a broken man tries, badly, to make reparations. - Kimberley Jones (07/16/2010)

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THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT

D: Lisa Cholodenko; with Annette Bening, Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo, Mia Wasikowska, Josh Hutcherson. (R, 105 min.)

The Kids are All Right is a grin-cracking great portrait of a modern American family in minor and then major crises. The kids of the title are 18-year-old Joni (Wasikowska) and her younger, less academically focused brother. Laser (Hutcherson). The parents of these two astonishingly realistic kids are middle-aged lesbian couple Nic (Bening), an ob-gyn with a type-A personality, and Jules (Moore), a sensitive, pragmatic sort currently thinking about getting into landscaping. Bening and Moore establish the sort of onscreen rapport most movie spouses strive for but rarely achieve. The Kids Are All Right isn't a melodrama about gay marriage, but rather, it's a story about the slow, inevitable grind of marriage - any kind of marriage - with all of its giddy peaks and melancholy, abyssal trenches. It's about the eternally unknowable curveballs life throws at you and how you either step up to the plate toward triumph or turn away in tears or terror or both. It's about love. (07/23/2010) - Marc Saylov

*** Arbor, Barton Creek Square, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North

THE KILLER INSIDE ME D: Michael

Winterbottom; with Casey Affleck, Kate Hudson, Jessica Alba, Simon Baker, Bill Pullman, Ned Beatty, Elias Koteas, Tom Bower, Brent Briscoe. (R, 109 min.)

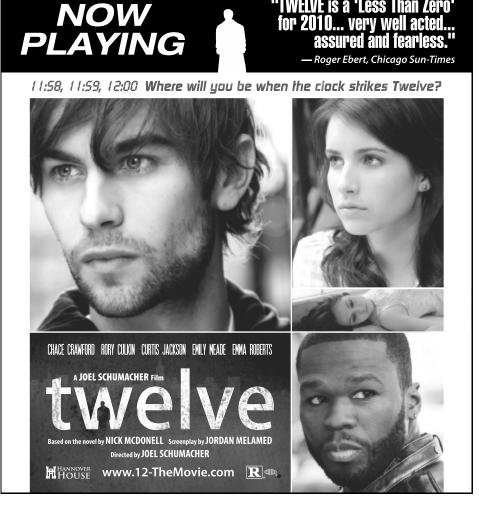
Winterbottom fouls out badly with this screen adaptation of Jim Thompson's 1952 crime novel. Nearly everything about the film is miscalculated, although the primary offenders are the casting of reedy-voiced Affleck in the title role and the misinterpretation of the term "pulp fiction" to mean something on the order of beating all women to bloody pulps. Granted, the film's sadistic violence is somewhat required by the title; however, a director can always make choices about the visual means used to depict killings. Affleck plays Lou Ford, a rural Texas flatfoot whose pleasant demeanor masks the sexual sadist and psychopathic killer within. Trouble is, there's no hint in Affleck's performance of the cold calculations required for a person to so effortlessly switch back and forth between personas. None of the other supporting actors are well-served by Winterbottom's direction either. Still, the gut-punch of Thompson's stark language comes through from time to time. (07/30/2010) - Marjorie Baumgarten ★★ Dobie

THE LAST AIRBENDER D: M. Night Shyamalan; with Noah Ringer, Dev Patel, Nicola Peltz, Jackson Rathbone, Shaun Toub, Aasif Mandvi, Cliff Curtis, Seychelle Gabriel. (PG, 103 min.)

There's a new avatar at the cineplex, but this one comes not from the imagination of James Cameron but, rather, the animated Nickelodeon series Avatar: The Last Airbender. This film version, however, arrives with a surprising lack of verve, humor, and narrative tension. Despite the rampant tribal fighting that drives the narrative. The Last Airbender is a fairly bloodless PG affair, although that is not the real problem with the story. Action sequences are just not constructed or paced very well. The story is set in a world where the tribal Air, Water, and Earth nations have been under

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siege for the last 100 years by the industrialized Fire Nation, which has turned its collective back on the spirit world and seeks global domination. The bending of the elements makes for some nifty images, until they, too, grow increasingly repetitive and ordinary. Patel (Slumdog Millionaire) provides the film's only exciting performance. (07/02/2010) - Marjorie Baumgarten **★★** Metropolitan

PREDATORS D: Nimród Antal; with Adrien Brody, Topher Grace, Alice Braga, Walton Goggins, Oleg Taktarov, Laurence Fishburne, Danny Trejo. (R, 106 min.)

Here's the truth: Summer was made for this kind of badass retro sci-fi film, and Predators is almost exactly what you need to fix this otherwise busted summer cinema season. Produced by Robert Rodriguez's Troublemaker Studios and largely shot in and around Austin, Predators is the sequel to John McTiernan's 1987 Predator; it's the "aliens on a hunting spree" sci-fi-actioneering classic that should have been. A seriously ripped and very serious Brody leads a cast of buff, tough, multinational bad guys as they're dropped out of the sky and into an alien hunting preserve. The tropes are ancient, the action is abundant, and the final shot is a doozy. If you're lucky enough to have an honest-togrindhouse drive-in theatre within cruising distance of your home planet, then by all means, head on over to that eye-popping, mind-warping, starlit screen of endless sexy mayhem. (07/16/2010) - Marc Savlov

RAMONA AND BEEZUS

Tinseltown South

D: Elizabeth Allen; with Joey King, Selena Gomez, John Corbett, Bridget Moynahan, Ginnifer Goodwin, Josh Duhamel. (G. 104 min.)

Children's author Beverly Cleary penned Beezus and Ramona back in 1955, although older sister Beezus short for Beatrice - would quickly take a backseat to Ramona, the scrappy and imaginative accused "pest" who would go on to headline in Cleary's seven sequels. This film adaptation puts the same emphasis on Ramona (King), reshuffling the books' timeline and presenting a sort of greatest hits of the misadventures of Ramona Quimby of Klickitat Street, Portland, Ore. Middle book Ramona and Her Father supplies the bulk of the plot here: Scripters Laurie Craig and Nick Pustay didn't have to stretch the imagination much to retool Mr. Quimby's layoff circa 1977 to corporate downsizing in 2010. Refreshingly anti-princess and sweet without degrading into sugary, Ramona and Beezus animates Ramona's frequent flights of fancy with DIY-like sequences that literalize, quite charmingly, how a kid colors the world. And if you're Ramona Quimby, it's very rarely inside the lines. (07/30/2010) - Kimberley Jones *** Barton Creek Square, CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Westgate



Brighton Rock

Brighton Rock (1947) D: John Boulting; with Richard Attenborough, Carol Marsh, Hermione Baddeley. (NR, 92 min.) Summer Film Classics: film of all time by The Guardian, this film features Attenborough as a sociopath who fears damnation. (Double bill: Odd Man Out.) @Paramount, Wednesday, 7pm; Thursday (8/12), 9:20pm.

One-Eighty

One-Eighty D: Various. Nueva Onda Movie Night. This is a collection of short films about big changes. It contains "Wake Up" by Zane Rutledge, "Under the Hood" by Sarah Garrahan and Lauren Sanders, "What's in a Name?" by Ben Kullerd and Caitlin Lundin, and "Make a Wish" by David Ward. There will be Q&As with select filmmakers. @Nueva Onda, Thursday (8/12), 8pm.



Junger, (R. 94 min.)

RESTREPO D: Tim Hetherington, Sebastian

Restrepo is an example of photoiournalism at its finest. The film chronicles the grueling 15-month deployment of about a dozen U.S. soldiers stationed in the Korengal Valley of Afghanistan, located near the Pakistan border. During the period of time (2007-2008) the men were there, the Valley was dubbed by CNN as the "most dangerous place on earth" for the amount of ordnance fired and deaths counted as the soldiers fought ridge by ridge for control of the area. Defending a giant basin thoroughly surrounded by 10,000-feet-high mountains, the men felt, as one of them put it, "like fish in a barrel." The battle footage is interspersed with more conventional and reflective interviews conducted with the men while at their home base in Italy, Junger and Hetherington keep their opinions to themselves, and apart from the choice to not show bloody images of the casualties, they provide a mostly fly-on-the-wall perspective. Still, their images make statements with their clarity and accumulation. (07/30/2010) - Marjorie Baumgarten

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SALT D: Phillip Noyce; with Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber, Chiwetel Ejiofor. (PG-13, 100 min.)

Noyce's film - more Ian Fleming than John le Carré - is adult popcorn fun, lightweight but durable, with Jolie trading up from her tomb-raiding Lara Croft days for a more complex but equally seductive blend of parkour-based action. Jolie's titular veteran agent, blond and bee-stung, goes on the lam when she is outed as a deep-planted Soviet mole. Breathlessly paced though it is, the film plays like a nostalgic revision of the original The Manchurian Candidate meets The Boys From Brazil, hopped up on video-gamer steroids. Which, frankly, is a downright kickass premise. Jolie manages to infuse the character of Evelyn Salt with multiple shades of gray – "is she or isn't she?" multiplied by the power of contemporary terror paranoia - and the script by Kurt Wimmer (The Thomas Crown Affair) is convoluted enough to evoke the labyrinthine corridors of Langley-based power while never sacrificing action for anything so dreary as post-Cold War polemics. (07/23/2010) Marc Saylov

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71: INTO THE FIRE D: John H. Lee; with Cha Seung-won, Kim Seung-woo, Kwon Sang-woo, Choi Seung-hyeon, David Lee McInnis. (NR, 120 min., subtitled)

Not reviewed at press time. This South Korean war film commemorates the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, and the 71 college students who, in 1950, held the line against North Korean soldiers. (07/30/2010) - Mariorie Baumgarten Tinseltown South

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE D: Jon Turteltaub; with Nicolas Cage, Jay Baruchel, Alfred Molina, Teresa

Palmer, Monica Bellucci, Alice Krige, Jake Cherry. (PG, 121 min.)

In The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Cage teams up with the director of National Treasure to mine for another family-friendly adventure story, but the territory they cover has already been stripped to near-death. The sorcerer Balthazar (Cage) is in

New York City searching for the Prime Merlinian, an individual – apparently Dave (Baruchel), an ordinary NYU physics nerd - able to break free Balthazar's sorceress love, Veronica (Bellucci), from the curse that causes her to reside inside a nesting doll with the evil Morgana (Krige), who wishes to enslave the world. Or something like that. The Sorcerer's Apprentice makes good use of some New York City landmarks, though, on a more mystical plane, the film's magic tricks do little to dazzle the eye. In fact, magic is the one thing in very short supply in this modern-day sorcery tale that comes off as little more than tired dreck. - Marjorie Baumgarten (07/16/2010)

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TOY STORY 3 D: Lee Unkrich; with the voices of Tom Hanks. Tim Allen. Joan Cusack. Ned Beatty. Don Rickles, Michael Keaton, Wallace Shawn, John Ratzenberger, Estelle Harris, John Morris, Jodi Benson. (G, 102 min.)

While the first Toy Story triumphantly announced Pixar's arrival back in 1995, the franchise has never felt on par with the studio's later, more overtly lyrical pieces (WALL-E, Up). Toy Story 3 doesn't attempt the kind of narrative artistry of those films, but that doesn't mean it's unsophisticated: In its own unassuming way, it says as much as Up did about the often-uneasy transition from one stage of life to the next - and all the more ingenious, then, that it's the life cycle of a pliable, plasticine doll we genuinely worry over here. At the film's beginning, the toys - including series regulars Sheriff Woody (voiced by Hanks) and Buzz Lightyear (Allen) - are confronted with the question of their own continued usefulness when owner Andy packs up to go to college. The 3-D format is well-used but never intrusive, and one of the essential pleasures of the piece is its toy-sized perspective. (06/18/2010) *** Alamo Drafthouse South, Barton Creek Square, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Gateway, Lakeline, Metropolitan, Millennium, Westgate

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE

D: David Slade; with Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Ashley Greene, Bryce Dallas Howard, Peter Facinelli, Nikki Reed, Dakota Fanning, Billy Burke, Xavier Samuel, Kellan Lutz, Jackson Rathbone, Elizabeth Reaser. (PG-13, 124 min.)

The dominant dramatic struggle of this third installment is Bella's (Stewart) push-pull between two suitors: her hot-blooded wolf friend, Jacob (Lautner), and her cold-to-touch vampire beau, Edward (Pattinson). The two rivals bicker and tussle like schoolbovs over a prized toy - and. really, for long stretches of the film, Bella might as well be an inanimate object. Bella has always been a milquetoast, but what especially rankles here is that when sexually curious Bella does try to initiate sex with Edward, she's swatted away, with Edward the mouthpiece for author Stephenie Mever's hectoring pro-abstinence message - murmuring paternalistically about her "virtue." New director Slade splits the difference between kickstarter Twilight's stylish camp and follow-up New Moon's turgid drama, and, as a piece, it's superior to the latter film. But the supposedly epic battle the entire film builds toward – the single action set-piece – is a ho-hummer. (07/02/2010) - Kimberley Jones ** CM Cedar Park, Hill Country Galleria, CM Round Rock, Southpark Meadows, Gateway, Gold Class, Tinseltown North, Tinseltown South, Westgate

WINTER'S BONE D: Debra Granik: with Jennifer Lawrence, John Hawkes, Lauren Sweetser, Kevin Breznahan, Dale Dickey, Garret Dillahunt, Shelley Waggener, Isaiah Stone, Ashlee Thompson. (R, 100 min.)

"Never ask for what ought to be offered," 17-year-old Ree Dolly (Lawrence) admonishes her younger brother and sister. Despite their hunger and destitution, the Dolly clan will know the difference between right and wrong and learn the codes of behavior that govern the isolated social milieu in these Ozark Mountain backwoods of Missouri. It's an almost hermetically sealed environment ruled by its own moral laws and customs, traditions that have been further skewed by years of poverty, rampant methamphetamine abuse, and the callous concern of outsiders. Dolly carries the weight of her family on her young shoulders. "Never ask for what ought to be offered" could also sum up my feelings about Granik's film, a work so finely wrought that it makes other movies appear wanting. With piercing characterizations and as tense and harrowing a plot as I've seen in a long time, Winter's Bone never hits a false note. (06/25/2010) - Mariorie Baumgarten **** Arbor

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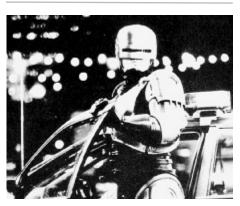
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RoboCop

RoboCop (1987) D: Paul Verhoeven; with Peter Weller, Nancy Allen, Daniel O'Herlihy, Ronny Cox, Kurtwood Smith, Miguel Ferrer. (R, 103 min.) Austin Film Festival: Made in Texas. Half man, half machine, fully lethal. This violent and darkly humorous science fiction classic features the futuristic Dallas skyline and additional Dallas and Irving filming locations. (*) @Texas Spirit Theater, Wednesday, 7:30pm; \$5, AFF members free.



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The symbol (*) indicates full-length reviews available online: **austinchronicle.com/film**.

THURSDAY 05

Blood Into Wine (2010) D: Ryan Page, Christopher Pomerenke. (NR, 98 min.) Feast. This documentary shares the story of Tool/A Perfect Circle/Puscifer frontman Maynard James Keenan and his mentor, Eric Glomski, as they pioneer winemaking in the hostile deserts of Arizona. A variety of wines featured in the film will be served. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 10pm.

Cabin Boy Quote-Along (1994) D: Adam Resnick; with Chris Elliott. (PG-13, 80 min.) Action Pack: Shark Week. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

Pop Princess Sing-Along Action Pack.@Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm.

The Red Shoes (1948) D: Michael Powell, Emeric Pressburger; with Moira Shearer. (NR, 133 min.) Ballet Austin Benefit. This ballerina tale has piqued young girls' interest in ballet for more than 60 years. A four-course themed meal with wine pairings will be served during the film. An afterparty cocktail reception will take place at the HighBall. All proceeds benefit Ballet Austin. @Alamo Drafthouse South, 7pm.

KID9

Babe (1995) Summer Kids Camp. Free. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11am.

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (2009) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) Summer Movie Clubhouse. \$1. (*) @Tinseltown South. 10am.

Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (2002) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

Kung Fu Panda (2008) Summer Kids Camp. Free. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am.

Monsters vs. Aliens (2009) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

The Muppet Movie (1979) Summer Kids Camp. Free. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 11am.

Planet 51 (2009) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

The Tale of Despereaux (2008) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005) Family Film Festival. Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

FRIDAY 06

Don Seenu (2010) D: Gopichand Malineni; with Ravi Teja, Shriya Saran, Srihari. (NR, 144 min.) New Tollywood romantic comedy. (*) @Tinseltown South, 3, 6:30, 9:30pm.

The Expendables Cinemapocalyse (2010)
D: Sylvester Stallone; with Stallone, Jason Statham,
Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren, Eric Roberts, Terry Crews,
Mickey Rourke. (R) Fantastic Fest. Sold out.
@Alamo Ritz, 10pm.

Five Easy Pieces (1970) See p.70.

Prizzi's Honor (1985) D: John Huston; with Jack Nicholson, Kathleen Turner, Robert Loggia, William Hickey. (R, 120 min.) Summer Film Classics: Back-to-Back Jack. Huston's penultimate film is based on a novel by Richard Condon (The Manchurian Candidate), which tells the story of two hired assassins whose jobs become complicated when each is tasked with the job of rubbing out the other. (Double bill: Five Easy Pieces.) @Paramount, 9:20pm.

Repo! The Genetic Opera With Live Shadow Cast (2008) D: Darren Lynn Bousman; with Alexa Vega, Paul Sorvino, Anthony Head, Sarah Brightman, Paris Hilton, Bill Moseley. (R, 98 min.) This cyber-goth musical features the vocal talents of both Sarah Brightman and Paris Hilton. Performing the lines and songs in front of the screen, Rocky Horror-style, will be the movie's devotees. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 12mid.

Spider-Man D: Sam Raimi; with James Franco, Bruce Campbell, J.K. Simmons, Willem Dafoe, Rosemary Harris, Cliff Robertson, Kirsten Dunst, Tobey Maguire. (PG-13, 121 min.) **Master Pancake Theater.** Surely there's nothing funny about a guy in a red arachnid suit that can fling webs better than anyone around. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 7, 10pm.

SPACES

Silent Film/Remixed Series East Austin Trailer Movie Events (E.a.t. M.e.). Presented will be a remix of "Voyage to the Moon" and the Apples in Stereo's *Travellers in Space and Time* and "Un Chien Andalou" remixed to the Pixies' *Doolittle*. @East Austin Trailer Park and Eatery, 9pm.

KIDS

Planet 51 (2009) @Southwest Bistro at the Hyatt Regency, 6:30pm. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

SATURDAY 07

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty
Galore (sensory friendly) (2010) D: Brad
Peyton; with Chris O'Donnell, Jack McBrayer; with the
voices of Christina Applegate, Katt Williams. (PG, 92
min.) Autism Society of America. At these screenings, the auditorium will have its lights brought up
and the sound turned down. Additionally, audience
members can get up and move about during the
screening and bring along special-diet snacks. For
more details, see www.austinautismsociety.org. @Barton
Creek Square, 10am; \$5.

Don Seenu (2010) @Tinseltown South, noon, 3, 6:30, 9:30pm. (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.

South: Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance Expedition (1919) See p.70.

Spider-Man @Alamo Ritz, 7:30, 10:30pm. (See Friday.)

SPACES

Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992) D: Francis Ford Coppola; with Gary Oldman, Winona Ryder, Anthony Hopkins, Keanu Reeves, Sadie Frost, Tom Waits. (R, 128 min.) Austin Public Library: Books to Movies Club. Coppola's take on the very old story is deliciously fresh. Oldman's Dracula has a stylized, almost hyperreal clarity and a singular weirdness. (*) @University Hills Branch Library, 1pm; free.

(IDS

Benji (1974) Austin Film Festival: Made in Texas Family Films. In this quintessential dog movie, Benji rescues two children from kidnappers and is adopted by their family in return. The film was shot in and around Denton and McKinney, Texas. @Texas Spirit Theater, 3pm; free.

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (2009)@Deep Eddy Pool, 8:30pm. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Planet 51 (2009) @Southwest Bistro at the Hyatt Regency, 6:30pm. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

SUNDAY 08

Five Easy Pieces (1970) See p.70.

Jaws (1975) D: Steven Spielberg; with Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss. (PG, 124 min.) Shark Week. This originator of the summer blockbuster still packs a bite. One thing is certain: We're always gonna need a bigger boat. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

Mad Men TV at the Alamo. @Alamo Drafthouse South, 10pm.

Mega Shark vs. Giant Octopus (2009)

D: Jack Perez; with Deborah Gibson, Lorenzo Lamas, Vic Chao. (NR, 90 min.) **Hecklevision.** Prehistoric sea creatures battle each other off the California coast. Text in your heckles to this bad movie and have them appear onscreen. @Alamo Ritz, 10:15pm.

Prizzi's Honor (1985) @Paramount, 4:45pm. (See Friday.)

off**screen**

Austin Film Meet and Reel Women This great networking opportunity for local filmmakers, actors, and anyone interested in the local film scene also features a tripod-and-dollies equipment showcase under Whole Foods' rooftop canopy. *Mon., Aug. 9, 7pm. Whole Foods Market, 525 N. Lamar, 476-1206.* www.wholefoodsmarket.com.

Austin FilmWorks: Production One Filmmaker Steve Mims covers the issues of technology, design, and practical application of technique with this comprehensive, hands-on, 14-week series of classes. Registration now open; see website for details. Sept. 7-Dec. 7. Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Studio A-7, 701 Tillery. \$960. www.austinfilmworks.com.

Austin School of Film Classes Prime your cinematic advancement at the Austin School of Film, with professional instruction in **Final Cut Pro** (techniques for cutting dialogue scenes, action scenes, multicamera projects, and scene-by-scene color correction), **After Effects** (basics of animation & compositing), **Directing 1** (the fundamentals of the craft), DV and HD cameras, screenwriting essentials, and more. See website for details. **www.austinfilmschool.org/classes**.

channelAustin Classes Austin's digital media center offers filmmakers professional, hands-on instruction in HD field equipment and studio production, plus affordable access to the latest high-end gear and software by Sony and Apple. Learn more on Mondays from 6 to 7pm. See website for details. 1143 Northwestern. www.channelaustin.org.

Homoscope: Call for Entries The third annual Queer Arts Festival is now accepting experimental film shorts to complement its showcase of visual art and live performance in August. (Also wanted are feature-film submissions for ongoing screenings.) See website for details. **www.homoscope.org**.

John Pierson's Master Class Airs on KUT Learn from the film professionals interviewed by Pierson in this educational broadcast series. This week: **Elizabeth Avellan**. *Mon., Aug. 9, 12mid-3am. KUT 90.5FM*.

Network Austin Mixer has moved to a new location! Be aware! And be sure to attend this relaxed shindig that invites film- and entertainment-biz people to celebrate by schmoozing, networking, and doing what they do best: entertaining one another in a movie-happy crowd. The next featured speakers are your Network Austin founders, **Doran Ingrham**, **Donise Hardy**, and **Gary L. Wimmer**. Wed., Aug. 11, 6pm. ND at 501 Studios, 501 N. I-35, 485-3001. www.networkaustinmixer.com.

SXSW Film 2011 Is Open for Business! Filmmakers are invited to submit their new features, short films, and title sequences to the annual event, a renowned destination for discovery. See website for details and applications. Early submission period: *Through Nov. 4*. Late submission period: *Nov. 5-Dec. 2*. www.sxsw.com/film.

The Screenplay Workshop All programs taught by professional screenwriters in Central Austin classrooms. **Wednesday Night Workshops** 7-9:30pm. Five-week fundamentals: \$225. Ten-week Master Class: \$395. **Private Screenwriting Coaching and Consultation** also available. See website for details. **www.thescreenplayworkshop.org**.

Thursday Night Blockbuster ColdTowne Theater and I Luv Video present a pair of video-making, movie-mocking merriments each Thursday, featuring a troupe of cut-ups who create meshing and battling narratives from an on-the-spot mix of live performance and instant video (**3, 2, 1 Kill!**, 8pm) and improvise commentary tracks to the most popular movies of today, yesterday, and tomorrow (**Commentary Track Live**, 10pm). And there's free popcorn all night long! ColdTowne Theater, 4803-B Airport, 524-2807. \$5 each show. www.coldtownetheater.com.

The Shark Is Still Working (2006) D: Erik Hollander. (NR, 120 min.) Shark Week. What better way to celebrate Shark Week than with this documentary about everything Jaws, which gives particular focus to the film's troubled production and its long-term cultural impact. No stone is left unturned, no one is left unitnerviewed, and no blockbuster has ever been the same since. @Alamo Ritz, 1pm.

SPACES

Cummings Farm (2009) D: Andrew Drazek; with Laura Silverman, Ted Beck, Edrick Browne, Adam Busch, Jordan Kessler, Yasmine Kittles, Aimee-Lynn Chadwick. (R, 104 min.) Cinema East. Three couples plan a group-sex orgy but, when push comes to shove, discover they have trouble putting willing genitals where their busy mouths are. The filmmakers will be in attendance for a O&A. @Baby Blue Studio. 9pm: outdoors: free.

Ghostbusters (1984) D: Ivan Reitman; with Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis, Sigourney Weaver, Rick Moranis, Annie Potts, Ernie Hudson. (PG, 107 min.) **Parkside.** The comedy here is solid-gold, Murray is in peak form, and the effects are a lot of fun. Get slimed. The proceeds from on-site vending and other donations will benefit 6ixth Street Austin. (*) @San Jacinto & Sixth, 7:30pm; free.

True Blood @Jo's (Downtown), 7pm.

MONDAY 09

Space Is the Place (1974) D: John Coney; with Sun Ra, Barbara Deloney, Raymond Johnson. (R, 85 min.) Music Monday. Ever wonder about all that intergalactic mythology that propped up Sun Ra's Arkestra? This movie acts some of it out in a strange Seventies landing of the shamanic bandleader among inner-city, black-power youths and a satanic overlord. @Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm; \$2.

The Thin Man (1934) D: W.S. Van Dyke; with William Powell, Myrna Loy, Maureen O'Sullivan, Cesar Romero. (NR, 93 min.) **Cinema Cocktails.** The characters are the invention of Dashiell Hammett, although the urbane chemistry between Loy and Powell as Nick and Nora Charles is the ultimate in dipsomaniacal romantic comedy. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia (2009) D: Julien Nitzberg, (NR, 86 min.) Jesco White, the "Dancing Outlaw," appeared as the star of his own documentary, but here a different film-maker revisits the entire White clan – a group that almost reveals Jesco to be the quiet member of the family. Brawling, drugs, and gas huffing are some of the constants depicted in the Whites' way of life. For more on the film, see "Gold in Them Thar Hills," July 9. @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 9:45pm.

SPACES

Gigi (1958) D: Vincente Minnelli; with Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier, Louis Jourdan, Hermione Gingold. (g, 115 min.) Austin Public Library: Summer Musicals. Winner of nine Academy Awards, this Lerner & Lowe musical is given plush treatment by Minnelli. The film recounts the story of a young tomboy raised to be a courtesan in Parisian society at the turn of the 20th century. @Hampton Branch Library, 6pm; free.

KIDS

Babe (1995) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Kung Fu Panda (2008) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Spy Kids (2001) Summer Kids Camp. Free. (*) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 11am.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

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Send submissions to the *Chronicle*, PO Box 49066, Austin, TX 78765; fax, 458-6910; or e-mail.

Contact Marjorie Baumgarten (Special Screenings): specialscreenings@austinchronicle.com; Wayne Alan Brenner (Offscreen): calendar@austinchronicle.com.

TUESDAY 10

The Keep (1983) D: Michael Mann; with Scott Glenn, Alberta Watson, Jürgen Prochnow, Robert Prosky, Gabriel Byrne, lan McKellen. (R, 96 min.) **Terror Tuesday.** When Nazi soldiers accidentally release a mysterious force from an old fortress they are guarding, they are forced to call in a Jew to translate some manuscripts that might save their lives. @Alamo Ritz, 9:45pm.

Maryadha Ramanna (2010) D: SS Rajamouli; with Sunil, Saloni Aswani. (NR, 140 min.) Tollywood comedy-thriller from the director of Magadheera. @Tinseltown South, 1:30, 4:30, 8:30pm.

Shuffle Anime at the Alamo. Japanese animated television series. @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

The Thin Man (1934) @Alamo Ritz, 7pm. (See Monday.)

The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia (2009) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 9:45pm. (See Monday.)

SPACES

The Dry Land (2010) See p.70.

KIDS

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) Summer Movie Clubhouse. \$1. (*) @Movies 8, 10am.

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) @Tinseltown South, 10am. (See above.)

Babe (1995) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

How to Train Your Dragon (2010) Summer Movie Camp. \$1. (*) @Barton Creek Square, 10am.

Kung Fu Panda (2008) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Spy Kids (2001) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 11am. (See Monday.)

WEDNESDAY 11

Birdemic: Shock and Terror (2008)

D: James Nguyen; with Alan Bagh, Whitney Moore, Janae Caster, Colton Osborne. (NR, 90 min.) A bona fide cult phenomenon, this inexpensively made "romantic thriller" shows a platoon of eagles and vultures attacking the residents of a small town, Hitchcock-style. For more on the film, see "When Bad Movies Attack," July 2. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

Brighton Rock (1947) See p.74.

Freebie and the Bean (1974) D: Richard Rush; with Alan Arkin, James Caan, Loretta Swit, Valerie Harper, Jack Kruschen, Mike Kellin. (R, 113 min.) Weird Wednesday. A progenitor of the buddy-cop action comedies of the Eighties, this film features Arkin and Caan as two San Francisco detectives trading personal barbs and getting into high-octane car chases and crashes. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid.

The Human Centipede (First Sequence) (2009) D: Tom Six; with Dieter Laser, Ashley C. Williams, Ashlynn Yennie, Akihiro Kitamura, Andreas Leupold, Peter Blankenstein. (NR, 90 min.) Coprophiliacs looking for a movie that really rings their chimes will be positively tintinnabulating from this arthouse horror number. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 8756mm

Maryadha Ramanna (2010) @Tinseltown South, 1:30, 4:30, 8:30pm. (See Tuesday.)

Odd Man Out (1947) D: Carol Reed; with James Mason, Robert Newton, Cyril Cusack, F.J. McCormick. (NR, 116 min.) Summer Film Classics: British Film Noir. Following a failed heist, a wounded Irish nationalist leader is hunted by the cops in the back alleys of Belfast in this taut thriller by the director of The Third Man. (Double bill: Brighton Beach.) @Paramount, 8:50pm.

The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia (2009) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 9:45pm. (See Monday.)

SPACES

The Dark Knight (2008) D: Christopher Nolan; with Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Aaron Eckhart, Gary Oldman, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Cillian Murphy, Eric Roberts, Monique Curnen, Chin Han. (PG-13, 152 min.) 101X Summer Cinema. The latest Batman film incarnation is a good fit for our age of anxiety. (*) @Central Market North. 8:30pm: free.

RoboCop (1987) See p.74.

KIDS

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) @Tinseltown South, 10am. (See Tuesday.)

Babe (1995) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Kung Fu Panda (2008) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Spy Kids (2001) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 11am. (See Monday.)

THURSDAY 12

Brighton Rock (1947) See p.74

Maryadha Ramanna (2010) @Tinseltown South, 1:30, 4:30, 8:30pm. (See Tuesday.)

Odd Man Out (1947) @Paramount, 7pm. (See Wednesday.)

Once Sing-Along (2006) D: John Carney; with Glen Hansard, Markéta Irglová. (R, 85 min.) Action Pack. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm.

Pop Princess Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 9:25pm. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

The Wild and Wonderful Whites of West Virginia (2009) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 9:45pm. (See Monday.)

SPACES

One-Eighty See p.74.

KIDS

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) @Tinseltown South, 10am. (See Tuesday.)

Babe (1995) @Alamo Drafthouse South, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Kung Fu Panda (2008) @Alamo Drafthouse Village, 11am. (See Thursday, 8/5.)

Spy Kids (2001) @Alamo Drafthouse Lake Creek, 11am. (See Monday.)

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Arabia 3D (2010) D: Greg MacGillivray. (NR, 40 min.) A combination of historical re-creations and contemporary scenes of everyday life, this film follows the story of Hamzah Jamjoom, a 22-year-old Arabian filmmaking student, as he returns home from Chicago to make a film about his native culture. Thu. (8/5)-Sat., noon; Mon.-Thu. (8/12), noon.

Hubble 3D (2010) D: Toni Myers; narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio. (NR, 45 min.) This breathtaking documentary follows NASA's May 2009 mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. (*) Thu. (8/5)-Sat., 11am, 1pm; Sun., 1pm; Mon.-Thu. (8/12), 11am, 1pm.

Inception (2010) D: Christopher Nolan; with Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page, Tom Hardy, Ken Watanabe, Dileep Rao, Cillian Murphy, Marion Cotillard. (PG-13, 149 min.) See review, p.72. (*) Thu. (8/5)-Thu. (8/12), 2, 5, 8, 11pm.

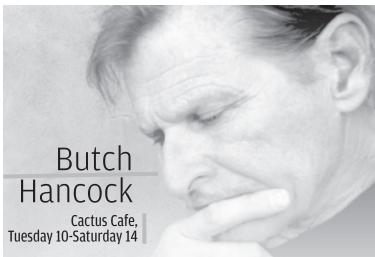
Texas: The Big Picture (2003) D: Scott Swofford; narrated by Colby Donaldson. (NR, 39 min.) Panoramic shots of Texas grace the screen as the state is shown to be a land capable of growing everything from grapefruit to microchips. Thu. (8/5)-Sat., 10am; Mon.-Thu. (8/12), 10am.





listings

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Butch Hancock says we live in the best of times and the worst of times, so the "repurposing" of the Cactus Cafe this year "is right about normal."

"I was heart-warmed by everybody jumping aboard and saying, 'Hey, no, wait - you can't do this,' offers the Flatlander in response. "I think that's great. Whether that outcry makes a difference"

If booker Griff Luneburg doesn't have the Cactus Cafe, what does he have?

"Well, they're offering him the bowling alley," reveals Lubbock's song catcher. "I told him, 'Hey, if they stick you down there in the bowling alley, I want to play the first gig down there.' And I was serious as can be. He heard that, and his eyes lit up a little bit."

Hancock laughs. But wait, what bowling alley?

"I'd forgotten about it. I guess a lot of things get swept down into the [UT Union] basement."

It was the venue's iconic proprietor who came up with the series No Two Alike 20 years ago and has Hancock revisit it next week.

"As I vaguely recall it," chuckles Hancock, "I asked him if I could come do a night full of songs that only other people had written. He kind of grinned, I don't how to describe the look, and said, 'You could do several nights of your songs.'

"It kind of went from there and we wound up booking five nights that turned into six."

Sounds daunting.

"I was sitting with Rory, my son, a couple days ago, and he was joking, 'Ha, how are you ever going to remember "Split & Slide II" or "Split & Slide 3," whatever?'

"I said, 'Well, you work at things and do what you can do and move on,' but all of a sudden I had this realization that, 'Hey, wait a minute. I can actually do this.' I wrote these songs, so they're already programmed in there somewhere. I think I can refresh enough of them that need refreshing to make it work. That realization came over me, and suddenly it was irrevocable confidence."

He laughs again.

"Whether that plays out accurate or not, we will see. At least I had an epiphany of confidence, okay? Maybe it was worth it for that one moment."

One last one for the Griffer! "Or five of them."

Raoul Hernandez

HAPPY BIRTHDAY United States Art Authority, Friday 6

From the long-haired looks and label (Sub Pop) of Happy Birthday, you'd swear they were from Seattle, 1991. The trio's straight outta Vermont, however, which doesn't water down the offbeat pop jams of this year's self-titled LP. California ramblers Residual Echoes reappear to melt mailboxes, and locals Woven Bones mark the start of a West Coast tour, Wild America also - Audra Schroeder

75TH BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE TO RAHSAAN **ROLAND KIRK** The Elephant Room, Friday 6

Who better to celebrate the fifth dimension jazz of multi-instrumentalist Kirk than saxophonist Mike Mellinger's Austin Jazz Workshop Sextet, with sax man Alex Coke and pianist Floyd Domino. Last year the locals performed parts of the Ohioan's oeuvre (1935-1977) in more than 100 Austin public schools and recorded an album of his music, Mystery Note. Very special guests will be in the house along with Kirk's widow, Dorthaan - Jay Trachtenberg

TY SEGALL Emo's, Saturday 7

Lemons, Ty Segall's 2009 debut for Goner Records, reveled in a vintage vinyl snap, crackle, and pop that seems to be flowing out of San Francisco by the bongload. Melted, his third LP and latest for Goner, fits the mannequin with something more form-fitting, especially the stellar blast of "Girlfriend." S.F.'s Royal Baths support, with locals the Hex Dispensers and A Giant - Audra Schroeder Dog.

BRIAN POSEHN/OFF WITH THEIR HEADS Red 7, Saturday 7

With one punch line, Brian Posehn can forever change the way you think about Slayer. The former Mr. Show writer and Metalocalypse contributor is the embodiment of a heavy metal parking lot – a balding, overweight stoner with no shortage of nerd rage or Fart and Wiener Jokes. Show at 7pm. Later, Minnesota's Off With Their Heads continues self-deprecation with the blue-collar pub punk of its Epitaph debut, In Desolation. White Night, Autistic Youth, and the - Austin Powell Altars open.

CYNDI LAUPER Paramount Theatre. Tuesday 10

Since letting the world know girls just want to have fun - to the tune of 25 million records - Cyndi Lauper has boasted an amazingly resilient career. Her latest disc, Memphis Blues, finds true colors in R&B and recasts her distinctive voice comfortably among covers from the likes of B.B. King. Those 18 MTV Music Awards on her shelf have nothing on her 2004 performance at La Zona Rosa. - Margaret Moser

ENTHRONED Emo's, Wednesday 11

Twentieth century tensions between the Flemish and the French, the two faces of Belgium - with a German twist - play out in corpsepaint quartet Enthroned, from the kingdom's capital city of Brussels. Behind March's eighth LP since '93, Pentagrammaton, black metallurgists Nornagest, Neraath, Phorgath, and Garghuf embark on their first North American tour in almost a decade, bolstered by Aussie thrashers Deströyer 666, Pathology, Hod, and Disfigured. - Raoul Hernandez

WHITE MYSTERY Beerland, Thursday 12

Chicago guitarist Alex White and her drummer brother Francis reverse the mythology of the White Stripes. This year's self-titled debut balances Alex's soulful stomp and holler with Francis' backbeat, a fiery combination stretching from Memphis to Detroit. Gentleman Jesse headlines, with support from the Barreracudas, the Pleasure Kills, and Melissa Bryan Support - Audra Schroeder

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The Parish, Friday 6

You haven't lived until you've heard "Barracuda" on the cello.

JOAN BAEZ

Stubb's, Friday 6

Cause-driven folkie still runs on peace, with James McMurtry.

EVERYONE KNOWS EVERYONE 8

Mohawk, Saturday 7

Amplified Heat, John Wesley Coleman, Red X Red M, and more prove Austin is Facebook come to life.

PAUL RAY & THE COBRAS

Threadgill's World HQ, Saturday 7 Blues marking 40 years of the 'Dillo. See "Off the Record," p.47.

AMBROSIA

One World Theatre, Sunday 8 Smooth SoCal never ages.

BLACK COBRA

Emo's, Monday 9

Southern Lord likes its metal medium rare.

CRYSTAL CASTLES

Stubb's, Wednesday 11

All-black electro beats the heat, with Rusko, Sinden, and Destructo.

THE SOUR NOTES, HOLLYWOOD **GOSSIP. LITERATURE**

Beerland, Wednesday 11 Local smart-pop sampler.

BUCK OWENS BIRTHDAY BASH

Continental Club, Thursday 12

Rosie Flores, Jesse Dayton, Graham Reynolds, and a host of others grab a tiger by the tail.

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Friday: Bad Lovers, Guys & Ghouls, Young Girls, Trailer Space, 7pm Saturday: White Night, Tempo Tantrums, Bottle Service, Trailer Space, 7pm

Tuesday: Colin Gilmore, Waterloo Records, 5pm; A Giant Dog, Naomi

Punk, Masters & Johnson, Hatchet Wound, Trailer Space, 7pm Wednesday: Ozomatli, Waterloo Records, 5pm; Coughing Fit,

Criaturas, Porkeria, Trailer Space, 7pm Thursday: Naw Dude, Vile, Trailer Space, 7pm

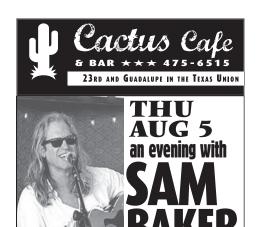








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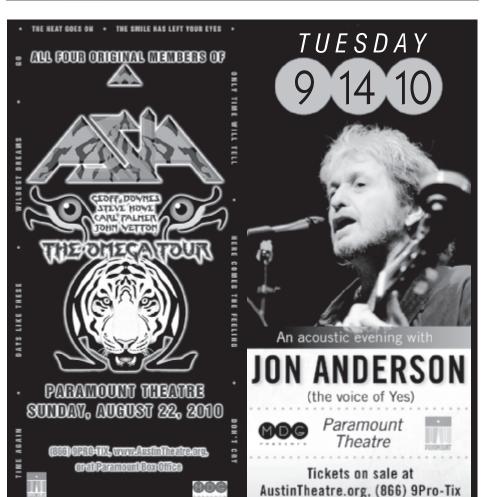
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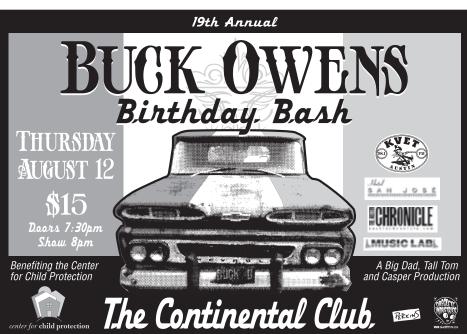
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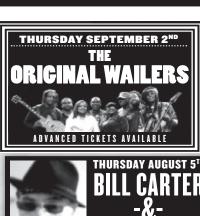
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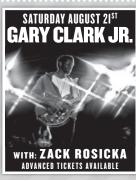








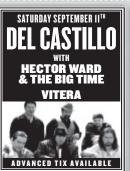














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ARTZ RIB HOUSE Lone Star Swing (7:30)

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Jimi Lee

BEERLAND Planets. Wild Harem. Shapes Have Fangs, the Spooks, Rayon Beach

BROKEN SPOKE Tony Harrison, Dance Lessons, Jesse Dayton (6:00)

cactus care Sam Baker (8:30)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Fire Drinks Glass, James Moran, Seraph

CEDAR STREET Karen & Kaki (6:00); Suede Austin (9:30)

CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH Austin Piazzolla Quintet (6:30)

CHAIN DRIVE A TINV Fox. Gardenella, Roo, Emergency Action Plan, Attic Ted (10:00)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Terri Hendrix, James McMurtry

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Continental Graffiti (10:30); In the Club: Planet Casper (6:30); Chili Cold Blood, Grady, Dixie Witch (10:00)

COOL RIVER CAFE Sprung

COPA BAR & GRILL Salsa Lessons Dance U2, Alvaro Aguilar (8:30)

DONN'S DEPOT Murphy's Inlaws THE DRISKILL HOTEL Driskill Bar: Atomic Duo (7:00)

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Lucky Strikes (7:30)

ELEPHANT ROOM Albanie & Her Fellas (6:00); Gato 6 (9:30)

FMO'S Outside: Swashbuckle Mutiny Within, Augury, Death Angel, Soilwork; Inside: The Canvas Waiting, Cady Groves, Cash Cash, the Audition, Stereo Skyline 🔾 🔞

FLAMINGO CANTINA Cali Zack, Undastreet M.E., Miss Prissy, Riders Against the Storm. KB the Boo Bonic CD Release (8:00)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Trov Campbell (6:00), Open Mic w/ Lisa Kettyle (8:00)

FREDDIE'S PLACE Graham Wilkinson

THE GHOST ROOM Mont Lyons (10:00); School of Liars (11:00)

GIDDY UPS Li'l Mo & the Monicats

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Alvin Crow (9:00)

GRUENE HALL Walt Wilkins & the Mystiqueros (7:00)

GÜERO'S TACO BAR Bobby Fuentes

HEADHUNTERS Patio: Fuego del Sur, Sue Real; Inside: Fool for Rowan, Taylor Face

HOLE IN THE WALL The Lonesome Heroes, Ricky Stein, Orion Walsh (10:00)

HOUSE WINE Steven Baranowski

JOE'S CRAB SHACK Burnevik Vega (7:00)

LA FUENTES RESTAURANT & TEXAS **BEER GARDEN** Luke Kirkpatrick (7:00)

LAMBERTS Lee Mork (7:00)

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MEAN-EYED CAT Reid Wilson & His So-Called Friends (8:00) MI CASA TAMALES & CANTINA Open

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The Butts, Under the Gun

Marcy Playground, Red Eyed Fly The Future Process, the Scoot Inn

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Straight 8's, Continental Club O'Brother, Emo's Pasadena Napalm Division

Encore Panteon Rococo, Flamingo

Doug Burr, Dark Dark Dark,

Backsliders, Hole in the Wall Naga Valli. Momo's

Hiroshima, One World Theatre Rasputina, Larkin Grimm, the

Prayer for Atheists, Red 7 Lex Land. Ruta Mava Joan Baez, Stubb's

Young Girls, Trailer Space

Happy Birthday, Residual Echoes, United States Art Authority

SAT 7

Thee Fine Lines, Beerland Steve Forbert, Cactus Cafe Ty Segall, Royal Baths, Charlie & the Moonhearts, Emo's **D-Madness**, Flamingo Cantina Bob Cheevers, Hill's Cafe Laserdiscs, Mohawk Nothing More, the Parish Off With Their Heads **Autistic Youth, Brian**

SUN 8

Posehn, Red 7

Ambrosia, One World Theatre

MON 9

Black Cobra, Howl, Emo's

THE 10

The Goddamn Gallows Beerland

Butch Hancock, Cactus Cafe Veara. I Am Abomination. Emo's Eux Autres, Mohawk

Cyndi Lauper, David Rhodes, Paramount Theatre

Bomb the Music Industry,

Waylon Payne, Saxon Pub

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MC Homeless, Greenlander, Richard Benjamin, Taskmaster, Rusalka, Being, Paranoid Time, Austin Moose Lodge No. 1735

Butch Hancock, Cactus Cafe Enthroned, Destroyer 666, Pathology, Emo's

Contrabandits. Flamingo Cantina Sean McConnell, Hill's Cafe Bob Cheevers, NeWorlDeli Bizzy Bone, T. Mills, Dot Dot Curve. Red 7

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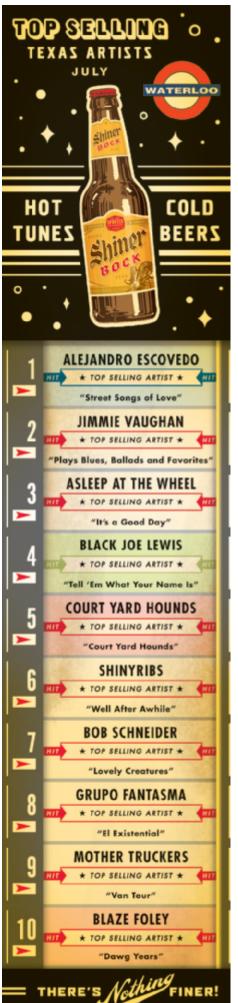
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TRIPLE CROWN Eric Hisaw, Orquesta

ткорну's Charlie Hurtin & the Hecklers, Whiskey Shiver

WATERLOO RECORDS Jimmie Vaughan (5:00)

Z'TEJAS In These Shoes (6:00)

FRI **06**

THE 512 BAR Rusty Trapps' Midnight Ramble (7:00)

ANTONE'S Mike Flanigin Trio, Zapata!, Jimmie Vaughan CD Release (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE George Enslé

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Rick Harvey & the Texcellorators (10:30)

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THE BELMONT Ouachita CD Release (10:00) **(R**

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BUDDY'S PLACE Son Geezinslaw, Glenn Collins (8:00)

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cactus cafe Oliver Rajamani & Rosetta Strings (8:30)

CAROUSEL LOUNGE Mad Cowbovs (7:00)

CEDAR STREET Trent Durham. Radiostar (6:00); Mysterious Ways (9:30)

CENTRAL MARKET NORTH The Lost Pines (6:30)

CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH TONY Harrison (6:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Foscoe Jones (9:30)

CLUB 1808 Slumlord, A Corpse Vanishes, So Unloved

CLUB DE VILLE Burgess Meredith, the Soldier Thread (5:00): December Boys, the Ripe Thee Penetrators (10:00)

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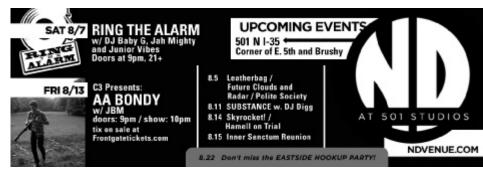
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IN THE CLUB

FRI AUG 6 DOORS 9₽M **CURTIS GRIMES**

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FRI SEP 3

SUN AUG 8

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WED AUG 11 DOORS 10₽M CRYSTAL CASTLES AFTERSHOW ART VERSUS INDUSTRY FREE ENTRY W/ HARD SUMMER WRISTBAND
FRI AUG 13
DOORS 9PM

A LETTER OF WARNING
WITH THE BANNER YEAR
MEGAFAUNA & SECOND TO LAST

SAT AUG 14 DOORS 9PM

BLACK BONE CHILD WITH SEX DRAGON

TUE AUG 17 DOORS 9PM FILLIGAR WITH PAPER SHAPES

WED AUG 18 DOORS 9₽M RYAN STAR WITH SIX GALLERY

CALL 444-2001

JEFF ALLEN &
JOHN DAVID KENT
FRI AUG 20 DOORS 9PM
ALL THE ELEMENTS

THAT MAKE THE EARTH
WITH THE TRIM, NOBLE DOG & GREG SCHROEDER SAT AUG 21 DOORS 9₽M

PHOENIX DOWN

WITH ART VERSUS INDUSTRY LOVE HATE AFFAIR & LONGWOODSON THU AUG 26 DOORS 9PM FEVER IN THE FUNKHOUSE

WITH NEW BOHEMIANS
FRI AUG 27 DOORS 9PM
CIVIL TWILIGHT
SAT AUG 28 DOORS 11:30PM
WEEN AFTERSHOW
SOUTH PAW JONES
FREE ENTRY W/ WEEN WRISTBAND
SUN AUG 29 DOORS 9PM

JOHNNY BERTRAM & THE BICYCLES THU SEP 2 DOORS 9PM

UNCLE LUCIUS WITH JONATHAN TERRELL

CALENDAR

>OUTSIDE >NINSIDE SHOW

9-4 SAINTS OF VALORY
MERCERS, CHAIN GANG OF 1974
F PICARDY III

9-8" SHERWOOD
THE DANGEROUS SUMMER & SOLETTA

9-10 GUNS OF NAVARONE CLYDE & CLEM'S WHISKEY BUSINESS

9-11" SOUNDS UNDER RADIO

9-16 REBIRTH BRASS BAND

9-73" DAVE BARNES

9-24" DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS

9-24 DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS AFTERSHOW RUBY JANE FREE SHOW

9-25" THE BLACK CROWES

9-27* RATATAT 101X

9-28 RUBY JANE FREE ENTRY WITH WRISTBAND B-29 REPARKED BEARHEAD

10-2" KINA GRANNIS

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CALENDAR (COMMUNITY SPORTS ARTS FILM MUSIC) LISTINGS



SAM'S TOWN POINT Classic Rock Open Jam w/ Breck English, Texas Love Band (6:00)

SAXON PUB Earl Poole Ball & the Cosmic Americans (6:00)

THE SCOOT INN Cartright, Coma in Algiers , Elvis (9:00)

SHOOTERS BILLIARDS Rotel & the Hot Tomatoes (9:00)

STAR BAR Allen Daniels (7:00)

STUBB'S Outside Early: James McMurtry, Joan Baez (6:00); Inside Later: Curtis Grimes (11:00)

TEXAS BAR & GRILL Bonedaddy

THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Hector Ward & the Big Time ▶ (9:00)

TRAILER SPACE RECORDS Young Girls, Guvs & Ghouls, Bad Lovers (7:00) (8)

TRIPLE CROWN Pepper's Blues, Clubs, Zlam Dunk, Driver F

TROPHY'S Beans & Rice, Take Away Gray, Porifera

UNITED STATES ART AUTHORITY Wild America, Residual Echoes, Woven Bones, Happy Birthday

SAT

ANTONE'S The New Drugs, Diamond Smugglers (9:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Jerry Lightsey & the Pick-Up Band

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Eric Tessmer (10:30)

BEERLAND Bad Lovers, Simple Circuit, Bottle Service, Thee Fine Lines ®

BOAT HOUSE GRILL Musick Storey

'BOUT TIME DJ Element (9:00)

BROKEN SPOKE Dance Lessons, the Cornell Hurd Band (8:00)

c. HUNTS ICE HOUSE Kelly Kenning

CACTUS CAFE Steve Forbert (8:30)

CEDAR STREET The Spazmatics

CENTRAL MARKET NORTH Sean Orr's Celtic Trio (6:30) CENTRAL MARKET SOUTH Troy

Campbell's House of Song (6:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE The Texas Sapphires (9:30)

CHEER UP CHARLIE'S Wild Harem, Shells (9:00)

Reynolds & the Steaming Beast, Chris Toast

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Robin & the Rubber Maids, Mike Flanigin Trio (8:00); In the

COOL RIVER CAFE Lipservice

COTTON CLUB Dave Jorgenson (8:30)

DONN'S DEPOT Nash Hernandez Orchestra

THE DRISKILL HOTEL Patricia G. (8:00)

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Mark Goodwin Trio (8:00)

EL SOL Y LA LUNA Dear Alcohol (8:00) **ELEPHANT ROOM** The Brew

емо's A Giant Dog, Charlie & the Moonhearts, the Hex Dispensers, Royal Baths, Ty

Segall O® FLAMINGO CANTINA D-Madness, Tribal Nation (9:00) 🔞

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Chris Smith, Will T. Massey, Lee Barber (6:00)

FREDDIE'S PLACE Michael Shane Borden (6:00)

THE GHOST ROOM Sunspot, White Dress, Pink Nasty

GIDDY UPS Glenn Collins

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Alvin Crow (9:00)

GRUENE HALL Chris Ruest, Zona Jones

GÜERO'S TACO BAR Ted Roddy (6:30)

HILL'S CAFE Bob Cheevers (

HOLE IN THE WALL Perfect Pants Muchos Backflips! (10:00)

JAX NEIGHBORHOOD CAFE Eve & the Exiles (9:00) LA FUENTES RESTAURANT & TEXAS

BEER GARDEN Seventh Sun LOS REYES MEXICAN GRILL & BAR

Johnny Gonzales (6:00) LUCKY LOUNGE Fatty Monk, DJ

Spyda (9:00) MEAN-EYED CAT Steamroller (9:00)

MOHAWK Laserdiscs, Family Harvest, Tow the Line, Red X Red M, Final Club, the Strange Attractors, John Wesley Coleman, Amplified Heat 🔾 🕞

момо's J.D. Easybake, Boogaloo, Akina Adderley & the Vintage Playboys , Uncle Bruno

Wine & Revolution, Lafayette,

CHERRYWOOD COFFEEHOUSE SCOTT

ONE 2 ONE BAR GB Mojo, Mike Burns, Ray Prim (7:30) THE PARISH Fatback Circus, Nothing More, Dark Summer Club: Redd Volkaert (3:00) Dawn), Naked Empire) (8)

> PATSY'S COWGIRL CAFE Danny Santos (7:30)

NEWORLDELI Ben Livingston

THE OASIS Psychic Cowboys

Rill Carter

NORTH BY NORTHWEST RESTAURANT

& BREWERY Stephen Doster &

RED 7 J.T. Habersaat, Matt Bearden, Brian Posehn (7:00); The Altars, Autistic Youth, White Night, Off With Their Heads (10:00) **☆®**

RED EYED FLY Love Hate Love, War Pigs, Drifter, Killa Maul

RED FEZ DJ Digg (10:00)

RENAISSANCE HOTEL Lobby Lounge: Rich DeMarco (6:00)

RILEY'S TAVERN Luau w/ Island,

RUTA MAYA Ugly Elephant CD Release (9:00)

SATELLITE BISTRO & BAR leff | ofton

THE SCOOT INN Darren Hoff & the Hard Times, Chris Brecht & the Dead Flowers, Jenny & the Corn Ponies, Crooks ▶ EP Release (9:00)

STOMPIN' GROUNDS COFFEE & COCKTAIL LOUNGE Kevin Brown, Douglas Green

THREADGILL'S WORLD HQ Paul Ray & the Cobras (9:00)

TRAILER SPACE RECORDS Bottle Service, Tempo Tantrums, White Night (7:00)

TRIPLE CROWN Lejend, Quanstar, Ghani Guatama, Eveready Raw,



ANTONE'S Matt Day Benefit w/ Zapata!, Shane Bartell, Dertybird, Uncle Lucius (7:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Friends of Traditional Music Records Nite (2:00)

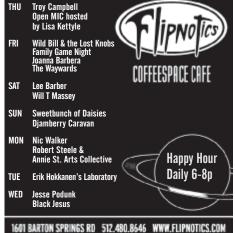
BB ROVERS Open Mic (7:00)

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Irish Tunes

BLU Open Mic w/ Phil Rea (6:00)

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8/5 - Dax Riggs w/ Salesman - 9pm // Julie Karr - 12am (in)

8/6 - Andy Warhol's bday party w/ Ringo Deathstarr, Hatchet Wound Politics, Prayer for Animals & Team Fabrication DJ's - 9pm

8/7 - Everyone Knows Everyone 8 w/ Amplified Heat, Final Club, Red X Red M, John Wesley Coleman, The Strange Attractors, Tow the Line, The Family Harvest, Laserdics & more - 8pm

8/8 - Johnathan Terrel, Graham Weber - 10pm

8/9 - Local Band showcase - 9pm

8/10 - The Carrots, Eux Autres - 10pm

8/12 - Uncle Lucius, East Cameron Folkcore, The Bread, Frank Smith Leatherbag, Mike & the Moonpies, Guns of Navarrone - 9pm



8/6 - Brentalfloss! w/ Prayer for Animals, Blacklisted Individuals, The

8/7 - EARLY: Brian Posehn, Matt Bearden, JT Habersaat - 7pm

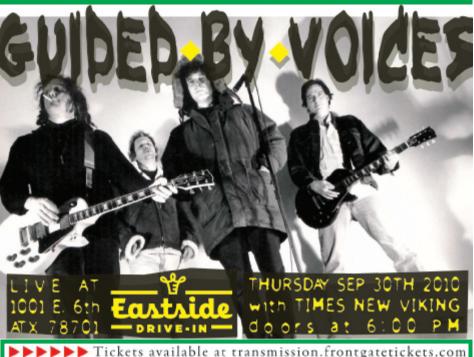
LATE: Off With Their Heads, White Night, Autistic Youth, The Altars - 10pm 8/10 - Bom the Music INdustry, O Pioneers!!!, Capitalist Kids, Bike Problems - 9pm

8/11 - EARLY: Bizzy Bone (of Bone Thugs-N-Harmony), T. Mills, Dot Dot Curve, Kill City, The Flawless Dynasty - 7pm

8/12 - La Lotteria Draft Night - 7pm







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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6
the LOST PINES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 2010 "TEXAS ROSE OF TRALEE" CELEBRATION Irish Music and Dance; Sponsored by the Celtic Cowboys Soccer & Social Club; & the Irish Dance Cer 6:30 pmSEAN ORR'S CELTIC TRIO 8:00 pm IRISH DANCERS

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>
> 101X SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK SERIES **GHOSTBUSTERS**

> > FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
> > GUY FORSYTH
> > american soul grooves

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
JOEL GUZMAN & SARAH FOX

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
101X SUMMER MOVIE IN THE PARK SERIES

DARK KNIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 PORTERDAVIS low down blues

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 **AUSTIN PIAZZOLLA QUINTET**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 **TONY HARRISON & HOT TEXAS** western swing

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 **HOUSE OF SONG HOSTED BY TROY CAMPBELL** singer-songwriters

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CLUB LISTINGS FROM SUNDAY

BOAT HOUSE GRILL Lisa Marshall (1:00)

BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (8:00)

CEDAR STREET Soulution ▶ (9:30)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE The Ash Family (4:00)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Jon Dee Graham, Mike Flanigin Trio (8:30); In the Club: Heybale! (10.00)

COTTON CLUB Can't Hardly Playboyz (7:00)

EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kris Kimura Quartet (7:00)

EL SOL Y LA LUNA Soniquete (11:00am)

ELEPHANT ROOM Jeff Hellmer (9:30)

ELYSIUM Regression: Retro Eighties w/ DJ Pumpkin Spice ESQUINATANGO UT South American

Ensemble (6:00) FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE Derek

Morris, Djamberry Caravan (6:00)FREDDIE'S PLACE Billy Dee (5:00)

FRIENDS Open Mic Blues Jam (5:00)

THE GHOST ROOM Vintage 15

GINNY'S LITTLE LONGHORN SALOON Hevbale! (4:00)

GREEN PASTURES RESTAURANT Jacques Vilmain (11:00am)

GRUENE HALL Bret Graham, Jason Eadv

GÜERO'S TACO BAR Texas Tycoons (3:00)

HILL'S CAFE Brunch w/ Jon Emery HOLE IN THE WALL Texas Tycoons,

Sally Crewe & the Sudden Moves (10:00)

LAMBERTS Black, Red & Black (8:30)

LUCKY LOUNGE A Formal Affair (10:00)

MARIA'S TACO XPRESS Rockin' Gospel Project (noon)

MEAN-EYED CAT Lucas Hudgins & the First Cousins (8:00)

монаwк Graham Weber, Jonathan Terrell (10:00) MOMO'S Carlee Hendrix, One Wolf,

Collin Herring NUEVO LEÓN Mariachi Relampago

NUTTY BROWN CAFE Java Jazz

(11:00am) THE OASIS Salsa Lessons w/

Dance U2, the Brew (7:00)

ONE WORLD THEATRE Ambrosia (7:00, 9:30)

PARADISE CAFE Rusty Trapps Midnight Ramble (8:00)

RED EYED FLY Taking on Poseidon, No Such Thing, Fear Snake Face, Sitri

RED FEZ DJ Kurupt, DJ Cauze-One (10:00)

RILEY'S TAVERN Open Mic w/ Glenn

ROADHOUSE RAGS Jay Wolf Benefit w/ Rick Broussard's Two Hoots & a Holler (6:00)

RUTA MAYA Ritmo 3 (8:30)

SPEAKEASY Adam Rogers (9:30)

STOMPIN' GROUNDS COFFEE & COCKTAIL LOUNGE Outlaw Sunday Open Mic

STUBB'S The Durdens (11:00am)

T.C.'S LOUNGE Jeff Lofton's Sunday-Go-to-Meetin' Jazz (3:00)

THREADGILL'S WORLD HO Austin Friends of Traditional Music (2:00)

TRIPLE CROWN Open Mic w/ Grant Ewing, Holly Aiken, Nate Hinds

waterLoo ice House Open Mic w/ Julie Nolen (10:00)

z'TEJAS James Speer

MON **09**

ANTONE'S Austin Blues

Society (7:00)

ARTZ RIB HOUSE Sarah Flizabeth Campbell & the Banned (7:30)

BAR 141 Robbie's Open Mic (9:00)

B.D. RILEY'S IRISH PUB Open Mic (7:00)

'BOUT TIME A.J. Kline (9:00)

CACTUS CAFE David Garza (8:30) **CEDAR STREET** Jordan Tanner (6:00), Open Mic (9:00)

CHEATHAM STREET WAREHOUSE Pot Luck w/ Samantha (8:00)

CHEZ ZEE Rich Demarco (6:30)

CONTINENTAL CLUB Gallery: Dan Dyer (10:00); In the Club: Continental Graffiti (6:30)

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DONN'S DEPOT Chris Gage

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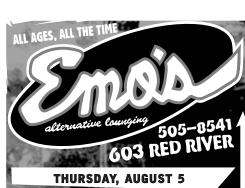
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OUTSIDE, DOORS @7PM:
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INSIDE, DOORS @ 6PM: STEREO SKYLINE THE AUDITION • CASH CASH • CADY GROVES THE DOWNTOWN FICTION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

INSIDE: UME • O'BROTHER THE SOUR NOTES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

INSIDE: TY SEGALL • THE ROYAL BATHS THE HEX DISPENSERS **CHARLIE AND THE MOONHEARTS • A GIANT DOG**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

DOORS @ 6PM:

COWBOYS SUPER BOWL KICKOFF PARTY:

<u>COWBOYS VS. BENGALS</u> FREE COWBOYS TICKETS, PRIZES & GAMES

MONDAY. AUGUST 9

INSIDE: NO CONTROL RADIO PRESENTS: **BLACK COBRA • HOWL** EAGLE CLAW • THE ROLLER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

INSIDE: DOORS@7PM: VEARA (EPITAPH RECORDS) I AM ABOMINATION

THE STAMPEDE • GO ACTION TEAM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

INSIDE: DOORS@8PM: NO CONTROL RADIO PRESENTS: **ENTHRONED • DESTROYER 666 PATHOLOGY • HOD • DISFIGURED**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

INSIDE: DOORS@7PM:
NO CONTROL RADIO PRESENTS:
JUNGLE ROT
LIGHTNING SWORDS OF DEATH

WOE OF TYRANTS • SAKREFIX • PROLICIDE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

CORROSION OF CONFORMITY (ORIGINAL 3-PIECE ANIMOSITY/TECHNOCRACY LINE-UP) RIGHTEOUS FOOL (FT. MIKE DEAN & REED MULLIN)

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

OUTSIDE: NO CONTROL RADIO PRESENTS:

DOORS @5PM AS BLOOD RUNS BLACK
OCEANO • ARSONISTS GET ALL THE GIRLS
TONY DANZA TAPDANCE EXTRAVAGANZA
THICK AS BLOOD • BURNING THE MASSES
CIRCLE OF CONTEMPT • BLIND WITNESS
SON OF AURELIUS • FALSETTA
INSIDE: DOORS@7PM: ROCK SHOW

INSIDE: DOORS@7PM: ROCK SHOW PROMTIONS PRESENTS THE "TASTES LIKE SUMMER FESTIVAL"

DIMITRIS RAIL • SQUINT

WAITING FOR AUGUST DAWN OVER ZERO • SOUNDS OF SUBSTANCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

INSIDE: GRAM RABBIT . THE BIG DEATH SCENE

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

INSIDE, DOORS @7PM: KARNIVOOL

TIDES OF MAN • NOTHING MORE • DAWN OVER ZERO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

OUTSIDE, DOORS @6PM:
THE MAINE • THIS CENTURY
INSIDE: TV TORSO • INTERNATIONAL WATERS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

INSIDE: THE TERROR PIGEON DANCE REVOLT SPHYNX • WOLF TEETH • DIAMONDS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

INSIDE, DOORS @9PM: SCOTT H. BIRAM BLACK EYED VERMILLION & THE BLOOD RED BAND • DAD JIM

INSIDE, DOORS @5PM: NATIVE FORMER THIEVES • BROTHER/GHOST • HONEY AND SALT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

OUTSIDE, DOORS @8PM ROCK FOR THE CURE BENEFIT CONCERT:

<u>Memory of a melody</u> THELASTPLACEYOULOOK GHANDI'S GUN • NOTHING MORE • PANDEMIC

INSIDE: RIVER CITY EXTENSION **GEOGRAPHY • PASTURES**

INSIDE, EARLY SHOW: MINOR DAMAGE

(VIDEO SHOOT)

PERSISTENCE IN FLAMES
MINOR DAMAGE • A FALL FROM SIN

COMING SOON: • 8/22 STUNTS. TRIPLE RAINBOW, BLACK MOUNTAIN SYMPHONY (IN) • 8/23 TWIN SISTER/MEMORYHOUSE, SLEEPOVER (IN) • 8/24 THE DELTA MIRROR, ONE HUNDRED FLOWERS, CANDI AND THE STRANGERS (IN) • 8/25 ADRIAN AND THE SICKNESS, MONIQUE ORTIZ, DOC HOLIDAY & THE FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER (IN) • 8/26 101X NO CONTROL RADIO PRESENTS FU MANCHU, BLACK TUSK, IT'S CASUAL (IN) • 8/27 HOT HOT HEAT W/ HEY ROSETTA! (IN) • 8/28 ROONEY, DISCO CURTIS, WHITMAN (OUT) / MONDO GENERATOR, TWEAK BIRD, ONE-EYED DOLL, SQUIDBUCKET (IN) • 8/29 SONS OF BILL, THE APACHE RELAY (IN) • 9/1 TITUS ANDRONICUS, YELLOWFEVER, WHITMAN (OUT) • 9/1 THE STRANGE BOYS (IN) • 9/2 THE ENGLISH BEAT, BAD MAN-NERS, CHRIS MURRAY (OUT) • 9/7 BLEEDING THROUGH, AFTER THE BURIAL, FOR TODAY, THE WORD ALIVE, STRAY FROM THE PATH, FALSETTA (OUT) • 9/8 EXODUS, MALEVOLENT CREATION, HOLY GRAIL, BONDED BY BLOOD (OUT) / MUMIY TROLL, RUN RUN RUN RUN, REPA (IN) • 9/9 101X PRESENTS: AUTOLUX, GOLD PANDA (OUT) • 9/11 SEA WOLF (SOLO ACOUSTIC), SERA CAHOONE, PATRICK PARK • 9/12 SEAN BONNETTE (FR. ANDREW JACKSON JIHAD). BLUNT MECHANIC (BARSUK RECORDS, FEAT, BEN FROM KIND OF LIKE SPITTING) (IN) • 9/14 THE LOVE LANGUAGE (IN. ONSALE SAT 8/7) • 9/18 LANGUAGE ROOM (IN) • 9/21 THE DEVIL MAKES 3 (IN) • 9/23 GODS ARE GHOSTS, ART VERSUS INDUSTRY, PHOENIX DOWN (IN) • 9/24 THE WHIGS, SMOKE AND FEATHERS, A GIANT DOG (IN) • 9/25 COTTON JONES (IN) • 9/27 CASIOTONE FOR THE PAINFULLY ALONE (LAST AUSTIN DATE EVER!) (OUT) • 9/29 JENNY AND JOHNNY (OUT) • 9/30 COCOROSIE (OUT) / FENNESZ, SLEEP WHALE AMASA GANA DEREK ROGERS (IN) • 10/2 DIRT NASTY WITH ANDREW LEGACY REARDO (IN) • 10/26 ENVY W/ LA DISPLITE TOLICHE AMORE AND SO I WATCH YOU FROM AFAR (IN ONSALE SAT 8/7) 10/30 WIZ KHALIFA • 11/12 THE FELICE BROTHERS W/ ADAM HAWORTH STEPHENS (OF TWO GALLANTS) (IN) • 11/13 SENSES FAIL/BAYSIDE W/ TITLE FIGHT (OUT, ONSALE THU 8/12)

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH

VOLLEYBALL COURTS 7 DAYS

STOOCH BAND 9-11PM THE CRUSH 11:30PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH @ 9:30PM

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 8PM

GODS ARE GHOSTS
ART VERSUS INDUSTRY
THE PULSE ELECTRIC
THE FUTURE PROCESS
DESTROYED FOR COMFORT DJ TYLER METZGER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 9PM **ELVIS, COMA IN ALGIERS** CARTRIGHT, DIKES OF HOLLAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 9PM

CROOKS

JENNY & THE CORN PONIES CHRIS BRECHT & DEAD FLOWERS DARREN HOFF & THE HARD TIMES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 5PM TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 6PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 6PM

BREWSKEEBALL PLAYOFFS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 9PM SIDESHOW TRAMPS & GUESTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 9PM SIMPLE CIRCUIT & GUESTS

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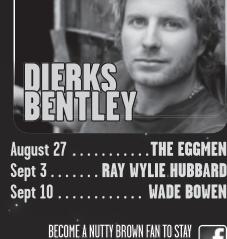
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EDDIE V'S EDGEWATER GRILLE Kris

Kimura Quartet (7:00)

ELEPHANT ROOM Milkdrive, Michael Mordecai's Jazz Jam (6:00)

EMO'S The Roller, Eagle Claw, Howl, Black Cobra OB

EVANGELINE CAFE Charles Thibodeaux & the Austin Cajun Aces (6:30)

FLIPNOTICS COFFEESPACE La La Quarry, Robert Steel, Southpaw Jones (6:00)

GRUENE HALL McKay Bros. (7:00) HALCYON Roberto Riggio (10:00)

HOLE IN THE WALL Riverwinds, Radar Radar

HOUSE WINE Singer-Songwriter Open Mic w/ Scott Andrews

HYDE PARK THEATRE Eddy Hobizal (7:30)

LA PALAPA Baby Dallas

LUCKY LOUNGE Cadence Showcase (10:00)

MEAN-EYED CAT Eagle Eye Williamson (8:00)

MOHAWK Local Band Showcase

момо's Sara Joyner, Jim Trainer, Brian Keane, Dustin Welch, Boosey Cray

MOZART'S COFFEE ROASTERS John Wilson (8:00)

MUGSHOTS Open Mic w/ Chuck Miller (8:00)

QUALITY SEAFOOD MARKET Aunt Ruby's Sweet Jazz Babies (6:30)

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RUTA MAYA Flying Balalaika Brothers' ♪ Red Army Surrender Jam (9:00)

TRIPLE CROWN Junior Scott (6:00)

victory grill Open Pro Blues Jam w/ Matthew Robinson, Harold McMillan (9:00)

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CLUB 1808 Lazy K (10:00)

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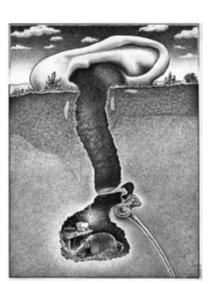
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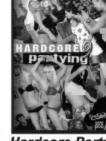


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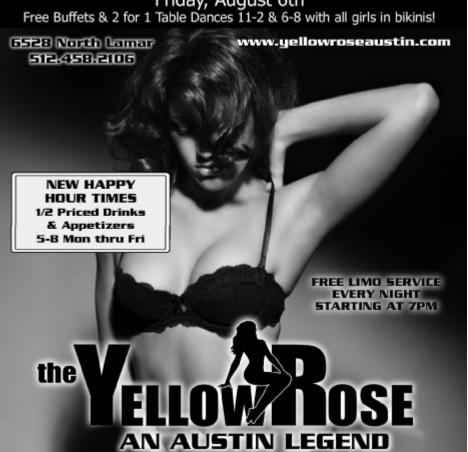


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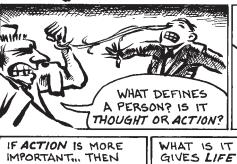






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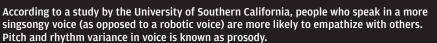






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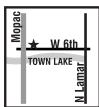
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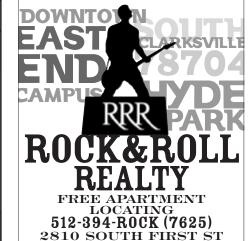
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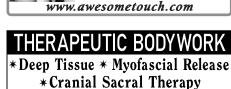












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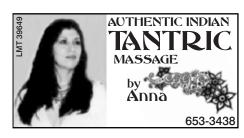
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): One of the best ways to cultivate your own radiant brilliance or native talent is to look for excellence in other people. So if you suspect there's some half-hidden or partially dormant reservoir of genius within you - a mother lode of intelligence that you have not been fully successful in tapping into - I suggest you make it a point to identify the genius in everyone you know. Whether it's your cousin's knack for flower arrangement or your co-worker's telepathic capacity to read the moods of people she wants something from, you can fuel your own luminosity by noticing and appreciating others

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Imagine you and I and a bunch of our friends are 7 years old. We're playing the rough game King of the Mountain on a huge pile of dirt. Since there are some girls among us, we've changed the name of the game to "Awesome Magic Boss of the Mountain." Today, you're the strongest one, warding off all challenges to your authority, pushing away everyone who tries to knock you off your place at the top. It's like you have extra power you've never displayed before, as if you're drawing on reserves of determination and stamina that were previously unavailable. I believe this is a metaphorically accurate portrayal of your actual life right now

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): My Sagittarius friend Lisa dreamed she was at a party with Jon Carroll, a writer she admires. In the dream, she managed to join a circle of people with whom he was conversing. Twice she tried to insinuate her way into the conversation with comments she thought were flattering to Jon. But he ignored her. Finally she opened an oversized picture book she had with her and showed him a striking photo of a huge nest containing a speckled, glittery dragon's egg. This caught his eye. He took her by the arm to a table where they pored over this fascinating image together. Learn from Lisa's dream, Sagittarius. To captivate the attention of the people you're interested in, appeal not to their vanity but to their imagination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Homeboy Industries is an organization in East Los Angeles that helps former gang members find jobs. One of its most successful programs has trained more than a hundred ex-cons as solar panel installers. That's the kind of dramatic conversion I'd like to see you make in your own life, Capricorn - getting face-to-face with the most messed-up part of yourself and conspiring to transform it into something brighter and more useful. Now would be an excellent time to dive into that worthy project.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I'm all in favor of you pumping up your yearning and stoking the fires of your ambition and fantasizing in explicit detail about a fantastic dream - on one condition: The object of your craving has to be real and achievable. It can't be an impossible idol or remote delusion, nor can it be an escapist distraction. The longing you feel must empower you, not demoralize you. The vision that gets you activated each morning must be something you can actually manifest by carrying out a detailed, step-by-step master plan. If you're willing to satisfy these provisions, you have my go-ahead to get more than a little wild with desire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): When you try to communicate with a baby, you get nowhere if you talk as you normally do. Nor can you rely on your usual assumptions about human behavior as you read the baby's verbal cues and body language. There's a similar principle at work when you interact with animals: You have to speak a different language. And that brings us to your current challenge, Pisces. Life is currently sending you signals that will remain incomprehensible if you insist on interpreting them from the viewpoint of a rational adult. To decipher the encrypted code, you'll have to get into a mindset that is equal parts child, animal, and angel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The ancient Greek god Dionysus did not, in fact, encourage people to get sloppy drunk, lose control, and do stupid things. His preference was that they free themselves from their inhibitions by imbibing moderate amounts of alcohol. With this medicinal spur, they might get unstuck from their worn-out old behavior patterns and invite refreshing doses of wildness into their lives. Healing was the intention, not craziness and frenzy. It is true that if someone was not willing to escape their rigidity - if they clung to their hidebound attitudes and refused to open up to the call of self-transformation - Dionysus might lure them into reckless inebriation. Keep these thoughts in mind in the coming weeks. Aries. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In her 1960 song "This Bitter Earth," Dinah Washington sings: "If

my life is like the dust that hides the glow of a rose/What good am I? Heaven only knows." I bring this to your attention, Taurus, because you now have the power to prove once and for all that your life is not like the dust that hides the glow of a rose. So please get out there and reveal the glory of the world you inhabit. Draw out and enhance the radiance of people you encounter, By week's end. you may be able to say, as Washington does in the final line of the song, "This bitter Earth may not be so bitter after all." (Hear the song here: www.tinyurl.com/bitterearth.)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): More than one-third of adults younger than 35 confess that right after making love, they tweet or text-message or check their Facebook pages. In the coming week, I strongly advise you not to do that or anything remotely like that. You should give your best, brightest, most focused attention to every phase of every adventure you have. The foreplay and the aftermath are just as important to the total revelation as the height of the action. This is a time in your long-term cycle when you can't afford to scrimp on completion and closure and resolution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): August is Banish Your Superstitions Month, Cancerian, To celebrate this auspicious festival, purge yourself of every irrational belief and unfounded fear you can stand to live without. But also keep in mind that you may have to keep a crazy delusion or two, at least for a while. You've become so used to your chronic anxiety that it might be risky to get rid of it all at once. So proceed deliberately, casting off one false belief today and another quaint fallacy tomorrow and a third rotten figment of your imagination next week. By Sept. 1, you may be surprised to see how high you've ratcheted up your level of fearlessness.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Brezsny's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. es are also available by phone at 877/873-4888 or 900/950-7700.

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BONITA SUE BECKMAN A/K/A BONITA S. BECKMAN A/K/A BONITA SUE BRYAN BECKMAN, Cause No. 10-0456-CP4, in County Court at Law #4 of Williamson County, 405 Martin Luther King Street, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

ALVIA LANE BRYAN, Appli cant in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on and entitlled estate, filed on the 27th day of July, 2010 an APPLICATION TO DECLARE HEIRSHIP of the said estate and requests that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said BONITA SUE BECKMAN AK/A BONITA SUE BECKMAN AK/A BONITA SUE BECKMAN BECKMAN, DECEASED, and their respective shares and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard at 10:00 o'clock a. on or after the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court on or before above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office in Georgetown, Texas, this the 27th day of July, 2010. Nancy E. Rister

Williamson County Clerk 405 MLK Street, Box 14 Georgetown, TX 78626 By: /s/ Cindy E. Dawson, Deputy Applicant's Attorney GLEN COLIN GONNET 812 W 11TH ST., STE, 201 AUSTIN TX 78701

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-10-002254 To: ISMAEL MENDEZ

902254 To: ISMAEL MENDEZ and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney, If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be takdefault judgment may be tak-en against you.

the COMMON LAW

by Luke Ellis

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AUSTIN'S URBAN LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT - CHICKENS & GOATS ANYONE?

One of my neighbors recently got chickens (I can hear them all the time), and I've heard there's a famous goat in South Austin. What are the rules about the kinds of critters I can keep in my Austin backvard?

In the continued spirit of keeping Austin weird, more residents are entertaining the idea of adding animals that are typically associated with rural settings to Austin's urban paradise. Raising chickens in urban or suburban environments has become a significant trend that reflects the grow local/eat local movement seen in urban areas all over the country.

But before you rush off and buy your first chicken. goat, or cow, you should become very familiar with relevant Austin city ordinances, especially Chapters 3-1 and 3-2, which provide the basic framework for maintaining livestock in Austin and will let you know what type of animal. if any, you can put in your backyard.

Austin ordinances define fowl to include chickens, tur-keys, geese, guinea hens, and ducks. An enclosure to keep two or more fowl must be located at least 50 feet from a residence or business, excluding the residence or business of the fowl's owner or handler.

Austin ordinances define livestock to include horses. mules, jacks, jennets, cows, bull steers, hogs, pigs, swines, sheep, and goats, excluding miniature breeds. As a general rule, an enclosure used to keep livestock must be located at least 100 feet from adjoining residentially zoned property and at least 50 feet from a structure used for human habitation. There are some exceptions to the general rule that reduce the minimum distance from the animal enclosure to a structure used for human habitation. For example, an enclosure used to keep only one livestock animal weighing less than 200 pounds must be located at least 10 feet from a house. Similarly, an enclosure used to keep one or two female or neutered male miniature livestock (defined as meeting the published breed definition of "miniature"), also only needs a minimum 10-foot distance from the enclosure to a house.

The provisions mentioned above are just a few examples of the requirements and restrictions for maintaining live stock in the city of Austin. Austin owners of livestock should also be wary of noise (the animal can't make frequent or long, continued noise that is disturbing to a person of normal sensibilities) and must provide proper care (basic shelter, sanitary conditions, etc.). Be sure to read all the relevant city ordinances (www.amlegal.com/austin_tx) so you can determine whether owning the barnyard animal of your dreams makes sense given your circumstances.

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.

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and an-swer before the Honorable District Court, 353RD JUDI-CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Tra vis County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Cournouse or said County in Austin, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the ORIGI-NAL PETITION FOR DI NAL PETITION FOR DI-VORCE AND TRAVIS COUNTY STANDING ORDER filed in said court on APRIL 26, 2010, and said suit being number D-1-FM-10-00254 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MAR-GARITA MENDEZ and IS-MAEL MENDEZ, and In the Interest of TANYA MENDEZ, DAPHNE MENDEZ, AND DAYSI MENDEZ, CHILDREN".

DAYSI MENDEZ, CHILDREN'
The nature of said suit is a
request to DISSOLVE the
marriage of the parties, appoint managing and possessory conservators, and divide
the estate of the parties in a
manner that the court deems
just and right.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree in the CHIL-DREN's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parentchild relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservation with authority to consent to the CHILDREN's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, July 22, 2010.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe, P.O. Box 679003 (78767)

Austin, Texas 78701 By/s/IRENE SILVA, Deputy REQUESTED BY: MARGARITA MENDEZ 14301 HIGHSMITH ST AUSTIN, TEXAS 78725

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE LOUISE HAMPTON, Deceased, No. C-1-PB-10-001205 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas.

CHARLES W HAMPTON SR The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and en-titled estate, filed on July 26, 2010, an Application to Dec. termine Heirship & Letters of Independent Administration in the said estate and request(s) that said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said CHRISTINE LOUISE HAMPTON, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

and such estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Court-house in Travis County, Tex-

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to ap pear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by fil ing a written answer contest ing such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on July 26, 2010.

Dana DeBeauvoir County Clerk, Travis County, Texas P.O. BOX 149325 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78714-9325 By Deputy: /s/ M. LIMON

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-05-004579 To: ROBERT FRE-DRICK SR and to all who may concern, Responden may concern, Responder GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may er 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and an-swer before the Honorable District Court, 261ST JUDI-CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Travis County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Austin, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the SECOND AMENDED PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP of ETHEL MCPHERSON Petitioner(s), filed in said court on March 31, 2010, against ROBERT FREDRICK SR Respondent(s), and said suit being entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF JASON MICHAEL ANDERSON A CHILD", the

ANDERSON A CHILD", the nature of which suit is a re quest to terminate the parent-child relationship.

The Name, Birth date, and Place of Birth of said is as JASON MICHAEL ANDERSON

FEBRUARY 7, 1996

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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the CHILD's interest which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to conservator with authority to conservator. with authority to consent to the CHILD's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, July 30, 2010.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDO7A

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe.

P.O. Box 679003 (78767) Austin, Texas 78701 By /s/ALICE HARRIS, Deputy REQUESTED BY:

KEVIN DAN HENDERSON 3000 JOE DIMAGGIO BLVD. STE. 4

ROUND ROCK, TX 78664 BUSINESS PHONE: (512) 310-9500

FAX: (512) 310-2580

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO SANDRA WILLIAMS &
LAUNDRA WILLIAMS AND
ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF A.C. WILLIAMS AKA ARTHUR CURTIS WILLIAMS, Decased,
No. C-1-PE-08-089086 in Probate Court Number One of
Travis County, Texas.

Travis County, Texas.

JAMES ARTHUR WILLIAMS
The alleged heir(s) at law in
the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on APRIL
19, 2010, a Second Amended Application for Determination of Heirship in the said
estate and request(s) that the
said Court determine who are
the heirs and only heirs of
the said A.C. WILLIAMS AKA
ARTHUR CURTIS WILLIAMS,
Deceased, and their respec-Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

such estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas.

All persons interested in said All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on JULY 28, 2010.

Dana DeBeauvoir County Clerk, Travis County Texas P.O. Box 149325

Austin, Texas 78714-9325 By Deputy: /s/ ROXANNE TORREZ

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO: D-1-FM-10-004041 To: JULIE ANN C PRINCIPLE and to all who it may concern, Respondent(s); GREETINGS: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and an-swer before the Honorable District Court, 126TH JUDI-CIAL DISTRICT COURT, Travis County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Austin, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the ORIGI-NAL PETITION FOR DI-NAL PETITION FOR DI-VORCE filed in said court on JULY 26, 2010, and said suit being number D-1-FM-10-004041 on the docket of said Court, and entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF MICHAEL JOHN COBB and JULIE ANN C PRINCIPLE".

The nature of said suit is a request to DISSOLVE the marriage of the parties, appoint managing and possessory conservators, and divide the estate of the parties in a manner that the court deems

just and right.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judg-ment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Austin, Texas, July 27, 2010.

AMALIA RODRIGUEZ-MENDOZA

Travis County District Clerk Travis County Courthouse 1000 Guadalupe.

P.O. Box 679003 (78767) Austin Texas 78701 By/s/ JON SANDERS, Deputy REQUESTED BY: TERRY DAVIS

201 S. BELL BLVD. SUITE 101 CEDAR PARK, TX 78613 BUSINESS PHONE: (512) 918-3958

FAX: (512) 259-2407

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF HER-BERT ANDREW HAMBLIN Deceased, No. C-1-PB-10-001224 in Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas.

STEVE R HAMBLIN The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on July 28, 2010, an Application to Determine Heirship in the said estate and request(s) that said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said HERBERT ANDREW HAMBLIN, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate

interests in such estate. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Travis County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to ap-pear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by fil-ing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Travis County, Texas, on July 28, 2010.

Dana DeBeauvoir County Clerk, Travis County, Texas P.O. BOX 149325 ΔΙΙ**STIN TEXAS 78714-9325** By Deputy: /s/ MONICA LIM-

D-1-GV-06-000044 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 200TH District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of July, 2010 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-06day of July, 2010 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-06-000044, wherein City of Lago Vista Lago Experies District No. 1 and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Hardcopy Corp., if active and if inactive, the unknown owners, officers, agents and shareholders of Hardcopy Corp. are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the following sums: Tract One: Billing Number 67424 = \$3,809.16, Tract Two: Billing Number 611568 = \$2,830.86, Tract Three: Billing Number 611565 = \$2,830.86, Tract Three: Billing Number 61456512 = \$2,830.86, Tract Three: Billing Number 6150512 = \$2,830.86, Tract Three: Billing Number 6150512 = \$2,830.86, Dollars, together with all costs of suit, *JUJIZ = \$4,830.86 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 200TH District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 17, 2007.

2007. "
I, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property of defendants, to-wit:

Tract One: Billing No.: 067424

Lot 15130, Bar-K-Ranches, Section 15-A, Plat No. 79/ 142 as described in Docu-ment Number 2001033985 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas

of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas. Tract Two: Billing No.: 611528

Lot 15055, Bar-K Ranches, Section 15-A, Plat Number 79/142 as described in Doc-ument Number 2001033985 of the Deed Records of Tra-vis County, Texas

Tract Three: Billing No.: 611565 Lot 13077, Bar-K Ranches Plat 13, Plat Number 68/21 as described in Document Number 2001033985 of the Deed Records of Travis

County, Texas Tract Four: Billing No.: 450512

450512
Lot 15097, Bar-K Ranches,
Section 15-A, Plat Number
79/142 as described in Document Number 2001033985
of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for the following sums: Tract One: Billing Number 61424 = \$3,809.16, Tract Two: Billing Number 611528 = \$2,830.86, Tract Three: Billing Number 611552 = \$2,830.86, Tract Tour: Billing Number 611565 = \$2,830.86, Tract Four: Billing Number 450512 = \$2,830.86 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, fogether with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.
Witness my hand this 30th THE ABOVE SALE to be

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT,

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS BY /s/ G.L. Blavlock DEPUTY

BY /s/ G.L. Biaylock DEPUTY
ON THE PROPERTY SOLD,
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PARTICULAR PURPOSE,
YOU BUY THE PROPERTY
"AS IS", BIDDERS ARE FUR.
THER ADVISED THAT PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY
AT THIS EXECUTION SALE
MAY NOT EXTINGUISH ANY
LIENS OR SECURITY INTER.
ESTS ON THE PROPERTY
YOU ARE SIMPLY PURCHASING WHATEVER
INTEREST THE DEBTOR HAS
IN THE PROPERTY.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU NEED TO CONSULT COUN-SEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

D-1-GV-06-000841 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order
Of Sale issued by the clerk of
the 98TH District Court of
Travis County, on the 21st
day of July, 2010 in a certain
cause numbered D-1-GV-06000841, wherein City of Lago
Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis
County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1
and Travis County Hospital
District n/Va Travis County
Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Peyton Yates Freiman [2007 and 2008 only],
Christopher N. Rad (In Rem
Only), United States of America, Internal Revenue Service, (In Rem Only), Max
Brenner DBA Brenner Eye
Center (In Rem Only), Lauria
J. Nowlin (In Rem Only),
John F. Campbell (In Rem
Only), Ja Randall Grimes
(In Rem Only), Attorney General for the State of Texas (In
Rem Only), Honorable Judge
Michael Jergins (In Rem
Only), Honorable Judge Burt
Carmes (In Rem Only), Honorable Judge Burt
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Carmes (In Rem Onl the sum of \$2,28.59 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 98TH District Court of Travis County, Texas, on July 10, 2009.

I, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., 2010, at 2:00 o'clock PM, have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 26014, Highland Lake Estates, Section 26 Amend-ed, Plat No. 68/23, Travis County, Texas, and being more particularly described in Document No. 2008181043 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,828.59 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010.

BRUCE ELFANT.

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY
ON THE PROPERTY SOLD,
THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED,
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR
A PARTICULAR PURPOSE,
YOU BUY THE PROPERTY
"AS IS", BIDDERS ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY
AT THIS EXECUTION SALE
MAY NOT EXTINGUISH ANY
LIENS OR SECURITY INTERESTS ON THE PROPERTY.
YOU ARE SIMPLY PURCHASING WHATEVER
INTEREST THE DEBTOR HAS
IN THE PROPERTY IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU
NEED TO CONSULT COUNSEL OF YOUR CHOICE. BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY NEED TO CONSULT COUN-SEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

D-1-GV-08-000967 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 250th District Court of Travis County, on the 20th day of July, 2010 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-08cause numbered D-1-GV-08-000967, wherein Pflugerville Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County, Emergency Services District No. 2, Travis County Health-care District and Northeast Travis County Utilities District are plaintiffs, and Joseph O. Rocca and Barbara A. Rocca are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$24,668.29 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that be-ing the amount of judgment Court of Travis County, T as, on February 18, 2009.

I, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. 2010, at 2:00 o clock P.W., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September, 2010 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., 2010 at 10:00 o'. clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to self for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 5, Block E, The Villages of Hidden Lake, Phase I, Plat No. 200300119 as de-scribed in document numscribed in document num-ber 2006094870 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$24,68.29 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010.

BRUCE ELFANT. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY

ON THE PROPERTY SOLD.

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ABILITY AND FITNESS FOR

A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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AT THIS EXECUTION SALE

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LIENS OR SECURITY INTERESTS ON THE PROPERTY.

YOU ARE SIMPLY PURCHASING WHATEVER

INTEREST THE DEBTOR HAS

IN THE PROPERTY IF YOU

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU

NEED TO CONSULT COUNSEL OF YOUR CHOICE. BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY

D-1-GV-09-001363 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

QUENT TAXES
BY VIRTUE of a certain Order
Of Sale issued by the clerk of
the 353RD District Court of
Travis County, on the 16th
day of July, 2010 in a certain
cause numbered D-1-6V-09001363, wherein Austin Community College, Leander Independent School District,
Travis County, Travis County
Emergency Services District
No. 14 and Travis County
Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Cleo Ray Long and No. 14 and Iravis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Cleo Ray Long and Edwenna Long, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Cleo Ray Long and Edwenna Long are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the following sums: Tract One: Billing Number 54937 = \$8,190.63 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 353RD District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 21, 2010.

1, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in at 1000 Guadatupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Tract One: Billing No.54935

Lots 9 and 10, Resubdivision No. 33, Lake Travis Subdivision No. 9, Plat No. 4/140 as desc. in Vol. 3263, Pg. 573 and 3268, Pg. 865 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas.

Tract Two: Billing No. 54937

Lot 8, Resubdivision No. 33, Lake Travis Subdivision No. 9, Plat No. 4/140 as desc. in Vol. 3263, Pg. 573 of the deed records of Travis County Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for the following sums: **Tract** One: Billing Number 54935 = \$9,227.16 and Tract Two: Billing Number 54937 = \$6,190.63 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT,

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY
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NEED TO CONSULT COUNSEL OF YOUR CHASE. BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY

D-1-GV-09-001451 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE

REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES BY VIRTUE of a certain Order BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 345th District Court of Travis County, on the 20th day of July, 2010 in a certain cause numbered D-1-GV-09-001451, wherein Austin Community College, City of Manor, Manor Independent School District, Travis County, Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12 and Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Carrier Manor Pollard, if alive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Carrie Manor Pollard are defendant(S), in favor lard are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$14,190.96 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 345th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 21, 2010.

1, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 15, Town of Manor, Plat Vol. V, Page 796, as described in Vol-ume 12140, Page 968 of the

deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$14,190.96 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the sat-isfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT,

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY

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CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

GUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order

of Sale issued by the clerk of
the 201ST District Court of
Travis Count, on the 16th
day of July, 2010 in a certain
cause numbered D-1-GV-09001564, wherein Austin Community College, Austin Index
pendent School District, City
of Austin, Travis County and
Travis County Healthcare
District are plaintiffs, and Estelle L. Brooks and City of
Austin (In Rem Only) are
defendantis), in favor of said
plaintiffs, for the sum of
\$19,660.29 Dollars, together
with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment
recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 201ST District
Court of Travis County, Texas, on March 2, 2010.

I, on the 30th day of July, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

I, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. 2010, at 2:00 o'clock PM., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September, 2010 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 17, Block 6, Cedar Val-Lot 17, Block 6, Cedar Valley, Plat Volume 5, Page 55, Travis County, Texas, and being more particularly described in Volume 3430, Page 1793 and Probate Cause No. 83453 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$19,660.29 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY
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GV-102408 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

REAL PROPERTY DELINQUENT TAKES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order

of Sale issued by the clerk of
the 201st District Court of
Travis County, on the 15th
day of July, 2010 in a certain
cause numbered GV-102408,
wherein City of Lago Vista,
Lago Vista Independent
School District, Travis County
and Travis County Emergency
Services District No. 1 are
plaintiffs, and Laurie G. Hogenson, if allive and if deceased, the unknown owners, heirs, assigns and successors of the Estate of Laurie G. Hogenson and Steven
M. Hogenson are
defendantlys, in favor of said
plaintiffs, for the sum of
\$3,809.01 Dollars, together
with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment
recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 201st District
Court of Travis County, Texas, on November 19, 20003.
I, on the 30th day of July.

as, on November 19, 2003.

I, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 200 o'clock PM., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 11148, Bar-K Ranches Plat No. 11, Plat No. 68/11

Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$3.809.01 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT.

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
BY /s/ G.L. BIAylock DEPUTY
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GV-102975 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

QUENT TAXES
BY VIRTUE of a certain Order
of Sale issued by the clerk of
the 353rd District Court of
Travis County, on the 15th
day of July, 2010 in a certain
cause numbered GV-102975,
wherein City of Lago Vista,
Lago Vista Independent
School District, Travis County
and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 are
plaintiffs, and Edward L. Burbank are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the
sum of \$2,953.61 bollars, tosum of \$2.953.61 Dollars, to gether with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 353rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 4, 2003

2003.

I, on the 30th day of July,
2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.,
have levied upon, and will,
on the 7th day of September,
2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M.,
at 1000 Guadalupe Street in
the City of Austin, within legal
hours, proceed to sell for
cash to the highest bidder,
all the rights, title and interest
of defendants in and to the
following described property,
levied upon as the groperty
of defendants, to-wit:
Lot 12100. Bar-K Ranches

Lot 12100, Bar-K Ranches Plat 12, Plat No. 61/84, Tra-vis County, Texas, and be-ing more particularly de-scribed in Volume 7584, Page 853 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,953.61 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT,

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY
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GV-102976 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

SEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 53rd District Court of Travis County, on the 15th day of July, 2010 in a certain cause numbered GV-102976, wherein City of Lago Vista, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 are plaintiffs, and John G. Campbell and Lettie Campbell are defendantis), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$2.896.86 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiffs, in the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on June 14, 2002.

I, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. 2010, at 2:00 o clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September, 2010 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M., at 1000 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

Lot 11986, Bar-K Ranches Plat 68/11, Travis County, Texas being all that proper ty more particularly de-scribed in Volume 11580, Page 1002 of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,896.86 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

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Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT,

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY
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GV-102981 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order
Of Sale issued by the clerk of
the 250th District Court of
Travis County, on the 20th
day of July, 2010 in a certain
cause numbered GV-102981,
wherein City of Lago Vista,
Lago Vista Independent
School District, Travis County
and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 1 are
plaintiffs, and Josephine Nahous are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the
sum of \$2,799.48 Dollars, together with all costs of suit,
that being the amount of
judgment recovered by the
said plaintiffs, in the 250th
District Court of Travis
County, Texas, on October 4,
2002.

Lon the 30th day of July,

2002. "
I, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of September, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at 1000 Guada'upe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to self for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit:

or derendants, to-wit:
Being all that certain Lot
11160, Bar-K Ranches Plat
11, Plat No. 68/11, Travis
County, Texas, and being
more particularly described
in Volume 10650, Page 166
of the deed records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,799.48 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT,

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY/s/G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY

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NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES PURSUANT OF TEXAS ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ACT. THE FOLLOWING WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE UNLESS CHARGES ARE SATISFIED WITHIN 30 DAYS.

GARAGE KEEPER: SOUTH-SIDE WRECKER, 8200 S CONGRESS, AUSTIN, TX. 78745.

1990 DODGE 1B7GG23Y2NS534765 1993 CHEVY 1G1LT53T4PY230118

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES Pursuant to the Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, the following vehicles will be sold at a public sale if not claimed within 30 days.

Garagekeeper: Big A Vehicle Transport, 907 McPhaul St. Austin, TX 78758,

(512) 873-7899, TDLR VSF Lic. No. 0584855. 2003 Kia B95J8 (AL) KNAFB121135259410 chgs.

1998 Wabash Trailer 88922 NEB) 1JJV53ZY4WL421374 chgs. \$1974.12

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner's lien of the goods herein-after described and stored at the Uncle Bob's Self Storage leastings listed belaw Aprel the Uncle Bob's Self Storage locations listed below, And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having 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

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 9:00AM. No one under 16 allowed. Cash Only. Uncle Bob's #285 9717 U.S. HWY 290 E Austin, TX 78724

(512) 278-1220 514 Jose Munoz: hsld gds, furn, boxes, sprtng gds, applnces, TV/stereo equip

230 Miguel Trejo: hsld gds, furn, boxes 610 Justin Green: furn

2211 Carrie Hudak: hsld gds, furn, boxes, tools, applianc-es, TV/stereo equip 6614 Jason Crawford: hsld

522 Tracy Kawell: hsld gds, furn, boxes, sprtng gds, tools, appliances, TV/stereo equip, off furn, off mach/ equip, landscaping equip, acctng rcrds

8819 Fredderick Viser: hsld gds, furn, boxes, appliance: TV/stereo equip

2241 Dianna Young: hsld gds, furn Uncle Bob's #231

8227 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX 78753 (512) 833-0855 602 Erik Hughes: cnstrctn

900 David Roberson: hsld gds, furn, appliances 941 Guy Zeigler: furn

964 Ruth Guzman: hsld gds, furn, boxes, sprtng gds, TV/ stereo equip, accntng rcrds 7739 Ken Mathews: hsld gds, furn, boxes, TV/stereo

equip Uncle Bob's #197 5547 McNeil Dr. Austin, TX 78729 (512) 336-8390

803 Chris Hinderman: hsld gds, furn, boxes, tv/stered equip, other 910 Fortunato Gomez: hsld gds, furn, boxes, tv/stereo equp

1406 April Roberson: hsld gds, furn, off furn 2473 Rodney M. Johnson: hsld gds, furn

Uncle Bob's#198 10307 FM 2222 Austin, TX 78730 (512) 372-9046

648 Daniel Tanton: hsld gds 722 Manuel Garcia: hsld gds, furniture, boxes, TV's or ster-eo equip

Uncle Bob's #287 6509 South First Street Austin, TX 78745 (512) 326-3131

2341 Susanna Medrano: hsld gds, furn, off furn, acctng rcrds, books

115 Lineth Castillo: hsld gds, furn, boxes, appliances, TV/ stereo equip, toys, bicycles 383 Gabriel Loera: hsld gds, furn, boxes, sprtng gds, tools, appliances, TV/stereo

2228 Sandy Rosales: hsld gds, boxes, TV/stereo equip 2233 Angela Hines: hsld gds, furn, boxes, tv/stereo equip 2344 Devin Meyers: music

3110 Janet Bitner: hsld gds, clothes

3234 Kristopher Dennison: furn, boxes

3320 Mary Marquez: hsld gds, furn, boxes, sprtng gds 3402 Family Med Center: hsld gds, furn, boxes

NOTICE OF NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS Notice is hereby given that Travis County, Texas, proposes the approval of the following traf-fic regulation:

PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIM-ITS ON SERENE HILLS DRIVE IN PRECINCT THREE.

THREE.

Any resident of Travis
County, Texas, aggrieved by
this proposed action may
make written request for a
mandatory public hearing.
Such request must be addressed to the Transportation
and Natural Resources Department, Travis County, PO.
Box 1767, Austin, Texas
78767, and must be received
within seven (7) days of this
notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, BEN WHITE MINI STORAGE lo-WHITE MINI STORAGE Io-cated at 405 E. BEN WHITE BLVD, AUSTIN, TX 78704, POND SPRINGS MINI STOR-AGE located at 13444 POND SPRINGS ROAD, AUSTIN, TX 78729, and MOPAC SELF STORAGE located at 12900 N. MOPAC, AUSTIN, TX 78727 will bold a public aus. N. MOPAC, AUSTIN, TX
78727 will hold a public auction of property to satisfy a landlord's lien. Auction to be gin at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at BEN
WHITE to be followed by an auction after 11:00 A.M., August 17th at POND
SPRINGS MINI STORAGE, then to be followed by an auction at approx. 12:00
PM. at MOPAC SELF then to be followed by an auction at approx. 12:00 P.M. at MOPAC SELF STORAGE. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Property in each space may be sold item by item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following:

lowing:

BEN WHITE: Benoni Nuenez, Timoteo Zapata, Melvin
Jones, Michelle Fearson,
Gary Guzman, Katherine
Cunningham, Rafael Garcia.

POND SPRINGS: Clayton Wavering, Thomas White, Carol Burkhart, Nicole Carol Burkhart, Nicole Howsley, Tina Joseph, Jose Cuevas, Rebekah Matthews, Juan Wong-Be, Jessica Co-hen, Deborah A. Griffin, Jes-sie Alvarado, Maisie Dicker-son, B's Landscape Service. MOPAC Frank Amichia, William Bryant, Roland Chavera Raul Torres, Natalie John, Jay Newsom, Edward & Mary Smith

Sale items to include: battery Sale items to include: battery operated Jeep, crib & mattress, misc. furniture, lamps, tables, changing table, luggage, monitor, shredder, small fridge, sofas, speakers, TV, beds, wardrobe, full size birdseye maple bedroom set, books, rug, futon, rocking, chair, dressers, pictures, clothes, china cabinet, stand up 3 door refridge, antique sign, old typewriter, exercise chair, crimper, trunk, wash sign, our yperman, a chair, crimper, trunk, wash dryer, wheelbarrow, tool box, toys, entertainment center, golf clubs, dining set

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE ABI Storage, pursuant to Ch. NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
ABI Storage, pursuant to Ch.
59 of the Texas Property
Code, hereby gives notice of
a public sale. On August 28,
2010, ABI Storage located at
7320 E. Ben White Blvd. Austin, TX 78741 will conduct a
sale. Delinquent rental spaces will be auctioned off to the
highest bidder at 10 a.m. on
the premises. The public is
invited to attend. Total of 7
rental spaces containing rental spaces containing misc. items, clothing, house misc. items, clothing, house-hold items, appliances, furni-ture, electronics, toys will be sold to satisfy Landlord Li-ens. All Items will be sold "as is" to the highest bidder. 10% BP CASH AND CREDI CARDS, NO CHECKS. All items are subject to prior re-demption. Tenants included in this sale are 1814 Hector. demption. Ienants included in this sale are: B18 Hector Bustamonte, C33 Jose Jr Gu-tierrez., C44 Corrinna Sue Ta-mayo, C58 Edgar P, Gonza-lez, D01 Alejandro Acosta, D18 Dwayne E. Thompson, D27 Rodolfo Cortinas.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PS Orangeco, Inc. hereby gives notice that the property gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Landlord's Lien pursuant to Chapter 39 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place indicated below, and on the following terms: All property generally described below will be sold at public sale to the 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 refuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sale. The property will be sold on the 18th of August 2010 on or about the time in-dicated at each self-storage facility identified: NO CHIL-DREN PLEASE.

Wednesday, August 18th 2010.

9:00 a.m. Public Storage @9814 Westgate Blvd, Austin, TX 78748

0051 RONALD DELACRUZ, ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE APPLIANCES 0053 JOSEPH AVALON, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, HAND DOLLY

0086 MARK SMITH, FURNI-TURE, COMPUTER, BOXES 0106 CLAIRE CALVERT, CAR SEAT, BOXES, TOTES

0332 JOHN ROBINSON, LADDER, HAND DOLLY, BOXES

0386 REBEKAH AYDELOTTE, BOXES, BAGS

0443 DAVID MARTINEZ, BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE 9:30a.m. Public Storage @ 7200 S 1st Street. Austin, TX 78745

A005 LINDA GONZALEZ, BOXES, FURNITURE B048 MARILYN BURROSS, CLOTHING, TOTES D095 JENNIFER STEIN-MULLER, FURNITURE, BOX-ES, TOTES

D099 MARISOL POZAS, BOXES, BAGS, CLOTHING E159 SANDRA RODRIGUEZ FURNITURE, BAGS, TOTES G202 PAUL C BARIA, FUR-NITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOXES

1249 ARNOLD JIMENEZ, TOOL BOX, BOXES, BED-DING

J004 MARIA LISA ATHEY, ELECTRONICS, BOXES, TOTES

M391 JOE ARRIAGA JR, ELECTRONICS, TOTES, BOX-ES

O453 JULIUS SMITH JR, FURNITURE, BOXES, BAGS Q516 DOREEN MORENO, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT R541 ANDREA SOTO, ELEC-TRONICS, COMPUTERS, BOXES



Research Study Annoucement from the University Medical Center at Brackenridge.

ProTECT

(Progesterone for Traumatic Brain Injury: Experimental Clinical Treatment)

ProTECT is a research study designed to see if progesterone can reduce the amount of brain damage caused from a traumatic brain injury (TBI). People who have been brought to the University Medical Center at Brackenridge with a TBI could be enrolled in the study. Everyone in the study will be given the standard medical care for brain injury plus an IV mixture of progesterone or an IV mixture that has no progesterone. Patients will not be asked for their consent ahead of time because of their condition, so we are notifying the community and requesting feedback. A legally authorized representative will be asked to consent as soon as possible and patients will be notified of their involvement after they wake up.

For any questions or comments, please contact the ProTECT research team: protect@researchhpcr.com BY PHONE: (512) 610-0370 IN WRITING: 6300 La Calma Dr. Ste 520 **Austin, TX 78752**

PI: TJ Milling, MD FACEP ProTECT is funded by the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke and by the Neurological Emergency Treatment Trails (NETT) Network.

car talk

by Tom and Ray Magliozzi

BRAKE ISSUE SHOULD BE SORTED OUT BEFORE MOVE

Dear Click and Clack:

I remember listening to your radio show, Car Talk, with my parents when I was a little kid and hearing my mom say about a billion times that one of you had the same kind of car she had. That car was a Colt Vista, and now I drive one. And that's the reason I'm writing to you. Sookie is my 1987 Plymouth Colt Vista station wagon, and her brake warning light is always on. The woman I bought the car from said she had someone check it out, and (at that point, anyway) there was nothing wrong. This is my first car, and I don't know if it's a big deal. I've been ignoring it since I bought the car a few months ago, but because I'm moving from California to Colorado in the car soon, I thought it's time to figure it out. What – Emma should I do? Thanks!

TOM: Well, you may want to avoid the Rockies, Emma. Would you consider moving to somewhere flatter, like Death Valley?

RAY: I'm the one who had a Colt Vista, and I loved its utility and economy, despite the fact that it was a tin can. Mine also was a 1987. But in any case, the brake warning light on the dashboard has two different functions.

TOM: The most important function is to alert you when you're low on brake fluid. And just so you know, no brake fluid means no brakes, Emma! So the first thing you should do is check your brake fluid level or have a mechanic check it for you.

RAY: If you top off the brake fluid and the brake warning light goes out, then you know the light is on because of a brake fluid issue. Then the question is: Why is your brake fluid low?

TOM: It could be low because you have a leak. If the light comes back on in a few days or a few weeks, the fluid's probably leaking out somewhere.

RAY: But brake fluid also can be low because your brake pads are all worn out. As the pads wear down, brake fluid moves down the brake lines to fill the empty space. That lowers the level in the reservoir and kicks on the brake warning light.

TOM: Now, if the issue is not your brake fluid level (if you discover that the brake fluid already is topped off or if topping it off doesn't cause the light to go out), then the light is on because it thinks your parking brake is applied. The brake warning light also serves as a parking brake indicator.

RAY: Given that the previous owner had it checked out, I'm going to assume that the two of you have not been driving around for thousands of miles with the parking brake actually applied. More likely, the parking brake switch is bad.

TOM: It simply may have rusted out and corroded after a quarter-century of use.

RAY: I know lots of my parts have! But get all this stuff checked out before you move, Emma. Your mother never will forgive us if we let you drive over the Continental Divide without adequate brakes.

Tom and Ray share secrets on how you can save tens of thousands of dollars on your cars over the next 20 years in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, PO Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk website. www.cartalk.com

Tune in to Car Talk each Saturday at 9am on



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U690 VICKI AUTUMN GRANT, FURNITURE, BOXES V703 ALEJANDRO HER-NANDEZ, FURNITURE, BOX-ES, TOTES V771 MATTHEW ORTEGA.

BAGS. TABLE 10:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 7112 S Congress, Austin, TX 78745

B1 SARAH MIHELICH, FUR-NITURE, ELECTRONICS, AP-PLIANCES

C26 ALBERT WILSON, KEY-BOARD, BOXES, TOTES D8 JESSE NUNEZ, FURNI-TURE, BOXES, BEDDING D36 MICHAEL PESCHKA, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE D40 LARRY JOHNSON, BOX-

F41 GLORIA RODGERS, FURNITURE, BOXES, APPLI-ANCES

G25 MIKAL BOLDEN,

J19 DELMA AGUIRRE, EX-ERCISE EQUIPMENT, FUR-NITURE, APPLIANCES K16 RITA ADAMI, WHEEL CHAIR, ELECTRONICS, FUR-NITURE

K21 MURRY RHOADES, ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE, SHELVING

K40 HERBERT ALLEN, BOX-ES, FURNITURE L47 PETER MENDOZA, BOX-ES, TOTES

K48 DARLENE COTTON, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

M19 KIMBERLY OLIVER, YARD TOOLS, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS M37 JOHN ROBINSON, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

M41 JESSICA WIMPY, FUR-NITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOXES M71 HUGO QUINTANILLA-GUTIERREZ, BIKE, CAR SEATS

10:30 a.m. Public Storage @ 4202 Santiago, Austin, TX 78745

102 YVETTE MADRID, FURNITURE, BOXES, BEDDING 161 OMAR FLEMING, FUR-NITURE, BEDDING, BOXES 222 JERRY JACKSON, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 413 JESSE USSERY, BOXES, BAGS, FURNITURE

438 JUANITA SALAZAR LADDER, SAFE, BOXES 450 ANN MARIE BORRERO, ELECTRONICS, BOXES, BEDDING

611 TARSHA BERRY, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 657 ADALBERTO LEDESMA JR, ELECTRONICS, BOXES, TOTES

680 DIEGO MAURICIO CUE-RO, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS, BEDDING 701 SHARON CLIFFORD, TOOL BOX, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS

703 JONATHAN GROBE, FURNITURE, BOXES TOTES 11:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 2301 E Ben White, Austin,

1001 HARVEY COOPER, FURNITURE, APPLIANCES,

1059 WILLIAM EDWARDS, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOXES 1108 KATIE BARTLE, ELEC-TRONICS, FURNITURE, BOX-ES

2023 ADOLFO TREVINO, FURNITURE, BOXES, TOTES 2059 KIMBALA LOUIS, FUR-NITURE, BOXES, TOTES 2079 JOEL GARCIA, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOX-ES

2141 JOSHUA HARRIS III, BOXES, BAGS, CLOTHING 2148 NATASHA MEVS-KORFF, BOXES, TOTES

3015 ALICE COLLINS, BOX-ES, TOTES, FURNITURE 3069 NINA SAPEDA, BOXES, BAGS, BEDDING 3093 AMBER CUNNIGHAM, BEDDING, FURNITURE, TOTES

3156 ASHLEAH LAKE, CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS 3223 KRISTINA DELEON,

FURNITURE, BOXES, CLOTHING

11:15 a.m. Public Storage @ 5016 E Ben White, Austin, TX 78741

B015 LATESSA DANIELS, FURNITURE, BOXES, APPLI-ANCES B032 MONTE WISE, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

C020 MARK MORENO, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT C138 MARIA MONDRAGON, BOXES, BAGS, TOTES C210 DOLORES VIDRIO, FURNITURE, BOXES, BABY

C221 ROB MAXFIELD, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT C228 CULLEN COMBS, ELECTRONICS, BOXES, TOTES

C297 JULIANA HARRIS, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOXES

C306 WILLIAM KILNER, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT C307 JULIA RUIZ, BOXES, BEDDING, FURNITURE

C323 GEORGE COBBS, FUR-NITURE, ELECTRONICS, TOTES

D007 MONTE WISE, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT D009 GERALD GERHARDT, TOYOTA SCION

E017 LINA BARRERA-GAL-LEGO, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS, APPLIANCES

11:30 a.m. Public Storage @ 2121 S IH 35, Austin, TX 78741

3098 ELIZABETH PURCELL, BOXES, FURNITURE, ELEC-TRONICS

4012 FRED GALVAN, APPLI-ANCES, BOXES, FURNITURE 4022 ROBERT HURST, FUR-NITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOXES

4080 TALIA BOCANEGRA, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, TOTES

11:45 a.m. Public Storage @ 1213 W 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703

1007 RICHARD CHAVANA, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 12:00 p.m. Public Storage @ 5220 US HWY 290W, Austin, TX 78735

2000 LAURA NEDBALEK, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 2128 KAREN HANSHEW, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 3280 KENDRICK TARVER, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 3298 FELIPE ESCOBEDO, BEDDING, FURNITURE,

12:15 p.m. Public Storage @ 6726 Bee Cave RD, Austin, TX 78746

1047 MARCELLO ANIELLO, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 3007 PLANNED ENVIRON-MENTS. ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 4140 STEVEN HUKILL, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

4074 JASON KASPAR, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

12:30 p.m. Public Storage @ 3911 Ranch Road FM 620 S Bee Cave, TX 78738 1263 TIM MACIK, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Your Storage Solution located at 12506 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78753 (512-339-6300) and TX 78753 (512-339-6300) and Great American Storage located at 16450 FM 620 Round Rock TX 78681 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will begin at Your Storage Solution at Noon, August 21, 2010 and end at Great American Storage Sale to kindset as he Storage. Sale to highest cash bidder. Sale contains housebidder. Sale contains house-hold furniture and goods from the following tenant's spaces: Your Storage Solution: Rodri-go (Rod) Lopez, Tammy Noel, Lonnie Felder, Tanya Austin, Ashley D Wilkins, Eric Schmidt, Drew Buttz, Christi-na Hargrove, John Winfrey, Marina Escobar. Great Amer-ican Storage: Kathleen Claw-son. UNITS MAY BE DELET-ED.

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gives notice that the property
generally described below is
being sold to satisfy a Landlord's Lien pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property
Code, at the time and place
indicated below, and on the
following terms: All property
generally described below
will be sold at public sale to
the highest bidder for cash,
or credit cards, NO

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 refuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sale. The property will be sold on the 25th of August 2010 on or about the time indicated at each self-storage facility identified: NO CHILDREN PLEASE.

Wednesday, August 25,

9:00 a.m. Public Storage @ 1033 E 41st Street, Austin, TX 78751

1029 LISA SIMONS, BOXES, TABLE

1080 DOLORES ROBERTS, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOXES

2028 STEPHEN LABERGE, HAND DOLLY, BOXES, FUR-NITURE

3045 KRISTEN BOLLING, FURNITURE, BOXES, TOTES 3163 DAVID RILEY, FURNI-TURE, ELECTRONICS, BED-DING

3164 KEVIN SCHNEIDER, FURNITURE, ELECTRONICS, BOXES

3171 JOSEPH FREEMAN, ALL ITEMS IN UNIT 4085 KATHY URDY, BOXES, FURNITURE

5132 DONNA PHARR, ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE, BOX

5164 IDALIA GONZALEZ, FURNITURE, TOTES 5180 KANDYCE BOYD, BOX-ES, BAGS, BEDDING

1022 - Hamilton, Betty Boxes / Bags / Totes

1045 - Williams, Alan Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture 1047 - Naranjo, Estrella Box-es / Bags / Totes; Clothing

2050 - Froelke, Bo Boxes / Bags / Totes 3080 - Mata-Abrego, Francisca Boxes / Bags / Totes

8038 - Perry, Antone Bedding; Electronics / Computers; Furniture 8053 - Troutz, AnitaBoxes / Bags / Totes: Furniture 1060 - Christopher, Michelle All items in unit

10:00 a.m. Public Storage@ 10100 North I-H 35 Austin, TX 78753

B101 - Olivares, Andreas

C100 - Walker, Undreda Box-es / Bags / Totes D087 - quevedo, paula Box-es / Bags / Totes D113 - Nunez, Linda Marie

10:30 a.m. Public Storage@ 937 Reinli St. Austin, TX 78753

103 - Bryant, Kevinall items

137 - McClendon, Kristina-Bedding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Clothing; Furniture;

217 - Daniels, Holly Renay-Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers 300 - Beaty, Clyde All items in Unit

303 - Castillo, MariaBoxes / Bags / Totes; Clothing 323 - Frazier, Sandra Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 391 - Niesen, Charles Boxes / Bags / Totes

423 - Gibson, JohnBoxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 473 - Loyola, Romelia There

490 - Rhone, Kenneth Bed-ding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Clothing; Furniture 497 - Kluber, StevenAll items in Unit

4992 - Galaza, Maribel Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers

610 - Hill, Natacha S Bed-ding; Clothing 752 - Gray, Linda Bedding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers 756 - Walker, William Boxes / Bags / Totes; Tools

787 - Spivey, Billy All items

804 - Campbell, GuyBoxes / Bags / Totes 909 - Karo, Valrie All items in

11:00 a.m. Public Storage@ 8101 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX 78753

1043 - Lievens, Daniel Boxes / Bags / Totes 1111 - Jackson, Joseph Bed-ding; Clothing; Furniture 1131 - Perez, Adel Boxes / Bags / Totes

1207 - Lawerence, Jerome Bedding; Furniture 1223 - Luna, Mary Boxes / Bags / Totes: Furniture 134 - Jackson, Wilford All

203 - Jackson, Robert Electronics / Computers; Furniture 236 - henry, arthurBoxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 3171 - buckley, otisBedding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-

3207 - Carr. Kevin all items in

401 - Hernandez-Urbina, Mel-vin all items in unit 541 -Tinoco, Alana 570 - Seffens, Vernon Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture 586 - Woods, Pamela Boxes / Bags / Totes: Furniture 593 - TAYLOR, RICHARD Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furni-

632 - Page, CarltonBoxes / Bags / Totes; Tools; Toys 647 - Luna, Annette G. Boxes / Bags / Totes; Clothing; Electronics / Computers; Fur-

N2311 - Obregon, Nicholas-Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers; Furniture N2372 - Dunn, Kevin all items in unit

N3342 - Lynes, Marc Bedding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture

N3497 - Williams, David Box-es / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture

12:00 p.m. Public Storage@ 8525 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX 78753

B005 - Bongoan, Nancy Bedding; Furniture C004 - Traylor-Bills, Linda RobinBoxes / Bags / Totes;

H003 - HERNANDEZ, AN-THONY Boxes / Bags / Totes; J023 - Diaz, RamiroFurniture

J026 - Perkins, Ricky Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture

12:30 p.m. Public Storage@ 8128 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX 78753 C009 - PEACHEY, STEVEN all

items in unit C023 - Hausmann, Christo-pher Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture

C031 - MORENO, MANUEL

D040 - Rodriguez, Ami Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture G001 - Kidwell, Gary Clothing G010 - Mayo, Debbie Bedding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Clothing; Furniture

1:00 p.m. Public Storage@ 9205 Research Blvd. Austin, TX 78758

A028 - Runnells, Sue Bedding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture B067 - Quiroz, Jason Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture

C068 - Robinson, Pearl Box-es / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers C116 - New Oll Ministries all

items in unit D108 - Smith, Russell Boxes / Bags / Totes

D110 - Childers, Casey Box-es / Bags / Totes D114 - Depina, Rachael Box-es / Bags / Totes; Furniture

1:30 p.m. Public Storage@ 12318 N. Mopac Express-way Austin, TX 78758 B163 - Bennett, Desirold all items in unit

C379 - Alehag, HansBooks / Files / Cabinets; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers: Furniture

C393 - Alehag, HansBoxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers; Furniture 2:00 p.m. Public Storage@ 10931 Research Blvd. Austin, TX 78759

2232 - Penn, OscarBoxes / Bags / Totes; Electronics / Computers

2105 - Hubbard, Armand Bedding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Furniture

C010- Holtorf, Marc 2000 Dodge Stratus

2:30 p.m. Public Storage@ 12915 Research Blvd. Austin, TX 78750

3104 - Tolbert-Bynum, Elene Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers 5088 - Tuholsky, Robert Bed-

ding; Furniture

A004 - Tuholsky, Robert Bed-ding; Boxes / Bags / Totes; Clothing; Furniture 3104 - Tolbert-Bynum, Elene Boxes / Bags / Totes; Elec-tronics / Computers

3:00 p.m. Public Storage@ 13675 N. U.S. Hwy. 183 Austin, TX 78750

0339 - Litz, MichelleBoxes / Bags / Totes 3:30 p.m. Public Storage@ 1517 Round Rock Ave. Round Rock, TX 78681

0906 - DUDA, JAMES Vehi-cles / Boats

1154 - Sherry, Meagan Boxes / Bags / Totes 2121 - Davis, Deaundra Fur-

4126 - Aranda, LolyBedding; Electronics / Computers; Fur-

8188 - Estell, Michael Furniture; Tools NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

to be held at AusTex Towing 201 E. Braker Ln. Austin, TX 78753 on 8/9/10 at 9AM. Call 836-7443 for more info.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TRAVIS

CAUSE: C1CV08010997 By virtue of an Writ of Execution issued by the clerk of the County Court 2 Court of TRA-VIS County, Texas, June 16, VIS COUNTY, IERAS, JUNE 16, 2010, in cause numbered C1CV08010997-2, styled NEW STONE CONCEPTS LLC Versus KENNETH W. BUCK JR. AND ERIN LEE BUCK on a judgment rendered against KENNETH W. BUCK JR. AND FINLETH W. BUCK JR. AND ERIN LEE BUCK: I did on July 29, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon as the property of ERIN LEE BUCK the following

described real property:
Tract 1: Lot 126, of Timber
Ridge at Greenbriar second
amendment, an addition in
Travis County, Texas according to the map or plat
thereof recorded in book
71, page 78, of the plat
records of Travis County,
Texas; more commonly
known as 1730 Timberwood
Dr. Austin, Texas 78741
Tract 2: Lot 129, of Timber

Dr. Austin, Texas 78741
Tract 2: Lot 129, of Timber Ridge at Greenbriar second amendment, an addition in Travis County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Travis County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in book 71, page 78, of the plat records of Travis County, Texas; more commonly known as 1724 Timberwood Dr. Austin, Texas 78741.

On September 07, 2010, being the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 R.M., beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Travis County Courthouse, 1000 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of KENNETH W. BUCK JR. AND ERIN LEE BUCK in and to the real BUCK in and to the real property described above. Dated at Austin, Travis County, Texas, July 30, 2010.

Bruce Elfant, Constable Precinct 5

Travis County, Texas /s/ ALAN REDD by SENIOR DEPUTY ALAN REDD, Deputy

Notice to Bidders: You are buying whatever interest, if any, the Debtor has in the property. Purchase of the Debtor's interest in the prop-Debtor's interest in the property may not extinguish any liens or security interests held by other persons. There are no warranties, express or implied, regarding the property being sold, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

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Notice to Judgment Debtor: If
there is any property, real or
personal, you want to point
out for levy in lieu of the
above described property,
you must contact this office
immediately.

Bidders shall present an un-expired written statement is-sued to the person in the manner prescribed by Sec-tion 34.015, Tax Code, show-ing that the Trayle County As ing that the Travis County Assessor-Collector has deter-mined that there are no delinquent ad valorem taxes owed by the person. In addition, an individual may not bid on or purchase property in the name of any other individual.

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 53rd Judicial District Court in and for TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, April 06, 2010, in cause numbered GN-07-001134 styled AUS-TIN'S COLONY HOMEOWN-ER'S ASSOCIATION, INC, versus FRANCISCO AND MARIA MEJI JIMENEZ.

On a judgment rendered against Francisco and Maria Meji Jimenez at 14500 Deaf Smith Blvd Austin, Texas 78725. I did on June 04, 2010 at 04:38 P.M. levy upon property of Francisco and Maria Meji Jimenez the following described real prop-erty TO WIT:

Resident Lot 9 Block 9, Austin's Colony Phase Two, volume 87, Page 133A Plat records address at 14500 Deaf Smith Blvd Austin, TX 78725.

AV0825 POUND SALE

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IMPOUNDED BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 683.011 ET SEQ., TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, REGULATING THE IMPOUNDING AND SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES BY DELEGATE OR PERSONALLY

THE PURCHASER SHALL TAKE TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP AND IS ENTITLED TO REGISTER THE PURCHASED MOTOR VEHICLE AND RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

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 25TH, 2010 @ 9:30 AM @ **SOUTHSIDE WRECKER, 8200 S. CONGRESS, AUSTIN, TX 78745**

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105038381	1989	HOND	2DR	N94NPM	TX	JHMBA4233KC063551
105038898		SAAB	2DR		TX	YS3DD78B4W7003691
105039418	1990	HOND	4DR	DVH227	TX	1HGCB7258LA053490
105039434	1997	NISS	4DR	906DGH	TX	JN1CA21D6VT827274
105039447	1992	CADI	2DR	8ZGHY	TX	1G6EL13B3NU612714

On August 3, 2010, being the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M., beginning at 10:00 A.M., at the Travis County Courthouse, 1000 Candolane Street August 10:00 Candolane Street Augus 1000 Guadalupe Street, Aus tin, 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, Travis County, Texas, July 02, 2010

County, Texas, July 02, 2010
Notice to Bidders: You are
buying whatever interest, if
any, the Debtor has in the
property. Purchase of the
Debtor's interest in the property may not extinguish any
liens or security interests
held by other persons. There
are no warranties, express or
implied, regarding the property being sold, including but
not limited to warranties of ittle, merchantability or fitness
for a particular purpose.

CPL J. VILLALOVOS UNIT #105

TRAVIS CONSTABLE PCT #1

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TEXAS

CAUSE: C1CV07010813 By virtue of an Writ of Execution issued by the clerk of the County Court 1 Court of TRAVIS County, Texas, July 16, 2010, in cause numbered

C1CV07010813, styled
CACV OF COLORADO LLC
versus BRIBIESCA, ANDRES R on a judgment rendered against BRIBIESCA, ANDRES R; I did on July 2010, at 12:30 p.m., levy upon the property of BRI-BIESCA, ANDRES R the following described real prop-erty:

Lot 158 Imperial Valley Sec 1 Amended Book 13383, Page 163 - TCAD # 19041 of the map or plat records of Travis County, Texas.

On September 07, 2010, being the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Travis County Court-house, 1000 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of **BRIBIESCA**, **AN-DRES R** in and to the real property described above.

Dated at Austin, Travis County, Texas, July 28, 2010

Bruce Elfant, Constable Precinct 5 Travis County, Texas

/s/ CAROLYN BRAMMER, Deputy

by SENIOR DEPUTY CARO-LYN BRAMMER, Deputy

Notice to Bidders: You are buying whatever interest, if any, the Debtor has in the property. Purchase of the Debtor's interest in the property may not extinguish any ns or security interests

held by other persons. There are no warranties, express or implied, regarding the prop-erty being sold, including but not limited to warranties of ti-tle, merchantability or fitness for a particular purp Notice to Judgment Debtor: If

there is any property, real or personal, you want to point out for levy in lieu of the above described property, you must contact this office immediately.

Bidders shall present an un-expired written statement is sued to the person in the manner prescribed by Section 34.015, Tax Code, show ing that the Travis County A sessor-Collector has determined that there are no delinguent ad valorem taxes owed by the person. In addition, an individual may not bid on or purchase property in the name of any other in-dividual.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGA-RET ELAINE RICHARDSON, DECEASED Notice is hereby

given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Margaret Elaine Richardson were issued on July 29, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001076 pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to Courtney County, Texas, Elaine Hudson

The residence of such Exec utor in Travis County, Texas. The office address is:

Courtney Elaine Hudson

c/o Amy P. Bloomquist, Esq. Attorney at Law 614 Capital of Texas Hwy.

Austin, Texas 78746

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 30th day of July,

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY THELMA KUNSCHICK To all Interested Persons: Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY THELMA KUNS-CHICK, Deceased were is-sued to Donald G. Gartman

on 3rd day of August, 2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001156 in the Probate Court of Travis County, Texas. Creditors may file claims as follows:

Lindsay Sharpe 1405 Rio Grande Austin, TX 78701 (512) 476-1551

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: 3rd day of August, 2010

Lindsay Sharpe, Attorney for the Estate of MARY THELMA KUNSCHICK

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUBY RIFWE BRAND, DECEASED

RIEWE BRAND, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that
original Letters Testamentary
from the Estate of Ruby Riewe
Brand, Deceased, were issued to John Hans Brand on
July 27, 2010, in Cause No.
C-1-PB-10-001081, pending
in the Probate Court of Travis
County, Texas.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate. The attorney's name and address for all claims is Lamar W. Hankins, P.O. Box 665, San Marcos, Texas 78667, Hays 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. Dated: July 30, 2010.

/s/ Lamar W. Hankins Attorney at Law P.O. Box 665

San Marcos, Texas 78667 512-395-8900 Fax: 866-347-5245 SBN 08912500

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ANNIE WISE DAVIS, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that in Cause No. C-1-PB-10 000885, styled Estate of An-nie Wise Davis, Deceased, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Tex-as, original letters testamen-tary were issued on June 17, tary were issued on June 17, 2010, to Judy Davis Wax-man. Claims may be preman. Claims may be pre-sented and addressed to the personal representative of the estate in care of her at-torneys at the following ad-

dress c/o GRAVES, DOUGHERTY, HEARON & MOODY

a Professional Corporation Attn: Kevin Holcomb P.O. Box 98

401 Congress, Suite 2200 Austin, Texas 78767-0098

All persons having claims against this estate are re-quired to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 17th day of June,

GRAVES, DOUGHERTY, HEARON & MOODY,

A Professional Corporation P.O. Box 98

401 Congress, Suite 2200 Austin, Texas 78767-0098 (512) 480-5625 Telephone (512) 480-5825 Telecopier By: /s/ Kevin Holcomb State Bar No. 09824000 ATTORNEYS FOR INDE-PENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGERY STEWART DOPSON, DE-

CEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Margery Stewart Dopson, Deceased, were issued on

6/29/2010 in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-000963, pending in PB-10-000963, pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis Probate Courf No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to Kathlene Dopson Crist, as Independent Executor. The residence of the Independent Executor is in Austin, Travis County, Texas. The mailing address is Estate of Margery Stewart Dopson, c/o Kent M. Leediker, 1104 Nueces, Suite 201, Austin, TX 78701. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required Estate Which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Kent M. Lediker, 1104 Nueces, Suite 201, Austin, TX 78701, Attorney for the Estate.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SUZANNE MARIE CROW Notice is

MARIE CROW Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Suzanne Marie Crow, Deceased, were issued on July 15, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-000694, pending in the Probate Court Number One of Travis County, Texas, to the estate's dependent adminis-Iravis County, Iexas, to the estate's dependent administrator with bond, Charles Crow. All persons having claims against the estate currently being administered are required to present them within the time required by law. Claims should be addressed in care of the reprelaw. Claims should be addressed in care of the representative's attorney, Lawrence A. Russell, 9951 Anderson Mill Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78750. Dated this the 30th day of July, 2010.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROBERT T. BOYLE, DECEASED No-

tice is hereby given that orig nal Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROBERT T. BOYLE, Deceased, were granted on July 27, 2010, pending in Cause No. C-' PB-10-001155 in the Prob Court No. 1 of Travis County

STEPHEN S. BOYLE Independent Executor

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law

The address to which claims may be presented is: STEPHEN S. BOYLE Independent Executor Estate of ROBERT T. BOYLE.

7201 Fred Morse Drive Austin, Texas 78723 DATED this 27th day of July, 2010.

/s/ STEPHEN S. BOYLE, Independent Executor of the Estate of ROBERT T. BOYLE, Deceased

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELLA CAROLINE SISE HERRICK, DECEASED Notice is hereby

given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ella Caroline Sise Herrick or Lila Caroline Sise Herric Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001077 pending i the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to Courtney Richardson Hud-

The residence of such Executor in Travis County, Texas. The office address is:

Courtney Richardson Hudson c/o Amy P. Bloomquist, Esq. Attorney at Law 614 Capital of Texas Hwy.

Austin, Texas 78746 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law manner prescribed by law DATED the 30th day of July

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lucille M. Gatewood, Deceased, were issued to Claude Howard Gatewood on July 27, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001101, pending in the Probate Court Number One, Travis Courth Texas vis County, Texas.

Claims may be addressed in care of the representative's attorney, as follows:

Claude Howard Gatewood c/o Edsam M. Ingram 1601 Rio Grande, Suite 520 Austin, Texas 78701

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 27th day of July,

/s/ Edsam M. Ingram ATTORNEY FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alice Nell Davidson Machacek, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-000847, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas, to: Laura Stephens Singleton, Charles Anthony Machacek, Jr. and Mary Alice Horn.

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.

c/o: Owen T. Kinney Attorney at Law 609 Castle Ridge Road, Ste 450

Austin, TX 78746 DATED the 30th day of July. 2010

Owen T. Kinney

Attorney for Laura Stephens Singleton, Charles Anthony Machacek, Jr. and Mary Alice Horn

State Bar No: 11487300 609 Castle Ridge Road, Ste 450

Austin, TX 78746 Telephone: (512) 320-0095 Facsimile: (512) 320-0157

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamenta for the Estate of **Gene M.**

Ellerbee, Deceased, were is sued on July 27, 2010, in Docket No. C-1-PB-10-001085, pending in the Pro-bate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to: Joe B.

Ellerbee.

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 Gene M. Ellerbee

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,

/s/ John W. Brodnax ATTORNEY FOR INDEPEND-ENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Roy John Henderson, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001080, pending in the Pro-bate Court Number One, Travis County, Texas, to Regina Loretta Reed Henderson.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Representative, Estate of Roy John Henderson, Deceased c/o Walter C. Guebert Walter C. Guebert, P.C. 5900 Balcones Drive,

Suite 190

Austin, Texas 78731

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 30th day of July,

WALTER C. GUEBERT, P.C. By: /s/ Walter C. Guebert

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Carolyn Sue Wade, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2010, in Cause No. C-1-PB-10-001097, pending in the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County Tesas to: William County, Texas, to: William Warner Wade II.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Brad Wiewel Attorney at Law 1601 Rio Grande, Suite 550

Austin, TX 78701 DATED the 6th day of August 2010 /s/ Candice H. Bocock,

Attorney

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William F. Shelton, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2010, in Docket No. C-1-PB-10-001084, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas, to: Lisa S. Jaubert.

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 William F. Shelto

c/o John W Brodnax John W. Brodnax, P.C. 1202 Lakeway Drive, Suite 1 Lakeway, Texas 78734" (512) 261-0101

DATED the 29th day of July, 2010 /s/ John W. Brodnax ATTORNEY FOR INDEPEND-

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ENT EXECUTOR

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by Travis County for the following items:

1.Printing and Mailing Services, B100231-RG

Opens: August 16, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m. 2.Grounds Maintenance, B100252-RG

Opens: August 16, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.

3.Travis County Jail Kitchen Refrigerant Replacement, B100088-JT

Opens: August 25, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m. AN OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.

Bids should be submitted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Specifications can be ob-tained from or viewed at the specifications 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. Bidders should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if appropriate. Payments may be made by check. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded, if applicable

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be ac-cepted by Travis County for the following items:

Management System, P100189-SW 1.Imaging and Document Management System.

Opens: PROPOSAL OPEN-ING DATE HAS BEEN EX-TENDED TO AUGUST 23, 2010 @ 2:00 P.M. Proposals should be submit

ted to: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent Ned Granger Building, 314 West 11th, Room 400, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767. Proposal Documents can be obtained from or 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.tv.us/purchasing/solicitation.asp. Proposers should use unit pricing or lump sum pricing, if appropriate. Payment may be made by check. The successful proponent shall be cessful proponent shall be required to furnish a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded, if applicable.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE -

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE (Legal Notice) On Wednes-day, August 18, 2010, be-ginning at 12:00 p.m. in the 201st District Court, Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse, 1000 Guadalupe Street, Room 325, Austin, Texas, the District Judges of Travis District Judges of Travis County will hold a public hearing to appoint a county auditor for a two-year period and then discuss and set the amount of compensation of the county auditor and assistant auditors for the county budget year FY 2011 as well as discuss and then set the amount of compensation for official court reporters in the district courts

PUBLIC NOTICE The City Council of the City of Sunset Valley will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall, 3205 Jones Road, Sunset Valley Texas 78745 at 7:00 P.M on Tuesday September 7, 2010 to consider the following or dinance

AN ORDINANCE ESTAB LISHING THE CITY OF SUN SET VALLEY DRAINAGE UTILITY AND ITS SERVICE AREA; DEDICATING CITY ASSETS TO THE UTILITY; PROVIDING FOR EXEMP TIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUING EFFECT OF OTHER DRAINAGE REGU-LATIONS: AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN

EFFECTIVE DATE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY. TEXAS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

The City Council of the City of Sunset Valley (hereinafte sometimes referred to as the "City") finds that

(a)it will establish a schedule of drainage charges against all real property in the seras permitted by Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Texas Local Government Code ("Subchapter C"), subject to any exemptions as required or permitted by Subchapter

(b)it will provide drainage for all real property in the service area on payment of drainage charges, except real property exempted in ac-cordance with Subchapter C;

(c)it will offer drainage serreasonable, and equitable terms; and

(d)notice as required by Sub-chapter C shall be provided.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISH-MENT OF DRAINAGE UTIL-ITY AND SERVICE AREA AND DEDICATION OF AS-

The City adopts the provisions of Subchapter C to implement a drainage utility for the City. Accordingly, the drainage of the City of Sunset Valley is hereby declared to be a public utility as provided in Subchapter C.

The service area for the drainage utility shall include all real property within the city limits of the City of Sunset Valley and the portions of the extraterritorial jurisdictio of the city which contribute overland flow into the watersheds served by the drain-age system of the City of Sunset Valley as now existing or which may be annexed hereafter from time to time. The service area is more par ticularly identified in the at-tached Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein for all purnoses

poses.
All property exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance pursuant to applicable law on the effective date of this Ordinance, including Section 552.053 of Subchapter C, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance. visions of this Ordinance

The City incorporates into the drainage utility system all existing property, facilities, materials, and supplies constituting the City's drainage system on the effective date of this Ordinance. All future acquisitions by the City of real or personal property. real or personal property used in the City's drainage system shall be maintained as a part of the drainage util-

SECTION 3. NO EFFECT ON LAND OWNER OBLIGA-TIONS UNDER CITY ORDI-NANCES: NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY

The establishment of the drainage utility by the City does not relieve private land owners, developers, or other individuals or entities from re-sponsibility for providing drainage improvements in drainage improvements in connection with land development pursuant to the City of Sunset Valley's Land Development Code and other ordinances of the City or laws of the State of Texas that relate to stormwater runoff drainage management or drainage improvements.

The establishment of the drainage utility does not im-ply or warrant that a benefit-ted property will be free from flooding, stormwater pollution, or stream erosion; the City makes no representation that all drainage problems will be remedied. This ordi nance does not create addi tional duties on the part of the City or create liable for the City or create liable for any flooding, stream erosion, deterioration of water quality, or other damages. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to waive the City's immunity under state law or reduce the need or necessity for flood insurance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABIL-ITY; EFFECTIVE DATE

If any part of this Ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reacircumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, this being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable for that purpose. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the day it is passed and approved. ATTEST: Rae Gene Greenough City Secretary X98-08191 CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE REAL PROPERTY DELIN-QUENT TAXES

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of August 2010.

Mayor Barbara Wilson

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order Of Sale issued by the clerk of the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 20th day of July, 2010 in a certain

cause numbered X98-08191, wherein Travis County, Lago Vista Independent School District, Travis County Emer gency Service Distrct No. 1, City of Lago Vista, Travis County Hospital District nka Travis County Healthcare District are plaintiffs, and Am ador Robles Santibanez aka Amador Santibanez Ruiz are defendant(s), in favor of said plaintiffs, for the sum of \$2,782.53 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that be ing the amount of judgment recovered by the said plain-tiffs, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, Texas, on April 13, 2007.

April 13, 2007. 1, on the 30th day of July, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 7th day of Septembe 2010 at 10:00 o' clock, A.M. at 10:00 Guadalupe Street in the City of Austin, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendants, to-wit

Lot 30177, Highland Lake Estates, Section 30, Plat No. 68/22, Travis County, Texas, and being more par ticularly described in Vol-ume 7356, Page 244 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,782.53 Dollars in favor of plaintiffs, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July, 2010. BRUCE ELFANT CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BY/s/G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY
ON THE PROPERTY SOLD,
THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED,
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WAR
ANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR
A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
YOU BUY THE PROPERTY
"AS IS". BIDDERS ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY
AT THIS EXECUTION SALE
MAY NOT EXTINGUISH ANY
LIENS OR SECURITY INTERESTS ON THE PROPERTY.
YOU ARE SIMPLY PURCHASING WHATEVER
INTEREST THE DEBLOR HAS BY /s/ G.L. Blaylock DEPUTY CHASING WHATEVER
INTEREST THE DEBTOR HAS
IN THE PROPERTY, IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU
NEED TO CONSULT COUN-SEL OF YOUR CHOICE

motor

MERCEDES-BENZ C-230 2006 2006 Mercedes C230 with only 45k miles and 100k mile warranty which transfers to owner. Great car to drive. Silver with gray/silver interior. Tires are fairly new. Hate to sell but I need something

SCION TC 2007 Automatic Car NoAccidents CleanTitle 1owner Toyota 100kMiles(786-8926)KeylessEntry Nice! \$9900

VESPA SCOOTER Custom 2001 Vespa ET2 49cc for sale by owner \$2199; Only 650 miles; Info at scooter.texd. com - 512-423-8396

YAMAHA SCOOTER Yamaha Vino 50; 49cc 4-stroke; 160 miles; 1 owner; 512-423-8396; More info at scooter texd.com



GET POUNDED..

I'm cute, bisexual, Primarily looking for a good-looking guy to dominate me. Premium on a nice body. Hold me down, slap, call names, pull my hair, lead by collar. CatGotYour-Tongue, 30, #133407

LOOKING FOR SOMONE

I work two jobs and is difficult to get out and meet people. I need someone that can carry on a conversation and likes to go out. Fun, quirky and interesting. sadstareyes, 23, 101, #133300

TASTY PIECE

Tasty piece looking for her tasty piece match. just looking for him(or her) that likes it thick. newly bi. 420 friendly. ready for fun, let's have drinks or a smoke! phoenixphenom10, 22, 101, #133164

NEED EXCITEMENT

would love to exchange explicit e-mail's with men, but am married and cannot meet. love kinky. milf38, 38 #132955

SHY INNOCENCE

Hey, im new to this area. So im just looking for some new experiences in my life. BeerlsGood, 21, #132877

TASTES LIKE CANDY

Still haven't found what I am looking for. tasteslikecandy, 46, 101, #132022

ORGASM?

I have many fantasies. I want you to teach me and tell me how 23 years old, 5'4", 110 lbs, very cute and willing. LittleLady, 24, #131233

MAYBE SOMETHING MORE

am not a thin, perfect Barbie type I'm looking for an attractive M 25-36 vho can keep up. litlred, 32, 🕿, #128782

INTO ROUGH PLAY

BDSM a Must Newbies welcome. She is tall BBW, bi, obedient. He is HWP, VGL, dom and creative. No endless emails. Swap pics, meet No single guys. (Duh!). KinkyCpl69, 39. #133641

LETS SHARE CANDY

Sexy young couple seeks the same/ voung female. He loves a woman in high heels and would love having you while she watches. We'll share what you share. ripples, 23, 101, #133613

PASSIONATE COUPLE LOOKING

Attractive Hill Country couple for a woman who wants to be lavished with passion. She is petite, blond, and gorgeous. He is tall, mature. in shape with a strong libido. j_and_j, 34 133293

HOT FUN SEXY!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are just a cool laid back couple looking for some fun and to have a good time with another couple or girl aprilflutterbvs, 31, 101, #133536

COUPLE SEEKING ADVENTURE

Married couple seeking new excitement in the bedroom. Interested in finding a woman or the right couple for some fun. Discretion a must. Safety required, STD Free, Nonsmokers preferred. sassyncute, 37, **☆ |** #133462

KINKY LATIN LOVERS

Confident latin couple looking for sexy women 4some 3wayPlay. We're DramaFree/DDfree. He's 6' brown hair Hazel eyes fit and sexy. She's 5'5" long brown hair hazel eyes sexy full figued, latin3sum, 28, #133455

HOT SEXY COUPLE

Couple that wants to have fun. junejune, 34, **101**, **#133435**

LOOKIN FOR ADVENTURE

We are a cute couple looking for some fun advertures together with men, women, or couples. We are both fit and athletic and we want the same. fightercpl77, 33, , #133418

SEEKING VOYEURS,

Cute couple of ladies seeks voyeurs and other nice people. **TheBradfor**dAnglers, 23, #133399

COUPLE FOR WOMEN

We're looking for a full figured woman that is interested in having fun with a late 30's (her) early 40's (him)couple for some discrete, clean, sexxxy fun. Try us! jlhm, 42, 72, #133283

A FUN SITUATION

Sublet my man. SEX IS AMAZING, but I'm moving. Looking for someone to be pleasured by him in my absence, who'd share occasionally He's very well-endowed and super sexy! **Bumble_bug**, 24, **#133257**

MINOR SEX GODS

... seek bi-demi-goddess for amusing sexy NSA adventures. He's dead sexy, an artist, and endowed: she's quirky, bi, and jolie laide. We're brainy and hore-a-phobic. Sense of humor a must. **ixchel**, 36, 101, #133238

READY FOR MORE

20 year old pair (boy/girl) looking a woman to join us in the bedroom. Fans of toys and roleplay. Interested? Send us a message. Likethelighton, 20, 101, #133209

FUN KINKY SEX

Just lookin to have some fun. mands3, 25, 101, #133187

TONGUE PLAY

I am looking for a woman to help me relax. I prefer hispanic or white woman, average size and who are girly. lovelyt, 25, 101, #133370

CUTIFKAILS FWR

Married couple looking for a third. No pressure, get to know eachother first and see where it leads.Looking for a thick lady between ages 21-38 Please no couples, men, or psychos! kailsrocks, 27, 73, 101, #133277

BI-GIRL SEEKING FWB

Wanted: F 4 play ,FWB ideally.In hetero LTR would like 2 let him watch. Llike em tatooed & thick &like 2 drink & have fun DISEASE & DRAMA FREE Eve-Scream4Morphine, 26, 101, #133274

CINNABUNZ

I am looking for a hispanic/asian/black woman. Looking for someone to join me and my bf. Or just me and my bigbooty85, 24, 73, 101, #133137

FEM FEM FEM

I am a white 31 year old professional, educated, discerning bi female who has a fetish for beautiful feminine Hispanic and Latina women with large breasts and a slim physique welovefunatx, 31, 101, #133020

WHAT YOU WANT

Very submissive girl in a dominant-looking package. Can give as good as I get, but really love it when some-one takes control of me and uses me to please themselves, redandwhite. 36, **6**, **#133587**

PRETTYBRWNBOOTY

I'm looking for a female to enjoy 3some wit me and my guyFriend. experience dnt matta 18-28 Stdfree prettybrwn, 20, #133384

SWEETRARY PHATPHAT

Sexy, juicy, young and clean seeking a mature discreet playmate(s) for daddy/daughter, oral, wet/dry encounters, role playing etc...I just get freaky from time to time and want my desires fulfilled. PrettiThicknBrwnGurl. 28. #133189

BEAUTIFUL BOUNTIFUL BREASTS Looking for woman or couple to

experiment with lactation fantasy. agbeauty, 27, #132918

PLAYMATE(S) FOR **ASIANBEAUTY**

AsianBeauty seeks Erotic Play with Woman or Man; couples considered. I'm very open-minded, feel free to suggest your sexual fantasies. Only Inquire if you're STD-Free. **Asian-**Orchid. 25. 7. 101. #131487

YOUNGNTIGHT

RITZFITZ4U UGH hate describing oneself... fit,endowed,and super clean ;-)...lame I know..lol...Free spirited silly heart looking for fit attractive female or couple RITZFITZ4U, 35, 73, 101, #133223

looking for a couple to have some fun with...im young sexy and up for just about anything so if u think u can 18. bossgurl45, 20, 27, 101, #129789

BI-CURIOUS SEEKS SAME

I have been thinking about massaging a guy or sixty nine with a guy. How about you? jazzmaster, 45, #132439

BI, CHARMING, SENSUAL,

Pursue sensual relationship with woman or man. Man is new territory. Give great massage, love to please. Swinging desirable. Submissive to serve mistress. Picture upon request. coach, 51, 7, #132089

BLACK HUNG STUD

I am a well endowed black male in Austin. I am looking for single women and couples for hot sex! Discreet and disease free. All races welcome especially latino!! hungblkstud, 38, 101, #133562

AUSTIN FUN GUY

I am seeking a sexually charged woman or straight couple that is seeking a bit of excitingly naughty fun every now and then; prefer ongoing if all agree. **blktexan512**, 36, **61**, **#133473**

LET'S HAVE PLAYTIME

hi. i'm looking for some fun, safe, sexy playmates, i would prefer a lady to play with, or better yet two. i'm also interested in experimenting with a guy/girl couple. horny_n_curious, 37. **101. #133194**

NAUGHTY BI BOY

Title says it all. SWM seeking women and couples that are open-minded. Very DDF. Might be persuaded by males, if perfect fit. I love to submitting to women and kinks. Centex_ Male, 39, 61, #126501

START SOME TROUBLE

25 Hispanic guy here looking to make some memories. UT student and bartend full time downtown. Maybe come to my bar have some drinks and come home with me austinobey, 25, 6, #132909

CROSSDRESER FOR FUN

Hi, I'm a CD and I am looking to meet other CD's, men, or couples for discrete encounters. I particularly love other CD's. I love porn. alex_boycd, 34, 🛣, 🗖, #132503

BLONDE T-GIRL

Blonde Shemale likes to play poker with Boys. Seeking NSA late night buddies who enjoy a cocktail and a walk on the wildside. BlondeHottie. 32, **3**, **4101055**

SEXGOD 4 APHRODITE

Seeking a marvelous evening with someone who always ensures a multiorgasmic, once in a lifetime, all about you, steamy, hot,and "OHMYGOD" experience?!? ;)-Call Me. **Cunninlin** gusPhoenix, 22, 27, 101, #133637

YOUNG, CUTE, ATHLETIC,

I'm looking for attractive, sane people. I'm open to different adventures. I'm looking for someone laid back, sexy, confident, and smart. It will be hot. onelovetx. 27. 101. #123378

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Flavor of the Week

We're a sexy curious couple, young (he's 23, shes

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25) and we're just looking for either another

same room and graduate to swapping etc...

read the rest of RIPPLES' profile

ripples Age: 23

Lets share our candy

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Whatever you do, don't call it midget wrestling. Why? Good question. Pro wrestling has not traditionally been the model of political correctness. Rather than play down the differences of its competitors, pro wrestling has always built them up to comic extremes. Who can forget (remember?) ring legends like Ivan Putski "The Polish Hammer," Norman "Black Magic" Smiley, Sheamus O'Shaunessy "The Irish Curse," Umaga "The Samoan Bulldozer," or "The Spaniard" Crusher Verdu? If none of the preceding sound familiar to you, you're probably not a pro wrestling fan.

Congratulations! You also probably didn't grow up on the wrong side of the tracks in a trailer that smelled like moldy carpet and burnt toast. Feel free then to enjoy a little

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smug condescension for the unsoaped riffraff who find it entertaining. Regardless of what John Irving and sundry Greek philosophers would have you believe, wrestling has never been a big sport for thinkers. Sure, there's a certain amount of strategy and cunning involved (well-concealed brass knuckles or maybe a surprise metal folding chair to the back of the head, for instance), but most of the time simple brute force prevails, just like in the real world. Wrestling is an age-old reality series that dates back thousands of years, probably to the dawn of man. The Chinese did it ... as did the Egyptians and eventually the ancient Greeks, who passed it on to the Romans, who in turn passed it on like herpes (also Greek) to most of the world. The Greeks, however, get special credit for really refining the sport. They actually made up rules . and perhaps more importantly, had the means to write them down. Genius. Back

in Greek times dudes wrestled dudes in the buff ... while coated in oil. These days that sort of thing only happens at financially distressed gay bars on off-nights. The spectacle is much the same, except that in ancient Greece, it was against the rules to grab your opponent's nut sack, even if just for a sensual caress. No, the ancient Greeks were much more into the violent aspects of wrestling. Other than hitting, kicking ... or the previously mentioned scrotum grab, pretty much anything was fair game: choking, bending (breaking) fingers, gouging eyes ... all of which still exist in modern pro wrestling, it's just that they are illegal and usually the shameless, desperate behavior of the bad-guy wrestlers, known in the business as "heels." Heels are the comic book villains of the pro wrestling world whose job it is to inspire hatred from fans through various forms of dastardly behavior directed toward "faces," the good-guy heroes of wrestling. As with any good soap opera or reality series, the plot is thickened by switching things up every now and then. The bad guys become the good guys, the good guys the bad, and so on ... sort of like an average episode of Jersey Shore or America's Next Top Model. Yes, both are filled with buffoonish characters that everyone loves to hate, but the difference with wrestling is that it lacks even the scarce subtlety of reality TV. Therefore, if you are going to see wrestling, leave your thinking cap at home. You don't want to ruin the experience by overanalyzing. This is especially true of midget wrestling. It's best that you start by completely suspending both your disbelief and your moral superiority. This Friday offers a chance to do just that when Micro Championship Wrestling mixes it up at the Marchesa Hall on I-35. To whet your appetite for small-scale destruction, here's a quote from the MCW website: "MCW Superstars have performed with Rock Stars: Kid Rock, DMX, Iron Maiden, Slipknot and others. They have also been featured on tons of TV Shows: Jerry Springer, Maury Povich, MTV, WWE, TNA, and Major Roles in The Bleeding and 100 Tears to name a couple." That's doesn't sound unbelievable at all, does it? Question is, does it sound exciting?

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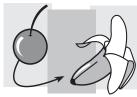
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MUST LOVE DOGS!

I'm not really sure what to say here, I'm a girl that is looking for someone that can make me laugh. jamie030, 28. 101. #133568

ROBOT DANCER

Looking for someone to enjoy life with me. **Miatortilla**, 28, **101**, **#129401**

THINKING, LAUGHING CURLYGAL

Head of curls; Self-reliant, authentic; strong but feeling; my big laugh and engaging smile balances my intellectually engaged self. Back in Texas; looking to rediscover Austin life. curlyncurious, 45, [0], #133552

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I'm always the friend never, girlfriend. I like beer and know sports. I get dressed up and go out, and like to stay in and get drunk playing guitar hero. jnk608, 27, [0], #133528

FRIENDLESS IN AUSTIN

I seem to miss out on the events. Looking to meet a friend to include me so we can explore this fine city together and take it by storm! nebula1919, 36, [0], #133526

DIVERSE SMILING LADY

Hi, I would love to meet someone to share and have fun with in this great town of ours. I am very outgoing, love people, and just a sweethear really. texaswoman55, 55, 10, 1,#133488

DJ, KICK IT.

I'm just me. I have a pretty wicked sense of humor. I'm pretty easy going. I just want to have fun, and smile a lot. xpecanx, 28, 0, 4133474

FUN, ROMANTIC, NEEDADVENTURES!

Passionate, fun, and laid back sort of girl. Love music and hockey! Can stay in and watch tv or go out dancing until 6am. Can you keep up with me? GirlLovesMusic, 24, 0, #133449

FIERY RED HEAD

Laid back, music obsessed, southern accent wielding, journalist. Don't you fret domesticated male, I am not looking for a sugar daddy. Just want to hang out and frolic. **StellarTexan**, 24. 101. #133411

SULTRY, SOULFUL HEART

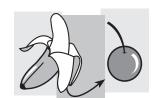
My heart is true. I sing Brazilian music. I'm a Latina-Mediterranean-Scottish-New England mutt. I love creating. Connecting. Learning. Cuddling. Sensual delights. Other cultures. Provocative conversation. Laughter. Being fully present. Love. IpanemaGirl, 38, 4121438

BABY'S COMIN HOME.

I'm a lifelong Austinite, studying art while working on my career in the beauty industry. I'm a bitchin sandwich maker, novice artist, hair styler, nail do'er, left-handed, freckled, tattooed lady. **kverde**. 24. **101.** #133367

CATCH OFTHE DAY

This buxom Irish redhead has vital statistics of 36"/26"/34" (and that's just my right leg). A pirate in a former life, now I work for the corporate world. graceomalley, 41, 101, #133363



CHIVALROUS, TATTOOED, MOTORCYCLIST,

I am honest, hard working and a hopeless romantic. I am looking for someone who is open minded, trusting and enjoys a sweet a romantic bad boy. Biker512, 35, 101, #133639

COMEDIC, SHORT, GOOFY

I play in a band and work in a pediatric clinic. Anything involving music and kids brings me joy. **tedka83**, 26,
 | #133635

CALM, COOL, COLLECTED

I'm a easy going dog lover. I like to cook for people. Food and Music r enlightening. Im ticklish and like to cuddle. SoulRebel, 29, 101, #133616

EASY-GOING ADVENTURER

I don't take life too seriously and I love my dog. I like taking sunset walks and waking up before everyone for a solitary cup of coffee on the porch. mdub, 28, 101, #133627

QUICK-WITTED, QUIXOTIC, QUALITY

If you are smart and funny, we will get along smashingly, no matter what your friends say. Frankly, I wish they'd just mind their own business sometimes. venkman, 33, 3, 61, 61, #131420

DOES THIS WORK?

Native Austinite looking for a female that likes the outdoors and scary movies. I love to cook, but somtimes going out is more fun... lets see what happens. fooddood, 32, 7, 0, 1, 133619

HERE I AM

I am a very out going person. I always maintain an open mind and have a good attitude. I love to interact with people meet them as well. silkyheart, 38, [0], #133608

LOVING CARING PLAYFUL

I seek relationships over one night stands. I already have many women friends and so I am seeking more than friendship. You are attractive and seeking a physical relationship.

oral4u, 46, 101, #133600 HAPPY, CURIOUS,

AFFECTIONATE
I'm looking for someone who can still hear the bell. I love learing, sports, philosophy, art, cartoons, comic books, talking, doing, meeting people and of course Boobs(really who doesn't).
movingisliving12, 27, 101. #133593

I LOVE LAMP!

so little space to describe me. Crap I just wasted a third of the space! Now half of it! What to do?? Auggh! Only six words left to describe everything...

EASTSIDE BICYCLE KING

I am looking for someone to have adventures and good times with, go for a ride, go out and catch a show and a couple of drinks, couple of laughs. oakwood3636, 23, 101, #133558

RUNNER DANCER FRIEND

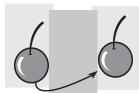
I'm a fit and active guy looking for a fit and active soulmate for all the fun things that life has to offer; the mundane as well as adventurous. runnerdancer, 48, , , , #133565

WORLDY DANGEROUS DREAMER

We are creating a whole new world everyday. Where should we start?? Relationships!!! We have to create incredible relationships in order to move into our full potential. ibanks77. 35, 101. #133557

CHEF, MUSICIAN, VISIONARY

I'm a great cook, a decent musician, an aspiring actor, and I'm pretty good at everything else. jackthebear5, 18, 01, #133549



FUNNY KIND OPTOMISTIC

Fun loving girl ready to try something new. Let me show you a good time. lesbianlatina, 26, 10, #133380

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ON THE VERGEOF

Down to earth,Looking for some like minded, high energy people to goof off, relax and adventure with. random, off-beat and outspoken with a slice of optimism. **onthevergeof**, 29. **LOI.** #133048

ROCKERFACEOFF

'ello! i'm newish to austin, and i'm a musician.. imagine that. smart, witty, undeniably cute, energetic. need some help exploring this city. i am easy-going, fun, and a catch. rocker-faceoff, 28, ©I, #132890

LIGHTHEARTED MISCHEVIOUS SMARTASS

Me: easy going, writer, animal-lover, humanitarian, musician, hiker, traveler, beach-bum, sensitive, giving, gullible, tattooed, cranky-when-l'mtired. [Lovely] You: intelligent, educated, dog-loving, promise keeping, hilarious-you-tube-video connoisseur, fun-seeking, chance-taking, troublemaking, whiskey-drinking, beautiful woman. Bellalala, 25, M. #132565

LOOKING BETTER ON

im Ace. yup, im a lesbian. love to laugh. love coffee. im very blunt, not rude. really laid back. no drama. can be pretty damn fun. AceOfSpades, 20 101 #131753



MINORITY WITHIN MINORITY

Native Austinite, not into mainstream gay society, ISO other guys who don't fit the mold. Grounded, sensual, passionate and playful, seeking compatible, compassionate, openminded and understanding. Could this be you? KeepingAustinWeird, 24, 101, #116565

LOOKING FOR LOVE

am faithful,honest n single. terry-larry75, 55, 101, #133519

AM SUPA RAD

I am looking for a ganster/skaterish/ emo type. DON'T LIKE FLAMERS. so please be down to earth. i am chill and party alot. No drama for me please! mp3d3, 18, 10, 1, 1133225

JUST LOOKING OR?

Im a laid back easy going guy I like the outdoors Like to read Like the lakes Like to be a homebody sometimes Like dogs. **mgf2005**, 47,

#101030

DOWN TO EARTH

Average guy with simple tastes, but likes to sample all that life has to offer. I am very easy to please, and easy to get along with. I enjoy conversation. halfdhalf, 48, 101, #132651

GOOD GUY

Tall, reasonable shape, generous with my time and energy. Nonsmoker, drug and disease free, seek same. Environmentally aware, intelligent, international perspective, want to make the world a better place. AustinGoodGuy, 59,

T. [O], #132556

Flavor of the Week iessieiesco Age:

jessiejesco Age: 25 Fresh meat to meet

Wanted dead or alive: Fresh faced excitement. Why don't we explore the ins and outs of Austin, see an independent/foreign film or documentary, play a prank, taste exotic treats, bundle up close to a crackling

fire, spontaneously get out of town and combust, duel in the kitchen, laugh in the grass and people watch, take in some art or even make some of our own?

read the rest of **JESSIEJESCO's** profile or enter your own profile for **FREE** online at austinchronicle.com/**IOVETSIANE**



MUSIC FUN VIDEOGAMES

I just moved to Austin. Looking for fun friends who love music, videogames, and going out. Pretty sure that's it. I heart music, 28, , 180, 1813625

FRIENDS ARE GOOD

I've lived in Austin for almost 3 years and I really would just like to make more friends to go out and do stuff with or just hang out. bassassin, 26, 1, 11170

FUN YOUNG

Just a laid back guy trying to find someone honest and fun to hang with! Love music punk and real country! funlover81, 29, 101, #133413

JUST MOVED SOUTH

Moved south from NW, and looking to find artsy, outgoing friends in the area. Recently had a mental breakdown... could have prevented it with more friends. Still newish to town. maximum, 28, 101, #133406

GOOFY, GEEKY, HONEST,

Mother, in relationship, looking for good people to hang out with, or talk. Very goofy, dorky, upfront and honest. Not wild. I just enjoy fun, laughter, and good company. superawesomecooldynamitwolf-

squadrent, 22, 101, #133298 PORTLANDITE MOVING

ok. so i love portland, but i needed a change and always wanted to get a doctorate in neuroscience...so i've moved to austin. i would love to make some friends! neuroBike, 24, OI, #133120

a shot in the dark

PINNED-UP HAIR

Hey, runner with pinned-up hair and gorgeous smile. I'm the walker with salt-and-pepper beard and ball cap. We've started to wave as you fly by. Let's stop and say hello. When: Thursday, July 29. Where: Town Lake Trail. You: Woman. Me: Man. © #904927

CUTE, INKED CASHIER

Saturday afternoon, I asked about your baby tattoos, you commented on my blue eyes. You were getting off work, but I was late and had to leave. Interested a drink/juice/coffee/show? When: Saturday, July 31. Where: Daily Juice on Barton Springs. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904926

FUJI @ VULCAN

7/31 @ Vulcan Video (North). We chatted about Mount Fuji, hiking and Hot Tub Time Machine...I should've taken your advice on the movie! A classic film at the Paramount sometime? When:

Saturday, July 31. Where: Vulcan Video (North). You: Woman. Me: Man. #904925

BEARDED BEAUTY

My friend invited you to our table, you were cute. We talked beer, music, sports. You had to leave, I could have talked all night. Gotta extra ticket to Ray, wanna join? When: Friday, July 30. Where: Downtown Woodrow's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904924

FADO 80'S NIGHT

I was bartending by the DJ booth. You told me I looked Serbian and you wanted to see me again. Well, I want to see you again too. When: Saturday, July 31. Where: Fado Irish Pub. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904928

EAST TEXAS SERVER

I was with a big group of friends to see Ghosts Along the Brazos. Forgot my wallet. You're from Longview, we talked about East Texas. Would love to talk again! When: Thursday, July 29. Where: Romeo's. You: Man. Me: Woman. #904923

YELLOW RAIN JACKET.

You cute girl in a yellow rain jacket at a friends birthday party. Would like to see you again. How does August 14 6pm at El Patio sound? When: Friday, February 12. Where: Birthday Party.. You: Woman. Me: Man. #904922

7/24 GTOWN WALMART

You: white plaid shorts tshirt Me: plaid shirt khaki shorts Eyes meet in grocery, checkout, parking lot. You looked back, and then drove past outside. Was it something? When: Saturday, July 24. Where: Walmart Georgetown. You: Man.

Me: Man. #904921 MAGICAL EYES

You were eating brownies in your car, your hazel eyes pierced my heart at first sight, and I was forever yours. When: Tuesday, July 20. Where: North Burnet. You: Woman. Me: Man. \$\alpha\$ #904910

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