

Low Tide

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Super Special Summer Issue

Tragedy strikes



Focus Puller Recovers from Mishap
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Long time focus puller Joe Thomas is recovering from a freak accident he received during the six day/six episode shoot in Savannah. During a particularly complex sequence involving five actors, two directors, a trolley, and spanish moss, Joe sprained his left eyeball. Three other crew members were not so lucky.

Two PA's were stranded at sea during a summer squall (see **SATAN'S SHRIMPBOAT**), and one PA was tragically disfigured when she fell while carrying several crates of "rainbow" pages. Myna Ziebeck is currently on life support at Grady Hospital awaiting surgery from 374 paper cuts she suffered when the set-bound revisions tumbled from her hands into the prevailing west wind. Donations can be sent to the production office.....

Breaking News

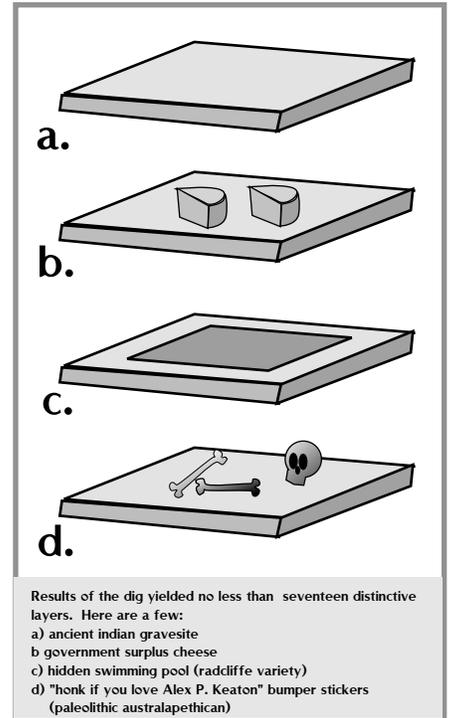
In our last issue the LowTide ran a report stating that it was believed that the stages were built over an old high school gymnasium, which had a secret swimming pool underneath it. Since that small article much has happened.

Experts from around the world descended on the site shortly before principal photography. Among those investigating were Hans Zimmering of Stausberg University, Libero Andreotti of Italiattro Conserveriore, and Harris Dimitropoulis of The Athens Institute. These three men are the foremost experts in the field of school gymnasium archaeology, (Dimitropoulis discovered the legendary Jefferson High hidden-swimming-pool alluded to in the movie "Its a Wonderful Life").

As the experts began taking core samples of the area believed to have housed the pool, their drilling equipment struck something unexpected. Using endoscopic camera equipment, they arrived at a startling conclusion: the hidden school gym had been built over the site of an ancient native american burial ground.

Subsequent to their discovery, Zimmering sprained his wrist, Andreotti sat on his glasses, and Dimitropoulis developed an embarrassing rash best not mentioned in detail. But these researchers were not alone in their maladies, some of "Savannah's" own have fallen prey to this mysterious "curse". Various sprains, strains, and head-colds have plagued our staff (some say you can here the spirits walking during the day if you're very quiet).

But it seems a cure is in sight. It seems that our own Glenn Ballard is 1/234 Amagocheerama Indian. In an elaborate ritual passed down for generations, Glenn will perform a dance intended to calm the spirits. Glenn will need some help though, please contact him if you can provide three large ferrets, a vat of maple syrup, or the lyrics to "All in The Family" (gee, our old LaSalle ran great....). Please no photographs, a small fee will be collected at the door, no tipping, touching, or lewd language. Thank you.



Shannon Sturges is opening a new business!! She will devote her store exclusively to the sales of avant-garde headwear. A longtime chapeaophile, Shannon has had the dream since she was 12 years old growing up in the hat-crazy state of California.

"Everyone I grew up with wore hats,"explains the entrepreneurial Shannon. She goes on to tell the story of her great, great, great, grandfather Elias "Cap" McWhorter.

"Grand-Daddy Cap used to wear something new on his head every day. Once the town had to buy a new school bell because he took the old one to wear on a trip to Chicago and forgot to bring it home!!!" Hats must be in your blood, Good luck Shannon!!





Hasbro signs Darwin

Atlanta- In a last-minute deal, Hasbro toys outbid the competition for marketing rights to electrician Darwin Hensley. Shown above with Mr. Hensley is a production model of the new educational action figure which will be billed as "Mr. Shocko".

The action figure line will be sold with a comic book included to document the adventures of Mr. Shocko in Lectric Land. A company spokesperson explained that the product line will be aimed squarely at children

ages 7 to 12 and will promote strong family values. "Mr. Shocko is the perfect teaching tool,"explains Madeline Krump. "His clean-shaven head teaches children a strong message about proper barbershop etiquette. It says, "look at me, I have a cranium!"."

Executives associated with the Mr. Shocko campaign have been quick to point out that the reports of housefires associated with the doll's "plug-me-into-120" feature are wildly overblown. They point out that with any new electrical toy that there are always some children who "just don't get it!!!" when it comes to electricity. Lawyers for the company refuse to comment on the previous comment.

Meanwhile stores are back-ordered for the doll, and its associated spin-off's. These of course include the "Donny Dedo" doll, the "Denny Do What?" doll, the "Ron-man with pick-em-up action" doll. If these characters sell a second set of figures will be released after Christmas. That set will of course include the "Matt Attack with P-Whip" and Mr. Shocko's sidekick the Mr. Sparky doll.

In a related story, Tonka has approached the Teamster's regarding a set of toy vehicles based on production vehicles. Ralph Nader has spoken out strongly against this deal stating, "The 'Mr.Honeywagon' vehicle is patently outside all healthcodes and should be considered an affront to all that is decent in this country. And it smells bad, too."



Joe and Terri Connolly are expecting a baby in February! An obviously stunned Joe is seen here saying, "We're off in February, right? RIGHT???".

Contest Update

With only one week left , it appears that there is no clear leader in our most-cups-and-cans-left-on-the-back-of-sets-contest. Everyone is doing a splendid job, and the riverboat set is a current favorite of most contestants. Keep up the pace, remember there's a 60" inch color tv at stake!!

Note: The triple blue revisions sent out last week were in error. Please find the new quad magenta pages in your mailboxes. This revised revision is the most up-to-date and should NOT be confused with anything sent out previously. The double bingo pages are only to be passed out to department heads at present. And as always, please disregard these revisions if these scenes have already been shot. Thank you for your support.



Billionaire Steve Forbes is such a big fan of the show Savannah that he bought the city! Seen here aboard his luxury yacht, Forbes says that he models himself after the character played by Ray Wise. There are rumors that Ed Burton will buy a yacht in Season Three.....

ROBIN O'BRIAN'S WORD FIND

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Ten great places to eat in Savannah

1. Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House
2. Clary's
3. Il Pasticchio
4. Nita's
5. Fink's
6. John & Linda's
7. Vinny Van Go-Go's
8. Chart House
9. Lion's Den
10. Crab Shack



Here's Angela at home working on episode 12. Her hobbies are bare-back riding, archery, and "just being silly". Angela (or Mitzi as her friends call her) likes smart men and sees herself one day having a torrid affair with Bill Nye the Science Guy. 36-26-36

New Look For LowTide

As we approach the new millenium, the LowTide looks to improve its format. Our readers often have suggestions, and via our L.A. Script Department we recieved a suggestion from the very lovely Angela Alexander:

"The Low Tide needs to be in color, and with pop-ups, and more nudity. In fact, can you incorporate a nudie with a pop-up. Now that would be a HIGH TIDE."

Well, well, Ms. Alexander. Sounds like you need to get out more. Here's the nudie. But it's against postal regulations to mail you the pop-up.....



Around the Town....

Our own **Frank Johnson** has been seen in several professional film magazines in a full-page ad for Fuji.

John Braz (beau of **Jamie Luner**) recently screened a working print of his film "The Dress" to a maximum capacity crowd. The film was very well recieved and plans are afoot for his next project.

Also shown at the screening was a film by Assistant POC, **Charles Portney**. His film, "The Shop Below the Busy Road" was enjoyed by all present

encouraging **Charles** to begin a new film he's been planning.

In case you didn't hear, **Beth Toussaint** was recently wed. All the best **Beth**!

Wendy Phillips has moved on to another series, but might return to Savannah in the future.

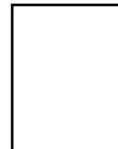
And **Scott Thompson** "scooter" **Baker** has finished his stint with us. We look forward to his return!

From the Editor

We get many submissions every day for various articles in the LowTide. The publishing schedule of our periodical is so varied that perhaps it shouldn't even be called a periodical. I think that it should be referred to as a sporadic.

Keep those cards and letters coming in (and those nude photos as well Angela), I especially like the postcards. And if you have need to contact our publications staff you may e-mail us at: drewprop@waga.net
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