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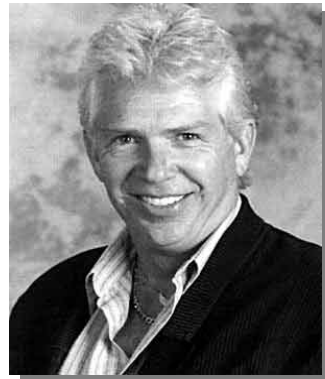
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## **Letter From The President**

Gentlemen,

The February meeting is upon us. We should have a couple of guest speakers and you may well be interested in the things they have to say. Check with the office for more information and conformation that they can make it.

Also, watch your mail for information on Bylaw changes that are being considered at the March meeting. Additionally, we are seeking ways to get all of our members out to the industry to be considered for stunt coordinating jobs. Listings like, "Associated Stunt Coordinators of the Stuntman's Association" for example. We would like your input on this. I feel every man in our group is a qualified coordinator, in all our advertising and member books we should stress this objective. We already own, [Stunt Coordinators.org](http://StuntCoordinators.org), which is linked to our web site. If you have more ideas we would be most happy to hear them.

I'll be filming out of town for the February meeting but should be home for the one in March. Please show up if you can, we have a good set of wheels under our wagon and we want to stay on the move forward. We have a truly great Board this term and we are working as a team on behalf of SAMP.

Remember: "Even if you are on the right track, you can get run over if you just sit there!"

Keep smiling, - Connie P.

HUBIE KERNS

Would like to thank:

**BEN SCOTT**

for "6 Ft. Under"

**RUSSELL SOLBERG**

for "Taxi"

**GARY WAYTON**

for "Employee of the  
Month"

**J. P. ROMANO**

for "Days of Our Lives"

*(This was accidentally  
omitted from last month's  
Newsletter)*

**News From Around the Industry**WOMAN DIES ON COASTER RIDE

Apparently a 34 year old woman suffered a heart attack while riding on the Incredible Hulk ride at Universal Orlando theme park in Florida. The woman's family did not want her identified. The ride opened in 1999 and reaches speeds of 65 m.p.h., has seven loops and drops passengers from as high as 100 feet in the air.

SPRINGSTEEN TOPS IN TOURS

Rocker Bruce Springsteen topped the earnings list for touring acts in 2003. His tour brought in \$115.9 million topping second place Celine Dion and far out-pacing Paul McCartney and the Rolling Stones.

COMEDIAN PARDONED POSTHUMOUSLY

Acid tongued comedian Lenny Bruce (Dustin Hoffman starred in his life story) was pardoned of obscenity charges going back as far as 1964, by New York Governor George Pataki. This pardon is the first posthumous one in New York state history. Bruce, who died in 1966 at the age of 40, from drugs, never got his career back on track after the obscenity charges were filed against him.

TOP STAR DIES

Actress Jeanne Crain, 78, died December 14, 2003 in Santa Barbara, CA. A top star in the 40s and 50s, she starred in "Pinky," "Guns of the Timberland," "Man Without a Star," "State Fair," "City of Badmen," and "Fastest Gun Alive."

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*Please do not toss these out as junk mail.*

**News From Around the Industry****SWAP MEET OWNERS BUSTED!**

Owners of swap meets in San Bernadino have been sued by local prosecutors in connection with allegations that they failed to stop their vendors from selling pirated DVDs and music CDs. According to the San Bernadino's District Attorney's office, Hollywood loses between \$190-200 million a year to pirates.

**A.A.R.P. IS FED UP!**

The American Association of Retired People (A.A.R.P.) is so fed up with Madison Avenue's (the advertisers) fixation on 18 to 49 year olds, that it has hired a veteran programming executive to help create shows aimed at older viewers. The big 3 networks - ABC, NBC, and CBS - have received more complaints about their schedules than in their entire history, mostly from older viewers who feel neglected.

**"SOPRANOS" SING ON MARCH 7**

The new season of the highly anticipated return of "The Sopranos" on HBO has now been set for March 7, 2004. No new episodes have been shown since December 8, 2002. "The Sopranos" is HBO's most highly rated series and has won 13 Emmys so far in its previous 4 seasons. Both stars Edie Falco and James Gandolfini have won 3 each.

**COURIC NOW HIGHEST PAID**

It's official!! TV personality Katie Couric of the "Today" morning show is now the highest paid anchor in television news. In a new 4 1/2 year deal with NBC she will receive about \$14 million a year for a total of around \$65 million over the life of the contract.

**ACTOR'S EQUITY TO FOCUS ON HEALTH CARE**

As with all performer's unions, Actor's Equity (the union that represents theatre performers) health care is suffering. In what are described as bumpy negotiations leaders of the union are going to make health care for its members a top priority.

**BRONFMAN'S ARE OUT**

Edgar Bronfman Sr. and Edgar Bronfman Jr., owners of Vivendi Universal (Studios) have resigned the positions on the Board of Directors. Edgar Jr. tried to buy Universal last year but was beat out by an offer from General Electric which is now the new parent company of Universal Studios Assets.

**W.G.A. TO CONCENTRATE ON RESIDUALS**

Leaders of the Writer's Guild of America (W.G.A.) have signaled that their upcoming negotiations with producers will concentrate on residuals from the exploding DVD market and a strong focus on members' health care. DVD revenues hit \$11 billion in 2003 and are expected to reach \$15 billion in 2004 sales.

**RYDSTROM HONORED**

Seven time Oscar winner Gary Rydstrom, a sound editor, has been tapped to receive the 2004 career achievement award from the Cinema Audio Society. Rydstrom has been nominated for 11 Oscars, winning the aforementioned seven awards. Some of his credits include "Titanic," "Terminator 2," "Saving Private Ryan," and "Jurassic Park."

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**News From Around the Industry**CANNELL REMARKETS SERIES

Prolific TV producer Stephen J. Cannell has made a deal for 7 of his many series to come back to the domestic marketplace. Reruns of "The Shield" (94 episodes), "Greatest American Hero" (44 episodes), "Hardcastle and McCormick" (67 episodes), "Wiseguy" (74 episodes), "Renegade," (110 episodes), "21 Jump Street" (104 episodes), "Silk Stalkings" (176 episodes) and "The Commish" will soon start airing across America.

ATTENTION STAMP COLLECTORS!!

The US Postal service has unveiled 4 new stamps depicting Disney animated cartoon characters. "Mickey Mouse," "Bambi," "Goofy," and "Thumper." Stamps showing "Simba," "Donald Duck," "Jiminy Cricket," and "Pinocchio" will be available in June.

MYSTERIOUS NEIGHBOR DIES

Actor Earl Hindman, 61, died of lung cancer in Stamford, Connecticut on December 29, 2003. He played the neighbor "Wilson," whose face was always hidden by a fence on "Home Improvement" series.

FOLEY DEVELOPING SHOW

Wrestling star Mick Foley, who wrestled professionally as "Mankind," is close to partnering with writer Teddy Tenenbaum to develop an action hour for CBS Television. Foley would play a detective in the Tampa (Florida) Police Department who is as ruthless as the criminals he hunts down.

SONY STILL CHOPPING STAFF

Just weeks after Sony Studios announced that 1700 jobs would be cut by years' end (out of 20,000 employees), producers have been informed that development budgets at Columbia Pictures has been tapped out and they are averse to acquiring any new projects. There are currently 30 producers on the Sony lot with existing deals.

CANADIANS UP TAX CREDITS

In an effort to boost more homegrown film and TV production, the Canadian government announced that it is increasing the tax credit available to producers shooting Canadian films and TV shows. Move comes 9 months after the Canadian government also increased tax credits for Hollywood productions filming north of the border. The hike went from 11% to 16 % of labor expenditures in the country.

S.A.G. PENSION PLANS MERGED

The pension plan for Screen Actors Guild employees is being merged with the S.A.G. industry plan (our plan) in order to cut costs. Trustees for the S.A.G. industry pension plan have already approved the combination. Legal reviews and an audit have to be conducted but S.A.G.'s national board has already ok'd the deal.

LOCAL PRODUCTION SINKS

Even though Hollywood continues to flee to Australia and New Zealand, their level of homegrown TV and feature production within its borders has sunk 23% from June 2003. Expenditures on local filming dropped from \$464 million to \$359 million.

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## SAMP IN PRODUCTION:

**Mike Adams-** *"Days of Our Lives"* - **Television/LA**

**Doug Coleman-** *"Terminal"* - **Feature/LA, Montreal**

**Alex Daniels-** *"Underdogs"* & *"Spanglish"* - **Features/LA**

**Vince Deadrick Jr.-** *"Star Trek: Enterprise"* - **Television/LA**

**Diamond Farnsworth-** *"J.A.G."* & *"NAVY NCIS"* - **Television/LA**

**Mickey Giacomazzi-** *"Into the Blue"* - **Feature/Bahamas**

**Allan Graf-** *"Friday Night Lights"* - **Feature/Austin, TX**

**Terry Leonard-** *"The Forgotten"* - **Feature/NY**

**Eddie Matthews-** *"Dept. of Homeland Security"* - **Television/LA**

**Bill McIntosh-** *"Everwood"* - **Television/Utah**

**Conrad Palmisano-** *"After the Sunset"* - **Feature/Bahamas**

**John Robotham-** *"Oceans 12"* - **Feature/LA**

**Harry Wowchuk-** *"Passions"* - **Television/LA**

**George Marshall Ruge-** *"National Treasure"* - **Feature/LA**

**Walter Scott-** *"6 Ft. Under"* - **Television/LA**

**Walter Scott-** *"Las Vegas"* - **Television/Las Vegas**

**Jim Vickers-** *"She Spies"* & *"CSI: Miami"* - **Television/LA**

**Mike Watson-** *"Deadwood"* - **HBO/LA**

*\*Please note that these members are still available for work if you have it. Please do not assume they are "too busy" until you ask them yourself. Also, this list may not be complete or fully up-to-date. Please no-*

### "NEMO" NOW BIGGEST EVER

With DVD sales topping \$300 million so far, the animated film "Finding Nemo" is now the biggest seller in History. "Spiderman" and "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" are the #2 and #3 best sellers.

### ATTACK KILLS ROLLA

Italian filmmaker Stefano Rolla and 18 other were killed in a bomb blast in Nasirya, Iraq on November 12, 2003. Rolla, 65, a well respected member of Italy's film community was in Iraq to prepare a documentary about the peacekeeping forces stationed there.

**Gone But Not Forgotten...**

Top Irish Actress Constance Smith, 75, died in June 2003. Her death has just come to light. A major star overseas in the 40s and 50s, some of her credits include "Lucky Nick Cain," "Red Skies of Montana," "The 13th Letter," and "Lure of the Wilderness."

Mexican cinematographer Jorge Stahl Jr., 82, died of respiratory failure on November 24, 2003 in Mexico City. Some of his credits include "Garden of Evil" with Gary Cooper, "Comanche," "Jory," "I Will Fight No More Forever," and "The Desperate Mission."

Prolific actress Florence Stanley, 79, died of a stroke in Los Angeles on October 3, 2003. She was best known as the wife of Abe Vigoda's character on the "Barney Miller" TV series. Other credits include "Day of the Dolphin," "Up the Down Staircase," and "Prisoner of Second Avenue."

Top 40s actress Jean Sullivan, 79, died of cardiac arrest on February 27, 2003 at the Motion Pictures Home. Her death has just come to light. Some of her credits include "Uncertain Glory" with Errol Flynn, "Escape in the Desert" and "Roughly Speaking."

Actress Madlyn Rhue, 68, died of pneumonia on December 16, 2003 at the Motion Picture Home. Some of her credits include "Murder She Wrote," "Have Gun - Will Travel," "He Rides Tall," and "Gunsmoke."

Actor Jonathan Brandis, 27, killed himself on November 12, 2003. He was best known for his regular role in the series "Seaquest DSV" and roles in "The Flash," "Murder She Wrote," and "L.A. Law."

Top child star of the 30s and 40s David Holt, 76, died of congestive heart failure on November 15, 2003 in San Juan Capistrano, California. Some of his credits include "David Copperfield," "Last Days of Pompeii," and "Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

Scottish actor Robert Brown, 85, died on November 14, 2003 in London. Best known as James Bond's boss "M" in 4 films. His credits include "The Third Man," "Ivanhoe," and "Helen of Troy."

Sound effects editor Fred J. Brown, 68, died in Northridge, California on November 9, 2003. He did sound effects on such films as "Red Dawn," "Thunderheart," "Commando," and "Rambo II."

Tony winning actress Dorothy Loudon, 70, died of cancer on November 15, 2003 in New York City. She was a regular on "The Garry Moore Show" and appeared in "Murder She Wrote," "Magnum P.I." and "Garbo Talks."

Film and TV producer Bernard Schwartz, 85, died of a stroke on October 17, 2003 in Los Angeles. Some of his credits include "Eye of the Cat," "Elvis and Me," "That Man Bolt," "Coalminer's Daughter," and "A Global Affair."

Actor and director David Hemmings, 62, died of a heart attack on December 4, 2003 in Romania. Some of his extensive credits include "Gangs of New York," "Charge of the Light Brigade," "Murder by Decree," "Crossed Swords," and "Camelot."

Singer Teddy Randazzo, 68, died November 21, 2003 in Orlando, Florida. He was a major teen idol and rock and roll singer in the 50s with such hits as "Way of a Clown," "Hey Let's Twist," and "Going Out of My Head."

Burly actor Mike Masters, 74, died December 2, 2003 in Arleta, California. Some of his credits included "Bearcats," "Laredo," "Hondo," "Tall Man," and "Gunsmoke."

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**Gone But Not Forgotten...**

Actress Dorothy Fay, 88, died November 5, 2003 at the Motion Picture Home in Calabasas. Mrs. Fay was the widow of Cowboy star Tex Ritter and mother of actor John Ritter. Some of her acting credits include "The Philadelphia Story," "White Eagle," "Law of the Texan," and "The Stranger from Arizona."

Film producer Jack Pollexfen, 95, died of pneumonia on November 22, 2003. Some of his credits include "The Secret of Convict Lake" with Glenn Ford, "At Sword's Point," "Man From Planet X," and "Treasure of Monte Cristo."

Veteran character actor Kay E. Kuter, 78, died of pulmonary complications on November 12, 2003 in Burbank, California. A staple of most TV series he appeared in "Gunsmoke," "Petticoat Junction," "Zorro," "Frontier Doctor," "Bonanza," and "Riverboat."

Tony winning actress Uta Hagen, 84, died January 14, 2004 in Manhattan. Respected as one of the country's greatest stage actresses and acting teachers, Miss Hagen appeared in such films as "The Boys from Brazil," "The Other" and "Reversal of Fortune."

Actor Les Tremayne, 90, died December 19, 2003 in Santa Monica, California. He performed over 30,000 radio shows and appeared in "War of the Worlds," "Ellery Queen," "Shazam," and "North By Northwest."

Character actor Sean McClory, 79, died December 10, 2003 of a heart condition at his home in the Hollywood Hills. Some of his last credits included "The Quiet Man," "Gunsmoke," "Perry Mason," "Guns of Fort Petticoat," and "Iron Horse."

Mogul Laurence Tisch, 80, died of gastric cancer on November 15, 2003. Tisch, a self made billionaire, rescued CBS from a hostile takeover in 1986. Tisch was CEO and chairman of CBS Television from 1986-1995, even though he was criticized for his lack of vision in running the network.

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**STUNTMEN DOCUMENTARY !!!!**

The documentary is off and running thanks to great participation by the membership. Just a reminder, if you haven't already, just give John a call at the Office to set up an on-camera interview. The interviews themselves only take about 30 minutes to an hour.

In addition, any pictures, demo reels, film clips, or any stories you would be willing to share would also be a huge contribution.

If you are interested in participating, please contact John at the SAMP Office (818) 766-4334; stuntmenassoc@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for your support,

- John Thompson, SAMP Assistant Office Manager

### **Gone But Not Forgotten...**

Actor Alan Bates, 69, died of cancer in London on December 26, 2003. Some of his credits include "Zorba the Greek," "Woman in love," and "Far from the Madding Crowd."

Emmy winning actress Hope Lange, 70, died on December 19, 2003 from acute colitis. Some of her credits include "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," "True Story of Jesse James," "Death Wish," and "Peyton Place."

Famed animator Wah Ming Chang, 86, died in Carmel, California on December 22, 2003. Some of his credits include "The Time Machine," "The King and I," "Cleopatra," and "Star Trek."

Singer/ songwriter Dave Dudley, 75, died on December 22, 2003 of a heart attack. He recorded over 70 albums and came to national prominence with his hit trucker song "Six Days on the Road."

Dr. Don Michaelson, 81, died on December 19, 2003 of lung cancer in Vista, California. Since the 1970s, Michaelson has conducted thousands of medical exams on actors, directors and producers for insurance coverage prior to production.

Lloyd E. Rigler, 88, died December 7, 2003 in Los Angeles. He made a fortune marketing "Adolph's Meat Tenderizer" and generously supported "The American Cinematheque" program at the historic Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

### **INTO THE PAST**

On February 1, 1966, former actress now supper gossip columnist Hedda Hopper died at the age of 75.

On February 4, 1935, director Ernst Lubitsch became production chief at Paramount Studios.

On February 5, 1957, screen legend Errol Flynn won \$30,000 on the NBC quiz show "The Big Surprise." He kept the money!!

On February 8, 1921, screen sex goddess Lana Turner was born Julia Jean Mildred Frances Turner in Wallace, Idaho.

On February 12, 1940, "The Adventures of Superman" debuted on the mutual radio network. Bud Collyer was the voice of the man of steel.

On February 19, 1936, 20,000 moviegoers crammed into Radio City Music Hall for the premiere of "Follow the Fleet" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

On February 20, 1951, Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor were divorced.

On February 27, 1991, actor Marlon Brando asked a judge for leniency for his son Christian, then charged with murder. He was to get a 10 year sentence.

**Alex Daniels** would like to thank:

**Peewee Piemonte, Hubie Kerns, Conrad E. Palmisano, Russell Solberg, and Mike Adams**

For all the Work.

**Bob Hoy**

would like to thank:

**Joe Stone**

for the work call.

### The Race is On!!

Who will be the first to contribute \$1,000 of his hard earned money to the New SAMP Building Fund ?

It seems that many SAMP Members are not even familiar with this bold effort to facilitate the purchase of our own SAMP real-estate. The General Membership voted to try Rick Sawaya's "Brain Child" and as of January 1, 2003, the "Work Force Building Fund" is in effect!!!

Here's how it works:

You must VOLUNTEER to put your name on the chart posted in the office (just call John or Kellie and they will write your name down and chart your progress). Check 1 box for every day you worked for a SAMP Coordinator. When you have filled 20 boxes, donate \$1,000 of your earnings to the SAMP Work Force Building Fund.

It's that simple!

90% of your donation goes directly into the Building Fund and 10% is prorated among the SAMP Coordinators for whom you worked. The Coordinators can then apply that 10% contribution to SAMP Merchandise, Dues, or simply donate it back into the Building Fund.

The Goal is to raise at least \$50,000 in the next 2 years.

If that goal is not achieved, all contributions will be refunded.

I challenge you to jump on board and let's surpass our goal!

Sincerely, - Alex Daniels

## Stuntmen's 2 Seater Stock Car Classic at the WILLOW SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

On the ¼ Mile Paved Oval - Wet track with Surprises

Here's the race dates for 2004:

**Saturday, April 24, 2004**

**Saturday, July 24, 2004**

**Saturday, October 23, 2004**

On the ¼ Mile Paved Oval

Driving Directions

Take the 14 freeway, Approximately 25 miles exit Rosamond Boulevard. go left 5 Miles on Rosamond Blvd. You'll see Willow Springs' on your right.

For rules and information, please visit:

[www.home.earthlink.net/~twoseatracess](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~twoseatracess)

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Troy Melton Memorial Golf Tournament Report For the end of February 2004

Play dates are still for May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, at the beautiful Siena Golf Club in Las Vegas. The Host Hotel will be "The Imperial Palace" which is currently going through some upgrading room renovations. We will be having our Friday night kick off party at the Host Hotel.

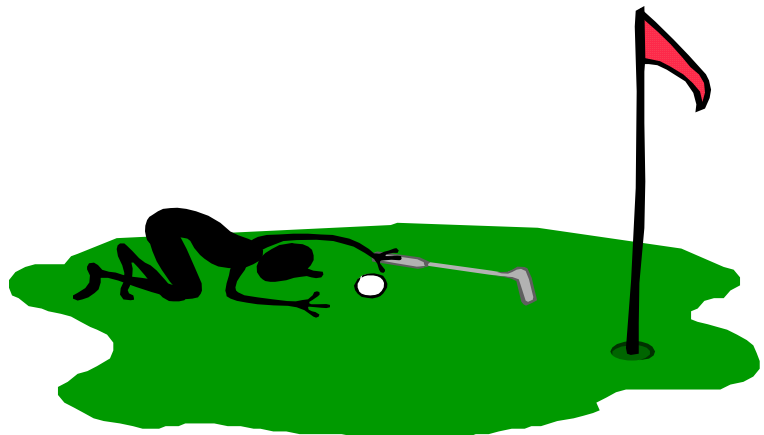
If you are planning on Playing in the Tourney, please sign up and get your money into the office before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations ASAP. Remember this Tournament is a first come, first serve basis.

It would be nice to see more SAMP members helping out in capturing prizes and T-box/Yardage marker sales for the tournament.

So far, the following people have helped in doing this and I certainly appreciate their efforts. Roy Clark, Phil Chong, Eddie Hice, Eric Cord, Jayson Dumenigo, Thomas Dupont, Kaye Wade, Noelle Kim, Kellie Cunningham, Chuck Hicks, and Scott Miller. J.P Romano has been helping me with the accounting. Rick Seaman donated a gift certificate for a 3 day class to his driving clinic. WOW, Thanks Rick. Thanks everybody.

Golf Quote: "In Golf as in life, It's the follow through that makes the difference."

Sincerely Yours,  
Peter T. Stader  
Tournament Director



### Mike Cassidy

Would like to thank **Walter Scott** for the being electrocuted on "6 Feet Under" and **Vince Deadrick Jr.** for work on the "Ned Pilot."

### Bob Minor would like to thank:

**Conrad Palmisano** for 2 days on "After the Sunset"

**Walter Scott** for 1 day on "Las Vegas"

# Denver needs a Kidney!



Denver Mattson needs a kidney transplant and is calling upon his brothers and sisters in the stunt community for their help. He is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes and has been on dialysis for quite a long time now. We at the Stuntmen's Association are looking for a potential donor with 0+ blood type to be a possible match for Denver.

Please send any inquiries to **Kellie or John** at [stuntmen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stuntmen@sbcglobal.net) or call us at **(818) 766-4334**

They can provide resources to answer questions about organ donation, Denver's status, and what you can do to help Denver.

Thank you,

The Stuntmen's Association of Motion Pictures

REMINDER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anyone who sets off the Office Burglar Alarm (which is only active when the office is closed)

will be fined for the "False Alarm Charges," which are issued by the Police Department.

**Attention S.A.M.P. Members**

**If you have any stories, photos, magazine articles for reprint, tributes, thank you's, or anything else you'd like to include in the Stuntmen's Post, please forward them to John or Kellie at the SAMP Office. Thanks.**

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**FRIENDLY REMINDER!**

**The General Membership  
Meeting will be on  
February 24th, 2004,  
8 PM at the S.A.M.P. offices.**