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other adventures. The idea was that the kids had so much fun discovering and enjoying life's adventures that they had neither the time nor inclination to join gangs.

It was a tremendous success. I still see 'kids' today who have grown, married, and now have children of their own and I know that Caballeros played an important part in keeping those kids out of gangs.

One of the adventures we took kids on was the visit to Donovan State Prison. Here, a group of dedicated inmates, formed an organization known as CROP (Convicts Reaching Out to People). Their mission was to tell their story to young kids, and other interested parties, so youngsters wouldn't make the same mistakes they had made.

Most of these inmates were lifers . . . most were in for murder. A great many of them were, surprisingly, rather pleasant people. One by one they would speak to the group, introducing themselves, telling what they were in for, under what circumstances, and how they got there. It never failed to make an impression on the kids.

One of the inmates who had initially joined this group was Gator. He had tried to surround himself with other born-again Christians in prison (though some of the inmates are of other faiths, including Islam).

I met Gator and asked him if he remembered my ex-wife, Mary, my eldest son, Scott, and youngest son, Kenny. He had a vacant look in his eyes and then said, unconvincingly, "oh, yeah. How are they?"

He had not remembered them - he just pretended to. This was a lad who had been to our home, munched on pizza, swam in our pool . . . and now his brain was so fried he couldn't remember someone who had been fairly close friends.

In time, I learned that Gator had been 'excused' from the CROP group. The other inmates told me, privately, that they didn't trust him, they thought him to be a phony, and that for him to be telling his story to the kids smacked of artificiality and they would have none of it.

I have no sympathy for Gator. He is exactly where he should be. There are other inmates I have met who I think would benefit by being released, and do no further harm to society . . . but Gator is not one of them.

As to the other players in this rather sad story, Augie Constantino is continuing his studies to be a minister, while cleaning up the Calvary Chapel. He still preaches to surfers and skaters in the San Diego area working with a group called Skaters for Christ.

Brandi lives in a penthouse apartment on the Upper East Side, in New York, working as a flower arranger.

Jessica's remains were buried in a family plot in Georgia.

**Editor's Note:** *In preparing this story we relied upon a combination of personal and family memories, interviews with other local parties who knew Gator, from court records, from a 1987 edition of Thrasher magazine author/interviewer M.Fo, and from The Village Voice, December 8, 1992, Cory Johnson, author.*

*There is also a recent documentary, called: Stoked: The Rise and Fall of Gator.*

*It stars Mark "Gator" Rogowski and looks at both him and the skateboarding phenomenon of the 1980's. Directed by Helen Stickler, it has been rated as a "must see" by critics nationwide.*

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## 'Chuckles' Cont. from Page 13

your screen, can you see the 'OK' button displayed?"

Customer: "Wow! How can you see my screen from there?"

Caller: "I deleted a file from my PC last week and I just realized that I need it. So, if I turn my system clock back two weeks will I get my file back again?"

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A man is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river.

He proceeds to walk into the water and subsequently bumps into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk answers, "Yes, I am." So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water.

He pulls him up and asks the drunk, "Brother have you found Jesus?"

The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus."

The preacher shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again for a little longer.

He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, "Have you found Jesus my brother?"

The drunk again answers, "No, I haven't found Jesus."

By this time the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk in the water again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds and when he begins kicking his arms and legs he pulls him up.

The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God have you found Jesus?"

The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher,

"Are you sure this is where he fell in?"



## 'Social Butterfly' Cont. from Page 11

the Club's youth projects. Some of the major projects are Special Olympics, Childhood Cancer, Disadvantaged Youth Services, Essay and Oratorical contests, San Diego Marathon, Junior golf, Respect for Law, Stand Up for Youth, Kids are Worth a Million, and others.

## Escondido DBA to Hold Festival Downtown

The Festival Escondido Downtown will be held on Saturday, October 13, and the headline and main stage acts have been named: Peter Sprague, "Pass The Drum" - Sprague was voted the Best Jazz Musician of the year 2000 by the San Diego Music Awards organization. Others are TJ Baden and Friends; Baja Blues Boys Duo, Cass and Billy, Peter Payone Quartet, and The Orbitz.

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