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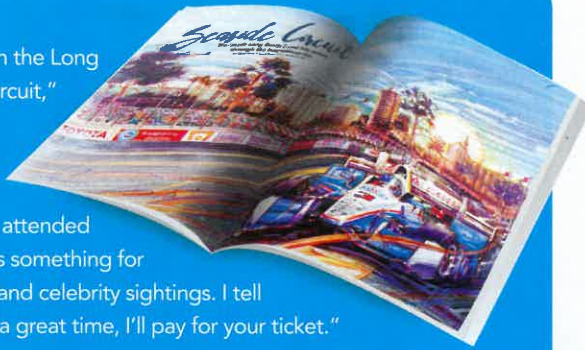
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A True Race Fan

Having just read your article on the Long Beach Grand Prix ["Seaside Circuit," March/April], I can attest to it being a rite of spring in Southern California. I went to my first race in 1979 and have attended every year since. There really is something for everyone: great food and fun and celebrity sightings. I tell my friends, "If you don't have a great time, I'll pay for your ticket." So far, no takers!



Mark Hennessy, La Mesa

In a Jam

I want to warn readers about tip No. 7 in "The Frugal Traveler" [March/April]. Last year, I purchased three jars of locally made jam in Lake Tahoe for my coworkers. Unfortunately, I had to surrender them at the airport because of TSA fluid restrictions, even though it was just jam. I was told I could check them in for \$25, but I had already spent more than \$20 on the jam and had only one carry-on bag, so I left them behind.

Pam Wada, Torrance

I'm sorry you had to give up your jam. Yes, the TSA counts jams and jellies as "liquids," which have to be 3 ounces or less for you to carry them onto the plane. Thanks for that good reminder.

—Elizabeth Harryman,
Westways travel editor

Bird Butlers

I enjoyed "Resident Cuddlers" [Out & About, March/April], but you left out an important pair right here in Southern California. "Napoleon" and "Josephine" at the Mission Inn in Riverside have been greeting visitors at the main entrance

since Frank Augustus Miller first opened the hotel. Mr. Miller used to greet guests with his favorite parrots, and today there's a statue of him at the entrance with his first parrot on his shoulder. Several generations later, the parrots still add to the inn's ambience.

Penelope Venola, Costa Mesa

The Chinese Connection

When I was a child, my grandparents lived in the Imperial Valley. In the '60s and '70s, Calexico and Mexicali were where most folks in the valley conducted their commerce. I was always amazed that my grandmother, with me in tow, was able to get her hair styled at what she called "the best Chinese hair salon in Mexicali." When the family had reunions, we would all pile into cars and caravan across the border for what my family called "the best Chinese food." They are wonderful memories. "South of the Border" [Off-Ramp, March/April] gave me a quick history lesson. Until now, I always wondered why there were so many Chinese hair salons and restaurants in Mexico. Thank you!

Kim Heirston, Whittier

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