

Passing Fame in the Valley

Actors cross paths with regular folks here, home of studios if not the A list.

At Nat's Early Bite Coffee Shop, owner Hugo Carlos serves French toast and scrambled

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eggs to regulars such as Tom Selleck and Ike Turner (whose color glossy hangs on the wall, inviting diners to join the "I Still Like Ike Fan Club").

"We get celebrities every day," Carlos said.

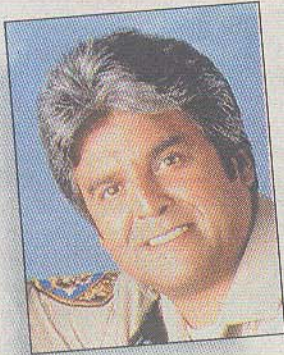
The Van Nuys restaurant—situated in a packed parking lot next to a dry cleaner and a video store—even attracts "huge names like John Stamos, Geena Davis and that guy from the movie 'Booty Call,' but I can't remember his name," Carlos said. "Bruce Willis' mother has come in too." In the Valley, one degree of separation counts.

He poured a customer a cup of coffee and wiped ketchup off a table. "I don't know if Bruce Willis has come in here," he said, shrugging. "He probably lives on the other side of the hill. That's where the really huge celebrities live."



Kate Jackson

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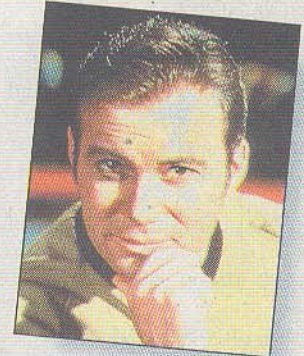
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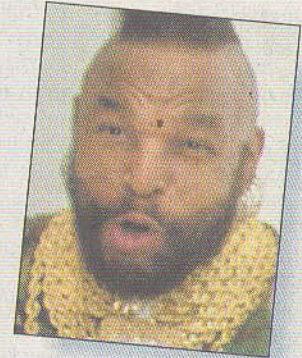
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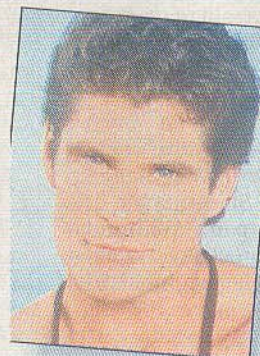
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