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# See Scotty and Madeleine Swim and Drive and Fall

The woman James Stewart pulled out of the Bay ["Fear of Falling," May 10] was Beverly Pabst (yes, *that* Pabst) a student at the School of Fine Arts in San Francisco and in need of extra money.

She received \$50 a day. Her car, pictured in the article, got more. The real break for Beverly was that the movie company paid for as many hair color changes after the movie as it took to return her to her natural color.

This made it fun for us at the Brighton Express, then located in the front building of the Old Spaghetti Factory, where she used to waitress now and again. Has it really been 30 years?

Joanna C. Droeger  
*San Francisco*

Writer David Thomson in "Fear of Falling" makes a slight mistake but an important one to his central idea. He writes that "the same characters twice drive to the mission at San Juan Bautista on the left-hand side of the road." Actually, that stretch of U.S. 101 then was a four-lane highway divided not by a concrete barrier or a rail but by a strip of land. Scottie Ferguson (James Stewart) was driving in the left of two one-way lanes going west.

But of more interest is that Hitchcock apparently chose that stretch of road for its visual beauty—it is lined with towering eucalyptus trees—unlike the same highway a mile or two to the east. But the stretch with the trees that Hitchcock filmed is several miles beyond Mission San Juan Bautista, driving from San Francisco.

Charles Hartwell  
*San Rafael*

We are great fans of *Vertigo* and have seen the movie many times; such great fans that we drove to San Juan Bautista one Sunday recently for the express purpose of viewing the mission and the bell tower from which Madeleine fell.

We were in for a real puzzler—the bell tower was nowhere to be found. The movie most certainly shows the bell tower as part of the mission, but it wasn't there when we were there. Can David Thomson or anyone else answer for us whether a bell tower from another mission was used?

Laraine Huey  
*Concord*

*According to the people at the San Juan Bautista mission, the bell tower in Vertigo was a piece of Hollywood fakery. There was a tower at the mission at one time—but it was smaller than the Vertigo version and was torn down in the '40s.—The Editors.*