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## Capital night for movies and shakers

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Lucky for **Becca Cason Thrash** that her "wardrobe malfunction" occurred in laid-back Austin just before the Austin Film Society's Texas Film Hall of Fame Awards dinner Friday night and not during her visit to the frightfully chic Academy Awards.

She was able to ditch the designated dress (that turned out to be totally transparent) in favor of jeans, a crisp white shirt and a boatload of emeralds. "I figured the bling would make up for a lot," she laughed. Dress for the star-studded evening at Austin Studios was "Texas cocktail." Becca fit right in with the crowd that included award recipient **Matthew McConaughey**, who dressed decidedly down in jeans, a T-shirt and leather jacket.

On the arm of husband **John Thrash**, Becca served on the committee assisting dinner chair **Carla McDonald** of Austin. Carla and **Jack McDonald** also had partied with the Thrashes in Hollywood.

Joining the Thrashes at their table in the former airline hangar were **Melissa** and **Michael Mithoff**, **Greggory** and **Patrick Burk**, **Laura** and **Greg Casey**, **Neal Hamil**, **Sarah Byrd** and **Lyle Lovett** with fiancée **April Kimble**. At another table, Houstonians **Cindy** and **Jim Thorpe** held forth.

Saturday morning, **Lance Avery Morgan**, publisher of **Brilliant magazine**, hosted a brunch for 30 VIPs at Austin's Capitol Brasserie.