

Celebrations



76th ANNUAL
ACADEMY AWARDS
COUNTDOWN

DAYS UNTIL THE OSCARS 002

Celebrity **look-alikes**

In last fall's "Looking Like a Star" coupon, we asked readers to tell us if they looked like a celebrity. Below are some of our local best dead ringers to tell of their adventures in mistaken identities.

Life is great for...



NAME: **Sandra Fettes**
LOOKS LIKE: **Cher**

It all started in Las Vegas. Prior to becoming a professional impersonator, Fettes danced for six years at MGM's "Jubilee" show, where audience members often asked if she was Cher. When she quit and moved back to Pasadena in 1986, the questions followed her home.

Fettes' first gig as a look-alike was in 1989. Her mission: to crash that year's Academy Awards show.

"What a dive into the profession," she said. "I was scared to death. I was hired by a really skanky agent and he had booked me for this job. Of course this was something you don't want to do. I thought people knew we were impersonators.

"So we reached the entrance, the valet opens the door, I step out and the crowd was screaming," she continued. "I was so petrified, I didn't know there was going to be this kind of reaction. I turned and waved. I felt so awful."

The real Cher arrived and the scheme was dismantled. This newspaper reported the next day of Cher's fashion bravado: two entrances in two different outfits.

Years later, Fettes was hired to be Cher's double in a music video.