

Si Señor Introduces Bold New Combination of Same Old Ingredients

Si Señor broke no ground and shattered no expectations when it revealed its newest filling, aptly named 'ZestyCreamy Crap.' The new menu option is advertised as 'A hearty combination of lettuce, onions, oregano, taco shells, plastic forks and possible body fluids with tangy mustard lemon habanero.'

"We know it can be tough for college kids to get quality meals, and we at Si Señor want to change that. We offer delicious and healthy items for students and staff to enjoy!" said Spokeswoman Mandy Germaine.

"They told us to come up with something new and like, hearty," said Alyssa Williams, night shift manager. "I don't really get paid enough for that." In response to Germaine's claim that all food at Si Señor is "freshly prepared with an internalation flair," Williams said, "Well, we make it every day, but it's usually the same crap. I guess sometimes there's some spit in it."



Yummy

Students can 'enjoy' the new filling in several different kinds of rolls, wraps, tacos, quesadillas, tacos and taco salads. This gives the illusion of unique dining experiences, according to the latest college food research. "They're too stupid to know any better," said resident foodologist and similarity scientist Henry McKillian. "We give them faux riche crap and charge them twice the price and nobody is the wiser! Ahhhhh hahahahahaahahaha hahahahaaaaaa!" McKillian then collapsed into fits of hysterical cackling causing readme to back away slowly.

Despite the dubious origins of the food, freshmen are expected to eat as an alternative to starving. Although trapped by an unfair meal plan system, students should feel good in the knowledge that they have a fine establishment like Si Señor working hard to make the same crap look different.

Kerry Ties up Burger King line Deciding Between Rings and Fries

Democratic Presidential candidate John Kerry may have harmed his image as "champion of the middle class" on Thursday by tying up a Burger King line after being given a choice between fries and onion rings. He hesitated for several minutes, his aides began to discuss the merits of the each greasy choice.

"We could score points with voters in Idaho if we choose fries," said an aide. "But the polls show there's a growing minority of Americans who prefer onion rings. As Democrats and the voice of minorities everywhere, this is clearly not an easy choice to make," said Kerry

When polled, the customers in line showed nearly evenly split opinions. Jacob Kreeley, a local citizen, said, "I don't see why it matters that he can't decide. At least he can pronounce 'nuclear.'" Alexander Johnson, a self-described New Mexico Democrat, said, "What's scarier, a president who can't decide between two delicious side orders or a president who blindly chooses one over the other every time, without



Which is greasier?

any consideration for the opinions of the people?" Some Democrats were heavily affected by this incident. Selma Williams, who was "on the fence" on who to vote for, said, "I was heavily in favor of Kerry's policies, but his policy on side-orders has made me think twice. If he can't decide between two choices for a side, how is he going to choose a drink?"

New Findings Show that Running with a Backpack Makes You Look Stupid

According to a new study by the Tijuana Board of Health, running with a backpack makes you 100% more retarded. "Extended periods of running with either a backpack or messenger bags may lead to increased ostracism from peers and unnecessary sterilization," the report stated. Other numerous ailments were likewise found:

The findings have struck many male CMU students hard, especially those that are planning to get a degree in business. The first students to show signs of the new affliction are MBA students. Mostly because they're the easiest group to pick out on campus, since they all have that same embroidered backpack.

"Dude, I used to be cooler than a yellow cat's ass in the moonlight. But now I can't even get a high-five when I'm out on the Cut," says Josh Chadwick, a first-year MBA student. It should be noted that high-fives are no longer considered cool. In fact, according to the study, high-fives are now considered highly retarded. Josh couldn't be reached for further comment. He had run off to his next class.

According to experts, Josh's situation is not unique. Many MBA's are complaining that they no longer can access restroom facilities on campus and are sick of constantly being called "MB A-holes." Some business students have appealed to the administration through a series of long and highly annoying letters printed on fancy letterhead. According to sources, the administration plans on doing nothing.

Also of note, the study strongly recommends that all women between the ages of 18 and 35 to play soccer and run without the aid of a sports bra to significantly reduce the risk of breast cancer.

Bush Announces End of Major Conflict in Iraq, Again

In a press conference on Monday, President George W. Bush claimed, for a second time, that major conflict in Iraq was over. He delivered the message at a National Guard press barbecue in Waco, Texas, standing proudly in front of a banner that read, "Mission Accomplished, no really, I'm talking in serious this time."

He assured those in attendance that now there was no chance of them being shipped out, even though there never really was a chance. "I understand how it feels sitting around in your comfy chair during a war that nobody wanted," said Bush. "Because that's what I did during Vietnam. But you folks don't have to feel that no longer, cause even though during the war I did this back door draft thing and sent over millions of people to Iraq even though they didn't want to go and really didn't have to, well you folks were safe, and you don't have to worry anymore."

Moments after the press conference, Bush held a second press conference declaring war on Iran, New Zealand and Massachusetts. In an exclusive interview, President Bush explained why he declared war on all three states: "Well ya see," he said cocking his ten gallon hat, "Iran's kinda the same situation as Iraq. I mean we need to get rid of their WMDs or bring them democracy. Ah, hell, I dunno. Maybe we'll do both. And New Zealand, they're nothing but a buncha bitches really, going around screwing sheep all the time. And Massachusetts, well," he said leaning in to whisper, "they're letting homos get married up there. I mean I was mortified enough when they legalized masturbation there, but seriously this is just gone too far."

His next course of action was deploying the National Guard to France because even the



I'll take penis mightier for \$300, Alex

National Guard could defeat that pussy country. I mean if we emptied our mental wards, armed the retards, and sent them to France, those croissant eaters would be fucked.

In Memoriam: The 80's Child. 1980-2004

On Sunday evening, Carnegie Mellon and other college communities were shocked to hear of a death in the family. Sometime during the day on Saturday, the Child of the 80s passed on, succumbing to adulthood. While this event saddened the campus community, it did not come as a shock. The Child of the 80s had been fighting a long-lasting battle with adulthood, a battle that was destined to be lost.

The Child of the 80s' condition had deteriorated greatly over the last few years, recent comebacks had led to a new hope for survival. The return of 80s icons like the Care Bears, Jem and the Holograms, Thundercats, 'Roos sneakers, and snap-bracelets seemed like a promising step towards continuing of the Child of the 80s' tenure with us.

But recent events ultimately dealt the final blow to this lifestyle. Initially, key elements

to the Child of the 80s' survival, including the world-renowned He-Man, were updated to appeal to young audiences of today, though it seemed like a minor setback that could be overcome. The final blow was dealt sometime Saturday when it was revealed that a number of incoming freshmen had no idea who long-tenured Student Senator Optimus Prime was. This proved too powerful for the already-weak Child of the 80s.

The Child of the 80s is survived by a strong sense of nostalgia and the just-budding Child of the 90s, who hopes to return the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and the Spice Girls to prominence. Memorial services will be held in dorm-rooms and apartments throughout the area and this terrible event will be commemorated with widespread viewings of "Goonies."



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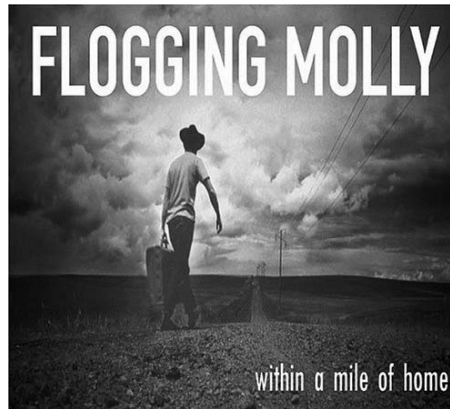
Flogging Molly, *Within a Mile of Home*

Once again, this week's concerts are mediocre at best, and so once again, readme brings you an album review - this time of a more recent release. September 14 brought us *Within a Mile of Home*, the much-anticipated third studio album from Los Angeles-based Flogging Molly, and since they'll be playing a show in Pittsburgh in early October, this seems like the ideal opportunity to write up their latest effort that they'll be showcasing.

This album - while still distinctly Flogging Molly - provides a departure from their earlier works, and a good departure at that. The band's first two albums, *Swagger* and *Drunken Lullabies*, generally drew comparisons to two bands: Boston's Dropkick Murphys, who play punk with an Irish tint to it, and Ireland's Pogues, who play quasi-traditional Irish music with a punk tint. Flogging Molly was generally considered to fall somewhere between these two earlier bands, mixing about even parts punk and Irish. With this latest release, Flogging Molly comes into their own as a band, taking what has already been done and building upon it rather than just combining and rehashing earlier works.

Within a Mile of Home still has a punk sensibility, but it is more subdued and comes across in the energy behind the music more than in the actual music. It also still has a strong Irish influence, but rather than taking the Pogues' customarily slow, drawn-out, and often depressing sounds, Flogging Molly has taken the idea of drawing on Irish music but gone in the opposite direction with a generally more upbeat sound. This mixture creates a sound that could conceivably be found as a singalong at a bar, as backing music during an Irish dance, or at a concert packed with thousands of fans, and none of these is at all a stretch.

Within a Mile of Home has a mixture of songs that showcases Flogging Molly at their best while still addressing themes common to both this band and Irish music in general - alienation, isolation, loss, but a sense of hope for the end of these despite



the setbacks. Upbeat songs like opener "Screaming at the Wailing Wall" and lead single "The Light of a Fading Star" set the path for what is to come. Singer Dave King's a capella effort for this album is brief but humorous, "The Wrong Company." The balladry of "Whistles the Wind" and "Don't Let Me Die Still Wondering" approach brilliant, as they mix the perfect proportions of emotional vocals, meaningful lyrics, and music that balances accordion, violin, and acoustic guitar in order to accent King's voice. Other highlights abound throughout this album - a duet with American folk-singer Lucinda Williams on "Factory Girls" creates a wonderful contrast between traditional vocals from very different backgrounds. "Queen Anne's Revenge" features vocals from bassplayer Nathen Maxwell, a much gruffer voice than King's that fits the song perfectly. And a treat for fans of the band and Irish culture is a guest performance on "The Spoken Wheel" by actor Noel O'Donovan. For those of you keeping track of bizarre trivia, O'Donovan has performed in the play "The Kings of the Kilburn High Road," a tale of Irish expatriate friends with a highly romanticized memory of the homeland. Funny - *Drunken Lullabies*, Flogging Molly's last album had a song titled "Kings of the Kilburn High," and singer Dave King is...an Irish expatriate!

Anyway, *Within a Mile of Home* is a very strong album - in my mind, the band's best yet by far. I'd raise four and half out of a possible five Guinness pints to this release.

Cheap Movies at McConomy

All the nights, brought to you by AB, except Saturday which is SDC. 1 Buck.

Wednesday: High Fidelity 7:30, 10 12:30

Top 5 Reasons to watch High Fidelity:

1. John Cusack being way emo. Emo is so trendy right now.
2. Jack Black is the best record shop employee ever.
3. Watching this movie will make you emo.
4. Joan Cusack is in it too, and any movie with sibling duos is genius.
5. You can meet that special someone at the movie, who you will then hate, resulting in a break-up, after which you will regret that you did so and watch this movie to make yourself feel better. Then you can listen to Weezer.

Thursday: Coffee and Cigarettes 8, 10, 12

Bill Murray with RZA and GZA of the Wu-Tang Clan sitting at one table talking. Do you really need anything else? It's Bill-with-more-intensity-Murray! On top of that, everyone and their mother's in this movie, including Steve Buscemi. Maybe he'll end up in a chipper at the end of this one too.

Friday: The Lady Killers Volume 2 10, 12

So the Coen brothers decided to pull a Tarantino-esque move by splitting the *Ladykillers* into two volumes. The first volume requires that the auditorium have a broken center channel so dialogue is incomprehensible and the people in the 8:00 showing can sit there for an hour before getting a refund. The second volume is the same, but this time people actually watch the movie and leave satisfied. Maybe.

Saturday: Shrek 2 6, 8, 10, 12

The first one was way over-rated, so I didn't bother watching this one. Maybe it'll be good. Maybe it'll rehash all of the jokes from the first one and place the jokes in a hip 2004 context. That's always good because then the movie will be dated in about, oh, wait. It's already dated.

Sunday: Mean Girls 8 10 12

Lindsay Lohan is hot. So hot. Look at her jiggle. JIGGLY. Oh yeah, this movie's also really funny. Funny in the way that Lindsay Lohan is so incredibly hot. JIGGLE.

On AOL Instant Messenger all day?

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Be less boring, would ya?

Events and Things On and Off Campus

Wednesday, September 22

movie: High Fidelity. McConomy. 7:30, 10, 12:30. \$1.

Thursday, September 23

movie: Coffee and Cigarettes. McConomy. 8, 10, 12. \$1

concert: Luther Wright & The Wrongs @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$10, 21+

concert: Fiery Furnaces, White Magic @ Modern Formations Gallery

concert: Nektar, Caravan (From the U.K.) @ Rex Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$25, 21+

concert: Steve Kimock Band @ The World, 8:00 pm, \$18

Friday, September 24

movie: The Ladykillers Strike Back. McConomy. 10, 12. \$1

concert: Ben Lee, Pony Up @ Highlander. Doors at 7, show at 8. \$5 CMU students, \$10 non.

concert: Lungfish @ Brew House Space 101

concert: Smash Mouth @ Farmington Fair, Farmington, PA

concert: Johnny A, John Eddie @ Moondog's

concert: Jazz Mandolin Project @ Mr. Smalls Fun

House/Theatre

concert: Ron Dante Of The Archies @ Palace Theatre, Greensburg, PA

concert: Toby Keith, Terri Clark, Scotty Emerick @ Post-Gazette Pavilion, Burgettstown, PA, 7:30 pm, \$28.75-\$60.75

concert: Hopesfall, Moneen, Alexisonfire @ The World, 7:00 pm, \$12

Saturday, September 25

movie: Shrek 2. McConomy. 6, 8, 10, 12. \$1

concert: Chris Whitley, Melissa Ferrick @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm/10:00 pm, \$18, 21+

concert: W.C. Clark @ Moondog's

concert: Bill Deasy, Brindley Brothers @ Nick's Fat City, 9:00 pm, \$10, 21+

concert: Ambrosia @ Rex Theatre, 8:00 pm, \$25, 21+

concert: The Suicide Machines @ The World, 7:00 pm, \$12

Sunday, September 26

movie: Mean Girls. McConomy. 8, 10, 12. \$1

event: Furious masturbating. Your room. After Mean Girls. Cost: your dignity.

concert: RJD2, Diplo, Rob Sonic @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre

Monday, September 27

concert: Daedelus, Her Space Holiday, Neotropic, Octavius @ The Eye

Tuesday, September 28

lecture: Robert Bryan. PH 100. Time TBD. Free.

concert: Matt Wertz @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$8, 21+

concert: Nonpoint, Dry Kill Logic, Skindred @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$12

concert: UFO @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$18, 21+

Wednesday, September 29

concert: Carbon Leaf @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$10

concert: Kill Hannah, Seymour Glass @ Nick's Fat City, 8:30 pm, \$10

concert: Days Away, Lovedrug @ The World, 7:00 pm, \$10

Upcoming AB Events

Political Speakers Lecture:

Lawyer Rober Bryan Tuesday 9/29

Coffeehouse Concert:

Ben Lee, Pony Up Friday, 9/24
Highlander, Doors 7pm. \$5 CMU/\$10 non

and...

GEEK WEEK 2004

(all times TBD)

9/26: Legos, UC Kirr Commons

9/27: Video Game Tournament Porter Hall A18s

9/28: NERF Wars, Donner Ditch

9/28: Finger Painting, UC Wean Commons

9/29: Board Games, UC Dowd Room

9/29: Dodge Ball, Donner Ditch

9/30: Geek Movie Marathon, PH 100

10/1: Toby Radloff (Genuine Nerd), PH 100

10/2: Geek Olympics Picnic, Donner Ditch

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