



## Mexican Independence Celebration

By Leiana Naholowaa  
PRIDE EDITOR

"El Grito de Dolores!"

The cry for democracy and independence was commemorated on campus Thursday, September 16, during noon hour in front of the Dome. Alongside ASI's cookout and players strategizing over a game of chess, Ballet Folklórico Mixtlan and M.E.Ch.A (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán) provided music, regional dances of Mexico, and poetry to a cheery and relaxed audience of students, faculty and staff.

Members of Ballet Folklórico, a group which began at CSU San Marcos in 1998, are often seen practicing outside the third floor of Craven Hall. The white dance costumes reflect the styles of the tropical Veracruz region of Mexico. It is a region whose beat is said to

resemble the waves of the ocean. Colorful dresses with bright ribbons worn by other dancers identify dancers of the Jalisco region whose musical accompaniment is the Mariachi.

The "Jarabe Tapatio" was performed by students Victor Vasquez and Lili Rodriguez, a duo on and off stage. Widely known as the National Dance of Mexico, the "Jarabe Tapatio" was originally influenced by Asian culture about 300 years ago. "La Negra," an all-women dance, showed off the beauty of costume, spirit, and movement found within so many other aspects of Mexican culture.

Jose Servin, the group's dance instructor from Mexico City, has been dancing now for six years. Servin spoke of such instruments as the harp,

"Jarana," the guitar-like "Requinto Jarocho" from the Jalisco region and described the culture of the rural Tixla-Guerrero region.

Mexican Independence Day signifies a continuous call to overcome struggle. Three centuries of Spanish rule, 1521-1821, would not have ended if it had not been for many great Mexican figures including Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla. The "founding father" of the Mexican independence cause, Hidalgo rallied the Mexican people in the town of Dolores in 1810. Himself a "Criollo" (Spaniard born in Mexico), Hidalgo was decapitated by the "Gachupines," the ruling Spaniards born in Spain. Hidalgo's famous speech "El Grito de Dolores" is recreated every year on the night before



Mexican-American Celebration of Mexican Culture

Mexican Independence Day by the President of Mexico. What began in 1810 would continue for eleven more years of fighting across not just Mexico but the whole of Latin America.

How do students keep a connection with Mexican culture? Sonia Gutierrez, a CSUSM alumna, described these kinds of events as

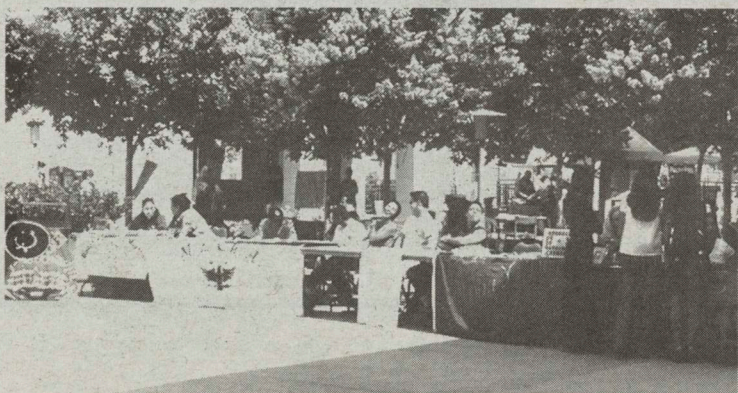
intended "to continue an education and motivate students. They educate the community about the Mexican tradition through art and dancing." Leticia Luna, M.E.Ch.A's president, knows where the group's interests lie. "We must represent the interests of our people and go out and work with the community."

## Inter-Club Council Kicks Off

By Trevor Knudsen  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

The Inter-Club Council (ICC) held its first meeting on Friday, September 10. At the meeting, Dean Manship, the new ICC chairman, said that the primary purpose of the ICC is to improve campus life. After introductions, the bulk of the meeting involved deciding the policy details of approving funding for club-sponsored events. Since the student fee referendum passed, the ICC now has a budget from Associated Students Inc. (ASI) of \$50,000 to fund club-

sponsored events. With this budget increase, the ICC now has more potential to support clubs, provide entertainment and services for students, and help create more student involvement on campus. Beyond simply funding club events, the Inter-Club Council is also a forum for clubs to work together and exchange ideas. It meets every other Friday at 1:30 in Commons 206 to discuss new ideas, take care of ICC administration, and approve event funding.



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## First Annual Child Trot Fest

On September 25, 1999, the Associated Students Incorporated of California State University, San Marcos will be having "The First Annual Child Trot Fest".

The event will begin at 9:00 am and will continue through 12 noon. Participating children range from two through five years of age. These children and their parents will face the challenge of walking as many laps around the Olympic University Track as possible.

The funds raised will provide financial support for needed classroom equipment, classroom supplies and playground equipment for the ASI Early Learning Center.

The Associated Students, Inc., California State University, San Marcos, Early Learning Center (ASI Early Learning Center) is a non-profit child development center serving 100 families (primarily university student

parents) with children ages two to five years of age. The mission of the ASI Early Learning Center is to provide an enriched educational program that promotes self-esteem and creativity as well as social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth through hands-on experience.

The ASI Early Learning Center is asking for contributors willing to sponsor a child to walk. Pledges begin at \$10 and the goal is to have each child raise \$100.00. Pledge forms are available in the ASI Service Window and the ASI CSUSM Early Learning Center.

The list of donors sponsoring the event include Aztec Shops, Fish House Vera Cruz, Home Town Buffet Pure Digital, San Diego Zoo, and Wild Animal Park.

Readers with questions should call Susana Gonzalez at (760) 750-6001.

## Gates Announces Major Scholarship Program

Last Thursday William H. Gates 3d and his wife, Melinda, announced a \$1 billion scholarship program for minority students. According to the *New York Times* "one of the largest philanthropic gifts ever made" will finance undergraduate and graduate study for thousands of African-American, Latino/a and Native American students.

The United Negro College Fund, together with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian College Fund will administer the Gates Millennium Scholarship Program. UNCF president William H. Gray 3d anticipates eventual "increases of 15 percent to 40 percent in the numbers of minorities who receive doctorates in mathematics, the sciences, engineering and education" as a result of the scholarships.

The scholarships will support at least 1,000 students a year over the next 20 years and correct the underrepresentation of key US populations in scientific and technological fields.



# Ask The Psyche Fairy

Dear Psyche Fairy,  
I am an older, single female student, who looks, feels, and acts younger than my age. People think I am at least 15 years younger than my age. Quite a few times, younger men have shown an interest in me. While this is very flattering, I am at a loss as to how to let them know I am almost old enough to be their mother. I do enjoy the friendship of both younger men and women—it keeps my thinking open and flexible.

Help Me, please!  
Sassy Senior

Hey Sassy, when you say some younger men “show an interest” what do you mean? Does he just look at you? Gaze into your eyes? Look up your dress? What?? Well, if someone is making a pass your first duty isn’t to tell them that you are old/older than them. You are victimizing yourself. You are looking at your age as if it is a big ol’ zit on your face and you want to apologize for it. If you are interested in the lad then go with it. Eventually, your age will become apparent. Going out with someone is not a life-sentence, puhleez. I’m not saying you should keep it a secret, just let this informa-

tion about yourself come up naturally in conversation. You are being too serious about it and frankly, your “problem” really isn’t one. You should just be glad people are hitting on you—I wish I could say the same, dammit.

Dear Psyche Fairy,

Today I was in the Media Center and by chance ran into this really cute girl. She was asking about the videos and was clearly a transfer student or a first-year student. Anyway, after that I left, and now I’m totally kicking myself for leaving without getting her name and number. What should I do?

Anonymous, age 19

Lust can be both wonderful and frustrating. First, I don’t know if you work at the Media Center, but it would not be appropriate to take her information without her consent. Second, why do you feel as if you are entitled to her name and number?

If you have any question or comments for the Psyche Fairy, please email them to [psychefairy@hotmail.com](mailto:psychefairy@hotmail.com)

After all, she might not want you to have this information. If this were a different school, I might say you lost your chance, but lucky you! You go to the small college of CSUSM where you bump into the same people every day. This is in your favor since you want to meet her. I am all for being open and honest with people so I recommend that you approach her nicely and tell her that you find her incredibly attractive. This first meeting is a careful dance where you have to judge how she responds to you. After you tell her that you fancy her, and assuming that she seems encouraging, explain to her that you are interested in getting to know her. Then take it from there. If she doesn’t seem too happy to hear your compliment, maybe you should just let it be at that. Yes, one could argue that she may be insecure about receiving compliments, but if this is the case, then that would be a bad time for a relationship [you wouldn’t want a ... with her???] anyway. This is always a tricky situation because you never know how to best initiate the contact, and it will be even trickier if you are a woman. I wish you luck and romance “19”.

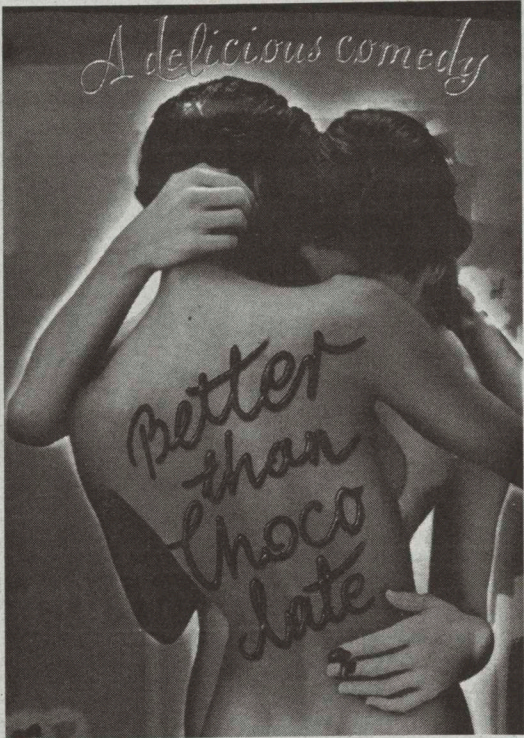
# Better Than Chocolate...

by Joni Miller  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

If by chance you seek films that march to a different drum, films that stretch your heart and your imagination, catch “Better Than Chocolate,” now playing at Hillcrest’s Landmark Theatre.

At first look, one might perceive Canadian Director Anne Wheeler’s offering as just another romantic comedy. Yet underneath the “girl meets girl” scenario of a “lesbian feature,” lie several sub-plots that provoke questions about tolerance and acceptance.

The main character, Maggi (Karyn Dwyer), has dropped out of law school to pursue a career as a writer. What better place to develop her prose than at “The 10% Bookstore,” an establishment catering to the 10 percent of the population who identify themselves as gay/bi/trans? It’s also a place her recently divorced, and incredibly naïve mother thinks is a discount bookstore. Maggie meets up with travelling artist Kim (Christina Cox), and the electricity between them ignites into a passionate explosion of canvas and body paint. Maggie’s new-found happiness is quickly altered when her mother, Lila (Wendy



Crewson), and younger brother Paul (Kevin Mundy), show up at her doorstep, needing a place to live. The plot weaves in a recently transgendered male to female character named Judy, portrayed beautifully by Canadian actor Peter Outerbridge. During Judy’s search for a place in the world, she befriends Maggie’s mother. Mix this up with a great musical soundtrack with artists like Sarah McLaughlin, Ani DiFranco, Bif Naked and Ferron, to name just a few, and you have a film that crosses the boundaries of current societal norms, revealing another side of life in

the 90’s. Despite the film’s conventional fairytale-like ending, it titillates with humor and wit, and the message breathes truth about love and acceptance in our popular culture.

The film crosses the boundaries of current norms, revealing another side of life in the 90’s. It presents the political and social consequences of moral choices. I highly recommend this film, it will stretch your belief systems.

The film is not rated, but for information purposes, it does contain some nudity, albeit with under superb direction and with discretion.

## DEAR EDITORS:

In response to the editorial by Evelyn Choroser in the September 13<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Pride*,

I’m a full-time student enrolled in 18 units a week and work forty hours on top of that. If anyone should be complaining about extra fees, I think it should be me. I choose to be a part of this campus and not create a

demarcation between night students and regular students as you suggest. Even though I do not always get a chance to use these services, I do not mind paying all the fees, such as Parking, Associated Students, Recreation Program, Health Facilities, IRA, Student Union, Student Recreation and Recreation fees. The \$93.00 you’re squabbling about helps with the growth of the school and lends support in ensuring the

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## DEAR EDITORS:

I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of Barbara Pender. Barb and I were both members of CSUSM’s first graduating class. I believe I can speak for the entire class, our CSUSM family of sorts, when I say that we have lost one of our brightest stars. Barb ignited that first class with her relentless enthusiasm and campus pride, making her a memorable presence. Barb and I also worked together at the Academic Math and Science summer camp, where her ability to lovingly control, guide and teach a sea of energetic middle schoolers remained a constant source of amazement and inspiration for me. I learned much about life from Barb. She will be greatly missed.

-- Robin Keehn

## DEAR EDITORS:

“It’s rude to stare.” That is by far my favorite bumper sticker, and coincidentally that’s the one bumper sticker on the back of my wheelchair that I get the most comments about. It’s much more than a statement of “Don’t stare at me just because you think I look funny to you”; it’s more of a humorous way to get people to

talk to me. If you see someone in a wheelchair or with some sort of limitation, do not be afraid to talk to them.

Speaking on behalf of most of the disabled people on this campus, I would rather have someone ask me what happened than to have them just staring at my chair. We are human, too. We also “walk” to class, “run” around when we’re late, and have a great sense of

humor. We’re the exact same as you are. So when you see someone pushing themselves up a steep hill, or someone patiently waiting outside the door because it’s too heavy, lend a helping hand. Sometimes we may say “no” because we’re stubborn, but knowing there are friendly people on this campus means more than people can ever imagine.

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# Re-entry Reality

## Emergency Contact Information

By Gail Skennion  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

All students who are concerned about a family member reaching them while on campus in case of an emergency please take note of the following helpful information: If a family member needs to reach you while you are in class, please instruct them to call (760) 750-4567. The dispatcher is available 24/7 and he/she will decide what is an emergency. Lt. Glen of the campus police has

stressed the importance of using this number only in the case of a legitimate emergency such as injury, fire, or other such life-threatening situations in which a family member off campus needs to be able to reach a student. Calling the number to ask a student to "stop off after class and get milk" is NOT an emergency!! Please instruct family members accordingly.

## Single Dads

By Giovanni Ferrer  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Students who juggle full-time employment with full or part-time education know how difficult time management can be. It's even harder when you add a child into the mix. Those who mix work, school and parenting have little time to study, and long workdays can become burdensome. The time you have to spend with your child shrinks if you aren't careful, especially if your child does not live with you full time. What can a father do to perform well in school and at work, without losing quality time with his children?

I have a daughter who is ten months old. Her mother and I split up before she was born. Fortunately, visitation time with my daughter was arranged without going through the court system. We have an agreement that

is flexible and works for us both. But I have found that it is difficult shuffling school and work to accommodate the little time I have to spend with my daughter.

I know that I am not the only father on campus in this situation. This is the reason why I want to try and reach out to the male students on campus who share the same experience. I want to let you guys out there know that you are not alone. I would like to get together with other single fathers and organize a group where we could help each other make our education and parenting experiences run smoothly.

Email: [ferre008@csusm.edu](mailto:ferre008@csusm.edu)

## Alternate Routes – Temecula

By Gail Skennion  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Students coming from Temecula may be interested in alternate routes to the campus: Several may be considered by those wanting to avoid the traffic on 78W or to go around an accident scene. (There is no guarantee that any of the alternate routes are better during peak traffic times in the morning.)

1.Traveling south on 15, exit at Deer Springs Rd. Turn right on what becomes Twin Oaks, and head straight to the campus on Twin Oaks.

2.Traveling south on 15, exit El Norte Pkwy and go right (which is West). Take El Norte to Woodland and turn left, going south until you get to Barham, then turn right and follow it to the campus which is on the left side of Barham.

3. Traveling south on 15, exit at El Norte Pkwy going West, and make a left when you come to Nordahl. Take Nordahl to Mission Rd. and turn right. Proceed to Barham and turn left.

## Shuttling Around Campus

By Cindy Tagliapietra  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER



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Late for class and stuck parking near Escondido? Relax. CSUSM has a shuttle available to get you to class on time, compliments of Parking Services. It seems everyone knows about the shuttle but no one knows the hours of operation or where it stops.

Robert Williams from Parking Services informs *The Pride* that the shuttle makes its rounds from Craven Circle, to Student Parking Lot B, to Student Parking Lot N, (Chavez Circle) and to VPAA (Visual & Performing Arts Annex) every 15 minutes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. These times can vary according to ridership and traffic.

Mr. Williams said that if students have any suggestions for

improvement of the shuttle service, there are suggestion forms available at the Parking Service Office, FCB 107; (760) 750-7500.

What should evening students do for shuttle service? There is an escort service available through Public Safety. Pick up any silver phone on campus and dial extension 4567.

## Stock Your Car...

Paul Blanchard  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Disasters strike at any time and at any place, don't be left unprepared. We all know that earthquakes, car accidents, or even a dead car battery can occur at the most inopportune time, but you can take action to prevent injury and embarrassment. There are a few items that you should have with you during your commute. The following items are recommended by American Red Cross:

- First aid kit
- First aid book
- Flashlight, matches
- Paper, pencil, driver's license, insurance information and car registration
- Battery powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Prescription medications
- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Food (must not require refrigeration or cooking)
- Protective clothing and sturdy shoes
- Blanket
- Cash (ATMs may not work in a disaster)
- Map of the area
- Utility knife
- Compass
- Flares
- Jumper cables
- Shovel
- Backpack
- Tire pump
- Fire extinguisher
- Cellular phone

I know this is a ridiculously long list, however, I know you can fit all of these items in a medium-sized container from Target. Remember, preparedness is key. For more information, contact the American Red Cross or check the public library.

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Four Noontime Concerts This Week

Free noontime concerts at the Dome Stage will take place from Monday through Thursday of this week. The performances are part of CSUSM's Fall '99 Arts & Lectures Series, which continues through December with a variety of performances, films, and speakers. The series is dedicated to the memory of Donald Funes, founding member of the Visual and Performing Arts program at CSUSM. For non-students, parking costs 50 cents for every half-hour or three dollars for an entire day. Additional information is available by telephoning (760) 750-4366.

The performances are as follows:

**Monday, September 20** — Sankofa  
Dr. Komla Amoaku returns from Ghana to perform with his Afro-jazz band in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CSUSM.

**Tuesday, September 21** — Peter Sprague & Kevyn Lettau  
Jazz superstars reunite for a rare concert.

**Wednesday, September 22** — Los Alacranew  
San Diego's best-known contemporary Chicano folklore band.

**Thursday, September 23** — Tomcat Courtney & The Blues  
Dusters  
Texas-style blues featuring San Diego's blues legend.

College Success Workshops Series

**Tuesday, Sept. 21**  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Craven 4201  
"Getting Involved on Campus"  
Description: What can I do at CSUSM in addition to going to class? How can I get involved? CSUSM has ample opportunities for you to reach your potential. Come and learn about the many opportunities available to you here.  
Presenter: Frank Fravel, Program Assistant, Housing & Residential Education and Walleed Delawari, ASI President

**Wednesday, Sept. 22**  
11:00am - Noon  
Craven 4201  
"Assertiveness"  
Description: This workshop will cover the difference among aggressive, passive and assertive. Participants will gain skills on how to be assertive while maintaining positive relationships.  
Presenter: Dr. Kara Korhner, Psychological and Learning Disabilities Specialist

**Thursday, Sept. 23**  
3:00pm - 4:00pm  
ACD 410  
"Using Support in Academic Essays"  
Description: What constitutes support in an academic essay? Should you use direct quotes, summarize, paraphrase? What about statistics? Are numbers better than words? This workshop introduces you to AXES and suggests how you can craft especially strong paragraphs within larger essays.  
Presenter: Dara Perales, GEW Instructor

Your Heath and Hepatitis C

By Laura Hopkins, RN  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Fatigue. Nausea. Muscle aches. Sounds like the flu, but these symptoms can be an indication of a potentially fatal virus known as Hepatitis C.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that nearly 4 million Americans are infected with the virus, and about 30,000 new infections occur every year. The San Diego County Department of Health reported 1,936 cases in 1998. The growing number of cases makes Hepatitis C "a grave threat to our public health," according to former US Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop.

Hepatitis C is spread by contact with virus-infected blood. Many Hepatitis C infections are the result of blood transfusions given before 1989 (before the virus could be easily detected in the blood), but Hepatitis C can also be spread by contaminated needles, tattooing and body piercing instruments, drug-snorting devices, and, less commonly, by unprotected sex. Approximately 40% of all Hepatitis C infections are spread by unknown causes.

Cyndi, a 46-year-old San Diego resident, thought she had the "flu" 6 years ago, and became concerned when after 3 weeks the nausea and muscle aches persisted. Her doctor ordered blood tests and informed her that the test that measures liver enzyme levels (ALT, produced when liver cells are damaged) was elevated. She was instructed to return at a later date to repeat the blood test. Cyndi's symptoms did subside, as is usual for those infected with Hepatitis C, but repeat blood tests revealed persistently elevated liver enzymes. Her doctor then tested her for Hepatitis C.

Since her diagnosis of Hepatitis C, Cyndi occasionally experiences limited periods of nausea and body aches, while fatigue seems to occur more frequently. These symptoms are a reminder that the Hepatitis C

virus continues to attack her liver even when she feels well. This chronic infection over a period of many years can lead to significant scarring and damage to the liver ("cirrhosis"), liver failure, and, for a small percentage, cancer of the liver.

While Cyndi was prompted to seek medical attention for her flu-like symptoms, many do not have any symptoms. For this reason, the CDC recommends that you have a blood test for Hepatitis C if you: 1) Have been notified that you received blood from a donor who later tested positive for the disease. 2) Received a blood transfusion or organ transplant before July of 1992. 3) Have ever injected illegal drugs, even if you experimented a few times many years ago. 4) Have had long-term kidney dialysis. 5) Received a blood product used to treat clotting problems before 1987. 6) Have evidence of liver disease (persistently abnormal ALT test). The CDC also recommends that if a diagnosis of Hepatitis C is made, you should see a specialist (gastroenterologist) for thorough testing.

There is no cure for Hepatitis C, but there are a few approved treatments that appear to reduce the amount of virus in your body. Those who feel they are at risk are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a health care provider at the Student Health Center, and, if indicated, blood tests can be performed for an additional fee.

Hepatitis C Information on the Web: Hepatitis Foundation International - [www.hepfi.org](http://www.hepfi.org); HCV Global Foundation - [www.hcvglobal.org](http://www.hcvglobal.org); Center For Disease Control - [www.cdc.gov/ncidid/diseases/hepatitis/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidid/diseases/hepatitis/index.htm).

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longevity of California State University.

Evelyn, you do have a choice in whether or not you pay these fees. You could go to The University of Phoenix or National University. These schools cater to your "type" (the part-time night student) and will give you the option of not paying all the fees you're complaining about. The big problem with these schools is that they will get you with the cost of each class. The fact is,

you are going to pay something extra no matter where you attend. Hey, just a thought. You could park your car down the street and avoid the parking fees.

You're not being penalized for being a night student; after all, you are still getting a cutting-edge education from a great institution. Just be grateful that the university is versatile enough to accommodate night students, a lot of schools will not. —Mark Zornes

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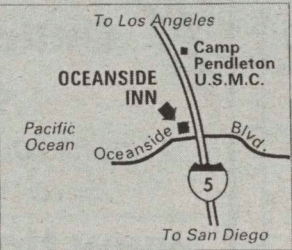
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