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Summertime's Gone, Fall Is On
By Rob Milliron

The past two months I have been staying with my grandparents in Sunnyside, Washington. Sunnyside is 200 miles east of here in the Yakima Valley which is a big farming area for fruit, cattle, dairy farms and asparagus. Even though it is not too far away, in some ways it is like a foreign country. The weather is hot (100 degrees) and dry. Most people are farmers or in a business related to agriculture. The kids are into country music, pick-up trucks and horses. Quite a change from boogie boarding and rollerblading. The biggest difference is that Sunnyside is 54% Hispanic so the Mexican culture has a big influence on the community.

There are lots of Mexican restaurants with real Mexican food and there are outdoor taco stands on every corner. All the signs are in Spanish and English. Some of the stores are all in Spanish. You can buy all kinds of chilis, Mexican spices and herbal medicines even in Safeway. There are also lots of Mexican arts and crafts, Spanish video stores and dances every weekend with Mexican music. The schools have bi-lingual teachers and they celebrate all the Mexican

holidays as well as the American ones. It's a very different place from Cannon Beach and I love spending my summer there. The only bad thing is there is lots of violence and crime there. My grandma had her car stolen from the library in broad daylight.


I had to find new things to do there since I couldn't hang out in town and bug the tourists. I built a set of speakers with my uncle, worked for my grandpa on his farm, and I took up cooking. My grandpa does most of the cooking, he bakes pies and makes and cans jam. I got to cook dinner quite often and made seafood fettucini for 15 people. We had lots of company all summer so there was always a houseful to cook for and I learned a lot. There was time for movies and I saw most of the summer hits. Here is my opinion on what's hot and what's not.

"Judge Dredd" was a good action movie with a few minor imperfections. The movie has some serious points and some funny points too. Stallone had most of the serious acting and his co-star Rob Schneider adds the comic relief to this motion picture. This movie takes place in the future after North America has been turned to mostly desert and all that's left are two mega cities. Mega City One in the area of New York and Mega City Two in the LA area. In the future the law system has Lawmen as judge, jury and executioner.

"Waterworld" has been labeled as the most expensive movie of all time. It is a good movie yet there is a lot of violence. I saw it with my uncle, aunt and their kids, one six and one thirteen. My aunt said after the movie that she felt she was watching a junkyard the whole movie. She said that because the costumes were made from fishnets and stuff. This movie also takes place in the future. It has a different perspective on the future; the polar icecaps have melted leaving the earth covered in water. Dry land is said to be a myth. One little girl has a map tattooed on her back showing how to get to dry land. The bad guys in this movie are the Smokers, because of their habit of smoking cigarettes. The Smokers want the girl for the map and Kevin Costner's character has to get her back.

"Clueless" is a teenage movie that takes place in LA. It is about a girl named Cher who is the most popular girl in school but is a total airhead. A new girl comes to school and it is Cher's quest to make the girl popular. Alicia Silverstone plays Cher. Alicia has been in Aerosmith videos such as "Cryin'", "Crazy" and "Amazing". She has also been in the movie "The Crush". This movie takes all the basic rich teen stereotypes and makes a movie out of them. They have cars, phones and credit cards. It was a realistic movie that teenagers will like.


Summer is over and it's time for back to school. Fall is also the best time for living at the beach -- tourists go home but the beach stays here. Go out and enjoy all the things we can't do in the summer like walk on the beach, sit on Osburn's porch with a hot fudge sundae or skate at the park without 10 million people bugging you. See you next month.



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