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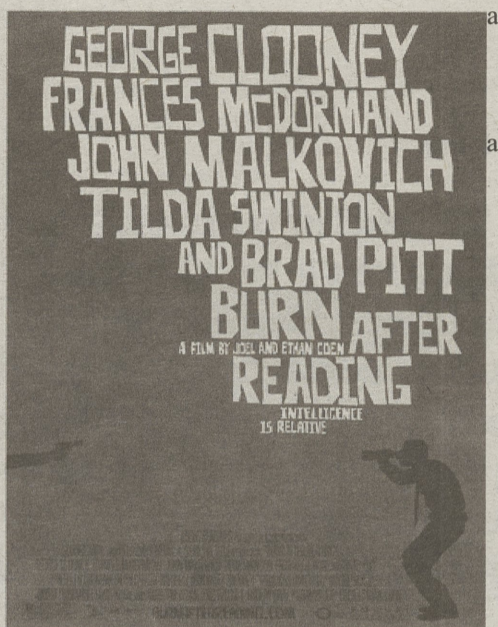
Movie Review: Burn After Reading

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Burn After Reading is dark spy comedy written by the Academy Award winning Coen Brothers.

The story follows downgraded CIA agent named Osbourne Cox (John Malkovich) who attempts to record the memoirs of his work on a disc that is recovered by two gym employees (Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand). Mistaking it for confidential documents they attempt to blackmail Mr. Cox and soon begin to realize that they are in way over their heads. Add Harry Pfarrer (George Clooney) sex fiend who is having an affair with Cox's wife (Tilda Swinton) and you get a hilariously outrageous cinematic experience that contains both blatantly obvious and crudely subtle humor encompassing its reels.

The characters are all revealingly flawed and almost ignorant in their quest for self-satisfaction that leads to an almost impossible-to-predict conclusion that will be sure to leave you asking for more. *Burn After Reading* proves that sometimes appearances aren't deceptive. Take two great directors, award-winning actors and a promising script and you get this gem of a movie.



Coen Brothers' Burning After Reading

(photo courtesy of Working Title Films)

FALL TV PREVIEW

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Autumn is the time of year when the leaves change colors, the temperature begins to drop, and, most importantly, the time of year when TV is at its best. With summer TV consisting of endless reality shows and reruns, fall couldn't have come fast enough. With a plethora of new shows, viewers are certainly in for a treat.

New to ABC this season is an American take on the British show *Life on Mars*, the story of a modern cop who finds himself back in the 1970's. The show saw much success in the UK and little seems to have been changed for its move to the States.

Returning this season are favorites like *Grey's Anatomy*, *Desperate Housewives*, and *Pushing Daisies* all of which have received Emmy nominations. CBS is keeping comedy in the forefront with *Gary Unmarried* and *Worst Week*, another American reworking of a British sitcom. Also on CBS is reality favorite *Survivor* this time in Gabon, Africa. Returning sitcom *The Big Bang Theory* is sure to make a splash too - where else can one experience atomic physics used as punch lines? Sci-fi seems to be popular on FOX with the premieres of both *Fringe* and *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles* in the prime-

time lineup. House makes a return for another season with Hugh Laurie having just been nominated for an Emmy this year. Absent is FOX's ace in the hole *24* which has been delayed by the Writer's Guild of America strike last year. NBC brings viewers a re-imagining of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic in their new drama *Crusoe*. The *Office* and *30 Rock* also return to the lineup along with a new season of *My Name is Earl*. This September marks the triumphant return of *Heroes* which was also disrupted by the WGA strike after only eleven out of twenty four planned episodes aired in the second season.

Cable TV is sizzling with new programming as well. HBO brings the much anticipated Comic-Con favorite *True Blood* to viewers this fall. Seemingly endless streams of viral marketing websites and advertisements have set expectations high for this adaptation of Charlaine Harris' *Sookie Stackhouse* book series. Starz, a network not well known for its original programming, has reworked the Oscar winning film *Crash* into a new primetime series starring Dennis Hopper. Showtime is returning with its critically acclaimed hit *Dexter* starring Emmy award nominee Michael C. Hall reprising his title role.

All in all, things look good for this season's new lineup. So enjoy the changing leaves and the cool temperatures, but remember to watch some TV this fall!

Restaurant Review: Sprazzo's Cafe

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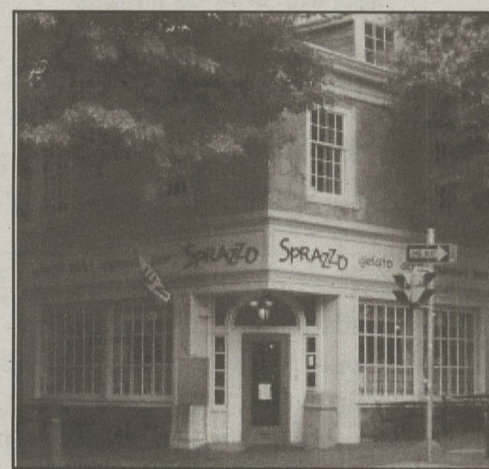
Every once in a while you might feel like a taking little get away trip; to the fashionable runways of Paris, to go skiing on the Alps of Switzerland, or maybe even to the street cafés of Rome. When one visits Italy, you are immediately drawn to the street cafés that invite you in to have a dessert and a coffee. If you are a little strapped for cash, just head on over to Sprazzo instead. Despite the fact that one may not be in Italy itself, you still get that same invitation from Sprazzo. Located in downtown, historic West Chester, Sprazzo on N. High Street dribbles out the aromas of espressos, cappuccinos, and lattes that fill the streets of West Chester, with a little of essence of Italy.

A small bistro impression tempts you to relax on the upper level of Sprazzo, and offers customers free wireless internet access. However if you get a little lonely on your trip, feel free to invite family or even friends with you to Sprazzo. With treats of delectable gelatos, ice cream, cannolis, biscotti's, rustic sandwiches, soups, and traditional Italian beverages everyone will surely find something that tingles their taste buds. Although the food alone might not tingle your senses, it does come with complementary live music on Friday evenings along with Open Mic Night

on Tuesdays. In addition to having features on Fridays as well as Tuesdays, this quaint little café does not lack space and is also available for private parties and other special events.

At Sprazzo people of all stature can come and take pleasure in the simplicities of Italy. This is the Sprazzo experience-- so dolce (sweet)!

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Sprazzo's Cafe (photo by Elaine Presto)

Concert Review: Nine Inch Nails

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In the world of music, there are few artists who are willing to spend money to give their live shows a higher level of enjoyment and visuals. However there might be no greater show out there than one by Nine Inch Nails.

The August 29th show at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia was hyped to be one of the best of the tour by some fans, particularly due to Pennsylvania being the home state of front man Trent Reznor. Having not toured the states for some time, there've been three new albums that have yet to be per-

formed live.

The show is quite an experience. Three large screens, two of which are vertically mobile, moved in sync with each song in the set list, some of which included "Closer", "Wish", and "Hurt". Artwork from instrumental album "Ghosts I-IV" displayed during an instrumental segment, and other effects included rain clearing out partway through a given song, revealing the band hidden away behind the storm.

It is hard to describe the experience. Words, photos and video do not do justice. If one isn't a fan, they should look into seeing a live performance. The price of admission, even for the visuals, is worth every penny.

Celebrity Gossip

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Detailed, juicy, and straight to the point. Gossip is the main dish of the day.

Pop princess Brittany Spears looked great, as she kicked off this year's VMA's with a collaborated performance with Jonah Hill. Compared to last year's performance, Spears may have redeemed herself. Spears also took home three VMA's. According to the "Los Angeles Times," Spears will be releasing a new album titled "Circus" the second of December.

Another Spears making headlines is Jamie-Lynn. Jamie-Lynn, 17, former star of *Zoey 101*, and fiancé Casey Aldridge, 19, are going through a custody battle of their own. According to *Star Magazine*, not only is Casey intending to win custody of Maddie Briann, their three month old daughter, he's going after Jamie-Lynn's millions too.

"The Hills" star Lauren Conrad is coming out with a new book. According to *Star Magazine*, the book is a fictional tale of her life as a reality star. Aside from her book, Conrad also has a clothing line self-titled "The Lauren Conrad Collection" and was recently named the new Avon spokesperson.

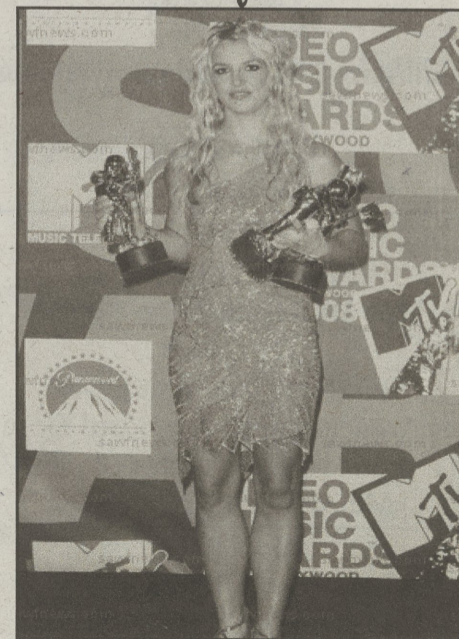


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Britney Spears at the VMAs

"The Simple life" starlet Nicole Richie may have split with fiancé Joel Madden. According to *Star Magazine*, Richie and Madden were reportedly fighting over everything from marriage to Richie's anticipation of moving. Richie and Madden welcomed a baby girl in January of this year.