

DIVERECOMMENDS.....

Album from the Vaults:

Elvis Costello, *My Aim Is True*: Now that your working week is near its end, grab a cold one and bitch along with Elvis about how much life sucks. The band became the backbone of Huey Lewis's News backs Costello with the perfect blend of '70s pop and punk rock.

Movie from the Vaults:

"Office Space": If after Elvis you realize how much you hate your job, this movie might make you feel better. Because if you hate work as much as Ron Livingston in this flick then you might just want to quit.

Something Random:

Quit your job. Who needs cash? And even if you do, you'll have plenty of time to go out and beg for some money.

Events:

THURSDAY

Silver Jews

Cats's Cradle | David Berman lays his rambling poems over aggressive strumming. The man really is a lyrical genius, occasionally even approaching perfection. 9:30 p.m. \$12

FRIDAY

Lost In The Trees

Cat's Cradle | The Lost In The Trees celebrate the release of the first full album of its heart-broken chamber pop with a shindig at the Cradle. Delightful folk trio Midtown Dickens open. 8 p.m. FREE

Portastatic

Local 506 | Mac McCaughan brings the lo-fi wit of his Superchunk side-project Portastatic to the 506

to celebrate the release of *Some Small History*. Hard-hitting bubble-gum rockers, Violet Vector and the Lovely Lovelies open. 10 p.m. \$10

SATURDAY

The Moaners

Local 506 | Dark, slinky Chapel Hill blues duo The Moaners headline a show that also includes the psychedelic country of Filthybird. The combination should prove for a wild trip down an off-beat path of Americana. 10 p.m. \$8

Frequenc Records Night

Nightlight | Ten local DJs take over the Nightlight for a free dance party complete with fog lights and videos. Should be a great spot if you're looking to show off your moves. 10 p.m. FREE

Taco trucks provide spice

Give more options for nightly dining

BY RACHAEL OEHRING

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You might have spotted those trucks sitting in the parking lots of Cliff's Meat Market or Fitch's Lumber at midnight on a Saturday as you were stumbling home from a hard night's hula hooping at Weaver Street Market.

You wouldn't be alone if you often scratched your head wondering exactly what they were doing there.

These are the *loncheras*, or taco trucks, that have become ubiquitous in the Triangle area, and most recently Carrboro, as the Hispanic population has grown and immigrants are looking for a taste of home.

These tacos are nothing like the soggy-shelled, lettuce-and-dog-food-filled abominations found at Taco Bell. These are authentic Mexican tacos.

Small soft corn tortillas enclose myriad meats, from spicy roasted pork and carne asada steak to more bizarre offerings such as cow stomach and tongue; the perfect anti-

dote to a stomach full of beer.

"Tolo" Martinez, 30, is the owner of the taco truck that parks at Cliff's Meat Market on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Martinez had been working at Cliff's Meat Market on West Main Street in Carrboro for 11 years when he decided to buy a taco truck to make some extra money.

Two years later, his truck is one of three that stake out in parking lots and sell tacos to Carrboro's night owls on various evenings throughout the week.

Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff's Meat Market and Tolo's boss of 13 years, gave permission for the taco truck to sit in his parking lot because he knew it would help a valued employee.

"I said, 'I don't know of a better place to put it,'" Collins says. "You can make a little money on the side and help feed your family."

Despite many fans throughout Carrboro, there have been issues with the trucks, including a zoning

incident earlier this year.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton says that after an anonymous complaint about the zoning of the taco trucks, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was forced to change the zoning laws for mobile food vendors.

They eventually settled on a series of permits that allows the trucks in parking lots, a permit that all of the trucks now hold, according to Collins.

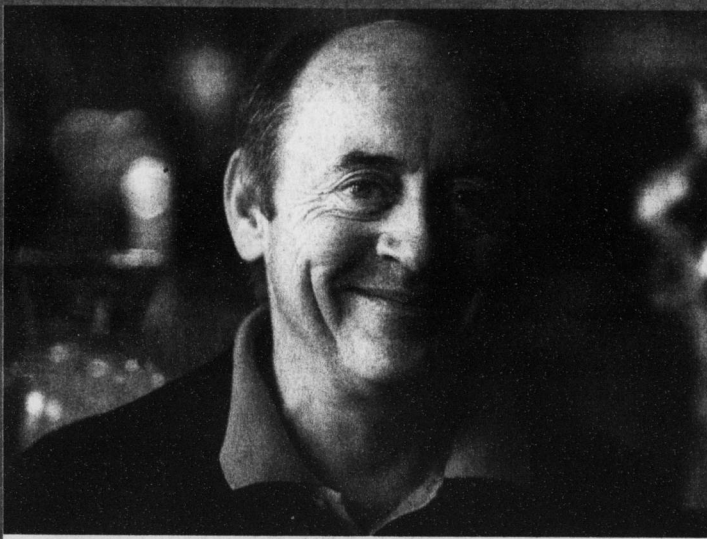
Collins thinks that the trucks only add to the culture and liveliness of downtown Carrboro.

"Carrboro is jumping more now," Collins says. "At 7 or 8 o'clock when it started getting dark, it started shutting down. It's good to have a taco stand at 11 at night when people are still walking."

Even Chilton enjoys patronizing the taco stands late on weekend nights.

"I just actually went to one on Saturday night. I'm a chicken taco man."

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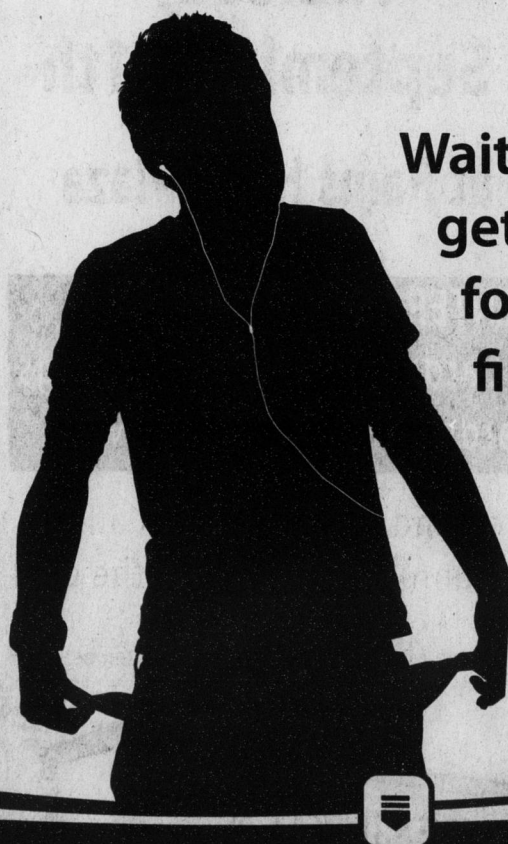
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