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FILM cont.—

film "Amigos" is an immigrant's tale. Cuban refugee Ramon's high hopes for a new life are shattered when he reaches Florida, struggling for acceptance in a country polarized by immigration. In Spanish with English subtitles. 4:10 p.m. Miami Dade College Tower Theater, 1508 SW Eighth St., Miami. \$6. Details: (305) 643-8706 or www.mdc.edu/culture/ tower.htm.

DANGEROUS GAME

In the 1959 film "La Loi" ("The Law,") a gorgeous housekeeper, admired by many, plots to secure a dowry to marry her love, the poor Enrico. The conniving seductress cons the men of the small Mediterranean town by beating them at their own drinking game. 6:40 p.m. Miami Dade College Tower Theater, 1508 SW Eighth St., Miami. \$6. Details: (305) 643-8706 or www.mdc.edu/culture/ tower.htm.

A NEW PHOENIX

The directorial debut of Oscarnominated actor Casey Affleck, "I'm Still Here," a fictional tale portrayed as a documentary, follows a poignant year in actor Joaquin Phoenix's life as he announces his retirement from acting, looking to reinvent himself as a hip hop star. 7 p.m. Miami Dade College Tower Theater, 1508 SW Eighth St., Miami. \$6. Details: (305) 643-8706 or www.mdc.edu/ culture/tower.htm.

ILLNESS OF FEAR

Although Peru's war of terrorism has ended. Fausta cannot shake the memories in "The Milk of Sorrow." She suffers from an illness transmitted through the milk of mother's who were victimized during the war. After her mother's sudden death, Fausta must face the secret inside her. 9:15 p.m. Miami Dade College Tower Theater, 1508 SW Eighth St., Miami. \$6. Details: (305) 643-8706 or www.mdc.edu/culture/tower.htm.

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Thursday 9/23 PUCCINI PARTY

The Center for Emerging Arts' cnamber ensemble performs excerpts from Puccini operas "La Boheme" and "Madame Butterfly," paired with a themed dinner and wine and cheese reception. 6:30 p.m. The Mutiny Hotel, 2951 S Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove. \$45. RSVP required. Details: (305) 774-0404 or jean@mutinyhotel.com www.coconutgrovechamber.com.

URBAN SYMPHONY

The creators of "Stomp" present "PANDEMONIUM: The Lost and Found Orchestra." The urban-symphonic show features 26 multi-talented performers and an all-local choir. Times vary. Ends Sept. 26. Sanford and Dolores Ziff Ballet Opera House at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. \$55-\$75. Details: (305) 949-6722 or www.arshtcenter.org.

Friday 9/24 **GUITARS ON FIRE**

The Dirk Quinn Band performs during this installment of the Museum of Contemporary Art's Jazz at MOCA outdoor concert series. Mr. Quinn's acoustic sound has been called guitar "pyrotechnics." The band's style ranges from urban funk to edgy experimentation. In addition, the museum will be open until 10 p.m. by donation. 8 p.m. Museum of Contemporary Art, 770 NE 125th St., North Miami. Free. Details: (305) 893-6211 or www.mocanomi.org.

DOUBLE FEATURE

The Miami Jazz Society presents two free concerts. Yvonne Brown Band with Jesse Jones Jr. performs from 7-8 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m. Next, Sammy Figueroa and his band Sally's Tomato perform "A Tribute to the Music of Cal Tjader" at 10-11 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Miami Tower, 100 SE Second St., Sky Lounge or Sky Terrace, Miami. Free. Details: (305)423-4920 miamijazzsociety@gmail.com or www.miamijazzsociety.com.

Ricky Williams and Shantel Baker perform jazz numbers at La Bottega restaurant in Coconut Grove. Dinner menu, wine list and bar service available during performances. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. La Bottega, 3540 Main Highway, Coconut Grove. La Cava Club members free. Others \$30. Details: (305) 441-0219

www.coconutgrovechamber.com.

Friday 9/25 BOLD BRASS

Florida International University School of Music presents a faculty recital with trombonist Anthony McFarlane. 7:30 p.m. Florida International University's Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall, 10910 SW 17th St., Tamiami. \$5 students. \$10 faculty, staff and seniors. \$15 others. Details: www2.fiu.edu/~music/index.htm.

Sunday 9/26 FAMILY DAY

Enjoy music, a discussion, food and a dance party at Miami Jazz Society's Family Day. 1-6 p.m. Miami Tower, 100 SE Second St., Miami. Free. Details: (305) 423-4920 or miamijazzsociety@gmail.com or www.miamijazzsociety.com.

Monday 9/27

Hip-shaking Latin songstress Shakira performs in Miami. Sept. 27. American Airlines Arena, 601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. \$9.50 and up. Details: www.shakira.com.

Thursday 9/30 STUDENT RECITAL

Graduate fellowship students from the Florida International University School of Music perform a free concert. 7:30 p.m. Florida International University's Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall, 10910 SW 17th St., Tamiami. Free. Details: www2.fiu.edu/~music/index.htm

INTENSE IMPROV

Neo-Hippie jam band Widespread Panic, known for its jazzand blues-infused rock style and loval grassroots following, performs in Miami Beach. 8 p.m. Sept. 30. The Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theater, 1700 Washington Ave., Miami Beach. \$39.50. Details: (800) 745-3000

This is a calendar of selected events in Greater Miami for the week beginning Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010. Information must be received in writing two weeks before the event. Include costs, details, relevant phone numbers and photos if possible. Send to:

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OUTDOORS

Saturday 9/25 NATURAL HISTORY

Explore North Miami's Greynolds Park, Miami-Dade County's second-oldest park, with a naturalist guide describing the area's flora, fauna and history. 9 a.m. Greynolds Park, 17530 W Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach. \$3. Reservations recommended. Details: (305) 949-1741 or www.miamidade.gov/parks/ parks/greynolds.asp.

KAYAK THE KEY

Happen upon great blue herons, upside down jellyfish and spotted eagle rays by kayak on a guided tour of the forgotten natural side of Key Biscayne. 1:30-4 p.m. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. \$44. Details: (305) 365-3018 or www.miamidade.gov/parks.

CYCLE TOUR

Explore Key Biscayne on a threehour, 10-mile guided bicycle tour. Highlights include views of Stiltsville, white-sand beaches facing the open ocean, the remote lighthouse outpost, which is one of Miami-Dade County's oldest structures, and the quiet beauty of Biscayne Nature Center. 9:30 a.m. Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, 1200 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne. \$65. Details: (305) 774-9019 or mfries@dragonflyexpeditions.com www.dragonflyexpeditions.com.

Sunday 9/26 PADDLE THE GABLES

Take in The City Beautiful's memorable sites by water on a Historic Coral Gables Waterway Canoe Adventure. 9 a.m.-noon. A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72nd Ave.. Coral Terrace. \$33. Details: (305) 365-3018 or www.miamidade.gov/ parks.

WADING WONDERS

Catch an up-close glimpse of wading birds and other wildlife on a guided kayak exploration of the Oleta River and its mangrove-lined creeks. Included is an opportunity to visit an archeological site where Tequesta Indians lived more than 2,000 years ago. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. East Greynolds Northeast Regional Dog Park, 16700 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach. \$25. Details: 945-3425 www.miamidade.gov/parks/ greynolds.asp.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Thursday 9/23 CITY COMMISSION

The Miami City Commission hears regular and planning and zoning items. 9 a.m. Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, commission chambers, Coconut Grove. Details: www.miamigov.com.

COUNTY COMMISSION

The Miami-Dade County commission meets. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First St., second floor commission chambers, Miami. Details: (305) 375-1293 or www.miamidade.gov.

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MONSTER MASQUERADE

Zoo Miami holds a 21-and-up costume party. Features open bars, food, a 7,000-square-foot haunted house, dancing and a best costume contest. Proceeds benefit the Zoological Society of Florida. 8 p.m.-midnight. Oct. 23. 12400 SW 152nd St., Richmond Heights. \$50 in advance. \$65 on site. Details: www.miamimetrozoo.com.

HOPE GALA

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation holds its first Hope Gala, featuring live music, dinner, dancing and a Fund-A-Cure auction. Benefits diabetes research. 7 p.m. Nov. 20. Intercontinental Hotel Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami. \$180 per person. \$1,800 for table of ten. Details: (954) 565-4775 or ecarr@jdrf.org or www.jdrf.org/southflorida.

SPANISH SONGSTRESS

Singer Buika, who was born in Mallorca, Spain, and grew up singing with gypsies, performs as part of the 2010-2011 World Music & Dance Series. 8 p.m. Nov. 20. Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. \$30-\$65. Details:

www.arshtcenter.org.

LITERARY HEAVEN

The Miami Book Fair International returns for the 27th year. Among the 300 authors confirmed to attend are tennis player Venus Williams, singer/ songwriter Patti Smith, Sebastian Junger and more. Nov. 14-21. Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, 300 NE Second Ave., Miami. Details: www.miamibookfair.com.

GOLD ANNIVERSARY

Baptist Hospital celebrates its 50th anniversary with a Gold Anniversary Ball. 6:30 p.m. champagne reception and auction opening. 8 p.m.-midnight dinner and dancing. Baptist Hospital, Lakeside, 8900 N Kendall Drive, Kendall. \$750. Details: (786) 596-8954 or lorie@baptisthealth.net.

VIZCAYAN BALL

Enjoy fine cuisine, dancing and an auction at the 54th annual Vizcayan Ball benefiting Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. 7 p.m. Nov. 20. Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, 3251 S Miami Ave., Coconut Grove. \$600 and up. Details: (305) 856-4866 or david@vizcayans.org.

MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS

AESTHETIC MEDICINE

The American Academy of Aesthetic Medicine holds a meeting. About 45 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 26. Westin Colonnade, 180 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables. www.aaamed.org.

GET TOGETHER

Event management firm McCullough Moore holds a meeting. About 100 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 24. Conrad Miami, 1395 Brickell Ave. www.mcculloughmoore.co.uk.

LENS CARE

Bausch & Lomb holds a meeting. About 40 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 24. Fontainebleau Miami Beach, 4441 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Details: www.bausch.com.

SPORTS MEDICINE

The American College of Sports Medicine holds a meeting. About 490 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 25 Eden Roc, 4525 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Details: www.acsm.org.

BUSINESS CENTERS

The Office Business Center Association International holds a meeting. About 275 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 25. Biltmore Hotel. 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. Details: www.obcai.com.

HEARING AID

Hearing-technology manufacturer Phonak holds a meeting. About 170

attendees expected. Ends Sept. 25. Fontainebleau Miami Beach, 4441 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Details: www.phonak.com.

CHRISTIAN GATHERING

The South Florida Church of Christ holds a convention. About 2,500 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 26. Hyatt Regency Miami, 400 SE Second Ave., www.southfloridachurch.org.

BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Activant holds a meeting. About 80 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 28. The Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne, 455 Grand Bay Drive, Key Biscayne. Details: www.activant.com.

ENGLISH TEACHERS

Sunshine State TESOL of Florida holds a meeting. About 400 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 25. Marriott Biscayne Bay, 1633 N Bayshore Drive, Miami. Details: www.sstesol.org.

ROAD SPORTS

US Road Sports & Entertainment Group holds a meeting. About 75 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 27. Hilton Miami Downtown, 1601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Details: www.usroadsports.com.

CIO GROUP

The National Association of State Chief Information Officers holds a meeting. About 450 attendees expected. Ends Sept. 30. Fontainebleau Miami Beach. 4441 Collins Ave., Miami Beach. Details: www.nascio.org.

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BUDGET HEARING

Miami-Dade County holds its second budget hearing. 5-11:30 p.m. Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First St., second floor commission chambers, Miami. Details: www.miamigov.com.

Monday 9/27 CITY COMMISSION

The Miami City Commission holds a special commission meeting. 4 p.m. Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, commission chambers, Coco-Grove. Details: nut www.miamigov.com.

BUDGET HEARING

The City of Miami holds its hearing for the fiscal 2011 budget. 5 p.m. Miami City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, commission chambers, Coconut Grove. Details: www.miamigov.com.

Tuesday 9/28 ARTS TRUST

The Performing Arts Center Trust's Board of Directors meets. 4-6 p.m. Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, 1444 Biscayne Blvd., Miami. Details: (786) 468-2203 or www.arshtcenter.org.

Wednesday 9/30 SPORTS COMMISSION

The Miami-Dade County Sports Commission's Board of Directors meets, 8-10 a.m. BankUnited Center. 1245 Dauer Drive, Hurricane 100 room, Coral Gables. Details: (305) 818-7188 or www.miamisports.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 9/23 SPA DEALS

Several area spas participate in SpaFinder Deal Days, offering spa treatments and yoga or pilates classes at half price or for \$50. Sept. 20-26. Participating area spas include Body Sense Holistic Spa & Wellness Center. 2292 SW 22nd St., Miami: Uhma Spa, 726 Sixth St., Miami Beach; mySpa at the InterContinental Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami; The Palms Spa at The Palms Hotel & Spa, 3025 Collins Ave., Miami Beach and the Skin Institute, 13499 Biscayne Blvd., suite 202, North Miami. Details: www.spafinder.com/dealdays.

EXPLORE SCIENCE

Miami Science Museum offers free