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Pizarro: Collecting wisdom before the wedding

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On top of graduations and barbecues, summers are always filled with weddings. And as anyone getting married can tell you, you're never short of two things heading up to the big day: potential guests and marriage advice.

My fiancée and I have been blessed with plenty of the latter, and I thought we should share some of those words of wisdom:

San Jose attorney **Fernando Zazueta**, who has been married 42 years, said love sometimes isn't enough: "Tell each other often that you like each other."

Eddie Owen, who has been married 39 years to **Helen Marchese Owen**, had this key to longevity: "Marriage is not a game. Don't keep score." Helen agreed. "Be best friends with each other," she added.

Lina Broydo, public relations queen at the Fairmont Hotel, has a cinematic path to success with her husband, **Sasha**: Going to the movies. "It is an experience I have shared with my husband since we met a 'century' ago. It is a weekly outing we both enjoy and treasure for the duration of these few hours we spend together away from the hectic world of stress, rush, cell phones and traffic gridlock."

And here's the final word from **Marge Valente**, president of the Italian American Heritage Foundation: "Spoil her."

At least one person in my household seconds that one.

EARLY HOLIDAYS: The calendar may say July, but there are a couple of Christmas-related events on the horizon that will help keep some of Silicon Valley's most treasured holiday displays around.

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• ``Christmas in July," a casino night fundraiser, is set for Friday at Villa Ragusa in Campbell to support that city's annual ``Carol of Lights" event. Tickets are \$50, and in addition to playing poker, blackjack and craps, guests can enter a raffle for a 52-inch flat-screen TV. That will definitely fill someone's stocking in five months. Call (408) 374-9700 to reserve a spot.

• ``Hot Christmas" on July 22 is the annual fundraiser for San Jose's Christmas in the Park display, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The evening at Coyote Ranch on Metcalf Road will feature a barbecue dinner, horse-drawn hayrides and music by David Ladd's Downtown Allstars. Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$25 for children. The reservation deadline is Monday, so call (408) 995-6635, extension 20, for tickets.

TIME TO HELP: Pop artist **Sonya Paz**, whose wristwatches were among the goodies given out at the Oscars this year, has expanded her line to include a new watch called ``Passionate Survivor." She designed it for the National Breast Cancer Foundation to help raise awareness for breast cancer research.

Paz recently expanded her gallery on Lafayette Street in Santa Clara, and you can also check out her work online (www.sonyapaz.com).

OPEN MOUTH, INSERT DART: My University of California education wasn't showing Monday when I referred to Dartmouth College as Dartmouth University. More than one proud grad e-mailed me to let me know that was not now nor never was the case. Consider me schooled.

AND I'M OFF: As I've mentioned, I've got a wedding coming up this weekend, so this column will be taking a break for a couple of weeks. See you back in this spot July 31 after the San Jose Grand Prix zooms through town.

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