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Orlando Philharmonic plays in the park

Open to the public, the 'Holiday Pops' concert was free for all attending

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Mothers, fathers, and children joined together to hear music for the upcoming holiday season in Winter Park on Sunday.

Former Valencia student Marilyn Marks attended, "Community spirit is being built," she said, "and having all types of cultures outdoors more often creates a better 'nice-time'."

The "Holiday Pops" concert was played by the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in a cabana located in Central Park.

Headed by conductor Dirk Meyer, born of German decent, the orchestra

played a majority of seasonal hits.

When talking about past Christmas in Germany with his family, the conductor mentioned his favorite song.

"My sister and I used to be very impatient with the Christmas service at church," said Meyer, "but when 'Silent Night' was being sung, we knew that we would be home soon to open our presents."

Susana Diaz sang "Silent Night" with the orchestra.

The crowd was filled with people sitting in the grass, from blankets and lawn chairs to standing individuals.

"We live here and we've heard it before," said Bob



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Conductor Dirk Meyer leads the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in a string of seasonal hits such as "Silent Night" on Saturday in Central Park.

Kahn. "You can practically dance to it." Kahn is a third generation Floridian.

His wife Flory Kahn also commented, "I know for sure this [concert] gets

everyone ready for the holiday season," she said.

CNN honors everyday heroes of the world

Anderson Cooper gave awards on Thanksgiving

By Meg James
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES -- Hollywood award shows come with glamorous stars, popular bands and tearful acceptance speeches, and CNN's laurels offer all of that along with a rare humanitarian twist. The cable news channel is celebrating regular people who toil - against the odds - to improve the lives of others.

"The world does not need another award show, but we wanted to turn the tables and shine a spotlight on people who really deserve to be honored," said Anderson Cooper, who hosts "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute," which was broadcast Thanksgiving evening.

"These are people who do not have a lot of money, who do not have access to power, and some are not even liked by the leaders of their communities. But each one woke up one day and decided it was up to them to start filling a need," Cooper said in an interview. "They are truly extraordinary people."

Cooper presented the 2010 CNN Hero of the Year award to Anuradha Koirala, who has spent two decades working to prevent the human trafficking and sexual exploitation of Nepal's women and girls. She and her supporters have raided brothels, educated villagers and provided a haven for some of the more than 12,000 Nepalese women and girls that her group has rescued from a life of prostitution.

CNN taped its high-wattage show Saturday night at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The 33 recently rescued Chilean miners were flown to Los Angeles to take the stage and kick off the gala. Halle Berry, Renee Zellweger, Jessica Alba, Demi Moore, Kid Rock, LL Cool J, Gerard Butler and Kiefer Sutherland presented awards to the 10 recipients from around the world. Grammy-winners Sugarland, John Legend and Bon Jovi performed musical numbers.

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In the news...

- Friday Mohamed Osman Mohamud, 19, was arrested by federal law officials for his attempt to bomb a Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

- Wal-Mart spent 2.32 billion dollars for the purchase of South Africa's Massmart. It is Wal-Mart's first business venture in Sub-saharan

- The FDA has sent letters to certain alcohol companies tell them to suspend adding of caffeine into alcoholic beverages. The move most directly effects high selling drinks like Four Loko.

- Black Friday provided a big boom to retailers. It is estimated over Thursday to Sunday the average amount of money spent per person was 365 dollars.

- An Oklahoma amendment forbidding judges from considering Shariah law was placed on hold by federal courts.

- Leslie Nielsen dies at 84 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. on Nov. 28 from pneumonia. A comedian and actor, Nielsen, was famous for his role in "Airplane" and the "Naked Gun" series.

- North Korea bombs Yeonpyeong Island in the Yellow Sea, an area close to a disputed sea border. More than 60 houses caught fire and two soldiers were killed.

- WikiLeaks has released over 250,000 government documents, which reveal much of the messier side of politics and international relationships.

- President Obama placed a two-year pay freeze on all civilian federal employees. Obama stated that to fix the budget would take broad sacrifices.



Drug cuts risk of HIV

Study shows drastic reduction in contraction of virus

By Thomas H. Maugh II
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - In a finding that is being widely hailed as the first major prevention breakthrough in the AIDS era, researchers have shown that taking a single daily pill containing two HIV drugs can reduce risk of contracting the virus by

an average of 44 percent - and by more than 70 percent if the subjects take most of their pills.

The study involved nearly 2,500 high-risk gay men, but experts hope that the results will be applicable to other populations considered at risk for contracting the virus. Several studies are already underway to determine if that is the case.

The findings, reported online Tuesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, come only a few months after an African study showed that a microbicidal gel can help protect women from contracting the virus and a little more than a year after a vaccine trial suggested that it may eventually be possible to raise antibodies against the virus.

"To see all these prevention strategies come together, we can begin to see an end to the epidemic," said A. Cornelius Baker of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. "The National AIDS Strategy introduced by the president in July called for reducing the U.S. epidemic by 25 percent. ... If we can prove this works and get this strategy into the communities, we can reach that goal much quicker than we had anticipated and move even further to more goals."

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which was the major sponsor of the study, cautioned, however, that "No single prevention strategy is going to be effective for everyone, and it is important to note that the new findings pertain only to ... men who have sex with men."

Experts agreed, however, that there is no reason to think that it would not be successful in other groups, although it must be tested.

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After presumed dead, 3 teens found alive

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Three teenage boys have been rescued after drifting in the Pacific Ocean for 50 days in a small boat, according to news reports Thursday.

The three, who disappeared from New Zealand's Pacific territory of Tokelau on October 5, were presumed to have drowned after unsuccessful searches by the New Zealand air force. A memorial service was held for them.

They were rescued Wednesday by a New Zealand tuna boat, San Nikunau, which spotted them north-east of Fiji, Radio New Zealand International reported.

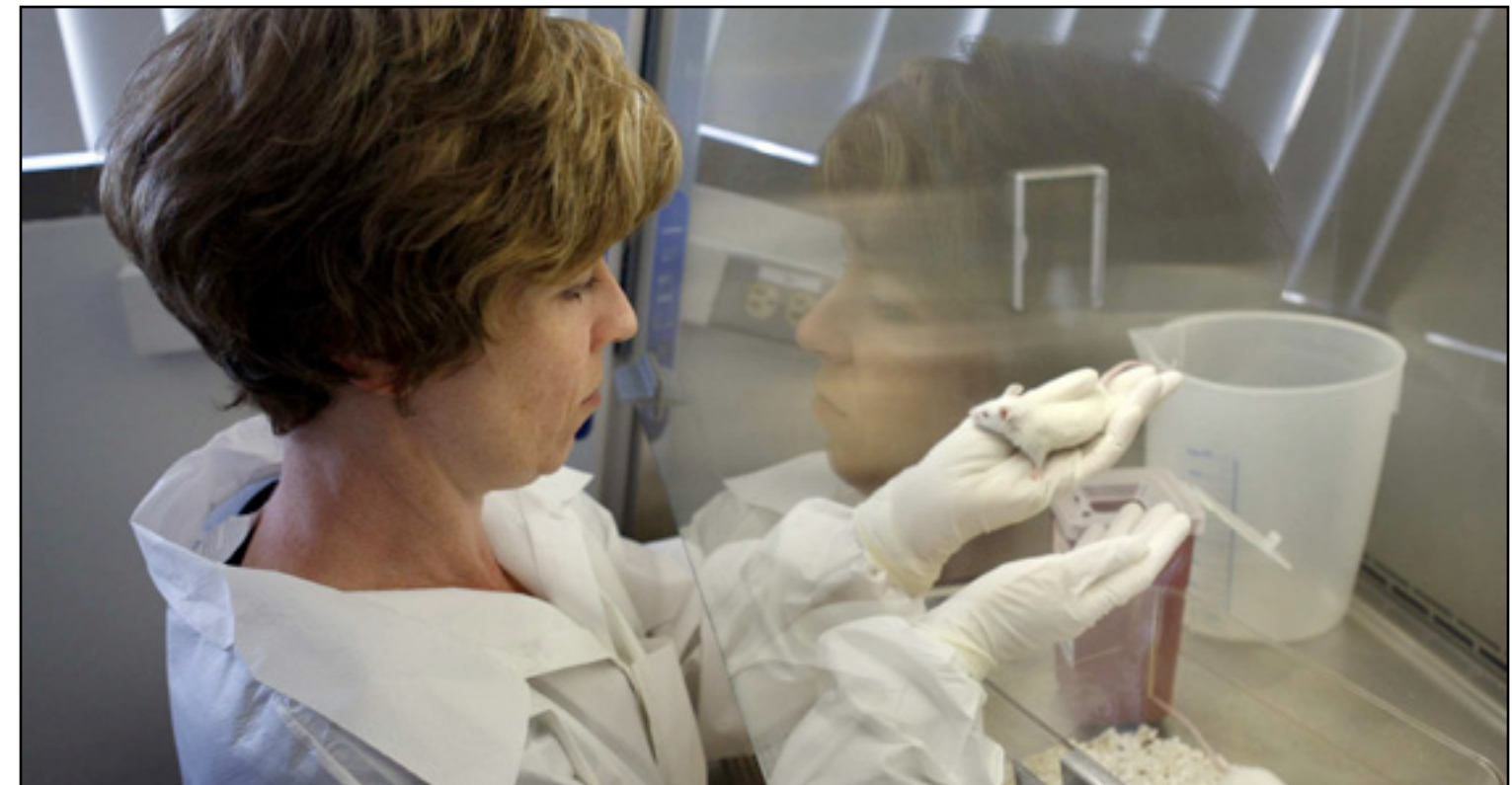
The ship's first mate, Tai Fredricsen, said, "They were in reasonably good spirits for how long they'd been adrift — for approximately two months. They were very badly sun-burned, but really they just needed basic first aid, which was some creams just to help soothe their burns."

He said the boys were able to drink "which was quite amazing considering how long they were without food for."

The Stuff news website said the only food they had was one seagull that they managed to catch and eat raw.

The ship, which is on its way back to New Zealand, is expected to leave the boys at the Fiji capital, Suva, on Friday, where they will be checked at a hospital.

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Allen J. Schaben, Los Angeles Times / MCT

Paula Cannon, associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology at the Keck School of Medicine, is a co-investigator on a team that received \$14 million to develop a novel therapy that may offer life-time immunity to HIV infection.



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Devastation beneath the surface of the Gulf

Scientists delve into consequences of April BP oil spill, find entire habitats destroyed

By Renee Schoof
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON -- The search for what the BP oil well blowout did to the Gulf of Mexico already has gone to extraordinary lengths: more than 125 research cruises covering hundreds of square miles and taking thousands of water and sediment samples.

In recent weeks, scientists have reported finding a garden of dead and dying corals covered in brown gunk, and evidence that petroleum compounds moved up the food chain from bacteria to plankton. More research voyages are planned, and labs are busy as scientists try to pull together a more complete picture of the damage below the surface and chart a recovery plan.

The discovery of the dead corals earlier this month, the first finding of possible damage from the oil on an animal community, is probably just one example of decimated habitat, said Michael Crosby, senior vice president of Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Fla.

"We saw all those horrible examples of immediate impacts at the surface," Crosby said. "Now multiply that by orders of magnitude to get what's happening below the surface."

What happens in the deepest parts of the Gulf could have an impact on fish populations and other species, he added, because various parts of the ecosystem are connected.

Scientists discovered the recently dead and dying coral colonies Nov. 2 about seven miles southwest of the wellhead at a depth of 4,600 feet. The lead scientist on the mission, Pennsylvania State University biology professor Charles Fisher Jr., said that from the minute his team members came to the site,



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The University of South Florida's Weatherbird II was scheduled to survey the ground floor of the West Florida ocean for any visible impact the oil may have had on sea cultures, on Nov. 14.

they realized it was unlike anything they'd seen in a decade of studying the Gulf's deep corals.

A hard coral colony had branches covered in a brown material, and a nearby soft coral community had extensive areas that were bare of tissue and covered in a similar brown substance, Fisher reported. Some of the dead and dying corals had discolored, immobile brittle stars - a kind of starfish - attached to them.

Fisher said the observations suggested that the corals were destroyed by oil, chemical dispersant, depleted oxygen due to organisms consuming the oil or some combination of effects from the spill. He said in a statement that the evidence was "a smoking gun."

Government scientists on the same expedition agreed that something had damaged the corals recently, but they reported that it wasn't immediately clear whether it was BP oil. Lab analysis was still un-

der way, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said last week in response to questions.

The federal government called for extensively monitoring the oil below the surface on Aug. 13. NOAA said that government and academic researchers then collected more than 31,000 water and sediment samples, completing the work in late October. NOAA reported Thursday that the data would be made public after final quality reviews of the analysis.

In a written reply to questions from McClatchy Newspapers, NOAA said:

-Near-shore samples show "a very small amount of residual oil" that's "being degraded naturally as well as being recovered where possible."

-Deep sediments haven't turned up with large quantities of oil. "Some sediment samples have revealed oil sheen, which is not a surprise following a release of this magnitude at a depth of 5,000 feet."

Three NOAA research ships were out or finishing cruises this month to survey whales and dolphins and the effects of oil and dispersants on the prey species they eat. Researchers also are looking at small fish, such as herring, for an indication of how the food chain is faring. Teams are surveying shrimp, snappers and other species as well, to see how abundant they are.

University research missions also continue. The University of South Florida's ship, the Weatherbird II, is scheduled to finish a cruise Sunday to study the impact of the oil and dispersants on sediments and seafloor communities of the West Florida shelf and continental slope.

Research funded by BP also is under way on how the oil affected the base of the food chain, reefs and marshes, sharks, dolphins and many other species.

"There is just an outstanding level of really great research and monitoring activities that are going on throughout the Gulf of Mexico, but we just don't have it all pulled together," Crosby said.

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Within the span of only five days, the U.S. celebrates three days with special names. First there's Thanksgiving, the only one nationally recognized as a holiday. It's with the passing of Thanksgiving that the holiday shopping season officially begins.

With some stores having deals and discounts before Thursday even ends, Black Friday can start as soon as the turkey's gone. These days, 24 hours isn't nearly enough time to hold all the savings and special promotions going on in stores around the country, making Black Friday more of a black weekend.

Though the holiday weekend is over, the holiday savings are just beginning. Cyber Monday marks some of the biggest savings of the year and sees huge activity from internet users.

This year saw record numbers of people shopping on black Friday, and web-users in the millions for some sites on cyber Monday.

Though the economy still remains in an unstable climate, its improvement thus far may be heavily contributed to the willingness of the American people to "shop 'til they drop."

It's unclear what makes the last week of November so appealing for businesses to hold so many deals, and now that consumers are familiar with the pattern of shopping on those days, it is very unlikely that tradition will ever change.

Originally, Thanksgiving was celebrated much later, but in an attempt to increase holiday shopping time for

businesses, it was changed to what it is today.

This monumental shift has shaped both the way people spend their holidays and their money.

From clothing vendors, to electronics, to general stores and super markets, even customer service related services, it seems every location that was open for business this weekend had some deal, discount, or premium available, while supplies last.

To venture forth into the early morning and cross off as much as possible from the gift list, all the while comparing the best deals, requires patience, fortitude, and often an entire team of family and friends willing to help. Bringing those you trust with you to shop can become a tradition all its own.

It's also not unheard of for people to stock up on products that are the most popular and heavily sought after, to sell at a higher price later.

Every year this list of rare products changes, making it difficult to plan ahead. Who knows what the next big thing is going to be?

The chaos that occurs on Black Friday, which ripples throughout the weekend, is a rare and dangerous site. Many injuries occur, and many presents go undelivered because of this day.

It's a unique facet of human behavior that not everyone can handle. But for those who can, they would probably agree, there's something incredibly satisfying about getting a good deal.

Country singer Willie Nelson busted for marijuana possession. Close friends are shocked.



POLL

Working on Black Friday

By Jonathan Terbeche
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Doors open at 5 a.m. and they don't close until the last purchase is made late that night. From endless lines of customers, to helping foreigners find an impossible-to-find product, to reassembling an entire hurricane's worth of damage to a store, these are the joys of working on Black Friday.

Some people are lucky and only have short shifts lasting the regular eight hours. Most workers, however, find themselves stuck in a 10, 12, or even 15-hour shift. The speed at which this time passes is quite fast, for there will seldom be a moment spent not doing something extraordinary.

This being my first Black Friday working, I didn't know what to expect. Clocking in at 8 a.m. I was actually one of the lucky ones, seeing as how some of my co-workers had been there since 3 a.m.

My day consisted of greeting people, informing them of our sales and promotions and, being one of only two workers who spoke Spanish, helping a multitude of tourists and foreigners. It truly is astonishing how little the language barrier affects the ability to spend money. "Buy two, get one free," is understood in all languages.

In the rare event no customers needed help, I was also charged with keeping my section of the store clean and organized, like it is on regular days. Today was no regular day though, and when faced with an unending line of customers, many of whom had children unattended to, the prospect of cleaning seemed as bleak and dark as the name Black Friday implies.

Our team started with nine workers, but by the time the rush of customers had dwindled down, only four remained. To be one of those lucky four who, at the end of the day get to clean the store completely so the chaos may ensue again on Saturday.

Shopping on Black Friday is a difficult experience, but working on Black Friday is downright painful. Still, it's probably something everyone should experience once in their life, if only, like the chicken pox, so they may never have to again.

What deals did you get on Black Friday?



"I went at 5:30 in the morning to about 8:00 at night. Florida mall and the Flea market. The best deal I got was 50 percent off at 'bebe.' "

— Tainama Ferreira
Architecture, West



"I went at 7:30 to 3:00 at night. I got a lot of clothes because of all the deals."

— Frances Fajardo
Art, West



"I didn't get a lot of stuff, I just went with my girlfriend."

— Daniel Taylor
Political Science, West



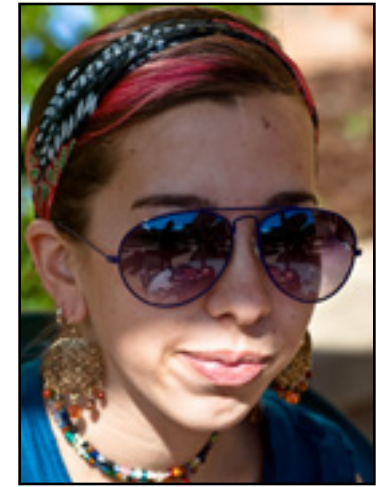
"I went from 1:00 in the morning to 6:00 a.m.. The best deal I got was at Victoria's Secret at the Prime Outlets. I got 4 bras for \$30."

— Diana Pabon
General Studies, West



"I didn't go shopping because I hate the crowds."

— Alvin Jackson
Nursing, West



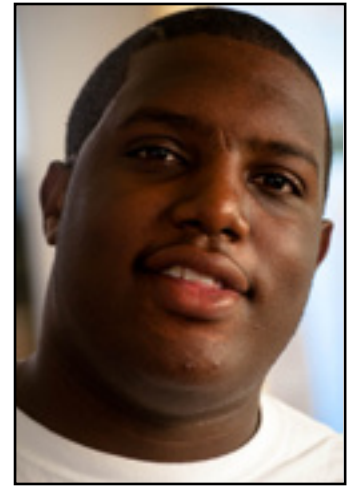
"I went at 3:00 in the morning until 6:30 AM. I didn't buy very much. I don't think it was worth it."

— Haley Kandle
General Studies, West



"I was working at Michael Kors from 12:00 in the morning until 7:00 p.m. We had a lot of girl customers because of all the deals."

— Paul Zollo
Computer Science, West



"I went shopping from midnight until 3:00 in the morning. I got a great deal on a 40 inch, flat screen TV for \$300."

— Brandon Pendley
Engineering, West

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Pop diva acting debut in 'Burlesque'

A seductive Aguilera gives enticing performance

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Bring out the corset, fishnets, and garter belts because "Burlesque" has finally hit theaters.

Starring Cher, Kristen Bell, and first time performances by Christina Aguilera and Julianne Hough. Co-starring Cam Gigandet (Twilight) with a cameo of Alan Cumming.

Ali (Christina Aguilera) is a small town girl who has an unstoppable voice needs to leave her home town to pursue her dream to be a star. Ex-Disney mouseketeers Christina Aguilera played a sensational roll. She has a natural talent and they couldn't cast a better cast because they all complemented each other.

Ali finds her self in the streets of L.A. where she comes across a cabaret and due to her per-

sistant personality becomes a cocktail server. At her new job she meets Jack (Cam Gigandet) and becomes determined to be one of the next Burlesque Lounge performers to hit the stage, no matter what challenge or obstacle stand in front of her.

This proves true when she will stop at nothing to prove her talents to the venue's owner, Tess (Cher,) who also happens to be the lead act of the show. "Wow"ing the whole club, including co-workers, Ali becomes the headliner of the show. This brings in a bigger crowd each night and her rival Nikki (Kristen Bell) beomes increasing jealous.

The movie went straight to the climax, making it upbeat at all times.

Yet financial obstacles sliver into Ali's, Nikki's, and the dreams of other's at "The Burlesque Lounge."

Aguilera's voice is absolutely amazing, giving you goose bumps as she sang. Performances were enticing and seductive, making men drool and women desiring to be burlesque.

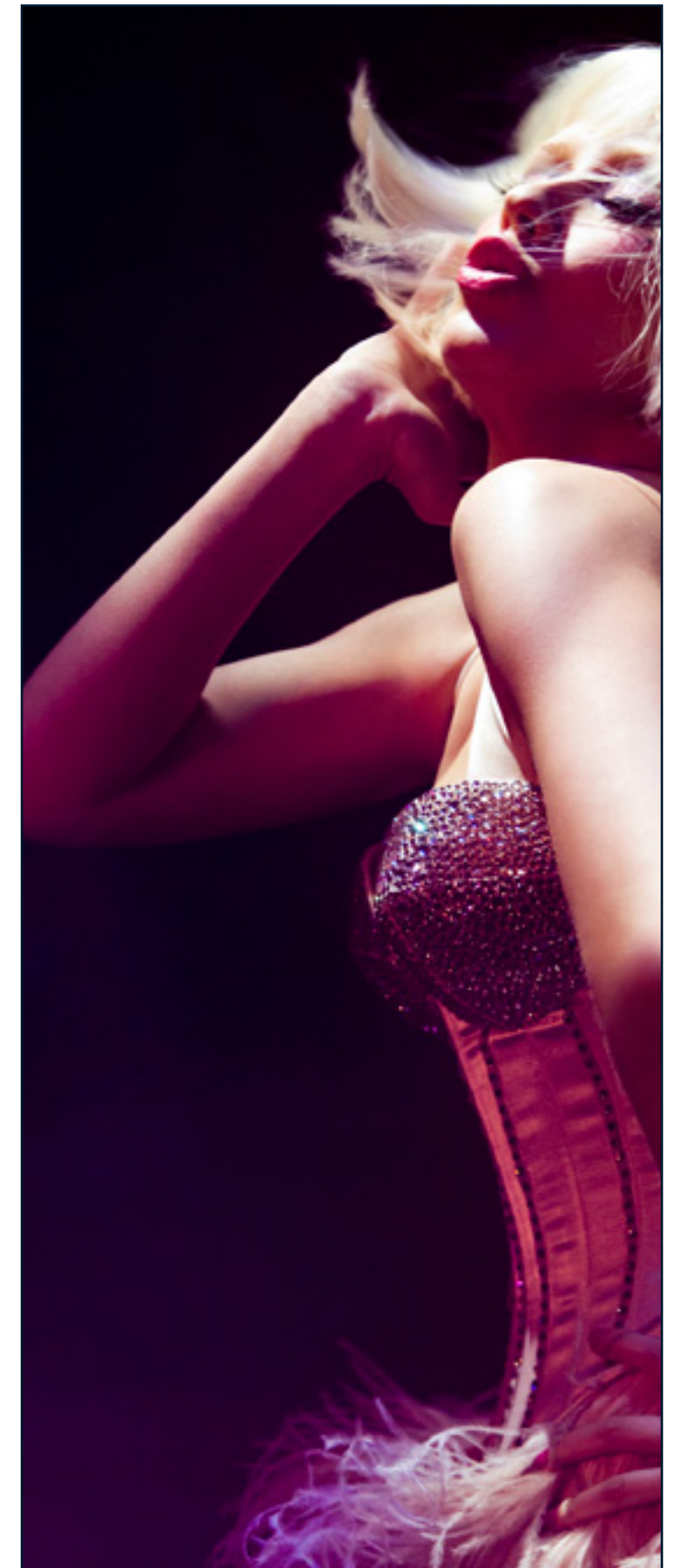
"Cher sizzles in this never-give-up-on-your-dreams mighty musical! Christina was perfectly cast and she has never sounded or danced better. Don't miss this gotta-see-it-again-and-again movie," said Leila from New Orleans, La.

It's great to see Cher after so many years out on the big screen. She will definitely be nominated for a supporting role - without a doubt, she'll win.

Not suitable for the whole family due to some sexual and provocative scene but great for adults. Inspiring great admiration, it's a must see movie for the end of the year.



Ali (Christina Aguilera) must prove to "The Burlesque Lounge" headliner (Cher) that she deserves a spot on stage.



Ali (Christina Aguilera) goes from cocktail server to headliner of the Burlesque show.
Photos by MCTCampus



"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer": It's a celebration of nonconformity as North Pole misfits rise and shine. (8 p.m. Nov. 30, CBS).

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas": Quick, put Whoville on lockdown. The grouchy beast is on the prowl once again. (8 p.m., Nov. 30 & Dec. 23, ABC).

"Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town": Mickey Rooney's Kris Kringle knocks heads with the evil Burgermeister Meisterburger. (8 p.m. Dec. 2, ABC).

"Frosty the Snowman": It's time to chill out with that "jolly, happy soul." (8 p.m. Dec. 11; 8:30 p.m. Dec. 17, CBS).

"A Charlie Brown Christmas": Our

round-headed hero bonds with a puny tree and learns the true meaning of Christmas. (8 p.m. Dec. 7 & 16, ABC).

"The Santa Claus": Tim Allen dons the red suit and fluffy beard. (7 & 9 p.m., Dec. 2, ABC Family).

"The Nightmare Before Christmas": Jack Skellington brings some ghoulish delight to the holiday. (11 p.m. Dec. 4, ABC Family).

"A Christmas Story": We triple-dog dare you to watch this nostalgic keepsake over and over and over. (Marathon starts at 8 p.m. Dec. 24, TBS).

"Miracle on 34th Street": A department store Santa restores our faith in human-

Deck the halls and warm up the DVR

ity. (8:30 p.m. Dec. 8, ABC Family).

"A Christmas Carol": Reginald Owen plays the miserable miser in this 1938 version of the Dickens classic. (8 p.m. Dec. 10, TCM).

"It's a Wonderful Life": Every time you watch this Capra classic, an angel gets its wings. (8 p.m. Dec. 11 & 24, NBC).

"White Christmas": Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye work to make your days merry and bright. (Marathon starts at 8 p.m. Dec. 11, AMC).

"Scrooged": Bill Murray goes for the laughs in a modern twist on the flinty grouch. (Marathon starts 10 a.m. Dec. 25, AMC).

"Farewell Mr. Kringle": A cynical,

Christmas-hating journalist (Christine Taylor) is sent by her editor (Vivica A. Fox) to the charming town of Mistletoe. (8 p.m. Dec. 4, Hallmark Channel).

"On Strike for Christmas": Daphne Zuniga stars as a fed-up mom who tires of toiling around the holidays. (8 p.m. Dec. 5, Lifetime Movie Network).

"The Santa Incident": After Santa's sleigh is downed by a heat-seeking missile, a family nurses him back to health. (8 p.m. Dec. 7, Hallmark Channel).

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas": Jacqueline Bisset stars in this saga based on a short story by Louisa May Alcott. (8 p.m. Dec. 11, Hallmark Channel).

"The Real Story of Christmas": Documentary special explores origins of holi-



day rituals. (9 p.m. Nov. 29, History).

"CMA Country Christmas": Country music superstars, including Brad Paisley, LeAnn Rimes, Rascal Flatts and Sugarland, ring in the holidays. (9:30 p.m., Nov. 29, ABC).

"Christmas in Rockefeller Center": Watch them light up the big tree in the Big Apple. (8 p.m. Nov. 30, NBC).

"Big Time Christmas": The "Big Time Rush" gang, along with Miranda Cosgrove and Snoop Dogg, debut original holiday tunes. (8 p.m. Dec. 4, Nickelodeon).

"12th Annual A Home for the Holidays": Celebrities share inspirational stories about adoption. (8 p.m. Dec. 22, CBS).



By Chuck Barney
Contra Costa Times
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Beyond fear and playing with fire

Traveling firebender knows how to raise the heat

By Camilo Echeverri Bernal
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From the Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival in Alaska to Burning Man, Tyler Dare has been to many places sharing his art and ability to mesmerize crowds.

While he wasn't performing he just chilled at Downtown Disney on the evening of Nov. 27., where he talked about his experience as a fire performer.

As an artist, Dare understands the state of ecstasy he reaches when he performs for a crowd, of being one with what he and many other fire performers refer to as "the flow."

"Be yourself and express yourself in whichever way you can," said Dare.

His interest in fire spinning began at an early age. "I've always been a pyro," said Dare. It started as mere curiosity and grew into a fascination. "I've never met a fire spinner who is a bad person," said Dare. "Although some have a big ego."

When it comes to getting his name out there, he and his business partner Sonny Kennedy founded Flow Motion. It is all about connections and having the means (money) to perform.

Money sometimes does not come easy. Dare began his career by performing for free at parties, then he started getting small retentions or gas money. It was not until 3 ½ years ago that it became something serious. Moving around has certainly helped with making a name for himself.

Referring to aspiring fire spinners, he remarks that the most challenging part is getting over the fear of fire, because they will get burnt eventually and they have to learn how to cope with that. "Practice, practice, practice," Dare emphasizes. "Anything is possible if you practice."

Safety should be kept in mind

while performing. Dare is not tolerant of performers who lack professionalism, "Safety is number one," said Dare, "even though I like to say it is number three." He smirked and showed a recent burn-mark he acquired from a lack of exactly that, safety.

Dare has travelled a lot, from his native Anchorage to Venezuela, Costa Rica and other countries. Dare has also had the honor of being able to perform at Burning Man Festival in 2008. He now seeks a degree in Radiologic Technology at Keiser University.

He continues to perform in Central and South Florida.



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Jazz trio entertains Valencia

Students perform for naming of the new West Campus Mears building

By Victor Ocasio
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While employees of Mears Transportation and faculty and staff of Valencia Community College's West Campus gathered together to celebrate the renaming of the Student Services Building, they were delighted by the jazz stylings of Valencia's very own jazz trio, Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Bassist Nasrullah Rahbari, keyboardist Patrick "PD Midnight" Dunn, and drummer Joey Lanna, all students based out of the East Campus, jammed outside of the newly-named Paul Mears Sr. Building, entertaining such company as Bob Segal and Teresa Jacobs.

"No one's going to guarantee success but myself," said Rahbari. "That's when I decided to go to college. That's when I decided to go to Valencia."

In high school Rahbari had no focus or experience in instrumental music. "In high school I was actually a choir kid, and it wasn't until after that I really started working on playing."

"My mother was a piano teacher," said Dunn. "I've been learning music since I was in the womb," he said with a smile.

"I started learning music in sixth grade," said Lanna. "I stayed at the school from sixth to seventh grade, but it had such a bad music program, and it wasn't until I was in eighth grade that I truly started getting into music. By tenth grade, I was in both Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band."

The young group of musicians, Rahbari, 24, Dunn, 21, and Lanna, 23, met and started performing together only a year ago, but already

the guys agree they plan on making music for some time to come.

The group agrees that Valencia was the unifying factor when the trio first started playing together.

"I was originally in recording engineering," said Lanna. "Then I switched to music performance then finally music education."

Being the closest in age, both Rahbari and Lanna met each other long before the trio ever came together as students at Freedom High school. Four years after graduation Rahbari had become a regular band member of the group "A Palace in Persia."

"I have been with the band for over four years," said Rahbari. "The the last two years with that band is when we came out with the album 'Metaphonemia.'" Also, during that time is when Lanna started playing with the trio's bassist.

With over 35 years of combined musical experience the group of 20-somethings have a very defined taste of and philosophy on music.

"When you play the kind of music we play, you have to be open minded," said Lanna.

But even with their relaxed approach toward the art form, all three agreed that music required intense practice and training.

"I like listening to technically advanced music," said Rahbari. "When you want to get that sound you really have to put in that grind. The deeper you can go the more you can express."

The group believes that improvisation is like being fluent in another language and

having a conversation with another person. "You would practice to give a speech but you wouldn't practice to have a conversation with someone," said Dunn.

Self-described as a classic jazz trio with mod-

ern musical influences the group feels very strongly about the direction their music is going. They are currently working on getting the trio recorded.

"We have no reason to stop now," said Rahbari. "When things in my life were so uncertain the best thing I ever did was go to school."

To learn more about the guys and their music make sure to visit www.apalaceinpersia.com or e-mail the trio at TrickDunn@yahoo.com. Available for any event or any style of music the group can sometimes be heard playing at Natura Cafe off of University Blvd.



The Jazz trio have over 35 years of combined musical experience.

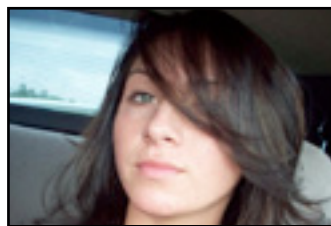
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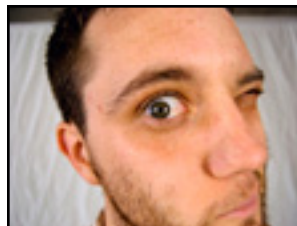
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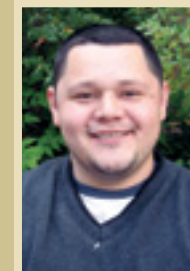


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