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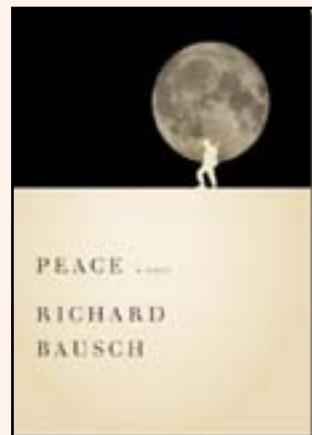
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"The reason I write fiction is because it is in direct opposition to all the negative forces in the world. It can save us," are the profound words spoken by author Richard Bausch.

Author of ten novels and countless short stories.

Bausch has been featured in such publications as, "The Atlantic Monthly," "Esquire," "Harper's," "The New Yorker," "Playboy," and many more.

He is the current head of the writing program at the University of Memphis.



Born in Ft. Benning, Georgia in 1945, he grew up with five brothers and sisters with a fairly normal upbringing, Bausch believes that good writers can come from anywhere.

"You don't need war, you don't need depression to be a writer. Just a pencil, a lot of paper, a room, and peace," he said.

With so many students interested in writing, being able to listen to such a wise voice in the profession was a welcomed endeavor.

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Valencia student arrested after West Campus incident

Neil Ramroop charged with kidnapping: girlfriend alleges assault, threat with pen

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Valencia Community College student Neil Abraham Ramroop was arrested Oct. 14 at his home after an incident on the West Campus involving the mother of his two children, Afeefa Ayube, also a Valencia student.

Ramroop, 28, was charged with kidnapping, robbery, battery (domestic violence), and tampering with witnesses to hinder communication with law enforcement officers.

Ramroop allegedly kidnapped and robbed his girlfriend of six years on the evening of Oct. 13.

Ramroop was said to have followed his girlfriend from their class, confiscating from her: an envelope with \$2,000 in cash, along with her cell phone and school books, then tightly placed his right arm around her neck, and with a pen in hand, threatened to stab her.

"If you don't start walking, I will stab you with the pen," Ramroop reportedly said. "Keep your eyes straight or I'll shove the pen up your nose."

Ayube told Orange County police that earlier that day she found information on her boyfriend's computer that allowed her to believe that he was having an affair, which led her to pack her possessions from their Metro West apartment and leave with the children.

Ramroop assertedly said he was angered by Ayube taking the belongings in their home.

Ayube claims she was forced into his car and pummelled in the stomach by Ramroop.

According to Ayube, she was promised to be dropped off at her vehicle, but instead Ramroop drove off campus to their home, where her head was squeezed by her perpetrator.

After many attempts to flee, Ayube was set free from Ramroop's captiv-



Orange County Jail

Valencia student Neil Abraham at the Orange County jail after his arrest for kidnapping his girlfriend from campus.

ity and made her way to the house of her mother who called 911.

Ayube refused any medical treatment stating she had no injuries from the assault.

Ramroop was released on home confinement with a GPS monitoring system on Oct. 15. His bail bond amounted to \$10,400.

Due to Ayube's allegations, Ramroop is unable to have any contact with her or the children until further decisions are made by the Department of Children and Families.

It is unknown where Ayube currently remains. Communication via telephone has been made but Ayube's number is no longer in service.

Numerous attempts to speak with Ramroop have been made, but no contact included comment.

Unsigned singer blows YouTube away

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Native Los Angeles unsigned singer, songwriter and producer David Choi, has been taking up YouTube by storm. The 24-year-old celebrity ranks number 6 on the website's most subscribed singers list and has over 550,000 video subscribers.

On his DavidChoiMusic channel, he features videos of himself doing covers of popular songs like Katy Perry's "Waking Up In Vegas" and Owl City's "Fireflies." He also features some of his own material, which can be found on his CDs "Only You," released in 2008, and "By My Side," released earlier this year.

His most popular video however - with over 2,600,000 views - is his hilarious song called "YouTube: A Love Story," in which he professes his love for the website: "I like the founders/Some Asian and some white dude/But more than you/I love YouTube."

"David exhibits his personality through his music and his videos and that's what allows him to have such a strong following. He also represents Asian-American artists who are trying to make it in the American market, and that in itself is incredibly inspiring," Tu Do, a fan of the David Choi Facebook, said.

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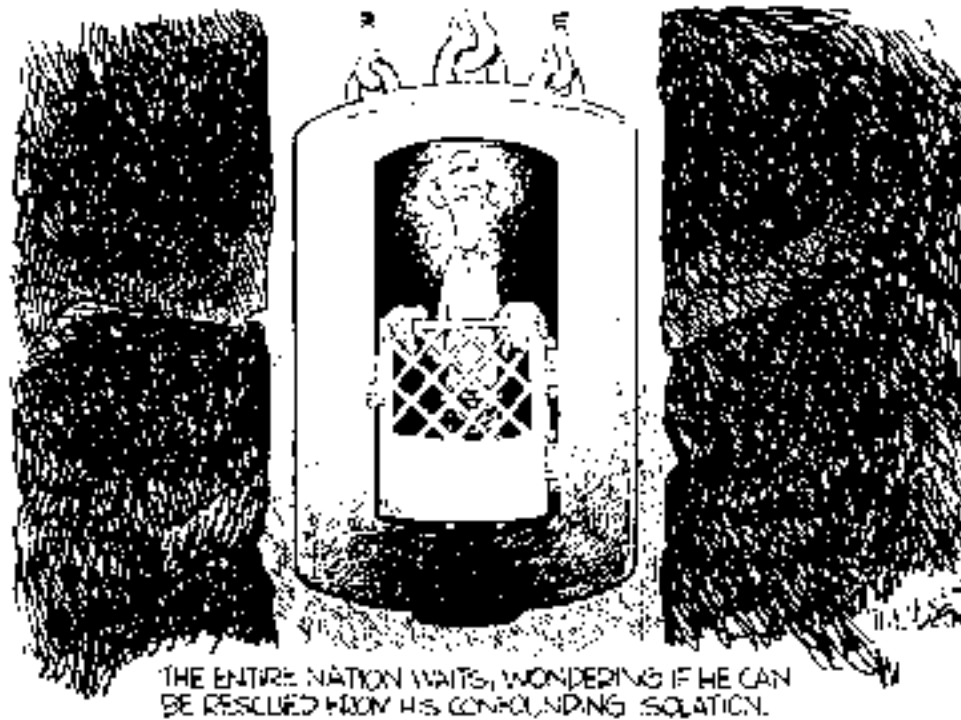
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This past week the world rejoiced to the rescue of the 33 Chilean miners. After 69 day trapped thousands of feet underground they all survive to see the sunrise once again. However, we must not forget those who are still struggling in there deep dark isolation, like our president. Maybe he should have given NASA more money to work him out of this pickle.



Microsoft has announced their marketing plan for what they hope to be the biggest gift this holiday season. The unveiling of the Kinect will be backed by 500 million dollars in advertising, Microsoft biggest advertising push to date. What does 500 milion dollars get you?

- 400 million pepsi cans
- 60 million ceral and snacks from kellogg
- Advertising on Nickelodeon and Disney
- tv spots on 'Dancing With the Stars' and 'Glee'
- And Steven Spielberg

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"Matador Day was fun! There were tons of students, music from 102 Jamz, food and the best part was that they were giving away free bumper stickers, t-shirts, face-painting and so much more!! Hope you did not miss out!!!!" -Paige Branson



"The only person who is sticking me with a needle is the nurse at my doctors office...I am too scared of needles and refuse to have someone poke me!" - Paige Branson



Sebastian Arbelaez, Valencia Voice

Richard Bausch featured in Vision and Voices

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On Thursday, Valencia's Visions & Voices program set up a special reading by Bausch in the West Campus library.

He read a short story titled, "Nobody in Hollywood," from "The Stories of Richard Bausch," which he described as, "a fraction of the stories I've written."

It was a story he had created from the simple phrase, "I was pummelled as a teenager," along with his friend to see who could create the better story.

What resulted was a story with incredibly real characters, as the main character and narrator, Ignatius, described a time he met an odd woman, who was at once his brother's girlfriend, then later in life, his wife's lover.

Upon opening the floor to questions, one student asked, "What makes a good writer?"

"To be a good writer, you need to have a desire to play with words. If two students came up to me saying they wanted to write, and one said it was because they loved stories and were incredibly creative, and the other said it was because they liked to mess with words, the one who liked to mess with words would be the better writer," Bausch said.

He continued, "Some people think writing is an indulgence. It does not. Writing is an obligation, not an indulgence. You have to give up indulgences to write. Fewer parties, fewer time for friends and family."

One student, Ron Roeder, who is also an aspiring writer said, "I was kind of lost as a writer and how to make my novel. But listening to him and how possible it is makes me optimistic."

With these words, Bausch's pedigree and influence could certainly be felt.

"I need to pay more attention to my characters. I loved how jerky and real his characters were. Be-



Russell Griner, Valencia Voice

Richard Bausch, author of short stories and writer for many publications, visits Valencia Community College's West Campus to read works, and answer the questions of many students.

cause of that, I was able to pick up on parallels and a running thread throughout the story," said Roeder, recounting his favorite parts of Bausch's story.

Bausch stressed a misconception of what defines a good ending to a story, "You don't think about happy or unhappy, but the right ending. The ending that's consistent and fitting. That's what's happy," he said.

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Supreme Court to decide civil liberties suit against Ashcroft

By David G. Savage
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court intervened again Monday in a lawsuit against a former Bush administration official, agreeing to decide whether former Attorney General John Ashcroft is entirely shielded from claims that he misused the law to arrest terrorism suspects under false pretenses.

Obama administration lawyers appealed on Ashcroft's behalf and asserted that it would "severely damage law enforcement" if the nation's top law enforcement official could be held liable for abusing his authority.

The current case arose when Lavoni Kidd, a former football star at the University of Idaho, was arrested and shackled at Washington's Dulles International Airport in March 2003. He was not taken into custody because he was suspected of a crime but because he was a supposed "material witness" in another case.

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union accused Ashcroft of a "gross abuse" of this authority. They say he misused the law to arrest innocent people, even when the government lacked the required "probable cause."

After the 9/11 attacks Ashcroft

announced he would use all of his legal authority to capture terrorists. Hundreds of Muslim men were arrested and held on immigration charges. That option was not available in Kidd's case because he is a U.S. citizen.

Kidd had converted to Islam in college and changed his name to Abdullah Al-Kidd. He had cooperated with the FBI after the 9/11 attacks and answered questions about another Muslim man in Idaho who was under investigation in connection with his website.

Several months had elapsed since Kidd had heard from the FBI, but when he bought a round-trip ticket to travel to Saudi Arabia, where he had a scholarship to study, the FBI moved to have him arrested.

An FBI agent wrongly told a magistrate that Kidd had bought a one-way first-class ticket. The magistrate ordered Kidd arrested and held as a witness. A few days later, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III testified in Congress and mentioned Kidd's "arrest" as one of the bureau's successes.

Kidd was repeatedly strip-searched and shackled for more than two weeks in a high-security cell where the lights were kept on, according to his complaint. He was then released, but his passport was taken.



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Former Attorney General John Ashcroft allegedly misused the law.

In 2005, Kidd sued Ashcroft and other officials, contending they had violated his constitutional rights by arresting him without probable cause. Ashcroft moved to dismiss the suit, arguing that as the nation's chief prosecutor, he was absolutely immune from such claims.

But a federal judge in Idaho and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to dismiss the suit. Judge Milan Smith said it was "repugnant to the Constitution" for the government to say it "has the power to arrest and detain or restrict American citizens for months on end, in sometimes primitive conditions, not because they have committed a crime, but merely because the government wants to investigate them for possible wrongdoing."

The justices announced they will hear the case of Ashcroft vs. Al-Kidd early next year.

—MCT Campus

iPhone sales exceeds expectations Apple sells 14.1 million units of smart phone

By David Sarno
Los Angeles Times (MCT Campus)

Apple Inc. trounced analyst expectations yet again Monday while continuing its string of record quarters.

Riding booming sales of its blockbuster iPhone 4 - the company said it sold 14.1 million units of the smart phone during the new model's debut quarter - Apple reported an all-time-high \$20.34 billion in sales. That handily beat Wall Street analysts' expectations of \$19.3 billion.

Sales of the new iPhone rose more than 90 percent over the previous quarter, an increase that seemed to mute concerns that the compa-

ny might have lost momentum after the phone stumbled through problems with its antenna shortly after its release.

"We are blown away to report over \$20 billion in revenue and over \$4 billion in after-tax earnings - both all-time records for Apple," said Apple CEO Steve Jobs, adding, "We still have a few surprises left for the remainder of this calendar year."

Apple also sold 4.19 million iPads, nearly a 30 percent increase over the 3.3 million the company sold in the tablet device's debut quarter.

Shares of Apple's stock rose \$3.26, or 1 percent, to \$318 during regular trading. Earlier in the day, the stock hit an all-time high of \$319 a share, representing a 50 percent gain since January.



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Chile rejoices for rescued miners

All 33 miners get a second chance above the surface

By Chris Kraul
Los Angeles Times

COPIAPO, Chile -- Chile freed the last of 33 miners from imprisonment nearly half a mile underground late Wednesday, the miracle of a second chance at life made real by the methodical shuttle of a battered red, white and blue rescue capsule willed on by a joyful nation and



Alex Ibanez via Abaca Press/MCT

The capsule carries Manuel Gonzalez, rescue specialist, in the San Jose mine, near Copiapo, Chile.

global audience of hundreds of millions.

When 54-year-old foreman Luis Urzua emerged at 9:55 p.m. from the 28-inch-diameter hole at the San Jose mine, it had been 69 days since the miners were trapped, 52 days since they were able to declare to the world that they were still alive, but less than 22 hours since the first miner had resurfaced.

"You brought your shift out like a good captain," Chilean President Sebastian Pinera told Urzua, as he gripped the arms of the burly miner who had organized his men for survival during the first crucial hours after they were trapped. "All of Chile shared your anguish and hope."

The president, the foreman and rescue workers then joined in a rousing rendition of Chile's national anthem. With all of the miners safe, jubilation also broke out in the main square of Copiapo, the state capital 40 miles from the mine and home to most of the miners. More than 3,000 people crowded the plaza to watch the final rescue on giant TV monitors.

Just a couple of hours after Urzua reached the surface, the last of six medics and engineers who had descended into the shaft to assist the miners was seen on video from below waving and taking a bow before being lifted out.

Two thousand news reporters had crammed into the mining camp. The government used earthmovers to create parking spaces for the cars, campers and satel-

lite trucks that converged on this desolate spot about 550 miles north of the Chilean capital, Santiago, to cover each rescue, in what was a seamless operation.

"We have lived a magical night, a night we will remember throughout our lives, a night in which life defeated death," Pinera said early Wednesday.

As daylight broke, the pace quickened, each miner's emergence unleashing a new wave of raw emotion.

The 55-year-old miner who led a prayer group followed the 26-year-old former security guard who helped manage packages sent down to the miners. The one who while trapped asked his wife of 25 years to renew their wedding vows was followed by the one who went underground to pay for his son's medical school. The miner colleagues referred to as "Dr. House" after the TV character preceded the one who monitored gas levels in the pit and sent readings to the surface.

Officials said initial indications were that the men were in good health.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday afternoon, Health Minister Jaime Manalich said that only one of the 17 miners who had reached the Copiapo Regional Hospital by that point showed any symptoms of a serious illness.

That miner, who was not identified, was suffering from pneumonia, a condition that had been diagnosed remotely while he was still underground. Doctors



Alex Ibanez via Abaca Press/MCT

Luis Urzua, 54, the last of the 33 miners to make it to the surface, leads rescue team in singing Chile's national anthem.

were prepared and had already begun to treat him, Manalich said.

Ophthalmologist Luis Salinas said that initial examinations showed no apparent eye damage from weeks of no sunlight, contrary to the fears of medical experts.

Otherwise, the miners' health so far was "more than satisfactory," Manalich said, adding that the first ones to be rescued would probably be discharged from the hospital starting Thursday.

He said there were tentative plans for a news conference with most, if not all, of the miners to share their experiences.

"I think it would be good for them that the entire nation sees them at the start of this new phase of life that they are start-

ing," Manalich said.

As the full dimension of the unprecedented accomplishment of pulling the trapped miners to safety hit home, national pride swept across the nation.

While his countrymen celebrated for the miner, Pinera took congratulatory calls from other heads of state. President Barack Obama said the rescue "is a tribute not only to the determination of the rescue workers and the Chilean government, but also the unity and resolve of the Chilean people, who have inspired the world."

Obama also singled out the Americans who manufactured and operated the drill that reached the miners.

--WPBloom.com

Dancing the night away

Latin Night at Osceola celebrates Hispanic heritage month

By Shannon Scheidell
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For the grand finale in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, Latin Night was held Friday on the Osceola campus. This was the first time the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) hosted the themed party, but it certainly won't be the last.

"I wasn't sure what the turn out would be like, but this is great. Hopefully we can do it again next semester, then next year," said Nelson Sepulveda, Advisor of LASO.

A plain campus patio was transformed into an outdoor club; the atmosphere filled with music by "Swedish House Mafia," the mingling scents of cologne, and girls in heels everywhere.

There was an extensive DJ booth set up, with Chris Gonzalez and Dave Alberto on the turn tables. They brought their own Mac laptops, speaker systems, and sound equalizers to the arena.

"Being in college, it's tempting to go to clubs and party and be faced with dangerous temptations, this is a safe alternative," said president of the club, Ashley.

"It was created to make it more safe to have fun on a Friday night," said Sepulveda.

LASO representatives Ivette, Laura and Judith were busy mixing drinks at a table near the back stairwell. Free food and non-alcoholic versions of cocktails and other drinks were provided to awaiting students.

Some students came all the way from their regular campus, on East, to make it to the event.

Jazmine Salas said the party was amazing, alongside her friend Xavier Vonegas, who were dancing the night away.

"It has a romantic feeling to the atmosphere. The weather is perfect," said Vonegas.

One student, Javier Cervantes, said the club should have displayed more flags and other cultural icons to better represent the reason why they were celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, in the first place.

Admission to Latin Night was free, if a Valencia ID was provided at the entrance. Students without one paid a fee of \$5, with all of the proceeds going toward breast cancer research, in respect to October's Breast Cancer Awareness theme.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage month we ran the article in both English and Spanish.

Spanish translation by Sabrina Alvarez, salvarez@valenciavoice.com

El viernes pasado con motivo de celebración del fin del mes de la hispanidad, Valencia Community College organizo el evento "Noche Latina" en el campus de Osceola. Este fue el primer evento organizado por la Organización Estudiantil de América Latina, (sus siglas en ingles: LASO) haciendo honor a la herencia hispana.

"No estaba seguro como iría a resultar, pero fue algo sorprendente. Ojala podamos hacer esto de nuevo el próximo ano," dijo Nelson Sepúlveda, consejero de LASO.

Un patio a las afueras del campus de Valencia era



Shannon Scheidell / Valencia Voice

Moving in beat under the stars, the 5 DJs kept dancers busy until 12 a.m. In couples and alone, they danced the Conga, the Macarena, as well as other styles.

transformado en un club nocturno, mientras el grupo Swedish House Mafia se encargaba de ambientar la fiesta.

Una exclusiva zona fue dispuesta para los dj Chris González y Dave Alberto, quienes trajeron su Mac portátil, sistemas de sonido, y ecualizadores de sonido a la arena.

"Estando en la Universidad hay muchas tentaciones para salir a bailar o ir a fiestas de casa que al fin y al cabo puede uno correr peligro por dichas tentaciones, pero esto es una sana alternativa," dijo la presidenta del club, Ashley.

"Esta fiesta estaba creada con la idea de que los estudiantes puedan divertirse un viernes en la noche y estar seguros," dijo Sepúlveda.

Representantes de LASO Ivette, Laura y Judith estaban entretenidas mezclando bebidas para los invitados. Bebidas no-alcohólicas y comida estaban incluidos

entre las atenciones dispuestas a los invitados.

Hasta los estudiantes de los otros campus de Valencia vinieron a disfrutar una noche llena de diversión.

Jazmine Salas y su amigo Xavier Vonegas dijeron que la fiesta estuvo increíble, quienes estuvieron bailando toda la noche sin parar.

El ambiente propició una atmosfera romántica y agradable, dijo Vonegas.

El estudiante Javier Cervantes comento que deberían haber puesto más banderas de los países e iconos de las culturas para expresar mas la razón de la fiesta que era la herencia hispana.

La admisión para la noche latina era gratis si se mostraba el ID de Valencia a la entrada. Los estudiantes que no tenían el ID de Valencia pagaban \$5 a la entrada. Los \$5 iban hacia la investigación del cáncer de seno.

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Chile is a country in which many of its citizens struggle to provide for themselves and their families. The country faced two major accidents this summer, one that ended with a miner's leg being severed by a rock on July 11, and another which gave the country hope for the future.

Thirty-three miners were trapped in a gold and copper mine in San Jose, Chile on August 5. The Chilean president Sebastian Pinera insisted that a rescue team assemble and begin drilling, 17 days after the accident contact was made. A note was found tied to a probe that had been lowered in earlier efforts.

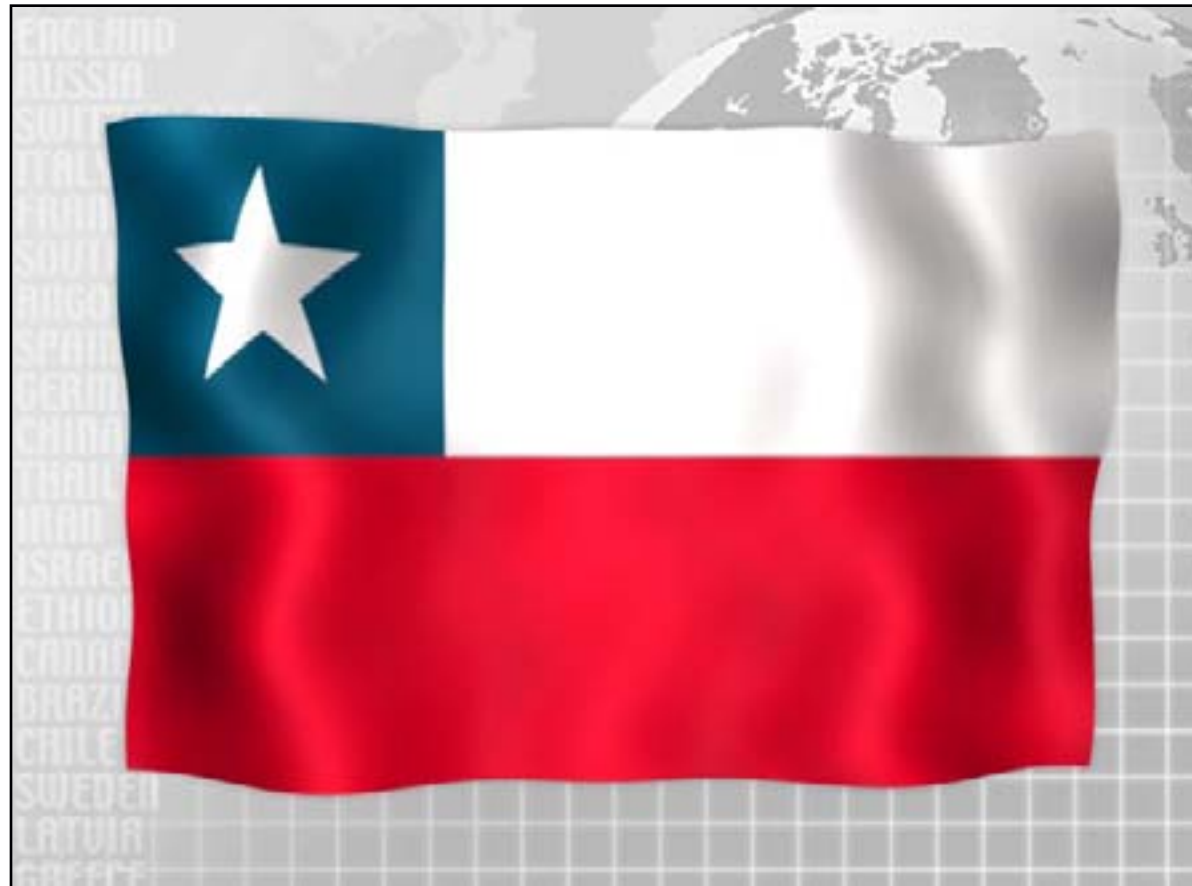
According to CNN World the note read, "The 33 of us are fine in the shelter."

The nation of Chile was taken on an emotional upheaval that no one was ready for. Despite the difficulties that lay ahead, the Chilean people faced the issues with hope and faith that their husband, brother, father, or friend would live to see another day.

The rescue team continued to send food and water down to the miners as well as medical tests and medications that were delivered through a small shaft.

The conviction that the Chilean people showed during this time is extremely commendable, and speaks highly of their nation's strength. The thought of receiving everything needed to survive through a small opening in the ground seems mind boggling to me.

The miners' 69 day struggle capti-



C/O MCT

vated the world, as they fought for their lives. All 33 miners were rescued on October 13, an endeavor that took close to 24 hours.

I and many more speculated that the date of rescue was an auspicious sign that all miners would live to see another day. By adding 10 for the month of October, 13 for the day of the month and 10 for the year the sum is 33.

Later on in the month of August, NASA sent a team of four to help with plans for the rescue. The team consisted of Clinton Cragg, a NASA engineer, Michael Duncan and James Polk, who are both doctors, and Al Holland, a psychologist, ac-

cording to www.DailyTech.com.

Cragg designed a capsule named the Fenix, that would safely take the miners to the surface, over 2,000 ft from the shelter. The capsule was named after a mythical bird that rose from ashes, a seemingly fitting name for the occasion.

The Chilean people gathered at the top of "camp hope," on October 13, the day that the miners would finally be rescued. The entire world waited on pins and needles as Florencio Avalos, 31, made his way to the surface at 12:04 am, according to www.telegraph.com.

When Avalos made it to the surface, I could literally see the relief in the eyes of

bystanders but behind them remained a glimpse of worry for the other 32 miners.

That moment changed my life and I was not even directly affected by the accident. It reminded me that no matter what the day brings, there will soon be another.

After the first miner was taken away for medical attention the Fenix was lowered for the next worker. The capsule was estimated to take around 25 minutes for each trip, but soon learned that the trip was actually somewhere around 16 minutes.

The second worker to get into the capsule, Mario Sepulveda Espina, presented Pinera and the rescue team with rocks from below.

The Chilean people chanted, "Chi, Chi, Chi! Le, Le, Le! Si Se Puede! Chile," as the miners made their way to the top. Each worker received a warm welcome from the president and the rescue team that had been helping them for the past 69 days.

According to www.msnbc.com, Sepulveda felt like he was "between God and the devil." "They fought, God won."

Camp Hope now holds 33 Chilean flags, one for each miner.

The streets of Chile were soon full of balloons, confetti, and flags. The country had survived the accident of August 5.

"Hopefully the spirit of these miners will remain forever with us," said Pinera, reported www.msnbc.com. "This country is capable of great things."

POLL

America the melting pot

By Jonathan Terbeche
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Seeing as we live in a state that is named in Spanish, it should come as no surprise that a large Hispanic presence resides here. Not just here of course, but all over the country, Hispanic population and culture is quickly assimilating with the country.

With so many other ethnicities following this trend, what has been the influence on modern American culture?

It's difficult, if not altogether impossible, to find a business, or product that does not cater to Spanish-speaking peoples. It has become second-nature buy a new DVD and not notice the description on the back of the box is written in Spanish and French as well. When watching the movie at home, it would seem odd if the ability to select from a variety of languages was not available.

For those many unemployed, possessing the ability to speak Spanish is not just a special work quality, but an almost necessity to even have the chance of being hired in the state of Florida. In fact, some say just speaking Spanish is no longer enough, but the ability to speak Portuguese is now required as well.

Some things that have already recently changed are the offerings of Spanish tests to be given to those applying for licenses, or the inclusions of special classes in high schools and universities for Spanish speakers.

With different languages and different cultures, come different ideals, which means different laws. Having so many diverse people coming from all walks of life puts a strain on the government unlike any other to try and appease complaints. Laws regarding immigration, deportation, education, and occupation are all hotly-debated constants within government.

Being the melting pot of countries guarantees the mixing of many separate cultures and traditions to create one new, unique culture all it's own. This is a relatively new concept for a society, but will need to be adopted by people, for it is quickly happening all over the world. Americans seem fairly easy to accept this idea, but still need work on using correct terminology. After all, it is incorrect to refer to a people as a "minority" when they now make up the largest portion of society!

What do you and your family do to celebrate your heritage?



"My family's from Korea. When we celebrate Korean New Year and Thanksgiving we try to go there."

— Tina So
Business, West



"Every Thanksgiving my family gets together and eats a lot of food."

— John Borgela
General studies, West



"Being Spanish, my family is always together. Everybody brings their own food, and we play music together."

— Heidi Aricala
Communications, West



"My family regularly eats soul food. We also try and support black people on reality shows whenever we can."

— Jonathan Young
General studies, West



"We celebrate Haiti's independence day on January 1, which took place in 1804. It's tradition for my family to cook squash and eat together."

— Richard Joseph
Business accounting, West



"Since my entire family lives here, we get together during the holidays and cook."

— Passion Truss
General studies, West



"Well we're Jewish so we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Passover, and the Sabbath. We have lots of food and drinks and try to meet up every other year."

— Jennifer Weinberger
General studies, West, East



"We have festivals and celebrate New Years, known as Tet. All the adults give the children money in red envelopes called li si. They gamble with it in a cool board game."

— Tuan Pham
Biology and chemistry, West

Photos by Sebastian Arbelaez; Reporting by Jonathan Terbeche

Fila's new Fashion Figure Control

All these clothes will make you supposedly look thinner and slimmer

By Anne Bratskeir
Newsday

OK, women, admit it. There are very few of us who have not wrestled with a pair of control top pantyhose in the name of creating a leaner silhouette. The good news is that some designers feel our

pain and have introduced a category of clothing, not undergarments, that does the trick.

Companies known for their figure-control undies have branched out into clothes meant to be seen. Spanx has swimwear and a great basic black dress with an inner panel that controls tummy, thighs and rear. Yummie Tummie has lots of tummy-trimming tanks and camisoles, including a lovely tiered chiffon tank you'd never guess is a control garment.

But recently, there have been some new entries in the market. Here are three that look promising.

FILA'S BODY TONING

Fila's new Body Toning apparel, not only sculpts, it supposedly makes your muscles work harder by way of multilayered panels. Freya Tamayo, Fila USA's director of apparel design, says the garments combine the principles of shapewear and medical compression wear.

Kiya Knight, a fitness instructor who has tried the Fila pants, says they made her feel like "I could jump higher, run faster, and stretch deeper." As for the body beautifying aspect? Knight likens the garments to a Wonder Bra-Spanx combo that conceals "every lump, bump and imperfection."

Road test "Pants for every woman who has ever stopped to look at her butt in a mirror" is the line's slogan, and truth told, well, they do create the illusion of a beautiful booty. The line runs from \$35 for shorts to \$75 for long pants at sporting-goods stores; and fila.com.

SKINNY JEANS

Hello! Skinny Jeans, by designer Catherine Hart, claim to make you look thinner. Classic denim with a high-power "memory" stretch (to prevent that annoying bagging at the end of the day), plus a

series of features such as stitched pocket linings to help suck in the gut, strategically placed fading and pocket placements -all aid the slenderizing cause. These babies are pricey, but, if you believe testimonials, well worth it.

Road test Smart-looking, and the denim is turbo stretch. Not even a whiff of the mom-jean stigma, yet suck you in like nobody's business _ wait till you see your legs! Prices go from \$145 to \$190 at skinnyjeans.com.

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YouTube phenomenon performing in Orlando

With over 2.5 million hits, the unsigned singer has been over-hauling the website by storm

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Choi has won awards like the David Bowie Mash-Up contest and the John Lennon Songwriting Contest for teens, both in 2004.

Another Choi Facebook fan, Vivian Tran said, "I love that his music is original and I can actually relate to it. From time to time, I'll go on his channel and listen to his music or watch the videos he's been in on WongFu Productions' YouTube channel."

He has also collaborated on projects with other YouTube celebrities. His most recent collaborations include starring on a 10 episode web series titled "Funemployed," by WongFu Productions and KevJumba, two other popular channels.

He has been able to meet and work with more online celebs like NigaHiga, HappySlip, and Kina-Grannis. WongFu actually produced the official videos for Choi's songs "That Girl" and "Won't Even Start."

"I like that his music is not generic. Me and my friends are going to his concert and we're super excited to see him," fan Uyen Tran said.

Be there for his October 20th show at BackBooth located on 37 West Pine Street, Downtown Orlando at 7:30 P.M.

For more information on David Choi, you can access www.davidchoimusic.com, or search him on youtube.com.



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Florida kicker Chas Henry misses the tying field goal to drive the Gators to their third straight loss.

Florida fumbles focus

By Clark Spencer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Saturday night's not all right. Not in Gainesville. Not anymore.

By losing, 10-7, to Mississippi State, the 22nd-ranked Gators:

Absorbed their third consecutive loss for the first time this century.

Lost on consecutive Saturdays in The Swamp for the first time since the 0-10-1 season of 1979.

Likely knocked themselves out of the Top 25 for the first time since Urban Meyer took over as coach.

"We're not very good right

now," he said.

Said center Mike Pouncey: "No matter how good you do in practice during the week, you've got to come out and win on Saturdays. We haven't done that the last few weeks."

Just when it looked like it couldn't get any worse for an anemic, sputtering UF offense, it did. The Gators were held to their fewest points at home since a 36-7 loss to LSU in 2002.

Asked if he thought an overhaul of the offense is in order, Meyer replied, "I think so."

But that wasn't Alabama or LSU applying the shackles Saturday. That was Mississippi

State. That was the Gators' homecoming opponent. With Saturday's setback, the Gators' 21-game winning streak in homecoming games came to an end.

About the only saving grace for the Gators came from the news that 10th-ranked South Carolina had been upset at Kentucky. That still gives the Gators a chance to win the Southeastern Conference East Division.

"We've got to throw and catch better," Meyer said. "Obviously, we've got to get a lot better."

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Yankees try to stay alive

Cano leads as Yanks survive Game 5

By Tara Sullivan

The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

NEW YORK - The emergence from the on-deck circle brings a hush at first, the weighty sense of anticipation a baseball crowd feels when a blazing hot hitter comes to the plate. Visits to the concession stands are postponed as nearly 50,000 gazes turn in unison to the batter's box. Then, the silence is quickly filled with droning chants of "M-V-P," a throaty serenade to honor a dominating season that so seamlessly has crossed into the playoffs.

Wednesday night, just like it was for the two other ALCS games at Yankee Stadium, it was Robinson Cano who found himself the target of such unfiltered adulation.

As the series heads back to Texas, it will be Josh Hamilton who feels the love.

The Yankees clawed their way back into the pennant chase with a 7-2 victory that cut their series deficit to 3-2, but the most captivating subplot of this battle has been the mano-a-mano clash between the two lights-out stars. Cano and Hamilton are the leading candidates to win MVP honors for the regular season, and they've left no doubt this past week as to why.

"Two dangerous guys on both sides," is how Curtis Granderson put it. "Both teams would be happy to have either one, and both teams are happy to have the guy they have. You hear the constant MVP chants both in Texas and New York, and it's going to be interesting to see who gets it when it's all said and done.

"Both of those guys have lived up to what they have done during the course of the 2010 season in

this postseason. It seems like there's no stopping either one."

With another home run Wednesday, Cano raised his ALCS average to .421 (8-for-19), with four home runs, five RBI, 21 total bases and a 1.105 slugging percentage. Hamilton is batting .316 (6-for-19) with four home runs, seven RBI, 19 total bases and a 1.000 slugging percentage. With at least one more game to play, they are already just the second pair in any postseason series to hit at least four home runs apiece, joining Tampa teammates B.J. Upton and Evan Longoria in 2008.

"Those two guys are difference-makers, and they will probably be difference-makers as long as we are playing," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I tip my hat to both of them."

The Yankees waited all series to break out offensively. Wednesday's storm began with a second-inning trickle, ignited by Jeff Francoeur's throwing error, which allowed the slow-footed combo of Jorge Posada and Lance Berkman to score from second and third on a single to right. But an inning later, Nick Swisher and Cano brought the thunder, hitting back-to-back home runs that finally let this place breathe a little. Though Cano's didn't quite match the 435-foot bomb he hit in Game 2 in Texas, the ball left no doubt it was going clear the right-center wall.

"He's our best hitter, no doubt," Berkman said.

With a consistent, logical approach to the plate, Cano was a potent cleanup hitter during Alex Rodriguez's injury absence in the regular season, just as he moved into the three hole Wednesday night in the wake of Mark Teixeira's season-ending hamstring injury.

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Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler, left, makes the tag too late to get New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez as he steals second in the seventh inning in Game 5 of the American League Championship Series at Yankee Stadium in New York.

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