



**SCENE SETTING**

**Canceled**

Grammy-winning hip-hop, urban, Latin and rock act Ozomatli has canceled its Tuesday show at Cain's Ballroom.

For refund information, please visit the official Cain's Ballroom Web site, [CainsBallroom.com](http://CainsBallroom.com).



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**Have a safe holiday**

Want to learn to have a safer holiday? The criminal justice studies program at Vatterott College will host an open house event from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday to show you how.

Topics include safeguarding your home while away on holiday travel and personal safety in parking lots and malls during the holiday season.

The event is free and will be at Vatterott College, 4343 S. 118th East Ave. For more, call 835-8288.

**A natural history of bats**

William Caire, professor of biology of the University of Central Oklahoma will talk "Bats of Oklahoma," a lecture beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave.

Director of the UCO's Selman Living Laboratory, Caire will discuss the natural history and ecology of bats and problems the species is now encountering. Admission to this Tulsa Audubon Society event is free. For more, call 746-5125 or go to [tulsaworld.com/audubon](http://tulsaworld.com/audubon).

**Violence in the family**

Families and Communities Empowered by Safety will present a panel discussion on family violence from 10-11:50 a.m. Tuesday at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

Authorities on various aspects of the subject will be available to answer questions afterward. The event is free and open to the public. For more, call 250-7307.

**Stories of Russia**

There are all kinds of story times, some are for easing a child into nighttime. Others, though, are spoken in another tongue entirely to weave tales of faraway lands.

Story-lovers 12 and younger can hear Russian stories in English and Russian from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Broken Arrow Library, 300 W. Broadway Ave., 251-5359.



**The "Jackson" tall boot in soft suede by Sam Edelson.**  
\$200, J. Cole



**The "Shea" double-strap tall boot with stacked heel by Dexter for Payless.**  
\$44.99, Payless



**The "Geneva" front-zip boot by Christian Siriano for Payless.**  
\$49.99, Payless



**The "Lancaster" ankle bootie by Lela Rose for Payless.**  
\$49.99, Payless



**Smartfit tall stretch boot with interlocked-heart details on strap.**  
\$24.99, Payless

# GET THE BOOT

## The long and short of fall footwear

BY JASON ASHLEY WRIGHT  
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**N**ancy Sinatra's boots have nothing on Beyonce's. In the superstar siren's video "Sweet Dreams," she proves boots aren't just made for walking but dancing and spinning and, of course, singing.

Like the short-short sequined skirt she dons, Beyonce's thigh-high steppers might not be practical for day-to-day wear. But boots — particularly tall ones — are fall's perennial footwear favorite.

We figured that out as soon as Nicole Brown dropped the word "boot-iful" the other day.

"Fall 2009 boots are aggressive and in your face," said Brown, one-half of the duo behind J. Cole shoe boutique in King's Landing, 9930 Riverside Parkway. Over-the-knee ones are especially important this fall, she said. They're sexy, "and you can wear a minidress without revealing everything."



**The "Billy Short" Western boot by Frye (\$238, Glass Slipper).**

Plus, they create an amazing silhouette for the body because they are normally fitted along the leg.

"Whether your over-the-knee boot is flat or has a high heel, the higher up the thigh, the better," Brown said. "These boots draw attention to the legs and scream sexy."

She and co-owner Jennifer Combs have the soft-suede "Jackson" tall boot by Sam Edelman. But if tall's not your thing, check

out their booties — those ankle's-the-limit boots, like the triple-strap "Outlaw" bootie by Mia.

Bootie boots are also important for fall, Brown said, from peep-toe booties ("an alluring feel") to ankle booties. It's a look that can be dramatic and refreshing.

The shortie Western boot by Frye is "all the rage," said Linda Michaels, co-owner of Glass Slipper shoe boutique at the Plaza, 81st Street and Lewis Avenue.

It's so hotly in demand that Michaels has had to wait-list all requests for the next shipments, she said. For one thing, Western boots are extremely popular anyway. But then you have the Taylor Swift factor.

Plus, they're versatile, said Michaels, who suggested wearing them under jeans or with leggings and a casual tunic.

Another flexible footwear find in her shop is the faux-fur boots by Report, which you can wear pulled up or scrunched down. Just fold the cuff over at the top, "half or all the

SEE **BOOT D2**

new on dvd

**Star Trek.** PG-13. J.J. Abrams's remake of the classic space voyage.



The classic characters are young and new at working together as they take their first voyage together on the Enterprise. Starring Chris Pine as Capt. Kirk and Zachary Quinto as Dr. Spock.

**My Sister's Keeper.** PG-13. Based on the heartbreaking best-seller by Jodi Picoult, Cameron Diaz stars as the mother of Kate (Sofia Vassilieva), who has leukemia. The only way to save her is for her and her husband,

played by Jason Patric, to conceive another child, Anna (Abigail Breslin). But Anna decides she's tired of being a medical experiment and fights back.

**Bruno.** R. The ever-mischievous Sacha Baron Cohen ("Borat") is back.



This time he plays an over-the-top Bruno, who travels the world searching for fame. Along the way, he runs into plenty of real celebrities, including LaToya Jackson, Paula Abdul and many more.

— KIM BROWN, World Scene Writer

## Rather blind date than invite fate

Despite the occasional knock on wood, I'm not that superstitious.

Growing up, I wasn't concerned that stepping on cracks would prompt my mother to visit a chiropractor. Love her dearly, but it's pavement for snake's sake, not a Ouija board.

I did, however, occasionally throw salt over my shoulder, and I can totally see why people cry over spilled milk. And even though I have no qualms about swallowing gum, I do worry about its potential for seven years of bad luck. By the way, I get my



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superstitions mixed up, along with cliches — "not the sharpest bulb in the haystack" being one of my favorites.

Anyway, nonsense very closely aside, I am somewhat superstitious when it comes to saying "never," as I try not to use it when referencing certain activities. That sounded more sordid

than it really is, so let's clarify together.

**He don't say**

Maybe it was my dad, not sure, but I remember someone during childhood warning me against dropping "never" in a sentence. Naturally, being genetically programmed to do the opposite of what I'm told, I would rattle off never statements with the rapidity of machine-gunfire and, usually, the cleverness of a cap gun.

Prime example: "I'll never marry?" My goal since age 6 was to get rich as an archi-

tect/pop star, move to New York and, apparently, never marry. That career path ended long before puberty, I've never even been to New York, and — here's the A-bomb of surprises — I've never married.

Now, at age 29 Part VI, I can't help but wonder if I jinxed myself. My occasional dalliances with Cupid tend to end rather traumatically, so I'm totally on the fast track at being stuck forever at the kiddie table on Thanksgiving or being the lonely, balding, mothball-

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