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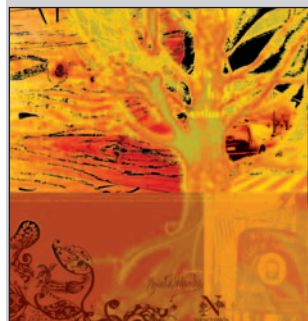
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Shaking off the myths

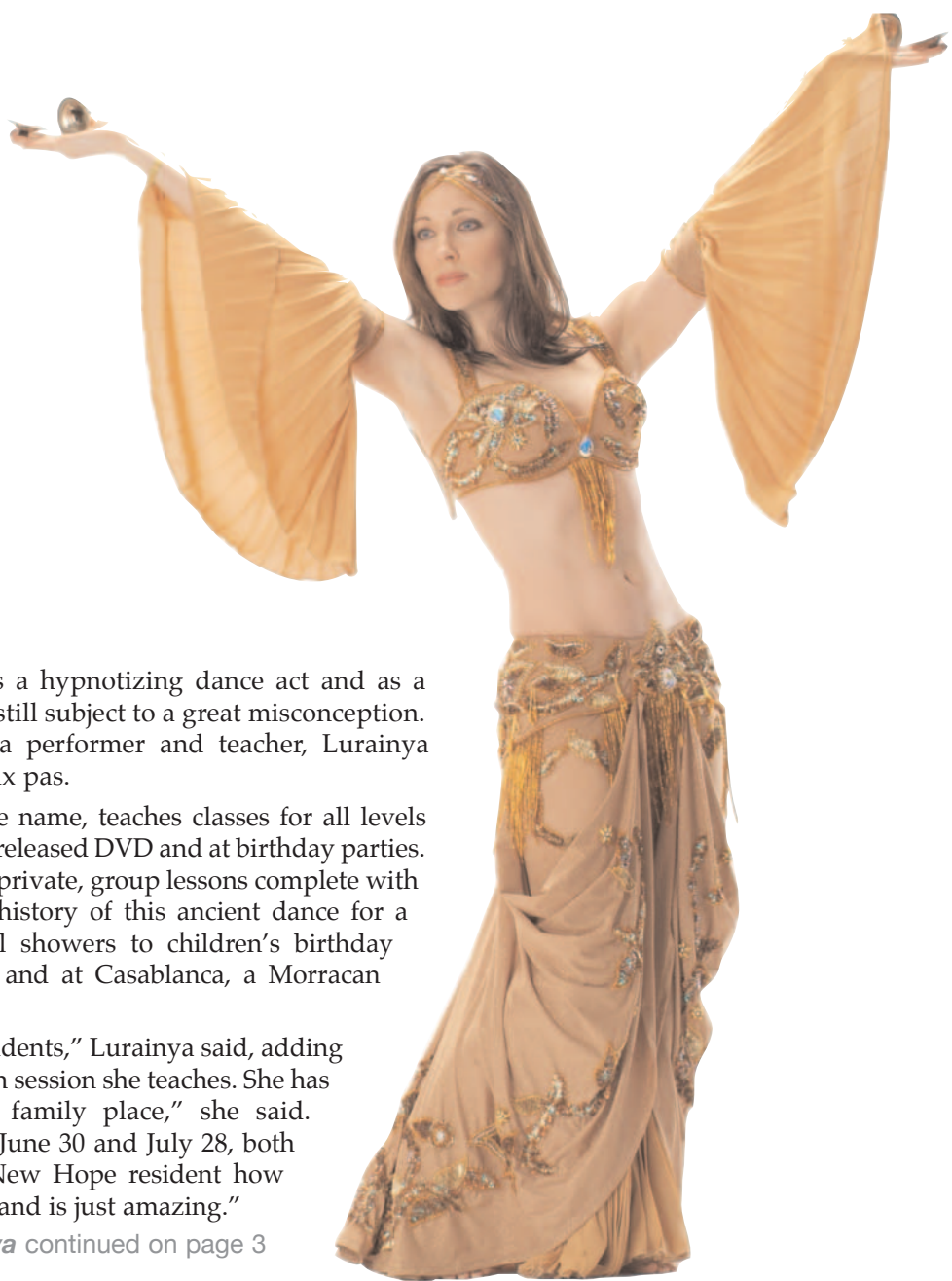
DAWN HILTY

Despite a recent rise in popularity, both as a hypnotizing dance act and as a workout for body and spirit, bellydancing is still subject to a great misconception. That elaborate costume is staying on. As a performer and teacher, Lurainya Koerber is passionate about breaking this faux pas.

Lurainya, which is a variation of her middle name, teaches classes for all levels throughout Bucks County, through her newly released DVD and at birthday parties. No, not those kinds of parties. Lurainya gives private, group lessons complete with veils and hand cymbals and speaks on the history of this ancient dance for a variety of female gatherings — from bridal showers to children's birthday parties. She also performs at special events and at Casablanca, a Moroccan restaurant in Warrington.

"The Casablanca shows are mostly for my students," Lurainya said, adding that she appears there at least once during each session she teaches. She has been performing there since 2002, "it's a family place," she said. Upcoming Casablanca performances include June 30 and July 28, both Friday evenings will also feature Omar, a New Hope resident how Lurainya says has been "dancing for decades and is just amazing."

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Come with an appetite

DIANA R. BOWEN
DINING WITH DIANA

What is the first thing patrons notice when entering an eatery? The menu? The decor? The noise? Pike's Pub-n-Grub in Southampton is basically a sports pub with murals featuring the Phillies, Eagles, Flyers, NASCAR, etc. on the walls. There are two entrances — one into the bar area and the other a basic restaurant entrance with the aforementioned murals and a neon lit

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

ALTERNATIVE SPORTS AND MUSIC

Journeys Backyard Barbeque Tour, June 24

A visit to the Oxford Valley Mall (2300 East Lincoln Highway, Langhorne) parking lot will commence Journey's Backyard Barbeque Tour. The free festival will include musical entertainment, ranging from indie rock and emo to punk and rock music, with national acts The Bank Robbers and Matchbook Romance appearing after a battle of the bands featuring local, unsigned bands judged by the crowd in voting kiosks. The festival will also have an alternative sports side, with professional skateboard demonstrations and freestyle motorcross performances. The 60,000 square foot arena will be filled with action from 1-8 p.m. Visit JourneysBBQ.com for more information.



BOROUGH WIDE FESTIVAL

10th Annual Celtic Day, June 25

On Sunday, June 25th, the Celtic Heritage Foundation will present the 10th Annual Celtic Day event at Bristol Lions Park-Riverfront Park from 1 to 8 p.m. The park is located along the Delaware River at the foot of Mill Street in Bristol Borough. Featured entertainment will include Irish American String Band, Errigal Band, McCoy School of Irish Dance, Charlie Zahm, The Fitzpatrick Dancers and Theresa Flanagan Band. Entertainment is planned for all ages, with paddleboat rides, Irish Dance lessons, face painting and a balloon artist. There will be food vendors and baked goods for sale. Call 215.788.8948 or 215.788.5232 for more information.