

Community Briefs

Tie and tails

The Carnivore Preservation Trust will host its inaugural Black Tie and Tails Ball on Saturday at the Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh.

The event will start at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, which will feature more than 70 items, including artwork, jewelry, iPods and more. A seated gourmet dinner and a live auction, featuring trips to Spain and Florida, Carolina Panthers tickets and more, will follow. The evening will conclude with dancing.

Attire is "Safari Formal," and acceptable dress is formal attire, safari-style costume or some hybrid of the two.

Tickets are \$125 per person and may be purchased online at www.blacktieandtailsball.com or by phone at 542-4684, ext. 3003. Proceeds will benefit the animals of the Carnivore Preservation Trust, a 55-acre wildlife sanctuary east of Pittsboro.

Dance Marathon

More than 1,100 UNC students have committed to stand on their feet for 24 hours on Friday at the 10th annual UNC Dance Marathon.

The event celebrates the conclusion of the participants' yearlong fundraising efforts in support of North Carolina Chil-

dren's Hospital.

The UNC Dance Marathon, held in UNC's Fetzer Gym, kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday and concludes 7 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to attend the event, which will feature performances by UNC and community performance groups, varsity athletes, bands and guest speakers.

The event has raised more than \$1.3 million over the past nine years, each year surpassing the previous year's fundraising total.

Funds raised by UNC Dance Marathon are donated to North Carolina Children's Hospital to help with families' extra costs not associated with health care expenses that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

For more information, to view a web cast of the event or to make a donation, visit www.uncmarathon.org. Donations may also be made at the event.

Pauli Murray Awards

The Orange County Human Relations Commission and the Office of Human Rights and Relations will host the 2007 Pauli Murray Human Relations Awards on February 24 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The ceremony will feature musical entertainment by the Newman Music Ministry of the

Newman Catholic Student Center Parish; dance performance by the Instruments of Praise Dance Troupe; readings of the 2007 Human Rights Student Essay Contest winning essays; and the recognition of the 2007 Pauli Murray Human Relations Award recipients.

The commission presents the Pauli Murray Award annually to an Orange County youth, adult and business that have served the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice and human rights for all citizens.

The ceremony will be held in the Little Theater at New Hope Elementary School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Office of Human Rights and Relations at 960-3875.

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And like Mrs. Ben Hogan (that was how she always signed her name when asked for an autograph), whose name was really "Valerie," my name has been misspelled pretty much ever since.

Check out last week's Carrboro Citizen: "Recently by Valerie Schwartz."

As soon as editor Kirk Ross saw it, he e-mailed an apology saying he had no idea how it got spelled wrong. On Saturday, he stopped by (we are neighbors) with ice cream, saying that before the copy went to press he had known something was wrong and that it had to do with a "v" and an "a" and had double-checked both "Valentine" and the spelling of County Commissioner Valerie Foushee's name,

finding nothing amiss.

I laughed and told him how I had come to have such a differently spelled name — through a newspaper typo — prompting this column.

While researching the facts, besides learning that Ben Hogan, like me, was a left-handed Texan (and my size), two other things I learned sent chills down my spine: the date and location of Hogan's accident. You see, also on Feb. 1, (like the Hogan accident), but 17 years after I was born, my father had a car accident that left doctors telling him that he would never walk again — that accident occurred 100 miles EAST of El Paso. He too proved the doctors wrong and, though he did nothing to merit a ticker-tape parade, lived a life that brought pleasure to others, as the cook at his church and a guitar-playing singer of faith and

cowboy songs.

Both men lived to be 85. Valerie Hogan died two years after her beloved, whom she knew for 74 of her almost 88 years.

Ben Hogan loaned his name to some of the best golf equipment available for serious golfers because he only wanted his name associated with the best.

He once told a golf writer something his mother had taught him, saying, "Your name is the most important thing you own. Don't ever do anything to disgrace it or cheapen it."

All this puts fresh perspective on a misplaced vowel.

My mother, who now lives around the corner, says she's never regretted spelling my name "wrong."

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Community Calendar

Special Events
1st Annual Collectors Fair
hosted by the Town of Carrboro and the N.C. Recreation and Parks Department. Sat, Feb 23, 9am-3pm. Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. Collectible items such as coins, stamps, trading cards, comic books, dolls, toys & more will be on hand. Vendor booths available for \$25-\$35. Call Brendan Moore at 918-7385 or bmoore@townofcarrboro.org for more info.

Lunchbox Concert Series
— Thursdays through Mar 6. Bring lunch to the Century Center and hear live music from noon to 1pm. Free coffee provided by Open Eye Café. 100 N Greensboro St. Call 918-7385 or visit townofcarrboro.com/rp/cc.htm for more info.

Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet at 7pm, Thu, Feb 21. Carol Woods Retirement Community, 750 Weaver Dairy Rd. Beginners & experts are welcome. Call 929-5359 or e-mail ShirleyRay@aol.com for more info.

Thoughts on Reentry: American Politics After Returning From Syria — Lecture by Sarah Shields, Ph.D. Sun, Mar 2, 11am. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St. Hosted by The North Carolina Society for Ethical Culture. Free and open to the public.

Monitoring Civil Rights on the Ground — screening of footage by local videographer of UNC students supporting citizens of Jena, La., during the town's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and discussion of local civil rights issues. Wed, Feb 21, 7pm. Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Hosted by the Orange County Bill of Rights Defense Committee. Open to the public.

Kids
Toddler Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. For more info, call 969-3006.

Preschool Story Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz - Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-11, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, www.dsicomedytheater.com.

Express Yourself! - Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths; registration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org.

Volunteers
Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. For more info, call 942-2948.

Goathouse Cat Refuge — Seeks volunteers to help with rescued cats & kittens. For more info, call Bonny at 545-2825 or email her at brooze@embarqmail.com.

English as a Second Language Conversation Club seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students Fridays from 11:30am-1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. Call 967-1448 or email harwellja@bellsouth.net.

Health & Wellness
Community Grief Support Group, offered by UNC Hospitals' Bereavement Support Services. Group will focus on sharing and moving toward healing in a safe, supportive setting. Mondays through Mar 10, 6:30-8pm. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Free and open to anyone, regardless of faith background. To enroll, contact Heidi Gessner at 966-0716 or hgessner@unch.unc.edu.

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer — A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Comucopia House Cancer Support Center, 111 Cloister Ct, Ste 220, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www.comucopiahouse.org.

NAMI Family-To-Family Education Program will host a series of 12 weekly classes for people who have family members with a serious mental illness. Classes offered in Chapel Hill. Contave Gove Elder, 967-5403. Classes begin Mar 4. Registration required. Email confidential inquiries to gbelder@bellsouth.net.

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church, 11098 Highway 15-501. Call Julie Coleman at 967-3221 or visit www.chapelhilltcf.org.

Museums
Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows - Science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

A Nursery of Patriotism: The University at War, 1861-1945. Exhibit on war's historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manuscripts Dept (4th floor), Wilson Library, UNC campus, through Feb 29. www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html.

Films
We Shall Not be Moved: A History of the Tillery Resettlement (2007) — A history of the New Deal resettlement community of Tillery, N.C. from slavery to present through archival film and video footage, historical photographs and narratives by Tillery's elders. Thu, Feb 21, 7pm. Free and open to the public. Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. 150 South Rd, UNC campus. Call 962-9001 for more info.

Dance
Havana Nights — Cuban Salsa. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net.

Salsa/Mambo - 3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa_4u2@yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough).

Ballroom - Dancing. 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.

Literary Discussion/Open Mic
What Are These Graphic Novels I've Been Hearing So Much About? — A discussion led by Chapel Hill Comics owner Andrew Neal. Thu, Feb 28. Reception at 5pm, program at 5:45pm. Wilson Library, UNC campus. Call 962-4207 or e-mail liza_terll@unc.edu for more info. Free & open to the public.

Open Mic - For poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays at 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Village, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill. 933-5111, www.marketstreetbooks.com.

Other
Public Art 360: A Symposium from Seven Perspectives — a national convention to address the functional and aesthetic interaction among public art, profession design disciplines, private development and government. Registration for the April 11-12 symposium is \$60 before Feb 22, \$70 after Feb 22. Visit www.publicartcollaborative.org for more info.

VITA, a free tax assistance program for low- to middle-income clients runs through Apr. For enrollment requirements or more info visit www.co.orange.nc.us/ag-ing/VITA.asp.

Introduction to Buddhism. Wednesdays through Mar 5, 7:30-9pm. Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center: 35 Perkins Dr, Chapel Hill. Call 933-2138 or visit www.piedmontktc.org for more info.

Weekly Peace Vigils. Fridays, 5-6pm. At the corner of Elliot Rd & E Franklin St. Call 942-2535 for info.

Learn to incorporate a solar hot water system into construction projects and homes. Wed, Feb 27, 1-5pm. Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro. Workshop presented by GreenPros LLC. \$60. Call 542-6495, ext 223 for registration info.



FEBRUARY 28: Joe Woodson & the Bean Trees—Singer songwriter has been an entertainer for over 25 years. Music of all kinds was played around the house, but acoustic music, specifically gospel and folk, have stayed in Joe's Blood.

MARCH 6: Worthington—Over the past five years Michael and John have been playing an acoustic duo, putting their harmonica, guitar and vocal together on a variety of home blues and country songs. Their mix of tunes by Muddy Waters, Jimmy Reed and Hank Williams is just the thing for a lunch time break.

Thursdays: Noon-1pm Century Center Hall - 100 N. Greensboro St. Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department
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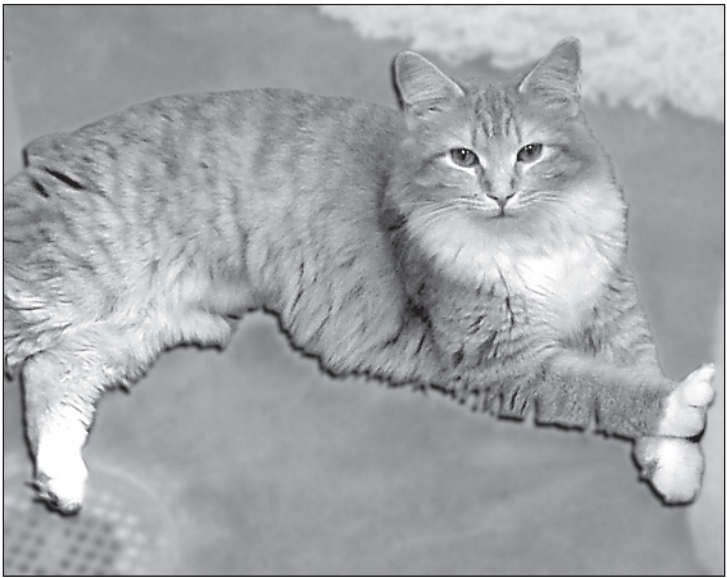
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PETS OF THE WEEK



APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — Why hello there! My name is Joyce and I am a stunning young female orange tabby cat that is soft like feathers. I am proud of my beauty and like to show it off by lying around in the window where everyone can see me. As you can see, I am quite photogenic, so just imagine what I look like in person! Visit me today at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org.



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet Henry! This gorgeous 2-year-old pit bull mix is not only handsome, but sweet too! He loves people and other dogs and would love a home where he can play and romp with no worries! He already knows how to sit and can't wait for you to teach him more tricks!! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 919-967-7383. You can also see him online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.