

Briefs



Film forum on race opens

ChathamArts' Sustainable Cinema series will sponsor "Race in NC: Justice and Reconciliation Film Forum" this weekend, addressing black history, identity, culture and social justice and racial reconciliation.

The two-day forum includes showings at Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City on Saturday and the Fearington Village Barn on Sunday along with educational outreach, filmmaker talks and panel discussions.

Films include *Greensboro: Closer to the Truth*, *The Trials of Darryl Hunt*, *An Unlikely Friendship*, *Blood Done Sign My Name* and *Moving Midway*.

Information and times are at chathamarts.org/sustainablecinema

Friends of the Downtown

Roger Waldon, former Chapel Hill planning director, will be the guest speaker at this month's meeting of Chapel Hill's Friends of the Downtown, today (Thursday) at 10 a.m.

Waldon is now with Clarion Associates, a land-use and real estate consulting firm, and will share ideas and examples from other communities at the meeting. Guests will then vote on whether those ideas are worth considering for Chapel Hill.

The meeting is in Top of the Hill's Great Room. Before the meeting, there will be a networking opportunity, as well as free coffee, starting at 9:30.

New Latino youth coordinator

The Hispanic Liaison of Chatham County has hired Silvio Balcazar to be its new youth program coordinator.

Balcazar is a native Peruvian and holds a law degree from Peru's Catholic University. He got his master's degree in cooperation and development, with a concentration in immigration studies, from Valencia University in Spain. Most of his career has focused on human rights and social-justice work.

Balcazar can be contacted by phone at 742-1448 or by email at silvio@evhnc.org

Vote for Chapel Hill

On Feb. 15, Chapel Hill was designated a Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation along with 11 other towns or cities nationwide.

Between now and March 15, each city is competing for the title of Fan Favorite. The town wants to recruit local residents, business owners, students and alumni to vote daily and encourage their friends and families to do the same.

Cast your vote at preservationnation.org/ddd

Bike friendly Chapel Hill

The League of American Bicyclists has designated Chapel Hill a bronze-level "Bicycle Friendly Community," and the town will celebrate on Friday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at University Mall on the stage in front of Dillard's.

The event will feature goldsprints, which allow riders on stationary bicycles to compete in a timed race, Bike Open Mike and the unveiling of Chapel Hill's new Bicycle Friendly signs.

For more information, visit gochapelhill.org

Homeownership fairs

Chatham Habitat for Humanity will host two fairs for families and individuals who want to own their own homes but aren't sure they can afford it.

The first is March 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church, 914 Martin Luther King Blvd. in Siler City. The second is March 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Community House, 71 Anthony St. in Pittsboro.

The events are free and open to the public. Habitat officials will talk about their program, how to qualify for a home and what the process is like. Families who have become homeowners through Chatham Habitat also will be on hand to share their experiences. There will be an opportunity to fill out an application.

For information about the fairs, contact Amanda Sale at 542-0794, ext. 220 or amanda-sale@chathamhabitat.org. To learn more about Chatham Habitat, visit chathamhabitat.org

World Day of Prayer

There will be a service at First Baptist Church on March 4 at 10:30 a.m. in observance of World Day of Prayer 2011.

The service will deal with hunger and needy families worldwide. Its theme is "How Many Loaves Have You?" The service is sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Church Women United and presented by Women of Carrboro United Methodist Church.

For more information, call Dolores Clark at 929-1550.

HOUSE Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with *The Carrboro Citizen* to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



This week we respond to questions about ringing in the ears and a swollen toe.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I'm 40 and really healthy, but recently started having recurrent ringing in my ears. When it starts, I feel disoriented and sometimes break into a sweat and feel like I might throw up. It usually just lasts for a few minutes and then I feel completely fine. What do you think is wrong?

We call this tinnitus (ringing or buzzing in the ears), and with dizziness, it may be vertigo — usually, the sensation that a room is spinning. This may be a problem called benign paroxysmal positional vertigo. This problem can be a real nuisance, but is not usually serious. We think it is caused by loose debris or stones in the inner-ear balance mechanism or inflammation of the balance mechanism. With the predominance of ringing as a

symptom, the problem may be Meniere's disease. This is often associated with hearing loss and can be treated with medicines and some other therapies. There are several other things that could cause it, so it is worth a visit to your family doctor, who will likely ask a lot of questions and examine you to make sure there could be nothing more serious going on. We hope you can get some relief from the symptoms.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I am 63 and am having a problem with my big toe. It has been slightly swollen for a few weeks and occasionally gets bigger and painful. I don't remember injuring it. When I asked my doctor about it, she asked me about my alcohol consumption and mentioned the possibility of gout. What do you think is causing this?

Gout often occurs in the big toe, and certainly can be caused or exacerbated by

drinking alcohol. Gout of the big toe is so special that it has its own name: podagra. So that is a good possibility. Pain and swelling with acute gout is usually severe. Maybe you injured your toe and didn't realize it at the time. If there is a broken bone or torn ligament, it could take awhile for the swelling and pain to go away. We would recommend that you keep working with your doctor. Often, blood tests and X-rays will help with diagnosis. The best way to diagnose gout is by getting fluid from the joint involved. We then examine the fluid under the microscope for crystals. Unfortunately, this can be hard to do with the big toe. Good luck, and we hope this gets better quickly.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

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121 Swell place?

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129 John Wayne's final film

132 Navel store?

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138 Answer for an admiral

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4 Showy flower

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6 Geometry term

7 First base man?

8 Helps a hood

9 Shriveled up

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14 Gary Cooper's final film

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102 '58 Everly Brothers hit

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108 Do Europe

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118 Employees

120 "Green Mansions" girl

122 Actress Nielsen

124 — Carlo Menotti

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126 Prepare prunes

129 Darjeeling export

130 "Yo!"

131 Metallurgist's concern

CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCVAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc... Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

"Being British"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

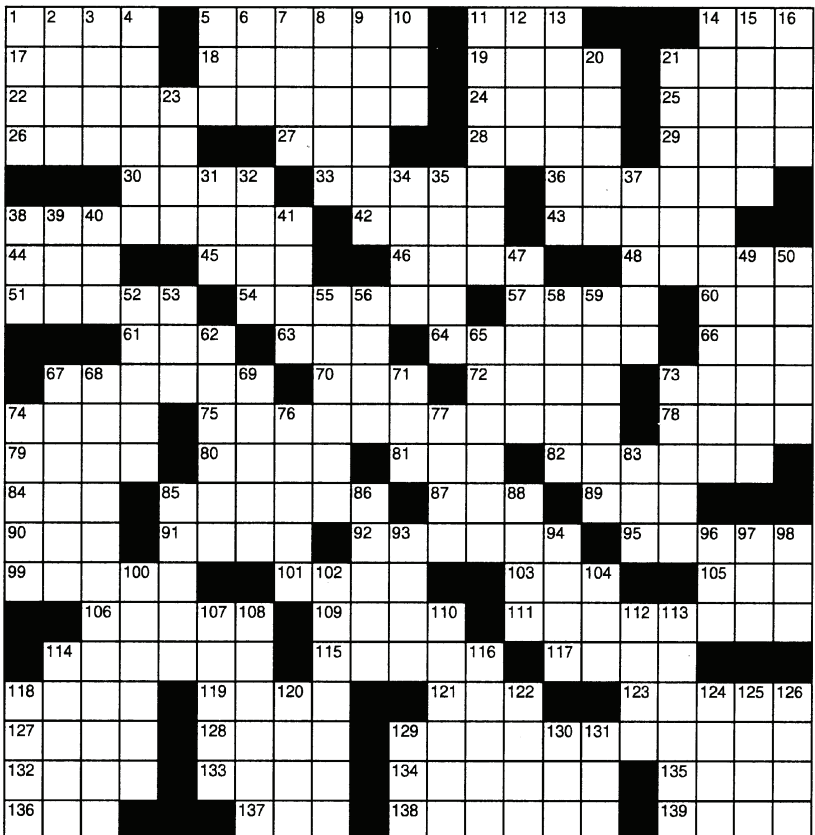
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Calendar

THURSDAY FEB 24
Godspell — Presented by United Church of Chapel Hill. 7 pm Free, with donations requested to support the American Sign Language Interpreting Service 605-3418

The Big Tent Cabaret Road Show — Presented by the Paperhand Puppet Intervention. TheArtsCenter; Runs through March 6 artscenterlive.org

OC Democratic Women — Meeting and commemoration of Black History Month. OWASA, 7pm

Movie Showing — *The Take*, a documentary depicting the struggle against globalization in Latin America through the occupation of bankrupt businesses. Internationalist Books, 7pm

Daniel Johnston — To discuss his pottery making and inspirations. Ackland Art Museum, 6pm Free and open to the public

FRIDAY FEB 25
Meals on Wheels Fundraiser — With a silent auction and music featuring Big John Shearer and Blues Side Up Band. Community Church on Purefoy Rd, 7:30pm \$10 942-2948

WCOM Fundraiser — “Dirt Cheap: Soul/Funk-A-Thon” fundraiser dance-party. Johnny’s, 7-11pm

Book Sale — Chapel Hill Public Library. Continues through Feb 27 968-2780

Boys Choir Auditions — For boys in grades 3-6 for the spring semester: Church of the Good Shepherd, Durham 5-7pm ncboyschoir.org 489-0291

SATURDAY FEB 26
Marathon Jam for Fisher House Charity — Annual jam to raise money for room and board for families of soldiers recovering in VA hospitals. American Legion Post 6, 1pm-1am marathonjam.com

Back to Borneo — A one-man show by Paul “Sparky” Johnson. The ArtsCenter; 8pm \$10 artscenterlive.org

Bicycle Friendly Award — The League of American Bicyclists presents its Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community Award to Carrboro.

Looking Glass Cafe, 9am bikecarrboro.com

Seed Swap — And Seed Saving Skillshare. Carrboro Town Commons pavillion, 9:30am-noon carrboro-greenspace.org

Energy Fair — Carrboro and Chapel Hill host an Energy Efficiency Education Fair: Carrboro Century Center, 9am-4pm Free townofcarrboro.org

Talk at Chicle — Ted Mouw to speak about migration and community ties between Guanajuato, Mexico and Chapel Hill, North Carolina: results from a cross-border survey of social networks. Chicle Language Institute, 5pm Free chicle.com

Bread and Puppet Theatre — Presents The Decapitalization Circus. The ArtsCenter, 7pm artscenterlive.org

Bald Eagle Watch — Jordan Lake Observation Platform, Martha’s Chapel Rd., 9-10am Registration: 542-6495, ext. 8044

Gardening Workshop — The first in a series for home gardening: “Organic Rose Gardening.” N.C. Botanical Garden, 1:30pm 962-0522

Guitar Concert — Valencian classical guitar concert by Albert Rodriguez Marti. Dress attire recommended. Carrboro Century Center; 7:30pm \$8/students and veterans, \$12/adults brownpapertickets.com/event/145157

Open House — For Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center at their new location. IFC Building, Suite 2L, 1-2pm 968-9426

Film Forum — ChathamArts and the NC Humanities Council present “The Chatham Film Forum on Racial Justice and Reconciliation.” Fearrington Barn, chathamarts.org

MONDAY FEB 28
“Time Out” — With guest Karen DeSombre discussing Alzheimer’s research. WCOM, 103.5FM 5pm

Board Games Night — Internationalist Books, 7pm Free internationalistbooks.org

Food Truck Forum — Chapel Hill Town Council holds a public forum

on the issue of food trucks in Chapel Hill. Council Chamber of Town Hall, 7pm

TUESDAY MARCH 1
Movie Nite — Showing Winter’s Bone, with Jennifer Lawrence, John Hawkes and Garret Dillahunt. Chapel Hill Public Library, 6:30pm Free

Wednesday March 2
Books Sandwiched In — Discussing *Wild Swans*: Three Daughters of China, by Jung Chang. Chapel Hill Public Library, 11:30pm friendschpl.org

FRIDAY MARCH 4
Church Concerts Series — Presents Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas. The Community Church, 8pm \$20/25 communitychurchconcerts.org

Drum Jam — With Music Explorium, presented by Carrboro Recreation. Bring your own drum if you can. Carrboro Century Center; 7:30pm \$3 918-7364

SATURDAY MARCH 5
Sacrificial Poets — A performance poetry team from the Chapel Hill-Durham area. The ArtsCenter; 7pm \$5 artscenterlive.org

Ongoing Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia House for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiahouse.org

Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. undineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

Compassionate Friends — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church, third Mondays 7-8:30pm 967-3221 chapelhillcfc.org

Tax Assistance — Free for clients of any age whose household income is low to moderate. All VITA services are available at no charge including electronic filing of your tax return (e-file) El Centro Hispano, Carrboro Plaza Shopping and Seymour Center orangecountync.gov



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COUNCIL FROM PAGE 1

Although the plan is new, objections raised during the hearing were familiar, part of that driven by a recent review of the property that puts most of it within a state natural heritage area because it is part of the area’s dwindling reserves of bottomland habitat.

Del Snow called the idea “misguided” and said the new design should not change the fact that the town’s natural areas need to be preserved.

“Mitigation of damage should not be considered protection,” she told the council.

Julie McClintock and Madeline Jefferson of Neighbors for Responsible Growth said the plan, which would require a change in zoning by the council, contemplates far more density than anticipated for the area throughout several long-range planning efforts. The site’s R-1 zoning, McClintock said, “is not a holding zone” and she asked that the council not change the zone nor grant a requested exception to the town’s steep-slope rules.

“An exemption should be for exceptional circumstances,”

she said, “not for 90 condos on natural heritage land.”

Council member Ed Harrison said he was concerned that the project would add density along the N.C. 54 corridor but was too far away from a transit stop to be able to take advantage of commuter buses.

Zinn’s proposal also included a request to swap some or all of the project’s affordable-housing component for a payment in lieu.

Both Robert Dowling, executive director of Orange Community Housing, and Habitat for Humanity director Susan Levy urged the council to consider their organizations’ growing needs for maintenance funds as well as indications that state and federal housing money is likely to drop significantly this year.

Council member Matt Czajkowski agreed with an assessment by Dowling that the affordable condominium units that have come on line in the past few years are not as favored by families. He said the agencies need the funds more than more condos.

The council recessed the hearing until March 28.

In other action Monday night, the council reviewed a proposal driven by the town’s economic-development office that would allow 11 major commercial centers around town to increase the size of their signs as well as the information they contain.

Current rules limit the size of the signs to an overall area of 15 square feet and a height of 8 feet and limit information on

the signs to 10 items (words, graphics and symbols) and the number of anchor tenants that can be listed to three.

The new proposal would remove the limits on information that can be displayed and increase the overall area to 216 feet, with the display area ranging from 50 square feet for centers on 35 mph roads and 72 square feet for centers on 45 mph roads. The height of the signs would also be raised to 10-12 feet depending on the speed limit of the adjacent street.

The proposal, which was drafted partly in response to a request from University Mall owner Madison Marquette as part of its upfit of the mall, took some council members aback.

Council member Sally Greene said the jump seemed extreme, noting that the 216-foot maximum was larger than Durham’s.

Chapel Hill Economic Development director Dwight Bassett said the sign change is needed because the current rules are far too inadequate.

“What you see with most shopping centers is signage that doesn’t identify the tenants,” he said.

The 11 commercial centers that would be allowed to take advantage of the proposed change include Chapel Hill North, East 54, Eastgate, Mark Properties on Elliot Road, Glenwood Square, Meadowmont, Rams Plaza, Southern Village, Timberlyne, University Mall and Village Plaza (Whole Foods).

Send your Community Calendar submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

ARTSCENTER FROM PAGE 1

In addition, The ArtsCenter closed out a three-month fundraising campaign last summer with \$160,000, less than half of its \$350,000 goal. The drive was intended to raise funds for a long list of needs, including a new sound system for the theater, repairs to the building’s sprinkler system and a new dance floor in the center’s dance studio. About 80 percent of The ArtsCenter’s \$1.6 million budget is funded through program and class fees; the remaining 20 percent comes from grants, local governments and donations.

Had the campaign met its goal, Regan said, “we might be considering different things.”

The interim director will serve as a figurehead while the board develops a plan to parcel out the responsibilities of the executive director and YPAC director, according to Regan.

“Certain board members are taking over certain areas,” she said. “For each kind of key issue area, we’ll work to identify a staff member or a board member.

“The big decisions will always come through the executive committee,” she added.

With the elimination of the two positions, the board will look at the overall structure of ArtsCenter leadership to determine if changes need to be made on a more permanent basis.

“That’s one of the things that we really are trying to figure out over the next couple of months ... if the structure that The ArtsCenter’s had over the past couple of decades is the best one or if there’s a better model,” she said.

In the meantime, ArtsCenter programs – including YPAC – are still going strong, Regan added.

“We’re still a strong organization with a good future ahead of us,” she said. “The board and staff are ready for looking at things with fresh eyes.”

ALDERMEN FROM PAGE 1

McKee questioned the inclusion of the county’s proposed purchase of a \$610,000, 2.69-acre parcel next to Carrboro Elementary School for use as a library site, since the county is unlikely to have the funds to build a library for several years.

“If you haven’t been to Carrboro lately, there’s not a lot of places to build a library at a cost that anybody could afford,” Clifton said. “We thought if we acquired the land, established it as a site, that a future library might be built.”

The purchase is contingent on zoning approval by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, which plans to hold a public hearing on the matter on March 22.

In other action, board members said they would like to revisit the quarter-cent sales-tax option, which was narrowly de-

feated by ballot referendum in November. Previous estimates projected that the tax could generate \$2.3 million annually.

Most of the commissioners said they would like to put it on the 2011 ballot. McKee said that while he supports the tax, he would not support putting it on the ballot in 2011 because it would be the only item on the ballot in areas of the county outside of the municipalities, and turnout would likely be low in those areas.

Other commissioners said they wanted to get it on the ballot sooner because the legislature could take away the option.

In its 2007 budget, the legislature gave counties the option of a quarter-cent sales-tax increase or a 0.4 percent land-transfer tax to help compensate for money taken away from counties when the responsibility for paying for Medicaid was turned over to the state.

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