

CAMP SPRING FLING. New Bern Parks and Recreation is now conducting registration for its camp at West New Bern Recreation Center, 1225 Pine Tree Drive, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. or at the Community Resource Center, 908 Bloomfield St. Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. This camp offers an amazing array of stimulating and inspired activities ranging from historical siteseeing and recreational activities to outings and arts and crafts plus socialization in a safe and creative atmosphere. Camp Spring Fling operates from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 18-22 and April 25. The registration fee is \$15 (activities are pay as you go). Camp Spring Fling is located at the Community Resource Center, New Bern, NC. Space is limited. For more information please contact Shelley Collins 636-4127 or James Bullock 639-2919.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW. The New Bern Civic Theatre will present *Steel Magnolias*, by Robert Harling, beginning on May 5. The action is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by eager new assistant Annelle, the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, eccentric millionaire Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and local social leader M'Lynn, whose daughter Shelby is about to marry a "good ol' boy." Filled

with hilarious repartee, sharp jabs and bantering, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby, who risks pregnancy, forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength and love which give the play and its characters the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad. The dress rehearsal will be presented on May 5 at 7 p.m. with open seating at \$7. Regular performances will begin at 8 p.m. on the evenings of May 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 with Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m. on May 8 and 15. Tickets are \$18 advance or \$20 door and students and active duty military \$10 with photo ID. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 633-0567 or visit www.newberncivictheatre.org.

ARTS INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE. The North Carolina Arts Council is accepting applications for two paid community arts internships with local arts councils or arts centers through Monday May 2.

This opportunity provides two individuals with a three-month intensive internship with one of North Carolina's local arts councils or arts centers under the supervision of the executive director or a staff member who will help the intern design a training program within the spectrum of community arts administration. Interns receive a \$5,000 stipend to cover living expenses. The intensive, supervised program

is designed to introduce community arts administration skills including learning organizational structure, planning, fundraising, grant writing, financial management, marketing, programming, publicity and promotion and interagency relationships. About 66 percent of internship recipients have eventually been placed in full-time arts positions. The location of the internship is based in part on interns' interests and the nature of the operations of the host organizations. Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree and demonstrate a strong interest in a career in community arts administration. Internships are scheduled to begin on September 1 and end on December 1. For guidelines, visit http://www.ncarts.org/grants_category.cfm?ID=33. Questions about the internship may be directed to Katherine Reynolds, (919) 807-6505 or katherine.reynolds@ncdcr.gov. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, application and narratives with a list of three references by Monday, May 2. Download an application at <http://ncarts.org/elements/docs/internshipapplication.pdf>.

MISS MURPLE'S LAST CASE. Famous spies and sleuths have all congregated at the Ambassador Hotel to meet the nefarious Beezle Crittenham and ply him for his dangerous secrets. However, they find Beezle dead at a table, a cup of poisoned tea overturned beside him. His mysterious papers and a fabulous gem

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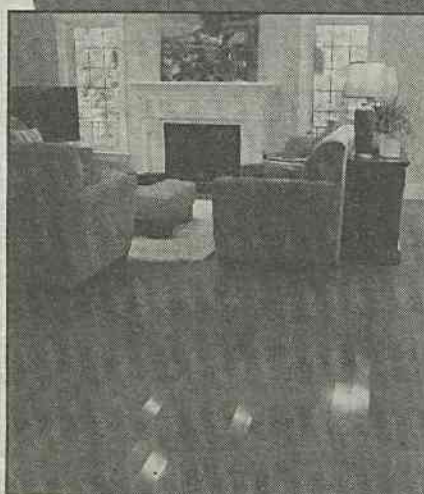


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