

## World News

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**Iraq:** Sunday, April 9, which was the three year anniversary of US Marines tearing down a statue of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, has been designated 'Freedom Day' in Iraq. Celebration of 'Freedom Day' was marred when the bodies of five men believed to be the victims of sectarian violence were discovered. According to CNN, "There were also at least five attacks using homemade bombs in and south of the capital. Four civilians were killed, including one person on a minibus heading toward the large Sadr City district." "This is a dear day -- we got rid of the dictatorship," Fadhil Abul-Sebah told The Associated Press. "It doesn't mark the fall of Baghdad, it marks the fall of Saddam ... and the regime, because Baghdad will never fall." Also in Iraq, officials from the United Iraqi Alliance met to discuss the selection of Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari. The Alliance hopes to reach a resolution "in the next day or two."

**Karachi:** Twenty-nine women and children were killed during a stampede outside the Sunni Muslim Faizan-e-Medina center in downtown Karachi, as the crowd left to attend a rally, after listening to clerics deliver sermons on the life of the 7th Century prophet, Muhammad, whose birthday is celebrated Tuesday, said Hanees Billu, a spokes-

man for the center. According to one eyewitness, the stampede occurred when a woman bent down to help a young girl who had fallen. This caused others to trip over the woman and young girl. Doctors said most of the deaths were caused by internal injuries and suffocation, while more than 40 of those injured were in "very serious conditions," said Abdi of the Liaquat hospital.

Peruvians voted Sunday for a president. The Peruvians had the choice of three candidates; Lourdes Flores, a pro-business former congresswoman, hoped to be elected the first female president. Ollanta Humala, who has aligned himself with anti-U.S. populist firebrand President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, has instilled fear in many Peruvians. The final candidate was former president, Alan Garcia. According to CNN, all three candidates were running "neck and neck."

On Saturday morning in Ontario, Canada, eight men were found dead inside four vehicles. As of Sunday afternoon, the police were not revealing the cause of death. Police have said that they believe that all eight men knew one another. The four vehicles, where the bodies were found, were all located within 200 yards of one another. According to CNN, the area where the bodies were found is said to be the home of several motorcycle clubs but they do not know whether these clubs had anything to do with the crimes.

## Folklore Society Honors Outstanding

### Contributors

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North Carolina Folklore Society honors outstanding contributors to the state's folklife.

Black Mountain, NC -- The North Carolina Folklore Society presented its folk heritage awards at its annual meeting, held on April 1 st at the Black Mountain Center for the Arts.

The Society's Brown-Hudson Folklore Award, which recognizes persons who have contributed in a special way to the appreciation, continuation, or study of North Carolina folklife, was awarded to storyteller, author and playwright Gary Carden. Folklorists, and sisters, Joan Moser and Janette Irene Moser also received Brown-Hudson Awards.

**Nelia Hyatt and Mrs. Hyatt's Oprahouse** received the Community Traditions Award, and folklorists Martha King and Rob Roberts were awarded the Cratis D. Williams prize for their documentary, "Madison County Project: Documenting the Sound."

Gary Carden, of Sylva, is the author of the story collection "Mason Jars in the Flood," the play "Nance Dude," the monthly "Storyteller" column in the Sylva Herald, and many other works drawing upon the history and folktales of his native mountains. Author Lee Smith has written, "Gary Carden is a national treasure — an Appalachian Garrison

Keillor!"

Joan and Irene Moser of Buckeye Cove, Swannanoa, have been very important figures in the fields of Appalachian Studies and folklore for decades. Joan Moser taught Appalachian Studies at Warren Wilson College, and Irene Moser has taught at many colleges and universities, including Brevard and Mars Hill Colleges, and UNC-Asheville and UNC-Chapel Hill. In addition to their outstanding contributions to scholarship, the sisters are members of The Buckeye Band of Swannanoa, which performs traditional Appalachian music.

Their father, folklorist Artus Moser, Sr., received the Brown-Hudson Award from the North Carolina Folklore Society in 1972. The Mosers are the first family to be honored with the Brown-Hudson Award for multiple generations.

The Society's Community Traditions Award, which recognizes the contributions of a group or organization to the continuation and appreciation of state folklife, was awarded to Nelia Hyatt and Mrs. Hyatt's Oprahouse of Asheville. Mrs. Hyatt's Oprahouse has been the location of musical gatherings for more than fifty years, and has recently been documented by Rod Murphy, Scott Morgan, and others for the film and CD "Rank Strangers."

The annual student contest awards were also announced. The Cratis D. Williams

Prize was awarded to Martha King and Rob Roberts for their co-produced "Madison County Project: Documenting the Sound." "The Madison County Project" examines the tradition of unaccompanied ballad singing in Madison County, North Carolina, and how the works of documentary filmmakers, photographers, and academics have influenced that tradition.

The W. Amos Abrams Prize, recognizing the best studies by North Carolina folklife students, was awarded to Josh Beckworth.

The North Carolina Folklore Society was founded in 1913 to promote the collection of songs, customs, and stories for the Frank C. Brown Collection of North Carolina Folklore. Since its inception, the Society has built a strong reputation for promoting and celebrating North Carolina heritage by publishing the "North Carolina Folklore Journal," by lobbying public policy makers, and by helping facilitate documentary-based work as well as open discussion of statewide cultural and community issues. The Society also maintains a listserv where members can share resources and exchange information about cultural issues, career opportunities, and events. For more information about the Society and how to become a member, visit

[www.ecu.edu/ncfolk/](http://www.ecu.edu/ncfolk/)

### The Career Center's Senior Celebration

The Career Center is holding a very special Senior Celebration for the graduating seniors of 2006! This "drop in" event will be on Wednesday, April 19 from 4:30-6pm in The Career Center Resource Room. Please stop by for refreshments and congratulations from The Career Center staff!

### Clogging - HipHop - Jazz - Modern - DanceWorks '06!

Come out this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8pm in Jones Auditorium! DanceWorks '06 is FREE to all Meredith students, faculty and staff. DanceWorks fulfills a Convocation requirement. Email [dance@meredith.edu](mailto:dance@meredith.edu) for more information or call the Meredith Box office at x2840 to reserve your ticket today!