

with the refugees and tasty samples of ethnic foods. Ethnic performers will share music from their homelands and the return of Simon Spalding's Global Village Garage Band will add to the festivities. Garber United Methodist Church is located at 4201 Country Club Drive in the Trent Woods neighborhood of New Bern. The event will be held in Fellowship Hall across the road from the church. Tickets are free, but donations are encouraged. Tickets are available at Mount Olive College, 2912 Trent Road or the IRM office. For additional information, contact Susan Husson at 633-9009 or Roselie McDevitt at 633-6715.

Keep It Simple Girl. Kraftyer's Klatch, part of the Craven County Extension and Community Association, on March 16, will present Keep It Simple Girl, a program on how to de-clutter you home. Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the program will get underway at 10 a.m. If you would like to attend, call the Craven County Extension at 633-1477.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Tuppence, New Bern's dynamic duo of traditional music presents an evening of Irish music at Trent River Coffee Company on Thursday March 17. The program will include traditional and contemporary Irish ballads, fiddle

tunes, sea chanteys and more. Tuppence consists of Sara and Simon Spalding playing fiddle, guitar, octar, mandolin, bodhran (Irish drum) and other instruments. Trent River Coffee Company is located at 208 Craven Street in New Bern. The music begins at 7 p.m., and there is a \$5 cover charge. Call 514-2030 for more information.

Right Here In Morehead City. Delbert McClinton in concert at the Morehead Center for Performing Arts and Events, at 1311 Arendell Street, on Friday March 18, beginning at 8 p.m. This iconic performer combines country, blues, soul and rock and roll as if there was no distinction between them in a time-honored Texas tradition. Reserved VIP tickets are \$45 and general reserved seating is \$35. Call 726-1051 or visit www.themorheadcenter.com for tickets and more information.


Partners: Tyron Palace and Shakespeare Festival. Producers of the Carolinian Shakespeare Festival (CSF) announced their new partnership with the Tryon Palace for the presentation of this summer's festival. Tyron Palace will host the CSF production of Othello and other festival events at the state-of-the-art Cullman Performance Hall at the North Carolina History Center, Tyron Palace's new complex of gardens

and buildings. Othello will be performed from August 4 to 22. Local auditions will be held on March 18 and 19. The time and location of the auditions can be found at the CSF site www.csfest.net or by calling 349-0151.

Big Book Sale. The Sudan Shrine Center in New Bern located at the corner of Broad and East Front Street will be the site of a huge book sale on Friday March 25, Saturday March 26 and Sunday March 27. The hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. This sale is sponsored by the Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Library.

Eastern North Carolina Pet Expo. The first ever Pet Expo will be held on Saturday April 16 at New Bern's Riverfront Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pet education classes, pet idol contest and pet fashion show will take place through the day. This event is free to the public. If you would like to be involved or need additional information visit www.encpetexpo.com. Please note that only pets involved in a competition or part of an exhibit or class may attend the expo.


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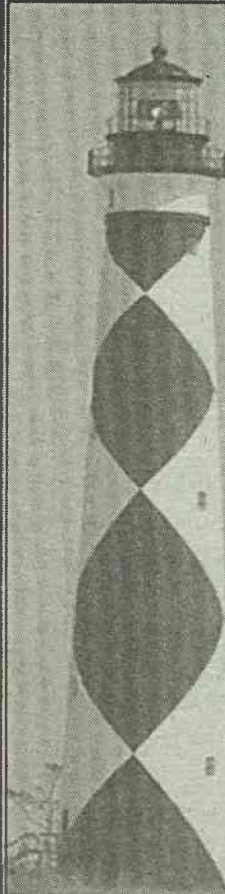
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