

# ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## Of Interest ...

### SECCA hires Browning

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) has hired Patricia D. Browning as its new director of Development and External Affairs. She began her duties on Nov. 30.

SECCA Executive Director Mark Leach says, "Pat Browning has proven leadership experience in the development arena on a national level, and we're thrilled to have her join our talented team. Her expertise in the major gift area along with her professional background at the collegiate level, will be of great value as we invigorate our fundraising efforts ahead of SECCA's 2010 reopening."



Browning

Browning served as executive director of The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Foundation in Daytona Beach, Fla. Under Browning's tenure at The LPGA Foundation, it received the Charity Navigator's highest rating (four stars) for sound fiscal management.

Selected as the first executive director of The LPGA Foundation in 2006, Browning's major accomplishments included establishing and funding the Dolores Hope LPGA Financial Assistance Initiative Fund for people in the golf industry, increasing overall funding for the Foundation's educational and scholarship programs and re-establishing the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Browning, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, began her development career at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., and served there from 1991 to 2006. Browning's last position at Franklin & Marshall was Senior Development Officer.

### Museum of History in Raleigh opens Barbie exhibit

The N.C. Museum of History opened the "Barbie — Simply Fabulous at 50!" exhibit last week to commemorate the half-century anniversary of the world's most popular doll.

Beginning with a first-edition Barbie, this small exhibit offers glimpses of the history and evolution of the American icon and business phenomenon. A variety of stylish outfits, including five shown in Barbie's first TV commercial in 1959, are on view, along with her fab friends, sports cars and other items. Additionally, the exhibit features 16 personal and sometimes hilarious Barbie stories from North Carolinians across the state. "Barbie — Simply Fabulous at 50!" will run through



Mattel Image

One of the very first Barbie dolls made by Mattel.

July 5, 2010, in Raleigh. Admission is free. Since 1950, over one billion Barbie dolls representing 50 nationalities have been sold in 150 countries. For more information about the Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or Facebook. The museum is located at 5 E. Edenton St., across from the State Capitol.

### USA Network honors teacher

Brian Jeffrey, a California high school teacher, has received USA Network's first-ever Characters Unite Award, an honor created to recognize an individual who has made a significant and lasting difference in efforts to fight prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination. The award was presented by "Psych" co-star Dule Hill at a special luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. It followed the groundbreaking Characters Unite National Town Hall Meeting moderated by NBC News Special Correspondent Tom Brokaw.



Brian Jeffrey

As the recipient of the first Characters Unite Award, Jeffrey received a \$10,000 grant from USA Network to donate to his project or a related non-profit organization. Jeffrey will also be featured on Charactersunite.com. Selected from an incredible group of individuals, Jeffrey was nominated for the award by the National Education Association, one of the 20 Characters Unite NGO partners invited to submit nominations for this award.

Jeffrey, 47, an English teacher from Rancho Cucamonga, co-founded a multiracial student club called "Socially Together and Naturally Diverse" or STAND as a positive way to bring students together to celebrate their diversity and confront racism, sexism and homophobia. Initially, STAND helped to quell tensions in LA in the wake of the 1992 race riots but today, the clubs have spread to schools across the country. In addition, he started a group called STAND UP, which performs a play written by Jeffrey based on the true life experiences of current and past members of STAND.

## Long-lost 'sisters' reconnect

City rekindles cultural connection with Bucaramanga, Colombia

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Bucaramanga, Colombia, a thriving metropolitan city of 1,212,657, has become Winston-Salem's fifth "Sister City," joining Ungheni, Moldova; Kumasi, Ghana; Nassau, Bahamas; and the Yang Pu district of Shanghai, China.

The Bucaramanga idea was initiated by Mauricio Cote, a member of the Sister Cities Winston-Salem board who is a native of Bucaramanga. Winston-Salem and Bucaramanga originally established a Sister City relationship in 1967. The partnership was put on hold in 1999, after a lack of activity between the two cities.

In a letter to Mayor Fernando Mendoza of Bucaramanga, Mayor Allen Joines noted that the two cities share similarities that present opportunities for cultural, educational, technological and economic exchanges.

"Because of our heavy emphasis on preparing our people for work in emerging technologies, we are especially interested in exploring a partnership in the biotech industries," Joines said.

Located in northern Colombia, Bucaramanga is home to 15 universities and has more than 160 parks, giving it the nickname "City of Parks."

The city's Sister City partnerships are under the auspices of Sister Cities International, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and strengthening partnerships between U.S. and international communities.



Dr. Loren Schweningen

### Online library brings features of forgotten slaves

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The 1860 U.S. Census registered the names of slave owners and the age, gender and color of slaves. But there, as in much of the historical record, slaves are nameless.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro's new Digital Library on American Slavery (<http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/>) provides the names of more than 83,000 individual slaves from 15 states and the District of Columbia.

The database indexes petitions related to slavery filed in county courts and state legislatures. The petitions cover a wide range of legal issues, including wills, divorce proceedings, punishment of runaway slaves, calls for abolition, property disputes and more. The full text of the petitions is available on microfilm at many university libraries.

"It's among the most specific and detailed databases and Web sites dealing with slavery in the U.S. between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War," said Dr. Loren Schweningen, the UNCG history professor who directed the collection of the petitions. "There's no Web site like this, either in extent or content. The amount of information in here to be mined is enormous."

Schweningen, the Elizabeth Rosenthal Excellence Professor in History, led the Race and Slavery Petitions Project, an 18-year effort to collect, organize and publish the petitions that began in 1991. The Digital Library on American Slavery, created in cooperation with University Libraries of UNCG, is the final phase of the project.

A complete collection of the full petitions, "Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks: Petitions to Southern Legislatures and County Courts, 1775-1867," has been published on 151 reels of microfilm. In addition to UNCG's Jackson Library,

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## Talent competition could net local teen hundreds of dollars

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The next Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt Contest will award \$600 in prize money to local high school students. The event will take place on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at Dillard Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.



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Omega Psi Phi members with two past Talent Hunt contestants.

Raleigh in July. In addition, the first-place victor will be eligible to compete in the district competition in May in Columbia, S.C., where prize money totaling \$3,200 will be split among the first-, second- and third-place winners.

## Annual food-raising concert is on Dec. 17

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

For the 20th season, the Winston-Salem Symphony will join with Sealy and Fox 8 to present the annual Holiday Concert to benefit the Salvation Army on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. The Winston-Salem Symphony Youth Philharmonic, under the direction of Margaret Rehder, will present a pre-concert program of holiday tunes at 6:30 p.m. Seating is on a first-come basis, and admission is free with the donation of canned or non-perishable food items to benefit the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Last year, the event, which also includes a separate concert in Greensboro, generated more than 400,000 cans of donated food. Though all non-perishable donations are welcome, the Salvation Army especially needs rice, beans, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, bottled fruit juice, diapers, infant formula and canned food of any kind.

The concert — known for providing family entertainment with sacred and secular holiday music — will be led by assistant conductor Matthew Troy. There will be guest appearances by the Winston-Salem Symphony Chorale, the Central Carolina Children's Chorus, Fox 8 news anchors Neill McNeill and Julie Luck, WMAG's Bill Flynn, gymnasts from Salem Gymnastics and a special appearance by acclaimed operatic tenor Anthony Dean Griffey.



Griffey

### THE SEASON OF SADE



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Popular British singer Sade released her first new single, "Soldier Of Love," in nearly a decade on Tuesday. The song, which is from a CD of the same name, debuted on [www.sade.com](http://www.sade.com). The new CD is slated for release on Feb. 8. It will be her first disc since the multi-platinum "Lovers Rock" in 2000.