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DAILY DOSE

Rattlesnake vodka lands rancher in jail

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A Texas rattlesnake rancher who calls himself Bayou Bob was arrested for selling alcohol without a license after unveiling a new product that features a rattler inside a bottle of vodka and marketed as an "ancient Asian elixir."

Bob Popplewell, 63, sold the concoction for \$23 a bottle. He said he will not fight the charges, but he did say he was not violating the spirit of the law.

He said he has customers of Asian descent who believe the concoction has medicinal properties. "It's almost a spiritual thing," Popplewell said.

If convicted, he faces up to a year in jail and \$1,000 in fines for misdemeanor charges of selling alcohol without a license and possessing alcohol with intent to sell.

NOTED. Firefighters said a large fire that burned in the Springbank Heights, Canada, area for hours was started by a man shoving a propane torch down a gopher hole.

The fire destroyed vehicles and outbuildings in the quarter section it burned.

A fire ban is on in the area. The man faces a large fine for having an open flame, said Rocky View assistant deputy fire chief Jim Pendergast.

QUOTED. "I just told him, 'Just give it up. You haven't got a chance.'"

— Mary Chamberlain, 67, who chased down a man accused of robbing a KFC restaurant. She describes herself as old and overweight.

Chamberlain, a Washington state resident, accosted the man as he was climbing a fence to escape. She grabbed and held him until police arrived.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Conference: The Institute of African American Research will sponsor the 10th annual International Scholars Conference, which is free and open to the public.

Time: 8:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Location: Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, Room 039

Book sale: The Friends of the Library book sale to benefit the University Library Endowment opens to the public today and will continue from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Time: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today
Location: 1714 Legion Road

Book discussion: "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini will be the topic at a meeting of the Contemporary Fiction Club. For more information, call 918-7387.

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Carrboro Century Center

Dance festival: The third annual Triangle Dance Festival for AIDS will feature performances by local dance groups.

Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall

SATURDAY

Fundraiser breakfast: A country breakfast will benefit the New Hope Improvement Association and New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Adults eat for \$8, and children eat for \$4. For more information, call 489-3779.

Time: 7 a.m.
Location: 4012 Whitfield Road

Civil War Symposium: The Center for the Study of the American South will host the Civil War Symposium in honor of Alan Stephenson.

Time: 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Carroll Hall, Room 111

Volleyball tournament: Carolina Men's Club Volleyball will host its spring tournament.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Fetzer Gym

Book reading: Author Marjorie Hudson will read excerpts from her book, "Searching for Virginia Dare." For more information, call 542-3030.

Time: 11 a.m.
Location: McIntyre's Fine Books, Fearington Village

Sangam Nite: Sangam's annual show will feature music, dance and spoken-word performances. This year's theme is "Taking the Confused out of American-Born Confused Desi."

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: B.N. Duke Auditorium, N.C. Central University

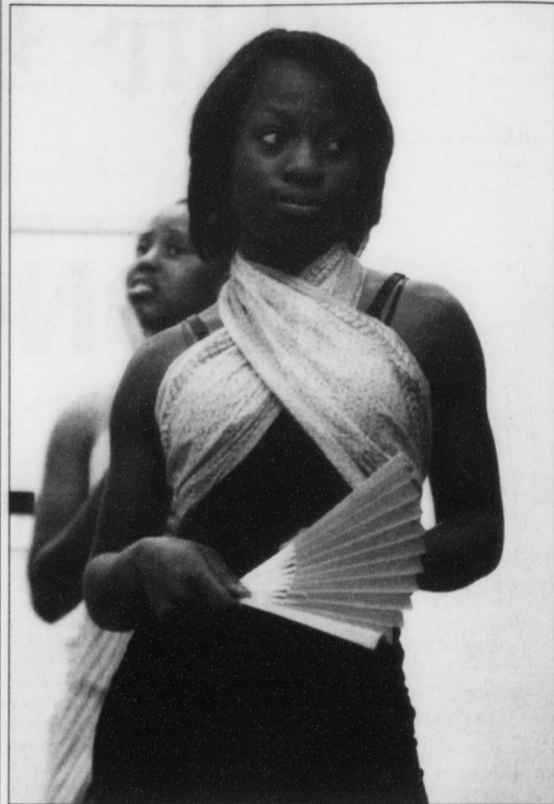
SUNDAY

Film viewing: The Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education will present two videos, "The Borders Trilogy" and "Letters from the Other Side." For more information, call 933-0398.

Time: 5 p.m.
Location: 101 E. Weaver St., Suite G1, Carrboro

To make a calendar submission, visit www.dailytarheel.com/calendar, or e-mail Deputy Managing Editor Rachel Ullrich at dthcalendar@gmail.com. Events will be published in the newspaper on the day and the day before they take place and will be posted online when received. Submissions must be sent in by noon the preceding publication date.

GOING GLOBAL



DTH/ERIC VELARDE

Toyin Adefila, a member of cultural awareness group Organization for African Students' Interests and Solidarity, prepares to dance a traditional African dance Thursday at the "Global Village." The free event offered art, food and music from cultures throughout the world.

POLICE LOG

- A firearm, holster and a silverware set were reported stolen at 10:04 a.m. Wednesday at 431 Cedar Club Circle, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The items are valued at \$1,600, according to reports.
- Police arrested a Chapel Hill woman at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at 515 W. Rosemary St., according to Chapel Hill police reports. Shauntae Sharee Degraffenreidt, 35, of 137 Johnson St., faces misdemeanor charges of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest, according to reports. Degraffenreidt was released on written promise to appear in court.
- A burglary with force was reported at 12:26 a.m. Thursday at 5 Colony Court, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The unknown subject entered the house through an unlocked window by using a pry tool, reports state.
- An attempted breaking and entering a business with force was reported at 3:36 p.m. Wednesday at 214 W. Cameron Ave., according to Chapel Hill police reports. Someone tried to open the rear door by using a pry tool. Damage of \$200 to the door was reported.

What's the BIG Idea?

Enlighten yourself! The Friday Center's spring 2008 *What's the Big Idea?* lecture series begins April 3. This season's topic is **Genetics, Ethics, and Human Health**. Lectures will be held at the Friday Center each Thursday in April from 7 to 9 pm. Fees are \$10 per session or \$30 for the entire series. Visit fridaycenter.unc.edu/pdep/wbi for complete information and online registration, or call 866-441-3683. Space is limited, so register early!

An Introduction to Stem Cell Research and Genetic Engineering
Thursday, April 3

Jeff Fair, Professor of Surgery, Division Chief of Abdominal Transplantation, and Director of Pediatric Liver Transplantation, Department of Surgery, UNC School of Medicine

Larysa Pevny, Associate Professor, Department of Genetics and the UNC Neuroscience Center, UNC School of Medicine

A Closer Look at Gene and Tissue Engineering
Thursday, April 10

David Gerber, Associate Professor, Division of Transplantation, Department of Surgery, UNC School of Medicine

Genetic Research and Its Medical Applications
Thursday, April 17

Cam Patterson, Chief, Division of Cardiology, UNC School of Medicine, and Director of the Carolina Cardiovascular Center

James Evans, Professor of Genetics and Medicine, UNC School of Medicine, and Director of Clinical Cancer Genetics and the Bryson Program in Human Genetics

What's the Big Deal? The Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Genetics/Genomics Research
Thursday, April 24

Gail Henderson, Professor of Social Medicine, UNC School of Medicine, Director of the International Core of the UNC Center for AIDS Research, and Director for the newly awarded UNC Center for Genomics and Society



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