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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE
Coral Honeysuckle flowering in mid-winter

“Dead of winter” summer reflections

FLORA

By Ken Moore

It's the dead of winter, and two summer-flowering vines have captured my interest. A Coral Honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*, caught my eye two weeks ago when it screamed across my deck for attention from beneath its cap of snow! Several clusters of scarlet tubular flowers continue to flower in spite of the subsequent below-freezing temperatures. It's the nature of this native vine to flower off and on throughout the summer into mid-December. Flowering now in midwinter is unusual. But, hey, that's nature!

Normally, you may glimpse a few red flower clusters reaching out from the forest edge or roadside in late spring and early summer. More noticeable, however, are the masses of flowers where gardeners have established a Coral Honeysuckle on a mailbox, fencepost or other trellis structure in full sunlight. If you pause attentively for just a few minutes, you will likely be rewarded with a sighting of a hummingbird that can't resist the nectar-filled flowers. Most nurseries now carry one or more cultivars of the Coral Honeysuckle, selected for vigorous re-blooming throughout the season. For me, the pure species puts on just as much of a show.

Coral Honeysuckle is common throughout our forests and roadsides. Unfortunately, we seldom notice this common vine because it does not thrive in forest shade or on sunny sites in competition with numerous exotic invasives, most particularly the Japanese Honeysuckle, *Lonicera japonica*. The Japanese Honeysuckle is loved by many because of its nectar-rich white flowers that scent up fields and woodland edges on warm early-summer evenings. However, this is not reason enough to allow such an invasive pest to continue covering our wild and cultivated landscapes.

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Cabela's rival cautions against economic incentives

Retailer says it has no plans for store at Buckhorn Road development

By Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Though not certain that Cabela's is indeed the anchor tenant for the recently announced Buckhorn Village retail and mix-use center, a competitor of the outdoor retailer is already gearing up for a fight.

David Ewald, a public-affairs consultant who works for Cabela's competitor Gander Mountain, said he's heard that Cabela's may be consider-

ing locating a store in the 128-acre site off I-85/I-40 in Orange County. If so, Ewald says, be prepared to hear that an economic incentives package is part of the mix. There are three Gander Mountain stores in North Carolina, located in Fayetteville, Greensboro and Morrisville.

Ewald, who has testified in several public hearings around the country on local government incentives for Cabela's, said the company's competitors have created jobs and opened stores

without asking for taxpayer money.

The group of Buckhorn Village developers led by Southern Village co-developer Montgomery Development declined to say whether the anchor tenant for what is projected to be a total of 1.1 million in commercial space is Cabela's.

Montgomery's John Fugo, who is handling inquiries for a group that also includes Meadowmont developer East West Partners and Hillsborough Gateway developer George Horton, said he

was not at liberty to discuss who the main tenant might be or whether the group or the company will ask for economic incentives as part of the deal.

Fugo pointed to a Feb. 25 public hearing scheduled on the project.

John Castillo, a spokesman for Cabela's said the Sidney, Nebraska-based retailer "currently has no plans to build a store" in the area. Castillo said the

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Following the trail along Bolin Creek means braving the occasional stepping stone.

PHOTO COURTESY DAVE OTTO

Shooting along the stream(ing creek)

RECENTLY...

By Valerie Schwartz

Having grown up with a creek behind my house, it thrilled me to learn when I moved to Chapel Hill in 1994 that Bolin Creek flowed only a few yards beyond my new home. During the five years I lived there, few days passed without spending time with my dog, exploring and enjoying the many varieties of nature offered along property — mostly in Carrboro — that abuts, and some that encompasses, the future Carolina North.

A woodpecker pecking high above in a tree; an owl swooping down repeatedly warning of her nearby nesting brood; ripples, pools and glides repeating down the stream; fallen trees forcing new paths following a storm; descriptions of some of the many sights gifted to frequenters of Bolin Creek.

For 23 years, Dave Otto has lived above the creek in a Carrboro neighborhood. Since retiring from the Environmental Protection Agency, in a job that brought him to Chapel Hill in 1972, he has taken his love

of the creek to new levels — ones meant to ensure that the remaining stretches of native forest left in southern Orange County will remain for future generations to enjoy.

Otto, for many people, is the person who pops into mind when they hear or read the words, "Friends of Bolin Creek." He has expanded his knowledge of the creek and surrounding forest and become an educator, helping the political forces that can make a difference for the beloved corridor understand its far-reaching potential.

It's how the mayor of Carrboro met him. "He's always been a real inspirational spokesperson for the organization and the significance of Bolin Creek," Mark Chilton said. "He's somebody who leads hikes and invites government officials to come and see what the organization is trying to preserve."

Otto opened Chilton's eyes so wide that the mayor envisions a public trail that will connect the soon-to-be Morris Grove Elementary School at Old 86 on Eubanks Road through trails along Bolin Creek to University Mall.

Otto's vision extends to connecting the trail with the North Carolina system of trails

"Sometimes I go beyond the literal definition of nature... Looking down at the reflections is sometimes like looking into the universe."

— Dave Otto, on photographing Bolin Creek

that will span from the mountains to the coast.

Combining his love of nature with his photographic pursuits, Otto has grown his talent into his first photo exhibition, opening Friday at Carrboro Town Hall. A reception will be held

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A short tale of love, lost and found

By Emily Burns
Staff Writer

Most children taunt each other with the phrase "finders, keepers; losers, weepers" when they find a toy that belongs to another child buried in the sandbox. But as they grow up, not all of them realize that finders shouldn't always be keepers. James Latta, a security officer at Carr Mill Mall, did.

As he was patrolling the lot in front of Fleet Feet Sports on the afternoon of Jan. 11, Latta noticed something unusual — a diamond ring — lying on the ground between two cars. He moved closer to the ring, studying it carefully, and then picked

it up and placed in his pocket before continuing his rounds.

Inside, Nelson and Stella Chen were sipping tea with Bonnie Lau at Weaver Street Market. Lau and Mr. Chen were discussing the ongoing construction of Lau's new pastry shop, Miel Bon Bons, when Mrs. Chen suddenly realized that her engagement ring was missing from her ring finger.

"All of the sudden, she got panicked, and said, 'I have to go look for my ring,'" said Lau, whose new Carr Mill shop is slated to open in mid-February.

Mr. and Mrs. Chen left the table and frantically retraced



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Nelson and Stella Chen pose with security officer James Latta, who found Mrs. Chen's lost engagement ring in the parking lot.

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Local woman joins Peace Corps

Laura McIver Boggess, 25, of Carrboro, N.C. has been accepted into the Peace Corps. Boggess departed for Guatemala on Jan. 9 to begin pre-service training as an environmental education Peace Corps Volunteer. After graduation in April, Boggess will work with rural schools to integrate conservation and environmental awareness into the curriculum. She attended the UNC, where she earned a bachelor's degree in biology, graduating in 2006. Boggess previously worked for a conservation non-governmental organization in Borneo,

N.C. "I had a lot of support from friends, some of whom had been Volunteers themselves. My father was a Peace Corps Volunteer in India," said Boggess. "Hearing all of their experiences has always been inspiring to me." During the first three months of her service, Boggess will live with a host family in Guatemala to become fully immersed in the country's language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist her community, Boggess will serve for two years in Guatemala, living in a manner similar to people in her host country.

Community Briefs

Holidays shared

The Orange County Share Your Holiday and Toy Chest programs supported more than 2,500 children and families this past Christmas.

Through the Share Your Holiday program, the Orange County Department of Social Services paired 313 community sponsors with children or families and provided gifts to 514 children and elderly or disabled adults in the county.

In addition, the first annual Orange County Toy Chest, coordinated by DSS in partnership with Toys for Tots, provided low-income parents with two or three toys per child. The toys were donated by community members and area businesses.

The Hillsborough Moose Lodge donated \$3,500 to the Toy Chest from proceeds received from the First Annual Bubba and Earl's Barbeque held last April. The event, coordinated by Harold Wagoner and Jeff Woods, featured a cook-off of 10 teams from the Hillsborough

area. They sold more than 1,000 pounds of pork and 700 tickets. Plans are underway for the second-annual event to benefit the 2008 Toy Chest.

Platanos play

The Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program and the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History will co-sponsor a performance of the off-Broadway play *Platanos and Collard Greens* on March 1.

The play addresses stereotypes, prejudices and urban myths that exist between blacks and Latinos. Based on the David Lamb novel *Do Platanos go Wit' Collard Greens*, the play dispels misconceptions within the context of hip-hop, humor and satire.

The performance will start at 2 p.m. at the Stone Center on the UNC campus. Free tickets are available, with a limit of four per person, at the Stone Center front desk, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 962-9001.

Community Calendar

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email us at: calendar@carrborocitizen.com **or drop us a line:** P.O. Box 248, Carrboro NC 27510. Please send calendar items no later than one week prior to publication.

Special Events

Hawbridge School open house - on February 9 from 2-4 p.m. Inviting all prospective students and families to attend. The school emphasizes environmental sciences and the arts. The open house will include a meeting with current teachers and students and a glimpse at student artwork. More information at www.hawbridge-school.org or 336-376-1122

Focus the Nation: Climate Change Awareness Day will be hosted by UNC in the Great Hall of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union. Activities will include a carnival with environmental speakers, info booths and entertainment on Thu, Jan 31, 8am-5pm. Call 252-916-2794 or visit focusthenation.org for more info.

Cooking with Love - a hands-on cooking class with the chef from Pittsboro's co-op grocery Chatham Marketplace. Thu, Feb 7, 7:30-9pm. Cost is \$45 and includes dinner, wine, dessert & notes. Call 542-2643 to reserve space or visit www.chathammarketplace.coop for more info.

"A Chocolate Affaire" 2008, a live auction benefiting Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, will be held Sun, Feb 10 from 2-5pm. Tickets are \$40 and include wine, coffee, cheeses, fruit and chocolate desserts. The Carolina Club, George Watts Hill Alumni Center, UNC Campus. Call 401-9333 for tickets.

First Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball to Benefit Chatham and New Orleans, complete with Big Easy-style fun. Guests are invited to collaborate and participate in an auction for a group service trip to New Orleans to benefit the Musicians' Village, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Sat, Feb 2, 7pm. Chatham Mills, 280 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; \$2 discount for ChathamArts members. Proceeds go to the Abundance Foundation, ChathamArts and Katrina relief efforts. Call 542-0394 or visit www.chathamarts.org for more info.

Facing Controversy: Struggling with Capital Punishment in North Carolina - a panel discussion of current and historical perspectives. Tue, Feb 5, reception at 5pm, program at 5:45pm. Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library, UNC Campus. Free and open to the public. Call 962-4207 for more info. www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/2008/death-penalty.html

Ethical Sex, a presentation led by Kate Lovelady, leader of the Ethical Society of St. Louis will be hosted by the North Carolina Society for Ethical Culture on Sun, Feb 3 at 11am. The discussion will cover who should have sex, when, how, with whom and under what circumstances. The ArtsCenter. 300 E Main St. Free & open to the public.

Fieldwork on Mexican Migration in Tijuana and North Carolina, a presentation by UNC post-doctoral scholar Sergio Chavez, will be given Sun, Feb 10 at 5pm. The presentation will include photographs and findings from Chavez's research in Mexico and North Carolina and an overview of day laborers in North Carolina. Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education. 101 E Weaver St, 3rd Floor. Visit www.chi-cle.com for more info.

Celebration of Earth and Sky, with keynote speaker Aaron Nelson. Sun, Feb 10, 2-6pm. Sponsored by Chapel Hill High School S.U.R.G.E. and The Foundation for a Sustainable Community. \$2 donation. Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St.

The Vagina Monologues, presented by V-Day Chapel Hill/Carrboro 2008. Fri, Feb 8, 8pm. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St. \$12 general public, \$10 ArtsCenter friends, \$7 students. Call 929-2787 or visit www.artscenarlive.org for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and the Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County.

Kids

Toddler Time - At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. For more info, call 969-3006.

Preschool Story Time - At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz - Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-11, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, www.dsicomedytheater.com.

Express Yourself! - Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths; registration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, www.kidzuchildrens-museum.org.

Volunteers

Meals on Wheels - Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. For more info, call 942-2948.

Goat House Cat Refuge - Seeks volunteers to help with rescued cats & kittens. For more info, call Bonny at 545-2825 or email her at brooze@embarqmail.com.

English as a Second Language Conversation Club seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students on Fridays from 11:30am to 1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. Call 967-1448 or email harwellja@bellsouth.net.

Health & Wellness

Community Grief Support Group, offered by UNC Hospitals' Bereavement Support Services. Group will focus on sharing and moving toward healing in a safe, supportive setting. Mondays through Mar 10, 6:30-8pm. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Free and open to anyone, regardless of faith background. To enroll, contact Heidi Gessner at 966-0716 or hgessner@unch.unc.edu.

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer - A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www.cornucopiahouse.org.

NAMI Family-To-Family Education Program will host a series of 12 weekly classes for people who have family members with a serious mental illness. Classes offered in Chapel Hill & Hillsborough. In Chapel Hill, contact Gove Elder, 967-5403. Classes begin Mar 4. In Hillsborough, contact Bill or Sandy Moyer, 382-7408. Classes begin Feb 2. Registration required. Email confidential inquiries to gelder@bellsouth.net.

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to all. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 11098 Highway 15-501.

Feelings: What's Appropriate and When to Say It, hosted by Charlie Bernacchio, professor of counseling and psychology. Thu, Jan 31, 5:30-7pm. Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W Main St. Call 942-5602 or email peerconnections@yahoo.com. This meeting is part of the Peer Connections Be Well! Be Fit! program.

Museums

Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows - Science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

A Nursery of Patriotism: The University at War, 1861-1945. Exhibit on war's historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manuscripts Dept (4th floor), Wilson Library, UNC Campus, through Feb. www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html.

Dance

Edsel 500 Swing Dance - Feb 9, lesson at 7:30pm, dance at 8pm. With music by Rockabilly. Visit www.TriangleSwingDance.org for more info.

Havana Nights - Cuban Salsa. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net.

Salsa/Mambo - 3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa_4u2@yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough).

Ballroom - Dancing 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.



Warren Rochelle will read from his new novel *Harvest of Changelings*.

Literary Discussion /Open Mic

Open Mic - For poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays at 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Village, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill. 933-5111, www.markettstreetbooks.com.

Warren Rochelle will read from his novel *Harvest of Changelings*. Thu, Feb 7, 3:30pm. Donovan Lounge, Greenlaw Hall, UNC Campus.

Films

El Cimarrón, from Puerto Rican director Ivan Ortiz, will be shown as part of the Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Film. Tue, Feb 5, 7pm. Free at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, UNC Campus. Call 962-9001 for more info.

Other

VITA, a free tax assistance program for low- to middle-income clients, begins Feb 1. For enrollment requirements and more info visit www.co.orange.nc.us/aging/VITA.asp.

Introduction to Buddhism. Wednesdays, Feb 6-Mar 5, 7:30-9pm. Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center. 35 Perkins Dr, Chapel Hill. Call 933-2138 or visit www.piedmontktc.org for more info.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



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ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES - Cleopatra is a 4-year-old pit mix who is more than just good looks! She adores people and also has quite a fondness for tennis balls! She'll entertain herself for hours with a ball or toy and her silly antics will have you just as entertained! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 919-967-7383. You can also see her online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

News Briefs

Sapikowski pleads guilty

Adam Sapikowski agreed to plead guilty last week to two counts of second-degree murder for killing his parents in 2005. Sapikowski, 19, was set to go on trial for murdering his parents, James and Alison Sapikowski, but instead will plead guilty for the murder of his father on Friday and for the murder of his mother next week. He will serve between 40 and 50 years in prison.

Teens sought in robbery string

The Chapel Hill Police Department has obtained warrants for two teenagers in connection with a string of residential break-ins this month in the Pinehurst area.

Issac Gant, 16, of 707 Emory Dr., and Van Patterson, 17, of 302 Simmerville Rd., have been charged with six counts of felony breaking and entering, three counts of felony larceny, three counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, one count of larceny from a motor vehicle, one count of injury to real property and one count of possession of stolen property.

UNC buys railside turf

The UNC Board of Trustees last week approved the purchase of a parcel of land off Merritt Mill Road adjacent to the university's railroad corridor for \$3.5 million.

The majority of the 8.44-acre property is located in Carrboro, while about one acre is located in Chapel Hill. According to a UNC Board of Trustees agenda, the university has long held interest in acquiring the property in order to locate additional spur lines to stage railcars that supply coal and materials to the university's cogeneration facility on Cameron Avenue and to provide opportunities for alternate fuel delivery in the future.

In addition, the acquisition of the property could also facilitate the university's long-range plans for the addition of a passenger rail line and possibly a transit station.

County investment plan hearing

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday to receive citizen comments regarding the county manager's recommended 2008-18 Capital Investment Plan as well as the Local Revenue Options Referendum.

The recommended CIP, which includes plans for Orange County, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Orange County Schools construction and renovation projects, is available online at www.co.orange.nc.us/budget.asp and at the County Budget Office and the Clerk to the Board's Office on South Cameron Street in Hillsborough.

Staff will provide a brief presentation highlighting the major components of the 10-year plan during the public hearing. In addition, staff will present information regarding the Local Revenue Options Referendum, which will be on the May ballot. During its 2007 session, the Legislature gave counties the option of a 0.4 percent land transfer tax or a quarter-cent sales tax increase to compensate for money taken away from counties in a deal to make the state pay for Medicaid.

The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the F. Gordon Battle Courtroom on East Margaret Lane in Hillsborough.

Community members are also invited to submit written comments and questions about the CIP or local revenue options to: Orange County Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 8181, Hillsborough, NC, 27278; or by email to Budget Director Donna Coffey at dcoffey@co.orange.nc.us or to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners at dbaker@co.orange.nc.us. Comments and questions will be shared with the board.

Fight lands students in court

At least two students have been summoned to appear in court and hear charges in connection with a fight at Carrboro High School on Jan. 17.

According to the Carrboro Police Department, Joseph Keith Stifler, 17, of 2701 Homestead Rd., has been charged with public affray and ethnic intimidation. Lamont Powell, 16, of 201 Westbrook Dr., has been charged with public affray.

According to Principal Jeff Thomas, the fight broke out after Stifler, who is white, made racially charged comments to a black student. The fight involved three students, including Powell, another black student and Stifler.

The third student involved in the fight is 15 and considered a juvenile, so information regarding charges against him is not available.

According to Thomas, the incident may have been related to a previous incident in December, in which the white student involved in the fight used a racial slur toward a black student, who was not involved in the recent fight.

The school has formed a committee of students, staff and parents to create a plan to deal with race issues at the school.

Hotel awarded five-star rating

The Farrington House Country Inn has been awarded, for the ninth year in a row, a Five-Star rating from Mobil Travel Guide. Forty-one hotels in the country have been rated at five stars and The Farrington House is the only one in North Carolina. The 32 rooms in the hotel underwent renovations in 2007.

Board looks at parking, commercial growth at retreat

By Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

After spending the first day of their annual retreat discussing the type of town they'd like to see Carrboro become (or remain), their personal values and how they apply that to their work, members of the board of aldermen waded into the thorny issues of parking and economic development in hopes of crafting a strategy to move forward on those issues in the year ahead.

Although the board took no action, its review underscored the urgency felt by many members to get a long-term parking plan in place.

Board member Jacquie Gist said she wants to make sure that as new developments come on line, they do not have a negative impact on existing businesses. Having a plan for parking is an

important part of that, she said. Gist also said the town needs to consider residential-only parking for downtown streets since new development will likely lead to more people relying on parking along residential streets.

Alderman John Herrera said he thinks Carrboro's traditional free-parking policy should be maintained.

Board members also expressed concern that they prioritize economic-development efforts to make sure that the goal of reducing the tax burden on homeowners by the growing commercial square footage be met.

Board member Joal Hall Broun said while it might be a nice idea to review policies and enhance opportunities for home businesses, the end result — likely a small increase in privilege license fees — won't have a significant impact on the town



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Town leaders and key town staffers met for two days at the OWASA community room last weekend at the annual retreat for the mayor and board of aldermen.

budget. Increasing the take from commercial property taxes by adding new businesses and development and preventing leakage of retail sales taxes to other counties should be the focus, she said.

OBITUARIES

Renée Fontaine Krusa

Renée Fontaine Krusa, 90, died January 22nd at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill, NC. Renée was born in Roslyn Estates, Long Island, NY to André and Mildred Arey Fontaine. Her father was born in France and her mother's heritage can be traced to the Mayflower's arrival in 1620. The Fontaines owned and operated the first summer camp for girls in the U.S. in the New York Finger Lakes Region. There Renée got her start in athletics, especially competitive swimming.

Renée graduated from Katharine Gibbs School in NY and Bradford College in MA before working at the Northport, NY School District and Young & Rubicam Advertising in NYC. Renée and Hans Krusa were married in 1940. Hans' work for took them to Nigeria, Egypt and India in the 1960s. She worked as executive secretary to the Ford Foundation's West African Representative and was a gracious hostess for many international dinners abroad. They enjoyed the opportunity of living with people of other cultures and learning about their customs and challenges. They retired in Chapel Hill and moved to Carol Woods in 1982.

Mrs. Krusa is survived by her husband, Hans E. Krusa, Prof. Emeritus, UNC-CH; three children, Paul F. Krusa, Joan Krusa Asplin, and Peter B. Krusa; 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Jan. 27, 2:00 pm, at Carol Woods Assembly Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, 110 Main St., Carrboro, NC 27510.

Edward Sigurd Hasselblad

Edward Sigurd Hasselblad, 98, died on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at his Carolina Meadows residence in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was born in Seattle, Washington on December 17, 1909. He lived there until he and his wife moved to Durham several years ago. Ed devoted his life to education. He was a highly respected and loved high school principal and administrator in the greater Seattle area. He was an accomplished musician, often playing the piano to entertain his friends at Carolina Meadows. He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 60 years, Helen. Surviving is one son, Vic Hasselblad, a daughter-in-law, Carol, both of Durham, and a grandson, Brad of Savannah.

Arrangements are being handled by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas.

Water Report - January 29, 2008

LAKE LEVELS	
University Lake	6 feet, 3.5 in. below full
Cane Creek	15 ft., 8.25 in. below full
Total Availability Supply	39.7% of capacity
PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH	
Jones Ferry Rd. Treatment Plant	1.15 in.
Cane Creek Reservoir	1.24 in.
Normal rainfall for Jan.	4.24"
CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND	
7-Day Average	7.907 million gallons
30-Day Average	7.204 million gallons
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Tuesday — Baked Potato w/ or w/o Meat & Cheese & Wheat Roll; Ham & Cheese Sub; Fun on the Run; Green Beans; Tossed Salad w/ Dressing; Chilled Peas

Wednesday — Cheeseburger on a Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato; Fish Nuggets w/ Wheat Roll; Baked Beans; Chilled Fruit Cocktail

Thursday — Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ Turkey Vegetable Soup; Fun on the Run; Garden Peas; Fresh Banana

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Monday — Meatloaf w/ Gravy and Wheat Roll; Corn Dog; Mashed Potatoes; Garden Peas; Chilled Pineapple
Tuesday — Beef & Macaroni w/ Wheat Roll; Turkey & Cheese Wrap; Tossed Salad w/ Dressing; Fresh Orange

Wednesday — Oven Baked BBQ Chicken w/ Wheat Roll; Toasted Ham & Cheese Melt; Green Beans; Fresh Banana

Thursday — Turkey, Dressing & Gravy w/ Wheat Roll; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Mashed Potatoes; Chilled Peas

School Briefs

Healthy teen forum

The Parent-Teacher-Student Associations of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill High Schools will sponsor a Parenting Healthy Teenagers Forum on February 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chapel Hill High School Hanes Auditorium.

The forum will feature a panel of experts who will present information and answer questions regarding alcohol, drugs, obesity, toxic foods, anorexia and health screening.

The forum is open to the public.

Alcohol awareness

The Drug and Alcohol Awareness Team and the Chapel Hill Police Department will sponsor a series of workshops on parent education awareness of teen alcohol and drug issues.

CHPD crisis counselor Matt Sullivan will lead the workshops, which will provide information on how to keep teens safe from the harmful consequences of substance use. All sessions will be held at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- Feb. 11, Phillips Middle School;
• Feb. 20, McDougle Middle School;
• Mar. 6, Carrboro High School; and
• Mar. 11, Smith Middle School.

All sessions will contain the same material, so parents should pick the date and location that is most convenient for them. The workshops are free and open to the public. For information, call 942-3300 or email dalepratt-wilson@nc.rr.com.

Winter concert

The Phillips Middle School Winter Orchestra Concert will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the Phillips Auditorium.

All sixth, seventh and eighth-grade

string students will perform in the concert, led by orchestra director Ann Daaleman.

Quiz Bowl victory

The Culbreth Middle School Sixth Grade Quiz Bowl Team placed third in the North Carolina Knowledge Master Open last week.

Team members include Pranshu Bhardaw, Tom Clark, Varun Dalmia, Will Dozier, Anna Merritt, Calvin Wagner and Katie Wilson.

The team competed against representatives from more than 330 schools from around the state.

Bandmasters

Ten Phillips Middle School students placed in the Central District Bandmasters Association auditions on Jan. 5 at Southwest Guilford Middle School.

In the Symphonic Band division, four students placed, including Li Zhang, sixth-chair clarinet; Anna Quercia-Thomas, tenth-chair clarinet; Justin Morrell, fourth-chair trumpet; and Jon Aycock, third-chair euphonium.

Five students placed in the Concert Band division, including Connie Zhong, fourth-chair clarinet; Claire Daaleman, ninth-chair clarinet; Nina Pande, eleventh-chair clarinet; Sangin Han, fifth-chair French horn; and Jasmine Sun, second-chair snare drum.

Both Morrell and Zhang will have the opportunity to audition for the North Carolina Honors Band in March.

All of the Phillips students will participate in band clinics Feb. 1-2 at Asheboro High School in Asheboro and in a concert at 3 p.m. on Feb. 2.

About 1,200 middle school students from central North Carolina auditioned in the contest.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARRBORO ELEMENTARY

Carrboro Elementary School students and teachers present special classroom awards, including Hallway Heroes, Cafeteria Champions, Playground Peacemakers and Cleanest Classroom, as part of the school's Second Quarter Awards assembly on January 18.

Elementary honors students

Playground Peacemakers, Cafeteria Champions among awards given

Carrboro Elementary School celebrated Second Quarter Awards on Jan. 18.

Students in grades K-2 met in the school's auditorium to recognize both individual and class-wide special achievements during the second quarter of the school year. An assembly for students in grades 3-5 followed.

Individual awards were given to students who exhibited the character trait of kindness, as well as to students who reached personal educational achievement goals.

In addition, one student from grades K-2 and two students from grades 3-5 were recognized as Presidential Fitness Award winners.

Classes were recognized with special awards, including Playground Peacemakers, Hallway Heroes, Cafeteria Champions and Cleanest Classroom. A special "sneaker" award was given to the classrooms with the best effort in physical education.

Students who won the National PTA Reflections Competition were also recognized. Those students' entries will continue on to the district-level competition.

To conclude the assembly, students in the dual-language program performed traditional Spanish dances for their fellow students and teachers.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Sudoku grid with numbers 8, 9, 3, 4, 7, 1, 2, 8, 9, 4, 8, 6, 7, 5, 2, 3, 6, 1, 4, 8, 7, 9, 9, 8, 3, 2, 6, 1, 5

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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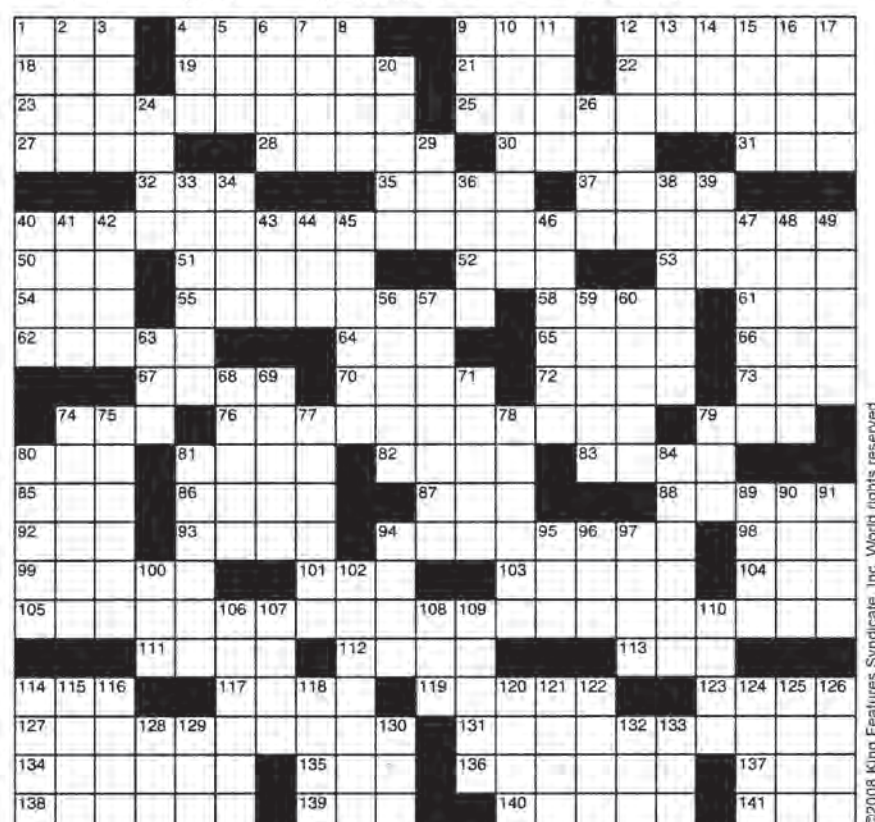
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Coming matches to test Tar Heels

By Frank Heath
Sports Columnist

The current North Carolina basketball team has played its way into a situation resembling that of a chicken drumstick in those old Shake 'N' Bake advertisements: all covered with delicious coating and ready to be cooked up by the opposition for good eatin'.

Cuz if the Tar Heels don't win — and play well — in their next stretch of three games against Boston College, Florida State and Duke, that's how Jay Bilas and all the other college big-time basketball observers around the country are going to treat the Heels. They're going to need to prove themselves with an exclamation point.

Among the constants for UNC basketball is that the Tar Heels are always under a microscope, if only on account of Carolina's consistent success and All-American image. But when — as they do this year — the Tar Heels field a team that is supposed to be extra-special good, no one ever seems to be happy unless Carolina grinds the neck of every opponent under a considerably heavy boot.

A 16-point win on the road against a Top 25 ACC opponent can be greeted with a shrug and calls for better play on defense (see: Miami last Wednesday). An observer, of course, is entitled to legitimate observations and the desire for more, but at some point one also has the option to stand back for a moment and enjoy the beauty of a team for what it does do well.

That's where UNC's next week or so of basketball could have a big impact.

Since this Carolina team can be so devastating when everything is working well, the Tar Heels have been viewed as playing in "coast" mode during stretches of games this season.

Now would be a good time for Carolina to leave the "coast" to the fishermen. Starting this Thursday night, if the Heels handle BC at home and then FSU on the road, then knock off on-the-rise Duke (in what shapes up as another of those pressure-packed, eye-of-the-nation, grip-

ping showdowns the two schools have become famous for), a lot of the pressure that is building on this team to perform could be put to rest — at least temporarily. My guess is that once Carolina proves to itself that it can run with the best, this team will settle down and play its best basketball.

If you're a typical Tar Heel fan, you're probably thinking, "Slow down, Heath; Carolina fans are supposed to always play one game at a time, so looking ahead to Duke is dangerous!" But here's the thing, y'all. The Tar Heels sometimes need Duke in order to measure themselves, and, essentially, to provide a compelling reason to be excellent during the regular season. Especially in light of this year's surprisingly rejuvenated version of the Blue Devils, this looks to be the case.

And if the Heels can't handle their Triangle neighbors in a year when UNC has been advertised as world beaters and the Devils were supposed to still be rebuilding, then something feels wrong, and we need to know about it now rather than later.

So maybe it won't be such a bad thing if this team starts licking its chops for Duke a week early this year. Maybe the Heels could use some of that nervous energy and rebellious pride ahead of time to show not only the Blue Devils but also everyone else waiting in their path that they are, in fact, worthy of all the hype and accolades and the No. 1 ranking they carried for nine weeks already this season.

ACC basketball, and the North Carolina-Duke rivalry in particular, is a large thing to hang on a bunch of 19 year olds, but it remains a fact of all our lives. Carolina — and its fans — may as well make the best of this. Embrace the challenge that goes along with being not quite as invincible as everyone thought, but still remaining everybody's target.

A feisty response, beginning with Boston College at home Thursday night, could be the best way for these Tar Heels to make sure they stay off of other people's dinner menus.



PHOTO BY GEORG T. GORDON
Carson Cone (22) of the Carrboro Jaguars junior varsity attempts to go through a Graham Red Devil during the basketball game played in Carrboro on Thursday, Jan. 25.



PHOTO BY GEORG T. GORDON
Jamika Belk (21) of the junior varsity Carrboro Lady Jaguars takes a shot during the game against Graham on Thursday, Jan. 24 in Carrboro.

Coaches' Reports

Culbreth Middle Boys' Basketball

(via Mike Harris)
We got 'em! Culbreth 60 - McDougle 51.

McDougle had not lost a game all year and did not lose a game all year last year as 7th graders. This was their last regular season game. They were playing at home with a chance to complete an undefeated two years. Culbreth, behind the outstanding play of Denzel Ingram, did not allow that to happen.

The Cougars came in with changing defensive schemes and were able to hold off the McDougle scoring machine. Culbreth surely had trouble with McDougle's running game but was able to put together some key defensive stops along with some clutch offensive plays. Drew Davis converted a four-point play after getting fouled on his three-

pointer with under two minutes to go. That put Culbreth up by four. The Cougars held strong and never let the game get any closer. After that, Ingram was virtually unstoppable pouring in a game-high 30 points including four three-pointers. Many of these points came on highlight-reel acrobatic shots between defenders. Drew Davis added nine for Culbreth, and Keenan van Name, Jacob Junker and Dylan Arant turned in outstanding performances. C. Pigsbee had an incredible game for McDougle with 27 points.

Scoreboard

CARRBORO HIGH JV BOYS' BASKETBALL

Friday, January 24
(via Georg Tudryn)
Car: 8 14 16 21 = 59
Gra: 21 27 18 15 = 81
David Julian Van Name was the top scorer for Carrboro with 22 points. Carson Cone added 13 points. Andy Knapp gave the Jaguars nine points.

CARRBORO HIGH JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Friday, January 24
(via Georg Tudryn)
Car: 12 10 2 12 = 36
Gra: 7 11 16 15 = 49
Whitney Sharp was the top scorer for Carrboro with 16 points.

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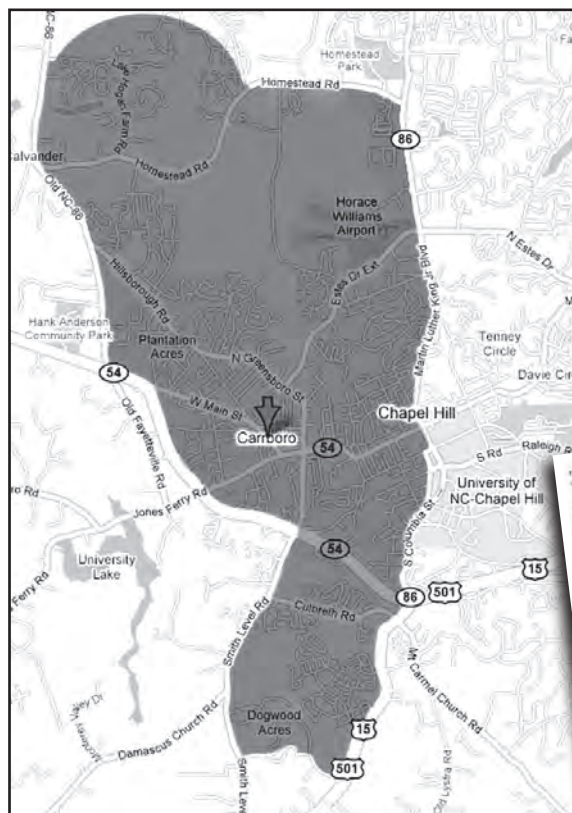
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FOR THE RECORD

A few things to keep in mind

As has been reported, a formal complaint has been filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency alleging a pattern of environmental racism on the part of local governments in the matter of the Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood. Such a complaint is serious business and should be thoroughly and properly addressed.

The review of this complaint and the process for resolving the dispute will take time and move at a federal pace. At the same time, the community has to move forward in a number of areas to settle questions about the future of the landfill, our solid-waste strategy and, most specifically, the siting of a waste transfer station.

Now, with the complaint in the mix, there is an extra layer of legal caution about each step, and we've already seen a reluctance to discuss the matter on the part of local officials.

This is unfortunate, because it comes at a time when the dialogue was beginning to yield results.

There has also been a considerable amount of work done by a committee of residents, elected officials, landfill management and others to try to find a solution to the concerns of the Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood.

This newspaper, mainly through the efforts of contributing editor Taylor Sisk, has devoted close to 25,000 words to this issue in an attempt to add to the record the kind of background and context necessary when weighing an issue of this kind.

The community, we believe, was inching toward a consensus to take the existing landfill off the table as a site for the transfer station. Now that seems unlikely. Not because it is any less the right thing to do, but because it may affect the outcome of legal proceedings.

It is in everyone's best interests to get all parties back to the negotiating table again, to try to nail down once and for all a package of amenities for the Rogers and Eubanks roads community and an agreement about the future of the landfill property.

Resolving that is a critical step in devising a new long-term strategy for disposing of our garbage. We need to consider alternatives to the strategy of shipping our waste out of the area, including an aggressive effort to reduce the amount of garbage we each produce in the first place. We need to be thinking, building and planning for our future.

But first we must find a way to reach an agreement on what to do about our past.

A month for reflection and learning our nearly lost histories

Tomorrow we start Black History Month and with that a month of opportunities to learn more about the history and culture of our community.

We've spotlighted a few of those opportunities in this month's edition of *MILL* and we encourage you to consider a visit to the ArtsCenter, where starting Feb. 8 there will be photos, scrapbook excerpts and other items on display featuring Carrboro and Chapel Hill's historically black neighborhoods.

Fortunately, interest in preserving the heritage of these neighborhoods has grown over the past several years and the work of students and volunteers with the ArtsCenter's "Hidden Voices" project has helped accelerate the recovery of a fading history.

The significance of starting a month-long review of black history on Feb. 1 should not be forgotten. On that day in 1960, four black students at North Carolina A&T sat down at a whites-only counter at Woolworth's in Greensboro. Though the tremors caused by the Greensboro sit-ins were felt around the South and indeed the world, this community, so close to the epicenter, saw our first sit-in just 21 days later.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landfill open letter

Editor's note: following is an open letter to the board of county commissioners.

Dear Commissioners:
Congratulations for reversing your earlier decision to unilaterally select the Eubanks Road area as the site for the new waste transfer station. That change of heart was a step in the right direction.

You are now embarking on a critical phase in the history of Orange County — the selection of the next waste-handling site. The future of this system is in your hands. The history of environmental racism regarding this issue is well established. It is time for you to break this cycle.

I urge you to remove the Eubanks Road area from any possible site consideration. Immediately and without reservation. Please make it clear to the consultant that this area is not to be considered in any way, that it is to be part of the exclusionary criteria.

By re-opening the siting process, you have shown the courage to admit that the original selection of Eubanks Road last March was flawed. For this, I am grateful and proud of you.

It would be a very big mistake not to explicitly exclude the Eubanks Road area from the new search. You need look no further than your recently tendered notice from the EPA regarding the U.S. Department of Justice complaint of environmental racism to achieve a full understand-

"I urge you to remove the Eubanks Road area from any possible site consideration."
— John Kramer

ing of this fact.

So, I urge you to continue your demonstration of fair and just actions regarding the new waste-handling site. Follow the wise and righteous actions of the City of Greensboro, and remove the current landfill area from further consideration. A process that uses selection criteria to steer your choice towards Eubanks will not go unchallenged.

As you may remember, the last time a "landfill search" was done many years ago, Eubanks Road was initially off the table, until in the 11th hour "site 17" on Eubanks road was presented as the "best choice." At that time, Duke University outsmarted Orange County and shut down that site. The whole thing melted and, magically, more room was found at the existing landfill. *We do not need nor will we allow another site 17 type study.*

There is no such silver bullet available to you now.

I am hopeful that you will do the right thing this time. A lot of people are watching you, and are counting on it. I wish you the best.

John Kramer
Carrboro

Ask the restaurants

In your "Town's taco trucks in jeopardy" article on Jan. 24 article, Mayor Mark Chilton and Board of Aldermen member Jacquie Gist [said they] don't understand why a complaint was filed against trucks selling prepared food from parking lots.

Gist writes, "I am worried by the real possibility that hard working entrepreneurs who are adding to our community could be put out of business and have their livelihood threatened. It is un-American and certainly un-Carrboro. If Carrboro cannot offer a welcoming home to immigrants trying to achieve the American Dream, then maybe I don't know Carrboro as well as I think I do"

The Taco Stands are *not* an immigration issue. The Taco Stands are *not* an entrepreneurial issue. The Taco Stands are a public health and a business licensing issue.

May I suggest that Chilton and Gist interview some of the real entrepreneurs, local business owners of Carrboro restaurants, and ask them how they feel about the fact that there are two sets of zoning and public health standards when it comes to serving food in downtown Carrboro. They might ask about the *livelihood of local business people* who have invested substantial tangible and permanent assets into

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downtown Carrboro. Fitch Lumber, Johnny's Sporting Goods and Cliff's Meat Market *parking lots* are not licensed and inspected as restaurants, period. They don't have to install costly HVAC systems, restrooms, pay overhead for rent or phones. (Whom do you call if you are in the ER with possible food poisoning?)

Full-functioning restaurants are the center of community life in Carrboro, but they live on the edge. They are faced with high employee costs, high rent costs, high food costs and very high construction costs. They must then survive on a slim margin ... take-home salary is minimal. Interview the owners of Glass Half Full, Tyler's, Spotted Dog, Southern Rail, Elmo's, Panzarella or Weaver Street Cafe and ask them how they feel about a competitor setting up shop next door who faces almost no start-up and maintenance costs.

Gist's and Chilton's comments were irresponsible and a slap in the face to existing, locally owned small businesses. It's time, long overdue, for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen to end their arbitrary attitude toward zoning laws. They need to stand up for local businesses that pay taxes and support the long-term viability of Carrboro. Please stop pandering to imaginary issues and face those that strengthen our local economy.

Ken Mills
Carrboro
p.s. I did not file the anonymous complaint.

Crime and civility in Central America

ROBERT DICKSON

Our family's Honduran holiday vacation was feeling like anything but a holiday.

Our bags had first been reported as late, then later, then stolen from the truck on which they had been sent from San Pedro Sula to La Ceiba. "Hijacked" was the term used. And I had contracted the Honduran version of the two-step.

Now I was back at The Mall (that's what everyone called it — just like here) in La Ceiba, sitting in the back of a van in search of a bank to convert my check from Taca Airlines for the stolen luggage from limpiras to dollars. And lest I forget, the driver spoke no English and my Spanish is pretty much limited to what it takes to order certain adult beverages.

My previous trip to The Mall had been the evening before when I was shopping for underwear and a bathing suit in a mob of post-Christmas sale-crazed Hondurans, Spanish versions of *Walking in a Winter Wonderland* and *Jingle Bells* filling the air.

One of the reasons I travel to places like Honduras is for strange cultural experiences. The Mall, however, looked and smelled like every other mall and was full of the same sorts of stores. This experience was just plain unpleasant.

So now I returned, only to find that the bank had closed at 2:00, and it was now 3:15. It was Saturday afternoon and the parking lot was near gridlock.

Our driver was attempting to extract us from this mess when an elderly lady backed into his brand new van. Both drivers emerged and the expected arguing and arm-waving ensued. I sunk down into my seat as my two-stepped stomach kicked it up into a rumbaba.

Then things really got weird. After the argument came to a quicker-than-anticipated conclusion, our guy, who'd I guess was 25 to 30 years old, backed up and let the lady who smacked him back out. We followed her as she led us on a circuitous trip through the streets of La Ceiba. It turned out she was leading us to another branch of the bank so we could hopefully exchange our checks.

The bank branch was only a drive-through that wasn't about to perform a complicated financial transaction, so I figured we'd soon be delivered back to the lodge where I could ease my gastronomical problems with a cold cerveza. Wrong.

As we pulled up to a house not far from the bank, our now-familiar lady emerged, cane in hand, and proceeded to get into the front seat of the van.

Turns out she spoke very passable English, having lived in Miami for a long time while working as an airline stewardess. She said she knew the young man's employer and that he "wasn't very nice."

So we were all off to the body shop to see what could be done to keep the bad boss from coming down on our young driver

for damaging his new van.

Soon I found myself standing in the dirt driveway of a La Ceiba body shop. It could have been a back lot in Carrboro except for the incredible bright-orange flowering tree (where's Ken Moore when you need him?) and the fact that it was maybe 85° F on December 29th.

The damaged bumper wasn't hurt much at all; really, barely a scratch. But the young Honduran driver was obviously intent on his eagle-eyed boss not being able to tell that anything at all had happened.

So the bumper was rubbed and polished, the lady paid the body-shop man and we all rode off into the heat of the afternoon, chatting away as if we were the best of friends.

As we returned our new friend to her home, she insisted that we come to her house Monday morning so she could escort us to the bank. She said that while the lines were always long, she was allowed to go to the front because of her age.

We explained that our schedules wouldn't allow us to do this, so we'd just take our Honduran checks home with us and let our bank sort it out. She seemed a bit disappointed, but I really wasn't sorry to have to miss another trip to the bank.

As we parted, our driver and the lady kissed each other in that way that so many cultures enjoy but that we *norte americanos* seem to find overly familiar. I just watched and tried to imagine such civility as two folks in-

"Lost luggage proved no match for an experience with a higher order of civility."

involved in an accident at our local version of The Mall kissing each other.

When we were delivered back to our digs, the young man refused to take any more than the agreed-upon price, even though most of the afternoon's excitement was due to our need to find a bank.

He looked sheepish when I stuck a tip in his hand but laughed out loud when I used sign language to indicate he should spread some dust on the freshly polished bumper so it would match. He was laughing as he drove away.

Lost luggage proved no match for an experience with a higher order of civility. My stomach and I both felt lots better about our Honduran holiday, and cold beer never tasted finer.

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Recipe of the week

Not Too Intimidating Spinach Souffle

Recipe provided by Mary Pearse.

Ingredients:

- ★ 3 clove garlic minced or crushed
- ★ 1 pound of fresh spinach chopped
- ★ 5 eggs
- ★ 1 cup of sharp cheese (grated)
- ★ 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ★ 3 tablespoons flour
- ★ 1 cup milk
- ★ 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper (can also add cayenne and nutmeg)

Procedure:

Preheat oven to 400°. Sauté spinach in lightly buttered pan with garlic and a large pinch of salt and pepper. Set aside and drain off excess liquid. Separate the whites from 5 eggs reserving 4 of the yolks. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Make a basic roux out of the butter, flour, and milk over medium-low heat by first melting the butter, then adding flour and whisking until smooth. Then add the milk and continue to whisk over heat until the mixture thickens. Add four beaten egg yolks and half the cheese to the roux. Add the spinach. Gently fold egg whites into the mixture (blend the egg whites without stirring them, otherwise the souffle will not rise). Butter a high sided casserole dish and sprinkle a little cheese on the bottom. Pour mixture into dish. Sprinkle the remainder of cheese on top. Bake in oven for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 375° and bake for another 25 minutes (total of about 35 minute cooking time).



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My second winter-interest native vine is the Trumpet-creeper, *Campsis radicans*. Its orange tubular flowers (also irresistible to hummingbirds) are commonly seen hanging from vines on fence posts, trees and abandoned chimneys everywhere in the midsummer. In the winter months, the curious 4-to-7-inch-long brownish, dry, bean pod-like fruit at the ends of outstretched stems are a real curiosity to many folks who do not connect them with those summer flower clusters. I enjoy watching those hanging seed pods dancing around in the winter winds.

A special curiosity for me this winter was noticing several goldfinches hanging onto the Trumpet-creeper pods near my birdfeeders.



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Trumpet-creeper pods, though empty of seeds, still provide winter interest.

Several days of repeated observations proved to me that those birds were diligently extracting the thin wafer-like seeds from within the pods that were slightly splitting along the sides. I tried in vain to get close enough to photograph that discovery, but those smart birds were not about to let me capture their secret. I'm accustomed to goldfinches going for the thistle and sunflower seed, but I never imagined the Trumpet-creeper as a food source for them.

These two vines are worth seeking out in local garden centers for a late-winter planting in your home landscape. Not only are you providing nectar for hummingbirds during the warm season, you are providing seed for goldfinches and winter interest for yourself during the cold months.

In Brief

Chatham Dem talk

The Chatham County Democratic Women will sponsor an event entitled "Water and Growth in Chatham County" on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro.

Allison Weakly, biologist and chair of the Chatham County Environmental Review Board, will speak about the effect of growth on the county's water and ecology. County Commissioner George Lucier will also speak, addressing the effect of growth on the county's ability to provide clean water to citizens.

A question-and-answer session will follow the talks. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kathy Seaton at jkseaton@bellsouth.net

Eno river meet

The third Eno River Confluence will be held at the Hillsborough Exchange Club at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

The meeting, which will bring together parties interested in the preservation and protection of the Eno River and its watershed, will focus on the drought status, Eno capacity use issues and reports, future plans and more. County staff will present at the meeting, which is expected to conclude by 4:45 p.m.

The first two Eno River Confluences were held April 11 and Oct. 26, 2006.

Agricultural summit

The 10th Annual Orange County Agricultural Summit will be held Feb. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Orange Enterprises Building on Valley Forge Road in Hillsborough.

The summit will provide agricultural producers in Orange County and surrounding counties with information regarding strategies for preserving their farms during a time of agricultural transition. Guest speaker Rep. David Price will discuss the Farm Bill, the drought and other agricultural issues.

Local growers will discuss supplying local businesses in need of producers, including Whole Foods, Weaver Street Market and Lindley Mills, whose representatives will be available at the summit. In addition, the summit will feature a local grass-fed lamb operation.

Registration will take place from 8:30 to 9 a.m. A sponsored lunch made with locally grown products will be served. For non-county residents, the meal will cost \$12.

Seating is limited. To reserve a spot, contact the Orange County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension at 245-2050 no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 8.

Climate events

UNC is hosting events to raise awareness of Climate Change as part of a nationwide effort called "Focus the Nation." Today (Thursday), more than 75 professors at UNC are participating in a national teach-in that involves more than 1,000 colleges and will integrate global warming education into the day's curriculum. The student union is hosting a carnival featuring performances, booths and speakers. More information at focus-the-nation.org

Green industry says OWASA rules need revision

After a "State of the Water Supply" meeting last week at Chapel Hill Town Hall, members of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority's board of directors heard a series of sharply worded comments about proposed changes to water-restriction rules.

Owners and managers of local nurseries and landscapers said the rules would adversely affect local plant growers and sellers and may force some of them to shut down.

The board took comment on a series of changes contemplated for more serious stages of water restriction.

OWASA's service area is now under stage two water restrictions, which prohibit certain types of irrigation and limit the amount of water that can be used for irrigation each week.

Green industry representatives said one tighter restriction being looked at allowing watering only by hand would be inefficient and unnecessarily hard on workers who could do a better job with a hose.

The board took no action on the proposal, and several board members indicated they would

likely not support the changes as written and did not feel it was right to change the restrictions while they were in effect.

OWASA spokesman Greg Feller said that based on the discussions, the board is not likely to take up the proposed changes again but will conduct a thorough review of its drought restrictions sometime after the current drought ends.

As of Wednesday, Jan. 30, University Lake, Cane Creek Reservoir and the Quarry Reservoir were at 39.5 percent capacity. The utility estimates that's enough for roughly 193 days. Rainfall recorded at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant was 1.27 inches. Average January rainfall at the plant is 4.24 inches. — *Staff Reports*

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from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 8, during the 2ndFriday Art Walk. Photography started for Otto, 66, at age 8, when growing up in a blue-collar family outside of Boston, his mother gave him a Brownie "box" camera that someone had given her. "I started taking pictures of pets," Otto said. Now, beyond beautiful images of the flowing creek and the wildflowers and creatures

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their steps to their car. The Chens, who have been married for 30 years, combed the parking lot, becoming more and more nervous as the minutes passed. They knew that if the ring was in the parking lot, it was likely they would never find it. While they were searching for the ring, Latta returned to the parking lot. He noticed the couple, and he knew when he saw them that they were looking for something important. "I approached them and asked if they lost something," said Latta, who has been a security officer at Carr Mill Mall for

that inhabit the area, he has captured abstract versions — the kinds of images one can find while staring into a pool of water or watching water dance over rocks. The show will contain 50 giclée prints that translate his love of the creek both literally and abstractly. "Sometimes I go beyond the literal definition of nature," Otto said. "Looking down at the reflections is sometimes like looking into the universe." Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com.

about eight months. The Chens told Latta that the diamond engagement ring Mr. Chen had given his wife more than 30 years ago was missing. Latta asked them to describe the ring before reaching in his pocket and handing Mrs. Chen's ring to Mr. Chen. "I said, 'Sir, take this ring and propose to her like you did 30 years ago,'" Latta said. "She must have hugged me five or six times, and he shook my hand. "I had no idea what the value was," Latta said of the ring, which Lau said was valued at \$10,000. "I looked at it in terms of what I'd want if it happened to me. "I just thought it was the right thing to do."

CABELA'S FROM PAGE 1

company is aware that it has many loyal customers in the state and continues to look for opportunities around the country for places to open up new locations. County officials meanwhile said they could offer no confirmation about Cabela's. In an email response to *The Citizen*, Barry Jacobs, chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, wrote that at this point the developer of the project has not asked for economic incentives nor are there ongoing economic incentive discussions between the developer and the county. Cabela's practice of selling itself as a "destination" retailer and requesting incentives makes up a chapter of the recently released book *Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense (and Stick You with the Bill)* by David Cay Johnston. Johnston argues that many of the company's promises don't play out as well as local governments hoped.

Edwards calls an end to presidential run

By Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards ended his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday, telling supporters at a rally in New Orleans to continue to fight for a more just and equitable society. Edwards ended his campaign where it began in the city's still devastated Ninth Ward. "Do not turn away from these great struggles before us. Do not give up on the causes that we have fought for. Do not walk away from what's possible, because it's time for all of us, all of us together, to make the two Americas one," he told supporters.

Edwards said he also spoke with senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama who are locked in a tight race for the nomination. He said both candidates assured him that ending poverty, a key theme in Edwards' campaign, would be a high priority should either of them succeed in winning the presidency. Jerry Meek, chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party praised Edwards, the party's vice presidential candidate in 2004, for the way he conducted his campaign. "John Edwards ran an honorable campaign, one that all North Carolinians can be proud of. Senator Edwards is a fiery champion for the middle class and shifted public debate to

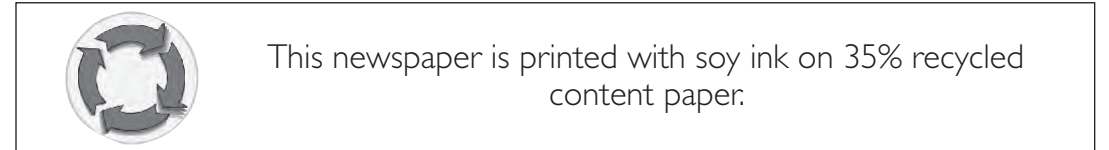
real and serious questions facing American families such as how we're going to educate our children and pay for health care when illness strikes," Meek said in a statement released by the party. Edwards did not indicate what his immediate plans were but many observers said it is likely he'll have a role to play at the convention and, possibly, in a future Democratic administration should the party prevail in November. The full text of Edwards' speech as well as video from the event is available on the campaign's web site at www.johnedwards.com

Cause of water main break a mystery

Orange Water and Sewer Authority officials are still not sure what caused a major water main break on a chilly morning last week that led to the loss of about 500,000 gallons or roughly 7 percent of the utility's daily water consumption. Officials said the break in an 8 inch diameter water main near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and North Street happened at about 1:20 a.m. OWASA crews responded and shut off water in the area at about 3:30 a.m. and closed the street. About 100 OWASA customers in the North Street-Cobb

Terrace area were without water until the break could be repaired. Another leak, this time spilling an estimated 5,000 to 8,000 gallons of water, was reported

earlier this week after tree root damage led to a water main break near Cameron Avenue and Roberson Street. —Kirk Ross



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