

This Weekend

Friday
50% Chance of Rain
57/49

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
53/27

Sunday
Sunny
53/31

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Schools

Smith Middle School Honor Rolls



PHOTO BY DAVE OTTO

You have only a couple of weeks to catch the fleeting Trout Lily

FLORA By Ken Moore

Don't Miss the Spring Ephemerals

Some of our most beautiful woodland flowers are called spring ephemerals because their visible presence is fleetingly brief. They emerge from the forest floor in the chilly late winter to take advantage of the full sunlight that's absent once the forest canopy is in full leaf.

By mid-April, some of these early risers will have flowered, made fruit, dispersed seed and returned to dormancy. The Trout Lily is a classic spring ephemeral. I failed to interrupt my busy indoor pace a few years ago and I missed the pageantry of this little woodland lily. That had a dramatic impact on me. I no longer take lightly the passing of seasons. The budding, flowering, leafing, fruiting and return to dormancy of plants are cherished as special separate annual occurrences.

The fleeting presence of the Trout Lily makes me want to linger over it – quietly hoping I will be privileged to see it again next year. I saw some in flower this past weekend down along the Rocky River on Triangle Land Conservancy's White Pines Preserve south of Pittsboro. Dave Otto photographed some early ones this past week down along Bolin Creek in Carrboro.

If you are going to catch them this year, you will have to get out there soon. You can't miss them. In some places like the Botanical Garden, the Adams' Tract and the several local Triangle Land Conservancy preserves, they are literally carpeting the forest floor along trails through the low woods and leading upslope from the creek bottoms.

Light colored speckles on the green leaves most likely explain the common name, Trout Lily. Perhaps

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Franklin McCain signs autographs for students at Rashkis Elementary after his talk about his experience as one of the Greensboro Four.

Living to tell the tale

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

Franklin McCain accomplished a great feat on Friday at Rashkis Elementary School – he held the attention of 250 fourth- and fifth-graders for more than an hour.

McCain, one of the "Greensboro Four" who participated in the 1960 Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, recounted his experiences for Rashkis students, including his grandson, kindergarten Davis McCain.

McCain, Joseph McNeil, Ezell Blair Jr. and David Richmond took seats at the Woolworth's segregated lunch counter to ask for service on Feb. 1, 1960. They continued to sit at the counter every day, joined by more people each day, until finally, in July, they were served. Their actions inspired sit-ins across the country and are considered seminal moments in the civil rights movement.

Rashkis students crowded around McCain in the school's media center for what resembled a grandfather telling stories to his grandchildren.

"I'll tell you some things that are pretty hard to believe," McCain began. "The times weren't all that good and fair. You know what fair is, don't you?"

Throughout his talk, McCain quizzed students about different things he said or words he used. He told students about segregated schools, pools and restaurants, and how he got angry as he got older.

"You know I couldn't even go over to McDonald's and get a Happy Meal," McCain told the students, who responded with gasps. "Couldn't swim, couldn't go to the pool... Couldn't even go to the park."

"When I was 12 years old, I was so angry, if you touched me with a pin, I would have popped."

McCain went to North Carolina A&T State University, where he met McNeil, Blair and Richmond. He told Rashkis students that the four young men would sit around every night talking about how unfair segregation was, and that finally they decided to do something about it.

"We decided that we were going to go down to [Woolworth's] and take a seat at that counter," he said. Woolworth's had a separate standing-only counter for blacks.

"We decided that we were going to do two things. We were going to be orderly... and we were going to be nonviolent," McCain said. "We fully anticipated some bad things happening to us."

"It didn't matter – it did not matter if I came back dead, because the kind of life I had to live and the conditions that I had to put up with made me question if this life was worth living," he continued.

McCain and his three friends purchased some school supplies in the store, then took seats at the counter, where they asked for

SEE LIVING PAGE 8

Housing economy slowing, but by how much and for how long?

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Local realtors and homebuilders agree that they're getting at least a taste of what their counterparts in much more troubled locales are experiencing, but thoughts about the degree of the slowdown and how long it will last are much more varied.

Weaver Street Realty's Gary Phillips said he has a running bet with another realtor who thinks the situation is highly temporary.

Although the local market has a lot of promise going forward, thanks in part to the lure of local schools and a commitment to expand the university, Phillips said there are major forces at work around the country that are having an affect here.

"There are a lot of debts coming due," he said, both literally and figuratively. Phillips, who is part of a national mortgage study group looking at debt issues, said that the country has been trying to "live off its fat, its debt" for far too long. Too many people are using their home-equity credit line like a piggy bank, he said. Couple that attitude with the "false assumption that property will appreciate forever," Phillips said, and you have the making of a long-term crisis.

While this area is not feeling it as much as other places, the impacts are being felt, from price drops to longer times on the market to buyers moving from elsewhere being unable to sell their current homes.

"This is much more than a slowdown," Phillips said. "There's a lot of softness out there."

Local foreclosures are on the rise, even some out in the tonier neighborhoods. Phillips said he's personally had to do a good bit of "reality therapy" with sellers to help them understand what they can really expect to get out of their homes.

While the high-quality \$800,000 to \$1.2 million homes and those under \$300,000 are likely to continue to do well here, there's a lot of inventory of homes in between, Phillips said.

The slowdown is evident in recently compiled statistics for the fourth quarter of 2007, which showed a marked slowdown in home sales in Orange and Chatham counties.

"Orange County presents a stronger performance than the rest of the Triangle," said Bernard Helm, president of Market Opportunity Research Enterprises, a Rocky Mountain-based research firm that analyzes an array of local data from building permits to land inventories to types of sales and prices. Part of that, he said, is that overall in the Triangle sales of homes in the less than \$250,000 range are suffering the most. Since Orange County, where the average home in 2007 cost \$329,006, has a much smaller inventory of properties in that range, Helm said it has not been hit as hard as other spots.

But while the year-to-year numbers don't show a huge drop, a comparison of the fourth quarter of 2006 and 2007 do detail a slight decline in the number of transactions and a bigger drop in the sale prices.

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Mental health collapse leaves network in shambles

by Taylor Sisk
Staff Writer

"I've come to the conclusion," says Karen Dunn, director of Club Nova, a Carrboro clubhouse that helps people with mental illnesses lead productive lives in the community, "that there must be a new diagnosis that hasn't yet ended up in the DSM" – by which she refers to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*.

"It's some kind of delusional disorder on a bureaucratic level."

"I know people are well intentioned," she continues, "but you just get into that institutional thinking, and it's just..." She pauses; shakes her head. "Talk about the definition of insanity..."

As Dunn sees it, the breakdown in the provisioning of mental health care services in North Carolina was easily enough forecast. Mental health care reforms that were intended to provide more community-based care and thereby reduce the need for more intensive services were, Dunn says, flawed from the beginning, and yet we continued to drive these reforms headlong into what she and many of her colleagues attest is a pretty much full-blown mental health care crisis in North Carolina.

Across the state, private companies tasked to provide services are going out of business. Last month, Caring Family Network (CFN) – the primary provider of mental

health treatment in Orange, Person and Chatham counties – announced that it would be discontinuing almost all of its services in the three counties. CFN will no longer provide outpatient and community-based services but will continue to provide therapeutic foster care.

As a result, Marilyn Ghezzi, who until last week was a therapist with CFN, has had to tell clients with whom she's built relationships, some as many as 20 years in duration, that she'll no longer be their therapist. Other therapists have had to do likewise.

"They were devastated," Ghezzi says of her clients' reaction to the news. "One person said to me, 'How can they just change your therapist?' – which would seem to reflect a tacit belief in mental health care as a fundamental right."

Perhaps it's not. But it's certainly a critical service – and one that's in critical condition. What those professionals along the front lines of mental health care will tell you is that in addition to weaving a safety net for those with mental disorders they're protecting us as citizens and taxpayers, or at least attempting to do so, from further headlines of shootouts along I-40 and from the exorbitant costs of hospitalization and incarceration.

Mental health care reform has failed. Keeping people with manageable mental disorders in their

SEE HEALTH PAGE 7

Toe tappin' and water drippin'

RECENTLY . . .

By Valerie Schwartz

Timing being everything, the folks down in Bynum have hit the bull's eye with a recent fundraising plan.

Everybody, it seems, needs rain barrels these days.

Luke Barrow, who, with his wife, Bonnie, has lived in three houses in Bynum over the past eight years, found a place in Idaho selling food containers that had been up-fitted into rain barrels. The more one orders, the less they cost, so he started talking to his neighbors about going in with him on an order.

"Everybody wanted one," Barrow said.

Additionally, pretty much everyone in the town with 56 houses wants the building that was the last

remaining store in the former mill town, the Bynum General Store – which opened in 1936 and closed two years ago – to continue to be a meeting place, so the non-profit that supports that idea decided to open ordering up to the public.

Barrow started contacting the media. He and I have been friends since his senior year at UNC, so we arranged to meet with some of his fellow board members at the General Store last Friday morning.

The night before, OWASA formally declared a Stage Three Water Shortage, so Barrow decided to go full-out with his press coverage and sent releases to the local television stations shortly before our meeting.

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PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Members of the Bynum Front Porch board Debbie Tunnel, Dawn Porter and Luke Barrow stand in the Bynum General Store, depicting in the painting during its heyday. They hope that the Bynum "suburbs" will help support their rain barrel sale and music programs, keeping the store site a community fixture.

INSIDE

Drought's not over—yet . . .

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MUSIC CALENDAR



Hammer No More The Fingers plays Local 506 this Friday night.

THURSDAY MARCH 6

Blue Horn Lounge: Mark Wells & Jill Christensen. 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Matt Costa with Jonathan Rice. 9:30pm. \$12

Cave: Early: Brandon Herndon & John Pardue. Late: Moontaxi.

Local 506: Say Hi, The Big Sleep, The Nothing Noise. 9pm. \$8

Mansion 462: The cliff Wallace Group. 8pm

FRIDAY MARCH 7

Blue Horn Lounge: David Spencer Band. 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Chatham County Line, Everybodyfields. 9:15pm. \$15

Cave: Late: Edsel 500.

General Store Café: Melissa Greener. 8:30pm

Local 506: Born Ruffians, Cadence Weapon, Hammer No More The Fingers. 9pm. \$10

Nightlight: Microkingdom.

Mansion 462: Imaginary Girlfriend. 8pm. Fustics. 10pm

Open Eye Café: Audrey Ryan. 8pm



Meshell Ndegeocello plays at the Cat's Cradle on Monday, March 10

SATURDAY MARCH 8

Cave: Early: Andrew Gregory. \$5. Late: Kenny Roby.

Cat's Cradle: Written In Red, Hadwynn, Flowers For Faye, The Moonatiks. 7pm. \$8

General Store Café: Old Mountain Road. 8:30pm

Local 506: Pinkie Swear Presents, Men, Hey Willpower, Ex-Members. 10pm. \$12

Nightlight: The Swimmers, A is Jump, The Stationary Set, The Binary Marketing Show. 9:30pm

Open Eye Café: Melissa Greener. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT



The Never play at Nightlight on Thursday, March 13

MUSIC FROM YOUR LOCAL MUSIC LABEL! TREKKY RECORDS PRESENTS:

On Friday, March 7, Butterflies, The International Grapevine and Jason Dove come together at the Metal Shop (901 W Main) for performances and a showing of flyer art by local artists. 7 pm.

And on Thursday, March 13, see Trekkys The Never perform with Parachute Musical and Mount Weather at Nightlight. The Never plan on showcasing their new material while the others add a taste of the Raleigh scene. Starts at 9:30 pm.



SUNDAY MARCH 9

Cave: Audrey Ryan, Dent May, John Barret. 9pm

Local 506: The Gay Blades, Phoebe's Carousel, JohnnyDirtyShoes. 9pm. \$8

MONDAY MARCH 10

Cat's Cradle: Meshell Ndegeocello, Trixie Whitley. 7:30pm. \$25

Cave: Reid Johnson, Jen Richelson, Ponieheart. 8pm. \$5

Local 506: Ten Penny, Lonesome Departed. 9:30pm

TUESDAY MARCH 11

ArtsCenter: Dervish. 8:30pm. \$24

Blue Horn Lounge: Fabio Conzani. 10pm

Cave: Late: The Common World Collective. \$5

Local 506: Alias Smith & Jones, Spindale. 9:30pm

Mansion 462: Robert Griffin. 7pm. The 2nd Third with Lucy Sumner & Bo Lankenau. 10pm

Nightlight: Bells, Sightings, Hazera. 9:30pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

Blue Horn Lounge: Blue Diablo's Pete Waggoner. 10pm

Cave: Early: Shawnee Boyee.

Local 506: Cyco Logic Present Dirty South Revolutionaries, Oppressed Logic, Head On Collision, K.I.F.F. 9pm. \$7

Mansion 462: Big Fat Gap. 8pm

THURSDAY MARCH 13

Blue Horn Lounge: Paleface. 10pm

Cave: Early: Davis Stillson. Late: Town Mountain.

General Store Café: Jazz with Club Boheme. 8pm

Local 506: Pulsoptional, Phon, Craig Hilton. 9pm. \$6

Mansion 462: Moonlighters. 9pm

Nightlight: The Never, Parachute Musical, Mount Weather. 9:30 pm

Send your calendar events to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

CHATHAM COUNTY LINE
FRI. MARCH 7

NICK LOWE
WED. APRIL 22
THE ARTSCENTER
CARRBORO

SUSAN TEDESCHI

WED. APRIL 16

DESTROYER
SUN. APRIL 27

HANDSOME FURS
WED. APRIL 2
LOCAL 506
CHAPEL HILL

TH 3/6(\$10/\$12)**
MATT COSTA
W/JONATHAN RICE
FR 3/7 CD RELEASE PARTY
CHATHAM COUNTY LINE
W/SPECIAL GUEST
EVERYBODYFIELDS**(\$12/\$15)
SA 3/8
WRITTEN IN RED
W/HADWYNN, FLOWERS FOR FAYE
MO 3/10(\$23/\$25)**
MESHELL NDEGEOCELLO
W/TRIXIE WHITLEY
FR 3/14 WOODS SCHOOL BENEFIT:
HOBEX, GREAT BIG GONE, LYNN BLAKEY AND ECKI HEINS
SA 3/15 GALLAGHER MUSIC PRES:
DJ FORGE DANCE PARTY
SU 3/16 FLICKER
[BOB MOULD SHOW CANCELLED]
MO 3/17(\$10/\$12)**
THE UNSEEN
W/A WILHELM SCREAM
TU 3/18 SONS AND DAUGHTERS
W/BODIES OF WATER**
TH 3/20 SOLD OUT
HOTEL CAFE TOUR
FR 3/21 DEL
THE FUNKY HOMOSAPIEN
W/BUKUE ONE**

FR 3/21
CHERRY BOMB, COUNTRY KINGS
W/MISS MARY WANNA, RACHEL RIOT**(\$10/\$12)
MO 3/24 TRUTH IS HERE TOUR:
BROTHER ALI
W/BK ONE, ABSTRAKT RUDE, TOKI WRIGHT**(\$10/\$12)
TH 3/27 BADFISH:
A TRIBUTE TO SUBLIME
W/SCOTTY DON'T AND HIGH AND MIGHTIES**(\$15/\$18)
FR 3/28 WXYC 80s DANCE
MO 3/31(\$15)**
MIKE DOUGHTY'S BAND
W/PANDERERS
TU 4/1(\$10/\$12)**
CARIBOU
WE 4/2(\$16/\$18)**
SAY ANYTHING
W/MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA, BIFFY CLYRO, WEATHERBOX
FR 4/4
GARY LOURIS
W/VETIVER**(\$16/\$18)
TU 4/8(\$10/\$12)**
BASSNECTAR
W/DJ ELLOT LIPP
WE 4/9(\$13/\$15)**
WEAKERTHANS
W/AA BONDY

TH 4/10**
BETWEEN THE BURIED AND ME
W/LYE BY MISTAKE, GIANT, KNIVES EXCHANGING HANDS
WE 4/16
SUSAN TEDESCHI(\$20/\$22)**
SU 4/20 EISLEY
W/THE MYRIAD, MELEE, AND THE ENVY CORPS**(\$12/\$14)
WE 4/23 ANTI-FLAG**
W/STREET DOGS, BRIGGS - MORE
FR 4/25 CD RELEASE PARTY
BOMBADIL

SON VOLT
THU. APRIL 24
LINCOLN THEATER-RALEIGH

SA 4/26
WHO'S BAD?!
(MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE)
SU 4/27 DESTROYER
W/ANDRE ETHIER**(\$12)
MO 4/28 MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO(\$15/\$18)**
WE 4/30 JOSH RITTER(\$15/\$17)**
FR 5/2
PRESSURE BOYS
REUNION SHOW!!**
SU 5/4 MAN MAN
W/YEASAYER**

TU 5/6 BRITISH SEA POWER/ ROSEBUDS**
SA 5/10 POLVO(\$10)**
TU 5/13 AND WE 5/14 TWO NIGHTS!
DRIVE BY TRUCKERS(\$20/\$22)**
MO 5/26 CLINIC(\$13/\$15)**
TU 6/10 MUDHONEY
W/BIRDS OF AVALON**(\$15)
SA 6/28(\$28/\$30)**
IRIS DEMENT

ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL):
SU 3/16 BLACK LIPS, QUINTRON/PUSSYCAT, GONDOLIERS
MO 3/17 TILLY AND THE WALL, CAPGUN COUP, MIDTOWN DICKENS
WE 4/2 HANDSOME FURS W/VIOLENS

CAROLINA THEATRE (DUR):
SA 3/22-(\$21/\$24)**
TIFT MERRITT
W/SARA WATKINS (OF NICKEL CREEK)

THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO):
SU 3/16 - (\$20/\$23) DAVID WILCOX
SA 3/22 - (\$28/\$30) GREG BROWN
W/SARA LEE GUTHRIE AND JOHNNY IRION
SA 4/12 - (\$12/\$15) JASON COLLETT
SU 4/20 - (\$20) SHAWN MULLINS
WE 4/22 - (\$25)
NICK LOWE W/RON SEKSMITH
WE 4/30 - (\$12/\$14)
AMERICAN MUSIC CLUB

THE BREWERY (RALEIGH):
FR 3/14-(\$10/\$12)**
STRIKE ANYWHERE
W/RIVERBOAT GAMBLERS

MEMORIAL HALL (UNC-CH):
TU 4/15 SOLD OUT
IRON AND WINE

LINCOLN THEATER (RALEIGH):
TH 4/24-(\$18/\$20)**
SON VOLT W/BOBBY BARE JR

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News Briefs

Police seek victim ID

The Chapel Hill Police Department is requesting assistance in identifying the victim of a shooting early Wednesday morning near Hillcrest Drive.

Chapel Hill Police responded to a report of gunshots in the area of Davie Circle around 5 a.m. Wednesday. Officers located an unidentified deceased female lying in the intersection of Hillcrest Drive and Hillcrest Circle. She is described as white, 18-25 years old, five feet five to five feet six inches tall, 120 pounds, with blonde hair. She was wearing a navy blue short-sleeved shirt with a red circle and white symbol in the center; a gold, in color, necklace with a locket; gray sweat pants; and blue, gray and white Converse tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about the identity of the victim is urged to contact the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760.

School budget

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the superintendent's recommended budget for 2008-09 tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The public hearing will precede the board's regularly scheduled meeting.

War walkout

The UNC March 19 Coalition Against the War, a group of about a dozen student organizations, is organizing a walkout, march and rally at 12:30 p.m. on March 19 to mark the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq and demonstrate support for an end to the occupation. The march is part of a larger protest movement with groups from more than 60 other universities having pledged participation.

Burn ban lifted

The statewide open-burning ban was lifted on March 1. It is still illegal to burn trash, lumber, tires, newspapers, plastics or other non-vegetative materials. For more information, contact the County Fire Marshal at 968-2050.

Central Carolina scholarships

The Central Carolina Community College Foundation has more than 100 scholarships available for students in classes at the college's campuses in Lee, Harnett or Chatham counties.

The deadline is March 31 for the 2008-09 academic year. For information call 718-7279 or write lmusselwhite@cccc.edu.

Major corridors task force

The Chatham County Major Corridors Task Force will hold community meetings to present a commercial-development proposal affecting seven major roadways.

The roadways are US 1, US 15-501, US 64, US 421, NC 87, NC 751 and Pittsboro-Moncure Road. The plan affects the portions of the roads outside of Siler City and Pittsboro's jurisdictions.

The community meetings will provide residents and businesses with more information about the proposal and allow them to ask questions or make suggestions regarding the plan.

Meetings will be held:

- March 11, 7-9 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Moncure;
- March 18, 7-9 p.m., at Silk Hope Elementary School; and
- March 24, 7-9 p.m., at Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek.

Information on the proposal is available at www.chathamnc.org.

Kevin Whiteheart has resigned as Chatham County attorney to focus his energy on recovering from health issues.

Richard "Jep" Rose, an attorney with Poynter and Spruill LLP, is on retainer as acting county attorney. He

Yes, it rained a lot. No, the drought's not over.

By Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Heavy rain pelted the windows of Town Hall Tuesday night as Ed Kerwin, executive director of Orange Water and Sewer Authority, delivered his monthly briefing on the drought for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Clearly delighted, he told them he'd drop by anytime if they could guarantee rain like that.

By 7 a.m. Wednesday morning, the thunderstorms and showers that rolled through the Cane Creek and University Lake watersheds had provided a substantial boost to the dwindling reservoirs.

Callers to *The Citizen* enthusiastically reported that passing by University Lake Wednesday morning offered a much different sight than just the same grassy brown fields that have dominated the landscape since mid-summer of last year.

A check of the lake did indeed reveal an inundation of turbid, brown water fresh in from nearby swollen creeks. And for the first time in a long time, the floodplain of nearby Morgan Creek appeared to live up to its name.

While the visuals outside are pretty impressive, it's the charts and graphs and spreadsheets at OWASA headquarters that will determine the decisions ahead — chief among them being when and whether the

utility might recommend lifting some of the Stage Three restrictions it approved just last week.

"For Cane Creek [Reservoir] to be this low this time of the year is really unprecedented."

— OWASA Executive Director Ed Kerwin

Kerwin told the board that the late-winter and early-spring months are traditionally the time when rains refill the reservoirs. But prior to the Tuesday-night rain, reservoirs were only 40 percent full.

"For Cane Creek to be this low this time of the year is really unprecedented," he said, adding that the last time the community's main reservoir was full was last April.

On top of that, the past 10 months, he said, have produced the lowest rainfall in OWASA's records.

The Stage Three restrictions severely limit the amount and type of outdoor irrigation

and other uses of OWASA drinking water (see bottom of page 6 for the list). Rate surcharges, aimed at encouraging heavier conservation, are due to take effect March 17. The surcharges rise from 1.25 times the normal rate for 3,000 to 5,000 gallons per month or \$5.875 per 1,000 gallons to five times the normal rate or \$52.20 per 1,000 for 16,000 gallons and above.

OWASA planning director Ed Holland said Wednesday that the rains had caused the water supply to rise from 40 percent of capacity to 48 percent, with about 300 million more gallons in the reservoirs and more flowing in rapidly. Overnight, the estimated number of days left in the supply went from six months to eight months.

Holland said that the utility's staff had advised the board of directors to wait to see if the lakes return to at least 60 percent of their capacity by April 1 before lifting the Stage Three restrictions.

Should the optimism generated by the rains dry up with the reservoirs, Kerwin detailed at Tuesday's meeting a number of emergency measures the utility has drawn up. They include running a temporary supply line from the Haw River to Cane Creek. Drought or no drought, the utility plans to continue discussion on joining with other local governments to tap Jordan Lake, which has a massive 1,668-square-mile watershed compared to Cane Creek's and even without the rain is full and overflowing.

OBITUARIES

Margaret McCaull Carmichael Lester

Margaret McCaull Carmichael Lester, 83, died unexpectedly but with dignity at her home in Chapel Hill on March 3, 2008. She was a graceful and vibrant woman to the end, and was a positive force in the lives of many people.

Movies, books and Latin jazz were among Margaret's primary passions and she was a member of several movie and book groups. An avid gardener and bird-watcher, she also loved dogs and cats and was a frequent contributor to wildlife charities. Margaret was a dedicated Democrat, serving as the South Orange precinct chairman for many years, and as a campaign volunteer for several local, state and national candidates. She was an active civil rights advo-



cate, promoting a variety of social justice causes.

From 1968 to 1979, Margaret ran International Chef, Chapel Hill's first gourmet shop. She also had many years of service to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Medicine and Division of Continuing Education, and the UNC Hospitals.

A native New Yorker, Margaret was born and raised on Manhattan's Upper East Side, where she attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart and the Spence School. She moved with her family to Chapel Hill in 1940, and was voted Most Glamorous of her class at Chapel Hill High School. She went on to attend Virginia's Sweet Briar College before finishing her BA in American history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At Carolina, she was a member of the first pledge class of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, to which she remained loyal throughout her life.

Margaret married the love of her life, Robert MacDonald Lester Jr., who died in 1988. She is survived by her daughter, Margot Carmichael Lester and her husband, Steven John Marcus Peha of Carrboro; her son, Robert Brooks deBarros Lester, his wife, Laura Ann Edgerton and their daughter, Kate Edgerton Lester

of Raleigh; her sister-in-law, Beverly Baylor Carmichael of Chapel Hill; her niece, Clay Carmichael and her husband Mike Roig, also of Carrboro; and her namesake, Margaret McCaull Carmichael (Marnie), her husband, Michael Murphy, and their daughter, Ella Li Genet Murphy, of Cincinnati. She was the daughter of William Donald Carmichael Jr. and May Baldwin Waller Carmichael; and the sister of William Donald Carmichael III.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 8, in Chapel Hill. Arrangements are being handled by Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill. A public memorial service will be held later this spring. Memorials should be made to The N.C. Botanical Garden, WUNC-FM or The Carolina Covenant at UNC-Chapel Hill. In lieu of flowers, the family requests living plants suitable for replanting in Margaret's memory.


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Community Briefs

Local art auction benefit

The Fearington Barn will host an art auction to raise money for the Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center on Sunday, March 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. Local art will be auctioned and music, drinks and food will be available. Tickets are \$20 and can be bought at Second Bloom, Chatham Arts, Blue Birds & Hollyhocks and The Blue House in Pittsboro. The event also features a poetry contest. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 542-0394.

Send a Kid to Camp benefit concert

The Down Yonder Farm will host their annual Send a Kid To Camp benefit on Saturday, March 22. Performers include blues singer and guitarist Harvey Dalton Arnold, performance artist Tiffany Okafor, country singer/songwriter Wil Mills and the Rhonda Robichaux band. Admission to the event is free and donations will go toward sending local kids to various summer camps. The event is sponsored in part by the Triangle Community Foundation. More information at 732-7254.

Police dog dies of cancer

The Chapel Hill Police Department on Monday announced that police dog KC died of cancer on Friday.

According to the department, KC began experiencing difficulty breathing early Friday and was found to be in the late stages of cancer. He was seven years old and had been the partner of Officer Gabe Shin for the last five years.

The Kiwanis Club of Chapel Hill donated the funds for the purchase of KC. The police department relies on public donations to purchase police dogs.

Arts Calendar

Carrboro

El Sur Come South

— Pedro Lash with Los Artistas & local sonideros; Center Gallery. Kardelen (Snow Drop) — Works by Pelin Yazarcanez, Orhan Alpaslan, Asuman Dogan, Atatur Dogan and Nihal Kececi to celebrate International Women's Month; East End Gallery. The ArtsCenter: 300-G E Main St. 929-2787, artscenterlive.org

Mixed media by Chief

— a tribute to the artist's new daughter. Showing through Mar. The Beehive Salon. 102 E Weaver St. 932-4483, thebeehive-salon.com

Collaborative works

by Toni Ralston and Community Independent School students. Showing through Apr. 1. Century Center: 100 N Greensboro St. 918-7385, townofcarrboro.com/rp/cc.htm

Bolin Creek and Woodlands: Natural Treasures

— photography by Dave Otto. Showing through Mar. Carrboro Town Hall. 301 W Main St. 942-8541, townofcarrboro.com

Partners in Art — oil paintings and drawings by Fleet Woodley, and photography, mixed media and haiku by Sherry Woodley. Through March. Fleet Feet Gallery. 406 E Main St. 942-3102, fleetfeetcarrboro.com

"Primary Colors"

— watercolor and acrylic paintings by Chapel Hill artist Miriam Sagasti. Showing through Mar 31. Annual Wood Show — turned bowls, vessels and wood-creations by the Gallery's favorite wood artists. Showing through Mar 31. NC Crafts Gallery. 212 W Main St. 942-4048, nccraftsgallery.com

Sight Unseen — photography by local, legally blind photographer Tim O'Brien. Artist's reception Fri, Mar 14, 6-9pm. Paintings by Darius Quarles in the side room. Open Eye Café. 101 S Greensboro St. 968-9410, openeyecafe.com

"Controlled Chaos" — contemporary acrylics by Catharine Carter. Showing through Mar 31. Panzarella. Carr Mill Mall, E Weaver St and N Greensboro St. 929-6626, panzarella.com

Images from Chatham County

— photography by Dwain Ritchie. Showing through the first week of April. Weaver Street Realty. 116 E. Main St. 929-5658, weaverstreet-realty.com

Chapel Hill

Picturing the World: Carolina's Celebrated Photojournalists; Showing through Apr 6. Perspectives on Public Justice. Showing through May 4. Ackland Art Museum. S Columbia St and Franklin St 966-5736, ackland.org

Imaginary Portraits — works by Pablo Picasso. Showing through Mar 13. Originals by Salvado Dalí. Showing Mar 14 through Apr 10. Animation and Fine Art. University Mall, S Estes Drive. 968-8008, animation-andfineart.com

Mixed media by Nevton Diniz. Showing through Mar. Caffé Driade. 1215-A E Franklin St. 942-2333, caffedriade.com

"Flora, Friend and Foe" — wa-



"Or So They Say" by Nancy Jacobsohn. Her work is on display at Turning Point Gallery.

tercolors of wildlife by Dale Morgan, and paintings of botanical subjects by Claire Miller. Showing through Apr 29. Totten Center; N.C. Botanical Garden, Old Mason Farm Rd. Call 962-0522 or visit ncbg.unc.edu for more info.

Expressions of life, love and faith through paintings and pottery — works by Judith Ernst. Showing through May 30. FedEx Global Education Center. 301 Pittsboro St. 962-2435, international.unc.edu/GEC.html

"Marking Transcendence"

— collage landscapes, calligraphic pieces in Hebrew and English, and abstract and representational pieces by Galia Goodman. Artist's reception Sun, Mar 9, 1-3pm. Showing through Apr 29. The Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist, 106 Purefoy Rd. Call 942-2050 for more info.

Nancy Jacobsohn's "Thirteen Horses—The Journey" — a collection of pieces reflective of the artist's journey from a career as an art educator and museum administrator to a full-time artist. Artist's reception Fri, Mar 14, 6-9pm. Turning Point Gallery, University Mall, S Estes Drive. 967-0402, harmonyfineart.com

Southern Village

Paintings by Cat Moleski

— bright, insightful and contemplative oil paintings. Showing through Apr. Bagwell, Holt, Smith, Tillman & Jones, PA. 400 Market St., Suite 103. 932-2225, bhspa.com

Hillsborough

Look B4U Leap — new work by the Gallery's member artists. Show runs through March 22. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts. 121 N Churton St, Suite 1-D. 732-5001, hillsboroughgallery.com

Pittsboro

Annual Pottery Invitational — works by Mark Hewitt, Ruth Morgans, Sigilinda Scarpa, Doug Dotson, Janet Resnick and others. Through Mar 31. ChathamArts. 115 Hillsboro St. 542-4144, www.chathamarts.org

"Seed Bead Therapy" — eclectic & fun jewelry by Jody Jameson. Through Mar. The Joyful Jewel. 45 West St. 545-6863

New works by David Sovera. Showing through Mar 31. Fusions Art and Fine Craft Gallery, 53 Hillsboro St. 260-9725.

Community Calendar

Special Events

Annual Orange County Egg Hunt for children ages 2-10. Sat, Mar 15, Homestead community Park, 100 Northern Park Dr; Chapel Hill. Children's entertainment begins at 9:30am and the 20,000-egg hunt begins at 10:30am. Games and a meet-and-greet with the Easter Bunny will follow. Sponsored by the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department. Call 968-2787x208 for more info.

Lunchbox Concert Series

— Thursdays through Mar 6. Bring lunch to the Century Center and hear live music from noon to 1pm. Free coffee provided by Open Eye Café. 100 N Greensboro St. Call 918-7385 or visit townofcarrboro.com/rp/cc.htm for more info.

Fearington Art Auction to benefit Family Violence & Rape Crisis Center and Chatham County Arts Council. Sun, Mar 9, 2-5pm. Fearington Barn. Tickets are \$20 each and include 2 drink coupons. Art auction and silent preview at 2 pm; live auction at 3:30pm. Contact Melody Troncale at 542-5445 or Molly Matlock at 542-4144 for more info.

Raleigh Community Band and Village Band of Chapel Hill joint-concert. Sun, Mar 9, 3pm. East Chapel Hill High School auditorium. Free, donations accepted. Call 618-1758 for more info.

Emerson Waldorf School Brazilian Benefit Auction & Gala to benefit the school's annual fund. Sat, Mar 8, 7pm. The evening will include music, food & drinks, dancing and an auction. The Barn at Valhalla, 9423 Charles Ln, Chapel Hill. \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door.

Outdoor activities

Niche Gardens guided garden walk — Saturdays through June, 10am. Discussions on spring planting, garden maintenance, design & gardening for wildlife with bird and butterfly gardens. Special emphasis on drought-tolerant plants. Free, rain or shine. Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Rd, Chapel Hill. Call 967-0078 or visit www.nichegardens.com for more information.

Kids

1st Annual Spring Break Men's Soccer Camp — Mar 24-27, 9am to noon, UNC Campus. Open to boys ages 6 to 14. \$150. Registration Mon, Mar 24, 8:30am, Finley Fields. Bring ball, shin guards, water, snack & small towel. Call 962-0466 or visit www.tarheelblue.com for more info.

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.kidzuchildrensmuseum.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.

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

Health & Wellness

Dr. Charles Mauney, DDS, will lead a dental education workshop to raise awareness of children's oral health for parents of children 5 and younger. Tue, Mar 11, 6-7pm. 223 Timberhill Pl, Chapel Hill. Hosted by Orange County Health Department's Dental Health Program. Call 933-1007 to register.

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 hgesner@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, 111 Cloister Ct, Ste 220, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www.cornucopiahouse.org.

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 11098 Highway 15-501. Call Julie Coleman at 967-3221 or visit www.chapelhilltcf.org.

Free health seminar about natural approaches to hormone replacement therapy. Tue, Mar 11, 6:30-8pm. Chapel Hill Community Center, 120 S Estes Dr. Register at www.trianglecompounding.com/Events.htm or by calling 858-0809x415.

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.



"Dog" by sculptor Tamera Mulanix. Her work will be available at the Fearing Art Auction. Proceeds benefit the Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center and the Chatham County Arts Council.

Dance

Square Dance — Sat, Mar 8. Lesson at 7:30pm, dance 8-11pm. Pleasant Green Community Center. Live music by the Hushpuppies & caller Todd Woerner. \$7. Call 732-8259 or visit www.ncsquares.com.

Swing Dance — Sat, Mar 8. Lesson at 7:30pm, dance 8-11pm. Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. Live music by The Hot House Hefftones. \$11. Visit www.triangleswingdance-society.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.

Discussions, Lectures & Open Mics

Lessons of Hurricane Katrina — a free public lecture by Kathleen Blanco, former governor of Louisiana. Thu, Mar 6, 7pm. Carolina Inn, Chancellor's East Room. Free and open to the public. Hosted by UNC Center for the Study of the American South.

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

Our Bodies, Ourselves — Pregnancy and Birth reading and signing with Judy Norsigian, executive director of Our Bodies Ourselves, and Miriam Labbok, director of Center for Infant and Young Child Feeding and Care. Thu, Mar 20, 1:30pm. Bull's Head Bookshop, 207 South Rd, UNC Campus. Visit www.ourbodiesourselves.org for more info.

Films "Israel: Myths & Propaganda"

— screening and discussion of an interview with Israeli historian Ilan Pappé about the 1948 Arab-Israeli War and the ethnic cleansing of Palestine. Sun, Mar 9, 2-4pm. Jones Building, Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist, 106 Purefoy Rd, Chapel Hill. Call 967-5181 for more info.

Other Public Art 360: A Symposium from Seven Perspectives

— a national convention to address the functional and aesthetic interaction among public art, profession design disciplines, private development and government. Fri & Sat, Apr 11 & 12.

\$70 registration fee. Visit www.publicartcollaborative.org for more info.

VITA, a free tax assistance program for low- to middle-income clients runs through Apr. For enrollment requirements or more info visit www.co.orange.nc.us/aging/VITA.asp.

Weekly Peace Vigils — Fridays, 5-6pm. At the corner of Elliot Rd & E Franklin St. Call 942-2535 for info.

Chapel Hill Town Council invites the community to contribute ideas to the design of a "big picture" economic development strategy for the town of Chapel Hill at meetings throughout March. Meetings: Thu, Mar 6, 3pm at Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, 104 Estes Dr.; Tue, Mar 11, 7pm at Christ United Methodist Church, 800 Market St, Southern Village. Visit www.townofchapelhill.org/economic_development for more info.

Open house at Pittsboro Montessori Preschool — Sat, Mar 8, 11am-1pm. Families welcome. 886 Hamlet Chapel Rd, Pittsboro. Visit www.pittsboromontessori.com or call 542-0091 for more info.

Digital Camera Basics — For Beginners. Learn the basics of purchasing and using a digital camera from amateur photographer John Sehon. Mon, Mar 10 & Mon, Mar 17, 9am to noon. Totten Center, NC Botanical Garden, Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill. Call 962-0522 to register or visit http://ncbg.unc.edu/pages/261 for more info.

Monthly Intake/Orientation session hosted by Orange Community Housing and Land Trust. Wed, Mar 12, noon. Land Trust office, 104 Jones Ferry Rd, Ste C. Call 967-1545x302 to register.

Cat Adoption Day at Goathouse Refuge in Pittsboro. Sun, Mar 16, noon to 5pm. Refreshments included. 680 Alton Alston Rd, Pittsboro. Call 542-6815 for more info.

Got a Community Event you'd like us to know about?

Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

PETS OF THE WEEK



APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — Yo. Call me **Tank**, I am a big woman and a huge snugglebug. I'm about 4 years old, and what we call tortoiseshell, and I have no front claws. I get along great with other cats and have a best friend here that is also front declawed; her name is Gracie. I love to be petted and brushed. I have a reverse mohawk haircut because my back fur was matted when I arrived at the APS; I think I am way cool. Come see how great Gracie and I are at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org.



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet **Duga!** He's a one-year-old lab mix who has been waiting a long time to find a family of his own. He would love to find a place where he can go on walks and play! He loves treats and would love to learn some new tricks to show off! Don't pass this handsome boy by. He's a keeper! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 967-7383. You can also see him online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

IN SEASON



ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

FLORA FROM PAGE 1

we should call it Speckled Trout Lily. That little golden-yellow flower with three sepals and three petals, looking like six similar petals, is a true lily. Down on hands and knees, take a closer look at the swollen triangular-shaped capsules at the ends of the stems where the flowers occurred. By the end of March, when the plant has just about disappeared for the year, that lily capsule will have deposited its seeds for dispersal by ants along the forest floor.

Some folks call this lily Dogtooth Violet and they are passionate about their common name. I don't know the origin of this one; it is definitely not a violet, but I can understand how some imaginative soul may have likened each of those six petals to a canine's tooth. Now use

your imagination when viewing the burgundy colored stamens protruding from the petals. What do you think of Yellow Adder's Tongue as another name for Trout Lily? Simply using the official Latin name, *Erythronium americanum*, is an easier option.

You will see many other woodland flowers close to the ground during the next couple of weeks. Be particularly on the lookout for one called Pennywort, *Obo-laria virginica*. It is seldom seen because it remains hidden a few inches above the leaf litter. Only a keen eye will spot this diminutive wildflower in the Gentian family. Visit Dave Otto's Bolin Creek photo exhibit, continuing through March in Carrboro's Town Hall, to view a spectacular image of the Pennywort. When you see it, remember that in reality it is only a couple of inches tall. If you



PHOTO BY DAVE OTTO

You will need a keen eye to spot this little beauty on the forest floor.

ever find one, you'll never forget it. But you have to go walking in the woods to find it.

Special appreciation to Dave Otto for this week's photos.

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Recipe of the week

COUNTRY SAUSAGE GRAVY

(Best served overtop buttermilk biscuits)

Recipe provided by Local Chef: Sheri Castle
Did you like what you ate last week at our Market cooking demo?? Try it at home! Chef Sheri Castle shares her yummy country sausage gravy recipe for you to try overtop your favorite hot biscuits!

- 1 pound bulk country sausage (mild or hot)
 - 4 tablespoons instant (such as Pillsbury Shake and Blend) or all-purpose flour
 - 2 or 3 cups whole milk
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 1. Cook the sausage in a large, cast-iron skillet over medium heat until well browned, breaking up the meat with the side of the spoon. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a bowl and set aside.
 2. Pour off all but 4 tablespoons of the drippings, but don't disturb the good brown bits on the bottom of the skillet.
 3. Return the skillet to medium heat. Sprinkle the flour over the drippings and whisk until the flour is smooth. Cook, whisking constantly, for two minutes or until the flour starts to brown.
 4. Gradually whisk in 2 cups of milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens enough to coat the back of the spoon.
 5. Stir in the cooked sausage. If the gravy is too thick, add some or all of the remaining cup of milk.
 6. Season generously with black pepper and serve hot.
- Last week Sheri served these overtop some of her piping hot biscuits. They were AMAZING!!

RECENTLY FROM PAGE 1

It was shaping up to be a fine morning as Barrow and two other members of the Bynum General Store Front Porch board, Debbie Tunnel and Dawn Porter (with daughter Caroline), showed me around the site that has long been the Bynum hub. It was the first time I'd been in the store since it quit selling stuff and formally became a community center. It has always been a gathering place, but the locals opened it up to their "suburbs" in 2001 for the Front Porch Concert Series, which runs May through October, with popular musicians playing each Friday evening; and starting in April, weekly Front Porch Pickin' sessions, where people show up with their instruments and play for as long as it sounds good (a monthly gathering during the winter).

The townsfolk have put a lot of effort into keeping the store site viable, including upgrading a restroom to ADA standards. Tables and chairs dot the main floor area; the walls are still covered with shelves, but now hold books, toys and memorabilia (look around, you might find a pack of Nabs or a Moon Pie in there somewhere).

While we talked, a vehicle with "NBC-17" painted on the sides pulled up in front. Barrow could hardly believe his eyes; it had been less than an hour since sending that email to the local NBC affiliate. Turns out it was a newsroom staffer on an outing with his mother on her Leap Day

"Gardeners can hardly have too many rain barrels, considering how quickly they fill when used under a downspout. The drought may not always be upon us, but drinking water will always be precious."

birthday. She gladly availed herself of the restroom while Barrow explained his misguided excitement, having initially thought they were there to cover the rain barrel sale.

They may yet get some air-time, because people all over the state are looking for rain barrel deals these days. The Bynum folks are offering 55-gallon poly barrels previously used for food storage that have been up-fitted with two spigots, drop-in basket screens and downspout adaptors for \$88; or a minimalist version of the same size with one spigot and an overflow spout with screw-on cap for only \$58. The orders and money need to be in Barrow's hands by March 17, when he will place the order. The barrels will be available for

pickup at the Bynum General Store on April 12. Local buyers can have their barrels delivered for an extra \$10. This is a good deal even before figuring in that your purchase will help this local treasure continue as a music venue and gathering spot. The more they sell, the more money they get to keep for supporting this community resource.

Gardeners can hardly have too many rain barrels, considering how quickly they fill when used under a downspout. The drought may not always be upon us, but drinking water will always be precious.

Check out bynumfrontporch.org for details and to order; or call Luke Barrow at 815-0215.

Contact Valarie Schwartz at

L&T Briefs

Conservancy anniversary

The Triangle Land Conservancy, an environmental group responsible for keeping over 10,000 acres of local wilderness undeveloped, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. The conservation group is also using the opportunity to initiate a new fund entitled "Our Water, Our Land," which will be used to conserve wilderness in imminent danger. The group has raised over \$3.5 million already and expects the fund to eventually yield over \$30 million.

Something we should know?

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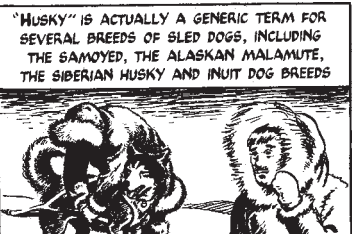
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"MUSKY" IS ACTUALLY A GENERIC TERM FOR SEVERAL BREEDS OF SLED DOGS, INCLUDING THE SAMOYED, THE ALASKAN MALAMUTE, THE SIBERIAN HUSKY AND INUIT DOG BREEDS

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INUIT DOGS ARE THOUGHT TO BE NORTH AMERICA'S ONLY REMAINING PURE ABORIGINAL CANINE

BUT THERE'S NO GENETIC EVIDENCE THAT DOGS IN THE NEW WORLD WERE BRED WITH WOLVES

Unconventional wisdom

CHRIS FITZSIMON

In 1992, a prominent Democratic state senator was talking to a small group of people waiting for a political rally to start when the subject turned to an effort by progressives to repeal the state sales tax on food that had been imposed in the early 1960s by Gov. Terry Sanford to raise money to improve the state's struggling education system.

The senator said he didn't support that idea because "the poor need to pay taxes too." That was a common view in the General Assembly at the time, though not said in public very often.

The state portion of the sales tax on food was finally repealed in the late 1990s, but the sentiment that the poor don't pay their fair share of taxes is still alive and well in the General Assembly and dominates much of the public policy debate.

Despite the adoption of an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) last session, most of the talk about tax cuts starts with efforts to reduce taxes on corporations and the wealthy. Last year, lawmakers gave the richest two percent of state taxpayers a break by letting a temporary income tax increase expire, while at the same time making a temporary increase in the regressive sales tax permanent.

A new report from the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center finds that the claim that the poor don't pay their fair share of taxes is actually true, though not in the way many legislators believe. The poor pay more than their fair share.

The BTC report finds that the poorest 20 percent of households in the state, with average incomes of \$10,000 a year, pay 10.7 percent of that income in state and local taxes. The wealthiest one percent pays 7.1 percent of their income. The average income of that group of taxpayers is \$970,000. The analysis includes both the EITC and the tax break for the wealthy passed last session.

The report includes a graph that shows that the percentage of income paid in state and local taxes is inversely proportional to income level. This is true despite the state's relatively progressive income tax and is largely a function of the reliance on the narrowly applied sales tax and the property tax imposed by local governments.

North Carolina taxpayers can also deduct state taxes paid from their federal taxes, but most low-income filers don't have enough expenses to itemize their deductions and therefore don't get the break.

There's plenty of more fascinating information in the report, including a breakdown of who pays each of the major taxes assessed by the state and local governments and recommendations to improve the fairness of the state's tax system.

The fundamental message is one that should be the foundation of every tax debate in the General Assembly. The overall tax system in North Carolina is regressive; the poor pay a far higher percentage of their income in taxes than the rich.

The report comes on the heels of other reports that also shatter pieces of conventional wisdom in the current policy debate.

Site Selection magazine's latest economic ranking has North Carolina fourth in the country in the number of new or expanding projects it attracted. The state ranked first among states with metro areas between 200,000 and one million people.

The Triad was recognized as the top small metro region in the country and the Lexington-Thomasville area and Statesville-Mooresville were the top two rural areas.

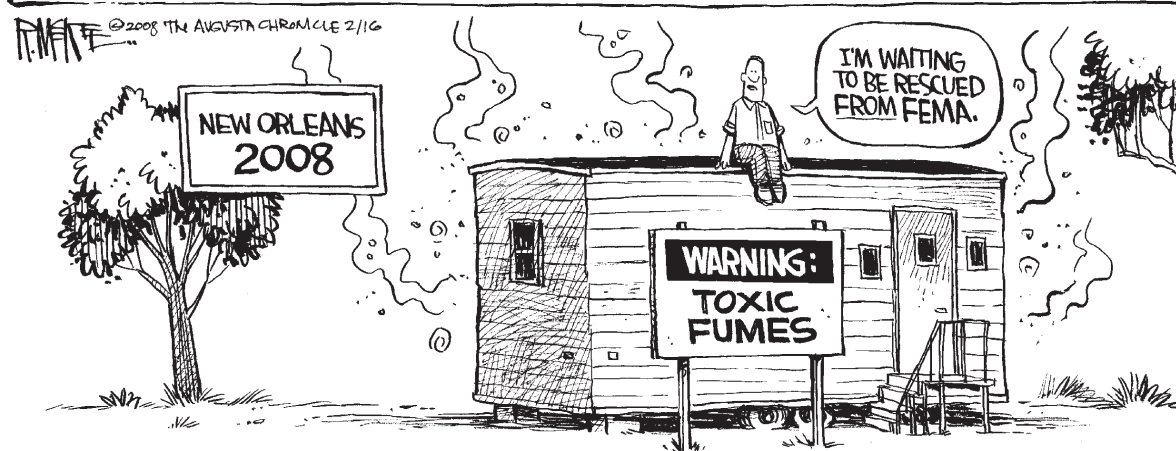
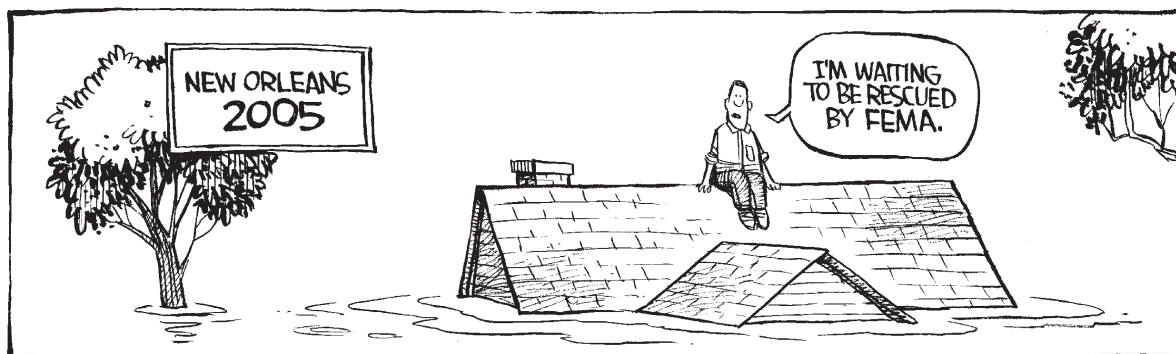
The findings are not new, but ought to finally make the pile of evidence that North Carolina is business friendly too high to ignore.

Two weeks ago, a senior executive with Ernst & Young presented lawmakers with a study that showed North Carolina's business taxes are the lowest in the Southeast and among the lowest in the nation measured as a percentage of the state's economic activity.

Also this week, The Pew Center on the States gave North Carolina a B-minus for its budget process, but the page summarizing the findings included a table of facts. North Carolina ranks 10th in state spending, not a surprise given the size of the state's population. But state spending per capita in North Carolina ranks 34th.

That's quite a list when you add it up. The poor pay a higher percentage of taxes than the rich. The state continues its dominance in economic development. Business taxes are among the lowest in the country and the state spends less per capita than 33 states.

So much for all the bluster about bloated budgets and crippling taxes. Now let's move on to solving real problems.



Taking responsibility for integrity

NEIL PEDERSEN

"Cheat or repeat." That's the response from one of my high school students when I, as an English teacher, was sharing my zero tolerance standard for cheating on the first day of school. For some reason, I still vividly remember this utterance 35 years later. Perhaps, it was because at my undergraduate school we operated under a strict honor code in which students were trusted. I never had a member of the faculty in the room when I was being tested during my four years there. I never cheated and never was aware of a classmate cheating.

While some might argue that the world is more complicated today and the lines more blurred, that is not the case in the recent cheating incident at Chapel Hill High School. The lines crossed were quite clear. Anyone should know that using a stolen master key to enter a school after hours is wrong. Going into a teacher's files and stealing or photographing tests or answer keys is clearly cheating. Photographing a test or answer key and distributing it electronically to students who have not yet taken the test is cheating. In the recent event at CHHS, we have evidence at this time that two students possessed master keys to the school and that two students exchanged a photograph of a test via cell phone. Approximately eight other students were implicated, but evidence did not support further disciplinary action beyond re-testing. There should be an unmistakable message sent to these students and their classmates: This is morally wrong and there must be punitive consequences.

What has been the school's response? The students who engaged in this behavior were appropriately disciplined by the



administration. Teachers discussed with their students what cheating is and why it is wrong. All parents in the school were informed of the incident and asked to have discussions with their own children. To restore the security of the facility, all outside doors will be re-keyed.

We are told that master keys have been floating around for as long as two years and that in the past tests have been compromised. That may very well be true, but we don't have evidence. It would be extremely time consuming to do an investigation into those years, and if we did find wrongdoing, what would we do about it at this point? If we did find wrongdoing, how would we discipline students who are no longer in our district? The principal, rightly so, is focusing her attention on this incident and how we move forward to enhance security and instill academic integrity in our students.

Jackie Ellis, the new principal of CHHS, has received accolades from all stakeholders this year for her leadership, responsiveness, judgment, and commitment to doing what is in the best interest of her students. At a

time like this, the public and the school community need to trust that she is continuing to exercise good judgment that is consistent with her, and the district's, values.

The fact is that both national and local surveys indicate that cheating is pervasive in high schools today. I don't find this acceptable. Fortunately, the CHHS School Improvement Team already identified integrity as an issue on which it wanted the school to focus as it writes its School Improvement Plan. This incident, undoubtedly, will result in even greater attention being given to this issue. The plan will be completed in May. I believe that while the district should set a standard for integrity, strategies developed at the school level will more likely be embraced and supported by the faculty and students.

We all share some level of responsibility for instilling sound values in our young people. Parents have a responsibility for how they raise their children and the values and characteristics in their children that they reinforce. Teachers and school officials are responsible for creating an environment in their schools that promotes and recognizes good character. With regard to cheating, teachers also should be clear about the definition and should avoid conditions that might make it tempting for students to cheat. Students at this age must accept responsibility for their decisions and to think carefully about what's the right thing to do. A former colleague of mine once shared the advice that he had given his son. Before acting, think about if he would want his parents to read about his actions in the newspaper. Not a bad measuring stick.

Neil Pedersen is superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

FOR THE RECORD

On to Stage Three

[Editor's note: While recent rains have helped, we are entering the warm weather months with extremely low water supplies. We cannot will a change in the weather, but we can improve conservation. To that end, Stage Three restrictions were approved at the beginning of this month. Following are the new restrictions.]

Stage Three restrictions

No irrigation with OWASA drinking water is permitted, except with hand-held hoses or watering cans. Such irrigation shall not occur more than three days each week (Tuesday, Thursday and/or Saturday for odd-numbered addresses; Wednesday, Friday and/or Sunday for even addresses); may be applied to non-grass plant material only; and is limited to one-half inch per week.

All hoses used for hand watering shall be equipped with shutoff nozzles.

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Water leaks must be repaired within 10 days of notice by OWASA.

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Water use at individually-metered residences and by individually-metered single-family residential irrigation-only customers is limited to an average of 600 gallons per day in a monthly billing cycle while Stage Three restrictions are in effect. OWASA may temporarily terminate service for exceeding the 600 gallons/day limit. Restaurants and dining facilities shall serve water only on request of a customer.

Hotels, motels, and other facilities providing sleeping accommodations shall change bed linens only upon request of the customer, or upon customer changeover, or every five days for long-term customers.

No bulk sale of OWASA drinking water will be allowed except for purposes necessary to maintain public health, safety, or welfare.

No OWASA drinking water may be used for fire department training or equipment testing.

For information on Penalties for violating the water use restrictions including possible termination of OWASA service, please see <http://owasa.org/pages/StageThree2008.asp#Restrictions>.

LETTERS

Welcome to Carrboro

Congratulations to the owners of the Andrews-Riggsbee site, soon to be Roberson Square, on approval of their project. I can't wait to see their cool-looking mixed-use building in place of the vacant lot that is there now!

I'm disappointed they didn't include a restaurant, any child-related structures, and that their garbage entrance will face their residential neighbors on the East Carr Street instead of the commercial Roberson Street side.

What has me and my neighbors worried is the thought of having to live through the construction of this project. In my opinion, the owners of this property didn't endear themselves to us neighbors during the demolition of the former hardware store building. Somehow, the demolition took place only on the weekends for around three months last summer. Talk about rude awakenings, from back up alarms, to I beams hitting concrete, it was a sleep-deprived summer! I know construction is loud and dirty, hopefully this time the owners will show us neighbors some love by working to respect our right to live in peace and quiet, especially on the weekends. When I made a point of this at the aldermen's meeting, the mayor said the town couldn't limit work hours, only prohibiting starting work before noon on Sunday. Wow, one would think that since the town basically gave a gift of seven parking places on East Carr Street at \$10,000 a pop, the mayor's figures not mine, that the town could leverage some concessions on work hours! Oh well, I understand and respect the idea of building mixed-use in town, I'd rather see Carrboro grow upwards instead of outwards. That said, Good Luck and Godspeed on your project, and oh yeah, Welcome to Carrboro!

Your loving neighbor,

BUDDY KELLY
Carrboro

Horror and Apathy

George Bush for torture. Yes, alas. And we stand by, in horror and in apathy. I speak for myself in this. I earlier organized a web revolt (Yes, I am revolted!) at the fact that we Americans condone torture - see tort.wikispaces.com. And I had planned on becoming a lot more active in promoting the revolt. But I have yet to go onto campus and distribute leaflets. What has happened?

Complacency, yes. How? Easy, just put it off to tomorrow. Because we know that tomorrow will bring a ban on torture by the US. Indeed, the next president of the United States will ban torture right away, it's in the cards.

Our president has unfortunately opted to go with torture, but there is only less than a year left, not all that much time to do mischief. Poor Bush, he's cooked. Meanwhile, the attitude is changing and we are headed to a more enlightened view of the world. At long last!

So, all in all, times are good. And apathy sets in. For now. That's ok. The horror is short lived, we know.

PHILIP DUCHASTEL
Carrboro

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communities, cared for by those communities, was the spirit behind that reform. It was well intentioned, as Dunn suggests, but very poorly executed.

Who are 'they'?

"How can they just change your therapist?" Ghezzi's clients asked. But she found that she couldn't even tell them who "they" were.

"I'm not really sure who they are," Ghezzi says, wondering aloud who to blame for the crisis we're now facing here in Orange County.

There's plenty of blame to go around, she says: the Department of Health and Human Services, the governor, legislators, CFN as well. But, Ghezzi says, "I think it mostly falls on the state reform plan. I think that's definitely the main cause of all this."

The idea behind reform was that there were certain mental health care services the private sector could better provide. In 2001, the General Assembly voted to overhaul the system. Counties would no longer directly provide treatment. They would instead form local management entities (LMEs) that would oversee private providers. More treatment would be provided within the communities toward the objective of keeping people out of the four state-run mental hospitals.

As has been documented in a recent series of articles in the *News & Observer*, many private companies have been using employees with only high school educations, called para-professionals, to provide community support services – such as assisting with grocery shopping or homework – for which the companies bill the state \$60.96.

The allegations are that, at that rate, state reform created an incentive for companies to provide community support services, and to provide them with para-professionals, and not to provide more intensive services.

The *News & Observer* reported that between March 2006 and January 2008, the cost of community support services rose to nearly \$1.4 billion, or 90 percent of all community spending. According to the *N&O*, "During that same period, the government spent \$78 million – 4.9 percent – on the seven services more likely to reduce the need for hospitalization."

The cost of those community support services had risen to nearly 20 times the state's original estimate.

A 'different animal'

In some ways, the post-reform delivery of mental health services has played out differently in Orange County, where using para-professionals for community support services has not been as widely practiced.

When CFN took over the Orange Person Chatham (OPC) Area Plan in 2006 – OPC having resisted divestiture of its services as long as it could – Ghezzi says there was a team of four community support workers: two of them had master's degrees in social work; two had bachelor's degrees. CFN did then hire more para-professionals, but not a great many.

That aside, CFN wasn't entirely prepared for the task at hand.

"I think one thing that was striking," Ghezzi recalls, "was that they didn't seem very knowledgeable about outpatient clinics." CFN arrived with a solid reputation as a foster care agency. "But a busy mental health clinic is a pretty different animal." CFN had operated smaller clinics, but Orange County alone had nearly 1,000 clients. "They didn't really know what a busy mental health clinic was like."

In 2007, according to Ghezzi, "things started to fall apart." Three rounds of layoffs ensued. In May, CFN announced that due in large measure to rate cuts by the state for community support services (in response to charges of overspending, the hourly rate of \$60.96 was reduced to \$51.28), it would be cutting back services and closing facilities.

"Once layoffs started," Ghezzi says, "people lost their therapists; staff who weren't laid off started job hunting."

John Mader, a therapist who prior to divestiture worked for OPC, points out that those who were receiving these services are not only having to now cope with the transition to new caregivers, adjust to relationships with new providers, but are having to do so in the "face of complete ambiguity."

"This is not effective therapeutic closure," Mader says, "and that's hard."

Mader says that people are being told to be patient, that new providers will be found. "But in the meantime, we don't know when or who they will see."

'Nobody knew'

State government officials have now acknowledged that we have a very serious mental health care problem. They've had no choice. There it is, on the front page of the state's paper of record – stories of waste and, worse, abuse of the mentally ill – of the disintegration of our health care infrastructure.

And here it is in our communities – where health care professionals such as Karen Dunn, Marilyn Ghezzi and John Mader have collectively spent over 65 years caring for those with mental health disorders, many of whom are today facing, optimistically, uncertainty – the fraying of a safety net that in the best of times was tenuous, and no clear understanding of their path to further care – and, at worst, a frightening world in which that care is not to be had.

"I was just trying to do the best thing by each client on a case-by-case basis," says Ghezzi, "and we didn't have a lot of guidance on what to do – partly because nobody knew."

Nobody knew. But how, Karen Dunn asks, could that be?

Providing just the basics, says Dunn, was the way the state wrote the plan:

"The whole plan was to get people this basic community support in order to reduce hospitalizations and to prevent utilizing these higher levels of service unnecessarily."

"And now it's kind of like this huge surprise that this is how the system is playing out, when it was planned out that way from the beginning?"

She agrees with administering more services within our communities. But not at the risk of neglecting other, more intensive services.

Dunn is particularly perplexed by Gov. Easley's attempts at distancing himself from the reform legislation. In the *News & Observer* series, Easley is quoted as saying at a December news conference, "It just happened overnight in late October [2001], and we never thought they would do it."

And yet at the time, both Easley and then-Secretary of Health and Human Services Carmen Hooker Odom seemed to be champions of that legislation.

"If the governor had no clue," Dunn says, "he was asleep at the wheel and should be charged with reckless driving. And that's putting it mildly. Because it's not just reckless driving – it's been an endangerment of all our citizens who are living with serious mental illness."

"It really has put lives at risk, and continues to do so."

This week, Easley held a press conference at which he proposed turning direct control of the state's mental health system back to the Department of Health and Human Services and establishing differential pay for community support services depending on the level of those services.

In some respects, Orange County is in a worse predicament than most counties.

"Sort of a Chapel Hill phenomenon is that we have so many uninsured," says Ghezzi, "and that's really a problem. We've always had a really high number of uninsured, and we were the safety net, which is now gone."

We know of the ones we've failed. But what of the others out there?

"I think there are a lot more people who have not touched base with the system at this point," Dunn says. "That's a whole other level of community outreach that doesn't happen ... people the system hasn't even seen." How do we begin to address those?

Despite all, says Dunn: "I always hold out hope."

We'll all soon learn if that hope is founded.

Next: Where do we go from here?

School board field crowded

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

Six candidates have filed for election to the Orange County Schools Board of Education.

Incumbent Al Hartkopf is running for re-election, challenged by newcomers Eddie Eubanks, Steve Halkiotis, Tony McKnight, Jeff Michalski and Stan Morris.

Three seats on the board are available. School board member Dennis Whiting resigned last month, following his arrest on charges of embezzlement.

Hartkopf, 50, has served on the school board for four years. He said he is running for re-election because he wants to continue the work the school board has started.

"So many times in politics, you get something started and the elected officials change," Hartkopf said. "We're really entering a new phase."

"It's a good school system, but we haven't done all we could do with regards to parental involvement, closing the gap, operational transparency."

He has two daughters, ages 13 and 9, who attend A.L. Stanback Middle School and Hillsborough Elementary School. Hartkopf works as a project manager and has lived in Hillsborough for nine years.

Halkiotis, 64, served on the Board of County Commissioners for 20 years. He worked in Orange County Schools for 30

years, as a principal, teacher and district administrator, retiring in 2004.

"I've been a little bit dismayed with the way things have been going," he said, noting a parent protest at a recent school board meeting. "I think I can help these folks understand where the school system has been."

"If parents feel negatively about the school board and the school system as a whole, I think it's important to figure out why they feel that way."

Halkiotis lives in Hillsborough, and has lived in Orange County for 39 years, except for a brief stint in South Carolina. His daughter, who works as an assistant district attorney in Guilford County, attended Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Durham Academy, while his two stepchildren attended Orange County Schools.

Michalski, 38, said he would like to make all schools in the district open to all students in the district, and would like to improve the district's programs and the promotion of those programs.

"Instead of being a complainer, I wanted to be somebody who was actually doing something about what I was complaining about," Michalski said.

"I call myself the 'choice for school' choice," he said. "I think our parents and our kids need to have some choice as to where they ... go to school and to have programs that will appeal to specific

children and their parents."

Michalski has two children, a son who attends Hillsborough Elementary and a daughter who might attend Hillsborough Elementary as a kindergartner in the fall, depending on redistricting. He works for the Caring Family Network and has lived in Mebane for 10 years.

Morris, 47, said he would like to use his professional background in business processes to improve the board's stewardship of funding.

"I'm hoping to be able to make a difference and see if we can provide [the schools] some resources," Morris said. "I'd like to be a part of the solution that evolves into the successes of the students."

He added that he would like to create policies to take advantage of the many foundations and groups he believes would like to contribute to the schools.

Morris lives in the Rougemont community in northeastern Orange County, and has lived in the school district since 1999. He works as a business operations officer with the American Red Cross and his two children attend Cameron Park Elementary School.

Eubanks, 62, lives in Hillsborough.

McKnight, 41, of Hillsborough, ran unsuccessfully for school board two years ago.

Orange County Schools district voters will elect school board members May 6.

Flurry of filings change primary races

Last Friday marked the last day of filing season for the May 6 primaries and school board election and a final-day flurry of filings resulted in a number of races turning from non-competitive to contested and perhaps the first time in county history where a husband and wife could find themselves running against each other.

Among the filings:

- Roger Road community activist Nelo Jones and Mary Wolff joined Bernadette Pelissier in the

Democratic primary for the lone at-large county commissioner seat.


- Wolff's husband, Kevin, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Chapel Hill last year, filed for the Republican primary for the at-large commissioner seat. He is uncontested in that race.

- Judge Alonzo Brown Coleman Jr. of Hillsborough drew a challenge on the last day of filing as Chapel Hill attorney Betsy J. Wolfenden joined the race for District Court Judge in the 15B

district, which covers Orange and Chatham counties. The other primary race for a judicial race in District 15B is a three-way race to replace Judge Patricia Devine, featuring Assistant District Attorney Lamar F. Proctor Jr. of Efland; Page Vernon, a Chatham County lawyer and former assistant district attorney; and Chapel Hill attorney Glenn Gerding. Incumbent judges Beverly Scarlett and Chuck Anderson have no primary challengers.

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Monday — Shepherd's Pie; Oven Baked BBQ Chicken w/ Wheat Roll; Collard Greens; Chilled Peas; Fresh Orange

Tuesday — Beef & Macaroni w/Wheat Roll; Hot Dog on a Bun; Baked Beans; Garden Peas; Applesauce

Wednesday — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Turkey Sub w/Lettuce & Tomato; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Peaches

Thursday — Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll; Chicken Fajita w/Salsa; Sweet Yellow Corn; Green Beans; Apple Halves

MIDDLE & HIGH

Friday — Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese; BBQ Pork on a Bun; Baked Beans; Coleslaw; Fresh Banana

Monday — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread; Hot Dog on a Bun; Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple; Fresh Orange

Tuesday — Chicken Salad Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato; Fishwich; Steamed Carrots; Tossed Salad w/ Dressing; Chilled Peas

Wednesday — Vegetarian Lasagna w/Wheat Roll; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce and Wheat Roll; Green Beans; Chilled Fruit Cocktail

Thursday — Fried Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Sweet Yellow Corn; Garden Peas; Chilled Peaches



This week's lunch menu is sponsored by



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Davis McCain, left, watches as his grandfather, Franklin McCain, recounts his experience as a participant in an historic Greensboro sit-in, an event that is credited with helping fuel the civil rights movement.

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service and were denied. He told students how a policeman paced behind them with a nightstick and how people threw things at them, but they continued to sit and ask for service.

"There was a little old white lady with blue hair, who must've been about 200 years old, who sat about five feet down from me," he told the students. "If you think about 1960 in the South and a 200-year-old white woman, and you are where you are not supposed to be, you've got to believe that she doesn't have good thoughts about you."

"Well, she finished that doughnut and that coffee, and she strolled toward us, and she put one hand on my shoulder and one hand on Joseph McNeil's shoulder.

"She said in a very calm voice, 'Boys, I am so proud of you. I only regret that you didn't do this 10 years ago.'"

McCain told the students that he learned a very valuable lesson from that little old lady.

"Don't you ever stereotype or make your mind up about somebody in this

life before you get to know them" he continued. "Today, that lesson still lives with me."

At the end of McCain's talk, when he asked students if they had any questions for him, hands shot up around the room. The students asked if he was scared, whether he got hungry while waiting for service and if he'd ever taken a drink from one of the whites-only water fountains.

McCain told students that when he finally did receive service, "that was about the nastiest hot dog I've ever had in my life."

McCain was surrounded by children asking for his autograph after his talk was over.

"It was very interesting that one person sitting on a stool could do so much," said fifth-grader Megan Serody.

"We've learned a little bit about black history, but it was cool to hear it from someone who was actually there," added Jane Carsey, a fifth-grade student at Rashkis.

McCain left the students with a final lesson: "If the dream is big enough, the facts don't matter. If your dream is big enough, you can do anything that you want to."

School Briefs

Summer camp

Registration is underway for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Summer Camp and Summer Youth Enrichment programs.

Summer Camp is a full-day program for students who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade. Activities include swimming, crafts, music, cooking and weekly field trips. One-week sessions run June 23 to August 1 at Carrboro, Estes Hills and Glenwood elementary schools. Tuition is \$150 per week plus a one-time \$35 registration fee.

Summer Youth Enrichment features a variety of courses for students of all grade levels. Courses in arts, crafts, drama, creative writing, music, sports and more run for one-to-two-week sessions and meet for three hours per day. Course fees vary.

Parents may register for both programs at the Community Schools office at the Lincoln Center. Please call 967-8211 ext. 266 for additional information.

Seussical musical

Carrboro High School's traveling production of *Seussical the Musical* will open the weekend of March 15.

Performances will be held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 15 and at 3 p.m. on March 16.

Tickets are \$5 for students under 18 and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door or reserved by contacting Brooke Linefsky at 918-2200, ext. 25312, or blinesky@chccs.k12.nc.us.

Technical open house

Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College will host open houses on March 7 and 14, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The program offers honors-level high school courses on a community college campus.

The open houses will be held in Room 45 of the White Building at 1637 Lawson St. in Durham. Refreshments will be served.

For more information or application materials, visit mchs.dpsnc.net.

Arts education

Third-grade students at **Seawell Elementary** recently participated in a residency designed to explore curriculum through drama and poetry, while simultaneously preparing them to see the play *Jackie Robinson: A Game Apart* by Mike Wiley at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro.

The ABE (Arts-Based Learning Experiences) residency, hosted by the ArtsCenter with funding from The Grable Foundation, consisted of five class sessions with teaching artist Virginia Queen.

Leader award

Stephanie Knott, assistant to the superintendent for community relations for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, was recently named Orange County's Campaign Leader of the Year by Triangle United Way.

Knott will receive the award on March 18 during the Triangle United Way's Annual Awards Celebration.

In addition to serving as the district's campaign leader, Knott has also served as Orange County's vice chair

of education and government campaigns for the past two years.

Superior jazz

The **Culbreth Middle School Jazz Band** received a superior rating at the Elon University Jazz Festival on February 22.

The band performed three different jazz-style selections to earn the superior rating from the festival's adjudicators.

Internship scholarship

Britney Rider, a student in the **Academy of Information Technology**, recently received a \$2,000 scholarship to recognize her work in an internship experience.

The National Academy Foundation selected Rider from more than 130 entries. To enter, students had to tell the story of their internship through essays, photos, videos, websites and PowerPoint presentations.

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by Linda Thistle

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SPORTS

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Sports Briefs

Pee Wee rankings

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks 2007-08 Pee Wee Basketball regular season is over.

In the West Division, the Sonics clinched the title with a record of 8-1. They're followed by the Pacers, 7-2, the Spurs, 3-6, the Rockets, 2-7, and the Hornets who went 0-9.

In the East Division, the Pistons clinched first with a record of 8-1, followed by the Hawks, 6-3, the Knicks, 5-4, the Nets, 3-6, and the 76ers who went 3-6.

The Blue Devils won the Midget Division tournament, defeating the Tar Heels 35-18 in the final.

Jaguar lacrosse

The Carrboro High School men's lacrosse team brought its record to 1-1 with a 9-5 win over Orange High on Friday night at home. Coaches Pete Procopio, Kelsey Kihlstrom and Paul Bonnici juggled their young line-up and taught on the fly as the Jaguars went ahead early and never trailed in a hard-fought game. The

scoring was led by MacKenzie Price with four and John Pamplin with three, and Rich Leeper provided three assists. The defense was anchored by strong performances in the goal. Nick Swartzwelder had eight saves, while Gus Brighton stopped five shots.

Volleyball drop-in

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will be sponsoring a Volleyball Drop-In on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., beginning March 11 and running until May 22 at Grey Culbreth Middle School. \$3 per participant, no pre-registration necessary. For information, call 918-7364.

Basketball camp

Smith Middle School with host the 19th annual 4 C's Basketball Camp July 7-11. The camp is designed for rising fifth- through seventh-grade boys and lasts from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. For more information, contact 918-2145, ext. 21905.

EDUCATION MATTERS

Paper, pencil and chalk

STEVE PEHA & MARGOT CARMICHAEL LESTER

If we knew we could improve education by buying every learner a laptop, many communities might be so inclined. But it doesn't appear that this would make a significant difference in student outcomes. We take it for granted that kids with computers at school are better off than those without, but most major longitudinal studies of the effectiveness of technology on student learning have been inconclusive. Why?

Virtually every adult working in school has a computer nowadays. And most are well versed in the basic operation of email, calendars and office software suites. But the benefits of such widespread adoption have yet to translate into better teaching or improved school leadership. Why?

Technology has revolutionized almost every aspect of our lives. Every aspect except school. Why?

Because the technology we use in schools isn't designed to solve educational problems. Schools have to make do with repurposed business tools whether those tools solve their problems or not.

Take software, for example. The software we use in schools is inappropriate. No teacher should be forced to slog through the

complexities of Outlook just to manage her mail and daily schedule. And giving a fifth-grader Microsoft Word to write an essay is like using a Howitzer to kill a mosquito. Until we get high-quality software, designed specifically for educational users and educational purposes, schools will struggle to make productive use of technology.

Then there's the problem of training. For the most part, when educators receive technology training, all they get is "click here to do this." But training that focuses on basic operational information users can read from a "help" file won't inspire dramatic improvements in effectiveness or the cultural change in schools we're all looking for. We have to get beyond clicks and keystrokes and begin providing authentic application-oriented training that shows educators how they can use technology to solve meaningful problems in elegant ways.

A similar argument can be made about educational content. While the amount of digital content that could be used to help kids learn is vast, the quality is uneven, the best stuff is hard to find and even when teachers find it it's still hard to pull together and present to students in ways

that translate into learning. Until we increase the quality of learning content and provide practical solutions for its storage, retrieval and presentation, the technologist's vision of a "library without walls" will exist in theory but not in practice.

This is not to say that the outlook for technology in schools is bleak. Tablet PCs and electronic whiteboards could replace overhead projectors. Blogging could become a standard vehicle for students posting work and receiving responses from teachers and their peers. Digital video could enhance both the teaching and learning experience in a wide range of educational contexts. But these technologies will have to mature, and companies will have to package them in responsible ways that meet the specific needs of education users, before we will see results significant enough to alter the culture of an institution that regards the blackboard as one of the most important technological innovations in its history.

When looking for answers to the often exasperating riddle of why technology hasn't revolutionized education, it's tempting to blame the people who work there. But when we spend time in classrooms doing what teachers do, seeing what teachers see and trying to respond appropri-

ately to the needs of students, a more accurate assessment emerges. Teaching, it turns out, is an intensely personal endeavor. We teach who we are, and if who we are doesn't match up well with technology, then technology doesn't match up well with us. In a similar way, learning is intensely social. We learn from the company we keep, specifically those people we respect, admire and identify with. And while kids certainly seem to love technology, technology hasn't yet figured out how to love them back in ways that inspire respect, admiration and identification.

If we want schools to embrace technology more fully so that the children we serve might be better prepared for life in the Information Age, we will have to embrace the truth that the only technology capable of improving the quality of education is technology that positively affects the personal dimension of teaching and the social dimension of learning. Until such technology becomes widely available, we may all serve children better with paper, pencil and chalk.

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On a UNC football weekend, Pat and her staff are hidden behind clouds of Carolina blue and white balloon bunches. They specialize in balloons for all occasions, and they deliver balloons as well as gifts and cakes. They'll even decorate

for events. (Their website has pictures of some of their designs.) They also rent out reusable helium tanks; smaller tanks go to the landfill after being used once.

Balloons are not the only thing Balloons and Tunes has to offer. The small store is packed with party hats and favors, plates and napkins, confetti and decorations, birthday candles, cards, stuffed animals, wrapping paper and bags, and old-fart teeshirts. While there are some "characters" represented, like Thomas the Tank Engine and Curious George, there isn't an overabundance of television promotion in the items.

The highlight of my first visit was without a doubt the discovery of Duck on Bike. The wind-up toy of a goggle-eyed, brightly painted duck on, you guessed it, a bike, caught my eye and made me smile. But seeing Duck on Bike in action was sheer delight: He makes a wide circle, legs pedaling furiously, propeller spinning atop his head.

This gift has no point but to make someone laugh, which it's done several times for me. Since I found Duck on Bike, he's been a birthday present, a cheer-up present and even a wedding present ("Here's a gift symbolic of your undying love..."), and met with great enjoyment each time. And he's only ten dollars. He's waiting for you.

Carrboro's Creative Coworking in the works

by Katie Spencer
Carrboro Commons Writer

Freelance web designer Brian Russell's vision to create a shared workplace for freelancers and other creative types is moving toward a concrete Carrboro reality.

The idea to open what he called a shared office space with a coffee shop atmosphere was first mentioned publicly nearly a year ago. Russell said James Harris, director of economic and community development in Carrboro, encouraged him to make it happen.

The concept lies somewhere between a wireless-equipped coffee shop and the generic, cubicle-clad office. Russell said the need for this type of space is generated by people who have been driven away from the typical office environment but who are unhappy working alone at home.

"There is a productivity and creativity boost that comes from going to a different place," he said.

The place will be called Carrboro Creative Coworking and will consist of workstations, conference rooms and, of course, a coffee bar. Russell said he is close to nailing down a location but wouldn't say where.

"I can tell you it's in the heart of downtown Carrboro and it has a good parking situation," he said.

Russell said the large number

of freelancers in the area and the walkable environment made Carrboro a good area for the venture.

Russell is an IT guru formerly employed by the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication who was instrumental in the start up of the Carrboro Commons. Originally from Richmond, Va., he has been in the area since 2001.

The concept is not completely new. Russell said these types of spaces started in the San Francisco Bay area and have been popping up all over.

Cody Marx Bailey, a software developer, helped found one of these places in the Bryan-College Station area of Texas. It is called the The Creative Space and opened in August. Bailey said founding members were surprised by its success, given its location in what he called a conservative college town that was not rich in culture.

"I think if it could work here, it could work most anywhere," Bailey said.

Russell is going to give Carrboro a try, and so far he has seen a good deal of interest in the project. He is keeping about 40 people updated on the project via an email list. About 60 people have responded to an online survey that asks what they would want in a co-working venue. Among those interested are Raleigh and Durham professionals, and Russell said he hopes

to eventually open franchises throughout the Triangle.

Russell's marketing research, conducted through surveys and interviews, has shown that most people just want a comfortable workspace, a reliable Internet connection and some good coffee. He has developed a multi-tiered system to accommodate full-time, part-time and walk-in users. Full-time members will have permanent desk space and automatic use of conference rooms, as well as tech support and some administrative services.

Russell said he hopes to fund the project through the town's revolving loan program, which has been loaning money to small-business startups since the 1980s. As of October 2007, 58 percent of those startups have stayed in business, according to a post by Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist on the blog OrangePolitics.org. Some businesses, such as Weaver Street Market, Cat's Cradle and Milltown, have since become Carrboro landmarks.



PHOTO BY KATIE SPENCER

Freelance web designer Brian Russell's vision to create a shared workplace for freelancers and other creative types is moving toward a concrete Carrboro reality.

The next steps are finalizing the lease and completing the application process with the board of aldermen, Russell said. He said it's hard to say exactly how long the process will take.

Bailey said his workspace in Bryan has been a success that not only facilitated independent creative work but also stimulated new ventures by connecting like-minded people.

"The creative space provided the kindling and some fires got started," he said.

Katie Spencer is a UNC-CH student writing for the Carrboro Commons, the bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Carrboro produced by Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class.

ECONOMY FROM PAGE 1

Of the 419 transactions in the fourth quarter of 2006, 43 were new single-family detached homes. The average price was \$500,814. In 2007, the total number of transactions dropped to 363 and the number of new single-family homes rose to 46. The sale price for those homes dropped to \$364,565.

Another look at the market compiled by the Chapel Hill Board of Realtors also showed a distinct change in the fourth quarter, with the homes sitting on the market longer and prices adjusting lower.

Though Orange County, particularly the traditional buoyant real estate market in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, is small enough that its statistics tend to swing more wildly, the fourth quarter results put some numbers to

what realtors were experiencing on the ground.

"The last few months have been noticeably different," Mark Zimmerman, owner of Re/Max Winning Edge and vice president of the board of realtors said. There's no question that, since the fourth quarter, the market has slowed. But keep in mind, he added, "that we're coming off pretty historic highs."

Zimmerman said it's hard to say what's ahead for the mar-

ket, but that he and others will keep a close eye on the next few months.

"The big clue will be what happens during the spring, traditionally selling season," he said. "That will be a good barometer in terms of our market."

Next week: Sellers and realtors may be feeling the pinch, but mid-sized local homebuilding companies are taking the biggest hit in the slowdown.



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In Brief

Schoolkids closing

Schoolkids Records on East Franklin Street will close for business at the end of March.

The store, which has a sister store in Raleigh, has been located in Chapel Hill for more than 30 years.

New health CFO

John Lewis has been appointed chief financial officer for UNC Health Care. He succeeds W. Alan Stewart. Lewis has served as CFO and senior vice president at UNC Hospitals since October 2005. He will begin work as CFO of UNC Health Care on March 31.

A native of New York, Lewis earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University and an MBA in health care systems management from Duke University.

New subdivision

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved an application for a proposed subdivision on 24.4 acres on the east side of Smith Level Road, south of Dogwood Acres.

The proposed subdivision, which will be called the Estates at Oxford, includes four residential lots with access from a proposed cul-de-sac off Woodward Way.

It was approved on the condition that sprinklers be put in the new homes, since fire truck response time to the area is longer.

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Alan Schepers and Megan Culler of Chapel Hill (formerly of Carrboro) at the labyrinth at Community Park.

WATER WATCH * WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5



LAKE LEVELS
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PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH
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CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND
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[tip]: Instead of taking a bath and using up to 80 gallons, use 10 gallons or less with a short shower and a water-saving showerhead.
 (Tip courtesy of OWASA. More tips at OWASA.org)

THE MILL

Ride with us

Nice weather for a bike ride, and *The Citizen* is getting in on the act with a series of short films of town and local bike paths shot from the handlebar viewpoint. Visit www.carrborocitizen.com/mill to keep up with the series.

Thrift store finds

What: *Harry Belafonte Sings Five Early Songs*, *The Button Down Mind of Bob Newhart* and *Cool Water* by the Sons of the Pioneers (all LPs).

Where: Club Nova Thrift Shop, Main Street Carrboro
 Cost: Couple bucks each
 Club Nova is having a sale on jackets and sweaters, but a look at the records found many in decent shape. The Newhart album features a cut for President's Day: "Abe Lincoln Vs. Madison Avenue."

What's left: Tony Bennett, John Denver, Don Ho, Mahavishnu Orchestra, a Bongos record (not the one with "Glow in the Dark") along with standard thrift store staples by Percy Faith, Montovani, Ferrante & Teisher, Floyd Cramer and Helen Reddy.



Erica Eisdorfer

Practice your voting

Carrboro's Erica Eisdorfer has long been known in book circles around here and not just because she's managed the Bullshead Book Shop on campus for so many years.

Her name got a little wider circulation this week after Amazon.com named her new work, *The Wet Nurse's Tale*, one of the top ten finalists in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Contest.

She sends along this reaction: "I guess I could say that this is the thrill of a lifetime for me. I've been writing novels and sticking them under my bed for many years and this sort of recognition is just about as validating as possible. The contest began in November and there were 5,000 entries, so it's great to have lasted."

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