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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



INSIDE: The importance of Bee-ing



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Flowers of seldom-seen Dutchman's breeches seem to be hung out to dry.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

You have to see it to believe it!

Dutchman's breeches - now there's a truly descriptive common name. Most plant names, both the common ones and the official two-part (binomial) Latin names, are descriptive. In this case, the common name is "in your face" descriptive of a Dutchman's wide flaring pantaloons, but you have to see it to believe it. If you practice "belly botany" to get a "closer look" at those flowers, you may be inclined to call them flying breeches, because they seem to be flying on a miniature clothesline close to the ground.

The official botanical name, Dicentra cucullaria, is a bit obscure. Dicentra, originally from the Greek "dis" (two) and "centrum" (spur), describes the two spurs of the base of the flower; cucullaria is from "cucullaris" (hood-like.) You really do have to see it!

As the warm temperatures have encouraged honey bees and other pollinators flying about, I'm now curious to see what kind of pollinators are struggling to get inside those breeches for pollen or nectar. I have a short window of time to catch them, because like trout lilies, which are now in peak bloom along Bolin Creek and the Botanical Garden trails, Dutchman's breeches make a fleeting one- to two-week appearance before trees fully leaf out in mid-April.

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Blackmon resigns as Orange County manager

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

ORANGE — Orange County Manager Laura Blackmon has announced that she will resign as county manager on June 30.

Blackmon, who has served as county manager for a little more than two years, submitted her resignation to the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Friday and sent an email to county staff regarding the announcement on Monday. She said she is planning a move to Tennessee with her husband and gave no specific reasons for her departure other than it being a good time to leave.

Blackmon came to Orange County from Osceola County, Fla. in 2006 to replace John Link, who served as county manager for more than 18 years. She spoke highly of the county staff and said that while the county has struggled with the budget and other issues, she felt things had gone well through the challenges.

"I think we did a good job getting things accomplished and trying to narrow down our focus," she said. Blackmon added that tightening focus will be a challenge this year as well.

"You try to help as many people out there as possible, but that

makes the budget expand. We're going to have to start saying no," she said.

Bryant Colson, a member of several county task forces and commissions, said that he had worked with many county and city managers in different cities and that Blackmon was an excellent county administrator.

"Like most people in her position, she's faced with making difficult and unpopular decisions during tough and unprecedented times, a lot of which are not popular or pleasing to many citizens or the local electorate," he said. "I have no doubt that Laura has always had the best interest of Orange County

in mind and at heart. She will be missed in Orange County."

During Blackmon's tenure, she dealt with several controversial county issues. Last summer, county library hours were sharply reduced after Blackmon and county staff reduced staff funding for county departments. The decision was strongly resisted by residents and some library staff. Hours were later reinstated.

Blackmon also recently met with stiff resistance to her plan to reorganize county departments. Commissioners rejected the plan last month.

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PHOTO COURTESY UNC NEWS SERVICES

In Eve's Memory — On the kind of beautiful March day she so cherished, hundreds gathered near the student union to honor the memory of student body president Eve Carson who was murdered one year ago. Inspired by Carson's commitment to community service, the event marked the start of a month-long effort to encourage students to do volunteer work in their local communities.

Board reviews town's banking services

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously on Tuesday to consider a bank's involvement in the community and available support for local businesses when determining where to deposit the town's assets.

Board members said they would like to encourage banks to treat local businesses fairly and provide them with support, especially in light of the grim economic climate and limited lines of credit available for small businesses. The town's current banking-services contract with Bank of America expires in February 2010.

The board reviewed the town's use of banking services as part of a work session to consider a follow-up report on a list of potential action items identified in their February retreat.

Board members said in February that they would like to explore the possibility of investing the town's assets with a local bank. However, state statutes limit

the types of banks that are eligible to do business with municipalities.

"The large banks - RBC, Bank of America - they are right now taking in as much money as they can and sitting on it in order to get their numbers up," board member Jacquie Gist said. "They are being very unscrupulous in their behavior toward small businesses.

"So my hope was that [we could] find a smaller bank and give our money, the people's money, to a smaller bank, that would then be more open in its lending practices, so that the flow of credit to our small businesses was more open and more real than what you're getting from [the larger banks], who don't really give a darn about what happens to a small business in North Carolina."

Board member Dan Coleman agreed.

"We really need a different kind of bank than we have currently," he said, adding that he would like to see a small, local bank come to Carrboro in the future.

"I'm really looking for us to find a way to leverage the town funds in a way

that will be beneficial to the people that live in the town and have businesses in this town," Gist said.

In other town business, board members reviewed a report from OWASA regarding proposed changes to water-conservation standards.

Proposed changes include: allowing the irrigation of public purpose fields during declared water shortages; allowing residents to fill, refill or top off swimming pools at any time except during a water-supply emergency; reducing limitations on irrigating trees, shrubs and gardens; eliminating the water-supply advisory status; removing high caps on monthly residential water use; allowing residents to fill, refill or top off ornamental ponds and fountains during a stage one water shortage; and allowing residents to wash building exteriors prior to painting during stage one or two water shortages.

Board members said they supported the proposed changes, which OWASA will review and adopt at a future board meeting.

Cliff Collins honored for store's spirit

BY CARLY BRANTMEYER Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

CARRBORO — From rattlesnake to alligator meat, Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff's Meat Market in Carrboro, sells every kind of meat you could dream of. But there's much more to the man. On Feb. 22, he received a Pauli Murray Human Relations Award.

The ceremony at New Hope Elementary School in Chapel Hill recognized an adult, a youth and a business that epitomizes the legacy of Pauli Murray as a social-justice advocate. Collins, a 60-year-old Chatham County resident, was recognized in the business category for Cliff's Meat Market, which he founded in 1973 at 100 West Main St.

Tim Peck, a general contractor and plumber for Peck and Artisans in Carrboro, nominated Collins for the award after witnessing his interaction and involvement with the Hispanic population during the 2008 presidential election.



PHOTO BY CARLY BRANTMEYER

Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff's Meat Market in Carrboro, gives thanks for receiving a Pauli Murray Award on Feb. 22 at New Hope Elementary School. The award honors Murray's life by recognizing an adult, a youth and a business that has fostered and promoted human rights, diversity and equality in the Orange County community.

"Cliff has really reached out to the Hispanic community," Peck said. "He feels like they're family, and he looks out for them."

When Peck first entered Cliff's Meat Market, he noticed Collins' Spanish-friendly atmosphere, complete with Spanish labels, such as "Fruta y Vegetales" hanging above baskets of fresh fruit and vegetables. Peck also noticed a taco stand that Collins supported on his property in hopes that the Hispanic vendor would make extra money to provide for his family.

"The taco stand at my place added a little spice of life to downtown Carrboro," Collins said. He said that he strives to make his store feel family oriented and welcoming. Collins wants to learn more of the Spanish language and wants the Hispanic population to learn his.

With a booming business now in its 36th year, Collins expanded his staff to include Hispanic employees and developed meaningful friendships with his Hispanic customers.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



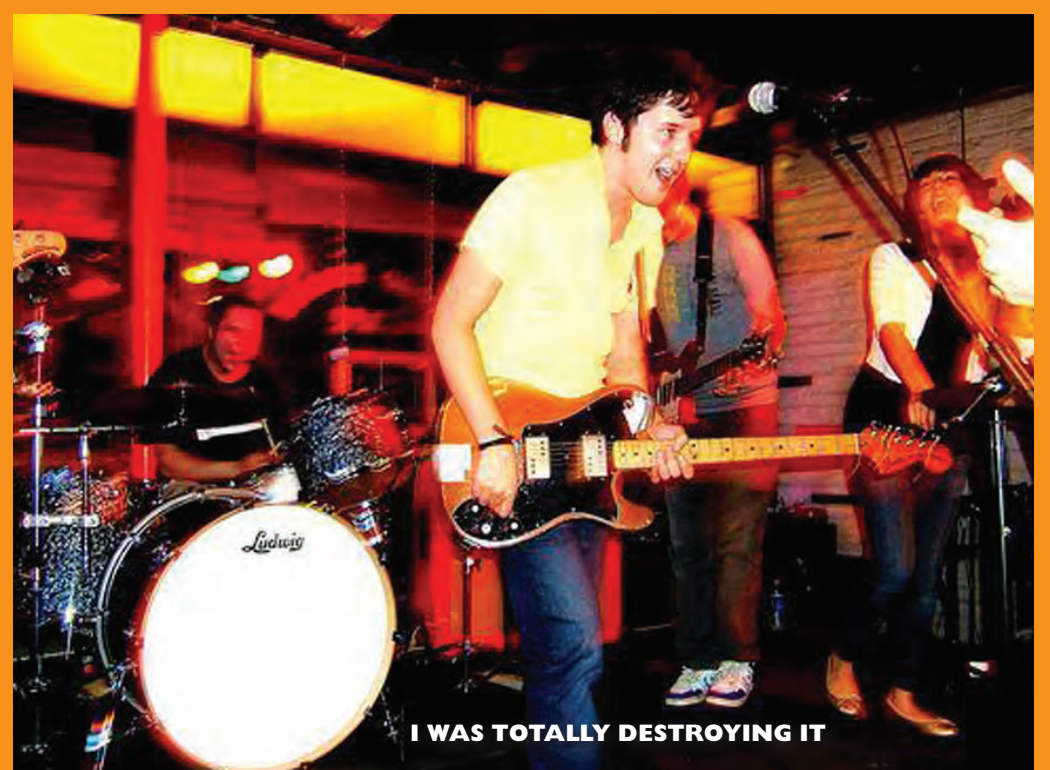
THURSDAY MAR 12
Cat's Cradle: Vetiver, Sian Alice Group, Megafaun. 9:30pm. \$12/14
The Cave: EARLY: Last Watch. LATE: Mighty Zorgon, The Winter-pills. \$5
General Store Cafe: Bo Landeau and Friends. 7-9pm
Local 506: Clem Snide, The Heligoats. 9:30pm. \$8
Nightlight: Le Weekend, The Antlers, Actual Persons Living or Dead. 10pm
FRIDAY MAR 13
Cat's Cradle: Junior Brown, Killer Filler. 9pm. \$16
The Cave: EARLY: Banana Da Terra. LATE: Instant Jones, Alcazar Hotel.
General Store Cafe: Catbird Seat. 8:30-11pm
Harry's Market: Matt Sneed 7-9pm

Local 506: The Airborne Toxic Event, Alberta Cross, The Henry Clay People. 8:30pm. \$8/10
Nightlight: In the Year of the Pig, Altamira. 10pm. \$5
Open Eye Cafe: Ken Larson Trio. 8pm
Reservoir: In the Red, Colossus, Colin Moore.
SATURDAY MAR 14
Blue Bayou: Crossover Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Cat's Cradle: Woods Charter School Benefit: Eli "Paperboy" Reed, Great Big Gone, Lynn Blakey and Eckl Heins. 8pm. \$10
The Cave: EARLY: The Defibulators. \$5 LATE: Killer Filler, The Noseriders.
General Store Cafe: Southpaw. 8:30-11pm

Local 506: Bishop Allen, Mt. St Helens Vietnam Band, Singing and Marmar. 9pm. \$10
Meymandi Concert Hall: North Carolina Symphony.
Nightlight: Six Year Anniversary Party with Kerbloki, DJ Nasty Boots, DJ Zeke Granves.
Open Eye Cafe: Lee and Susan. 8pm
SUNDAY MAR 15
Chatham Marketplace: 2nd Stage. 11-2pm
The Cave: Curtis Peoples, Josh Hoge, Ernie Halter. 8pm. \$5
Local 506: Dirty Little Heaters, Let's Wrestle, Suckers.
MONDAY MAR 16
The Cave: Kinetic Stereokids
Local 506: Obits, Bear Hands, Orphan. 9pm. \$10
Nightlight: Snmmnm, New Madrid Faults. 9:30pm. \$5
TUESDAY MAR 17
The Cave: Shamrockers. \$5
General Store Cafe: Pratie Heads. 7-9pm
Local 506: Takka Takka, Sister Suv, Lord Jeff. 9:30pm. \$8
Southern Rail: Gambling the Muse, The Pneurotics, The Whiskey Smugglers. 10pm

WEDNESDAY MAR 18
The Cave: LATE: Dixie Trail, Bernie Lamb.
Local 506: Butterflies, Husband and Wife, Wes Phillips. 9pm. Free
Reservoir: Ampline
Memorial Hall-UNC Campus: Patti Lupone: "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda." carolinaperformingarts.org
Stewart Theatre-Raleigh: John Pizzarelli. 8pm
THURSDAY MAR 19
Blue Bayou: Butter. 9pm
Cat's Cradle: AC Newman, The Broken West. 9:15. \$12/14
The Cave: EARLY: Jimmy Brown LATE: Bull City. \$5
General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 8-10pm
Local 506: Benefit for Relay for Life: Lake Interior, I Was Totally Destroying It, Pink Flag. 9pm. \$7

SPOTLIGHT



CANCER SUCKS BENEFIT AT LOCAL 506

Rock the fight against cancer at Cancer Sucks '09 - A Benefit for Relay for Life on March 19 at the Local 506. Scheduled performers include Lake Inferior, I Was Totally Destroying It and Pink Flag. Show starts at 9pm. Admission is \$7. This year's local relay will be on April 3 at Fetzer Field & Belk Track on the UNC campus.

Nightlight: Huguenots, The Catch Fire. 9:30pm
FRIDAY MAR 20
Cat's Cradle: Gene Ween Band, Torch Marauder. 9pm. \$15
The Cave: EARLY and LATE: Joe Romeo and The Orange County Volunteers.
General Store Cafe: Doug and Telisha Williams. 8:30-11pm
Harry's Market: Jon Durham. 7-9pm
Local 506: Embarrassing Fruits CD Release Show, Sorry About Dresden, Blag'ard. 10pm. Free
Memorial Hall-UNC: Combined Choral Concert of Chapel Hill High School, East Chapel Hill High, Carrboro high school and the Honors Orchestra from ECHHS performing Hayden's Paukenmesse. 8pm. \$5
SATURDAY MAR 21
Cat's Cradle: The Ting Tings, Hottub. 9:00. SOLD OUT



The Cave: EARLY: Tony Low Band. LATE: Stratocruiser, The Stars Explode
General Store Cafe: Haw River Rounders. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: The Carolina Heartbreakers. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Nightlight: 919 Noise Showcase. 10pm. \$5
Open Eye Cafe: Leastways. 8pm

CAT'S CRADLE

FR 3/13 JUNIOR BROWN

FR 3/20 GENE WEEN BAND

FR 3/13 AIRBORNE TOXIC EVENT LOCAL 506

FR 5/1 TIFT MERRITT FLETCHER OPERA THEATRE

TU 4/7 THE BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE

WE 4/1 LANGHORNE SLIM

TU 3/31 THE PRESETS

TU 4/28 THE KILLS

TH 5/7 THE PRESIDENTS OF THE USA

WE 5/5 THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM

TU 4/7 NEKO CASE MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL

ALSO PRESENTING

THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)

SU 3/29 AMANDA PALMER OF THE DRESDEN DOLLS

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

FR 3/13 THE AIRBORNE TOXIC EVENT W/ALBERTA CROSS AND HENRY CLAY PEOPLE

TH 4/9 MARIA TAYLOR W/WHISPERTOWN 2000

MO 4/13 APPLESEED CAST W/AN HORSE AND GRAY YOUNG

SA 5/2 KEVIN DEVINE W/MINIATURE TIGERS, BRIAN BONZ ON SALE 3/11

TU 5/MO 5/11 GHOST

LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)

FR 4/3 NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALLSTARS W/HILL COUNTRY REVUE

TH 5/28 THE NATIONAL

MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL (RAL)

TU 4/7 NEKO CASE W/CROOKED FINGERS TIX VIA TICKETMASTER OR PROGRESSENERGYCENTER.COM

FLETCHER OPERA THEATRE (RALEIGH)

FR 5/1 TIFT MERRITT TIX VIA TICKETMASTER

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (RALEIGH)

TH 6/4 THE DECEMBERISTS TIX VIA TICKETMASTER, VENUE BOX OFFICE OR PROGRESSENERGYCENTER.COM

TH 3/12 VETIVER W/SIAN ALICE GROUP, MEGAFaUN**(\$12/\$14)

FR 3/13 JUNIOR BROWN W/KILLER FILLER**

SA 3/14 WOODS SCHOOL BENEFIT W/ELI "PAPERBOY" REED, GREAT BIG GONE, LYNN BLAKEY & ECKI HEINS**

SU 3/15 FLICKER LOCAL FILM

TH 3/19**(\$12/\$14) AC NEWMAN W/THE BROKEN WEST

FR 3/20**(\$15) GENE WEEN BAND W/TOURCH MARAUDER

SA 3/21 THE TING TINGS W/HOTTUB**(\$15)

TU 3/24 CUT COPY W/MATT & KIM, DJ KNIGHTLIFE**(\$16/\$18)

WE 3/25 GLASVEGAS IS CANCELLED

FR 3/27 YO MAMA'S BIG FAT BOOTY BAND

W/THE MANTRAS**(\$10/\$12)

SA 3/28 WXYC 80S DANCE

TU 3/31**(\$15/\$17) THE PRESETS W/THE GOLDEN FILTER

WE 4/1**(\$12/\$14) LANGHORNE SLIM

TH 4/2**(\$14/\$16) MATT WERTZ W/MICHAEL TOLCHER

FR 4/3 SE UNITY CONFERENCE TIM'M T. WEST**

SA 4/4 ROCCO DELUCA AND THE BURDEN W/HONEYHONEY**(\$12/\$15)

TU 4/7 BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE W/THE FLAVOR CRYSTALS**(\$15)

WE 4/8**(\$15/\$17) ROBYN HITCHCOCK & THE VENUS 3

TH 4/9 ODESSA RECORDS ALBUM RELEASE FREE SHOW! THE KINGSBURY MANX, IMPOSSIBLE ARMS, AMERICANS IN FRANCE

FR 4/10 DIGABLE PLANETS W/COMMON MARKET**(\$15/\$17)

SA 4/11 LUCKY, JON SHAIN TRIO, SALLY SPRING**

MO 4/13 OF MONTREAL**(\$18)

TU 4/14 STEREO TOTAL, LESLIE & THE LYS**(\$12/\$15)

WE 4/15 SUPERCHUNK**(\$12)

FR 4/17 SIGNAL 2009 THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE**

TU 4/21 RAUL MALO OF THE MAVERICKS**

WE 4/22 WORLD INFERNO/FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY W/STUCK LUCKY**

TH 4/23 MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA W/FUN, AUDRYE SESSIONS, WINSTON AUDIO**

FR 4/24 MOGWAI W/THE TWILIGHT SAD**(\$18)

SA 4/25 MAMMOTH 21 YR PARTY DILLON FENCE, JASON ROSS, KATHERINE WHALEN + MORE**

MO 4/27 DINOSAUR JR W/MIKE WATT & THE MISSINGMEN**(\$24/\$26)

TU 4/28 THE KILLS W/THE HORRORS & MAGIC WANDS**

WE 4/29 ALESANA W/DROP DEAD GORGEOUS + MORE**(\$13/\$15)

FR 5/1 REVEREND HORTON HEAT**(\$10)

SU 5/3 JUNIOR BOYS**

WE 5/6 THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM, PELA AND GOOD OLD WAR**(\$13/\$15)

TH 5/7 THE PRESIDENTS OF THE USA W/COMMON MARKET**(\$17/\$20)

FR 5/8 LEZ ZEPPELIN**(\$15)

SA 5/9 CD RELEAST PARTY ROMAN CANDLE

WE 5/13 MASTODON W/KYLESA AND INFRAUT**(\$20)

SA 5/16 TODD SNIDER**

WE 5/20 CLUTCH **(\$25) ON SALE 3/20

TH 6/11 GRIZZLY BEAR**

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News Briefs

Raccoon tests positive

A raccoon found in Orange County tested positive for rabies on Friday at the State Laboratory of Public Health. The raccoon was submitted after residents in the vicinity of Brockwell Road and Murphy School Road saw their three dogs and a dog from a neighboring household attack the raccoon. The dog from the neighboring house was current on its rabies vaccination and received a rabies booster in accordance with North Carolina law. The other three dogs were not currently vaccinated against rabies. Animals exposed to rabies that have not been vaccinated must either be destroyed or quarantined for six months. So far this year, Orange County Animal Services has received three positive rabies tests. If any possible exposure to a bat, raccoon or fox is suspected, call Animal Control at 245-2075 or call 911.

SW Chatham water sign-up

Construction on county water service in southwest Chatham can't begin until 515 more households sign up, according to Roy Lowder, director of the Utilities Department. The Southwest Water District consists of the Bear Creek and Gulf Townships.

"We also must have at least 10 customers per mile to ensure that specific roads or sections of roads will be served," Lowder said. "This is the minimum number needed per mile for the project to be financially viable." A list of specific streets available for service can be reviewed on the Citizen's business blog at carrborocitizen.com/housing/?p=433. Residents and businesses who sign up will receive a 90 percent discount on the tap fee. Water for the Southwest District will come from Siler City, the City of Sanford or the county water treatment plant. To request a Southwest District Water Service Application or to ask questions, call 919-542-8270. Applications also are available online at chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=530.

Waste transfer meeting

Preserve Rural Orange will hold an open community meeting this Sunday at 7 p.m. at the White Cross Recreation Center, 1800 White Cross Road, Chapel Hill. The meeting, originally planned for March 1, was rescheduled because of winter weather. Come and hear about the latest developments and potential impacts of Orange County's plans to build a waste transfer station in rural Orange County as well as updates on the UNC airport and Preserve Rural Orange committees and volunteer opportunities. Speakers include Orange County Solid Waste director Gayle Wilson.

New Chapel Hill chicken rules approved

CHAPEL HILL — At its meeting Monday night at Town Hall, the Chapel Hill Town Council approved new rules allowing residents to keep up to 10 chickens — hens, but not roosters — in all residential zoning districts.

The town had previously limited the areas where chickens could be kept, but allowed up to 20 hens. In addition to expanding areas where chickens could be kept and reducing the number, the new rules also pre-

vent chickens from being kept in front yards.

In other action, the council:

- approved a development at 1609 East Franklin St. for a two-story, 17,318-square-foot building and 61 parking spaces on about two acres on the northwest side of the street just southwest of Elliott Road.
- postponed discussion on a proposed increase in the town's vehicle tax from \$20 to \$30;
- approved the creation of a

Mayor's Committee on Public Arts;

- accepted a \$15,000 grant from the estate of the late Joe Herzenberg via Friends of Chapel Hill Parks, Recreation and Greenways for preliminary work on renovations to Bolin Creek Trail;
- accepted a \$640,000 transportation grant from the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization for the first phase of the Morgan Creek Trail Project;

- Adopted its 2009 legislative agenda, including a request for a ticket tax on events on campus, authorization to establish a review board made up of citizens to review disciplinary matters for town police and support for legislation that would further regulate or prohibit the use of herbicides for the clearing and maintenance of easements and rights of way by utility companies.

— FROM STAFF REPORTS



Jet Tanaka, who will celebrate his 5th birthday soon, takes a swing at a ball his mother throws for him in Chapel Hill's Community Center Park on Monday. He and his mother, Cecilia Tanaka, were out enjoying the summer-like weather, when temperatures rose into the 80s.

PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

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Intersections with roundabouts, he said, are safer than those with conventional traffic lights. "They force cars to move through the intersection more slowly, which traffic lights do not."

The project's design is the result of a long-running negotiation between the DOT and the Town of Carrboro over how best to improve the key southern route into town. The plan shows a three-lane section from just south of Ray Road to Culbreth Road; a wider three- and four-lane configuration from Culbreth Road to BPW Club Road and a four-lane section from there to the Morgan Creek bridge.

Sidewalks and striped bicycle lanes are planned along the entire length of the project.

Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to start in July and construction in January 2011. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$6,605,000.

OBITUARY

Betty Moody Ballard

Betty Moody Ballard of Chapel Hill was called home to God Saturday, March 7, 2009. She is preceded in death by her parents, Geneva and Vilas Moody; her sister, Helen Pilley, and brother Jake Moody. Betty is survived by her loving husband, Joel Thomas Ballard; son, Bruce Ballard (Megan); two daughters, Charlotte Stevens (Dale) and Janet Carden (Roger); two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers Grey Moody (Cheryl) and Richard Moody (Susan) and many loved nieces and nephews.

Betty was born on December 4, 1934, in Watauga County but resided in Chapel Hill for the majority of her life. She graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1952, and she and Joel Thomas were married May 31, 1953. They were happily married for almost fifty-six years. Betty retired from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill after thirty-three years of service with the Student Stores as a supply manager.

Betty's family mourns the passing of their beloved, but they take comfort that God has called one of His angels home. She was a living testament to the type of life God wants us to live. There has never been a kinder, more caring, or compassionate soul;

and she will be dearly missed.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at Damascus Church in Chapel Hill, at 12 noon. The family will receive friends at the church at 11 a.m. A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

The family would like to thank UNC Hospitals for their care and compassion for both Betty and them. They extend a special thanks to Dr. Chung.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Damascus Church of Chapel Hill.

Online condolences may be sent to www.walkersfuneralservice.com



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Community Briefs

Boogie for the beasts

The Black Tie & Tails Ball benefiting the Carnivore Preservation Trust will be held March 21 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Washington Duke Inn in Durham.

The event will feature live music, spirits and hors d'oeuvres during a silent auction followed by a gourmet sit-down dinner and live auction. The evening will conclude with music and dancing.

Attire is "safari-formal," and tickets are \$125 per person.

The Carnivore Preservation Trust is a nonprofit organization located in Pittsboro that rescues animals, primarily wild cats, and provides conservation education to the public.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 542-4684 or visit blacktieandtailsball.com

Family conflict class

The Mental Health Advocacy Network, a program of the Mental Health Association in Orange County, will offer "Communication & Conflict Resolution Basics for Families" this Saturday from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. at Orange United Methodist Church, 1220 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Email julie@mhaoorangeco.org to pre-register for this free workshop, or call 942.8083, ext. 3.

Benefit poetry reading

Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Chatham County presents "Readings & Songs in the Key of Life: Pat Jobe and Gary Phillips, Poems by the Sacrificial Poets" this Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro.

The event is free, though donations will be greatly appreciated. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the authors and \$5 of each book sale will be donated to Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services. For more information, call 542-5445 or email melody@fvrc.org.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Once Upon a Mattress— East Chapel Hill High School's Performing Arts Department presents the Broadway classic. Thursday-Saturday, 7:30pm, ECHHS Mainstage Auditorium. \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door. Reservations, 969-ARTS, eastreservations@gmail.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Contra Dance— Triangle Country Dancers present a dance with live music by Skylark. 8-11pm (lesson 7:30), Carrboro Century Center. 100 N. Greensboro St. \$7 members, \$9 non-members. tcdancers.org

Book Exhibit Tour— Dr. Libby Chenault of Wilson Library's Rare Book Collection will lead a tour of the exhibit "Presenting John Keats," celebrating the library's six-millionth book. 3:30-4:30pm, Wilson Library, Melba Remig Saltarelli Exhibit Room, UNC campus. Free and open to the public. 962-1143, lib.unc.edu/spotlight/2008/keats_gallery_talk.html

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Green & Growing Tour— A hard hat tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's new green Education Center. 10am, N.C. Botanical Gardens. Free, registration required. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Swing Dance— Live music by Edsel 500, no partner needed. 8-11pm (lesson 7:30), Carrboro Century Center. \$7-\$11. triangleswingdance.org

River Clean-up— The 19th Annual Haw River Clean-Up-A-Thon along the Haw River and Jordan Lake. 542-5790, hawriver.org

Learning Farm Preview— Get a taste of the Irvin Learning Farm, a new environmental education camp. 9am-noon. For directions or to register, visit triangleland.org/news/calendar/calendars.html

BBQ Dinner— Chapel Hill Boy Scout Troup 59 will hold a BBQ dinner fundraiser. 4:30-7pm, North Chapel Hill Baptist Church, on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard across from Harris Teeter. \$8.50 adults, \$4.50 children

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Family Workshop— "Go Green With Moss," a St. Patrick's Day family workshop, will explore the year-

round benefit of mosses. 2-4pm, N.C. Botanical Garden. \$25/family, preregistration required. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Afghanistan Talk— John Heuer, director of N.C. Peace Action, will discuss, "Afghanistan, The Graveyard of Empires," at the N.C. Ethical Culture Society Meeting. 1:30pm, Extraordinary Ventures Building, 200 S. Elliott Road. Free

Hooping Performance— Julia Hartsell will give a hooping performance as part of the Carrboro Branch Library and Carrboro Parks and Recreation Entertainment Adventures series. 3pm, McDougle Middle School Cafetorium, 900 Old Fayetteville Road

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Make-A-Wish Orientation— The Eastern North Carolina chapter will hold an orientation for new members. 1pm. 821-7111, ext. 216, jharris@eastncwish.org

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Bill of Rights Meeting— Marisol McGee and Martin Spritzer of the Chatham County Human Relations Commission will discuss Chatham County's support of immigrant rights at a meeting of the Orange County Bill of Rights Defense Committee. 7pm, OWASA meeting room, 400 Jones Ferry Road. 942-2535

RTP Lecture— William Little, professor emeritus of the UNC Department of Chemistry, will discuss "Research Triangle Park: 50 Years of Advancing Science and Technology." 2:30pm, Robert and Pearl Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road. Free. 968-2070

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Choral Concert— Choruses from Chapel Hill High, East Chapel Hill High and Carrboro High and the Honors Orchestra from East Chapel Hill High will perform Haydn's Paukenmesse. 8pm, Memorial Hall, UNC campus. \$5. 843-3333

Meet the Author Tea— Local author Kate Betterton will be the guest author at the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library's Meet-the-Author Tea. 3:30-5pm, Chapel Hill Public Library. 968-2760

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Black Tie & Tails Ball— An evening of food, auctions, music and dancing benefitting the Carnivore Preservation Trust. 7-11pm, Washington Duke Inn, Durham. \$125 per person. 542-4684, blacktieandtailsball.com

Guided Hike— "Stillhouse Bottom Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers," a hike led by N.C. Botanical Garden staff. \$10, \$5 members, preregistration required. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

5K Run/Walk— The UNC Kidney Center will host the fourth annual 5K Kidney Kare Run/Walk. 8:30am, McDougle Middle School. 966-2561, ext. 311, unckidneycenter.org

Film Forum— ChathamArts 100-Mile Sustainable Cinema presents "Race in NC: Looking Back, Moving Forward," a documentary film forum. 2:30pm, 50 W. Salisbury St., Pittsboro. Weekend passes \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$5 per film. chathamarts.org

Safety Day— Southern Village will hold Children's Safety Fun Day with a bicycle rodeo, crafts, a puppet show, refreshments and more. 10am, Scroggs Elementary School. 969-7301, ext. 231, mcarolina.com

ONGOING

Cancer Support— Weekly support free of charge for cancer patients and family at Cornucopia House. cornucopiahouse.org

The Compassionate Friends— Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221, chapelhilltcf.org

DivorceCare— Mondays, 7pm. A support group for those separated or divorced. Orange United Methodist Church, 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Computer Class— Chapel Hill SeniorNet is offering a class in Spreadsheet Fundamentals. 9-11am Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 19, Seymour Senior Center. 968-2070 to register.

Garden Tour— Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the garden. 962-

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Computer Class— What Should I Read Next?: Resources for Book Lovers on the Web, Computer Basics, Web Basics, Intro to Email, Learning 2.0: Blogs, Photosharing and more. Wednesdays, March 25-April 22, 7pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. Registration required. 918-7387, co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Garden Walk— Niche Gardens hosts guided garden walks with discussions on spring planting, garden maintenance, design and gardening for wildlife. Saturdays, 10am, 1111 Dawson Road, Chapel Hill. Free. 967-0078, nichegardens.com

Meditation Class— Learn techniques for relaxation, reducing stress, calming the mind, exploring spirit and establishing your practice. Fridays through April 3, 7-8:30pm, 104B Pleasant Drive. Space is limited. 967-9633, srchinmoylibrary.com

Book Group— A new monthly book discussion group for adults. Third Mondays, 7pm, Chapel Hill Public Library Conference Room

KIDS Toddler Time— Thursdays, 4pm, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Preschool Story Time— Saturdays, 10:30am. Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Story Time— Thursdays, 10:30am. Market Street Books, 510 Market Street, Southern Village. All ages welcomed. 933-5111

Express Yourself!— Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Kidzu Anniversary— Kidzu Children's Museum will celebrate its third anniversary with birthday cake, games and activities. March 15, 1-5pm. Free. kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

VOLUNTEERS RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program— Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and over who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp

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Briefs

Sustainable business talk

Jonathan Estes, CEO of Strategic Measures Inc. and author of *Smart Green: How to Implement Sustainable Business Practices in Any Industry and Make Money*, will discuss sustainable business strategies in a down economy on Monday at 6 p.m. at the Koury Auditorium at the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Following the discussion, Estes will sign books during a reception hosted by the Pittsboro General Store Cafe, which was featured in *Smart Green*. The event is free.

Woods tour

Botanist Harry LeGrand of the N.C. Natural Heritage Program will lead a tour of the Lee County White Pines region on March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The tract, which is not accessible by the general public, features soapstone outcrops and a mature forest along the Deep River.

For more information or to register for the event, visit www.triangleland.org/calendar

The Eater



Kumquats and so on

Nothing like the first burst of really warm weather to get this bear out of the cave and in search of food. Springlike feasting was to be found Saturday at the Carrboro Farmers' Market, as were a lot of the citizenry. Plenty to be had, but what stopped *The Eater* in his ursine tracks was the sight of early light passing through Mason jars of honeyed vanilla kumquats.

The weather might not be so enticing this weekend, but

check in with April McGreger, aka the Farmer's Daughter, and see if there are still a few jars around.

Shackin'

The Eater hit the Q Shack within an hour of its Monday opening. Prices are reasonable, including three sides for less than \$5 and a combo plate with choice of three meats and two sides for under \$12. Try the brisket, which really rocks, and the St. Louis ribs, which, uh, also rock. It is important to note that the 'cue is not of the same style as Allen & Son and

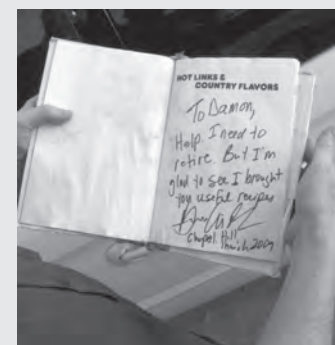
the Barbecue Joint. Purists may want to check it out first.

Expect them to do well because, as important as price and selection are, you can get in and out of the Shack pretty fast. And for a lot of us, pretty fast is the key to lunch.

Casing the Joint

Speaking of the Barbecue Joint, Damon Lapas is an unabashed fan of Bruce Aidells, founder of San Francisco's Aidells Sausage Co. So when he and a group of other local food luminaries joined Aidells for lunch on Tuesday, it was a chance for Lapas to get Aidells to autograph his well-worn, duck tape-bound and sauced-stained copy of *Hot Links and Country Flavors: Sausages in American Regional Cooking*.

The master was accommodating. The book, which Lapas says is the most important reference material in the Joint's kitchen, now bears an inscription that starts: "Damon — Help. I need to retire."



FARMERS' MARKET

What's at Market?

Check out what's at the Year-Round Farmers' Market: Tulips, daffodils, irises, lettuce, hydroponic basil, chard, spring onions, pac choy, flour, onions, garlic, arugula, beets, broccoli, watercrest, cabbage, carrots, winter squashes, cauliflower, collards, fresh herbs, kale, leeks, mustard greens, salad greens, spinach, sweet potatoes, turnips, turnip greens, winter squashes, pecans, herb and vegetable starters, new chicken-sausage, maple sausage, smoked ham, smoked ham hocks, liverwurst, lamb, bacon, chicken, eggs, cow's milk cheeses, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes

Creamy Spinach & Smoked Cheese Gratin From Sheri Castle of Creative Cooking

This rich and luscious gratin is a sophisticated version of creamed spinach. It could be a side dish or the centerpiece of a vegetable plate. Although spinach is standard, you could use any leafy green that has been wilted or cooked to the point of tenderness.

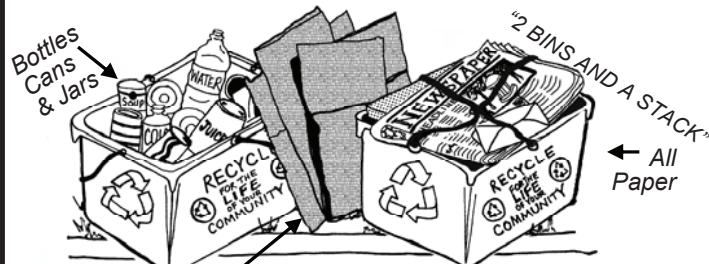
Don't let the word Béchamel scare you! It's a quick and easy sauce made by stirring milk into a cooked mixture of flour and butter. If you use instant sauce flour (such as Pillsbury's Shake and Blend—available at any regular grocery store) and a whisk, I promise that it

won't lump. Please use whole milk; Béchamel made with skimmed milk is runny and meager.

GRATIN

- 3 pounds baby spinach or other leafy green
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 recipe Smoked Cheese Béchamel (recipe at carrborocitizen.com/mill/2009/03/this-weeks-market-recipe)
- 1/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs (such as unseasoned Progresso crumbs)
- 2 tablespoons coarsely shredded Chapel Hill Creamery Smoked Farmer's Cheese
- Wilt the greens in a large pot of boiling, salted water until completely tender, about 3 minutes for spinach. Drain in a colander and press out the water.
- Preheat the broiler and arrange an oven rack about 10 inches below the heat.
- Heat the olive oil in a medium, ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat.
- Add the onion and cook until softened.
- Stir in the wilted spinach.
- Stir in the Smoked Cheese Béchamel. Reduce the heat to medium and cook until bubbling.
- Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Sprinkle the top with the breadcrumbs and cheese.
- Place the skillet in the oven and broil until the top of

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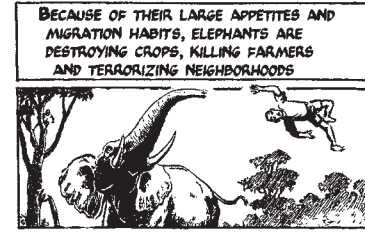
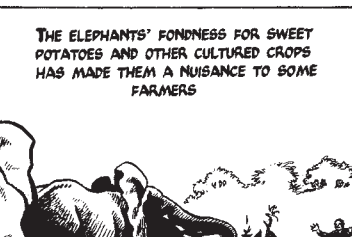
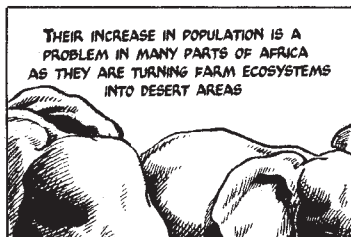
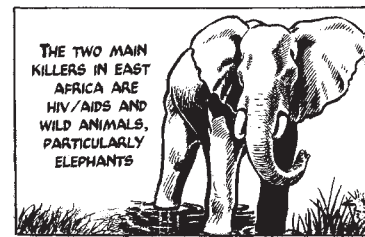
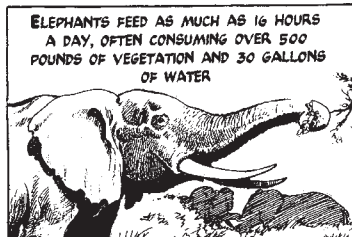
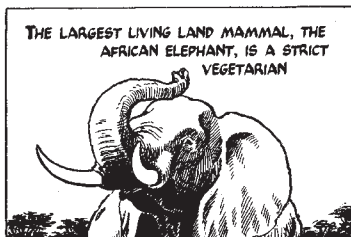
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

I like to sing balls the way Eddie Fisher does and the way Perry Como does, but the way I'm singing the money - Elvis Presley

FOR THE RECORD

Ready to consider a county income tax?

Much has been made of the Orange County tax revolt, but few suggestions in the way of real reform have come out of it. A couple of weeks ago, we asked in all sincerity for those who think the county government is wasting money to point out just what programs and services ought to get the axe. I put the same question to folks on OrangePolitics. There were a couple of responses involving across-the-board cuts, but no one did the work the commissioners will have to do — offer real cuts affecting real services and real people.

The push-back on taxes is part of a long-running back and forth over how to fund local government and it underlines how the tools we have — property taxes and sales taxes — are limited and inefficient and are skewing policy. We are hell-bent in Orange County to increase our commercial base not solely because we want to provide in-county jobs, but in order to reduce the property-tax burden on homeowners. We're doing that despite the fact that the cards are stacked against it having a great effect, because more than 40 percent of the county's land is taxed under the agricultural use-value program and another 10 percent is owned by nonprofit entities (mainly Duke and UNC). In the coming years, it will take several million square feet of commercial space just to keep up with residential construction and several million more to significantly alter the ratio of residential to commercial. Throw in the fact that financing for commercial projects has all but dried up and the likelihood that public uproar would make building megamalls and factories difficult, and you can see why adding commercial square footage is not the answer.

Under the current system, the only surefire way to reduce the property-tax burden would be to gut school funding. By making our schools lousy — by, say, lowering teacher pay to attract less adept educators and eliminating extra-curricular activities, advanced courses and efforts to reduce class size — we could cut the budget this year and ensure a reduction in housing demand, home values and property taxes for years to come.

Don't like that idea? Me neither.

So here's another one that makes more sense: a countywide income tax.

In addition to being a more progressive way to raise revenue, an income tax would not unfairly burden those with valuable land but little income — a much more direct way to achieve one of the chief goals of increasing commercial space.

Several states have this system. Maryland allows its counties an income tax and tax rates there range from about 1.2 percent to 3.6 percent. The idea might not be best for all counties in North Carolina, but in places like Orange County, where income growth is fairly robust, it might.

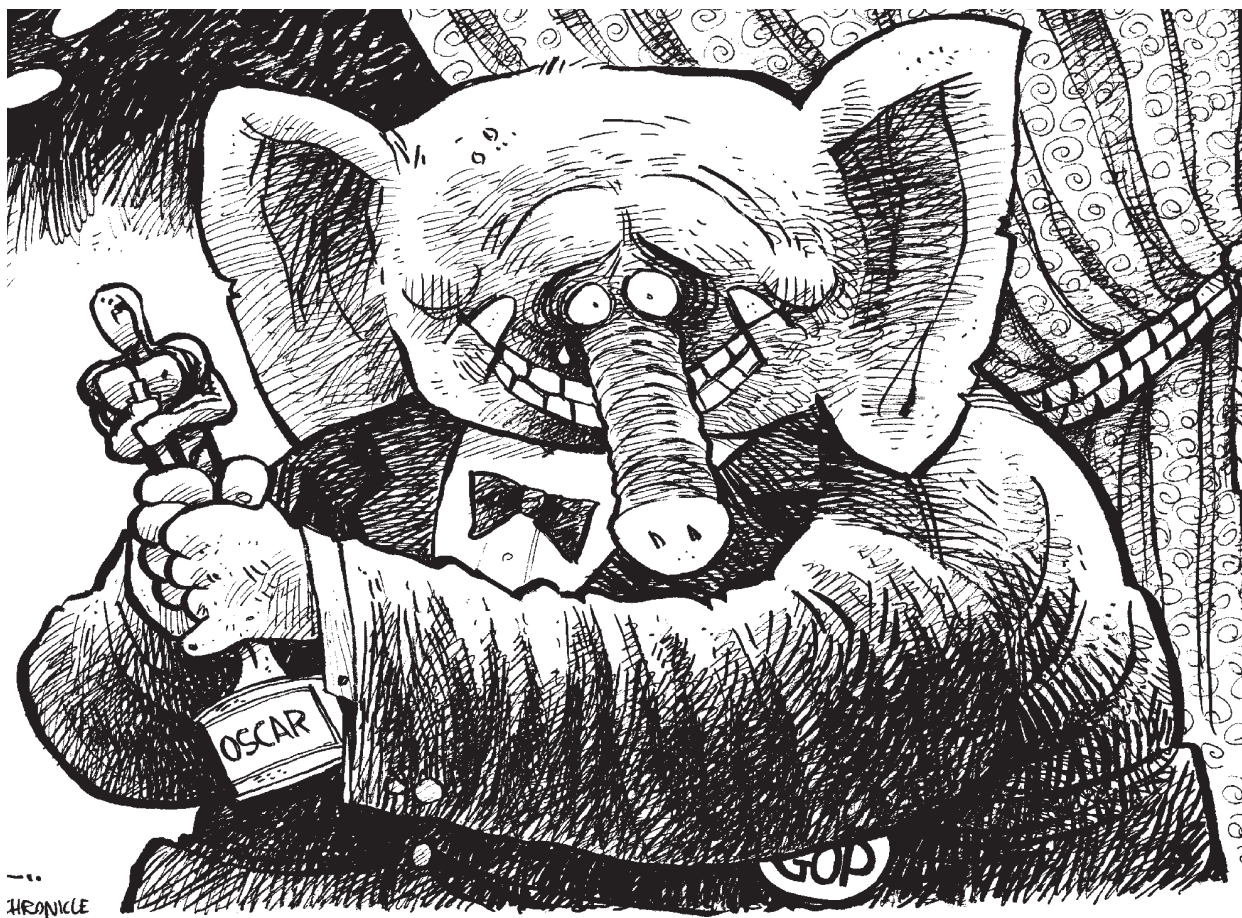
I know what you're thinking and, yes, everyone I've pitched the idea to has had an initial reaction akin to Munch's "The Scream." But once the idea that an income tax coupled with a very serious reduction in property tax sinks in, it doesn't seem so far-fetched.

It is also a lot more politically feasible than you might think, since it would actually reduce the cost of owning a home and thus not raise the ire of the same forces that fought the real estate transfer tax.

Although no one's pushing the idea hard right now, it's being studied by legislators and local government organizations. Naturally, before Orange or any other county could adopt an income tax, enabling legislation and a tweak of the state's tax laws would be required.

And given the current climate in our county, such a move would need to be accompanied by binding assurances that the new revenue stream really would result in a significant drop in the property-tax burden.

Figuring out how to implement a system would be difficult. But not nearly as difficult as figuring out how to continue with the current system and not ruin the very things that make us proud to call Orange County home.



FOR ACTING LIKE A FISCAL CONSERVATIVE

Chapel Hill going gung ho for density.

JULIE MCCLINTOCK

Citizens are reacting strongly to recent high-rise redevelopments and possible future approvals throughout our vanishing village. East 54, Greenbridge, Grove Park and Woodmont are approved, while Glen Lennox and the Altmueller property are on the horizon. Each is proposing high-rise-intensive (i.e., dense) new or redevelopment of cherished space. If this trend continues, we will lose what we value as citizens of a true college town.

New development and redevelopment can utilize good design, grace, scale and creative traffic controls to preserve our town's character. But that's not what is happening. The unintended consequences of recent attempts at density are tall buildings that shut out sunlight, safety and traffic problems, air pollution from more cars, unimaginative design and a failure to protect existing residential neighborhoods. As an example, the massive and mushrooming East 54 and Greenbridge buildings have altered the character of their surroundings, underscoring that scale and design are crucial to maintaining a sense of community.

Town leaders articulate three reasons for increased density: saving green space, promoting transit and providing affordable housing. First, by increasing density we are "saving" green spaces in Orange County. At a recent forum on density, UNC planner Bill Rohe pointed out that high-

density projects create green space through a system of density credits whereby real green space is saved outside of town limits. In Chapel Hill, we sacrifice our quality of life without conserving natural areas.

A second rationale is that density hypothetically promotes public transit. However, replacing lower-cost housing with more expensive condos (such as at Meadowmont and as proposed at Glen Lennox) is likely to reduce bus ridership. The higher the income, the less likely the person is to ride a bus. East 54 was approved to serve as a hub for a future train station. Now here's where we depart from reality: Rail service is more than 20 years away and anything that far into the future is not something to count on. In the very long meantime, we can count on more cars in town causing unmanageable gridlock, especially when Carolina North (the size of The Streets at Southpoint) is built.

Increased affordable housing is a third reason given to approve greater density. The town requires 15 percent affordable units in any new housing development. During redevelopment (such as a Grove Park and Glen Lennox) lower-priced rental units are replaced by high-end condos, with the unintended consequence that there is a net loss of affordable housing. Taxes go up too. In effect, we are losing mid-priced housing and the diversity we value, the opposite of what we desire.

To implement higher densities, the town council has approved a zone to triple development intensity — the R-SS-C floating zone. Recently, the council voted to apply the new zone only to downtown, where it was used to approve high densities for Grove Park. However, a developer has asked the council to approve high-priced condos for Aydan Court, located on the edge of the town limits, nowhere near downtown. This parcel, next to a fragile wildlife impoundment, is especially inappropriate for density. Aydan Court would violate steep slope and conservation ordinances. On March 16, the council is looking again to amend the zone to apply to this project, and it would then apply anywhere in town. No matter where you live, this zone could end up next door.

It is becoming clear that the council needs to test assumptions behind recent decisions. We are using poorly thought out reasons to justify density, without a comprehensive examination of where it belongs. The effort must include public participation about how our town is to grow. The price is high — we could damage our quality of life by making decisions that will impact us forever. It's time to stop and think about what is happening to our town.

Julie McClintock is a former Chapel Hill Town Council member and a member of the steering of Neighborhoods for Responsible Growth.

Orange County revaluation

LAURA BLACKMON

Orange County is a great place to live in part because we have a progressive government that constantly attempts to balance service imperatives; the desire to promote education, equity and environmental protection; and the very real burdens of taxation. Minimizing the impacts of property taxes, one of the very few revenue streams available to local governments, is a major source of concern to Orange County commissioners and other elected officials.

Lately, there's been much talk of taxes and property revaluation in Orange County. Many good ideas have been advanced and sound questions asked. Hopefully, the following can help explain some of the process, if not address all policy concerns.

The amount of tax billed to a property owner is based on two variables: the value of the property and the tax rate. Every four years, Orange County updates listed property values. The updates help to maintain equity between properties as values change due to inflation, the location of a house or parcel, renovation and improvement or a multitude of other variables. Revaluation is also mandated by North Carolina General Statutes.

Over time, property values in neighborhoods change and these changes occur at different rates. For instance, values in one neighborhood may increase by 30 percent over four years while another sees increases of only 5 percent. Not to revalue would place an undue burden on property owners in

the neighborhood with the slower appreciation rate.

A countywide revaluation is an enormous and complex task. Key to that process is a concentrated and conscientious effort to ensure that property values are accurately and equitably appraised throughout the county.

The appraisal team is familiar with the county and makes every effort to consider the many factors involved in determining property values. Field inspections are conducted and sales files analyzed. Market trends are continually monitored. Contacts are made with many real estate professionals for the purpose of remaining knowledgeable regarding market factors that affect property values.

After the revaluation process is complete, a tax neutral rate is set. For example, a tax rate of 99.8 cents per \$100 of property valuation produced around \$118 million for the fiscal year 2008-09 in Orange County. During a revaluation year, if property values increase, as they have over the past four years, the tax rate would be lowered to a point where the rate multiplied by all new property values would still generate around \$118 million or a "tax neutral" level.

The next challenge for the Orange County Board of Commissioners, with recommendations from the county manager, is setting the tax rate for the upcoming year. The rate may be above, below or at the new tax neutral level. After much deliberation, presentations and public hearings, the new rate will be set in June.

Already this year, the board has

held several budget work sessions to review the needs, constraints and fiscal requirements of Orange County. We have challenged staff to come back with a neutral tax rate. We are working to reduce costs where we can, to delay or avoid capital projects and generally to implement a more financially constrained approach, particularly in these trying economic times.

Still, many county services are mandated by law, and around half of Orange County ad valorem taxes go to fund public education for both the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and the Orange County Schools. The state of North Carolina also is keeping revenues that were designated for Orange County and were budgeted based on assurance of continued availability.

The final rate decision will not come easily. Painful service cuts may be necessary. Steps already have been implemented to reduce county expenditures this year. More belt tightening is sure to be incorporated in the upcoming 2009-10 budget.

Please contact the Tax Assessor's Office at 245-2100 if you have specific questions or concerns about the current revaluation process, or visit its website, www.co.orange.nc.us/assessor/index.asp

If you have additional comments, you may contact the commissioners through the county clerk by email, dbaker@co.orange.nc.us, or by phone, 245-2130. You may also contact the county manager's office at 245-2300.

Laura Blackmon is the Orange County manager.

Time to speak out

ELLIE KINNAIRD

It is time to speak out against the hostility and outrageous treatment of undocumented people in our state — such that has not been seen since the Jim Crow days. We strive to be a better people than this, but unfortunately repeat this disgraceful conduct every generation. How can we forget the history of discrimination in this country of the Irish, Germans, Italians, Poles, Czechs, Chinese, Japanese, Catholics and Jews? And now Hispanics are the target of intolerant speech and action.

I hope we can find our moral compass as well as follow the law of the land.

We should not deny children, who are in this country through no fault of their own, admission to our community colleges simply to make political gain. Not only is it morally wrong, there are many Supreme Court decisions that public services cannot be refused to undocumented persons, including attendance at schools and colleges.

We need to ask what is the real purpose of the 287(g) program that costs taxpayers millions. It is a program that enables sheriffs to stop Hispanic-looking people for the slightest infraction and, if undocumented, turn them over to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents for deportation, separating families and wreaking great hardship.

Some of the animosity comes from the myth that undocumented workers don't pay taxes. Quite the contrary, they pay more than citizens by paying into Social Security and income taxes withholding that they never collect. As renters, they indirectly pay property tax, and they pay sales tax on every item they purchase.

Another advantage of open borders would be a reduction in drug trade. The "coyotes" who bring people across the border now often extract from them promises to engage in drug trade once they are here in the U.S.

An overhaul of the immigration system is crucial. I propose open borders with Mexico, as we have with Canada. Those seeking employment, after presenting reliable, accurate documentation, could enter the U.S. for work and return to their own country freely without seeking permanent status. They would be issued a social security number preceded by an "N" for non-citizen. They would be covered by labor laws, but not unemployment or welfare benefits.

Mexicans love their families, their culture and their country. Many do not want to stay in the U.S., only to work long enough to provide financial security for their family. But it is so difficult and dangerous to cross the border (about 300 die per year), that they remain.

I hope we can find our moral compass as well as follow the law of the land.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

William Gheen, president of Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee, phoned last week to express his displeasure over our article on the clash between a Chatham County conservative group and organizations who support tougher immigration policies.

Gheen has three main assertions — that ALI-PAC does not express "extreme" views on immigration; that contrary to our reporting his group had not planned to be at a public forum that was the centerpiece of the article; and that he should have been given a chance to respond to negative comments about him by a leader of the Chatham group.

We acknowledge that "extreme" is a loaded word and that ALI-PAC's approach to the issue is closer to the views of a majority of citizens than the other groups cited. On the second point, we should have attributed the expectations to those who told us they believed an ALI-PAC representative would be at the meeting.

On the third point — despite deadline pressures we should have made an attempt to contact Gheen for his response and for that we do apologize.

Asked if he cared to respond via a letter to the editor in this week's issue, Gheen declined.

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BLACKMON
FROM PAGE 1

Commissioner Barry Jacobs said the board will need to start looking for Blackmon's replacement and expected the search to take at least six months. "This was not something we anticipated," he said. Jacobs said that while a new county manager could start during the quieter summer months, the transition could still be difficult.

"No transitions are easy," he said. "This is a particularly difficult time for local government, so coming in in the middle of a budget situation that borders on grim is not the easiest thing to do. On the other hand, a lot of the heavy lifting will have been done because we're already doing the cutting and looking at reorganizing." The county budget will be approved by the time Blackmon leaves her position, as state law requires county budgets to be submitted by the end of June.

CLIFF
FROM PAGE 1

"Cliff is a good person," said Tolo, a 31-year-old Hispanic employee who has worked for Collins for 13 years and lives in Chapel Hill.

The Pauli Murray Award honors Murray's life by recognizing those who have fostered and promoted human rights, diversity and equality in Orange County. Peck said the way Cliff lives his life reflects Murray's character.

Barry Jacobs, chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, spoke Sunday about the life and legacy of Murray.

Born in 1910, Murray, an African-American female who grew up in Durham, risked her life as a sit-in activist in communities that were opposed to racial integration. Despite the adversities she faced because of her race, Murray persevered and became a poet, lawyer, writer,

teacher and ordained Episcopal priest.

The Sunday ceremony emphasized how extraordinary so-called ordinary people can be.

The Guiding Lights of St. John Holiness Church performed four soulful musical selections. State Sen. Ellie Kin-

be so."

He's well known for remembering names, faces, stories and facts about his customers and is an encyclopedia of knowledge.

"I tell my customers where to fix their cars, where to buy new shoes and what restaurants are good," Collins said.

When it comes to Carrboro, the meat market owner knows what's in, what's out and where to get it.

Chapel Hill native Cheryl Edwards, 51, has been coming to Cliff's Meat Market since she was a child.

"He's always very friendly, and you get good quality meat," Edwards said.

Meat market customers can attest to the fact that the loyal store owner helps his customers and others in the Carrboro community however he can. Collins recalls a customer who was a minister who came in years ago and told him, "You know what? You're doing the best ministry in this store that anyone could do in their life, and you're doing it every day."

There's a whole lot more behind winning the award than just winning it, it's living it, and it's been a joy living it, and it will continue to be so."

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4 Photo tint
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18 Baal or Elvis
20 Bonus
21 Soccer superstar
22 Cold sound
23 Dancing president?
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26 Range rope
27 ___ a customer
28 Whip
30 Tranquil
32 ___4 (Toyota model)
33 Little lumps
35 Fawcett
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40 Dancing colonist?
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48 Muse with a scroll
49 Command to a corgi
50 Meyerbeer's ___
51 Propector's prize

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56 Freezin' season
59 Finger food
61 Trickle
63 Short story
65 Cognizant
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68 Bare
69 Start to snooze
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77 Gray matter?
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81 Tonto's horse
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86 Director Lang
88 Flusters locale
91 Percussion instrument
92 Feel awful
94 Bean
96 Make cheddar better
97 Prohibit
98 Wine vessel
100 Yuletide
101 Piglet's parent

102 Hunt or Hayes
104 Dancing court
108 Kid at court
109 Hailing from Hunan
111 Mention briefly
115 Aussie walker
116 Space
117 Assistance
120 Spanish guitarist
121 "Crazy" singer
123 Widespread
126 Dancing cartoonist?
129 Neighbor of Somalia
130 Singer
131 Pnoebe
132 Sour fruit
133 Novelist
134 Bronte heroine
135 Aden's locale
136 Minnesota twins?

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6 It may be bitter
7 ___ Dinka Doo" (33 song)
8 '92 Wimbledon winner
9 Health resort
10 ___ Aviv product
11 Draw forth
12 Copper or cobalt
13 "Green Acres" setting
14 "Stroker ___" (83 film)
15 Dancing body-builder?
16 Wreaks the Rolls
17 Italian wine
19 Abate
24 Seafood selection
29 Coop crowd
31 Pantyhose part
34 Rembrandt or Whistler
35 Ward of "Sisters"
37 Wreckage
38 Reject
39 Touch up the text
41 Journalist Jacob

42 Jeanne of "Jules and Jim"
44 Mrs. Krampen
45 Bandleader Severinsen
46 "... man ___ mouse?"
47 Dancing statesman?
52 Numbers pro
53 Push a product
55 Trick stick
56 Tie the knot
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58 Funnyman Foxx
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62 Less vivid
64 Van ___ , CA
66 Piece of fencing?
70 Enormous
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73 Akbar's city
74 ___ the Mood for Love" (35 song)
75 ___ bet!"
76 Sprout
78 It's up in the air
79 Volcano part
82 Peruvian port
83 Keats composition

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86 Peel off
87 Move like mad
89 Self-esteem
90 Make a muumuu
93 Psychologist Pavior
95 Obligation
99 TV host John
102 Village
103 Sgt. or cpl.
104 Disney cricket
105 Margin
106 Mallard or teal
107 Suffers
108 Acts like a chicken
110 Neighsayer?
112 Actress Berry
113 Synthetic textile
114 "The Highwayman" poet
116 Genuine
118 Fancy fabric
119 Horner's fruit
122 Carrie or Louis
124 On behalf of
125 Ovine female
127 Poetic monogram
128 ___ Buddhism

CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

"Whatever Works"

B O B S M Z D R B W T
X H O O H A R Z G M E H U
M A A B M K B R G M L A D M R
H W A Z G M E H U J M L L U
I D P D A D M R , X F Z Z G M
E H U B ' P R B W T B W T
W D E B R E G H Z P H S M R
Z G M P D W M U . - M O C B R
J L M R O M U

Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — Here's Sushi
Roll! She's a 6-month-old American Staffordshire terrier/boxer. Sushi is a great all-around puppy, as she is good with kids, dogs, cats and people. She really enjoys riding in the car, and is housebroken and crate trained already! Sushi Roll has a happy wiggle and loves to play with others. She understands body language well and will leave a frightened kitty alone if need be. Sushi is a lot of fun, you only need to meet her to fall in love. Come see her at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

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Chapel Hill - Carrboro School Lunch Menus

MARCH 13-19

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FRIDAY — Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Sweet Yellow Corn; Banana Pudding
MONDAY — Hamburger on a Bun; Fish Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Tater Tots; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Peas & Carrots; Fresh Apple Halves
TUESDAY — Three-Cheese Baked Rotini w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Fajitas w/Salsa & Sour Cream; Fun on the Run; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches
WEDNESDAY — Chicken Patty Sandwich; Baked Potato w/Meat, Cheese & Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Pineapple Tidbits; Chocolate Pudding
THURSDAY — Oven-Baked BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Fun on the Run; Baked Beans; Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes

MIDDLE + HIGH

FRIDAY — Pork Rib-BQ on a Bun; Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple; Fresh Banana
MONDAY — Ham & Cheese Biscuit; Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Baja Black Beans; Chilled Apricots; Fresh Orange
TUESDAY — Pork BBQ on a Roll; Chicken Tetrazzini; Coleslaw; Green Beans; Chilled Pears
WEDNESDAY — Meatball Sub; Sweet & Sour Chicken; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Fruited Gelatin
THURSDAY — Fried Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Dipping Sauce; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh Banana

School Briefs

SEPTA meeting

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) will meet on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Carolina Center for Educational Excellence building on the Smith Middle School campus on Seawell School Road.

Linda King-Thomas of Developmental Therapy Associates Inc. will discuss Sensory Integration Disorder and therapies used to treat it.

SEPTA meetings are free and open to those with an interest in special-education issues. Pre-registration is not required but appreciated. To register, email info@septa-chcnc.org. For information, visit septa-chcnc.org

Black history bowl

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sponsored the first annual Black History Knowledge Bowl at Hargraves Community Center in Chapel Hill to encourage student success and stimulate interest in African-American

history among young people.

Three Chapel Hill-Carrboro AVID Program teams – two from Culbreth Middle School and one from Phillips Middle School – and a Durham Public Schools team participated in the competition. The two Culbreth teams won first and second place.

Culbreth students Aliyah Walker, Kholiswa Tsotetsi, Tabius Sales and Caleb Bell earned first-place trophies; second-place trophies went to Aliyah Turrentine, Douglas Parrish, Ladajah Henley and Phillips student Adrienne Davis. The Phillips team included Davis, Jaszime Carver, Takeria Welch and Amber Wright.

Students to receive computers

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will present computers to 40 students today (Thursday) as part of Computer Awards Day.

The computers will be presented at an event at East Chapel Hill High School from 4 to 8 p.m. Over the past year, the school

district's Community Connection Program has partnered with the Kramden Institute of Durham to provide needy students with computers. One hundred district students received computers earlier this year.

The Kramden Institute is a nonprofit agency that collects computers, refurbishes them with volunteer support during "Geek-A-Thon" events and then presents them to students who are recommended by their schools.

CHS spaghetti dinner

The second annual Carrboro High School Spaghetti Dinner will be held on March 28.

The event is sponsored by the Carrboro High Athletic Booster Club. Tickets are available from Carrboro High athletes or through the Carrboro High Athletic Office, 918-2200, ext. 2502.

Phillips MathCounts

The Phillips Middle School MathCounts team placed third in regional competition and advanced to the state competi-

tion on March 20.

Eighth-grader Yu Wang finished second as an individual, seventh-grader Koya Osada finished 12th, eighth-grader Alex Kelly finished 17th and eighth-grader Maggie Zing finished 39th. The team is coached by Marsha O'Neal.

French team contributes

Chapel Hill-Carrboro French students raised nearly \$500 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House during the recent Elementary French Decalation event at East Chapel Hill High School.

Phillips Middle School French students operated booths in the cafeteria commons area of the school, where elementary students paid 50 cents to play various games. The East Chapel Hill High French Club raised \$160 by holding a public speaking contest.

The funds raised by students will be matched by other groups supporting the charity.



PHOTO BY TED SPALDING

Carrboro's Emma O'Halloran fights for possession in the womens' lacrosse team opener Friday night. The Jaguars defeated Panther Creek 14-6.

Sports Briefs

CHS golf

Northwood High School hosted Chapel Hill and Carrboro high schools at the Preserve Golf Club Thursday for the first men's match of the season. Carrboro's only senior, Rich Leeper, led the team to a narrow victory with a one over par 37. He was assisted by sophomore Neel Patel, who fired a 40; freshman Alex Wilhem, who shot 42; and freshman Jeremy Shaheen, who rounded out the team score with a 46, for a team total of 165.

Mike Thomas of CHHS was low for the Tigers with a 38. Northwood shot 169 and CHHS finished with a 170.

CHS Men's Lacrosse

The Carrboro High School varsity men's lacrosse team started its second season of play by notching back-to-back victories on Friday evening and Saturday morning against Triton (13-8) and Wilmington-Ashley (15-7). Across the two games, the scoring leaders were Rich Leeper (9

goals) and MacKenzie Price (5 goals); John Pamplin, Brooks Covington and Julian VanName scored three goals each. Price also led the team with six assists. The battle for possession was led by Robert Kenny with nine ground balls and Sam Stargel, David Hare and VanName with eight each. The opponents' scoring was kept in check by strong inside defensive play, anchored by goalie Nick Swartzwelder (23 saves, 14 ground balls).

BASKETBALL NOTES FRANK HEATH



The season's final stretch

When the North Carolina men's basketball team beat fierce rival Duke for the second time this season on Sunday, the Tar Heels completed the first phase of a job they've been working on since pretty much the day after last year's disappointing Final Four loss to Kansas.

And although Carolina's season, to date, has not been the effortless romp many envisioned back in November, the results have come just the same. With a 27-3 record, a final No. 1 national ranking and an ACC regular season title in their back pocket, it would be stretching things to say these Tar Heels have underachieved – especially in light of the personnel losses Carolina has faced.

Dealt the unenviable expectation of needing to go undefeated to impress everyone, and having lost senior leader Marcus Ginyard – their toughest player and best defender – to a foot injury

for the year, rather than folding, Carolina has adapted like champions. And after spotting the rest of the ACC a two-game start with early losses to Boston College and Wake Forest, the Tar Heels still topped the final league standings with relative ease, ending with a 13-3 ACC record.

That's two games ahead of UNC's closest competitors, Duke and Wake Forest. And as winners of 13 of their last 14 league games, Carolina enters this weekend's ACC Tournament with a No. 1 NCAA seed virtually locked up. That's good news, since point guard Ty Lawson may wind up sitting out this weekend in hopes of healing an injured big toe, which he aggravated against Duke.

On Tuesday, Lawson was named ACC Player of the Year – which is merely a bonus for Carolina fans, who already know they have one of the most unique college players ever in forward Tyler Hansbrough. Hansbrough may not be the MVP this season (Michael Jordan wasn't always voted MVP either), but it's hard to remember a college player that consumed more of the attentions of opposing defenses than Tyler.

Hansbrough has been hacked, held, fallen on, tripped, knocked down, undercut, squashed, poked in the eye, scratched and more by two or three defenders pretty much every time UNC has had the ball for four years now. The Poplar Bluff senior has responded not with frustration but by raising his free-throw percentage 11 points – from an already solid 74 percent when he was a freshman to an utterly kick-ass 85 percent this year. This, even as referees have whistled fewer and fewer of the

inevitable jarring hits we all know are coming each time he touches the basketball. The big fella has also developed a reliable mid-range jumper and even a three-point shot, both of which he used with an assassin's cool in Sunday's latest dismantling of Duke.

Tyler's numbers are down slightly from his junior year, when he averaged a double-double and won every college player of the year award. But I'm sure if you ask him, Coach Roy Williams or any of his teammates about the significance of that statistical difference, they would point to Carolina's record as evidence that Psycho-T has again done his job.

And with the uniquely sure-handed, strong and speedy Lawson pushing the ball from the point position, surrounded by capable scorers Deon Thompson, Wayne Ellington and Danny Green at the other three starting positions, this North Carolina team is a threat to win each game based on its scary offensive potential alone.

If Lawson has to miss the ACC Tournament, he won't be the first Carolina point guard to sit out part or all of that sacrosanct event. Derrick Phelps, the backbone of the 1993 team, was injured in the ACC Tournament semifinal against Virginia that year, and he watched in a suit and tie while Henrik Rodl manned the point in the final, a 77-75 loss to Georgia Tech.

Luckily, Phelps was able to return and play in the NCAA Tournament that year, and he contributed heavily in a memorable run to the national championship. UNC fans might not be that surprised if history repeats itself in 2009.

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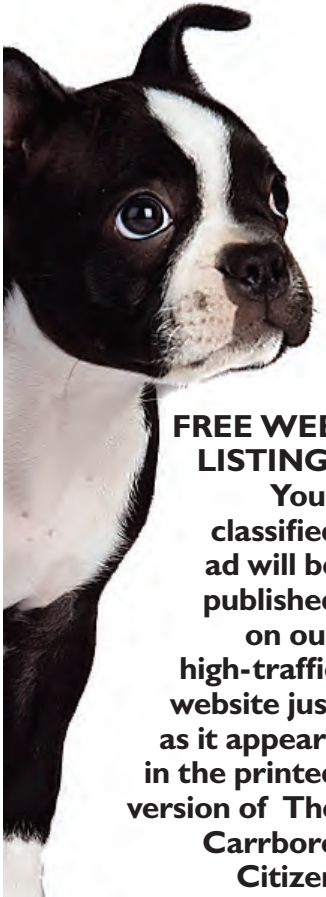
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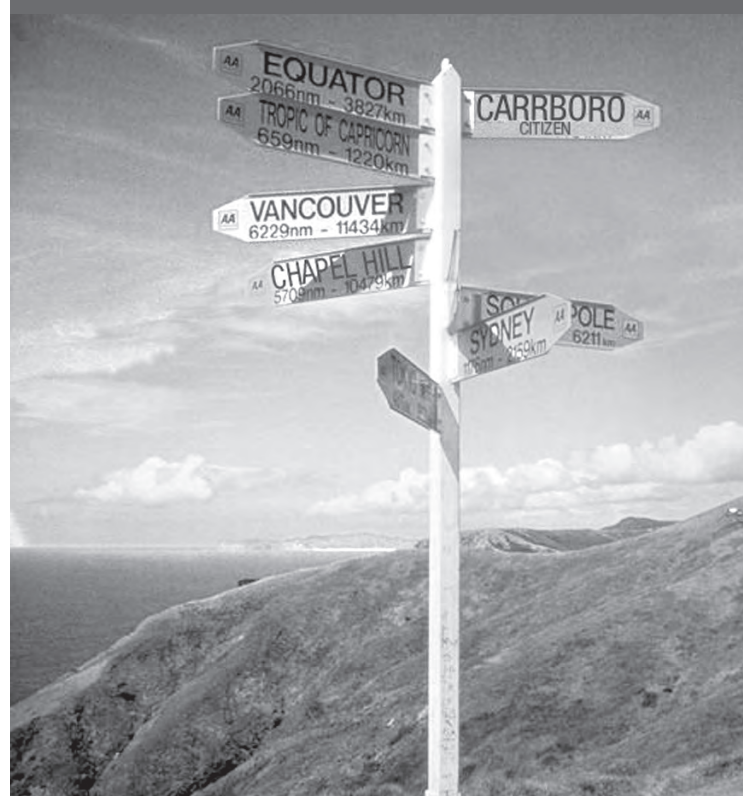


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FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

More common in the mountains, Dutchman's breeches are rare in our area. Last March, I joined a group of nature walkers guided by geologist/naturalist Pete Schubert to view a spectacular carpet of Dutchman's breeches in northern Durham.

Pete's description of the site provides insight into its rare presence:

"One of the showiest expanses of Dutchman's breeches in the region can be found at the bend in the Flat River in Durham. Here, the south flowing river meanders sharply to flow west, then north, then east, then back south again in a large open 'S' in its floodplain. As with the nearby Eno River at Penny's Bend and further downstream along the Eno at Willie Duke's Bluff, the Flat River is underlain by resistant diabase, an unusual bedrock that not only controls the course of the river but contributes a unique chemistry to the overlying soils. Calcium- and magnesium-rich minerals in the diabase weather to provide these nutrients in abundance in the soils – unique in the piedmont. The uplands of Penny's Bend, the slopes of Willie Duke's Bluff, and the river levee forest in the Flat River bend all host plants that are calcophiles – calcium-loving – and are typically found in the sweeter soils of the Midwest. Along with



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Giant hackberry in the Flat River flood plain rises from a carpet of Dutchman's breeches foliage, which is spectacular if you catch it at peak bloom.

Dutchman's breeches at the Flat River is a large expanse of the rare *Isopyrum biternatum*, false rue anemone, with its showy little white flowers similar to our rue anemone, or windflower, *Thalictrum thalictroides*."

I'm going to follow Pete again for this once-a-year event. You're welcome to come along. He will lead an Eno River Spring Wildflower hike to the Bend in the Flat River this Sunday. Botanist Milo Pyne will lead a

hike to the Willie Duke's Bluff site along the Eno River the following Sunday, March 22.

Google "Eno River spring wildflower hikes" for hike descriptions and meeting times and places.

Given the vagaries of our recent weather, we may, or may not, catch the Dutchman's breeches at their peak on these hikes – adding to the drama and suspense of springtime in the Piedmont. Regardless, you will see wildflowers!



Ruby's Grave, 1978

For reasons not easily explainable, I can't tell you where my brother's ashes are scattered. Nor do I know the locations of the graves of my mother, father, grandmother or grandfather. But I do know where Ruby can be found. When the big red mutt died of old age 30 years ago, I buried her below the cabin across the creek at the edge of the meadow. There, to honor the best dog ever, we planted daffodils. Each spring at this time, I make my pilgrimage through the underbrush until I spot the glad yellow flags marking Ruby's grave. I sit in the leaves, patting the stones. Good dog.

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