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PHOTO BY TOM WENTWORTH Discovering the fire pink in Ohio in his high school days led B.W. Wells on a lifetime pursuit of botanical studies in North Carolina.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

North Carolina's natural gardens

n 1932, The Natural Gardens of North Carolina, written by Dr. Bertram Whittier (B.W.) Wells, professor of botany at N.C. State University, was published by the University of North Carolina Press. How well I remember back in 1966, my mentor presenting me with a copy of Natural Gardens with the comment, "If you are going to study the botany of North Carolina, then you need to become acquainted with B. W. Wells!" That began for me a lifelong pursuit of discovering and enjoying the natural gardens of our state.

As a high school freshman in Ohio, Wells, with the help of a plant key, saw and identified a fire pink, Silene virginica, a brilliant-red wildflower we see here in early May. He later described that experience: "From that moment on I knew what my life's work would be. I was so terribly excited about identifying that flower.... The more you see, the more you have to see."

Wells received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and in 1919 accepted an appointment at what was then N.C. State College, where he remained as head of the botany department until 1949 and a professor until 1954.

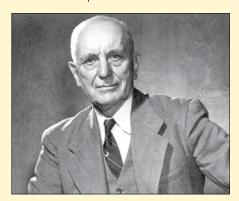


PHOTO FROM B.W. WELLS ASSOCIATION Groundbreaking North Carolina plant ecologist B.W. Wells described North Carolina's natural gardens in 1932.

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Spring heralds a rush to the fields

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

Usually, Ken Dawson doesn't sweat it — the weather that is.

Dawson's Maple Spring Gardens in Cedar Grove is among the places where farmers who supply an abundance of produce at the Carrboro Farmers' Market have adapted to the sometimes-unpredictable Carolina winters

But this year, even Dawson, who has farmed here for 28 years, had to admit that the snows and the long cold spells worried him. "About the end of February, it looked like winter was just going to go on and on," he said.

The plants he had in unheated greenhouses were coming on slowly and saturated soil in the fields was in no shape to till. Compounding that was a wet autumn that interfered with preparation of fields for this year's planting.

"We got shut out of the fields earlier last fall than usual," Dawson said.

Experience, though, and the sunshine and March winds that came roaring in, mitigated what winter had thrown at him.

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PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Ken Dawson in his greenhouse at Cedar Grove.

Local doctors aid Haiti quake relief

BY JUSTICE WARREN

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

For weeks now, Americans have been bombarded by images of disaster and relief efforts following the earthquake in Haiti. Two Chapel Hill doctors have experienced these images firsthand.

According to Drs. Pat Guiteras and Frank Tew, though, media images only tell part of the story.

"These people lost everything ... and yet there they were, carrying on every day, helping other patients," Guiteras said. "They were doing what they had to, to get by. They were very, very tough people and of good cheer."

The doctors worked as volunteers in Jimani, Dominican Republic, a border city that is about 40 miles from Port-au-Prince. From Feb. 14-20, they worked in an 80-by-40-foot tent that had been erected by relief workers, helping 29 patients recover from injuries. Their work was sponsored by the International Medical Alliance of Tennessee, a volunteer medical relief organization.

Most patients they saw were postoperative, and many were amputees. Infection was a big concern. "It wasn't like what you'd expect at a hospital here," Guiteras said. "There was a dirt floor, rickety beds and flies everywhere."

The rock-laden ground served as the location for rehabilitation sessions and bedridden patients often had to use bed pans, lacking the luxury of doors or curtains for privacy. Women who had suffered injuries to their upper legs were often left exposed in the tent. A basin of water outside served as the only place in which to bathe.

Tew was impressed that, despite the difficulties, most patients remained positive, and many greeted him every day with an ear-to-ear smile.

One such patient was Lucson Jean-Baptiste, a 27-year-old who taught American history. Tew said Jean-Baptiste was fascinated by U.S. history, and his favorite presidents were Washington and Jefferson. Though Jean-Baptiste had suffered a severe crush injury to his leg, he always remained in good cheer.

"You look at the smiles, and they have nothing, absolutely nothing," Tew said.

Kids in the area played soccer during the day, many of them barefoot in the rocky field. At night, the women in the tent sang hymns and the men clapped along.

Guiteras and Tew both praised the efforts of everyone they worked with. They said they were happy with the way the Dominican Republic assisted the victims from Haiti, despite the 300 years of bad blood between the two countries.

"I was very impressed with the Dominicans' response to the needs of humanity," Tew said. "They don't have enough to take care of their own people, but they took those folks in and allowed them to be treated there."

Neither man spoke Creole, the native language in Haiti, so they needed a translator. A Dominican man translated the Creole into Spanish for Guiteras, who then translated what had been said into English. Guiteras and Tew said that when they gave the translator pesos for his services, he broke into tears of joy.

They also lauded the efforts of the doctors and nurses, who came from all across the country at their own expense to help out. Guiteras said that some doctors were forced to work 18 to 20 hours a day. He said that every person played a crucial role in the relief process.

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Citizen gathers awards

The Carrboro Citizen won three awards in the 2009 North Carolina Press Association's News, Editorial and Photojournalism contest. The association presented the awards at an assembly on March 18 in the Dean Smith Center.

The Citizen won first place in general excellence for its website, carrborocitizen. com. Staffers Michelle Langston and Mike Li and news and opinion editor Kirk Ross designed and produced the site.

In addition, Ross won third place in general news reporting for his story "Rebecca Clark dies," which recounted the memories of those who knew the community leader and political organizer.

Staff writer Beth Mechum won third place in sports feature writing for her story "Gaining perspective on a life in athletics," about Charlie Adams, the recently retired longtime director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Mechum recently left *The Citizen* to work as a sports writer at the *Mount Airy News*.

Publisher Robert Dickson said he was happy to see the *Citizen* recognized by the association.

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Board continues lighting discussion

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

carrboro Board of Aldermen wants to see more tweaks to a new set of regulations aimed at dimming light pollution throughout town.

At its meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, the board reviewed a set of regulations that would require far greater shielding and more limits on the light cast at commercial and residential properties. Most floodlights, for example, would need to be fully shielded. The new regulations would not apply to lighting already in place, but the town could require changes in the design of replacement lighting systems.

The board continued the hearing on the new rules until April 20.

Also at the meeting, the board approved a set of street closings for the April 3 Classic Endurance Sports Festival and the May 29 Springfest Bike Ride.

Noting the steady increase in the town's popularity as a location for bicycle rallies and other sports festivals, several board members asked for a report on the impacts of the races, who they benefit and a review of procedures for approving closings.

Board member Lydia Lavelle said she would like to see more local organizations benefit from the events that are fundraisers for community groups.

Board member Joal Hall Broun said she would like to hear from local merchants along the routes about how their businesses are impacted during race days.

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Council puts library bond sale on hold

County offers said worth discussion first

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill Town Council will wait until at least mid-April and possibly late May before making a decision on issuing \$16 million in bonds for the proposed expansion of the Chapel Hill Public Library.

The council talked over its options Monday night at a meeting at Town Hall after hearing from Town Manager Roger Stancil that county officials are interested in discussing an increase in the county's allotment to the town for library services as well as a possible branch library near the Chapel Hill-Carrboro border.

Stancil said after consulting with the town's bond consultants that the town could delay a decision on the bonds until late May, allowing time to hold further talks with the county. Town leaders have criticized the county for not increasing the annual funds for library support despite growing demand. About 40 percent of the Chapel Hill library's circulation goes to residents outside of Chapel Hill.

The council cautiously approved the delay and authorized Stancil and Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt to hold discussion with county manager Frank Clifton and Orange County Board of Commissioners chair Valerie Foushee. Council members Penny Rich and Sally Greene voted against the plan and said they were willing to move ahead with the library expansion.

"This is a project that needs to be done," Greene said.

Several members of the library board and Friends of the Library also asked that the project move forward.

George Cianciolo, pointed to the recent residents survey, which highlighted a need for expanded selection of multimedia materials such as CDs and DVDs. "Right now we don't have anywhere to put them and we won't until you vote for expansion." Cianciolo suggested the council put the cost of the expansion into perspective and that the cost of the expansion would add about \$34 to the average tax bill in Chapel Hill.

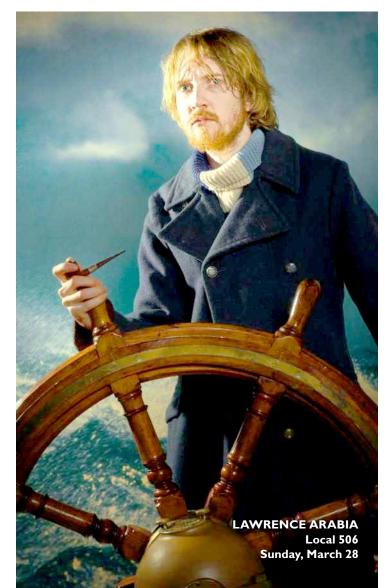
In other action Monday night, the town heard from citizens urging the town to move ahead on a proposed citizens review committee for the police department.

Robert Seymour said many towns have similar boards and it is high time Chapel Hill join them.

"My friends, this is not a radical idea," Seymour said.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY MAR 25

BaDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm

Carolina Theatre - Durham: Joanna Newsom. Sold out

Cat's Cradle: The xx, jj, Nosaj Thing. 9pm. Sold out

General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck Quartet. 7-9pm

Local 506: Shearwater, Wye Oak, Hospital Ships. 8:45pm. \$10/12

Memorial Hall: Brooklyn Rider and 2 Foot Yard. 7:30pm. \$30/20 Nightlight: Dirty Little Heaters,

Psychedelic Horseshit, Shit Horse. 9:30pm. \$6 The Station at Southern Rail:

FRIDAY MAR 26

Killer Filler, 10pm

Cat's Cradle: The Soft Pack, Nodzzz, Beaters. 8:45pm. \$10

The Cave: EARLY: Stillhouse Hollow. \$5 LATE: Transportation, Minor

General Store Cafe: Animal Aid for Haiti and Guardians of Angels. Music by BackBeat. \$10

Local 506: Max Indian, Ryan Gustafson, The Light Pines. 9:30pm. \$7

Nightlight: Global Music Jam with proceeds supporting the UNC

Chapter of Nourish International Open Eye Cafe: Alexi Paraschos. 8pm

SATURDAY MAR 27

Cat's Cradle: Reggae Relief for Haiti with dub Addis, Jamrock, Mickey Mills and Steel, Arif, Curry Don, Sparkles of Positively Nelson, D.H.I.M Reggaei Band, The 7 Experience, Truth and Rights,. 9pm. \$10

The Cave: EARLY: Rodi Ray LATE: Jo Gore and the Alternative

Durham Performing Arts Center: Wilco, Sold out.

General Store Cafe: Carla Wilson Band. 8-10:30pm Local 506: Death Came Down

The Mountain, Black Skies, Rural Swine, Skull Buckle. 9:30pm. \$5 Nightlight: David Bowie Cover

Open Eye Cafe: Alexi berg Ensemble. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Simmer Down Reggae

SUNDAY MAR 28

Burnside (Hillsborough): A classical trio featuring pianist Karen Allred perform cafe music. 4pm

Cat's Cradle: Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: LATE: Billy Wallace Local 506: Lawrence Arabia, Gos-

sip Grows On Trees. 9:30pm. \$8 The Resevoir: Rushca, Hollow



Leg. 10pm

MONDAY MAR 29

Cat's Cradle: King Khan and the Shrines, The Fresh and Onlys, Junkers. 9pm. \$14/16

Local 506: Animal Alphabet, Jacquelyn Lee. 9:30pm. Free

TUESDAY MAR 30

Cat's Cradle: Major Lazer, Rusko, Sleigh Bells. 9pm. Sold out.

The Cave: LATE: The Van Burens,

Local 506: Jer Coons, Matt Duke. 9:30pm. \$8

The Station at Southern Rail: William Darity Jazz Trio. 10pm

WEDNESDAY MAR 31 Local 506: Junior Astonomers, O God The Whilte Whale. 9:30pm.

Nightlight: Chadstock

THURSDAY APRIL I BaDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh.

Blue Bayou: Jaafar. 9pm. Free

Cat's Cradle: Carolina Chocolate Drops. 8:30pm. \$15

General Store Cafe: Bo Lankaneau. 7-9pm

Nightlight: Zeke Graves, Kristian Weeks, Sydney Kote. 9:30pm. \$5

FRIDAY APRIL 2

Blue Bayou: Jacob Johnson Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Cat's Cradle: The Big Pink, A Place To Bury Strangers. 9pm.

The Cave: LATE: Fuse Band **DPAC:** The Whispers, Sephanie mills. 8pm

General Store Cafe: Rewind. 8-10:30pm

Harry's Market: Dale Dickie. 7-9pm

Local 506: House Of Fools, Josh

Moore. Nightlight: Brett Harris, Luego,

Bright Young Things. 10pm Open Eye Cafe: Underhill Rose.

SATURDAY APRIL 3

Blue Bayou: Extended Hill. 9:30pm, \$6/8

Cat's Cradle: Midlake, John Grant. 9:30pm. \$12/14

The Cave: EARLY: HWYL! LATE: Stratocruiser, Swaso

General Store Cafe: Brian McGee's Songwriters In The-Round. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: 100 Monkeys. 9pm. \$12/14

Open Eye Cafe: Jon and Jen. 8pm

Got anything for the music calendar? Send submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com



The Ghost Writer 7 & 9:30pm & Sat/Sun 2:10 & 4:30pm

A Prophet 7:30pm & Sat/Sun 2 & 4:45pm 2010 Oscar Nominated Shorts: Anim 3/29-4/1 at 7:15_{PM} (Digital) **2010 Oscar Nominated Shorts: Live Action** 3/29-4/1 at 9:20_{PM} (Digital)

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SPOTLIGHT: CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS



The Carolina Chocolate Drops will host a book and CD release party on **Thursday, April I** at 8:30 p.m. at Cat's Cradle.

The Drops are the newest and youngest players in a long line of black string bands. The group, composed of members Dom Flemons, Rhiannon Giddens and Justin Robinson, traces its roots to musicians from Africa who came to the Americas in the holds of slave ships.

The musicians got their start in 2005 playing jam sessions every Thursday in the Mebane home of old-time fiddler Joe Thompson. The group later formed the Carolina Chocolate Drops and has now published The Carolina Chocolate Drop Songbook: 12 Songs to Sing and to Play. The performance-ready songbook grew out of the Drops' fun sessions with schoolchildren over the past few years.

Katharine Whalen's Parlour Folk Troupe will open the

Tickets are \$15. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

The Last Station; Crazy Heart; Sweetgrass

CAROLINA THEATRE

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The Ghost Writer, nightly at 7 & 9:30 p.m. Sat/Sun matinees at 2:10 and 4:30 p.m.; A Prophet, nightly at 7:30 p.m., Sat/Sun matinees at 2 & 4:45 p.m.; 2010 Oscar nominated shorts, Monday through Thursday at 7:15 p.m.; 2010 Oscar nominated live-action shorts, Monday through Thursday at 9:20 p.m.

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Southern Village, 932-9000

Green Zone; She's Out of My League; Bounty Hunter; Alice in Wonderland; The Hurt Locker

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Green Zone; The Bounty Hunter;

Repo Men: Diary of a Wimpy Kid; Alice in Wonderland; She's Out of My League; Shutter Island

VARSITY THEATRE 123 East Franklin St., 967-8865

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade; Sherlock Holmes; The Princess





SOLD OUT TH 3/25 THE XX

FR 3/26 THE SOFT PACK

SU 3/28 IVAN NEVILLE'S DUMPSTAPHUNK**(\$10/\$12

M0 3/29 KING KHAN & THE SHRINES**(\$14/\$16) W/THE FRESH AND ONLYS

SOLD OUT TU 3/30
MAJOR LAZER W/RUSKO

TH 4/1 CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS**(\$15)

FR 4/2 THE BIG PINK

W/A PLACE TO BURY

SA 4/3 MIDLAKE

W/JOHN GRANT(\$12/\$14)**

SOLD OUT SU 4/4
YEASAYER W/JAVELIN

M0 4/5 TED LEO AND THE PHARMACISTS

W/jj AND NOSAJ THING

TU 4/6 WIZ KHALIFA WOLF AND JOE SCUDDA**(\$12/\$14) WE 4/7 MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA THE FEATURES, BIFFY CLYRO AND O'BROTHER**(\$14/\$17) **TH 4/8 THE TEMPER TRAP**

REGGAE RELIEF FOR HAITI DUB ADDIS, MICKEY MILLS, JAMROCK, TRUTH & RIGHTS, FR 4/9 BOWERBIRDS

SA 4/10 COREY SMITH W. / SONS OF BILL**(\$15/\$20)

TU 4/13 MONOTONIX W / THE THERMALS, PAST LIVES AND BELLAFEA**(\$12/\$14)

WE 4/14 ROMAN CANDLE W/RAVENNA COLT AND THE PARSON RED HEADS**(\$10/\$12) TH 4/15 J. COLE W/ALLEN MASK, KOOLEY HIGH, AND
ADDICTIVE NATURE**(\$12/\$15)

FR 4/16 JEDI MIND TRICKS

SA 4/17 WXYC 80s DANCE WE 4/20 NEW MASTERSOUNDS WE 4/21 JAY CLIIFFORD**(\$12/\$15) TH 4/22 NEEDTOBREATHE W/WILL HOGE AND MATT HIRES**(\$15/\$18)

VAN NEVILLE'S DUMPSTAPHUNK





FR 4/23 THE OLD CEREMONY**(\$10/\$12) **SA 4/24 EDWIN MCCAIN**(\$15/\$20)** SU 4/25 FRIGHTENED RABBIT** M0 4/26 QUASI

TU 4/27 [CANCELLED: GOSSIP] **WE 4/28 CLIPSE & FRIENDS****(\$18/\$20) TH 4/29 JUNIOR BROWN**(\$16) FR 4/30 KAKI KING W/AN HORSE**(\$15)

SOLD OUT BEACH HOUSE

MO 5/3 DAVE BARNES **TU 5/4 THE AQUABATS****(\$15/\$17)

WE 5/5 THE ALBUM LEAF TH 5/6 KASHMIR**(\$8/\$10) FR 5/7 MEGAFAUN

MORIAH, GREAT WHITE SA 5/8 STEEP CANYON RANGERS**(\$12) TU 5/11 SHARON JONES & THE DAP KINGS**(\$25)

WE 5/12 CARIBOU**(\$12/\$15) FR 5/14 NEIL DIAMOND ALL STARS

CAROLINA

CHOCOLATE DROPS

SA 5/15 CD RELEASE PARTY **LOST IN THE TREES** SU 5/16 ELUVIUM**(\$10/\$12)

TH 5/20 THEE SILVER MT. ZION MEMORIAL ORCHESTRA**(\$13/\$15) FR 5/21 [CANCELLED: ENGLISH BEAT] SA 5/22 RAILROAD EARTH

SA 5/29 CONVERGE, HARVEY MILK

FR 6/18 IRIS DEMENT**(\$28/\$30)

M0 6/21 SAGE FRANCIS (W/BAND) W/FREE MORAL AGENTS, B DOLAN**(\$18/\$20)

W/GAZA, LEWD ACTS, BLACK BREATH**(\$15) **WE 6/2 OF MONTREAL** NOOT D'NOOT, JAMES HUSBAND**(\$22) TH 6/3 REVEREND HORTON
HEAT, CRACKER
EGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS**(\$20/\$22)



PRESENTING

TH 3/25 SHEARWATER W/WYE OAK AND SA 5/22 MATT POND PA W/BOBBY LONG CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)

TH 3/25 JOANNA NEWSOM SOLD OUT TU5/11 JOSH RITTER & THE ROYAL CITY BAND

SA 3/27 WILCO SOLD OUT

DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH) TU 4/6 ARCTIC MONKEYS

MILLENNIUM CENTER (WINSTON) WE 4/7 WEEN

ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO) WE 4/14 TODD SNIDER

LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH TU 5/11 OK GO ROBERT FRANCIS

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News Briefs

Earth Hour

The Town of Carrboro is encouraging residents to observe Earth Hour, starting at 8:30 p.m. this Saturday. An international observation aimed at underscoring the need to work together to fight climate change, those who want to observe Earth Hour are asked to turn their lights out for the hour. Last year, more than a billion people from 4,100 cities in 87 countries turned out their lights. International landmarks including the Golden Gate Bridge, Empire State Building, Eiffel Tower and Great Pyramids, and the city skylines of Las Vegas, Hong Kong and Tel Aviv, went dark as well.

IFC hosting discussion on shelter

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service is hosting three community discussion sessions on the proposed new Community House on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and other IFC

The sessions are Wednesday, March 31; Monday, April 5; and Tuesday, April 13. All three meetings will be held in the "AB" room at the Southern Human Services from 7 to 9 p.m.

Information on the projects is available on the IFC blog at marchonpoverty.blogspot.com

Two dead in townhouse fire

A March 19 residential fire at 1816 Legion Road killed two people and left investigators sifting for clues. The Chapel Hill Fire Department has labeled the cause of the blaze "undetermined." A death investigation by the Chapel Hill Police Department is ongoing, pending autopsy results from the medical examiner's office. Those with information about the cause of the fire or those who witnessed suspicious activity in the Legion Road area Friday night are encouraged to contact the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

Chapel Hill raccoon rabid

In the first confirmed Orange County rabies case of 2010, Orange County Animal Services received a positive rabies result for a raccoon. On March 16, the raccoon attacked the dog of a Chapel Hill resident in the vicinity of Mount Caramel Church Road and South Columbia Street. After a neighbor shot and killed the raccoon, the resident contacted animal services to remove the animal for testing at the North Carolina Rabies Labo-

Animal services director Bob Marotto stressed the importance of effective rabies control.

"Knowing to call animal services immediately and booster your animal within the 120-hour period required by N.C. general statute is always of extreme importance," he said.

The Orange County Animal Services Department offers low-cost vaccination clinics for pets. For clinic details, go to co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/rabies.asp

Mock car crash

With prom and graduation approaching, three local high schools will host mock car crashes in an effort to educate students about dangerous driving decisions. North Carolina ranks fifth in the nation for teenage driving fatalities.

The first mock crash will be held at Carrboro High on March 26 at 10:30 a.m., the second at East Chapel Hill High on April 7 at 9 a.m. and the third at Chapel Hill High on April 15 at 1 p.m. The event includes an assembly followed by a mock crash on each school's football field.

Carrboro planning board vacancy

The Carrboro planning board is seeking volunteers, to be appointed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners, for the currently vacant extraterritorial planning (ETJ) board position. Duties of the planning board include communicating with the Carrboro Board of Aldermen regarding issues of growth and development and forming recommendations about proposed conditional use and zoning. The board consists of 11 volunteers and meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. To apply, go to ci.carrboro.nc.us/AdvBoards/advbrdapp.htm

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Survey highlights challenges

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A survey of town residents shows a high level of satisfaction with most town services, but at the same time underlines concerns about high taxes and perceptions of downtown.

The results of the survey, conducted during this past December and January by ETC Institute, were outlined at Monday night's

council meeting by Karen Falk, who led the project for the survey firm.

Among the findings:

 satisfaction with town services rated 24 percent higher than the national average;

• 90 percent of respondents were satisfied with the town's quality of life and 76 percent were satisfied with the overall feeling of safety, but 56 percent were dissatisfied with the availability of affordable housing and only 43 percent were satisfied or very satisfied with the value received for town taxes and fees:

• managing growth is the top concern among residents;

CHTC

FROM PAGE I

NAACP chapter president

Michelle Laws, Barry Freeman

and Seymour called on the board

to move ahead with the review

The board also opened a

public hearing Monday on

proposals for the annual com-

Several residents supporting

EmPOWERment Inc.'s Career

Explorers program lined up to

ask for continued funding for the

program. The program assists in

finding employment and mentor-

munity block grant.

board.

 downtown was rated as the place residents feel least safe, with those who live outside downtown having stronger concerns than those living in down-

• 70 percent of residents have at least one member of their household who uses public

• 51 percent of residents ride a bicycle;

• library and police and fire for off-campus housing in the

Ninety percent of respondents were satisfied with the town's quality of life and 76 percent were satisfied with the overall feeling of safety.

services got the highest marks;

• 73 percent of respondents want the town to continue to make efforts to keep Halloween a small and local event and;

 residents are more inclined to vote for bonds for bike paths, sidewalks and greenways and less inclined to vote for bonds for major park renovations and redevelopment of downtown.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt

Town officials have said they have concerns about the nonprofit's ability to meet federal reporting requirements.

EmPOWERment director Delores Bailey acknowledged the organization had trouble producing the necessary paperwork for the program but said efforts are being made to improve the administration of the grants.

Council member Laurin Easthom said the town should consider giving the program another opportunity.

We need to give these kids a second chance. We need to give these programs a second chance,"

Also on Monday, the council:

said that while he found the results informative, he was troubled by the dearth of black residents and students as part of the sample. The survey was sent to 2,000 households by mail and was followed up with phone calls. A map of the locations of households responding did not show significant numbers either from housing on campus or from the major locations

> apartment complexes along Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

Kleinschmidt said he would like to have seen more student participation in the survey, particularly students' perceptions of downtown.

The mayor and NAACP chapter president Michelle Laws also asked that in the next survey there be an effort to increase black participation. About 3 percent of those who participated in the survey were black, less than half of the town's overall percentage of black residents.

The survey results can be download at townofchapelhill. org/index.aspx?page=1390

• adopted a master plan for the Hollow Rock Access Area to the New Hope Preserve;

• heard an update on proposed improvements to the town's skatepark;

• heard a report from OWASA on greater regional water planning and the utilities long-range watersupply plans;

• endorsed a timetable and approved funding and plans for the first phase of establishing a neighborhood conservation district for Glen Lennox and;

• referred a proposal to add the name of the late Dan Pollitt to those celebrated for their contributions to civil rights at the town's Peace and Justice Plaza.

BOA

FROM PAGE I

In other action Tuesday night, the board:

• set a public hearing for April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall on the revised design for Smith Level Road improvements, with a publicinformation session on the revisions slated for 6:30 p.m.;

· changed the requirements for public notices for public hearings, dropping the requirement that formal notice be reissued again if a hearing is continued for more than six weeks;

• continued until May 25 a public hearing on proposed changes to the town's streambuffer requirements to comply with new state rules for waterways that drain into Jordan Lake; and

• approved changes to the town's land-use ordinances, updating sections on natural constraints used in calculating open-space requirements.

AWARDS

FROM PAGE

"We are particularly pleased at being awarded first place for our website. Our online presence is increasingly important in making The Citizen fully accessible to our readers," Dickson said. "Kirk [Ross], Michelle [Langston] and Mike [Li] have done a great job in making this possible."

Despite winning the website award, "We're not going to rest on our laurels," Ross said. "We launched an updated version of our website the same day we won

The association also presented UNC President Erskine Bowles with the NCPA North Carolinian of the Year Award for 2010. The association has honored outstanding representatives of North Carolina since 1993. — Staff reports

Police chief resigns

ing for young people.

Hillsborough Police Chief Clarence Birkhead, who recently filed to run in the Democratic primary for Orange County sheriff, announced this week that he will step down on April 2.

"As you know, I am a candidate for sheriff of Orange County," Birkhead stated in his resignation letter. "I feel that I should devote all of my energies to my campaign. Under the circumstances, I feel it is best for the Town of Hillsborough and my campaign to step down."

Hillsborough Town Manager Eric Peterson said he hopes to name an interim chief by early next week.

'We are all thankful for the many improvements Chief Birkhead has made over the past five years to improve the quality of policing that's been provided to Hillsborough's citizens," Peterson said.

Replacing a department head typically takes about six months.

Birkhead faces incumbent Lindy Pendergrass in the May 4 primary.

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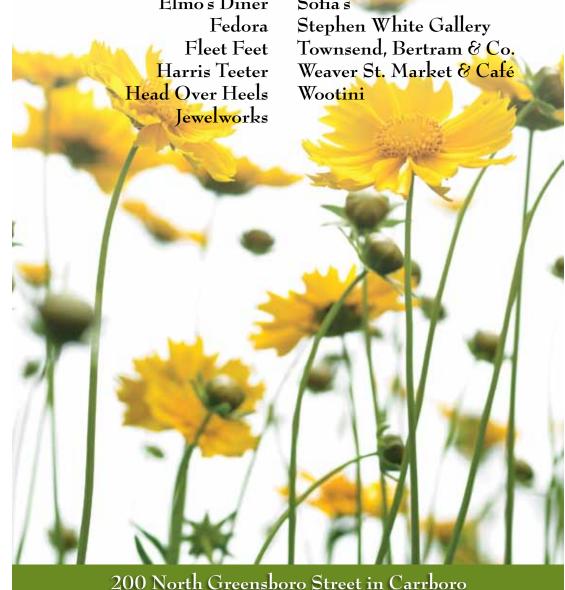
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Community

IFC receives \$25,000 grant

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service has received a \$25,000 grant from Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina for programs related to the Food Pantry and Community Kitchen Program.

Chris Moran, executive director of the IFC, said the organization had previously received grants from Sisters of Mercy, but not for the past several years. This year, Moran said, Sisters of Mercy seemed to really appreciate what the IFC said in their grant request.

"There are many more people in need," Moran said. "It's a wider group of folks in need than there used to be."

According to Moran, 2,777 households are active food pantry members. IFC's Community Kitchen served nearly 92,000 meals in 2009, while its Food Pantry distributed 14,201 bags of groceries and 761 holiday meals with the help of more than 500 volunteers and more than \$567,000 in food contributions.

The organization relies on grants, donations and public and social services.

funding to provide food, shelter, services, advocacy and information to needy members of the community. While public funding has scaled back, Moran said community donations have kept the organization going.

"I think that a lot of community donors really understand and really appreciate organizations like ours that are dealing with basic needs every day," he said. "There's been a lot of generosity, not only from gifts. We have many more volunteers participating."

The community has provided generous food donations as well, Moran said, though adding that, "If everybody came in that is eligible for food, we'd be out of food."

Forty-six organizations throughout North and South Carolina will receive grants totaling more than \$2 million from Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina for a wide variety of services, including affordable housing, children's services, crisis assistance, education, food distribution, health care, immigration assistance, job training

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, MAR 25

Friends of Downtown — Great Room of Top of the Hill. Presentation by Gordon Merklein, UNC Executive Director of Real Estate and John McColl, EVP - Development, Office Leasing and Assset Management. Coffee at 9:30am, meeting at 10am

FRIDAY, MAR 26

Contra Dance — Carrboro Century Center. Music by The Avant Gardeners, caller Louis Cromartie. 7:30pm lesson, 8-11pm dance. \$9. Info: www.csda-dance.org

Music in My Soul — Quilts by the African-American Quilt Circle will be featured. Pacifica Soft Art Gallery through May 2, 2010

Students of the World Fundraising Event — UNC Students of the World 2010 team collaborates with the Artery student art gallery for a benefit event aimed at raising awareness and support for clean water globally. Photographs will be exhibited and sold from March 19 - April 2. The exhibit will open at 6pm with a live band at 9pm. 137 E. Rosemary St. \$3 cover

SATURDAY, MAR 27 Get Real and Heel 5K Walk -

Benefiting breat cancer after-care program. Info: todonnel@bhspa. com. \$12 walk/\$15 run

TUESDAY, MAR 30 ChathamArts Sustainable

Cinema Series — Screeing of short films by College students' from around the state. Fearrington Barn. 7pm

THURSDAY, APR I

Registration for Perform-

ing Arts Camps and Wor**shops** — Youth Performing Arts Conservatory Teen Summer Camps and Workshops at The ArtsCenter. Camps and workshops include Circus Arts, Theater and Film Auditions, Show Choir, Film Making, On-Camera Acting and Shakespeare. All Camps culminate with public performances on the ArtsCenter Stage. Various Tuition

SATURDAY, APR 3 Wine Tasting at Weaver

Street Market— To benefit the Cooperative Community Fund. Weaver Street Market in Carrboro. 1-5pm. \$5

Presence is Progress Call to Action— To recognize the eed for disability and mobility to join the conversation about civil rights in America. The ARC of Orange County parking lot. 2-3pm

Ongoing

Cancer Support — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiahouse.org

Compassionate Friends — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Evergreen United Methodist Church, 967-3221, chapelhilltcf.org

Yoga for Everyone — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome.

Cornucopia House

Cancer Support Center

A Place of Caring and Sharing

Classes will be held on Mondays from Ilam - 12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill, 966-3494

Family to Family — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support a family member suffering with mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or gbelder@ bellsouth.net

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday at Weaver St Market in Carrboro. 9:15am. Information: Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn Saludamos Group Walks — Every Saturday. Front of El Futuro. 9am

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays at Binkley

Baptist Church. 9:30-11am Breastfeeding Cafe — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from I-2pm at The Red Hen. A La Leche representative will provide

information and answer questions. **Tutoring** — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-

Wish Granting Volunteers

2441, ext 26 to register

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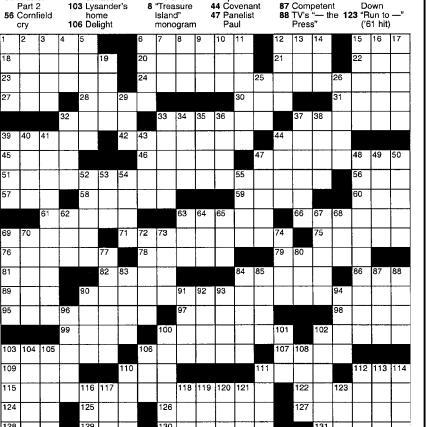
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"Fish or Cut Bait"

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — **Eli** is

a 4-year-old black-and-tan coonhound mix. He is a gentle giant. If he could have it his way, he'd sit in your lap or maybe lounge on the sofa with you while you watch TV. He has a wonderful outlook on life even though he's had a rough one so far. He came into the county shelter with a huge gash on his thigh. We don't know what caused it, and he doesn't want to talk about it. He

loves to sniff around the yard



and play with the other dogs through the fence. We can't let him play with others until his boo-boo is all better. He met a few cats and they swatted him because his size startled them. In return to the swats, Eli just whined and walked away. Could you ask for a better guy?! More to come on our new man

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the twin poles of his life's work:

Community Briefs

Lakes to open for recreation

University Lake and the Cane Creek Reservoir will reopen for boating, fishing, picnicking, sunbathing and other recreation at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

OWASA has designated Saturday as Lightning Brown Day in honor of the late community activist and member of the OWASA board. All boat-rental, boat-launching and lake-use fees except for boats with electric trolling motors will be waived for the day.

Later in the season, University Lake will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, while the Cane Creek Reservoir will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The University Lake recreation area is at the end of University Lake Road, which can be reached via Old Fayetteville Road, south of Jones Ferry Road. The Cane Creek Reservoir is about eight miles west of Carrboro on the north side of N.C. 54.

Prescription drug talk

Robin Zook, a registered pharmacist and former researcher at UNC, will give a talk on prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications at a meeting of the Chapel Hill chapter of the Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees on Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Seymour Senior Center on Homestead Road.

Zook will discuss drug side effects and precautions to be taken in mixing medications, drugs, vitamins, minerals and supplements. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Schizophrenia symposium

The UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health will host the 17th annual STEP Symposium, "Putting It Together: Integrating Evidence-Based Approaches to Treating Schizophrenia" on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the William and Ida Friday Center, 100 Friday Drive in Chapel Hill.

Registration is \$25; an optional lunch is \$10. Pre-registration is encouraged. Continuing education credits for physicians and other mental health professionals are available.

For more information or to register, visit unccmh.org or contact Janice Linn at 966-8990 or jlinn@med.unc.edu

Strowd Roses grants

Strowd Roses is accepting applications for grants to be awarded in May 2010 to tax-exempt organizations for projects that improve the quality of life for residents of Chapel Hill or Carrboro.

Grants are for one year and will not exceed \$10,000. The grants may cover operating needs, capital expenditures, seed money or matching funds. Strowd Roses has awarded more than \$3.2 million to organizations since its inception in November 2001.

Applications are available on the foundation's website, strowdroses.org, and are due April 30.

Student film event

ChathamArts Sustainable Cinema Series will present college students' short films from around the state on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Barn at Fearrington Village.

The event will feature an eclectic mix of drama, documentaries and animation show-casing the creativity and technical skills of the students of North Carolina's film and media programs. Some of the films may not be suitable for children and parents should read the film descriptions at chathamarts.org/programs/sustainablecinema.html

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Doors will open by 6:40 p.m.

Aveda to offer free haircuts

The Aveda Institute Chapel Hill will provide complimentary haircuts, makeup applications, express facials, polish changes and stress relieving treatments on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. to raise awareness for its Earth Month fundraising activities.

Donations to the institute's Earth Month partner, the Triangle Land Conservancy, will be accepted but are not required. Aveda Institute Chapel Hill students and staff hope to raise \$35,000 this year for TLC.

To schedule an appointment, call 960-4769, ext. 3. Appointments are limited and walk-ins will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All donations received will go to TLC.

Walk the labyrinth

Carrboro United Methodist Church invites the public to experience a labyrinth at the church during Holy Week, March 29 to April 3.

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness, combining the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back out into the world

The labyrinth will be open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The labyrinth will be closed on Thursday.

Youth orchestra concert

The Mellarme Youth Chamber Orchestra will perform a concert at the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library's next Beyond the Book Series program at 4 p.m. on April 3 at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

The orchestra is a pre-professional program for young musicians aged 11 to 18. The students perform Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Brahms, Bartok and more.

The program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, RSVP to mpiskor@nc.rr.com

Best of Broadway performances

Chapel Hill-based musical director and singing coach Richard Wall will present two free performances, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. and April 11 at 2 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Reception Hall at 300 E. Rosemary St.

The performances, titled "A Time for Singing: Best of Broadway," will feature singers from the Triangle, including Metropolitan Opera star Christine Weidinger. Singers will perform songs from *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific*, *Carousel* and other Broadway musicals.

The performances are free, but donations will be accepted to support the HTLC Malaria Project, The Children of Haiti and Global Vaccines.

Scout leader honored

Boy Scout leader Terry Hackett received the Silver Beaver Award from the Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts of Ameri-

ca earlier this month.

Hackett is an adult leader in the council's Orange District and was recognized for his contributions to scouting, youth and the community. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer.

Hackett has served in numerous leadership positions during his 12 years with the Boy Scouts.

OBITUARIES

Melinda Brock

Our sweet, beloved daughter, Melinda Kellner Brock, died suddenly March 14, 2010. She was "the special light" in this family, warming all of our hearts when we saw or talked with her. The love and care she gave each of us and her friends will be in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

Melinda was born Oct. 24, 1956 in Ann Arbor, Mich., and grew up in Chapel Hill, N.C. She lived in Durham, N.C. for 20 years. She was a devoted nurse, and all of her patients loved her for her kind and gentle devotion.

On May 26, 2007 she was happily married to the love of her life, Fred Delapena. She lived in Houston where Fred was employed by Fluor Corporation. Melinda was torn between her life with Fred and her devotion to him and his family and coming home to Chapel Hill, where she had strong roots with family, friends and place.

Mourning her death are her mother, Eunice Brock; stepfather, Samuel Magill; older brother, Cliff Brock; and twin brother, Douglas Brock, and his wife, Marcia, and their two daughters, Alanna Ercelle Brock and Lilianne Eunice Brock.

and Lilianne Eunice Brock. Also grieving are Melinda's husband, Fred Delapena; Fred's sister, Gladys Smoot; his mother, Martha Delapena; and other members of his family, and her beloved lab, Otty. Also devoted to her were her uncles, Glen Miller, Pat and his wife, Peggy Miller, and Mike and Betty Miller and their children. Melinda was especially close to her cousins, Kathleen Gadberry, Amy Pence, Laura Johnston, Mia Miller and Kelly Miller. She was also dear to the hearts of Sam's children, Sam Jr. and Lucian Rinando, Kate and John Walters and Suzanne and Dan Weintraub and their daughters, Sophia and Phoebe.

Melinda was predeceased by her father, Clifton Brock. His widow, Jadwiga Brock, was also devoted to Melinda.

Everyone who knew Melinda realized the extraordinary quality of her spirit and love for so many people. Her family grieves with heavy hearts that they no longer will see her sweet face, hear her lovely voice and feel those loving arms around them.

Memorial services, followed by a reception, will be at the Community Church at 106 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill on Saturday, March 27, at 1 p.m. Following the service and reception, the internment will be at the Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery between Fordham Boulevard and Legion Road, west of Scarlett Drive. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to El Centro Hispano, 201 W. Main St., Durham, NC 27701, (919) 687-4635, and John Avery Boys and Girls Club, PO Box 446, Durham, NC 27702, (919) 687-4517). Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill is handling the arrangements for the Brock family.

Richard Mazzone

Richard Enrico Mazzone of Fearrington Village, Pittsboro, N.C. died on March 19, 2010. Richard left behind, Carla, his wife of 51 years; his sons, Marc and Erik; his daughterin-law, Christine; his sisters, Theresa Sardella and Angie Lacenere; many nieces and nephews; and countless friends. We will all miss him dearly. In his 73 years, Richard was many things to many people: dedicated teacher to generations of students; devoted husband, father, brother and uncle; selfless peacemaker; grassroots environmentalist; innovative college administrator; encouraging mentor; Korean War veteran; and cherished friend. He was, to paraphrase Whitman, large, and he contained multitudes. He was a man both of science and faith, a seeming incongruity that was reconciled in Richard's highly attuned and personal belief system. He was a regular parishioner at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill, N.C., but found some of his most spiritual moments on long walks around the back roads of Fearrington. He was born in Middletown, N.Y. on Nov. 14, 1936 and was a product of Middletown High School and Orange County Community College - two institutions where he would later return to enjoy his long career as a celebrated teacher. He met his beloved wife, Carla, when he walked into the wrong classroom one day at Orange Community College in 1957 and the two became, enduringly if not instantly, each other's soul mate for 53 years. They graduated from Harpur College at Binghamton University and Richard went on to earn a master's degree from R.P.I. and do additional graduate work at Columbia and New York universities. Richard soon returned home to Middletown to begin what would be

teaching and raising a family. Richard's life was one of energy and service, a truth all the more extraordinary in light of a debilitating, lifelong illness that struck him when he was only 26 and the father of a new son. Never one to allow adversity to triumph, Richard continued to work, learn, grow and support his family despite the ongoing challenge of his disease. To truly understand Richard, though, you need to know that he had a second birthday on Dec. 18, 1996. Richard was a man who worked hard for everything he ever received, with one exception: a pair of strong, new lungs transplanted to him in an arduous operation on a cold winter night in New York City. Richard thought of his new lungs as a gift. A disciplined man by nature, he worked assiduously to honor the gift of his transplant, physically, spiritually and in his community. After 35 years of diminished physical capacity due to sarcoidosis, the lung transplant gave Richard the opportunity to live the vigorous, active life he had always wanted – an opportunity he seized with joy and tenacity. Soon after his transplant, Richard wore out his first pair of walking shoes: a happy milestone reflecting how much his new lungs changed his life and how hard he worked to honor the sacrifice they represented. In his retirement, he became an avid member of his local wellness center, where he relished his fitness classes and friendships in equal measure. Those who came to know the adversity Richard sometimes faced but never complained about in his life posttransplant saw him as his family and close friends did: as an inspiration who never took life's riches or challenges for granted. There is more to Richard than can ever be conveyed in newsprint and column inches, but we hope that for a moment you have seen a glimpse of Richard as we have: as a privilege and honor to know and love; as a beloved husband, father, brother and uncle; as a best friend; as a gifted teacher; as a good man. In lieu of flowers or donations, please register to be an organ donor.



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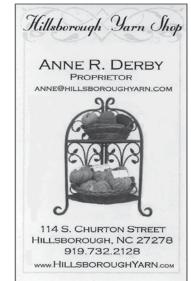
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FROM THE EDITOR

He never quit

Seems to be a season for the loss of giants. On that near-perfect first day of spring just passed, a couple of hundred of us gathered at Carol Woods to remember Pearson Stewart and celebrate highlife

Pearson Haslam Stewart put in 90 years, and from the recollections offered it seems most of that time he was either dancing or fully engrossed in making this a better place to live.

The facts and titles of his life are impressive enough, but they don't tell the whole story. On Saturday, it took several speakers and a grandson reading from an unfinished autobiography to flesh out the picture. Mark Burnham, who worked side-by-side with him during the early days of Research Triangle Park, reminded us of Pearson's dogged determination to introduce better planning and zoning at that critical moment when the little towns around the park were about to boom; former Raleigh Mayor Tom Bradshaw spoke of his efforts to foster regional planning; and former Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes spoke of Pearson's passion for nature that got him involved in the genesis of the Triangle Land Conservancy.

These were big things — the foundation that gave this region a chance to grow and prosper, to leverage the brainpower of three universities and, somehow, not turn into another Atlanta. (Pearson would be the first to argue that the challenge remains.)

The other day on the phone, William Friday put it this way:

"I knew him as one of the founding sprits of the whole Research Triangle development. His sense of beauty is one of the reasons the place is such a remarkable demonstration of industrial development respecting nature and all of its glory. He was a first-rate citizen and a man not given enough credit for what the Research Triangle Park really is. He blessed us all."

Throughout it all, the man danced — English folk, square and what have you. There was joy in his heart. And with his dancing partner all those years — his beloved Jean — he continued to contribute in all kinds of ways to the betterment of this place long after most of us would be glad to just put our feet up.

He never quit. After Jean passed away about 10 years ago, he started mentoring a prisoner at Orange Correctional Institution and became a literacy coach for an adult learner. And until very recently, he pulled a weekly shift as a seed sorter at the N.C. Botanical Garden.

Pearson has danced on, and, yes, that's sad. But he left this place far better than he found it, and showed by example the satisfaction of that as a lifelong pursuit. — Kirk Ross

Corrections

The author of a study on affordable housing needs generated by new residential construction was incorrectly identified. The study was conducted by Spencer Cowan of UNC's Center for Urban and Regional Studies.

Note from the publisher Crypto Confessions

Several of you have pointed out that we've recently managed to repeat two of our cryptoquote puzzles. I want to assure everyone that our crypto master, Martin Brody, is not at fault in this. No, I'm the clueless soul responsible for these errors, being the person charged with preparing the puzzles for print. Look for all-new cryptoquotes starting this week. — Robert Dickson

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The day after the passage of reform

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The racial epithets, anti-gay slurs and comparisons of President Obama to Hitler by opponents of health care reform have stopped in Washington, at least for now.

The efforts of House Republicans to incite protestors to disrupt the floor debate have also ended. Rep. Steve King has come in from the House balcony and stopped pretending to slap the face of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on a poster he was holding up for the crowds with her picture on it.

Many of the same pundits in Raleigh and Washington who predicted that reform would not pass are now preoccupied with what the passage means for the Republicans' chances to make big gains in Congress in November and what will happen to the Democrats who opposed it.

And the propaganda forces on the right are still misleading the public about what the bill does and doesn't do. The most prominent right-wing Raleigh think-tanker says insurance premiums will skyrocket as a result of reform, ignoring the fact that they were skyrocketing already and dismissing the analysis by the Congressional Budget Office that the legislation will not increase the costs of employer-based care.

That's the same market-fundamentalist crusader who received national acclaim on the right for his ridiculous vow to refuse to comply with the law if the House passed it using a parliamentary maneuver. He must be disappointed that the bill passed on a regular House vote instead.

National grand master of Right Wing Avenue Rush Limbaugh told his radio audience Tuesday that America "was hanging by a thread" and was no longer a representative republic. Limbaugh said of the Democrats who passed the health care bill, "We need to defeat these bastards. We need to wipe them out."

Then he proceeded to complain about provisions that would prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions or charging them exorbitant premiums they can't afford.

Protecting insurance company profits is most important in this worldview, not making sure people with a serious illness can afford their treatment. Fundamentally, Limbaugh is furious that everyone may have to share even a small part of the responsibility of taking care of people who need help.

A woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer after she is laid off from her job is on her own. She shouldn't have been laid off – or diagnosed with breast cancer. Same for a child with leukemia who needs a bone marrow transplant. Her parents should have planned for that.

The vast majority of Americans don't agree with Limbaugh or his only slightly less-offensive North Carolina counterparts. They know the current system is broken and despite the claims otherwise by the right, they support the health care reform plan that passed the House on Monday once they're able to make their way through the thicket of lies told about it.

Many of the analyses of the reform bill have emphasized that the bulk of it doesn't go into effect until 2014. One headline read "Much ado, but only for a few."

But it's worth noting as President Obama prepares to sign the bill into law that it will help many people soon.

The folks at the North Carolina Health Access Coalition outlined the changes Monday that are coming in the next six months.

New insurance plans will no longer be able to deny coverage to children with pre-existing conditions. Insurance companies will now fully cover many more preventive services and they are barred from placing caps on lifetime benefits.

Parents can cover children up to age 26 as dependents on their family policies and Medicare recipients who reach the coverage gap in 2010 will get a rebate. Small businesses will get a tax credit if they pay for part of their employees' health care.

There are many other provisions that will help people and businesses afford health care now while preparations are made for the major changes that will cover more than a million people in North Carolina who are currently uninsured.

America is not hanging by a thread. Hardly. America is finally on the road to joining the rest of the industrialized world by developing a system to provide health care for its people. That's not a reason to protest; that's a reason to celebrate.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

Medicaid: Eliminate waste and fraud but keep necessary services

VICKI SMITH

Few issues loom larger on the state public-policy agenda than Medicaid – the critically important public health insurance program for low-income children, seniors and people with disabilities (as certified by a doctor). At last count, the number of people served by Medicaid was nearly 1.8 million and rising along with the unemployment rate. Medicaid's budget is one of the largest in state government – second only to the overall budget for education.

Recently, in the interest of cost cutting, Gov. Beverly Perdue announced a new initiative that will enhance state efforts to target people who are exploiting the state's Medicaid system. Attorney General Roy Cooper "has agreed to prosecute those people once identified."

On one level, this is welcome news. One of the biggest problems confronting Medicaid is the issue of cost containment, and the governor should be applauded for tackling the problem. The challenge she faces is how to control cost growth without harming the innocent kids, seniors and persons with disabilities who deserve coverage.

Unfortunately, similar recent efforts to target Medicaid waste and fraud have often backfired, casting a black cloud over all Medicaid providers and thereby punishing recipients, people with disabilities, particularly those who need mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services (MH/DD/SAS.) Too often, allegations of "fraud" have led to the drastic elimination or modification of necessary services for

many deserving Medicaid recipients.

Here's a case in point: After an exposé by the *News & Observer* on abuses by some providers of a service called community support, the General Assembly completely eliminated the service. Throughout discussions at the General Assembly about the "runaway" costs of community support, there was little or no talk about what Medicaid recipients actually needed. While there were clearly problems in the implementation of the service, it did fill a void for many people with mental health diagnoses. The outright elimination leaves many un-served.

Medicaid dollars are predominantly federal; currently, the state pulls down three dollars for every dollar it puts up. We need to leverage those dollars to create a safety net for all Medicaid recipients. Every time we eliminate Medicaid funded services, we pay for it elsewhere with state or county dollars. Rather than simply cutting, we need to focus on proactively building a system in which people can be appropriately served and fraud is monitored on the front end.

As a taxpayer, I applaud any effort that ensures the state spends our tax dollars correctly. In fact, North Carolina is already required to do that when it come to Medicaid dollars. The state's Division of Medicaid Assistance, which administers Medicaid, commits on its website "to provide access to high quality, medically necessary health care for eligible North Carolina residents through cost-effective purchasing of health care services and products." And, because Medicaid is mostly federal dollars, the

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services oversee the state's administration of the program. At all levels, there is incentive to root out fraud and seek repayment where appropriate. But in a system where many are not appropriately served (as many agree is the case with MH/DD/SAS), we cannot afford simply to eliminate whole categories of services.

The governor's plan should not just focus on the fraudulent actions of the past but also build a strong system of accountability and oversight. The plan's goals should be to: (a) keep costs contained while providing the necessary services to eligible individuals, (b) provide more authority for DHHS to ensure greater accountability and oversight of what happens to Medicaid and state dollars as they pass through the state to local management entities (LMEs) that manage MH/DD/SAS and (c) strengthen requirements in the state's contracts to LMEs about quality assurance. If done correctly, the increased oversight and requirements become protections for the consumers of services and protect

the public interest.

Certainly, North Carolina should go after providers who game the system. But let's also remember that there is a real need for medically necessary services. Let's not stay so focused on provider actions that we end up with nothing. Focus instead on the state's responsibility to provide proactive oversight. With proper oversight, eligible recipients will not be penalized for fraud and waste.

Vicki Smith is the executive director of Disability Rights North Carolina.

LETTERS

A solid foundation for our children

Debates on health care, the economy and several other important issues continue at both a local and national level. Decisions on these topics will no doubt affect our future capacity to prosper. But none of these issues has a more direct effect on this community, and our future, than the well-being of our children. For those of us in the early-childhood field it is easy to see the connection between early care, education and services that promote positive results in our youngest citizens. There is substantive research showing that young children who receive high-quality, early care and services are less likely to need remediation, require special assistance in later grades and are more likely to start kindergarten prepared and ready to succeed. Not only are the results academic, but they also show that these children will be less likely to be arrested, involved in a crime or live in poverty.

The Orange County Partnership for Young Children, your local Smart Start and More at Four provider, has been a part of a nationally recognized early-childhood education system, a system that serves hundreds of thousands of children each year and that has shown proven results in shaping our future.

Smart Start and More at Four as well as the entire early child care system have not been immune to the economic downturn. It is more important than ever to remember that the percentages and numbers we see every day, like unemployment or the cost of health care, are not just numbers. There is a person attached to that number. When funds for early care and education are cut, or programs are not funded, we know that children go unserved. Those un-served children will not disappear. Their success will be limited, gaps will form and they will struggle and so will our communities.

We need to move toward a more solid foundation for the children of our county, state and country. It is important to remember that today's children are tomorrow's leaders.

MARGARET SAMUELS
Executive director, Orange
County Partnership for Young

Coffey for school board

I have known Donna Coffey personally for a number of years and truly believe in her ability to best represent us on the Orange County Board of Education. She is a dedicated mother, a loyal friend and one of the most intelligent and fiscally responsible people I know. Her common sense and unbiased approach is an enormous asset. She has the well-being and quality education of our children first on her

Donna's experience in localgovernment finance and budgets, along with her desire to learn, willingness to listen and dedication will allow her to contribute greatly to the Orange County Board of Education. She knows the district has all of the components to be successful - excellent students, dedicated teachers, committed parents and professional administration. The opportunity to serve on the board of education allows Donna to make the most of her life experiences, sound judgment and professional knowledge.

I encourage you to vote for Donna Coffey for the Orange County school board – I certainly will.

CHERYL LLOYD HUMPHREY *Hillsborough*

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LETTERS

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Frank Tew (left) and Pat Guiteras (middle) stand with Micah Johnson, a medical student from Brown University, in the tent in which they worked in the Dominican Republic.

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FROM PAGE I

Guiteras, a physician for Cha-

pel Hill Family Medicine, and Tew, a retired cardiologist, have been friends since they met at UNC medical school in 1965.

Guiteras said an acquaintance told him about the International Medical Alliance's relief efforts. Tew at first reluctant was when Guiteras suggested going

to the Dominican Republic, but Community Journalism class at his friend "said something rather poignant," Tew said. "He said 'I hope to learn something about myself."

Both said the experience has changed them for the better. After seeing people with so little express so much joy over what they had left, Tew and Guiteras

said they learned to never take what they have for granted.

I think we got as much out of it as what we gave," Tew said. "Maybe more."

Justice Warren is a UNC student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's

the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Atheist finds support in social group

BY TERRI FLAGG

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Dustin Hill doesn't lie, cheat, steal or worship the devil. But because Hill is an atheist, people sometimes assume he does.

Hill has struggled for years with the social isolation resulting from his non-belief.

"It damaged a lot of my relationships," said Hill, 28, of Carrboro. "It ended most of them. Once I mentioned I was an atheist, things would just dissolve."

But he recently joined a group with at least 546 like-minded people: The Triangle Atheist Agnostic and Freethinker Meetup. Managed through the website meetup.com, where people can form groups based on any kind of common interest, the Triangle Atheist Agnostic and Freethinker Meetup gives local nonbelievers a means of coming together so-

"There is such a stigma when it comes to nonbelievers," said Hill, who moved to Carrboro from Asheville in July 2007. "It would make me happy to think that this group could help develop a different perspective.

The path to atheism was not an easy one for Hill, who grew up in a very religious household and started wrestling with existential questions as he got older.

"All the people I looked up to went to the Bible for answers," he said. "So I read the Bible from beginning to end. When I got done with it, I was no longer a Christian. You're never encouraged to read the whole Bible, just to take bits and pieces and believe it makes this nice coherent story, and it doesn't."

Hill said he then went religion shopping. "I still believed in God, but just figured I had the wrong religion." But eventually, he realized he didn't believe in God, and made peace with that fact.

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But society did not, he said. "Do you worship the devil?" That was such a common thing to hear and it still is," he said. "The second thing is, 'If you don't



STAFF PHOTO BY TERRI FLAGG)

Carrboro resident Dustin Hill said that tattooing the word "atheist" on his arm actually helped decrease the negativity he's experienced since he openly embraced atheism years ago. "I just went ahead and branded myself in a very obvious way," he said. People who are offended by it are offended by it and don't want to have anything to do with me."

believe in God, where do you get vour morals from?"

Hill said he turns to science and his own autonomy to answer difficult questions and guide morality.

"Our species could not have survived if we did not want to help each other and didn't know that killing each other is wrong," he said. "I believe that when I'm in a serious relationship, that monogamy is the right thing. That is actually contrary to our biology, but I feel compelled to do that. I find it offensive to lie. Although I think it would be more advantageous to lie, to much detriment I try to be as honest as possible."

Hill is in a committed relationship with Grace Salzer, with whom he moved to the area so Salzer could attend the UNC School of Law. The couple wears wedding rings and refers to each other as husband and wife, but they are not legally married.

"Marriage is more of a religious thing," Hill said. "But by all our culture's standards, for every practical purpose, we are married."

While Salzer is busy with law school, Hill, who works at Best Buy as a Geek Squad member, looks forward to getting more involved with the Meetup group. The group offers meetups once or twice a week, with a range of events such as trivia nights, game nights, food and wine tastings, cookouts, pool parties, lectures and museum trips.

'We're all over the place," said Alex Jones, the group's organizer. "We're a very active group." Earlier this year, the Meetup sponsored a fundraising concert for Haiti earthquake relief at Cat's Cradle. "And people say we don't have morals," Jones said.

Jones, 37, of Chapel Hill, has been a member of the Atheist Agnostic and Freethinker Meetup for two years and organizer for over a year. He said membership in the Meetup has doubled in the last year.

"It fulfills a very important function of providing a safe en-

vironment where people can be themselves," he said. "It lets people come together and they don't have to censor what they say."

Jones said he grew up in a secular household in West Virginia, but that many of the members of the Meetup had experiences similar to Hill's.

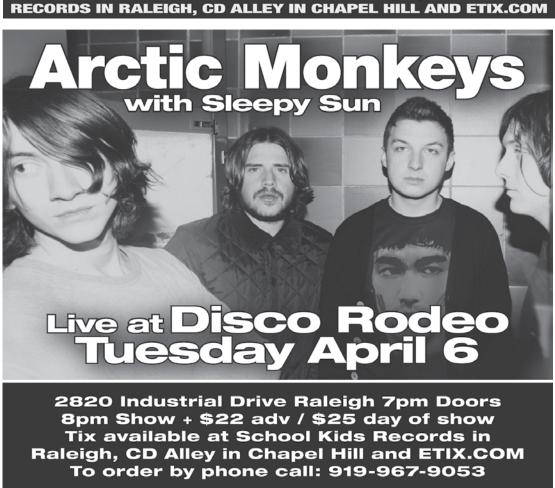
"A lot of our members did grow up in the church environment, so a lot of their social life revolved around church," he said. "They miss that now that they no longer go to church."

Jones said he hopes involvement in the Meetup will help Hill.

"You can share those common experiences," he said; "you can talk with someone who understands it. I do think it helps."

Terri Flagg is a UNC student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.





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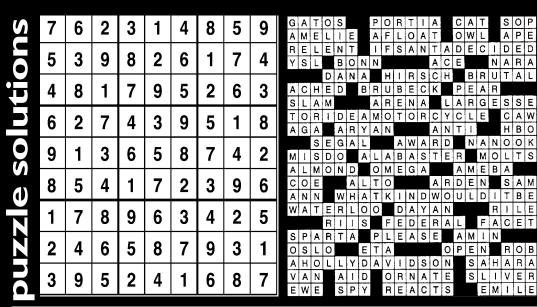
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Fish or cut bait

Everything there is to say about health care has been said and just about everyone has said it. - President Barack Obama, calling on Congress to give health-care legislation an up-or-down vote.



Mentorship programs add to student experiences

BY KATE GRIESMANN

Staff Writer

CARRBORO — On Friday mornings, long before the first lunches are served, the cafeteria of Frank Porter Graham Elementary School is abuzz with activity. At 8 a.m., about 30 boys - half of them fifth-graders, the other half Carrboro High School football players – gather for the weekly meeting of Paws 2 Paws, a school mentorship program.

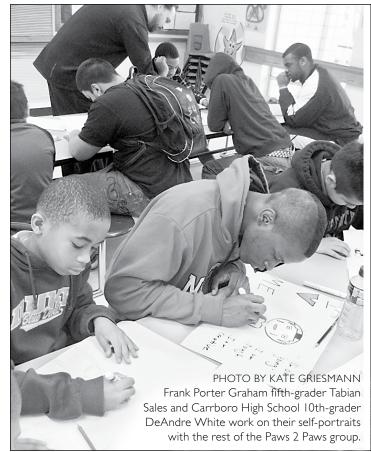
Paws 2 Paws, started earlier this year, pairs Carrboro football players with fifth-grade students who could benefit from some extra attention and a positive role model.

'We try to foster a sense of community with our older guys and have them give back to the community," said Jason Tudryn, Carrboro High's football coach.

So far this year, the group has helped clean up school grounds, studied important characters from history and written letters to their personal heroes. On a recent Friday, the group worked on making self-portraits that included three characteristics they admired about themselves.

'We are talking about the hero inside them," Turdryn said, who organizes and facilitates the weekly meetings.

Laughter and good-natured jokes filled the air as the students encouraged each other to come up with traits they liked about



themselves. When fifth-grader Adam Jones wrote the word loyal, his 10-grade partner, Dylan Arant, playfully teased him, "You took mine! I just put that." Adam, laughing, then turned the tables, pointing out that he had now written three character traits while Dylan only had one.

Tudryn, whose wife teaches at FPG, worked with both schools' principals to create a program that would benefit both the mentors and mentees. Thus far, he said, the program has been a success. "The older guys are maturing and the younger guys are feeling a sense of belonging," he said. Next year, he hopes to expand the program to include middle school students.

Paws 2 Paws is one of many

mentor programs in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. Some programs, such as the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate or Big Brothers, Big Sisters, are available to students at all schools across the district. Others, like Paws 2 Paws, are organized and run on a school level. Some programs target students with academic needs, while others are geared toward certain subsets: boys, girls, Latinos, blacks, English-language learners. The common thread through them all is a desire to help students become successful in school and recognize the potential they have.

At McDougle Elementary, students who are having trouble academically or socially may be invited to join Dolphin Duos, where they are paired with a staffmember mentor. Though the program is aimed at students who may be having trouble with class work, improving academics isn't the main goal. "It's really more about having a champion for the students at school," Principal

Amanda Hartness said.

Recently the group – about 20 students and their mentors – took a field trip to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. Grant money helped pay for transportation, lunches and disposable cameras for the students to document the trip.

Dolphin Duos mentors are required to check in with their students at least once a week and fill out an online survey to track student interaction. Beyond that, mentors are encouraged to attend family or school events with their mentees or organize activities with the student outside of school.

'We modeled it after the Blue Ribbon program, but on an elementary level," Hartness said about the program that, like Paws 2 Paws, started this year and is expected to expand next year.

Expansion is also on the horizon for the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program, the district's comprehensive mentorship program. Starting in fourth-grade,

BRMA matches students with a community member mentor who commits to spending at least two hours a week with the child for the next two years. Students stay in the program until they graduate from high school, providing a continuum of support and advocacy over the years.

What they do goes well beyond the school walls," said Graig Meyer, BRMA program coordinator. "We have an opportunity to make an impact over time."

Academic tutoring, recreational outings, leadership opportunities and college-preparation exposure are all part of the program - and it's a recipe that works. In the 15 years since the program started, all BRMA high school graduates have gone on to some form of post-secondary education. Only one student involved in the program has dropped out of school.

Next year, BRMA hopes to add to the current skeleton crew of just two full-time staff members and a handful of interns. The extra hands would allow them to expand student academic support and recruit additional mentors, a constant challenge.

'We know there are other kids that would benefit, but we need more mentors," Meyer said. "The type of mentoring we do isn't just feel-good mentoring we want to make sure our kids are successful."

Learn more

Adult role models can play an important part in a child's development and success. If you have a school-aged child, contact the principal or family-school specialist to see what volunteer opportunities exist at your child's school. Both BRMA and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Triangle have volunteer applications on their websites, or call either office for more information:

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School Briefs

Carrboro Elementary teacher receives

Stephanie Wilkins, a first-grade teacher at Carrboro Elementary, was awarded a \$3,000 technology grant from the North Carolina Technology in Education Society (NCTIES). Wilkins will use the funds to introduce iTouch technology to her students and include it in her instructional practice. NCTIES, which awarded only three such grants, is a statewide organization devoted to supporting educational technology.

CHCCS accepting Teacher of Year nominations

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is now accepting nominations for its 2010-11 Teacher of the Year. Anyone who wants to nominate a K-12 teacher from one of the district's 18 schools can find the nomination form online or contact the school's office. All nominations are due to the principal's office by April 5.

The Teacher of the Year should represent exemplary perforance as a member of the teaching staff of CHCCS. Such performance can be characterized by excellence in the classroom, civic involvement, contributions to the profession of teaching, the possession of positive interpersonal skills and the demonstration of keen interest in the lives of children and youth.

Nominees must meet the state's criteria: be a full-time, fully certified classroom teacher, having completed at least four years of experience. Guidance counselors, family specialists, media specialists and technology specialists are ineligible.

Orange Charter breaks ground on expansion

Second-grade singers, eighth-grade speakers and kindergarten "diggers" gathered with faculty, staff and parents for a groundbreaking ceremony on March 12 at the Orange Charter School. The expansion features a new 20,000-square-foot building that includes a gym/auditorium, additional classrooms and additional workspace for faculty and staff. Orange Charter has gone green for the construction of the building; bio-retention cells and other innovative technologies will be used to reduce the impact of campus buildings and parking lots on the environment.

The expanded facilities will allow OCS to increase enrollment in its successful middle school program and offer tuition-free admission to more area students.

CCCC hosts robotics workshop

You don't have to be a scientist to have fun with robotics. This Saturday, Central Carolina Community College's electronics engineering technology program is sponsoring a high-tech, high-touch robotics workshop for middle school-age students. "High Tech-High Touch" will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon at CCCC's Lee County campus in Sanford.

Students and their parent or adult mentors will build a working robot to keep. They will test it and participate in a robot race. All participants must register in advance as student/adult pairs. Registration is \$22 per pair. To register, contact Virginia Brown at 718-7347.

Culbreth student to compete in geography bee

DISCOVER

Aidan Marshall, an eighth-grader at Culbreth Middle School, has been named a semifinalist in the North Carolina National Geographic Geography Bee. Marshall will compete against 99 other students on April 9 at the Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

The state winner will receive \$100, the National Geographic Collegiate Atlas of the World and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the national finals. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship, a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society and an all-expenses-paid trip to the Galapagos Islands.

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BASKETBALL NOTES FRANK HEATH



Heels come to play on Tuesdays

It's been three and a half decades since the North Carolina Tar Heels were regular guests at the post-season National Invitational Tournament, where they played three times during a four-year span between 1971 and 1974, and Carolina fans hope it will be even longer before the Tar Heels have such frequent visits to this tournament again. But in the troubled season that has been 2009-10, it is indeed a relief to be able to say that UNC basketball will be at Madison Square Garden starting next Tuesday night for the Final Four of the NIT.

This team could have easily been left out of the event or - perhaps worse - fallen in the first round if they had not arrived prepared. But Carolina has instead played some of its best basketball of the season over the past week and change, executing in the clutch, clamping down on defense and learning better how to emphasize its strengths and attack the opposition's weaknesses.

From the moment the Tar Heels set foot on the Carmichael Auditorium court last Tuesday night, they have exhibited measures of passion, intensity and confidence that had dwindled into short supply during ACC play this year.

That difference has been evident in the stats, as Carolina's scoring, shooting, turnover and defensive numbers have been improved during NIT play. It has also been evident on the players' often-smiling faces and in their relaxed gaits, as they have prowled first the Carmichael





court and then the loud, strange and imposing Deep South dens at Mississippi State and UAB, in Starkville and Birmingham.

The positive change has probably been most evident in UNC's end-of-game performances - the Tar Heels have come up with game-winning runs and made the big plays in the waning moments of three consecutive tight post-season games now, at times when the consequences of failing at would have been heading home for good.

And individually, senior Deon Thompson has had a couple of his and Tyler Zeller have continued

best games, scoring 20 against William & Mary and dropping a double-double Tuesday night to lead the Tar Heels against UAB. At Thompson's side, Marcus Ginyard has been the team leader and exhibited a level of ease and confidence on the court that we have not seen since his junior season. Larry Drew II has come up with the biggest plays, and directed both the offense and the defense, with a steady hand that often went away as quickly as it showed up during the regular season.

And post players John Henson

to show improvement and a better grasp of what they are supposed to do within the Carolina system, while also recognizing better what they are capable of naturally. The other guys getting minutes - Leslie McDonald, Will Graves, Dexter Strickland and Travis Ware - have also made positive contributions in these

It's nice to be able to say these things about the play of this UNC team over a stretch of games, because until very recently that would not have been possible.

Now comes the fun part, as all that remains for Carolina is simply to head up to New York and storm the Garden, extending the way it has played the past three games for another two, on one of basketball's big-

The Tar Heels managed to win this event one time before, capturing the 1971 NIT title on the same storied court by first cutting down close rival Duke, 73-67, in the semi-final, and then Georgia Tech and its All-American Rich Yunkus, 84-66, in the championship game. (In a firstround game that year, Carolina held Julius Erving to 13 points.)

In the absence of injured star Dennis Wuycik on that final weekend in '71, Carolina forward Bill Chamberlain was named tourney MVP after scoring 34 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against the Yellow Jackets in the final. For Chamberlain, whose #31 Jersey hangs in the Smith Center to this day, that game would serve as a springboard for a sensational 1972 season in which he earned second-team All-America honors.

Back then, with only 16 teams in the NCAA field and 16 playing in the NIT, winning the NIT title was a bigger deal than it could ever be now. But for a UNC team that just weeks ago could have had only the faintest thoughts of playing this late into March, winning one or two more games would have to be a very, very satisfying way to finish up what was becoming, more and more, a disappointing and chaotic year.

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The Carolina Ice Synchro intermediate-level synchronized skating team continues to impress on the ice. The team placed second out of 18 teams that competed in the Eastern Sectional Championships in late January and recently competed in the National Championships. Front row left to right: Erin Smith, Amanda McClure, Veronica Butler, Madison Scott and Chrissy Barr. Second row: Nicole Cates, Samuela Fernandes, Sarah Spicer, Jessica Spicer and Ariane Cook. Third row: Sally Warren, Christine Hamilton, Hadley Reid, Haleigh Faucette and Ashleigh Faucette.

Spring Open Horseshoe winners

A total of 41 participants attended the 2010 Spring Open Horseshoe Tournament at Hank Anderson Community Park last Saturday. The following are the top three finishers in each class:

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A Class

Ist – Elijah Lloyd (Tarboro) – 7-0, 46.60% 2nd - Marie Alley (Rural Hall) - 5-2, 40.20% 3rd – Rebecca Eatman (Wendell) – 5-2, 32.86%

1st – James Findley (Roxboro) – 4-1, 44.28% 2nd – Carl Taborn (Roxboro) – 3-2, 39.04% 3rd - Cecil Bowes (Oxford) - 3-2, 29.33%

1st – Michael Rowland (Roxboro) – 6-0, 28.89% 2nd – Randy Stophel (Ruffin) – 4-2, 23.40% 3rd - Roy Elliott (Oxford) - 3-3, 28.89%

D Class

Ist – Raymond Dunn (Durham) – 6-1, 36.52% (won in playoff) 2nd – Justin Elliott (Henderson) – 6-1, 41.02% 3rd – Shawn York (Efland) – 5-2, 31.43%

1st – Randy Williams (Roxboro) – 4-1, 20.00% 2nd - Mario Smith (Durham) - 3-2, 19.33% 3rd – Eugene Davis (Tarboro) – 3-2, 18.67%



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UNC trees are topic of exhibit, lecture

UNC New Services

Trees at UNC are the subject of a new exhibit that guides visitors across campus and back through time.

"Noble Trees, Traveled Paths: The Carolina Landscape Since 1793" will be on view in the North Carolina Collection Gallery of Wilson Library through May 31.

The free public exhibit presents photographs, drawings and publications that document campus trees and landscapes from the university's earliest days through the present.

Inspiration for the exhibit came from the 2009 book The University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill's Noble Grove: A Walking Tour of Campus Trees by Michael Dirr, professor emeritus of horticulture at the University of Georgia.

Dirr will lead a walking tour of the Carolina campus on April 22 at 3:30 p.m., leaving from the front steps of Wilson Library. At 5:45 p.m., he will speak about the book in a free public program in Wilson Library.

The exhibit includes reproductions of historic drawings and photographs that document the development of campus during the 19th and 20th centuries, along with the sometimes contentious efforts to preserve trees during campus expansions of the last 50 years.



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Dawson prepared some fields with black plastic last fall.

FARM FROM PAGE I

Dawson, who intensively cultivates about 10 acres — rotating five in cover crops and five in vegetables, herbs and flowers said mounding rows up high in some fields and laying down black plastic in others in the fall are methods he's long used to avoid getting behind in wet springs.

Now, with the warm weather and strong winds drying out fields, Maple Spring Garden and about every other patch of cultivated land in Orange, Alamance and Chatham counties is fixing

"After a while, you take it in stride," Dawson said. He expects to catch up quickly on potato planting and getting tomatoes and squash plants in the fields.

Carrboro Farmers' Market manager Sarah Blacklin said she is starting to see a wider variety of vegetables and more starter plants. In a typical year, the market usually has more lettuces, bok choy, chard and spinach than it has in the past few weeks, she said.

But with plenty of sunlight in March as farmers prepare for the opening of the Wednesday afternoon market in April, selections are starting to expand.

"I feel like things are picking

up really fast," Blacklin said. Assessing the winter, Blacklin said that while the farmers had to deal with cold, snow and higher heating bills, the retail side probably suffered more.

This is the second year the Carrboro market has gone yearround, and some particularly cold and miserable Saturdays made it much more of a challenge.

The die-hards still made it out, but not so many cyclists and passers-by dropped in. "It definitely hurt our crafts sales a lot," Blackin said. The market also looked skimpier, she said, because the farmers shied away from having full displays of produce, which would dry out quickly in the cold, dry air.

Andrea Wood, market manager of the South Estes Farmers' Market, said she's also starting to see selections and the number of vendors growing as the market prepares to expand its hours in

Wood can also attest to the miserableness of some recent winter Saturdays. This was the market's first time going year-round outside rather than wintering inside University Mall. Wood said the market's farmers urged the move, understandably,

she said, since the winter of 2008 was full of sunny days in the

50s. This year, not so much. "Farmers prefer to be outside," Wood said, adding that she hopes the past year was a fluke. "It was pretty frigid some of those days."

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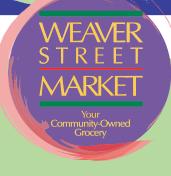
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lic, though the egg hunt is only open to children aged 2 to 10. For more information, visit townofchapelhill.org/communityevents or contact Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation at 968-2784.

• The Eno River Farmers Market will host Eggstravaganza this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Market House on East Margaret Lane in downtown Hillsborough. The event will feature egg dyeing using free-range eggs and dyes made from fruits and vegetables, as well as chicken coop displays with newborn chicks. In addition, egg recipes will be available and participants will be able to sample or purchase egg-based products. The event is free and open to the public. For will be available for photos. The more information, visit enoriverfarmersmarket.com

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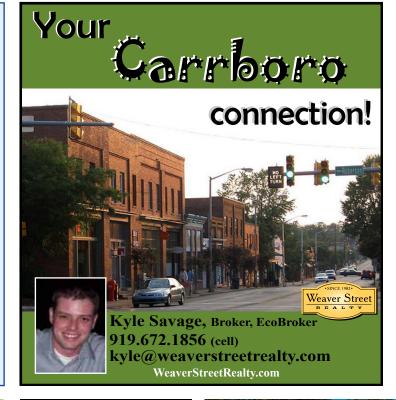
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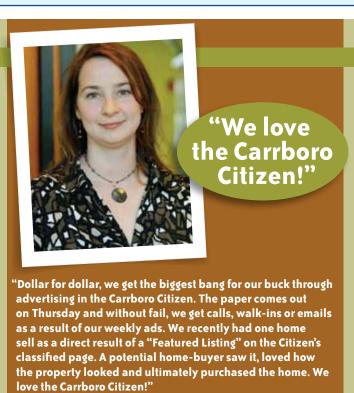
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FROM PAGE I

He was inspired and challenged by the beauty and diversity of North Carolina plants and plant communities. An engaging teacher and a competent researcher, Wells made great contributions to the new discipline of plant ecology. For him, the diversity of seasonal wildflower displays in distinct plant communities across the state were, indeed, spectacular natural gardens. He was an excellent communicator and writer. Natural Gardens, republished by UNC Press in 1996, is a very readable description of the state's natural vegetation, from the ocean spray dunes to the highmountain evergreen forests.

Some of Wells' notable observations include salt-spray effects on dune vegetation, a possible meteorite origin of the hundreds of elliptical-shaped Carolina bay lakes and bogs in the coastal plain and Native American burning practices as a possible origin of high-mountain grassy balds. He encouraged nurserymen to propagate the great variety of native plants for homegarden and urban-landscape use. He was way ahead of his time!

In retirement, Wells remained physically active, farming an old homestead, Rock Cliff Farm, above a dramatic bend of the Neuse River near Wake Forest.

When not engaged in farm work or laying out walking trails through his natural gardens, he painted with water colors, oils and pastels, over 100 beautiful portraits of the state's natural gardens, including his own farm.

With support from the B.W. Wells Association, Rock Cliff Farm is now preserved as part of the Falls Lake State Recreational Area. The farm, including his self-built artist studio and miles of trails, are not generally open to the public, so B.W. Wells Heritage Day this Saturday is a great opportunity to visit. Refer to bwwells.org for directions and descriptions of day-long activities, including wildflower, geology and heritage farm tours and special activities for children.

As I was counseled years ago, if you want to appreciate the real "nature" of our state, you need to become acquainted with B. W. Wells and The Natural Gardens of North Carolina. Some of those natural gardens are at Rock Cliff Farm. "The more you see, the more you have to see."



Chapel Hill Tire Co., 1955

arrboro and Chapel Hill are wonderfully walkable towns. When I'm traipsing down West Franklin Street, I like to catalog changes from my boyhood. Like, there's Penang, which used to be the Long Meadow Dairy Bar, where as a teen I worked as a soda jerk. And there's a sense of continuity when I pass Chapel Hill Tire Company, 55 years after this snapshot was made: A customer pulls his 1950 Ford V8 "Fordor" in for a set of new tires (at \$12.95!). This photo is one of several lovely old black-and-white prints that Marc Pons and the folks at CHT have displayed in the front office. And last week's photo-puzzler? Nancy Strong was the first to correctly identify the young man at the rural flea market as Gary Phillips of Weaver Street Realty. Keep walkin' and lookin', y'all.



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Study questions use, cost of deportation program

UNC News Services

A program in which local law-enforcement agencies refer immigrants who are in the country illegally to federal enforcers is resulting mostly in deportation of people arrested for minor offenses.

So say authors of a new study from UNC, who reviewed data from 2007 to 2009 provided by sheriff's offices in five North for the Study of the Americas, Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenin the federal program.

was intended to prioritize policing serious and violent crimes, but the study shows implementation has not followed these priorities. They ask if money for the program might be bet-

ter spent on other crime-fighting efforts and add that their findings debunk the myth that increased immigration means higher crime rates.

"The study found that the majority of unauthorized immigrants are deported for driving-related offenses, not serious or violent crimes," wrote ing question is whether the researchers Hannah Gill, assistant director of the Institute Carolina counties - Alamance, and Mai Nguyen, assistant professor in UNC's city and burg and Wake - participating regional planning department. Gill is also is research associ-The authors say the program ate at UNC's Center for Global Initiatives.

The federal program, titled 287(g), is carried out through partnerships between local law-enforcement agencies and U.S. Immigration and Cus-

toms Enforcement (ICE), part of the federal Department of Homeland Security. 287(g) refers to the section in federal law authorizing it, which originated with amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act passed by Congress in 1996.

After an arrest, one screenperson was born in the United States. If the answer is no, deputies send the person's fingerprints through an ICE database, which can provide, in moments, information as to whether the arrestee is in the country illegally.

Gill and Nguyen found that of arrestees booked through 287(g) from 2007-09 in the study counties, 86.7 percent were charged with misdemeanors and 13.3 percent with felo-

"The ICE website states that the program gives local agencies resources to 'pursue investigations relating to violent crimes, human smuggling, gang/organized crime activity, sexual-related offenses, narcotics smuggling and money laundering," said Gill. "Data from this study show that local lawenforcement agencies adopting the program in North Carolina do not share these priorities, but instead focus on minor

The website also says that 287(g) is intended to be used with foreign-born criminals and immigration violators who pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Whether an illegal immigrant being held on domestic

and be released pending trial is handled by ICE on a case-bycase basis.

After being arrested, illegal immigrants may chose to sign a statement in which they agree to voluntary deportation. "It is their choice, but they're also making a choice without a lot of information," said Nguyen. "These people don't understand our legal system."

Other North Carolina agencies participating in 287(g) are the Durham Police Department and the Guilford and held belief, crime doesn't in-Henderson county sheriff's departments. Nguyen and Gill lauded Durham police for applying 287(g) only to felons.

The study authors calculated first-year costs for Alamance 2006, and violent crime actuand Mecklenburg counties, at charges is allowed to post bail \$4.8 million and \$5.5 million,

respectively. Those costs include local officers' salaries and their ICE training "to enforce immigration law," its website says. Training is for four weeks at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, ICE Academy, in Charleston, S.C.

"What we're finding is that taxpayers pay for all of it, regardless of whether it's at the federal or the local level," Gill

A second study finding is that, contrary to a commonly crease along with immigration into an area. In Mecklenburg, for example, the number of Hispanic residents grew from 6,051 in 1990 to 79, 253 in ally fell during that time, according to Gill.







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