

This Weekend

FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE
Young wild cherry leaves have subtle beauty.

FLORA By Ken Moore

Wild cherry drama

Last Saturday, I saw a roadside spectacle as beautiful as any deliberately designed garden landscape. Nature's inter-planting of yellow sassafras and pink redbud resulted in what may be best described as "roadside impressionism." Fortunately, the recent cold spells have extended the flowering of these early bloomers.

Now, amidst all this beauty, I noticed another of nature's seasonal designs. Less welcome to most folks are the webbed nests of tent caterpillars that appear in wild cherries, *Prunus serotina*, and cultivated apples, cherries and plums. Some homeowners cause tree injury in the practice of burning the nests. If there is an urge to battle this particular cycle of nature, a twist with a cloth-tipped stick will harmlessly extract the nests.

Just about every year, my old plum tree hosts tent caterpillars, and every year it recovers to flower just as robustly the following year. Caterpillars feed on young leaves and work communally to build a webbed nest in the crotch of several limbs. For six weeks, those little critters demonstrate real architectural skills in designing and constructing larger outer compartments to accommodate their larger size, as they abandon the inner compartments containing their droppings. When you observe those caterpillars streaming across the ground and sidewalks, you know they are in search of a spot to hide as they pupate. Three weeks later, they emerge as little reddish-brown moths with pale horizontal stripes that you may observe flying around during early summer. Following successful mating, the moths lay eggs on branches of a host tree, where they will hatch the following spring.

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Report calls for new fire-safety rules

New homes, apartments may be required to have sprinklers, fire alarms

by **Kirk Ross**
Staff Writer

Town building rules would have to be changed if Carrboro, the most densely packed municipality in North Carolina, wants to reduce the threat of property loss and injuries from fire.

That's the conclusion in a report to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen delivered Tuesday night. In a meeting at Town Hall, Fire Chief Travis Crabtree outlined a number of ways the town can improve fire safety including new home and apartment construction requirements.

Crabtree was asked by town officials to review recent fires and offer ideas about how the town can do a better job at preventing fires such as the one last September at building G of Colonial Village at Highland Hills that killed one person and left 20 residents homeless.

The chief's report included a breakdown of causes of fires and a menu of proposals for reducing the town's risk. One of the challenges, he said, is that

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CARRBORO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT
What fire crews saw as they arrived at the Highland Hills fire last September. The fire had burned for 28 minutes already.

Go Heels!

Basketball fever is running high and fans are showing their pride.

Angelo Marrone shows his colors while taking pre-game pizza orders last Saturday at Italian Pizzeria Number 3 on West Franklin Street. Below: The fans at the Orange County Social Club keep a close eye on the game the Tar Heels beat Louisville and advanced to The Final Four.

The Heels take the floor against Kansas this Saturday around 8:45.

—PHOTOS
BY KIRK ROSS



County reviews Buckhorn plan

by **Susan Dickson**
Staff Writer

The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday asked the Orange County Planning Board to return to them a recommendation regarding the proposed Buckhorn Village development no later than June 3.

The commissioners and planning board members heard public comment and fired questions at the developers about the proposed plan at a public hearing continued from Feb. 25.

Commissioner Mike Nelson questioned the kinds of jobs that the project would bring to the county. Developers have said the project could bring 2,500 jobs, including 1,700 for county residents.

"Not all jobs are equal," he said. "It's really hard to argue that \$8-an-hour retail jobs are what we want for this county."

Nelson also expressed concern regarding the project's effects on global warming.

"If we're serious, as we say we are, about global warming, why put this shopping center, that's going to have thousands and thousands of vehicle miles traveled, farthest away from the population centers?" Nelson said.

The site of the proposed development is off Buckhorn Road, near I-85/I-40 in the western part of Orange County. Developers and county officials have said the development could bring in sales tax revenue and curb property tax increases.

The project is being developed by Buckhorn Road Associates, a partnership of East West Partners, Tryon Investment Group and Montgomery Carolina. The group submitted their plan for the development to the county in December.

According to county Planning Director Craig Benedict, while county residents lead the state in per capita retail dollars spent, 53 percent of those dollars are spent outside the county.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jeff Prather at the pond in his backyard of mostly native plants.

Natives grow natives in the garden

RECENTLY . . .

By Valarie Schwartz

The rain Tuesday morning didn't deter Jeff and Cheryl Prather. It had kept them inside on Monday, but they had a freshly painted bench to park and no doubt a list of other things to accomplish in their native woodland garden that will be one of 10 gardens featured on the Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour 2008 being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 12, and noon to 4 p.m., April 13, in the communities of Meadowmont and The Oaks.

Both natives of North Carolina themselves, the Prathers settled in Chapel Hill in 1990 after 21 years of travel with Jeff's career in the U.S. Air Force.

Their appreciation of wooded areas grew over years of visiting parks and gardens around the world, though their own gardening had been limited to "yard work" until buying their home in The Oaks in 1996. They enlisted the help of landscape architect Alicia Berry, who encouraged them to work in other gardens to learn what they liked and wanted in the 3/4-acre lot

they had chosen, which "sloped steeply to a degraded deciduous woodland edge," as Cheryl described it.

Cheryl volunteers at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, where she has worked in the Blomquist Garden of Native Plants every Wednesday morning for a dozen years. They volunteer weekly at Battle Park removing exotic invasives, and are members of the Triangle Land Conservancy and the N.C. Native Plant Society (www.ncwildflower.org), where they have participated in numerous plant rescues from about-to-be-developed land sites.

"Sometimes the very best things are in our very own back yard," Cheryl said. That's certainly true in their yard, as some of the rescued plants went to local public gardens and some landed here.

Their property with two bridges across the creek that runs through it, and the rock steps built by Jeff, punctuates the serenity below the trees, where trilliums, jack-in-the-pulpits and arrow-leaf ginger among a vast variety of wildflowers, ferns and groundcovers

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAPEL HILL GARDEN CLUB
Hellebores in the Prathers' garden.

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delight even those who can't name a single plant — as was practically their case when they first started. Pots filled with English ivy and impatiens that they started out with attest to their initial ignorance of native plants.

Even still, "we have some things that would be technically on the invasive plant list," Cheryl said. Like the hellebores she loves. But even before the drought, they had learned the importance of preserving native plants and restoring endangered species of plants.

"We can't save everything, but everybody can do something," Cheryl said.

Buying a ticket to the tour, and buying raffle tickets (for 90 prizes worth over \$7,000), makes a difference because the funds raised

by the Chapel Hill Garden Club go to support the building of the new education center at the N.C. Botanical Garden here in Chapel Hill, where even more people will learn about native plants.

Peter White, director of the botanical garden, told club members last week, "I have been so impressed with the professionalism of your club . . . It's really amazing what you're all able to imagine and put together."

You'll be impressed too.

See chapelhillgardentour.net to take a virtual tour, learn where to purchase \$15 advance tickets and buy raffle tickets. Tour tickets may also be bought on tour days at the N.C. Botanical Garden or at any tour garden for \$20 (\$5 for children 7-18). Call 962-0522.

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Community Briefs

Real men

The Advocates for Children Committee of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County and the Hillsborough Exchange Club will hold a special event on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to raise awareness about shaken baby syndrome in recognition of child abuse prevention month.

In order to combat the problem, the Advocates for Children Committee of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County are waging a campaign called Real Men Rock. The goal of the campaign

is to encourage fathers to be gentle with their babies.

Educational materials will be available at the event. In addition, several local groups and experts will be on hand to provide information about shaken baby syndrome. Dads are encouraged to attend the event and bring their babies to show that real men rock and comfort their babies, even when they cry.

The event will be held in the parking lot of the Hillsborough Wal-Mart on Hampton Pointe Boulevard.

Community Calendar

Special Events

Really Really Free Market — Sat, April 5th, 2:30-5:00pm, Carrboro Town Commons. First Saturday of every month. Contact vdaro@email.unc.edu or 428-1611.

First Sunday — Apr 6th, 12-4pm. A monthly celebration on historic Hillsboro Street in downtown Pittsboro. The Haw River String Band performs 1-3 pm. Vendors, local galleries and shops are open. Food and wine tasting, local plants and produce. Call 919-260-9725 or go to pittsboroshops.com. Outside events subject to weather.

Flea market — Group Flea Market from 8am to 1pm on Saturday, April 5th at the Hillsborough Sun-trust Bank at 260 South Churton Street in Hillsborough. Sponsored by Orange-Hillsborough Relay for Life. For more information, contact Dawn Berry at dberry18@nc.rr.com or 730-6361.

Sixth Annual Carrboro CD and Record Show — Sunday, April 6, noon-6pm, Carrboro Century Center (2nd floor). 40 tables of new & used CDs, vinyl records and memorabilia. Free.

Bingo Night — Hosted by Team Eurosport, a relay for life team. April 11th at the Big Barn Convention Center, Hillsborough. Doors open at 6:00 pm; Games start at 6:30. 20 games. Cost for all games is \$20. Food and drink available. All proceeds to the American Cancer Society. Contact 640-6123 or 640-6220 for details.

Outdoor activities

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

Guided Tours — of the N.C. Botanical Garden's Plant Collections, every Saturday at 10 am. Led by trained volunteer tour guides and Botanical Garden curators.

Meet your tour guide in front of the Totten Center. Free.

Kids

The Art of Storytelling — Wednesday, Apr 9. Ackland Museum, 3pm. Event for elementary school students will introduce them to the art of storytelling through the power of music and dance.

Toddler Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. For more info, call 969-3006. Preschool Story Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. On April 3, Ms. Libby will share silly stories. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz — Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, Carr Mill Mall, 338-8150 www.dsicomedytheater.com

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

NC Botanical Garden — Nature Tales: Storytime in the Garden, Thursdays, beginning April 3, 10 11 a.m. Children 3 to 5 years old are invited to attend a story-time in the garden. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

Volunteers

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program — seeks volunteers to match other volunteers with opportunities for public service. 968-2056.

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

English as a Second Language Conversation Club — seeks volunteers to talk with groups of

international students Fridays from 11:30am-1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. Call 967-1448 or email harwellja@bellsouth.net.

Health & Wellness

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer — A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, 111 Cloister Ct, Ste 220, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www.cornucopiahouse.org.

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

Museums

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

Contra Dance

— presented by The Carolina Song & Dance Association with a live caller and music by the Fabulous Shamrocks. Century Center. 967-9948 or www.csa-dance.org for info.

Swing Dancing — Saturday April 12, Dave & Lola Youngman at the Carrboro Century Center, 8-11:00pm, \$5 to \$11, 100 N Greensboro St, Carrboro. No partner needed; lesson at 7:30pm included. Visit TriangleSwingDance.org.

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

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

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

Carrboro DanceJam — Free-style dance to an eclectic mix of music. Every first Friday beginning Apr 4. Balanced Movement Studio. 304 W Weaver St, upstairs. Smoke & alcohol free. Call 968-8776 for more info.

Lectures, Discussions & Open Mics

"Notes on the History of Fiction" — Lecture by author E.L. Doctorow. Thursday, Apr 3, 6:30 p.m. Hanes Art Center. Franklin. Free.

Sonja Haynes Stone Memorial Lecture — by Julianne Malveaux, 15th president of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro. Tuesday, April 8, 7pm. Reception follows.

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

"What's the Big Idea? Genetics, Ethics, and Human Health" — lecture series at the Friday Center. Lectures Apr 3, 10, 17 and 24. Call 962-2643 or visit fridaycenter.unc.edu/pdep for more information and online registration.

Films

Morristown: In the Air and Sun — Apr 13, 4-6pm. Discussion facilitated by Dani Martínez-Moore, NC Justice Center Fed-Ex Global Center, 301 Pittsboro St. UNC campus. All the programs are free and open to the public. Parking available. For more information, www.CHI-CLE.com, or call 919-933-0398.

Other

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

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

Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com



Come see what we've got going on this spring & summer!

5K Run for Wildlife, Sunday, 4/13
Lake Crabtree County Park in Morrisville
1-mile Fun Run at 8:30
5K Run at 9:00

Fees: \$25/5K, \$15/ Fun Run (by April 11)
all preregistrations get a 2008 PWC T-shirt!
Registration: online at active.com or event day at 7:30

All proceeds will benefit native wildlife in our area

First Annual Festival for Wildlife, Saturday, May 3rd
Leigh Farm Park in Durham
11:00 am - 7:00 pm

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ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet **Chelsea** and **Hillary!** These adorable Newfoundland/Bull Dog mix puppies are around 3 months old and full of puppy charm! These big girls are goof-balls that love to play and be silly! Adopt one or both!! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 967-7383. You can also see them online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

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News Briefs

Rabies in Hillsborough

A fox found in Hillsborough tested positive for rabies last week at the State Laboratory of Public Health.

The fox was submitted because it bit a resident in the vicinity of Schley Road and Highway 57. Another resident was eventually able to get the fox to release its hold, but the fox then chased both residents to their vehicle, where they called Animal Control. An Animal Control officer then removed the fox.

Because the fox bite broke the skin, an Orange County communicable-disease nurse will work with the resident to determine the medical treatment needed.

So far this year, Orange County Animal Services has received three positive rabies tests. If any possible exposure to a bat, raccoon or skunk is suspected, contact Animal Control at 245-2075 or call 911.

Men indicted in Carson killing

The two men accused of killing UNC Student Body President Eve Carson were indicted by an Orange County grand jury on Monday on charges of first-degree murder.

Demario James Atwater, 21, and Laurence Alvin Lovette, 17, are charged with killing 22-year-old Carson on May 5. Her body was found near the intersection of Hillcrest Drive and Hillcrest Circle in Chapel Hill.

Both suspects were on probation from prior convictions.

Water fundraiser

The Aveda Institute Chapel Hill will hold events this month to raise money to help protect the drinking water of six local counties.

The Aveda Institute hopes to raise \$35,000 for its Earth Month Campaign partner, Triangle Land Conservancy. TLC and its Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative are working to identify and protect land critical to the long-term quality of drinking water supplies for more than 500,000 Triangle residents. In addition, Aveda will donate 20 percent of all service proceeds generated Tuesdays and Wednesday during the month of April to TLC.

For more information about Earth Month activities, call 960-4769, ext. 1310 or visit www.avedachapelhill.com.

County government week

Orange County will hold several events next week in recognition of County Government Week.

On Tuesday, the Department of Transportation will unveil the Scots-Welsh Heritage Scenic Byway sign on South Cameron Street. The sign dedication will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Orange County Economic Development will host the annual State of the Local Economy Luncheon on Wednesday at noon. The presentation will be held at the Carolina Club on UNC's campus, and there is a cost for the meal.

On Thursday, the county will hold a public reception and guided tours at the Gateway Center, which is the new location for Register of Deeds, Tax Assessment and Revenue. The reception and tours will be held 2 to 5 p.m. at the center on South Churton Street in Hillsborough.

Transfer station meetings

Olver Inc., on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, will hold two transfer station siting public-information sessions over the next two weeks.

Olver is the consulting firm hired by the county to establish criteria, conduct the search and advise the commissioners on the selection of a site.

The first session will be held April 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the F. Gordon Battle Courtroom on East Margaret Lane in Hillsborough, and the second will be held April 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill.

The sessions will feature a presentation describing the function and operation of a solid-waste transfer station, as well as the transfer station siting process, focusing on the purpose and use of technical and community-specific criteria and weighing factors in the evaluation and final selection of a recommended site.

Olver will also receive public input regarding the site-selection process. For more information, visit www.olver.com/orangecounty/

OWASA mulls rain and restrictions

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

With reservoirs still filling from recent rains and a more favorable forecast from climatologists in hand, Orange Water and Sewer Authority officials are cautiously reviewing the need for continued Stage Three water restrictions.

The restrictions, which went into effect this month, could be dialed back to Stage Two soon

should OWASA planners and directors decide they're comfortable enough with the current state of the reservoirs.

Levels for Cane Creek, University Lake and the American Stone Quarry topped 60 percent of capacity on April 1, a threshold that OWASA engineers had recommended as necessary before lifting Stage Three restrictions.

While giving his monthly water update to the Carrboro Board

of Aldermen Tuesday night at Town Hall, OWASA executive director Ed Kerwin said OWASA will study several factors before taking that step.

"The situation is quite a bit improved since I visited with you a month ago," Kerwin said.

Then, reservoir levels were hovering around 40 percent of capacity. As of Tuesday, they had returned to 60 percent, thanks in large part to higher than normal rainfall during March. In

addition, he said, the National Weather Service's forecast for the next few months showed that La Niña conditions, which were causing the extended period of dry weather in the southern United States, were weakening considerably.

Kerwin said that in addition to the weather appearing to cooperate, OWASA's customers have stepped up to help meet the Stage Three goal of a 20 percent reduction in demand.

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the town has a large number of apartments and town homes. Getting at fires quickly, before they can spread to other dwellings, is a common thread in the chief's set of recommendations.

They include drafting new building codes for the construction and retrofit of both multi-family dwellings and single-family homes. Some of the recommendations are fairly sweeping, like limiting exteriors to brick or hardiplank and requiring sprinkler systems. Crabtree said the town should also consider changing landscaping requirements, including making sure pine straw, which burns faster and with a much higher flame, is not close to any dwellings.

Crabtree and Town Manager Steve Stewart acknowledged that many of the recommendations, such as automatic fire alarms and sprinkler systems, would be seen as expensive. Some changes would also likely require the General Assembly to pass enabling legislation.

Crabtree emphasized that many of the steps can help reduce insurance costs. More importantly, some of the key steps would have prevented most of the large apartment fires that claimed lives and property. He showed the board a photo of what fire crews saw when they arrived at the Highland Hills fire, which claimed the life of Gloria Ines Suarez. Two other residents were injured trying to escape the flames.

The fire, he said, had been burning for 28 minutes before crews were dispatched. The photo showed flames towering over most of one half of building G, which burned to the ground. Had the building had an automatic fire alarm, crews would have gotten to the scene long before the fire got to that point.

Many of the larger fires, Crabtree pointed out, started in either storage spaces or balconies. Requiring sprinkler systems to be extended to those areas, he said, would have stopped those fires from spreading. The cost of including those areas in a sprinkler system would cost roughly \$150 per unit.

Although current rules require multi-family buildings to have sprinkler systems, many Carrboro apartment complexes were built before the requirement and do not have them.

The board of aldermen agreed to have town staff and the town attorney review the list of recommendations and present a proposal for action by the board.

In other action, the board:

- established a project budget of \$1,303,000 for the repair and resurfacing of Weaver Street;
- modified the arts committee membership rules to designate one seat for an ArtsCenter representative;
- canceled the May 6 board meeting because it conflicts with the state's primary Election Day;

- accepted a grant for the purchase of a live scan fingerprint system;
- and adopted a resolution in support of workers' rights and unionization efforts at the Smithfield Foods processing facility in Tar Heel. The resolution encourages local markets to consider not carrying Smithfield products and requires board members to refrain from purchasing or consuming Smithfield Foods products "until such time as these critical issues are resolved."

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The proposed development includes three individual development districts totaling nearly 130 acres, with a proposed maximum of about 1.1 million square feet of building space for the entire property. The plan includes retail, office space, restaurants, indoor theaters, hotels, residential, government offices and other similar uses.

For the developers to begin work on the development, the county must approve the proposed rezoning and special-use permit.

The developers have said if the project were approved, they would break ground in mid-2010, and anticipate completion four or five years later. Roger Perry, president

of East West Partners, said the project could bring in \$6 million a year in sales tax revenue.

James Carnahan, a resident of Carrboro, questioned the development's effects on carbon emissions and global warming.

"We have a three- or four-decade history in this county of a very prudent approach to development," he said, "Until we've completed a carbon-emissions inventory for the county and until we have set goals for the county ... it is totally inappropriate and imprudent to approve this project."

Other county residents said they supported the project.

"I have wondered when this was going to happen and I'm looking forward to this happening," said Charles Bowman, a resident of the area around the proposed

development. "We have nothing on that end of the county. We need something down our end. It may not be the best thing in the world that could happen, but at least it's a start."

Both commissioners and planning board members asked the developers questions about the project that the developers said they would respond to in writing. They had questions about traffic patterns, global warming, the project's effects on local business and what the development will look like.

The planning board will consider the development at their May 7 meeting and return a recommendation to the commissioners no later than June 3. The commissioners will then consider approving the plan before adjourning at the end of June.

CHPD release guidelines for Final Four revelers

The Chapel Hill Police Department have released information regarding this weekend's basketball games and the celebrations following UNC victories:

• Streets will close if UNC wins, with specific closures being based on the crowd size.

• Parking meters on the 100 block of East Franklin Street, all of Henderson Street and North Columbia Street will be bagged for "No Parking" at 3:30 p.m.

• Vehicles parked on the 100 block of East Franklin Street, Henderson Street and North Columbia Street will be towed starting at 7:00 p.m.

• If your establishment sells paint, please restrict sale of Carolina blue paint for the week.

• No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the closed area. This restriction is authorized by a town ordinance making it unlawful to possess alcoholic beverages on

streets, sidewalks, parking lots and alleys within the closed area.

• Discourage employees and customers from parking in North Alley and South Alley. When the streets close, vehicles parked in these alleys will not have access to the street to leave.

• If your establishment sells alcohol, please restrict all servings to paper or plastic cups and all bulk sales should be in cans to keep glass out of the area.

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Every meal is served with a choice of milk. Breakfast is served daily.

ELEMENTARY

Friday — Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll; Corn Dog; Sweet Yellow Corn; Tossed Salad w/Dressing
Monday — Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread, Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Garden Peas; Chilled Pears
Tuesday — Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa; "Fun on the Run"; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Apricots; Spanish Rice
Wednesday — Chicken Noodles w/Wheat Roll; Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato; Oven Baked French Fries; Coleslaw; Fresh Orange Wedges
Thursday — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Ham & Cheese Sub; "Fun on the Run"; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Fresh Banana

MIDDLE & HIGH

Friday — Chicken & Noodles w/Wheat Roll; Meatball Sub; Garden Peas; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Fresh Banana
Monday — Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa; Baked Potato w/ or w/o Meat & Cheese w/Wheat Roll; Pinto Beans; Fresh Orange
Tuesday — Fried Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pears; Chocolate Pudding
Wednesday — Beef Burrito w/Salsa; Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese; Sweet Yellow Corn; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Chilled Apricots
Thursday — Rotini w/ Meatless Spaghetti Sauce w/Garlic Bread; Hot Dog on a Bun; Collard Greens; Fruited Gelatin

School Board Meeting

AGENDA

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Chapel Hill Town Hall. Among the topics to be discussed are:

- Middle School Redistricting
- Over- and Under-crowded schools
- Goals and objectives of education
- Responses to complaints
- Immunization and first aid
- Substance abuse
- Attendance
- Construction

Public comments are welcome. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is expected to last until about 10.

Carrboro fifth grader hosts bilingual broadcast

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

Carrboro Elementary School fifth-grader Sadie Frank doesn't just have her own radio show — she hosts a radio show in both English and Spanish.

Sadie hosts a weekly radio show on WCOM 103.5 FM and translates everything in English to Spanish in order to get through to a wider audience.

The show, called "Sadie's Samosas," airs Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m.

"I always wanted to have my own radio show," Sadie said. "I was old enough to do it — it's not like there's an age limit."

Sadie was familiar with radio because her father used to work with WCOM and she did a show with him once.

"I had a lot of fun, and decided I was going to submit my application [for a show]," she said.

Sadie's application was accepted and she started her show in December.

For each show, Sadie invites a guest to help her host. Usually, her guest is a member of her class at Carrboro Elementary.

Sadie is in the school's dual-language program, in which about half of the students are native Spanish speakers. She said she likes to have guests from her class because they speak Spanish.

"I don't know many adults who speak Spanish," she added.

During the show, Sadie interviews her guest, reads the weather report and conducts what she calls the "Half-time Quiz Show," in which she plays songs in English and Spanish, then quizzes her guest about the songs.

Sometimes people call in to help answer the quiz-show questions or just to talk to Sadie about the show.

"It's really fun to get phone calls," she said.

Sadie and her guest host translate the entire show from English into Spanish.

"It was really hard at first," Sadie said, but thinks it makes her show unique.

If she has any time leftover after her usual segments of the show — which she usually doesn't — Sadie plays more English and Spanish songs.

Sadie said she would like to eventually have a longer show so she can fit more in, but right now she's too busy with other after-school activities.

Sadie aspires to be an actor or a writer when she grows up, but doesn't think she'd like to work as a professional radio host.

"If you're doing it professionally, and you mess up, it's a big deal," Sadie said. "It's too much strain."

However, she said she would like to continue volunteering as a radio host.

"I'm going to keep doing it as long as I can," she said. "It's a great activity."



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Sadie Frank's bilingual radio show, "Sadie's Samosas," airs on WCOM Fridays from 4-5 p.m.

School Briefs

Dropout award

The State Board of Education's Globally Competitive Students Committee recognized the dropout prevention efforts of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools at its March meeting.

The district was praised for decreasing its dropout rate by 29.6 percent. The district's dropout rate fell to 1.12 percent in 2006-07 from 1.59 percent in 2005-06.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has the lowest dropout rate in the state.

Holocaust talk

Holocaust survivor Marianne Roberts will speak to social studies classes at Chapel Hill High School on Friday from 2:05 to 3:05 p.m.

Roberts fled the Third Reich and moved to the United States with her older sister when she was 18. Her story is documented in the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.

Roberts will speak to students in Hanes Auditorium at Chapel Hill High.

Superior band

The Phillips Middle School Symphonic Band earned a superior rating at the North Carolina Central District Band Contest in Raleigh on March 20.

The band performed three selections and was required to sight-read a selection after only five minutes of study.

The band earned a superior rating last year as well. The band, which is made up of 41 students, is directed by Jane Cutchin.

Student council

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools seeks applicants for the 2008-09 Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

Positions are available for two students at East Chapel Hill High School who are members of the junior class, one student at Carrboro High School who is a sophomore and two juniors and one sophomore from Chapel Hill High School.

The group meets with the superintendent monthly from September to May. In addition, the council can share public comment with the board of education during a period of time at each board meeting. The council was created in 2005 as a response to a group of students who sought student representation on the board.

For an application or more information, visit www.chccs.k12.nc.us and look under "Quick Links." Applications are due to Stephanie Knott by April 11. Forms may be sent to 750 S. Merritt Mill Rd., Chapel Hill, NC, 27516 or to sknott@chccs.k12.nc.us.

All-state band

Marijke Kylstra of Culbreth Middle School was selected to be in the Middle School All-State Band, which is comprised of the best middle school musicians in North Carolina. This is the second year Kylstra received this honor. Selected students will attend a clinic and perform at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, April 18-20.

Culbreth's bands are directed by Sam Berryhill.

Spaghetti dinner

The Carrboro High School Athletic Boosters will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Café Commons at Carrboro High.

The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drinks, and both dine-in and carry-out will be offered. NCAA March Madness will also be shown.

The dinner will raise funds to support Carrboro High athletic programs.

Governor's school

Twenty-one students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have been selected for the 2008 Governor's School of North Carolina.

Students selected from Carrboro High School are Aidan Burns-Fulkeron, natural science; Kenneth Jjombwe, drama; Jonathan Kylstra, natural science; Jamie Luca, art; Cas-

sandra McMillan, social science; and Ian Thomas, art.

Chapel Hill High School students selected for Governor's School are Sarah Anderson, natural science; Shawn Kuruganti, choral music; Elizabeth McManus, choral music; Natalie Parks, natural science; William Wignall, instrumental music; and Mindy Yuan, instrumental music.

Students selected from East Chapel Hill High School are Michaela Dwyer, dance; Mary Houston, English; Arthur Kim, mathematics; Charmaine Mutucumarana, French; Benjamin Palmer, drama; Charlotte Pate, drama; Joseph Shea, drama; Regina Strayhorn, drama; and Sunnay You, English.

The Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically or intellectually gifted high school students in the nation. The program is open to rising seniors and is located at Salem College in Winston-Salem and at Meredith College in Raleigh. More than 800 students statewide were selected to attend.

Visions art show

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will host the district's annual Visions Art Show at the Lincoln Center next week.

Three receptions will be held for visitors to view the show, which features selected student artwork created throughout the school year. The art will be on

display in the hallways of the Lincoln Center until May 9.

A reception will be held on Monday, April 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., for Glenwood Elementary, Frank Porter Graham Elementary, Scroggs Elementary, Culbreth Middle and Carrboro High.

A reception for Carrboro Elementary, McDoughe Elementary, Seawell Elementary, McDoughe Middle, Smith Middle and Chapel Hill High will be held on Wednesday, April 9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

A reception will be held on Friday, April 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for Ephesus Elementary, Estes Hills Elementary, Rashkis Elementary, Phillips Middle and East Chapel Hill High School.

The public is invited to view the art at the Lincoln Center Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Superior symphony

The Chapel Hill High School Symphonic Band recently performed at the North Carolina Central District Band Festival.

The group received a superior rating from three of the four judges and an excellent rating from the fourth judge.

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Carrboro High soccer team learning, growing

by **Alexandra Mansbach**
Carrboro Commons writer

Even the pouring rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the women's Carrboro High School soccer team on a recent game night.

Carrboro High School took on the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics on March 19 in a game riddled with rain, wind and power outages. But the team stayed strong, passing accurately and communicating clearly — eventually ending the game with a 1-1 tie in overtime. The Carrboro soccer squad appeared to be anything but a new team.

"This is an entirely new program. The teams are actually very young," said Scott Swartzwelder, president of the CHS Athletic Booster Club.

The newness of the program gives students who have little experience in sports a chance to play and, because there are no seniors, no players will graduate at the end of this school year.

"There are lots of kids with little experience," Swartzwelder said. "We've got some great athletes here, and a lot of these kids wouldn't even get to play somewhere else."

But the athletics program has faced some setbacks. The original athletic director became ill a few months into the school year, Swartzwelder said. But the new director, April Ross, has really stepped up to the plate.

"A new program with a new director is a challenge," he said, adding that the program has transitioned relatively smoothly.

The women's soccer team is one of the many teams at CHS that are enjoying a blossoming program. The team consists of nine freshmen, three sopho-

mores and six juniors — only a handful of which have varsity experience.

But things are going well for the young team.

"Things are good," said Robin Bulleri, head coach of the CHS women's soccer team. "We're 7-2-1."

Bulleri said she was able to work out most of the program's difficulties in the summer and fall.

"Things are running pretty smoothly," she said. "I coached the boys in the fall, so we kind of worked the kinks out then."

Bulleri held team tryouts for the girls, but no one was cut. This gave younger players a chance to participate if they committed themselves.

The team also chose captains to hold leadership roles and support their teammates — something especially important because the team is so young.

"I let the kids vote. They needed to vote for a player who already had high school experience," Bulleri said.

The captains are Vicky Aldana and Marshall Babcock, juniors. Bulleri has known them since their freshman year, and she is impressed with their leadership.

"They really are mature," she said. "I can trust them with responsibilities."

Parents play a major role in keeping the athletics at CHS up and running.

"We try to organize a team parent for each team to take tickets and work concessions," Swartzwelder said.

He said parents have been very helpful in keeping the young program organized by volunteering and doing their best to help out.

"They've been really great with taking the initiative be-

cause the Booster [Club] is a really small group," he said. "We really started at ground zero and are working our way up."

Bulleri agreed, saying the parents of her team have really stepped up and helped out.

"All of the parents signed up to volunteer to take tickets and bring the kids snacks before games," Bulleri said. "I communicate with them, and they communicate with me."

Swartzwelder said the school's administrators have also aided in the development of the program.

"The support we got from the principal, Jeff Thomas, was really wonderful. He has been very supportive of the sports programs," Swartzwelder said.

He said Thomas wanted as many coaches as possible to be teachers, which Swartzwelder said is beneficial to the students.

"You want the coaches to have relationships with the players off the field too," he said.

Bulleri, a science teacher at CHS, is happy to be head soccer coach. She is pleased with the team's progress and hopes to continue growing next year.

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



Men's NCAA Basketball

North Carolina	National Championship April 7, 9pm	Memphis
April 5, about 8:45pm		UCLA
Kansas		

Sports Briefs

Bike plan

The Town of Carrboro will hold a public meeting to collect input on a comprehensive bicycle plan that will guide future bicycle improvements.

The meeting will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 10 in the Carrboro Elementary School cafeteria at 400 Shelton Street.

The town asks that community members stop by any time during the meeting to learn about the project, talk to town staff and project consultants and provide input.

For more information, visit www.greenways.com/pages/CarrboroBicycle.html

Lady Heels out

The Lady Tar Heels basketball team was knocked out of the NCAA Women's Tournament by the Tigers of LSU on Monday.

The final score was 56-50. The Tar Heels scored only 21 points in the first half — and while Latoya Pringle scored 19 in the second, the rest of the Heels could add only 10.

LSU's Sylvia Fowles led the Tigers with 21 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks. The loss

ended a 16-game winning streak and keeps the Number 1-seeded Lady Heels out of the Final Four.

The match was tough defensively. Both teams shot less than 40 percent and combined for 30 turnovers.

Hey coaches, want to see your team in the paper? Send a description of your game to editor@carrborocitizen.com. Send photos, too!

Carrboro plans disc golf course

by **Tracey Theret**
Carrboro Commons writer

By the end of next year, Carrboro residents who prefer to putt with a disc won't have to venture out of town to get their golf fix.

The Carrboro Parks Project, a nonprofit that works to improve parks and open spaces in town, plans to raise money to install a disc golf course in Anderson Park off N.C. Hwy. 54.

"It's a chill sport, but it has a competitive edge too," said Krista Moll, a Raleigh resident who travels to UNC's Outdoor Education Center, the disc golf course closest to Carrboro.

She and three friends spent a sunny Saturday traversing the course with a golden retriever named Jackson tagging along. Moll said the Chapel Hill course is their favorite out of the five they have played and that they will try out the Anderson Park course when it's complete.

Much like traditional golf, the objective of disc golf is to complete the course with the fewest throws of the disc.

Players toss the disc from the starting area of each hole, or the "teepad," with the goal of landing it in the target. Targets often consist of a pole with a metal basket attached at the top, with chains running from the top of the pole to the bottom of the basket.

The proposed course will be free and open to the public, as are most courses.

"It's a spontaneous kind of sport," Moll explained. "No one judges you and you can come and go as you want."

The game has found an increasingly large following and is often associated with college-aged students, but advocates of a Carrboro course say it's low-contact enough to be enjoyed by players of all ages and skill levels.

"What I really like about it as a public facility is that it can be played by a wide variety of people," said Brendan Moore, facilities administrator for Carrboro's Recreations and Parks Department. "Very young children, se-

niors — it offers a really diverse facility for us."

At a Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting March 4, Carrboro Parks Project member Susan Stone proposed a resolution to raise funds for the course.

Aldermen spoke favorably about the project.

"It's a fantastic idea," Alderman Dan Coleman said.

Stone said the course would be a good use of underutilized areas of the park. Most courses are located in wooded areas where golfers encounter naturally occurring obstacles like tree branches.

"It doesn't seem like it would cause much damage to the park in that they don't have to take down any big trees," she said.

Moore said the average disc golf course measures about an acre per hole, or about 18 acres, but estimated that the Anderson Park course would cover about 10 or 11 acres.

The Carrboro Parks Project hopes to raise \$11,000 for the course in two phases. The first sum would be \$3,600 for design fees and the second would be \$7,400 for equipment and installation costs. Stone compared the amount to installing a playground facility, which could cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

In the past, the organization has used fundraising methods such as direct mailings, applying for grants or setting up tables at the Farmers' Market to ask for donations. So far, the group has successfully raised money for a dog park fence in Anderson Park, two tennis backboards and shade sails at the town commons.

If you would like to donate to the project, do so electronically through its website or by mail — Carrboro Parks Project, P.O. Box 1083, Carrboro, NC.

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by Linda Thistle

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A few thoughts about basketball

Whenever the team is encountering difficulties or perhaps in a close contest, Woody Durham, the enthusiastic voice of the Tar Heels, can often be heard telling people to "go where you go and do what you do."

Usually this happens during a timeout or other breaks in the action, so one could assume that he means something along the line of "now would be a good time to get a beverage or take care of any business." It does not. He is suggesting that those of you who are fans who have any sort of good-luck ritual might consider performing said ritual to assist the team in the pursuit of victory.

As the Heels march closer to the ultimate goal, many people take this advice to heart and carry it to a rather, well, absurd extent.

After the last win, that was apparent, for the talk among many fans was as much about the rituals of luck as it was the game itself. A stranger — who might assume that the key to the game was the effectiveness of putting the ball through the metal cylinder and preventing the other team from doing the same — might be surprised to find out that it was really a matter of an individual a few hundred miles away wearing a threadbare pair of lucky blue socks or the fact that Cousin Ed watched the game in the parlor in the second half rather than the kitchen.

This is not to say that there is nothing to this. Belief and confidence in one's abilities is important in sports, and the fans are a part of that. Fan support, especially here in the team's home community, is certainly a confidence builder. But once the game has started, unless you're courtside or within shouting distance of it, there is not a thing you can do to alter the outcome, no matter where you go or what you do.

To take the obsession with one's own impact to the heights we've seen of late is common this time of year, but try not to get too caught up in it. Through hard work, determination and good coaching, the team won the game. Though she looked quite fetching in her blue sweater and was hoarse for days afterward, Aunt May had very little to do with it.

Which brings us to the latest trend of basketball hipsters — the eschewing of brackets. Here again, the theme is the personalization of wins and losses on the court of play. But in this case, it is not a belief in a higher power, but the desire to be right — often in reference to contests between teams one has no idea about. The result is that instead of watching a game and enjoying the fact that Podunk State pulled it out in the last minute over Giant U, the impact on your bracket and the lust for that office-pool cash determines your mood.

Basketball is a game, a really great game. Over the years, we've attached rituals and other games to it. Pardon our aestheticism, but when the rituals of fandom and gambling start to overshadow the efforts of the young people playing and their coaches, it's time to get back to the basics.

All that said: Go Heels. We mean that most sincerely.

Clarification

FYI to the busy professionals, the causal readers and those who were just plum flummoxed by the idea of an aerial tramway coming to downtown, please note that it was an April Fool's jest. And be forewarned, we intend to make this a regular event. So keep your eyes peeled next year. See you on the Gondola.

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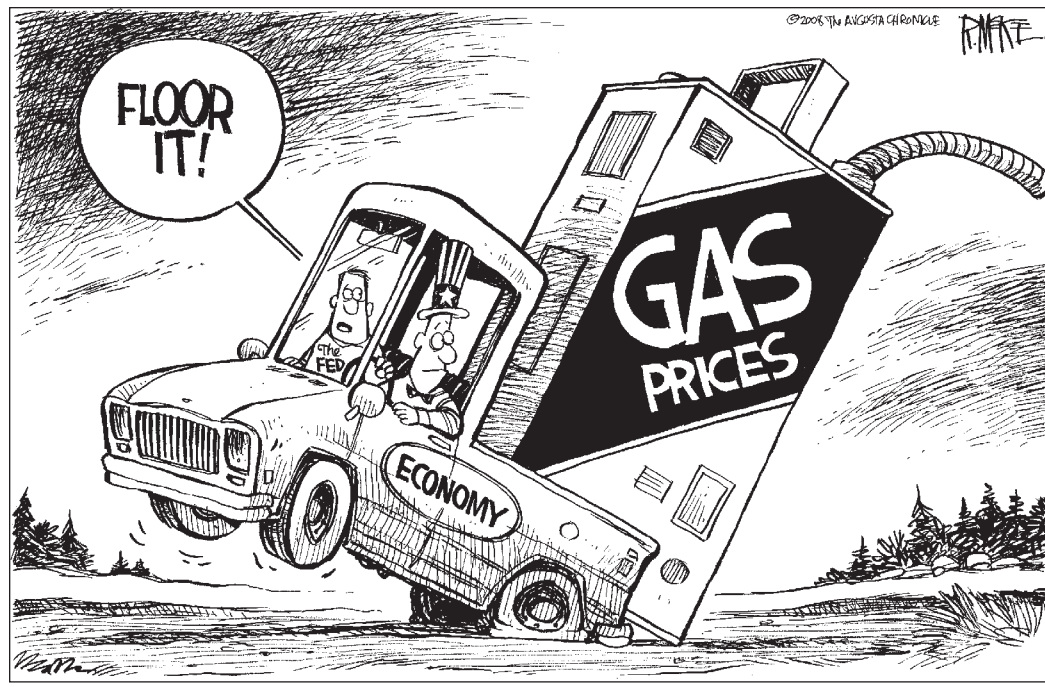
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Immigrant rights, the rights of us all

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Fear is on the rise in North Carolina. This was the topic of most concern at El Foro Latino 2008, a statewide gathering of Latino leaders held earlier this month near Asheville. Fear of leaving your home, fear of being separated from family and fear of law-enforcement officers.

Participants at El Foro told of their experiences with detention and checkpoints. Of being afraid to drive across Alamance County. Of refusing to seek police assistance because of not knowing who might be around the corner when you fill out an intake form.

And it's not just unauthorized immigrants who are afraid. The chilling effect sweeps out to include anyone who looks or talks differently, whether they are a U.S. citizen or not. If you are not carrying the right documentation, you are subject to arrest and detention.

What's causing this fear? A program being promoted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). Under the "Immigration Cross-designation" program (also known as 287g), ICE will provide training and resources to local police and sheriff's departments in exchange for deputizing their officers to enforce immigration law. This means

that anyone stopped by local law enforcement can be held for an immigration ID check.

So far, four sheriff's departments in North Carolina have signed on: Alamance, Cabar-

"We commit not to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Homeland Security to enforce immigration laws or take any other action that might result in racial profiling or create a climate of fear and hostility for any community in the County."

rus, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. And many more want to apply. Understandably, local officials are frustrated by the broken national immigration system, and the resources that the ICE package offers are coveted by cash-strapped law-enforcement departments.

In 2007, a resolution was adopted by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association that urged the state to "take whatever steps are necessary to address the invasion of illegal aliens into North Carolina." The resolution connects the lack of border control with terrorists, Mexi-

can drug cartels and those who "commit crimes against North Carolina citizens."

How do we begin to reduce the tension and move from global anxieties to community well-being? To start, local governments can take a stand against becoming immigration police. I was never prouder of my county than when presenters at El Foro stated that the Orange County Board of Commissioners had issued a resolution opposing the ICE program. It meant something that there was a place in North Carolina that said "no."

The resolution reads in part: "We commit not to enter into a memorandum of agreement with Homeland Security to enforce immigration laws or take any other action that might result in racial profiling or create a climate of fear and hostility for any community in the County."

Thank you for that, Orange County, on behalf of myself and many others around the state who are watching. North Carolinians should follow this issue closely and understand that they can choose to stand up for their own rights and the rights of each of their neighbors.

Colin Austin is a member of the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

Another lesson from the lottery

CHRIS FITZSIMON

On July 28, 2006, the day before the 2006 short session of the General Assembly adjourned, lawmakers passed House Bill 2212, which set up the Lottery Oversight Committee. Gov. Mike Easley signed it two weeks later.

The law requires the panel to meet at least four times a year to review how lottery revenue is being spent, to make sure it is supporting education and not supplanting other education funding. The governor, Senate president pro tem and speaker of the House each appoint three members, all from the general public.

The law also requires the committee to report its "analysis and any findings and recommendations" to the General Assembly every year by September 15th.

The legislation was passed at a time when Raleigh news was dominated by criminal trials and investigations surrounding the lottery's passage in 2005. Former lottery lobbyist Kevin Geddings had already been indicted by federal authorities on nine counts of fraud and was awaiting his October trial.

In early August, Meredith Norris, who was former House Speaker Jim Black's chief of staff, pleaded no contest to state charges that she failed to register as a lobbyist for a lottery company when trying to influence legislation on its behalf.

Black himself was the subject of a federal investigation that would eventually send him to prison. Former representative Michael Decker pleaded guilty to federal conspiracy charges just after the General Assembly adjourned at the end of July.

Corruption was in the air and most of it surrounded the lottery, or at least how the lottery passed a year earlier. That may not have been the only reason why so many lawmakers jumped at the chance to vote for the Lottery Oversight Committee, but it was one of them. Another one was to reassure skeptics who pointed out that it was impossible to promise that lottery revenues would not replace existing education funding.

Sixty members of the House sponsored the legislation and only two members of the House voted against its final approval. It passed the Senate without a dissenting vote. Several lawmakers

talked about the Lottery Oversight Committee on the campaign trail that year, reassuring voters that it would provide accountability to the state's gambling scheme.

Rep. Bill Owens said that "oversight is needed to keep the General Assembly in touch with something as big as the lottery." One news account said "lawmakers will be able to keep a close watch on North Carolina's newly adopted lottery," thanks to the committee.

Or maybe not. Almost two years after lawmakers hailed the creation of the oversight committee, it has yet to meet and has made no report to the General Assembly. Both failures appear to be a violation of the law.

Easley, Basnight and Black made their appointments, and General Assembly staff has been assigned to work with the committee. All we need now is an actual meeting to see some of that oversight that Owens proclaimed was so important. Or at least a call for a meeting from Easley or Basnight or Owens.

Meanwhile, the lottery steams ahead, now beginning its third year of exploiting the public. Overall, revenues have been lower than expected and lottery officials are constantly coming up with new games and drawings and commercials to convince people to spend their money on lottery tickets because politicians can't raise money honestly for public investments.

Local school officials continue to complain that the perception that the lottery is paying for schools makes it harder to convince voters to support bonds for school construction. And nobody knows if lottery money spent on reducing class size is simply replacing money that would have been allocated anyway.

Nobody's really trying to find out either. Certainly not the much-ballyhooed Lottery Oversight Committee that has never met. But all is not lost. Once again, the lottery is teaching us about promises from some politicians, and the difference between sound bites and reality, and that some laws don't really matter. Mark it down as yet another lesson from the Education Lottery.

Chris Fitzsimon is director of N.C. Policy Watch. ncpolicywatch.com

Drought requires big-picture thinking

GRADY MCCALLIE

For those of us living in communities with water restrictions, the current drought is a wake-up call. As with all droughts, there's no telling for certain when it will end. But even after rains and full reservoirs return, a central lesson should stay with us: Rapid growth in total demand for water has brought us to the point that, in a dry year, there's not enough water to go around. If total demand continues to increase, as it has for years, we will reach a time when water is scarce in a normal or even wet year.

There are two basic responses to the drought: Try to increase water supply or manage demand by using existing resources more efficiently. The problem with working to increase supply is that most of the options — building new reservoirs, pipelines and wells — are cumbersome and expensive. In communities most affected by the current drought, we've tapped the easily available surface waters. Going further afield to capture new supplies will be expensive, environmentally destructive and will steal future economic development away from communities around the new water sources. (Another response — interconnecting water systems — provides flexibility for moving water around but doesn't address the underlying question of total supply and demand).

So as a state, we need to focus on using existing resources better, through such measures as rainwater capture, water-efficiency standards for new construction and water reuse or reclamation. We also need more systematic policies that link land-use decisions to consideration of the available water supply and rate structures that promote wise water use.

Here's where recent discussion of water policies in North Carolina has shut down. We need to go one step further. There are a couple of different ways to think about managing demand, and the path we take will make all the difference to North Carolina's quality of life and economic future.

The first path is to adopt an assortment of public policies (including public education) to promote efficiency and conservation, and hope that the total benefits add up to enough to keep demand less than supply, and avoid disruptions to our lives and businesses. This approach amounts to focusing on current trends, trying to bend them bit by bit. If we conserve too little, we run out of water.

The second path is to calculate how much supply we really have available in each river basin, and — after we set aside what our aquifers and rivers need to continue functioning as healthy water sources — allocate water to different uses. Starting with the limit rather than the trend has several benefits.

One benefit is that, knowing what the limit is, we can ensure that conservation and reuse policies are strong enough to reach it, so our communities don't adopt a lot of policies and then still run out of water. Second, as a resident I don't want to suffer inconvenience — and some conservation measures are indeed inconvenient — for the water I save to be given away to a new subdivision down the road. Without attention to the overall limit, that's what greater conservation means: My quality of life declines so that my water system can sell that water to someone else. When policy acknowledges the overall limit, the trade-offs are more explicit, and those of us who are being asked to conserve can insist that our sacrifices ensure a healthier future for us all, rather than simply feeding another crisis in a few months or years.

Traditionally, North Carolina's elected leaders have shied away from discussing limits. Yet, pretending limits don't exist — that new technology or investment or state policies will always find new water supplies or efficiencies to meet growing demand — defies reality, and undermines economic stability. As the current drought has shown, North Carolinians look to our local and state elected officials to ensure that we have a stable water supply. Calculating the limits of our water resources, and basing conservation and growth decisions on them, is the kind of leadership we've voted officials into office to show.

Grady McCallie is the policy director of the N.C. Conservation Network.

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On the ballot

The Orange County Board of Elections released sample ballots for the May 6 Primary. The ballots for the Carrboro district will have the following choices.

Democratic Primaries

Presidential Preference

Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, Barack Obama, *none*

US Senate

Kay Hagan, Duskin C. Lassiter, Jim Neal, Howard Staley, Marcus W. Williams

Governor

Richard H. Moore, Dennis Nielsen, Bev Perdue

Lieutenant Governor

Walter H. Dalton, Hampton Dellinger, Pat Smathers, Dan Besse

Auditor

Beth A. Wood, Fred Aikens

Commissioner of Insurance

Wayne Goodwin, David C. Smith

Commissioner of Labor

Mary Fant Donnan, Ty Richardson, Robin Anderson, John C. Brooks

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Eddie Davis, June St. Clair Atkinson

Treasurer

Janet Cowell, Michael Weisel, David Young

NC State Senate District 23

Moses Carey, Jr., Ellie Kinnaird

County Commissioner At-Large

Neloa Barbee Jones, Bernadette Pelissier, Mary M. Wolff

Republican Primaries

Presidential Preference

Mike Huckabee, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Ron Paul, *none*

US Senate

Pete Di Lauro, Elizabeth Dole

US Congress District 4

Augustus Cho, William (B.J.) Lawson

Governor

Bill Graham, Pat McCrory, Robert F. (Bob) Orr, E. Powers, Fred Smith

Lieutenant Governor

Timothy Cook, Greg Dority, Robert Pittenger, Jim Snyder

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Joe Johnson, Richard Morgan, Eric H. Smith

Nonpartisan Offices/ Referendum

(also found on the party ballots)

Court of Appeals Judge

Jewel Ann Farlow, Dean R. Poirier, James A. (Jim) Wynn

Court of Appeals Judge (b)

Sam J. Ervin, IV, Janet Pueschel, Kristin Ruth, John M. Tyson

District Court Judge District 15B

Glenn Gerding, Lamar F. Proctor, Jr., Page Vernon

County Land Transfer Tax

For, Against

Election Briefs

Commissioner forum

The Orange County Democratic Women will sponsor a County Commissioners' Forum at the Chapel Hill Museum at 523 East Franklin St. on Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. Orange County Commissioner Alice Gordon will explain the role and responsibility of the county commissioner and the voting changes made in electing each one. After she speaks, candidates will speak individually about their goals and entertain questions from those attending. The public is welcome to attend. Contact Betsy Russell at 644-0869 with any questions.

Rally for Moses

Women for Carey, a group supporting county commissioner and North Carolina Senate candidate Moses Carey, are holding a "Rally for Moses" on April 13 at the Big Barn in Hillsborough from 4 to 6 p.m.

The event is free to the public and will feature live music by the Baron Tymas Jazz Trio, the St. Paul AME Church Men's Choir and Billy and Anne Barnes. Recorded music will be provided by Monty Clark of the Doug Clark Hot Nuts Group. Light refreshments will be served.

Ellie Fest 2008

"Ellie Fest 2008" is a celebration of state Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird's contributions to the state of North Carolina and a rally for her re-election campaign. It will be held on Sunday, April 6 from 2 to 5 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons. Music will be provided by Tim Stambaugh, Jimmy Magoo and Saludos Compay. Paperhand Puppet Intervention will entertain and state Sen. Ja-

net Cowell will be the featured speaker. Refreshments will be provided by Open Eye Café.

Voter reg deadline

The registration deadline for those who want to vote in the May 6 election falls on April 11.

To vote in Orange County, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen and resident of North Carolina and this county for 30 days before the election;
 - at least 18 years old on or before the next election;
 - not registered and not voting in any other county or state.
 - if convicted of a felony, your rights of citizenship have been restored;
 - if you move out of your precinct but remain within Orange County you should notify the board office in writing of your new address.
- Registration forms can be found at public buildings and

libraries in the County or online at the Orange County Board of Elections website.

Senate debate

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, EMPowerment Inc. and the League of Women Voters will host a North Carolina Senate District 23 Primary debate between incumbent Sen. Ellie Kinnaird and County Commissioner Moses Carey.

The debate will be at 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Debate questions will be generated by the *Daily Tar Heel*, *Chapel Hill News*, *Chapel Hill Herald* and *The Carrboro Citizen*. 1360 WCHL will be broadcasting and moderating the debate.

Early voting to start

Early voting begins Thursday April 17 for the May 6 election. Unregistered but eligible voters can register at early voting

sites with identification showing their name and current address. Doing this means that you can only vote at the early-voting site. Registered voters can change registration information but not party affiliation.

Vote early in Carrboro at the town hall and in Chapel Hill at the Morehead Planetarium or the Robert and Pearl Seymour Senior Center.

More information: www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/

Group to back tax

After an organizational meeting last week at Town Hall in Carrboro, a group of citizens has formed an organization to help drum up support for the proposed 0.4 percent land transfer tax, which is on the May 6 ballot.

The group, Citizens for Schools and Parks, have launched a website at www.4schools4parks.com.

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The polls for the May 6th Primary election will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Residents who are not registered to vote must register by April 11, 2008 to be eligible to vote in this election. Registered voters who moved within Orange County should notify the Board of Elections, in writing, of their address change by the same date.

Any qualified voter may vote prior to Election Day, at one of the One-Stop voting locations listed below. At these locations voters may also request one-stop registration and voting on the same day.

LOCATIONS AND TIMES FOR ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING

Hillsborough

Location: Orange County Public Library Conference Room
300 W. Tryon St, Hillsborough

Dates and Times: Thursday & Friday, April 17th- April 18th, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Monday – Friday, April 21st - April 25th, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Monday – Friday, April 28th - May 2nd, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Carrboro

Location: Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St, Carrboro

Dates and Times: Thursday & Friday, April 17th- April 18th, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Monday – Friday, April 21st - April 25th, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Monday – Friday, April 28th - May 2nd, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Chapel Hill

Location: Morehead Planetarium, 250 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill

Dates and Times: Thursday & Friday, April 17th- April 18th, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Monday – Friday, April 21st - April 25th, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Monday – Friday, April 28th - May 2nd, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Chapel Hill

Location: Robert & Pearl Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill

Dates and Times: Monday – Thursday, April 21st - April 24th, 12:00 pm–8:00 pm
Monday – Thursday, April 28th - May 1st, 12:00 pm–8:00 pm
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Voters may request their ballots be mailed to them. This request must be submitted in writing to the Orange County Board of Elections, PO Box 220, Hillsborough, NC 27278, and received at the board office by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday April 29, 2008.

Citizens with questions concerning registration, absentee ballots, location of polling sites or other related matters, should call the board office between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or inquire at our website at www.co.orange.nc.us.

The Orange County Board of Elections will hold Absentee meetings in the board office at 110 E. King Street, Hillsborough, NC at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th, May 5th, and 11 a.m. on May 6th.

The Orange County Board of Elections will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the board office at 110 East King Street, Hillsborough, North Carolina to canvass the votes cast on Tuesday, May 6th in the Primary Elections.

If a second Primary is needed it will be held Tuesday, June 24, 2008.



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For all you tomato lovers, they've arrived! We now have greenhouse tomatoes at the Market every week!!

General Store Café ready for reopening

by Emily Burns
Staff Writer

Vance Remick, co-owner of the General Store Café in Pittsboro, felt that the Café had grown so much it was losing that "laid-back feel." Expansion, he said, will restore it.

On April 3, the Café will kick off a four-day grand opening event to celebrate its new 6,000-square-foot addition, located in the historic old Justice Motor Co. adjacent to the Café's current building at 39 West Street.

The four-day grand opening celebration will begin with an official public ribbon-cutting ceremony with Pittsboro Mayor Randy Voller at 6 p.m. Thursday, and the music group Jazz-Beau will christen the new stage from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Friday evening, the Latin group Solazo will take the stage and play South American folk, salsa and Cuban rhythms from 9 p.m. to midnight. Beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Brenda Linton and Friends will play favorites by such artists as Ruth Brown, Eric Clapton and Jimi Hendrix.

Sunday, during brunch, Eduardo Moran will play Latin favorites from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The addition will house a large performing stage, a dance floor, a private meeting room, a state-of-the-art kitchen and the new Black Bird Bar.

According to Remick, the Café's customer base has grown rapidly over the past several years.

"It's gotten to a place where we really had no choice but to grow," Remick said of the Café, which typically serves between 150 and 200 diners on a good Friday night. "We'll rapidly double that when we're in the back."

To accommodate its patrons, who Remick said come mostly from Pittsboro, Cary, Apex and Raleigh, the Café is adding more than a hundred seats to its dining rooms.

Remick said that news of the expansion was a cause of concern for some of the Café's longtime patrons who thought such a large addition might take away from the hometown atmosphere.

"It's really a chore to maintain that local, homespun charm," Remick said, adding that the Café's success has made it even more difficult.

"Our main thing is that we'll be able to continue our close contact to the local community."

Remick and the Café's man-

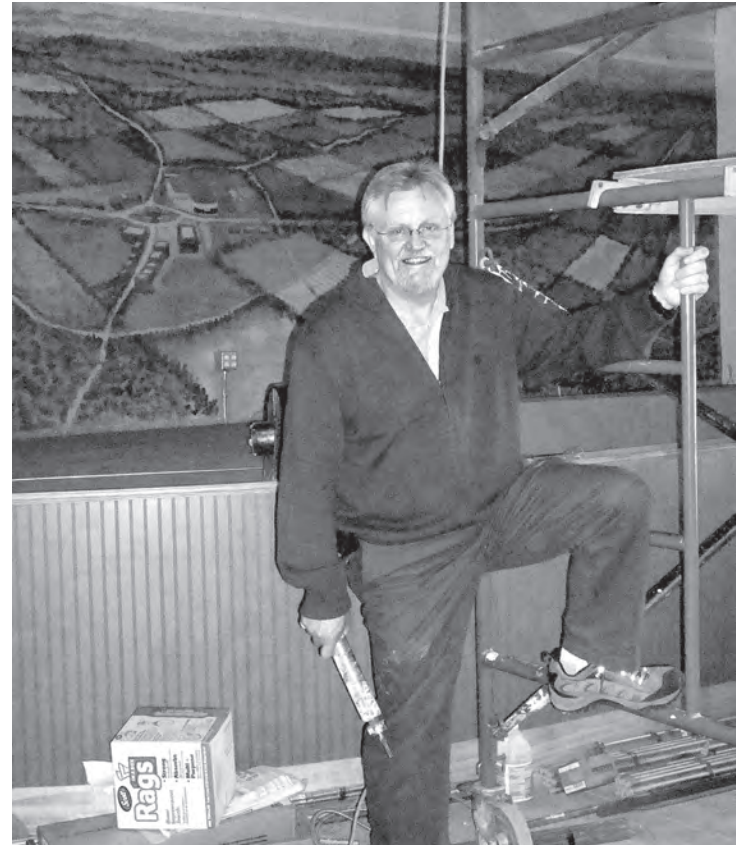


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Vance Remick during a recent work session at the General Store Café, which opens its new addition Friday.

agement are committed to including the community in the completion of the new addition. Proof of that can be found on the wall behind the stage, where Chatham County artist Erick Davis painted a large mural of a bird's-eye-view of the town.

"We have local artists," he said, "we have a lot of local musicians, and there are usually authors sitting here writing in the afternoon."

The Café is not only getting bigger, it's getting greener as well.

The addition boasts a reverse-osmosis water system, solar hot water tanks, low-voltage LED lights, recycled flooring and rain barrels.

"That's what the general store stands for - not only healthy for our customers but healthy for the environment," Remick said. "We can do business and not be

taking so much out of the environment."

The inclusion of environmentally friendly construction methods will cut some costs for the Café and increase others.

The solar-powered hot water tanks will reduce water heating costs significantly and reduce the Café's energy needs, but the reverse-osmosis water system, which will make water for cooking and drinking cleaner, will cost an estimated \$30,000.

"We always have focused on being a healthy place to eat," said Remick.

"In general, that's just the way we are trying to build our business. We're trying to be community conscious, trying to be environmentally conscious, trying to be productive and not just 'another' place. We try to be as close to the community as we possibly can."

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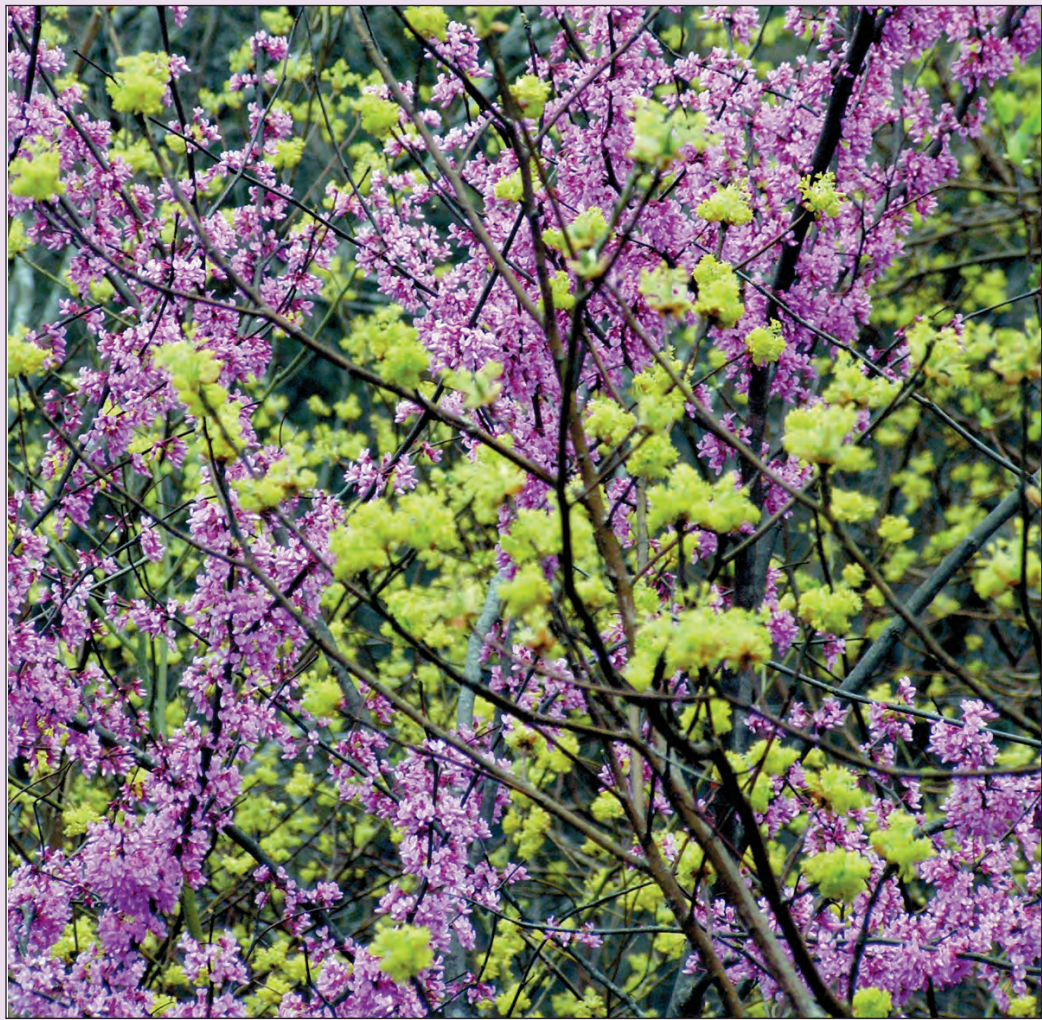


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Sassafras and Redbud: Roadside Impressionism.

FLORA
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Most of those caterpillars become food for numerous bird species or fall victim to parasitic wasps and other predators. The tree puts forth a second growth of leaves and seems to recover from the inconvenient interruption.

Tent caterpillars are most often seen on my many wild cherry trees. Some trees serve as hosts every year and some go several years without any nests. When the caterpillars leave the nest to forage, they lay down a silken thread trail to guide their

return. I enjoy searching the trunk of the trees for those almost invisible trails.

And just this week, I made another discovery. All these many years, I have been missing the subtle beauty of the red leaf buds and emerging red-tinted leaves at the branch tips. A closer look leads to discoveries every day.

Paul Green, in *Paul Green's Plant Book*, relates: "Next to the pine, the wild cherry is perhaps the most valuable of all medicinal plants and trees ... tea made from cherry bark was one of the best of home remedies..."

In addition to tonics, the tiny ripe wild cherries were used to flavor hard liquor to make "cherry bounce" and a half-gallon of fresh wild cherries were fed to hogs thought to have worms. Cherry furniture is highly valued and cherry wood is quite expensive now; one seldom sees really big trees in the forests these days.

In addition to enjoying the seasonal beauties of my wild cherries, I am happy knowing they are a valuable food source for a great variety of butterflies, moths, birds and other critters in my yard.

THE MILL

Science Experiment

If you're wondering what's making you sneeze or why the car is now pale green, there's a simple and quick way to get a look. Tonight or any night for the next few weeks, wait till it's good and dark and take a flashlight outside. (Get close to a wooded area if you want the full effect.) Shine the light up away from you and take a look at what is illuminated by the beam. This is that time of year when, as botanist Ritchie Bell used to say, "the trees are getting frisky."

Hello Deli

At press time, it was unclear exactly when the newspapers pasted over the windows were going to come off and Neal's Deli would be open for business. Word has it as any day now. First clue could be the smell of pastrami wafting o'er the corner of Main and Greensboro.

Untagged

It has been noted in this newspaper that the former Triem manufacturing center at the bottom of the hill on South Greensboro has a good deal of graffiti. Make that *had*. The outside walls throughout have been repainted in a thick, flat gray.



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

It was a lovely spring day and Tulia Henao, all of 5 years old, couldn't think of a better way to spend part of it than a trip to the newly reopened Maple View Ice Cream Store on Weaver Street. She is accompanied by her poodle, Clavelle.

WATER WATCH * WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2



LAKE LEVELS

UNIVERSITY LAKE: full
CANE CREEK RESERVOIR: 10' 3.5" below full

PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH

JONES FERRY WATER TREATMENT PLANT: .83"
CANE CREEK RESERVOIR: .78"

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