

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

A redbud floral garden carpet

A complicated ballot full of critical choices

Voters tune into new registration rules, new county commissioner districts and contested races from the top of the ticket to a local tax referendum

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

With news reports along the presidential campaign trail now including datelines like Raleigh, Greensboro and the UNC campus, this spring's primary season is heating up.

Set late in the season, North Carolina's presidential primary is rarely a factor in deciding the presidential candidate of either party. This year, though, it may have a significant impact on the race between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. In turn, that race is most certainly going to have an impact on local turnout.

New numbers on voter registration in Orange County indicate that the kind of high turnout experienced in other hotly contested states is likely.

With 93,103 voters on the rolls as of Tuesday at 5 p.m., there are already nearly 10,000 more voters registered for the election than there were at the time of the primary in 2004. There have been almost 2,000 voters added since mid-February with the surge almost entirely among Democratic and unaffiliated voters.

Orange County now has 49,350 Democratic voters, up from 48,302 two months ago. The number of those registering as unaffiliated rose from 23,982 in February to 24,489. In the same time span, Republican numbers dropped from 19,363 to 19,255.

Voters have until Friday at 5 p.m. to register if they want to vote on Election Day, May 6. But early voting opens April 17 and new rules will allow citizens to register and vote on the

same day. Early voting runs through May 3. Individuals who will be 18 years old at the time of the November election will be allowed to vote in the party primaries.

Information on registration, early voting and other items can be found at the Orange County Board of Elections web site, www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/

A LONG BALLOT

Though clearly driving up registration numbers, it's not just the national race that's drawing interest this year. There are heavily contested Democratic and Republican primaries for Governor and Lt. Governor as well as Council of State races to decide the Democratic candidates for State Auditor, Commissioner of Insurance,



Commissioner of Labor, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Treasurer and the GOP candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

There are also two state court of appeal races on the May ballot.

U.S. congressional races are in less flux, except for the GOP contest between Orange County Party Chair Augustus Cho and B.J. Lawson of Cary. The winner will face Fourth District U.S. Congressman David Price in the fall.

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FLORA By Ken Moore

So many favorites

The cool weather extension of the flowering of native trees and shrubs is resulting in a visual overload. The colorful images range from redbud flowers carpeting the ground, to the spectacle of whole roadside forest edges dripping with pale-violet hanging flower clusters of the deadly, non-native Chinese Wisteria, *Wisteria sinensis*.

It is impossible for me to describe only one favorite plant this week. As regular readers already know, a favorite is whatever plant has my attention at the moment. One favorite now is Southern Sugar Maple, *Acer barbatum*, with clusters of tiny yellow-green flowers, in contrast to the earlier, red flowering Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*. I am enjoying the subtle yellow-green effects illuminating roadsides and urban landscapes everywhere. And I am wondering what advantage flowering later may offer the Southern Sugar Maple, which is so common in our Piedmont bottomland forests. You may enjoy watching the Red Maples release those helicopter seeds later in the spring while the sugar maples hold their flying seeds until the fall.

Also coming into peak flowering is another favorite, the Black Haw, *Viburnum prunifolium*, a small woodland tree that you may notice along woodland edges where ample sunlight encourages the white, flat-topped flower clusters to cover the tree just before leaf emergence. There is a spectacular specimen towering over the hedge screening the parking area of Carol Woods Retirement Community Building 2. Decades ago, some savvy resident allowed that naturally occurring plant to remain a part of the managed landscape.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Teacher Nathaniel Williams looks on as his students at Emerson Waldorf School perform Doctor Faustus in marionette last Friday at Market Street Books in Southern Village. The Emerson School String-Pullers are planning a free performance of the play at the Franklin Street Post Office this Saturday. See details on page 8.

Series to focus on immigration issues

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

A community series of presentations and discussions this month seeks to address the hard questions surrounding immigration issues.

The Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education is conducting the series on Sundays throughout the month at the FedEx Global Education Center on the UNC campus.

Jane Stein, owner and managing partner of The Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education (CHICLE), said the series is aimed at developing an action agenda regarding immigration issues.

"We just thought that this was a good time to do this," Stein said, noting the federal immigration legislation that died in committee negotiations last summer.

"There seems to be nothing good happening," she continued. "As the economy gets worse, the impact is going to fall heavily on immigrants."

Stein said the kickoff event, held this past Sunday, attracted more than 100 participants and focused on crime, deportation, criminal justice and immigration.

"We were talking about some very hard things that people are going through right now with the number of deportations," Stein said.

The second event will focus on economics and immigration, looking at jobs, wages and other issues, while the third will examine education, health care, social services and immigration. Both the second and third events will feature related films and discussion.

The fourth and final event will look at politics and immigration, as well as action to be taken. CHICLE has invit-

ed several politicians to attend and take part in the discussion.

Stein said she hopes participants will be able to "talk as honestly as we can about the impacts here, both the costs and the benefits."

Stein noted that while she expected the crowd to be mostly sympathetic toward immigrants, she would like to see all views represented at the series.

"We really want to sort of face the issues that surround any discussion on immigration," she continued. "To look at just one level of the issue is a mistake."

CHICLE is a locally owned institute that teaches a number of languages, including advanced classes that combine language and literature.

The FedEx Global Education Center is located on UNC's campus, on the corner of Pittsboro and McCauley streets. The events will be held the next three Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.chi-cle.com or call 933-0398.

Plans for northern area proving hard to nail down

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Somewhere close to 90 minutes into a board of aldermen discussion on how to shape development in a much-studied area in northern Carrboro, Town Attorney Mike Brough politely encouraged them to cut to the chase.

Rather than hash over types of zoning strategies and what they might yield, he said, it would be most helpful if the board would first settle on what they'd like to see happen in the area.

"Until you decide what you want to do, this is a hopeless discussion," he said.

That sage advice came during Tuesday night's discussion at Town Hall following up on the work of a 17-member Northern Study Area Plan Implementation Review Committee. Late last year, the group issued a set of recommendations on how to proceed on drafting development rules for a roughly 4,000 acre region including Calvander and areas near the main arteries of the Homestead, Eubanks and Rogers roads. That committee, which was divided at the end on how to proceed, was following up on the Northern Small Area plan, which took four years to draft and was adopted by the town in 1999.

Last year, the town board approved a six-month development moratorium for the area to give the committee time to work. The moratorium expired last October. In December, the committee eventually issued a series of recommendations along with competing visions for how to handle the need to add commercial development to the area.

The board of aldermen has since struggled with how to move forward on rules for the area, which has several parcels where developers are eager to begin drafting plans.

The board is working its way through more than a dozen recommendations ranging from how to redraft its Village

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Long-haired music from a short-haired man

RECENTLY . . .

By Valarie Schwartz

If you think that all classical music was written by long-haired men who are long-dead, think again.

Ari Picker is writing a symphony, and he's very much alive — with close-cropped hair.

Picker, 26, grew up in Bynum, took no music lessons as a child and only started playing instruments (piano and cello) after moving to Boston and entering the prestigious Berklee School of Music.

"There were no musicians in my family," Picker said last week. "I went to friends' piano lessons with them." While in middle school, the theme music for the movie Edward Scissorhands resonated with him.

"There was a timeless romantic thing going on. It really struck me," he said.

He writes music in his head, and the riffs that ripple through can only be classified as classical.

His hope is to make a living scoring films.

There aren't many garage bands that play that kind of music, and because there's very little support for a young person taking this path, Picker has taken a fundraising tack, working with his "neighbor," Fearrington Village.

During a year off from Berklee to work on his first symphony and catch some classes at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, Picker has founded Project Symphony, a non-profit organization that promotes the

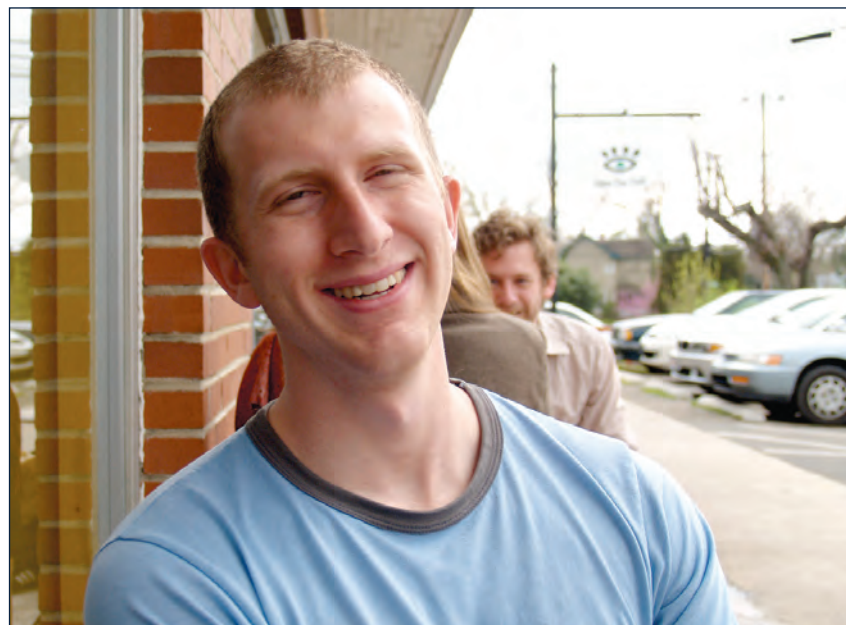


PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Composer Ari Picker hopes to make a living scoring films.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



PHOTO BY MEREDITH-GRAY LIPSCOMB
SNMNMNM drummer Matt Vooris (here with his friend Marina) has a special event planned at The Beehive for this Friday's Artwalk.

THURSDAY APRIL 10

The ArtsCenter: Shelby Lynne 8:30pm \$27

Blue Horn Lounge: Windy City Slim & Ken Yow 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Between The Buried and Me, Lye By Mistake, Giant, Knives Exchanging Hands 7pm \$14

The Cave: Early: John Amos Late: Spider Bags, Turpentine Brothers, Limes \$5

General Store Café: Jazz with Collet Boheme 8:30pm

Local 506: Murder By Death, O'Death, Thunderlip, Kiss Kiss 8:30pm \$12

Nightlight: Dark Inside the Sun, Projexorcism, Cab Caligari 9:30pm

FRIDAY APRIL 11

Blue Horn Lounge: Lucy Sumner & The Second Thirds 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Signal Fest '08 with DJ Babu, D-Styles, & DJ Rhettmatic, Supastition, Brother Reade, Inflowential, DJ SK 9pm \$15

The Cave: Early: New River Rock Skippers Late: Joe Romeo & The Orange County Volunteers

General Store Café: Windy City Slim 8:30pm

Local 506: Signalfest - Dirty5thirty, Stella By Starlight, Ruby Slippers, The Receptors 9:30pm \$8

Nightlight: Signal Fest - Joe Hendrix, Phon, Hendecapote, Electric Bird Noise, Small Life Form, kthxbai, A Drop in Silence 8pm \$7

Open Eye Cafe: Gabriel Miller-Phillips & Jared Friedman 8pm

SATURDAY APRIL 12

The ArtsCenter: Jason Collett with Paddy Casey 8:15pm \$15

Blue Horn Lounge: Blue Diablo 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Signal Fest '08 - Le Castle Vania, Villians, DJ Simon Booth 8:30pm \$15

The Cave: Early: Lindy Dobbins & The Red Velvet Express \$5 Late: Gambling The Muse, Caleb Caudle & The Bayonets

General Store Café: Bluegrass Experience 8:30pm

Local 506: Signalfest with Freaky Flow, Panic, Instigate 10pm \$12

Nightlight: Signalfest with Keith Fullerton Whitman, Bicameral Mind, Promute, Bryce Eiman, Pacific Before

Tiger, Subscape Annex, Craig Hilton, Kah Isbin 7pm \$7

Open Eye Cafe: Grimball & Long 8pm

Reservoir: Claws of Paradise, Guitar Bomb, Twilighter 10pm

SUNDAY APRIL 13

Cat's Cradle: Tile Aid - A benefit to raise money for the ceiling tile testing at CHHS with Big Skinny, Emerald City, The Moonatiks, Jamsterdam 2pm \$5

The Cave: Jason Eady, Adam Carroll, Owen Temple \$5

Local 506: Indie Rock Trivia Night 8pm Free

MONDAY APRIL 14

Blue Horn Lounge: Open Mic 9pm

Cat's Cradle: Reckless Kelly, Mickey And The Motorcars 8pm \$15

Hell: Mowgli, Church of the Snake 10pm Free

Local 506: Western Civ, Salt To Bitters 9:30pm Free

TUESDAY APRIL 15

Blue Horn Lounge: Jamo & Susie Hicks 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Dave Barnes, Andy Davis 8pm \$14

Local 506: American Princes, American Aquarium, SNMNMNM 9pm Free

Nightlight: Tiger Saw, Bibis Ellison, Cathy Catholic 9:30pm

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16

Blue Horn Lounge: Mindchanger 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Susan Tedeschi, Lee Boys 7:30pm \$22

The Cave: Early: Paul Sigismondi

Local 506: Endless Mic (Al Gore Mixtape Release Party), Edward Teach 9:30pm \$6

THURSDAY APRIL 17

Blue Horn Lounge: Blue Concept 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Will Hoge, Leslie, Tba \$10

The Cave: Early: Zach & Craig Late: Josh Thompson, Bill West

General Store Café: Jazz with the Tony Galiani Band 8:30pm

Local 506: Hundred Air, Shaker-maker, Wembley 9:30pm Free

FRIDAY APRIL 18

The ArtsCenter: Billy Joe Shaver with Larry Mangum 8:30pm \$22

Blue Horn Lounge: Steve Jack Band 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Spring Reggae Fest with Dub Addis, Mystic Vibrations, The Amateurs, DJ Ras J 9 pm \$12

The Cave: Early: Mark Cool & The Folk Stars Late: Pinche Gringo, New Town Drunks

General Store Café: Skeeadddle 9pm

Local 506: The Strugglers, The Never, Max Indian. Free

Nightlight: 80's Dance with Glass Witch, Trouble vs. Glue, John Page 10pm

SATURDAY APRIL 19

Blue Horn Lounge: Crushed By The Numbers 10 pm

SPOTLIGHT: BANG ON A CAN ALL-STARS



This New York electric chamber ensemble teams up with Wilco's Glenn Kotche, Sonic Youth's Lee Ranaldo and Burmese drumming sensation Kyaw Kyaw Naing for an eclectic super-mix of genre-defying music from the bizarre to the surreal, from classical minimalism and Balinese gamelan to alt-jazz and fringe-rock techno. The show is Saturday, April 12 at Memorial Hall at UNC, 8pm. Tickets via the box office or call 843-3333. \$10/students and \$20/ general public.

Cat's Cradle: WCOM Benefit - Sweater Weather, Prayers And Tears Of Arthur Digby Sellers, Stranger Spirits, The Water Callers, Harmule, Crash and DJ Trizzak 8pm \$10

The Cave: Early: Grimball & Long Late: Soft Company, Americans in France, Seth Kauffman

General Store Café: Doc Branch Band 9pm

Local 506: Bellafae, Robo Sapien, The Curtains of Night 10pm Free

Nightlight: Emerald City, Satter-white, The Moonatiks 10pm

Open Eye Cafe: Alanna Fugate. 8pm

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MO 4/28 MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO(\$15/\$18)**

WE 4/30 JOSH RITTER, INGRID MICHAELSON(\$15/\$17)**

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FR 5/16 LES DUDEK(\$15)**

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MO 5/26 CLINIC(\$13/\$15)**

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MO 4/28 MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO

TU 5/6 BRITISH SEA POWER

WE 5/28 NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL-STARS(\$16/\$18)**

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News Briefs

Apartment robberies

The Chapel Hill Police Department is investigating three robberies that occurred at three apartment complexes between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

The robberies were reported at Kingswood Apartments on Highway 54 Bypass, Pinegate Apartments on Pinegate Circle and Kings Arms Apartments on Ephesus Church Road. All three robberies involved two suspects, both described as black males, 17-19 years old, six to six feet four inches tall and wearing black shirts and black pants. The victims of all of the robberies were Latino and were approached in the parking lot by the suspects, and at least one of the suspects produced a handgun. None of the victims were injured.

If anyone has information about the robberies, contact the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515. Calls to Crime Stoppers are confidential and anonymous, and the caller may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,200 for information that leads to an arrest.

Discount rabies vaccine

Orange County's Animal Services Department will hold several low-cost rabies vaccination clinics in April.

Under North Carolina law, pets over the age of 4 months must have a current and valid rabies vaccination at all times.

The dates for the April clinics are:

- April 16, 8:30-10 a.m., at Animal Control on Revere Road in Hillsborough;
- April 16, 7-8 p.m., at the Government Services Annex on South Cameron Street in Hillsborough;
- April 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Orange County Animal Shelter off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill; and
- April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Orange County Animal Shelter.

All clinics will offer 1-year vaccinations, but 3-year vaccinations will only be offered at the April 16 clinic at the Government Services Annex and the April 19 clinic.

The vaccination fee is \$5 and must be paid in cash. To receive a 3-year vaccination, bring your pet's most recent vaccination certificate. Dogs must be on leashes and cats should be kept in carriers. Animals that may be nervous or unsettled should be kept in a vehicle for their vaccination. For more information, call 245-2075.

Fair Housing Fair

The Orange County Office of Human Rights and Relations will hold its 4th Annual Fair Housing Fair on April 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone seeking to rent or own a home in Orange County is encouraged to attend. Information on fair housing regulations and housing opportunities will be available. In addition, participants will learn about housing options, financial assistance and other issues related to fair and affordable housing. Banks and community-based organizations will provide information on buying land trust homes, forming individual development accounts and more.

The fair will be held in the parking lot of the Food Lion on Jones Ferry Road. For more information, contact the Orange County Office of Human Rights and Relations at 960-3875.

Hunger walk Sunday

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, in conjunction with Church World Service, will hold the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday.

Seventy-five percent of money raised during the walk benefits Church World Service, a nonprofit that funds global hunger education, refugees, disaster relief and self-help projects in more than 80 countries. The remaining 25 percent supports the IFC's hunger-relief programs, including the Community Kitchen and Food Pantry.

Walkers are sponsored by friends, businesses, organizations and employers. IFC clients and residents walk with a group called the IFC Striders.

Registration for walkers begins at 1:30 p.m., and the walk will follow at 2:30 p.m. The walk will start from the Town Commons and continue for four miles through the streets of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and the UNC campus. After the walk, participants are invited to return to the Town Commons for music and refreshments.

For more information on participating or sponsoring the IFC Striders, please contact Charles Williams at 919-929-6380, ext. 15 or assistant@ifcmailbox.org.



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Despite the oddity of Saturday's sale date having to shift to Sunday on account of rain, a rain barrel sale sponsored by the Town of Chapel Hill was a big hit. Here, representatives of Epoch Systems in Hillsborough explain collection techniques.

PLANS FROM PAGE 1

Mixed Use zoning rules and encourage more commercial development to additional protections for areas near Bolin Creek.

Board of aldermen member Jacquie Gist said that many of the items, such as rezoning potential commercial parcels, will take time to review and work out.

"Each one of these is quite a discussion," she said. "I don't know how we're going to dig into this."

Part of the board's review of the issues Tuesday night focused on the potential for using form-based code, a type of zoning that emphasizes the look and type of structures rather than their uses.

While several board members said the idea has merit noting that a blend of form-based and use-based codes are in play downtown, there was not much appetite for taking a major rewrite of the town's development ordinances.

Board members Lydia Lavelle and Joal Hall Broun urged that the board focus on rules for commercial projects and on making the area more pedestrian and bike friendly as it grows.

Whether the solution is in form-based code or not, Lavelle said, the overwhelming theme at community meetings for the region was "let's figure out a way to have more commercial and more walkability in this area."

Obituaries

George Odell Barham

George Odell Barham, 89, passed away at Brithaven of Chapel Hill on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

He was a veteran of WWII and served in the Army in the South Pacific.

His family wrote, "His patience and ingenuity and joy in life were an inspiration to us."

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Barham; son Kim Barham and wife Roberta; granddaughters Tanya and Sonya Barham; and brother Frank Barham and wife Anne.

A funeral service will be held at the Carrboro United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 10 at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at the Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro.

Online condolences may be made at walkersfuneralhome.com.

Robert A. Kistner

Robert A. Kistner of Chapel Hill, died Wednesday April 2, 2008 at his residence. Robert was a native of Illinois. He moved to Chapel Hill in 1983. He graduated from DePaul University in Chicago, and earned medical degrees from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Loyola Medical School (Chicago). He served in the United States Navy in World War II. Dr. Kistner had a fam-

ily medical practice in the south suburbs of Chicago. He served as Dean of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine for 20 years. At the state level, he served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Regional Programs; the task force on medical education; and the Council on Continuing Education for the State of Illinois. At the federal level, Dr. Kistner served as a representative to the White House Conference on Health; a consultant to the Health Professions Educational Program; and a member of the Graduate Medical Educational National Advisory Committee of the HRA.

He was a member of the University Presbyterian Church of

Chapel Hill, where he served as a deacon and as a member of the stewardship committee.

He is survived by a daughter, Sherrie Kistner (Crete, IL), and three sons, James R. Kistner (Roanoke, VA), William C. Kistner (Wake Forest, NC), and Robert G. Kistner (Raleigh, NC). He is also survived by two stepdaughters, Judith Christopher (Raleigh, NC), Katherine Christopher (Mahtomedi, MN), and one stepson, Wiley J. Christopher (Fairfield, IA). He is also survived by nine grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at the University Presbyterian Church of Chapel Hill, 209

East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 3 o'clock p.m.

Memorials may be sent to the University Presbyterian Church of Chapel Hill.

Online condolences may be made at walkersfuneralservice.com

Margaret McCaull Carmichael Lester

A celebration of the life of Margaret McCaull Carmichael Lester will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th, in the North & South Parlors of the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. For more information, contact Margot Carmichael Lester at 967-3477.

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Community Calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ackland Art After Dark
— See a variety of artwork, listen to jazz, commune with art lovers. Fri Apr 19, 9pm. Ackland Art Museum.

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.

ClydeFest — Bynum, N.C., celebrates folk artist Clyde Jones with art, food, games and more. April 26, 11am-4pm at Bynum Ball Park. 542-0394, chathamarts.org

Fishy Fourth Friday — Showing of The Thin Man in downtown Pittsboro at about 6pm Apr 25 in the Capital Bank Parking Lot. Shops and galleries open late. pittsboroshops.com

Fourth Friday Studio Stroll

— Downtown Pittsboro artists open studio doors from 6-8pm Apr 25. Demonstration at Side Street Gallery 6:30pm pittsboroshops.com

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 10am. Led by trained volunteer tour guides and Botanical Garden curators. Meet your tour guide in front of the Totten Center. Free.

Digital Camera Workshop
— Lecture and photo sessions in the gardens. Learn to use camera controls, free. Fridays from 12:30-4pm at the Botanical Garden.

KIDS

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

Preschool Story Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. 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.dsicomedy-theater.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

Nature Tales: Storytime in the Garden — NC Botanical Garden. Thursdays, 10-11am Children 3 to 5 years old are invited to attend a storytime 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.chapelhillctcf.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.

DANCE

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.csda-dance.org for info.

Swing Dancing — Saturday April 12, Dave & Lola Youngman at the Carrboro Century Center, 8-11pm, \$5 to \$11, 100 N Greensboro St, Carrboro. No partner needed; lesson at 7:30pm included. TriangleSwing-Dance.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 — Freestyle dance to an eclectic mix of music. First Fridays. Balanced Movement Studio. 304 W Weaver St, upstairs. Smoke & alcohol free. Call 968-8776 for more info.

LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS & OPEN MICS

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 10, 17 and 24. Call 962-2643 or visit fridaycenter.unc.edu/pdep for more information and online registration.

“A Tar Heel Cartoonist in Texas: Drawing the Line in the Lone Star State” — Editorial cartoonist John Branch speaks about his career. Accompanies a student cartooning exhibit. Wilson Library, UNC Campus. 5pm, April 17. lib.unc.edu/spotlight/2008/cartoons.html

“Black Art, Zora Neale Hurston, and Writing Their Eyes Were Watching God” — Tues, Apr 15, Toy Lounge, Dey Hall, UNC Campus. 12-1:30pm. Tomeiko Ashford-Carter lectures on the novel.

“The Stone Center Cafe” — evening of tea, desserts, music and poetry. Readings of Harlem Renaissance authors and original works. Mon Apr 21, 7pm. Stone Center Theatre, UNC Campus.

FILMS

Morristown: In the Air and Sun — Apr 13, 4-6pm. Discussion facilitated by Dani Martínez-Moore, NC Justice Center. FedEx Global Education 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 933-0398.

Their Eyes Were Watching God — Film screening, 2pm, Sat Apr 12, Hargraves Community Center, Carrboro. Presented by Sonja Haynes Stone Center.

ARTS CALENDAR



You can view the work of Ruffin Hobbs at Turning Point Gallery through April.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Public Art 360: A Symposium from Seven Perspectives — Addressing the many perspectives involved in public art with guest speakers. April 11-12, Hanes Auditorium, UNC Campus. Information and registration at publicartcollective.org.

Sunday, April 12, 11-5 on **The Lawn at Chatham Mills** (480 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro — 1/2 mile north of the traffic circle on 15-501). Local artists display original work. Featuring potters, glass workers, jewelers, soap makers, wood workers, metal workers, painters, textile artists, and more. Sponsored by Chatham Marketplace and Chatham Mills, Inc. Contact 542-2643 or careron@chathammarketplace.coop for information.

Sunday, April 12, 5-8pm on **the Chatham Mills Porch** — Chatham Marketplace's famous poetry slam, featuring Shakori Hills Festival tickets as prizes for winning poems. Original work is welcome, day of.

Comic Book signing — Comic book artists sign their work and display original art. April 11, 6-9pm. Chapel Hill Comics, 402 W. Franklin.

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arts, builds community by bringing together student and professional musicians, and raises money for charity by putting on concerts of original classical music. The money raised from each Project Symphony concert will be split between a charity organization devoted to environmental, social or artistic causes and a composer commissioned to write the music for the next concert.

Eric Jerome Dickey — NY Times Bestseller signing his new novel, *Pleasure*. Bull's Head Bookshop, UNC Campus. Thursday, April 17th at 3pm. Free to all.

ARTS RELATED

The Orange County Arts Commission (OCAC) announces a May 26, 2008 deadline for receipt of arts grant applications from both nonprofit organizations and individuals for the spring cycle. The Commission will hold a free grant-writing workshop for potential applicants 7-8:30 pm on Thursday, April 10 downstairs at the Chapel Hill Public Library (100 Library Drive). To register, or for info visit artsorange.org or 245-2335.

CARRBORO

THE ARTSCENTER Center Gallery: ArtsCenter Student Show April 3 - 29, reception 6-9pm **East End Gallery:** Elements, the fifth annual Community Art Project.

THE BEEHIVE

Matt Vooris — Dinosaurs, Drums, and You! Live storytelling and performance of Drumheller Dinosaur Dance, with dancing and percussion. Performances at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30, Friday April 11.

CENTURY CENTER

ELEMENTS — the fifth annual Community Art Project.

CARRBORO TOWN HALL

ELEMENTS — the fifth annual Community Art Project.

CLAY CENTRE GALLERY

Carrboro Day Open House and Sale — Featuring resident

potters' new work. Sunday May 4, 12-5pm. 402 Lloyd St., Carrboro. 967-0314, http://www.claycentre.com. Regular hours are M-F 10am-4pm, and by appointment.

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Lisa N. Jones — New works.

FLEET FEET GALLERY

Landscapes From The Trail — Daniel Patrick Vaughan.

NC CRAFTS GALLERY

Undulation — A collaborative show by Linda Carmel and Peg Res.

NESTED

Heidi Iverson — soft sculptures and paintings by the San Francisco Bay artist. Through April.

OPEN EYE CAFÉ

Elements — Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission's 2008 Community Art Project. Opening reception Thursday, April 17, 6-8pm. Through May.

PANZANELLA

Local Farms/Local Art — an art exhibit celebrating the 13th Annual Piedmont Farm Tour. Through June 1.

WEAVER STREET

REALTY

Gretchen Morrissey — Textiles, prints and mixed media.

WOOTINI

Pick Your Friends — contemporary art by Casey Robertson. Through May 6.

CHAPEL HILL

ACKLAND ART MUSEUM

The Pursuit of Learning — Images of Study, Scholarship, and Education. Through May 18.

Perspectives on Public Justice. Through May 4.

ANIMATION AND FINE ART

West Coast Abstract Expressionism — works by Sam Francis. Apr 11-May 8.

CAFFÉ DRIADE

Paintings — Karen Baumeister Reim. Through April.

FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER

Works by Judith Ernst — Expressions of life, love and faith through paintings and pottery. Showing through May 30.

TURNING POINT GALLERY

Upwardly Mobile — metal sculptures by Ruffin Hobbs. Artist Reception Friday, April 11 6-9pm. Through April.

SOUTHERN VILLAGE

BLOOM

Flowers and abstracts — Marcia DiMartino. Through April.

BAGWELL, HOLT, SMITH, TILLMAN & JONES, PA

Paintings by Cat Moleski — bright, insightful and contemplative oil paintings. Showing through April.

HILLSBOROUGH

HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS

Black & White — works by member artists through April 19.

A Walk in the Woods — New work by Pat Lloyd and Jude Lobe. Opening reception 6-9pm April 25. Through May 24. 121 N. Churton St, Ste. 1-D, Hillsborough. Hours 10-5 M-Sat. 732-50001, hillsboroughgallery.com.

PITTSBORO

CHATHAM COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Oil & Water — works by the Council's member artists. Reception Sunday, April 6, noon-4:30pm. Through April.

FUSIONS ART AND FINE CRAFT GALLERY

Photography — local photographer Craig Greiner. Through April 30.

THE JOYFUL JEWEL

The Art & Story of Chasing — sterling, copper and brass jewelry by Darcy Szeremi. Reception Sunday, April 6, noon-5pm. Through April.

will be featured at the Garden Party are from the North Carolina Symphony, UNC Orchestra and N.C. School of the Arts.

“There will be high school students playing next to North Carolina Symphony members,” Picker said. “When it’s original music being played, it creates a musical scene.”

Sunday’s scene will include some of Picker No.1 (which he has considered naming the Broken Symphony because of the leap in genre), along with music by Sibelius, Britten and Brahms, to name a few.

Advanced reservations are required to provide for the wine and hors d’oeuvres from the Fearington House, covered by the \$30 ticket cost. The concert begins at 2 p.m. and will run until 4 p.m., including a 15-minute intermission. Purchase tickets online at store.trekkyrecords.com or at The Fearington House Inn.

Check out Picker’s sound at myspace.com/lostinthetrees.

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com.

PETS OF THE WEEK



APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — My name is Chrissy, a two-year-old Lab/Shepherd mix weighing in at 63 lbs. I am a sweetheart of a babygirl dog friend. I love to give hugs and bury my muzzle in the crook of your arm. I am completely housebroken, love long walks and only chew on appropriate toys. I am a little shy of strangers at first, but once I know you are a good person I am ready for some lovin' and playin'! I play well with other dogs too! Come see me at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org



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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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"Principles"

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This week's answer appears on page 10.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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5 Amonasro's daughter
9 Tracking tool
14 Looked like Lothario?
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23 Eugene O'Neill drama
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27 British astronomer
28 Cipher
29 Baby shark
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34 Nom de crime?
38 More delicate
40 "Hawthorne" and "Gunsmoke"
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47 "Ab — (from the start)"
48 Sock spot
50 Bar supply
51 George Hamilton's ex

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59 Joseph Conrad
61 Sleep slope
62 With 25 Down, successful
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74 C.S. Forester book
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81 Baseball stat
82 Ward of "Sisters"
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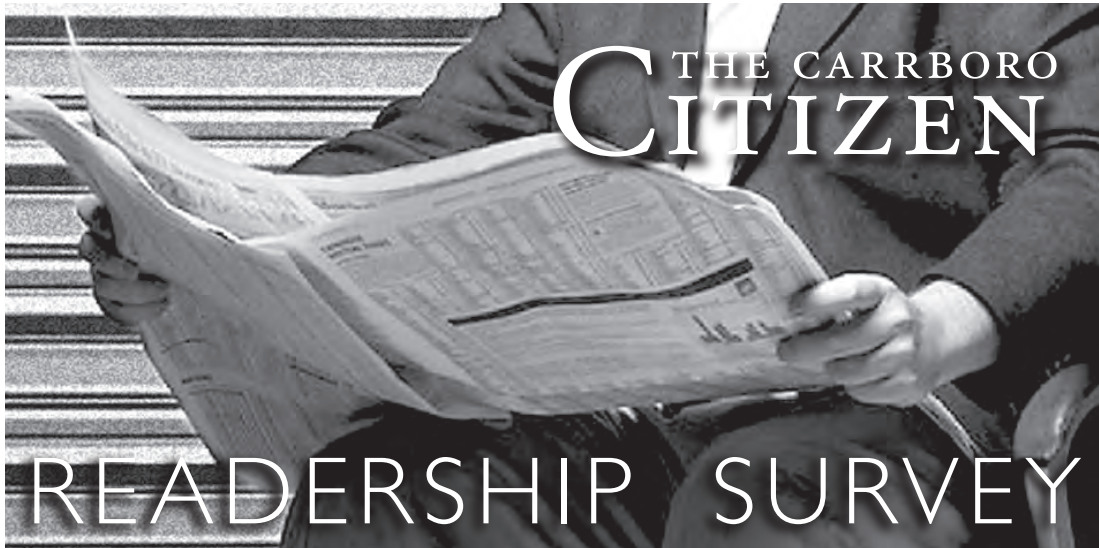
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107 React to an allergen
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114 Operetta composer
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117 Schwarzenegger's birthplace
118 Dino, the more
120 Catherine — Jones
123 Damocles' dangler
127 "— Gay"
129 Phoebe Cates film
134 Microwave feature
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136 Tomstone lawman
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5 Bit part in "Cleopatra"?
6 Singer Foxxy
7 Venture
8 Where Athenians assembled
9 Scott's "The — Quartet"
10 Past
11 Ciamor
12 Evelyn's brother
13 Ushot
14 Select, with "for"
15 20th President
16 Chateau valley
17 Glue guy
18 Health measure?
24 Dole (out)
25 See
62 Across
30 Ram's remark
33 "Carmina Burana" composer
35 Snake-spearman villain
36 Shipa solo
37 Tureful Tommy
39 Irish county
40 Yan's pans
41 Dislodge
42 Submarine finder
43 "— again!"

44 marinated district
49 High-toned guy?
52 Sophoclean tragedy
53 Pleasant
54 Mingo's portrait
56 Southern staple
57 Colorful fish
58 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
59 Capt.'s subordinate
60 Gluck's —
64 Bogus Bach
67 Jacobi of "I, Jud"
68 Black
70 Cola cooler
71 Raptor feature
73 Chou —
75 In good shape
76 Civil Rights org.
77 Israeli airline
78 Ritzy composer
79 Hodgepodge
80 Lima's land
84 Work on a crossword?
85 Patron
87 Fresh from the trail
88 Taxing time?
90 Scuba site
92 Package abbr.
94 Fours gently
96 Figure of interest?
97 Move like molasses
98 Kilmer or Bisogio
99 Word of woe
105 Mischief-maker
106 Tricked
108 Mist
110 "— (68 song)"
111 "Watch out!"
112 Cartoonist
113 Campbell or Jud
115 Alarm button
117 Understands
119 "Lemon —"
121 Obsolete title
122 Lot size
124 Carry out orders
125 Circus sound
126 Water-proofing material
128 Shrug part
130 Private pension
131 Palindromic diarist
132 Antiochke heart?
133 Intelligent

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READERSHIP SURVEY

Part A: Issues and ideas

NC issues that are important to me are:

National/International issues that are important to me are:

The town of Carrboro needs:

I want to learn more about the _____ of this area.

I'd like to see a story in the paper about ...

My favorite place to visit in this area is:

My favorite annual event is:

3. What publications do you read?

The Carrboro Citizen Chapel Hill News
 Independent Weekly Herald-Sun
 News & Observer News of Orange
 Southern Neighbor
 Chapel Hill Magazine
 Community Sports News

4. Where do you get your local news?

WRAL Herald-Sun
 News & Observer Chapel Hill News
 WTVD WCHL
 The Carrboro Citizen
 Other (please specify) _____

5. How important is it to you to have a source of local news?

Very important
 Somewhat important
 Not Very important
 Not _____ at _____ all

1. What features do you tend to read?

2. What items in the paper are important to you?

3. What type of news coverage would you like to see more of?

4. What types of features would you like to see us add?

5. What is your favorite item or feature of *The Carrboro Citizen*?

6. What is your least favorite item or feature?

7. Do you visit our website?

8. Items I always read:

Letters to the Editor School Page
 Music Calendar Obituaries
 Art Calendar Weather
 News Stories Book Reviews
 Recently/Valerie Schwartz
 Water Watch (lake levels chart)
 Chris Fitzsimon's Opinion Pieces
 Land & Table Classifieds
 Phil Blank's Drawings
 Lunch Menu The Mill
 Community Calendar Sports
 Flora/Ken Moore Community Pages
 Editorial Feature Stories
Other (please specify) _____

5. Type of housing:

House Trailer Home
 Apartment Condo or Town Home
 Other (please specify) _____

6. Student?

High School Middle School
 Elementary Undergrad
 Grad Community College
 Professional School

7. Children? 1 2
 3 4 5 or More

8. How long have you lived in this area?

1 year or less 1 to 3 years
 3 to 5 years 5 to 7 years
 7 to 10 years 10 to 15 years
 15 to 25 years 25 years or more
 Native

9. How would you describe yourself?

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 Northern Carrboro White Cross
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 Downtown Chapel Hill
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 Downtown Carrboro
 Neighborhood (please specify) _____

2. Usually, I pick up my copy of *The Citizen* at ...

3. How many people are in your household?

1 2 3
 4 5 6
 7 or more

4. Housing: Rent Own
 Other (please specify) _____

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The election ahead

As our story points out this week (and we'll be reminding you for the next several weeks), this is a rather complicated election.

There are new rules about registration, a new district system for county commissioners, a tax referendum, a contested race for North Carolina Senate, and a full statewide and national primary ballot that is competitive all the way up the ticket to U.S. President.

And while this is mainly a primary, if you live in the Orange County Schools district — pretty much everything north of I-40 and west of Calvander — you'll also be electing your local school board.

To help you get ready, there is a wealth of information available at the Board of Elections web site at www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/.

And we'll try to stay up on forums, important dates and, of course, results in *The Citizen* and on our elections and politics site at www.carrborocitizen.com/politics/.

For starters, please note that while you keep hearing that the election is on May 6, voting starts in one week with early voting poll sites opening next Thursday, April 17, in Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Carrboro. And while it's true that registration ends this Friday, April 11, you can register and vote on the same day at the early voting sites.

As for the national race and this state's increasingly important role in the Democratic nomination, well, one thing to keep in mind is that the so-called mainstream media — especially the electronic version of it — think you're an idiot. Be prepared to hear sweeping generalizations about this state and how it thinks explained by people who can't even keep the North and South Carolina thing straight.

In this election, where Obama's pastor has been the big story while McCain's seeking the endorsement of apocalypse-embracing clergy is non-news, the press is following the same path of lazy reporting and cozying up to inside-the-beltway sources that helped make war with Iraq a slam dunk.

As Salon's Glen Greenwald recently pointed out, there've been more than ten times as many stories in the past month about Barack Obama's bowling score than stories about the recent revelation that, as Greenwald put it, "the Bush Administration declared the Fourth Amendment of the Bill of Rights to be inapplicable to 'domestic military operations' within the U.S."

And we've no doubt that somewhere, an assignment editor is convinced you're clamoring for a retrospective on the Clinton-Lewinsky affair.

If you're still staring at the tube waiting for it to get any better then we suggest you follow Dear Abby's advice and seek professional help. Short of that we suggest peeling yourself away and stopping by two places on the Web that are evidently inaccessible to all those pundits who claim that neither Democratic candidate has a position on anything.

Obama positions are at barackobama.com/issues and Clinton's are at hillaryclinton.com/issues.

Before you march down to the polls and vote the way some blowhard tells you, take a moment at least to review the policies the candidates say they want to put into place.

Attention farmers and gardeners

While we are big fans of agriculture and other outdoor activities, those of us who distribute free newspapers in this area find that there are some people who believe that emptying out a newspaper box for mulching material is an acceptable practice.

Our friends at the Independent Weekly have noticed this for years, particularly around Carrboro.

We'd like to put a stop to this practice in as nice a way possible. The problem isn't that there is a dearth of papers, it's just that those pilfering are taking the current issues.

All local papers, free and otherwise, have enough leftovers each week to mulch every garden spot in the Triangle several times over.

We're making our leftovers and the Indy's available each week through the Carrboro Farmers' Market. If you can't stop by the market and need some papers feel free to give us a call at 942-2100.

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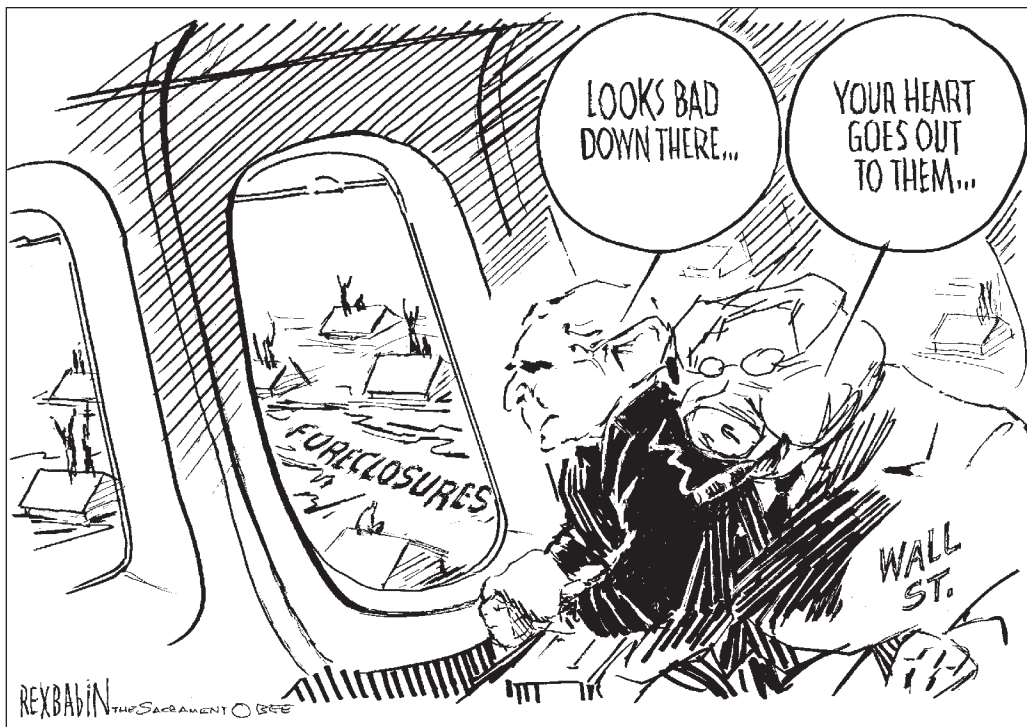
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LETTERS

Transfer tax misinformation

Misinformation about the proposed transfer tax for Orange County is being disseminated to voters who will make a decision on the transfer tax on the May 6th ballot. I wish to correct that misinformation by showing what the effect is on the five counties that have had the transfer tax for many years.

Six counties were given permission to levy the tax and five took advantage of it. During those years, growth in the counties has not slowed, their ad valorem taxes are the lowest in the state and they have more money for schools. In fact, after the transfer tax passed, their ad valorem property taxes went down while their school funding increased. The sixth county that declined to enact the transfer tax, has one of the highest ad valorem taxes in the state, has had slow development and low school funding. In other words, those counties with the transfer tax have flourished and their schools are well funded while enjoying low property taxes.

The choice is for ever increasing ad valorem property taxes to pay for our growth and the need for more schools and parks to accommodate that growth, or a one-time tax that affects a family maybe only one or two times in their lives.

Finally, signs are sprouting up around the county that say, "Vote no on the home tax." This catchy but incorrect slogan ignores the fact that the ad valorem property tax is a "home tax" already, just one that is hard on those with a fixed income.

I hope everyone will carefully consider the true value of the transfer tax in providing Orange County with the schools and parks it needs to serve our current population and those who join us later.

—ELLIE KINNAIRD
Carrboro

Choices in May

For the first time in years, we've got some difficult ballot choices in an "off time" election. Local citizens would benefit by giving them some thought.

For democrat and independent primary voters, there are real choices in candidates for president and for NC state senate. Corporate Clinton or Orator Obama? Perhaps the candidate whose income was over \$100 million in the last seven years will understand our cost of living concerns?

Locally we have the chance to let State Senator Ellie Kinnaird know how much we value her. She has a close to "100 percent" positive record on issues important to me: protecting the environment, civil rights and civil liberties.

She was critical in the state apology for the damages of slavery, and is hard working, understanding of our lives and absolutely honest. I've interviewed her frequently on my community radio show, and she has always answered my questions, even when we disagreed.

And then there is the real estate transfer tax issue. This is a way to raise money for schools which would affect only those who are realizing profits on the sale of their real estate. Another hard choice!

More than anything else, be sure to get out and vote!

—DAVID BELLIN
Carrboro

Two sides to debate

Colin Austin is absolutely correct when he states that "Fear is on the rise in North Carolina". I believe, however, that he has focused on only one aspect of the fear.

He has ignored the fear of a mother in Burlington who must send her children to a school where gang violence is steadily increasing, violence that did not exist prior to the influx of illegal immigrants to the area.

He has ignored the fear of local minority tradesmen who see their businesses floundering because of the influx of illegal workers who will work for cash paid under the table.

He has ignored the fear of drivers in the rural areas who believe that most illegal immigrants have no driver's licenses or auto insurance, or Latinos comprise a higher percentage of DWI arrests than their proportion of the population.

He has ignored the fear of property owners who see their taxes going up, in part to provide services for a segment of the population that appears to be uninterested in participating in the community as a whole, but seems content to segregate themselves from their neighbors.

Are these fears justified? Maybe, maybe not. The fact is undeniable however, that they do exist, whether warranted or not, and until a

meaningful way is found to put those fears to rest, perhaps through education, dialog or some other means, then local citizens in many parts of North Carolina will encourage their local law enforcement agencies to join the ICE program. Local governments will not take a stand against becoming "Immigration police" unless they have the backing of the general population, and that is not looking very likely in most parts of the state unless the citizens cease to have these concerns about illegal immigrants. It is not just local officials who are "frustrated by the broken national immigration system", it is increasing numbers of regular citizens in North Carolina.

Forums like El Foro Latino are excellent ways to discuss these issues within the Latino community, but unless there is conversation with and outreach to the non-Latino community, the problems are not going to go away. Perhaps the Orange County Human Relations Commission might be a logical entity to try to address this problem, if they can remember that there are two sides to this important issue.

—FOREST HAZEL
Mebane

Animal sheltering changes

Animals have been adopted or recovered from the Animal Shelter on Martin Luther King Boulevard for as long as community memory serves. It was run by the Animal Protection Society until 2004 when Orange County assumed direct operational responsibility for the shelter. The next year the County created Animal Services, a department responsible for animal control as well as sheltering services in Orange County.

Despite all of these changes, it has remained true that animals are adopted and recovered from the same place. Indeed, there are vendors as well as members of the public who still mistake APS and Orange County's Animal Shelter. At the end of the year, however, we will all need to change our habits and perceptions, since the existing shelter will be decommissioned as a result of site preparation for the new University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) "Carolina North" campus.

But just around the corner is the construction of Orange County's new state-of-the-art animal services facility at the northwest corner of Eubanks and Millhouse Roads. It has been designed as a destination that draws members of the public, ensures the very best standards of care, presents adoptable animals in the very best light and does so in a sustainable manner. In addition, for the first time all Animal Services programs and staff will be together in one place.

Until the new facility opens at the end of the year, we will continue to operate the historic Animal Shelter, but in a rapidly changing landscape. A remediation project, conducted by UNC to prepare the Carolina North site, has already resulted in parking and entrance changes to the Shelter. Also, a fence is being constructed around a large area in the front of the Animal Shelter.

Regardless of the appearance, the Animal Shelter will continue to operate on a regular schedule during this process (which we expect to end in August) and Animal Services will strive to keep its services in the mind of the public. Staff is creating a Frequently Asked Questions brochure (available at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/index.asp) and we will be working to increase community outreach so that animal adoptions and the recovery of lost pets does not decrease during the project.

As always, our success will depend upon our support from the communities that comprise Orange County. We look forward to that collaboration as we move toward a new and very different future—one we believe will be even better and brighter.

—ROBERT A. MAROTTO
Animal Services Director

LETTERS POLICY

Letters should be no more than 425 words in length and must be accompanied by the author's name, address and contact information. We will publish one letter per author per month. Lengthy letters written in longhand will mysteriously become lost. Typed letters are preferred and email even more so. That said, send your letters to:

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Transfer tax needed

PAM HEMMINGER

At the March 20th meeting of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, we adopted a resolution in support of the Orange County Commissioners' decision to place a Land Transfer Tax referendum on the May 6 ballot. It is projected that the Land Transfer Tax would generate approximately \$35 million annually in Orange County to meet critical county facility needs.

Why did the Board take this action? The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' Capital Improvement Plan for 2008-2018 includes \$200 million in unfunded capital projects that need to be completed over the next 10 years. Major unfunded projects in the CIP include two elementary schools (in addition to Morris Grove, which is currently under construction), an additional middle school and the completion of the cultural arts wing and additional classrooms at Carrboro High School.

At the same time that we are facing \$200 million in unfunded capital needs, the County is constrained in how much it can borrow for projects of this nature. Orange County is at its self-imposed borrowing cap and, therefore, does not now have the capacity for the additional borrowing that would be necessary to fund these projects.

"the Land Transfer Tax is one way that Orange County voters can help the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools meet our unfunded construction needs"

Such a difficult situation calls for a new and different approach to raising the funds needed for capital projects. The members of the Board of Education are Orange County taxpayers, too. We are sensitive to the fact that ad valorem property taxes have risen steadily in recent years, in some part to support school district growth and the increasing costs of staff salaries and benefits. Board members also are managers of household budgets. We, too, are feeling the pinch of inflation when we shop for the basics needed by our families.

Because we are sensitive to the financial struggles that many Orange County residents experience, we encourage the County Commissioners to pursue innovative approaches that will reduce the reliance on ad valorem property taxes to fund schools and other county projects. The Land Transfer Tax will diversify the tax collection base in Orange County because it will not impact all residents or property owners in the same manner.

Land Transfer Taxes, which are capped at .4 percent by the North Carolina General Assembly, are paid only by those citizens who are selling a piece of real estate. The tax is paid on the selling price, not the property's assessed value. The tax is levied on all types of real estate, including commercial properties. The cost of this tax likely could be calculated into a property owner's asking price or negotiated with the buyer. On a \$200,000 transaction, the Land Transfer Tax would be \$800. Land Transfer Taxes are one-time expenditures by real estate sellers and are not levied on an annual basis as are ad valorem taxes. Gifts of real estate or inherited transfers are exempt from the Land Transfer Tax.

The County Commissioners chose the Land Transfer Tax over the other option given to them by the General Assembly — a .25 percent increase in the sales tax. Sales taxes, of course, are paid by all of us every time we make a purchase. They impact all of us, including students, retirees on fixed incomes and struggling young families. In a time of economic downturn, it seems that those with the least ability to pay more in taxes should be spared from this kind of tax increase if similar or greater revenues could be generated from a Land Transfer Tax. Clearly, the Board of Education agrees with the decision of the Board of County Commissioners to place a referendum on the Land Transfer Tax on the May 6 ballot.

Supporting the Land Transfer Tax is one way that Orange County voters can help the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools meet our unfunded construction needs and do so in a way that provides a stable base for investment in these projects. A member of our legislative delegation recently shared that five other counties in North Carolina have already implemented a Land Transfer Tax. In those counties, property taxes have gone down—and school funds have increased. If the Land Transfer Tax does not pass, these unfunded capital projects will inevitably come from future ad valorem tax increases as the borrowing cap begins to be lifted.

I urge all Orange County voters to join the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education in support of the Land Transfer Tax referendum so that we are poised to meet the growth that continues in our community and the renovation needs of our aging facilities.

Pam Hemminger is the chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

BALLOT FROM PAGE 1

On the Senate side, Chapel Hill investment banker Jim Neal and State Sen. Kay Hagan of Greensboro are campaigning for the right to face Sen. Elizabeth Dole, who has nominal opposition in the GOP primary. Neal and Hagan will debate in Chapel Hill on Sunday (April 13) in the auditorium of the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building of the UNC School of Social Work. The debate begins at 2 p.m.

In General Assembly races this year, all three Democratic representatives in the state house — Speaker Joe Hackney, Rep. Verla Insko and Rep. Bill Faison — are running unopposed.

The state Senate race that will decide the Democratic candidate for Senate District 23 is already promising to be a hard fought contest between longtime county commissioner Moses Carey and six-term incumbent Sen. Ellie Kinnaird.

At presstime, Kinnaird and Carey were debating the issues at Town Hall in Chapel Hill.

Local races on the ballot this year include new seats and new districts for the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Voters will be deciding on the Democratic Party candidate for an at-large seat in a race between Bernadette Pelissier, Nelo Barbee Jones and Mary Wolff. Also to be decided is the four-way Democratic contest for the new District 2 seat on the county commission between Tommy T. McNeill, Luther K. Brooks, Leo L. Allison and Steve Yuhasz.

Though everything else is a primary, voters will have a chance on May 6 to decide the composition of the Orange County Schools' Board of Education by picking three winners from six candidates; Stephen H. Halkiotis, Tony McKnight, Jeff Michalski, Eddie M. Eubanks, Al Hartkopf and Stan Morris.

In one of the most contentious items on this year's ballot voters will be asked to approve or reject a proposed 0.4 percent real estate transfer tax.

Also to be decided is a contest for an open seat for District Court 15B between Page Vernon, Glenn Gerding and Lamar Proctor.

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

Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, 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

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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

Nelo 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 Puschel, 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

Voting demonstration

The Orange County Board of Elections will hold a demonstration of the voting process and the procedures in place at 1 p.m. on April 26.

The Board hopes to ensure that all voters of Orange County have complete confidence in the voting system.

The demonstration will be held at the Orange Enterprise Building on Valley Forge Road in Hillsborough. For more information, contact the Orange County Board of Elections at 245-2350.

Registration deadline

The registration deadline for those who want to vote in the May 6 election falls on April 11. To vote, 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 have voting rights restored.

Registration forms can be found at public buildings and libraries in the County or online at www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/

Transfer tax education

The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday received an update regarding the voter education effort for the May 6 referendum on the land transfer tax.

Voters on May 6 will decide whether property sellers will pay a 0.4 percent land transfer tax. If the measure passes, the county could begin collecting funds during the 2008-09 fiscal year. The board in March voted to spend as much as \$100,000 on the voter education effort.

Ballen Media, the consultant hired to conduct an education initiative to provide voters with

information about the land transfer tax, presented its "Your Choice" campaign plans to the commissioners. Representatives from Ballen said they hope to reach 60 percent of all adults at least four times through the campaign, which will include advertisements in newspapers, on television and on the radio and home mailings.

Pittsboro special election

Hugh Harrington was elected to the Pittsboro Town Board of Commissioners in March in a special election for the Board's last open seat.

Harrington finished six votes ahead of Michele Berger in the November elections to win the Board's third open seat. However, 17 voters received incorrect ballots, and the State Board of Elections in December authorized the new election because the ballots could have affected the outcome of the election.

In the special election, Harrington received 385 votes, while Berger received 299 votes.

One stop early voting

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 Morehead Planetarium or the Robert and Pearl Seymour Senior Center during weekday business hours. The last day is Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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.

Lunch Menus

APRIL 11-17

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

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Friday — Corn Dog; Salisbury Steak w/Gravy & Wheat Roll; Mashed Potatoes; Collard Greens; Chilled Pineapple
Monday — Cheese Ravioli w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese; Broccoli Cuts; Fresh Orange Wedges; Vanilla Pudding

Tuesday — Cheese Pizza; Sausage Pizza; Pork Rib-B-Q on a Bun; "Fun on the Run"; Baked Beans; Chilled Peaches

Wednesday — Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread; Turkey & Cheese Sub; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Mixed Vegetables; Apple Halves

Thursday — Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll; Beef & Bean Burrito w/Salsa; "Fun on the Run"; Pinto Beans; Fruited Gelatin

MIDDLE & HIGH

Friday — BBQ Beef on a Bun; Turkey & Noodles w/Wheat Roll; Green Beans; Chilled Peaches

Monday — Ham & Cheese Melt; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Pears

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

Wednesday — Oven Baked Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Coleslaw; Broccoli Cuts; Fresh Banana

Thursday — Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Fruit Cocktail; Peach Cobbler



This week's lunch menu is sponsored by Club Z! In-Home Tutoring. See our ad this page.

School Briefs

Job fair

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro High School Job Fair will be held April 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at **East Chapel Hill High School**.

The fair is organized by the Foundation for a Sustainable Community and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the three Chapel Hill-Carrboro high schools and is intended to help high school students find employment.

Businesses in need of new employees are encouraged to participate in this event. To reserve a table, contact Kimberly at 967-6075, ext. 28 or kpfirrmann@carolinachamber.org by April 11.

Rock and Read

Students at **Ephesus Elementary School** recently met their goal of reading 5,000 hours of books this year during their Rock and Read-a-thon.

Local rock band Hot Rooster played a short concert for the students on Friday to reward the students for reaching their goal.

Treasure winner

Phillips Middle School student Sidney Karesh recently won the junior story division of the Treasured Objects Contest sponsored by Weekly Reader.

Sidney's story, "Here Lies My Struggle," was published in the April/May edition of the magazine. She wrote about a journal that was given to her by her sixth-grade English teacher.

A professional writer judged the contest.

Performer info

The **Chapel Hill High School** Performing Arts Programs and PALS Information Night will be held April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Hill High Chorus Room, C Building.

Parents are invited to learn about **Chapel Hill High's** performing arts programs as well as the performing arts volunteer organization, Performing Arts Lovers (PALs). PALs welcomes new volunteers and steering committee members for next year, particularly representatives for dance, band and orchestra.

For more information, visit www.hanestheatre.org or contact Lisa Hirsh, PALs president, at lisahirsh@bellsouth.net or 967-0041.

Graduating clean

The 15th annual Chapel Hill-Carrboro Project Graduation needs volunteers and donations.

Project Graduation, an all-night, alcohol-and-drug-free party for graduates, will be held graduation night, June 14, at the UNC Student Union. The event is free of charge to participants to reward seniors for a job well done and to encourage maximum participation.

All costs are covered by donations from parents and businesses in the community. To donate or volunteer, visit www.projectgraduationchccs.org and download donation or volunteer forms.

Fashion show

East Chapel Hill High School students will host an Avenue of Stars Fashion show on Friday at 7 p.m. in the East Chapel Hill High auditorium.

The students are in Beth Bell's Apparel Development II and Fashion Merchandising course. The show will feature prom dresses designed and created by apparel development students, outfits from the PTA Thrift Shop coordinated by fashion merchandising students and fashions from Cameron's and Cache.

National Technical Honor Society

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools high school students

will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Slant Room of East Chapel Hill High School.

Students who will be inducted have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, as well as citizenship and leadership within career and technical education.

Orchestra picks

Ten students from **Phillips Middle School** were selected to the Eastern Regional Junior All-State Orchestra on March 1.

Selected students include violinists Alice Huang, Cissy Yu, Tsai-Wei Cheng, Eric Chiou, Angie Edwards, Sandya Mahadevan and Sirui Wang; cellist Lewis Peel; and bassist Kyle Jordan. William Heine was named an alternate on bass.

The students are directed by Ann Daaleman.

Peace trip

The **Chapel Hill High School** Ambassadors for Peace Club traveled to Chicago last week.

Students who went on the trip include Sarah Kerwin, Pangsang Perera, Philip Daniels, Ahna Weeks, Allison Press, Kaela Cogswell, Rachel Harrison, Kali Xu, Giberto Sibrarian, Brittany Thompson, Jolisa Mercer, James Senter, Elysia Su, Kayley Abell-Hart, Wendy Avendano, Ariel White, Nicholas Speaker and Philip Kitchen. The group was formed last fall in response to O Ambassadors, an initiative started by Oprah Winfrey. The club is sponsored by Corey Waters.

New Waldorf director

Emerson Waldorf School recently selected Joanne Andruscavage as its new director of administration.

Andruscavage serves as director of administration at the Austin Waldorf School in Texas, and will begin her work



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Alex Wiley, a freshman at Emerson Waldorf's high school, pulls a few strings at a recent performance of Faust at Market Street Books.

at Emerson Waldorf School on July 1. She has also served as principal of St. Theresa's School in Austin and of St. Ambrose School in Baltimore.

Andruscavage holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Florida International University, as well as a master's of education in educational management and supervision from Loyola College of Maryland.

Faust in marionette

The **Emerson Waldorf School** String-Pullers will present a marionette show, Doctor Faust, on Saturday

at 1:15 and 3:15 p.m. in front of the post office on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill.

The high school marionette troupe has been building marionettes, costumes and sets, learning lines and staging a performance to prepare for the show. Faust is a well-known character from German legend that makes a pact with the devil, and has come to represent a person whose pride is his undoing.

The puppet show is geared toward adults, but is suitable for children as well. Donations will be accepted to support the Emerson Waldorf School music program.

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Refugee families plant food, new roots

By Morgan Siem
Carrboro Commons Writer

The stillness that characterizes most elementary schools on Saturday mornings is missing at Frank Porter Graham Elementary. Julie Spomer makes sure of that.

Saturday has become her favorite day of the week since the inception of the gardening club with the Karen refugees, she said.

After being granted political asylum by the State Department through the efforts of Condoleezza Rice in the summer of 2007, a group of Karen refugee families now lives in Carrboro with help from Lutheran Refugee Services. They had been living in Mae La refugee camp in Northern Thailand after fleeing the militaristic government of Myanmar, formerly known as Burma.

"When we lived in Mae La, the Burmese hated us and would bomb our camps," said MiH Too, who immigrated in September 2007 with her five children. Her 11-year-old daughter is a student at Frank Porter Graham and a member of the gardening club there.

On Saturdays, her daughter and the other Karen students come together, along with some of their parents, for gardening club meetings at the school.

The idea for the gardening club arose during a meeting in which community members discussed ways to help the Karen refugees feel more connected to the community.

"They wanted to give back to the school in a way that builds community and school pride, but they can't financially," said Spomer, who teaches English as a Second Language at Frank Porter Graham.

Spomer has played a major role in the gardening club since it began. One of the original goals of the club was to provide the families with nutrition, since many arrived in the United States with vitamin deficiencies.



PHOTO BY MORGAN SIEM

The Karen refugees from Burma show off the friendships they've made in the gardening club at Frank Porter Graham Elementary, where many of the children are students. From left to right: Hsar Ree Ree Wei, 9; Iza Garayua-Tudryn, 7; Hla Win Tway, 10; Hsar Paw Paw Wei, 12; Mueh Pay, 10; and Kyew Shar Aye, 9.

"I ate onions, lettuce, broccoli and watermelons that we grew," said 9-year-old Hsar Ree Ree Wei, who goes by "Ree Ree" and stood out for her fluency in English.

But the gardening club has become much more than a source of nutrition. It serves as a social time for the kids, who do not have an after-school program. The relationships fostered have also fueled tutoring lessons, which Spomer conducts for the children as well as their parents, and the group takes outings together, such as trips to the library.

On the first Saturday of March, the group went to Walmart together. For many of the Karen, it was their first time in such a large store. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Sunrise Rotary Club had donated \$50 gift cards for each family to spend.

At the end of the trip, shopping carts full of art supplies, a microwave, sneakers, soda, toilet paper and DVDs rolled up to the register.

"Register," Spomer said, enthusiastically taking advantage of the opportunity to teach English vocabulary.

Spomer also slips in vocabulary lessons while she gardens with the club members.

"They're so hungry to learn," Spomer said, citing a time when she went to tutor two mothers and 20 showed up. "It was so awesome. It brought me to tears."

She also told the story of one refugee family who had been in town for a month without ever complaining that their electricity still had not been turned on.

"We need people to advocate for them, because they don't complain, and they don't speak up for themselves," Spomer said.

Spomer does what she can to serve their needs.

"It's enriching, and when I'm tired, it's physically tired, not sick-and-tired," she said. "I've been blessed and given a lot in life, and it's time to not be selfish

and really give back. I think I'm meant to do what I'm doing."

She said that her relationship with the Karen children has become the rewarding relationship she's sought in her life.

"My favorite book is The Alchemist because at the end the person finds that what he was looking for was right there all along," she said. "I think that's indicative of my life. I may never get married, but I'll have the connections I make with the kids."

"I joke with them that they've adopted me," she said. "They really treat me like family, and it's unusual for me because I am not familiar with big families."

"When I see how much they work together, and how much they've been through, I think they show how human nature should be."

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

School Briefs

Middle college open house

The Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College will hold two open house events over the next week.

The Middle College program allows 11th- and 12th-grade students to earn honors-level high school credit while taking college courses. Students considering enrollment and their parents are encouraged to attend the events.

The open houses will be held April 11 and 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 45 of the White Building on Lawson Street in Durham. Refreshments will be served.

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Hawbridge open house

Hawbridge School, a charter high school in Saxapahaw, will hold an open house and concert on

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Talent program

Twenty seventh graders from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools qualified for grand recognition in the Duke Talent Identification Program this year.

To qualify for grand recognition, students must exceed a score of 660 math or 650 verbal or exceed a total score of 1270 on the SAT.

Of 133 district seventh graders who took the SAT or ACT, 86 qualified for state recognition in the Duke program by scoring 510 or higher on either the math or verbal portion of the SAT.

The students will be recognized at a ceremony at Duke University on May 19.

Sports briefs

Jaguar soccer wins

Carrboro High School women's soccer won two matches this week. On Friday they defeated Chatham Central High School 7-0. Scoring for the Lady Jaguars were Melody Cranfill, Molly Acuff with two, Peyton Kennedy, Marshall Babcock, Katie Gilmore, and Rosie Scanga, with assists by Rosie Scanga, Sarah Luca, Allison Rosen and Olivia Blanford. Carrboro took 29 shots and Chatham Central took 4. Carrboro had 2 saves, Chatham Central had 16.

Later in the week, the Lady Jaguars soccer team defeated Northwood 3-0 on Monday. Scoring for the Lady Jaguars were Olivia Blanford, Katie

Gilmore and Peyton Kennedy with assists by Allison Rosen and Olivia Blanford. Carrboro took 20 shots, Northwood 8. Carrboro had four saves, Northwood seven.

Softball standings

Carrboro's co-recreational softball league is back and has played its first round of games. The standings so far:

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Current Events: Wednesday Market opens this week!

April 19th: Carrboro Farmers' Market Annual Kid's Seeding Event!

On Saturday, April 19, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m., the Carrboro Farmers' Market will give away Cherry and Sungold tomato seedlings to kids. The Market will supply growing instructions and the Orange County Master Gardeners will be there as well to offer planting advice. About 10 weeks later, the Market asks the kids to come back with a clipping from their seedlings. The fruit is then displayed state fair-style for all to see and admire.

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



South Estes farmers' market takes root

By Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

The Farmers of Orange, one of the groups that petitioned the county to run the farmers' market at the county's new Public Market House, has launched a new farmers' market in the parking lot of University Mall.

The new market, called the South Estes Farmers' Market, is sponsored by A Southern Season and will be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. year round. The market held a soft opening on Saturday and will hold a grand opening on May 3.

Jeffrey Goodrum, president of the Farmers of Orange board of directors, said the group had been considering different options for a farmers' market location while waiting for the county's decision on who would run the market at the Public Market House in Hillsborough.

Last August, two opposing groups appealed to the Board of County Commissioners for control of the Hillsborough Farmers' Market and later split into the Farmers of Orange and the Hillsborough Farmers' Market. Both markets asked to administer the farmers' market at the new Public Market House, but the commissioners expressed aversion to being forced to choose between the two groups and in February decided the county would run the market for an interim period.

Goodrum said his group decided not to sell at the county-run market at the Public Market House.

"Based on how the county indicated they would be managing it and what their plans were for it, it just didn't seem quite the right fit for us," he said. "When this opportunity to have a market in association with A Southern Season at University Mall came along, we decided to go with that one."

Goodrum said A Southern Season will not be involved in the management of the market, but the market and the gourmet foods store will work together for various events. The store's cooking school will hold classes in which students will go to the market to select items that they will then take back to the school and use in preparing dishes.

Saturday's market included about 16 or 17 vendors, but Goodrum said the market will grow to more than 20 soon, adding that the opening, which was not advertised, attracted about 500 customers.

The South Estes Farmers' Market will only be open on Saturdays, but many of the Farmers of Orange vendors would like to have a Wednesday market as well, Goodrum said.

"We will probably be trying to get a mid-week market established somewhere in the county," he added.

The South Estes Farmers Market is held near the entrance to A Southern Season at the University Mall on Estes Drive in Chapel Hill.



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There will be a kick-off event at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 on the Weaver Street Lawn.

WEDNESDAY MARKET RETURNS
The Carrboro Farmers' Market Wednesday market is back and opened for the first time yesterday. The Wednesday market is open from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. The Saturday market is 7 a.m. until noon.

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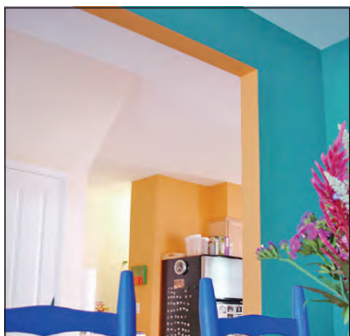
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WATER WATCH * WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9



LAKE LEVELS

UNIVERSITY LAKE: 0:0" below full
CANE CREEK RESERVOIR: 7' 10.75" below full

PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH

JONES FERRY WATER TREATMENT PLANT: 2.68"
CANE CREEK RESERVOIR: 2.44"

CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND

Past 7 days (average): 6.368 million gallons
 Past 30 days (average): 6.166 million gallons

ESTIMATED WATER SUPPLY REMAINING:

400 days worth (about 13 months), based on average demand in the last 30 days, and assuming no further rainfall.

[tip]: A slow drip leak from a faucet can amount to **over 500 gallons wasted** per month.

FLORA FROM PAGE 1

The Black Haw is being appreciated by more and more gardeners, and it is beginning to show up in local nurseries featuring native plants. I planted two in full sunlight several years ago, and I enjoy watching the flying saucer-shaped flower bud clusters appear weeks before they achieve peak bloom. The fruit, resembling miniature olives, are a treat for birds in the early fall. This wonderful small tree, very drought tolerant, is common throughout our local woods and is sadly cleared from home sites because builders and homeowners don't know what they have.

My absolute *least* favorite plant is so beautiful that many people almost swoon at the visual image.



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Black Haw in danger of Chinese Wisteria invasion

The exotic Chinese Wisteria is feverishly sought out at garden centers for garden arbors and trellises. Please don't succumb to this deadly vine's hypnotic beauty. It jumps the fence and invades fields and forests everywhere. I live next door to a five-acre invasion of wisteria, which is slowly killing the forest. Years ago, I learned from experience, when one of those vines strangled a stately pine on the property line; that dead

pine subsequently fell and damaged a workshop and storage building. That was a very costly lesson. Local nurseries are now offering the native American Wisteria, *Wisteria frutescens*, as an appealing non-lethal alternative.

There are many more favorites to describe, but no more room. I hope you will take time to treat yourself to a leisurely walk outdoors this week to discover some of your favorites!

Vote Raiser-

For Ellie!

All voters who want to support Ellie but have limited funds—Come check it out! Senator Kinnaird will speak briefly

FRIDAY APRIL 18

6-9pm
 204 West Main Street (Peck and Artisan Bldg.)

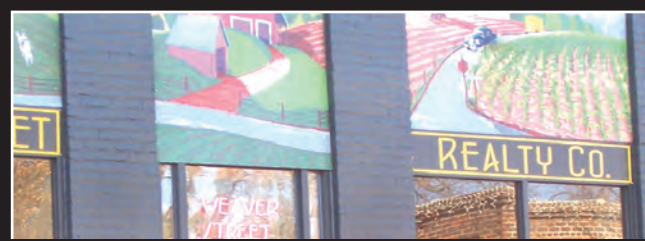
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\$16,900
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Manager's Specials
 2005 Ford 500 Limited AWD
\$18,900
 Stk #Z2015A, one owner, Ford Certified Pre-Owned Vehicle, power driver/passenger leather seats, moon roof, 6 Disc cd changer, side impact airbags, power/ABS with warranty included, 13K mi.

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\$19,988
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 2004 Toyota Sequoia Limited 4x4
\$28,900
 Stk #P15641, power driver/passenger leather seats, moon roof, DVD player, side impact airbags, and more! 33K mi.

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 2003 Mercury Sable LS Premium Wagon\$9900
 Stk #P15713, 24V/V6, auto, ess, cd changer, leather htd seats, 3rd rear fac ing seat, power/ABS, traction control, side impact air bags, 69K mi.
 2002 Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT\$10,900
 Stk #D1564, 4.0L V6, auto, cd, htd seats, bed liner, head trade in, excellent condition, 35K mi.
 2006 Ford Taurus SEL\$12,900
 Stk #P15617, equipped with leather seats, cd, moon roof, power/ABS, and more! 23K mi.
 2003 Dodge Durango SLT 4x4 \$12,900
 Stk #P1574A, 5.5L V8, auto, cass, cd, rear a/c, 3rd row seat, 35K mi.

2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser Limited Edition\$13,900
 Stk #P15361, 4 cyl., auto, moon roof, side impact airbags, 22K mi.
 2004 Jeep Liberty Limited 4x4\$13,900
 Stk #Z2015A, V6, auto, 6 Disc cd, leather, moon roof, htd seats, 17' Wheels, 69K mi.
 2005 Ford Mustang Coupe\$14,900
 Stk #P15630, V6, auto, cd, power/ABS, and more! 22K mi.
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 2008 Dodge Avenger\$15,900
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 2006 Nissan Maxima SL\$22,900
 Stk #P16310, V6, auto, a/c, p/winds/ks, cruise, tilt, p/driver/pass seat, leather, moonroof, Base cd changer, p/winds/ks, 38K mi.
 2004 Volkswagen Touareg AWD\$22,900
 Stk #P1515A, V6, auto, leather, moon roof, htd seats, side impact airbags, 49K mi.

2006 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer 4x4\$24,900
 Stk #P15237, Ford Certified Pre-Owned, V6, auto, power driver/passenger leather seats, luxury group, 6 Disc cd, rear a/c, 3rd row seat, and more! 10K mi.
 2006 Ford F-150 Super Cab Lariat 4x4\$24,900
 Stk #Z2157A, one owner, 5.4L V8, auto, leather, 6 Disc cd, moon roof, chrome step bars, remote start, and more! 23K mi.
 2004 Toyota Sequoia Limited 4x2\$24,900
 Stk #P15671, V8, power driver/passenger leather seats, moon roof, side impact airbags and more! 33K mi.
 2007 Ford Edge SEL\$27,900
 Stk #P1576, V6, auto, power driver/passenger htd leather seats, panoramic moon roof, and more! 12K mi.
 2006 Ford F-350 Lariat Crew Cab Dually 4x4\$37,900
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