

Arts Calendar

Art & Museums

TWO-BY-TWO - New abstract and figurative paintings, collage and mosaics by Carrboro artist Maggi Grace. Apr 1 - May 1. The Dead Mule Club.

ARTCENTER'S ANNUAL Community Photography Contest: Apr 6-27. Photos will be on exhibit in our Center Gallery. Winners announced May 11. Soleil Konkell, gallery@artscenterlive.org, 929-2787 x208.

TRANSACTORS ACROSS AMERICA BENEFIT SHOW - Sat, Apr 14, 8pm. \$15, students \$7. The ArtsCenter, 929-2787, www.artscenterlive.org.

ENDINGS & NEW STARTS - paintings by Karen Shelton. Through Apr 13. Sizl Gallery, 960-0098, www.sizlgallery.com

DOUBLE EXPOSURE - photography by Keith Shipman. Through Apr 15. West End Wine Bar, 967-7599, www.westendwinebar.com.

GARDEN TO TABLE - porcelain by Kelly O'Briant. Apr 1-29. Horace Williams House 942-7818, www.chapelhillpreservation.com.

BEYOND NEVERLAND - clay jewelry by Lauren Van Hemert. Through Apr 30. NC Crafts Gallery, 942-4048, www.nccraftsgallery.com

CHINA - paintings by Susan Rosefielde. Through Apr 30. NC Crafts Gallery, 942-4048, www.nccraftsgallery.com

WORKS by Michael Czeiszperger - Through May 1. Open Eye Cafe, 968-9410, www.openeyecafe.com

WORKS by Richard Kinnaid - Through May 21. Panzarella, 929-6626, www.panzarella.com.

THE BEST OF CAROLINA PHOTOJOURNALISM - Through May 25. Chapel Hill Museum, 967-1400, www.chapelhillmuseum.org

CAROLINA FACES: The Photography of Don Sturkey. Through May 31. UNC Campus: Wilson Library.

CALL FOR ENTRIES: Generation



The Crawdad's Conundrum, presented by Paperhand Puppet Intervention, will sweep you away into worlds full of fantastical creatures, funny faces and beautiful beings! The Crawdad's Conundrum is a wonderful story for all ages. Its theme focuses on the web of life, ecology, biology and the environment. ArtsCenter, Saturday, April 14.

Peace Art Award \$500 Cash Prize. Create a work of art illustrating ideas of peace and conflict resolution. Deadline May 1st. Wieland Voss at 929-8800 or generation-peace@disputesettlement.org

Dance

TRIANGLE SWING DANCE SOCIETY presents Ben Palmer and his Trading Fours. Sat, Apr 14, 8pm. Fee Beginner Dance Lesson with paid admission from 7:30-8:00pm. Carrboro Century Center. \$11, \$9 members. www.triangle swingdance.org

TANGO - Fri, Apr 20, 8pm. Open Eye Cafe, 968-9410, www.openeyecafe.com

RITE OF SPRING - charity belly dance theater event by The Devoted. Apr 27, 6pm. Sun, Apr 29 3:00pm. UNC's Forest Theater. Donations will be graciously accepted.

FREE STYLE - Friday Night Dance Jam. 1st & 3rd Fri, 7:30-10:30pm. \$5-8, 929-7325. Balanced Movement Studio, 942-0240, www.balanced-movement.com.

CONTRAZZ - FootLoose w/ Robert Cromartie. 1st Fri of every month, 7:30-11pm. \$8. Carrboro Century Center, 918-7385.



PHOTO BY JACKIE HELVEY

Neighbors walking in last year's Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROPWalk, a community-based event to raise money for local hunger-fighting agencies. This year's CROPWalk will be held on Saturday, April 15 at the Carrboro Town Commons.

BALLROOM DANCING - 4th & 5th Thu, 7-9:30pm. Chapel Hill Senior Center, 968-2070.

Lectures

THE ABOLITION OF THE BRITISH SLAVE TRADE, 1807-2007. Dr JR Kerr-Ritchie, Assistant Prof of History, Howard Univ. Sun, Apr 15, 11am. The ArtsCenter, 929-2787, www.artscenterlive.org.

THE WILD ANIMAL TRADE - Sun, Apr 15, 5pm, Maria de Bruyn of the Carnivore Preservation Trust, will discuss wild animal trade the need for a place like CPT. CHICLE Cultural Program, 933-0398

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS - An Insect's Nightmare-Sat, Apr 21, 2-4pm. Botanist Barry Rice, The Nature Conservancy, will present lecture about carnivorous plants. Free lecture. www.ncbg.unc.edu

Literary

MOVIE/BOOK GROUP - The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri Thu, Apr 12, 7pm. Carrboro Cybrary, 918-7387, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary.

POETRY - Andrea Selch Fri, Apr 13, 12pm. Carrboro Cybrary, 918-7387, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary.

POETRY EVENT - Local poets read from their works. Fridays, Apr 13, 20 and 27 at 12pm. Carrboro Cybrary, 918-7387, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary.

USED BOOK SALE - Carrboro Cybrary. Sat, Apr 21, 9am-2pm. 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH CELEBRATION - Fri, Apr 20, 12pm. and Fri, Apr 27, 12pm. Carrboro Century Center, 918-7385.

CONTEMPORARY FICTION - A Gracious Plenty by Sherri Reynolds. Mon, Apr 23, 7pm. Carrboro Cybrary, 918-7387, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary.

POETS OPEN MIC - Listen to local poets or read from your works. 1st Tue of every month. Open Eye Cafe, 968-9410, www.openeyecafe.com,

Singers

VOLUNTEER SINGERS NEEDED - The Village Revue, a Chapel Hill senior musical group needs additional members. Call Emily Davisson, 933-5012

Theater

THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO presented by the Jewish Theatre Company. Apr 15-17 in the Union Cabaret. Explore the lives of Jewish southerners in this Alfred Uhry classic play. \$5, \$3 students. coonin@email.unc.edu.

Community Calendar

Seniors/Wellness

ORANGE COUNTY SENIOR-STRIDERS, a University Mall-walking program designed for all levels of walkers. 8:00am exercise warm-up, breakfast at Bear Rock, and health talk by local health experts on a variety of topics. Orange County residents age 55 and older. Free. 3rd Wed of every month. 968-2073.

Groups

MEDITATION Practices of Tibetan Buddhism: Shinay, Tonglen & Deity Practice. Weds, 7:30-8:45pm, Apr 18-May 23. Everyone is welcome. Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center. www.piedmontktc.org. 933-2138.

YOGA FOR CANCER PATIENTS - Restorative yoga offered every week for cancer patients and their families at Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, Wed 11am-noon and Thu 6-7:30pm. Free. 401-9333, www.cornucopiahouse.org.

DIVORCE CARE - Non-denominational divorce seminar/support group is offered Weds at the Chapel Hill Bible Church, 6:45-8:30pm. Childcare is provided. Donna Coston, 408-0310 or Cindy Gudeman, 967-1547.

RECOVERY INC. - Recovery Inc., an international nonprofit organization that offers self-help methods for managing anger, controlling depression and reducing stress, meets every Wed at 7pm and every Friday at 10:30am. All are welcome. For information and directions, call 918-3677.

Outdoors

CARRBORO FARMERS' MARKET. Sat 7am-12pm. Continues through Dec 22. Wed 3:30-6:30pm, continues through Oct 17. 932-1641, www.carrborofarmersmarket.com.

WEAVER STREET MARKET - Jazz & More! Sunday Brunch. Every Sunday 11am to 1pm beginning Apr 8.

GUIDED GARDEN WALK - Discussions on fall planting, garden maintenance, design & gardening for wildlife with bird & butterfly gardens. Saturdays. Niche Gardens, 967-0078, www.nichegardens.com.

NC BOTANICAL GARDEN GUIDED TOURS - meet at the stone gathering circle in front of the Totten Center. Sat, 10-11am, 962-0522, www.ncbg.unc.edu.

Etc.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE - Seeking volunteers for tasks around the house, cooking dinners for families & community service projects. 913-2040, www.chapelhillrmh.net.

RAPE CRISIS SUPPORT GROUPS - Winter & spring support groups at the OCRCC: Primary Survivors Group; Men's Group; "Healing with Nature" Group. Pre-screening required. Free & confidential. groups@ocrcc.org. 968-4647, www.ocrcc.org.

CLUB NOVA THRIFT SHOP - Seeking volunteers; Club Nova provides opportunities for individuals living with mental illness. 967-6985, cmorton@clubnova.org, www.clubnova.org.

HORACE WILLIAMS HOUSE - Applications available for artists wishing to exhibit in 2008. Through May 13. Applications: psch1858@mind-spring.com. 942-7818, www.chapelhillpreservation.com.

Kids

TODDLER STORY TIME with stories about butterflies. Thu, Apr 12, 4pm, the Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006.

BASKETS AND BUNNIES with Miz Moon at the Carrboro Branch Library Thu, Apr 19, at 4pm. The programs are free, and all toddlers are invited. 969-3006.

LOLLIPOP SERIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN - NC storyteller Joe Ferguson adapts old favorites to

a Carrboro audience. Thu, Apr 12, 10:30am. \$3. Carrboro Century Center, 918-7385.

THE CRAWDAD'S CONUNDRUM - Paperhand Puppets. Sat, Apr 14, 11am. The ArtsCenter, 929-2787, www.artscenterlive.org.

EXPRESS YOURSELF! - new art program for ages 3-8. Registration requested. Sat, 10:45-11:15am & 11:30m-12pm \$2.

POP ART RECYCLED - collaborative works by 3rd & 4th graders of Seawell Elementary with sculptor Lynn Wartski. Through Apr 29. Kidzu Children's Museum, 933-1455, www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org.

Special Events

33RD ANNUAL CARRBORO/CHAPEL HILL CROPWALK - Sun, Apr 15. Sponsored by Chapel Hill-Carrboro Interfaith Council. 2pm at Carrboro Town Commons. http://cwscrop.org/carolinas, http://www.ifcweb.org/cropwalk.html

1ST ANNIVERSARY SPRING FESTIVAL-Village Pediatrics, Sat, Apr 21, 1-6pm. Bike rodeo, stroller derby, food, face painting, music by The Doc Branch Band and more. The Village Green, Southern Village.

ACUPUNCTURE HEALING CENTER - Open House, Apr 22, 1-6pm. Center includes Community Acupuncture Clinic - healing provided at reduced fee in group setting. 933-4151.

3RD ANNUAL PIG OUT ON THE GREEN. Sat, Apr 22, 2-6pm, Southern Village. Sponsors of event are the Chapel Hill Police Department, the Carolina Brewery, Pazzo! and Town Hall Grill of Southern Village. \$10, kids \$5. BBQ, music, silent auction. Contact Officer Phil Smith at 968-2760.

HAIKU HOLIDAY meeting of the N.C. Haiku Society. Apr 28, 9am-3:30pm. Experienced haiku teachers and poets will conduct workshops, talks and walks. The event is open to anyone with an interest in haiku, beginner or advanced. nc-haiku.org, jearn@bellsouth.net, 929-4884.

CARRBORO DAY VOLUNTEERS needed Sun, May 6, 12:30-7:30 at the Carrboro Town Commons. Many positions, including Spanish translators. Volunteer Orientation on Wed, May 2, 6:30-7:30, Carrboro Century Center. Contact Meg at mamzar@gmail.com or 593-0055.

Comedy

DSI COMEDY THEATER - 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-11, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, www.dsi-comedytheater.com. Harold Night. Each week, 2 teams perform a 30-min collection of improvised scenes & games. Thu, 8pm. \$8, free for UNC students. ComedySportz. Competitive improv for all ages. Fri & Sat, 7:30pm. \$10, \$8 students, www.comedysportznc.com. Mister Diplomat. Longform improv featuring local celebrity guests. Fri, 9:30pm. \$8, \$6 students. Improv Jam. professional & first-time comedians; jump onstage to play games made popular by Whose Line Is It Anyway? Fri, 11pm. \$5. Best Show Ever. All-star comedy showcase featuring the best of DSI. Sat, 9:30pm. \$8, \$6 students. Cage-Match. Competitive longform improv; the audience votes & the winning team plays the following week against a new challenger. Sat, 11pm. \$5. Standup Comedy. 6 spots available each month for the 1st comedians who RSVP, plus 2 spots for at-the-door sign-up; each comic given 6-10 min to rock the crowd. RSVP to standup@discomedytheater.com with your full name & phone number. First Sun of every month, 9pm. \$5.

COMEDY HOUR - Fourth Sat, 7:30pm. Comedy open mic - Fourth Tue, 7:30-9:30pm. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 968-9308, www.caventavern.com

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News Briefs

CROP walk on Sunday

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service will sponsor the organization's annual CROP (Community Reaching Out to People) Walk on April 15 to raise money to fight hunger locally and throughout the world.

Registration for the four-mile walk begins at 1:30 p.m. and the walk will start at 2:30 p.m. at the Carrboro Town Commons. The walk, organized by the IFC and the Church World Service, will travel through the streets of Carrboro and Chapel Hill and the UNC campus. The walk raises money through sponsorships of participants.

The IFC operates a variety of community programs, including the Community House, which provides shelter to homeless men in Chapel Hill, and the Community Kitchen, which offers free meals to Community House residents and other community members.

For more information, contact Charles Williams at the IFC at 929-6380 or cropwalk@ifcmailbox.org.

Carrboro residents tops in poetry

The Health Arts Network at Duke (HAND) has announced the winners of its "Write Us a Poem VIII" competition, a biannual poetry contest open to patients, families, visitors, alumnae and others who walk through the doors of Duke Medical Center. A reading by the winners and a reception will be held April 27, from 12:00 to 1:00, in Room 240 of the John Hope Franklin Center for International Studies. It's open to the public.

This year's contest drew 86 entries. First-place winner was Maggi Ann Grace for *Macular Degeneration*. Grace is a writer and visual artist from Carrboro. Second place went to Jay Bryan, also of Carrboro.

The winning poems will also be on display in the Mars Gallery of Duke North Hospital, April 23-30.

For additional information about the reading and reception, contact Grey B Brown, 684-6223 or brown097@mc.duke.edu.

Botanical Garden honors grounds

The North Carolina Botanical Garden will host a ceremony to honor the ground on which construction of the garden's new Visitor Education Center will begin this summer.

The center, which will be located on the Laurel Hill Road Extension, is designed as a Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design structure, which is the highest certification given by the U.S. Green Building Council. It will provide space for school classes and horticultural therapy activities, as well as interpretive exhibits and meetings.

The student-run Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee will help construct a geothermal well system as part of the center with funds generated by a \$4-per-semester student fee. Other "green" features of the building will include photovoltaic panels that generate electricity from sunlight, rainwater cisterns and storm water "rain gardens," clerestory windows that harvest controlled daylight and locally sourced, non-toxic construction materials.

Planetarium hosts talks

Todd Boyette, director of the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center at UNC, will discuss the planetarium's role in training NASA astronauts as moonwalkers at the Full Frame documentary film festival in Durham on Saturday.

Beginning in the 1960s and continuing for nearly 20 years, Morehead worked with NASA to train astronauts in celestial navigation, using the Zeiss star projector in the planetarium. Eleven of the 12 moonwalkers trained at Morehead.

Boyette's presentation will follow the screening of *In The Shadow of the Moon*, a film by David Sington that explores the lives of the 12 men who walked on the Moon. The two-hour documentary will be shown at 5:15 p.m.

For tickets and other information about the event, visit www.fullframefest.org.

The Planetarium is also presenting a free program, "Our Vanishing Night," at 7:30 p.m. on April 17 as part of UNC's week-long observation of Earth Day, which is April 22.

Following the presentation is a walking tour of Franklin Street and the university campus to seek out examples of inefficient lighting. The event will conclude with a sky-watching session at the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center's sundial, weather permitting.

Morehead will also feature light-pollution topics during its regular "Carolina Skies" programs, 8 p.m. on April 20 and 21. For more information, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

Carolina songs and music featured

Musician and author Bland Simpson will provide a look at songs and music related to Carolina and Chapel Hill in a free public lecture April 19.

Simpson, a member of the Red Clay Ramblers music group and director of the creative writing program at UNC, said his lecture will be "light hearted and hardly encyclopedic." Simpson will also perform several songs that he wrote with fellow Rambler Jack Herrick for the 1994 musical "Tar Heel Voices," commemorating the bicentennial of the university.

Titled "Keeping Time: Two Centuries (and Counting) of Tar Heel Tunes and Songs from the Southern Part of Heaven," the lecture will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the Wicker Classroom of the School of Government in the Knapp-Sanders Building. A 5 p.m. reception will precede the talk. Parking is available after 5 p.m. in the Knapp-Sanders deck at no charge.

TPC, Pa'lante to collaborate

The People's Channel and Pa'lante, a local Spanish-language youth media organization, announced a new partnership this week that they say will enable the organizations to expand outreach and collaboration.

Under the agreement, The People's Channel will manage Radio Pa'lante, a youth-produced Spanish-language music and public affairs program that airs Fridays on WCOM. In addition, both organizations will create a smoke-free policy in support of El Pueblo's youth advocacy campaign, No Fumo.

"It's difficult for a small nonprofit like Pa'lante to achieve all our goals on our own," said Laura Wenzel, director of Palante. "Now, TPC provides Pa'lante's infrastructure, and Pa'lante provides TPC with entr e to both radio broadcasting and the Latino community." Pa'lante works to promote integration between Latin American immigrant and established communities in the county by training youth to produce entertaining, informative media.

"This fits with our goal of expanding into other types of media as well as extending our collaboration with the Latino community," said Chad Johnston, executive director of The People's Channel.

New senior center will expand weekend schedule

By Susan Dickson

Staff Writer

When it opens in less than three weeks, the new Robert and Pearl Seymour Senior Center will have more than just more space.

The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday approved staff positions for the new Seymour Center for seniors in Chapel Hill, enabling the center to provide expanded evening and weekend services when it opens May 1.

The 25,000-square-foot center, which is located on Homestead Road, will serve seniors 55 to 105. It replaces the Chapel Hill Senior Center on South Elliott Road and the Northside Senior Center on Caldwell Street.

Jerry Passmore, director of the Orange County Department on Aging, said the opening of the center is important for seniors in the county. His department projects the county population over age 60 will increase by more than 70 percent by 2020.

Passmore said the center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30

p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

According to Passmore, the center will focus on offering a huge variety of services, making the center "quite different from other centers around the state."

Janice Tyler, county senior centers administrator, said the new center will offer expanded fitness classes, such as aerobics, Pilates and strength training. In addition, seniors will be able to have therapeutic massage, physical function assessments and a variety of health screenings through the center's health and wellness center.

Tyler said the center will also offer senior and care-giving counseling, as well as private consultations to help seniors plan for their personal care as they age. Psycho-educational support groups for dementia, cancer, heart disease and other ailments also will be available.

"Many people see us as the fun-and-games place," she said, "but as you can see, we have many other services to offer."

The center will not lack recreation and leisure opportunities, however, with classes including scrapbooking, golf, dancing and

table tennis, as well as special-interest clubs, such as a writers discussion group and a lacemakers club.

Tyler said the center will also connect seniors to volunteer opportunities with more than 100 nonprofit organizations throughout the county, and that it will also coordinate with more than 50 community organizations to offer services to seniors.

"We don't try to do everything on our own," she said. "We link up with many community partners."

Although the center will offer an extensive variety of programs, Tyler said she hopes seniors will feel that they can just "drop in" to the center without participating in a particular program.

The board approved three staff positions for the center, including a part-time facility operator for evening and weekend hours, an office assistant and a public-works custodian, in addition to a supplemental custodial-services contract with Orange Enterprises and Public Works. The staff also will provide custodial services at the Southern Human Services Center, which is located behind the senior cen-

ter.

In other county business, the board voted 4-1 to approve a potential public/private partnership for the proposed West Ten Soccer Complex in Efland. County staff will continue soliciting sponsorship in exchange for naming rights for the park.

Sports Endeavors, a mail-order sports-equipment retail company based in Hillsborough, has offered \$300,000 to fund the project in exchange for naming rights.

Commissioner Alice Gordon opposed the partnership, citing unanswered questions regarding the project. Gordon questioned whether the facility would be either recreational or economical, adding that, "Even if you say that there's six soccer fields needed at West Ten, it doesn't mean you need bleachers, a scoreboard and a concessions stand."

The board also voted to support a senate bill by Sen. Bob Atwater (D-Chatham, Durham) that would enable North Carolina counties to impose a 1 percent transfer tax on real estate transactions to help offset the cost of growth.

Coyote spotted

By Susan Dickson

Staff Writer

When Carrboro Animal Control officer Robert Nekoranec responded to a call about a "fox that looked confused" on Friday, he wasn't expecting to find a coyote.

"I got on it right away," he said. Nekoranec arrived at a home on Woods Walk Court, near the intersection of Hillsborough Road and North Greensboro Street. He spotted the coyote about 50 feet away.

Nekoranec said the animal he saw was "smaller than a wolf, bigger than a fox" and "it looked like [a coyote]." Although the animal was not aggressive, he said it was "running back and forth" in the backyard of the property, trying to figure out how to get back to the woods.

The sound of nearby lawnmowers and curious neighbors further spooked the animal, he said.

Nekoranec said he tried to chase it, but got caught in some brambles, and the coyote finally retreated to the woods.

If caught, the animal would likely be relocated, Nekoranec said.

He said coyotes tend to stay away from people and are night hunters.

The coyote remains at large.

Town faces Lot 5 cleanup

By Taylor Sisk

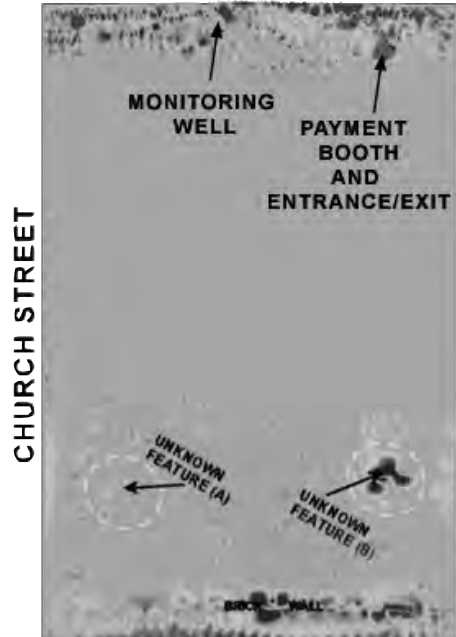
Staff Writer

The Town of Chapel Hill has released the results of an environmental assessment on downtown Parking Lot 5, along with an initial estimated cost of cleanup for the site of \$232,000.

A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and Limited Soil Delineation study was conducted last month by ECS Carolinas LLP. According to ECS's cover letter to the 100-page assessment, "Based on approximate measurements of the property boundary and sample locations, ECS has estimated that approximately 8,600 cubic yards (~13,000 tons assuming 1.5 tons per cubic yard) of petroleum-impacted soil may be present at the site. This is a preliminary estimate only; the actual quantity of potentially impacted soils may vary based on conditions observed during soil excavation."

Town officials said the assessment confirms no underground gasoline tanks and limited sections of petroleum-impacted soil that will require remediation. Under the plan for development of the Lot 5 project, the town assumes the costs for remediation, and the developer will fund the excavation.

The release of the assessment follows last week's announcement that Town Manager Roger Stancil has concluded negotiations and executed a development agreement for the town-owned property with Ram Development Co. The project is to include 137 condominiums, an underground parking garage and 27,000 square feet of public space.



SOURCE: ECS CAROLINAS
CITIZEN GRAPHIC BY MICHELLE LANGSTON

In a statement accompanying the environmental assessment, Stancil said the project is an example of the town's commitment to develop "brownfield" sites rather than sprawling into the town's remaining greenspaces.

Results of the assessment indicate the presence of two "anomalies." The first was defined as "a potential metal vault approximately 8 feet by 10 feet in area." The second is thought "to potentially be a buried concrete slab with metal reinforcement."

With unavoidable resonations of Geraldo Rivera's Al Capone vault uncovering, it's no surprise that the unidentified-object revelations would gather attention in the blogosphere. Local blogger and activist Will Raymond is sponsoring a guess-the-anomalies contest on his Citizen Will site.

Board looks at possible tweaks for town's revolving loan program

By Kirk Ross

Staff Writer

Be prepared. That's the message James Harris, Carrboro's economic director, said is the key to not only a successful new business, but a successful application to the town's revolving loan program.

In a report to the Board of Aldermen at their meeting Tuesday night, Harris said the 21-year record of the program has a number of success stories, all with good preparation in common.

"The more prepared they are up front, the more they are apt to succeed," he said.

Harris said the program should have a

substantial fund balance of \$412,585 by the end of the fiscal year in June.

The program currently has \$215,480 in outstanding principle on seven loans and \$383,115 in cash equity available.

Board members offered few tweaks they'd like to see.

Jacquie Gist asked Harris to do some tracking to make sure the loan process is not taking too long.

Mayor Mark Chilton suggested rewording a requirement that an applicant be turned down by at least two banks before being eligible. The language could turn away some entrepreneurs, he said.

Harris said the requirement is meant to

make sure applicants have thought through their proposals and have some documentation.

Joal Hall Broun said there need to be rules in place to make sure applicants have a serious plan.

"We need to know that if you're going to do it with Carrboro money," she said, "you're not some fly-by-night thing and you've done your homework."

Dan Coleman noted that with such a large fund balance, he'd like to see some way to make sure the bulk of the money is always at work. Coleman suggested setting a standard for what percentage of the funds should be loaned out.

Chilton asks legislators to oppose de-annexation bill

By Kirk Ross

Staff Writer

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton has sent a letter to Reps. Joe Hackney, Verla Insko and Sen. Ellie Kinnaird asking that they oppose a bill introduced by Rep. William Faison to undo an annexation of the Highlands neighborhood.

Residents of the neighborhood, annexed along with several other neighborhoods in 2005, had petitioned Faison to help undo the annexation.

Chilton said even though he personally voted against the annexation, he did not think the state should be "second-guessing" the town's decision.

He did not forward the letter to Faison, he said, after reading his comments in a newspaper over the weekend. Faison introduced House Bill 1601 in late March 27. He represents most of Orange County, including the northern notch of Carrboro.

"It seems like bad public policy to me," Chilton said in an interview Tuesday. If the rules need to be re-written, he said, they should be re-written for the rest of the state.

Hackney said last week he did not think the bill would pass.

In addition to complaints about the way the annexation was handled, Highland residents have expressed concern that the town was not moving fast enough on a new north-

"It seems like bad public policy to me."

ern fire station and that the town did not annex the roads.

Chilton said the fire station is in the design phase and the town has hired an architect. The station, he said, was going "full-speed ahead."

The town will eventually take over the roads, he said, but wants the state Department of Transportation to improve the condition of some of the older more depreciated roads first.

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go out and play. That was the kind of hockey we played as kids. And we have these NHL dreams all our lives, and here I am 50 and I haven't quite let go of it yet. I'm hoping a scout will find me."

Making contact

Though not yet living that dream, Gordon has nonetheless made a pretty nice career for himself. He covered Canada as a reporter for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for some 20 years, with postings from the Arctic to Ottawa. He then spent three years in Moscow and another three in Delhi as a foreign correspondent. "I would cover Bosnia out of Moscow," he says, "and worked in Afghanistan and Pakistan.... "I went back to Toronto in '97 and started doing some hosting there." Then came his gig as host of "The Connection," produced at WBUR in Boston and broadcast on more than 60 National Public Radio stations across the country. "I sat down in the chair at "The Con-

nection" in September 2001, like a week after 9/11." Then came "The Story." WUNC station manager Joan Siefert Rose says the Triangle was ready for a show like "The Story," and that Gordon was the perfect fit. Why so? "It's probably that he's spent so much of his career as a reporter in the field," says Rose. "He's reported from all over the world." Rose says the stories Gordon seemed to most enjoy were vignettes that illustrated larger issues. "When we [initially] talked with him, we decided on this idea of people whose lives are affected by the news." Rose says one of Gordon's greatest strengths is his ability to draw people out. "He's a very focused person." "I have a job where each day is different," Gordon says, "but every day I meet amazing and interesting people and I get to ask them questions about their lives. "What's more, this is the first time I've ever worked on a radio program where we don't measure our own success by the 'celebrity rating' of the guest, but rather by the quality of their stories and their ability to tell those stories. "I'm also working with a small group

of people who are all committed to the same thing, and that means coming to work in the morning never feels like coming to work." Rose is aware of Gordon's love of hockey. "I think the fact that we have an NHL team was a contributing factor in him coming here." And, Gordon's protestations of clumsiness notwithstanding, Rose sees, in his everyday life, the hockey player within. "There's competitiveness in him." And she's been told he doesn't "shy away from contact" on the ice. Moscow's Dean Dome Late in the first period, Gordon languishes a long moment in the penalty box — the first to be so exiled of the evening — nailed by the ref for tripping. At the end of the second period, the Clowns find themselves down by one, but have been playing ever more aggressively. Middle age comes to call in the third. The Beer Nuts take back control. The final score is a respectable 7-5. Back in front of his locker, Gordon talks of having played hockey in Moscow while based there in the early '90s:

"We'd go into the Red Army rink, [home of] CSKA [Moscow], which is the national Red Army team, which produced all of the amazing Russian hockey players. And it's like being in a temple — it is to hockey what the Dean Dome is to college basketball. And we would play there." But hockey's hockey, he says. The guys in Hillsborough play a pretty decent game. For Gordon, though, these evenings seem to be more about building community. "I'm just getting to know the rest of the guys on the team, but there's something very familiar about a locker room and a group of guys teasing each other about shots missed and goals scored. I suspect it's no different from the locker room in any other team sport, but it helps keep me young to know that I can still do what I did when I was 5 years old. "I'm still getting used to one thing that's new: This is the first time I've ever played on a hockey team where some of the guys will excuse themselves from a game so they can watch basketball on TV. "But, hey, this is North Carolina not North Bay."

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news will be broadcast on WCHL and WCOM and posted on the town's Website and at Carrboro.com. Music Schedule 12:30-1:00 Village Band 1:15- 1:45 L in Japanese 2:00-2:30 Bo Lozoff & Friends 2:45-3:15 Shannon O'Connor 3:30-4:00 Great Big Gone 4:15-4:45 Lo K Shun 5:00-5:30 Too Much Fun 5:45-6:15 Saludos Compay 6:30-7:00 Storm Front Stories & Magic 2:00 — 4:00 Deep Magic of Joshua Lozoff 2:00 — 3:00 Mother Goose

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does not increase the number of native Spanish speakers at Carrboro, the number of native Spanish speakers at the school does not decline under the plan. Scroggs said he thinks the board should look at options other than redistricting for expanding the base of the dual-language program. "There are other possibilities out there." School officials also revised the two other plans. Plan 2LL attempts to move the fewest students, and plan 27 attempts to protect the dual-language program while leaving room for growth at the new elementary school. The number of students moved ranges from 965 to 1,157 across the four plans. Board member Mike Kelley said he would probably support either 9D or 3F. "There are many different considerations when you're looking at any of these plans." Kelley said he thinks it is important to keep communities together and close to their schools, "especially for people without ready access to a car." He added that while population balance is important for all the schools, special considerations "to some extent" should be given to Carrboro Elementary. "It's a very, very difficult decision because not everyone is going to get their choice," Kelley said. He added that the redistricting efforts are increasingly more difficult because "we're dividing the puzzle into smaller and smaller pieces." "It's a tough decision for the board" because "you are disrupting 1,095 kids," Scroggs said.

"Nobody wants to change schools," he said. "I've got to get a new school building open." Segments moved under the proposed plan include: • Dairyland Road area, Crescent Ridge, Spring Vista, Union Grove Church Road, the west side of Old N.C. 86, Hickory Forest, Oxbow Crossing, Morris Grove Heights, Old N.C. 86 from Britton Drive to Hickory Forest and Eubanks Road from Rogers Road to Old N.C. 86, from McDougale to the new school; • Rollingwood subdivision, Crestwood Mobile Home Park, Fair Oaks duplexes and the neighborhoods around Bethel Hickory Grove Church Road, from McDougale to the new school; • Neville Road area, from Frank Porter Graham to McDougale; • Old Greensboro Highway from Jones Ferry Road to Sesame Road, Sturbridge, Salem Lane, Phil's Creek and Johnson's Mobile Home Park, from Frank Porter Graham to McDougale; • Sesame Road and Pineview Estates, from Frank Porter Graham to McDougale; • Bowden Road area, McLennan's farm, Quailview and Winningham, Frank Porter Graham to Carrboro; • Jones Ferry Road from Damascus Church Road to Bingham Township line, Nine Gates, Mel Oaks and Carolina Forest, from Frank Porter Graham to Carrboro; • Damascus Church Road from Jones Ferry Road to Meacham Road, Ridge-wood, Springhill Forest, Wolf's Pond and Preston Springs, from Frank Porter Graham to McDougale; • Jones Ferry Road from Old Fayetteville Road to Old School Road, Moon Ridge and Hairston Road, from Frank Porter Graham to McDougale;

• Hogan Farms, including the east side of Old N.C. 86 from Dairyland Road to Britton Drive, Drew Lane and Homestead Mobile Home Park, from Carrboro to the new school; • Tally Ho Trail area, from Seawell to the new school; • Rogers Road area, Meadow Run, Eubanks Road from Rogers Road to the railroad tracks, Homestead Road from Strafford Drive east to railroad tracks, Billabong Lane and Piney Mt. Mobile Home Park, from Seawell to the new school; • Hilltop Mobile Home Park and N.C. 86 from Eubanks Road north to the school district boundary, from Seawell to the new school; • Berryhill, Sterlingbrook and Poplar Place Apartments, from Carrboro to McDougale; • South Greensboro Street from Main Street to Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park, Maple Avenue, Old Pittsboro Road and Roberson Place, from Frank Porter Graham to Carrboro; • Prince Street/Barnes Street area, from Frank Porter Graham to Carrboro; • BPW Club Road, The Bluffs, Highland Hills and The Villages Apartments, from Scroggs to Frank Porter Graham; • Stoneridge and the north side of Whitfield Road from N.C. 86 to Sunrise Road, from Ephesus to the new school; • Sedgefield and the south side of Whitfield Road, from N.C. 86 to Sunrise Road, North Hills and Creekwood, from Ephesus to the new school; • North side of Weaver Dairy Road from N.C. 86 to Sunrise Road, including Kensington Trace, Weatherstone, Essex and Lakeview Mobile Home Park, from Ephesus to the new school; • Chandlers Green, from Rashkis to Ephesus;

• Silver Creek, from Rashkis to Ephesus; • Chesley Phase I and II, from Rashkis to Ephesus; • Glen Lennox area, including Glen Lennox Apartments, from Rashkis to Glenwood; • Colonial Heights, from Seawell to Carrboro; • Umstead Drive area from Wesley Drive to Estes Drive Extension, Bolinwood Apartments and Village West, from Glenwood to Seawell; • Church Street area, West Rosemary Street from North Columbia Street to Mitchell Lane, Caldwell Street and Mc-Masters Street, from Glenwood to Seawell; • Broad Street, Fowler Street, Hill Street, Lloyd Street and Starlite Drive, from Carrboro to Rashkis; • West Cameron Street area, Westwood, Cameron Glen and McCauley Street, from Glenwood to Carrboro; • Woodcrest Drive, Ray Road and Smith Level Road from Damascus Church Road to Rock Haven Apartments, from Scroggs to Frank Porter Graham; • The Reserve, from Scroggs to Frank Porter Graham; • Beechridge, Bayberry Drive, Arboretum Drive, Poinsett Drive and Grey Bluff, from Scroggs to Frank Porter Graham; • Hunters' Ridge and Edgewood Drive area, from Scroggs to Frank Porter Graham; • the older section of Northwood and Eubanks Road from the UPS facility to N.C. 86, from Seawell to the new school; and • Old Fayetteville Road, including Autumn Woods Apartments and Ram's Gate Apartments, from Carrboro to McDougale.

OBITUARY

Lessie Young Riggsbee

Lessie Young Riggsbee, 95, died Saturday in the Carolina Health System in Charlotte. She was a native of Chatham County, a member of Lystra Baptist Church and was retired as the office manager for utilities from UNC. A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 Wednesday at Lystra Baptist Church by Rev. Everett Smith and Rev. Virginia Taylor. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Riggsbee is survived by a daughter, Lou Merritt of Chapel Hill; a son, James B. Riggsbee, and his wife, Lynn, of Charlotte; two sisters, Ruby Ball of Virginia Beach and Allene Clark of Gibsonville; one brother, C.T. Young, of Gibsonville; three grandchildren, Fran Loftin and Jon and Adam Riggsbee and numerous grandchildren. The family will greet friends after the service in the church. Arrangements are with Walker Funeral Home, Chapel Hill.

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Aldermen Jacquie Gist said she'd like to see some consideration be given to the size of lawns that people want to maintain. Watering lawns was a big problem during recent droughts. Homeowners who want to have lawns that require less water should be rewarded, she said. "I'm

in favor of grass free-lower the fee," she said. Clarke said the utility is looking at a way to build conservation incentives into the rate structure. One method used is to make each new 1,000-gallon "block" of water for one dwelling more costly. Clarke said OWASA might want to collaborate with the towns to make sure that when people apply for a permit with OWASA the size of the home is the

same as that on the building permit. The OWASA rates will be discussed at a meeting by the utility's board of directors on May 10. A public hearing on the increases is scheduled for May 24. OWASA wants to have the new rate structure in place by Oct. 1. In other action Tuesday night, the board discussed the report from the Leadership Advisory Committee on Carolina North.

Board members said that they will continue to push for more housing and insist on a comprehensive look at the massive development's impact on regional transportation as the university drafts its plan. Also on Tuesday, the board approved the appointment of Thomas Arnel, Mark Brantley, David Collins and Robert Kirschner to the Board of Adjustment.

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Friday — Hamburger on a Bun; Chicken & Rice w/ Wheat Roll; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Apple Halves

Monday — Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Spanish Rice; Collard Greens; Chilled Pears

Tuesday — Beef Lasagna w/Garlic; Bread; Hot Dog on a Bun; Baked Beans; Applesauce

Wednesday — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Corn Dog; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Peaches

T—Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Corn Dog; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Peaches

Middle & High

Wednesday — BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Double Cheeseburger on a Bun; Collard Greens; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Fruited Gelatin

Thursday — Cheese Quesadillas w/Salsa; Pork Egg Rolls; Spanish Rice; Garden Peas; Fresh Orange

Friday — Ham & Cheese Chicken Patty w/Cheese on a Bun; BBQ Pork on a Roll; Baked Beans; Fresh Banana

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

Tuesday — Salisbury Steak w/Gravy & Wheat Roll; Fishwich on a Bun; Steamed Carrots; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Chilled Pears

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

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Carraway to retire

School board to quickly start search for new superintendent

By Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — Orange County Schools Superintendent Shirley Carraway announced Monday that she will retire after four years on the job.

Carraway, who was hired in 2003 after a lengthy and difficult search by the Orange County Schools Board of Education, made her plans known at a hearing on the district's budget at Cedar Ridge High School.

In an interview Tuesday, school board chair Dennis Whitling said he and other board members had heard of Carraway's plans earlier and that the board was already studying how best to move forward with a search for a new superintendent.

The school board has scheduled a meeting for April 26 to hear advice on the search process from representatives of the North Carolina School Boards Association.

Whitling said he and other board members would take into consideration the long and, at times, divisive process the previous school board went through when trying to choose a replacement for then-Superintendent Randy Bridges.

None of the current members served on the school board during the search that eventually led to Carraway's appointment.

"Several of us were on the outside looking in during that process," Whitling said. "Hopefully we have a general knowledge about some of the problems we should avoid."

Whitling said he wants to see public input up front in the process. "We're looking to have community input from the start."

Public forums and possibly a survey are being considered, he said.

Carraway has said she wants to step down on Oct. 1. Whitling said the board is going to try to move quickly to start the search with the hope that a new

superintendent can be hired in time to spend at least some of next fall with Carraway prior to her departure.

The board would like to start advertising for the job in early May, Whitling said, with a closing date for application possibly at the end of June.

"It's a tight schedule," he said, adding that the school board may have to meet more in July than is customary in order to complete interviews.

But even though the board wants to move fast, the priority will be to make the best hire possible.

Whitling said the hallmarks of Carraway's tenure are the opening of Gravelly Middle School and the district's Partnership Academy alternative school along with improvements in instruction and teacher collaboration.

The next superintendent, he said, will continue to face the challenges of navigating the federal No Child Left Behind legislation as well as keeping up with growth and improving education



CARRAWAY

for the district's increasing number of Hispanic students.

School Briefs

First school proposed

An addition to Seawell Elementary School that would house a proposed First School program could become the first of Carolina North.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will look at plans for the addition during a work session at their Thursday meeting. The addition would provide space for 214 students, including a First School facility for 100 pre-kindergarten students. The university owns the land where the addition would be located and would share 25 percent of the project costs, which are estimated at \$30 million.

The board has already approved the opening of a First School at Carrboro Elementary School for the fall of 2008.

New program

In an effort to combat underage drinking, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education is scheduled to review on Thursday a new program that would educate students on the hazards of binge drinking and promote a positive school culture.

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The board is considering an application for a Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant, which would fund the program. The program would focus on four interventions, including social norms, brain biology and medical awareness, legal consequences and educational consequences.

The three-year, \$760,000 grant would fund three staff

positions for the program, including a project director, a health educator and a clerical support person.

Agenda

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board meets Thursday at 6 p.m. in closed session and at 7 p.m. for their regular meeting at the Lincoln Center at 750 S. Merritt Mill Rd. The top item

on the agenda this week is the proposed redistricting plan for Elementary School No. 10.

Items on the agenda include:
Consent Agenda

- Recommendation for Approval of the 2007-08 Hospital School Calendar

- Recommendation for Approval of Policy 4351: Short-Term Suspension Discussion and Action Agenda

- Recommendation for Approval of Amended SIP for ECHHS

- Recommendation for Approval of Redistricting Recommendations Work Session

- Proposal for First School at Seawell

- Superintendent's Recommended Budget for 2007-08

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For the Record

Editor's Note: Following is Senate Joint Resolution 1557 — an apology for slavery passed by the North Carolina Senate on April 5, 2007 by a vote of 46-0.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1557 Second Edition Engrossed 4/5/07 April 5, 2007

A JOINT RESOLUTION expressing the PROFOUND REGRET of the North Carolina general assembly for the history of wrongs inflicted upon black citizens by means of slavery, exploitation, and legalized racial segregation and calling on all citizens to take part in acts of racial reconciliation.

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 1, of the Constitution of North Carolina, in concert with the American Declaration of Independence, proclaims, “We hold it to be self-evident that all persons are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, and the pursuit of happiness”; and

WHEREAS, involuntary servitude, as practiced within the borders of North Carolina in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, violated the precept that all persons are created equal and denied thousands and thousands of people of liberty, of the pursuit of happiness, of the ability to benefit from their own work, and, in many cases, of life itself; and

WHEREAS, the practice of slavery was embedded in constitutional provisions and laws enacted by predecessors to this General Assembly and other civil authorities of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the practice of slavery began shortly after the founding of the British Colony of Carolina, with a 1669 constitution that provided land to white colonists according to the level of their holdings in slaves and free black employees, 20 acres per black male and 10 acres per black female; and

WHEREAS, even though North Carolina did not have as extensive a plantation system as other states in the American South, slavery had become entrenched in the State by the time of the American Revolution, so that at the founding of the United States three out of 10 North Carolina families owned slaves; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina took legal actions to deny freedom to black people, including an 1826 law that prohibited free blacks from entering the State, an 1830 law that prohibited anyone from teaching a slave to read or write, and a provision of the 1835 Constitution denying free blacks the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, even as slaves engaged in back-breaking physical labor, endured squalid housing, and saw their families broken apart as spouses and children were sold from one owner to another, black men and women cultivated tobacco, cotton, and other crops in a largely agricultural state, built essential public facilities, and contributed to the creation and accumulation of wealth; and

WHEREAS, by the time of the American Civil War, North Carolina was home to 330,000 slaves, one-third of the State's population, and North Carolina joined the forces that fought to preserve a region and a society that had slavery as a defining characteristic; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the Emancipation Proclamation and during the period known as Reconstruction, black residents of North Carolina not only gained legal freedom but also participated more directly in the public life of the State, to the extent that 20 black legislators were elected in 1868 to the General Assembly, and blacks continued to serve in State and local offices through the remainder of the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, at the outset of the 20th Century, North Carolina enacted laws that prevented black citizens from participating fully in a democratic society, including a 1900 amendment that denied black citizens the right to vote and the segregation of black and white citizens into separate and unequal public schools; and

WHEREAS, as a result of dire economic and social conditions, black North Carolinians joined the “Great Migration” from the South to the North in the first half of the 20th Century, so that more than 270,000 people left the State between 1910 and 1950; and

WHEREAS, despite the legacies of slavery and the imposition of laws that segregated blacks and whites in schools, public facilities, and in civic life, black North Carolinians persisted in faith and in hope for a better life, in their yearnings to participate fully in the economic and democratic life of their State and country; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina should celebrate the entrepreneurship of black citizens in building nationally recognized businesses; the founding and sustaining of colleges and universities that historically served black students; the many black North Carolinians who have provided leadership in education, law, civil rights, and governance to the State and nation; Now, therefore,

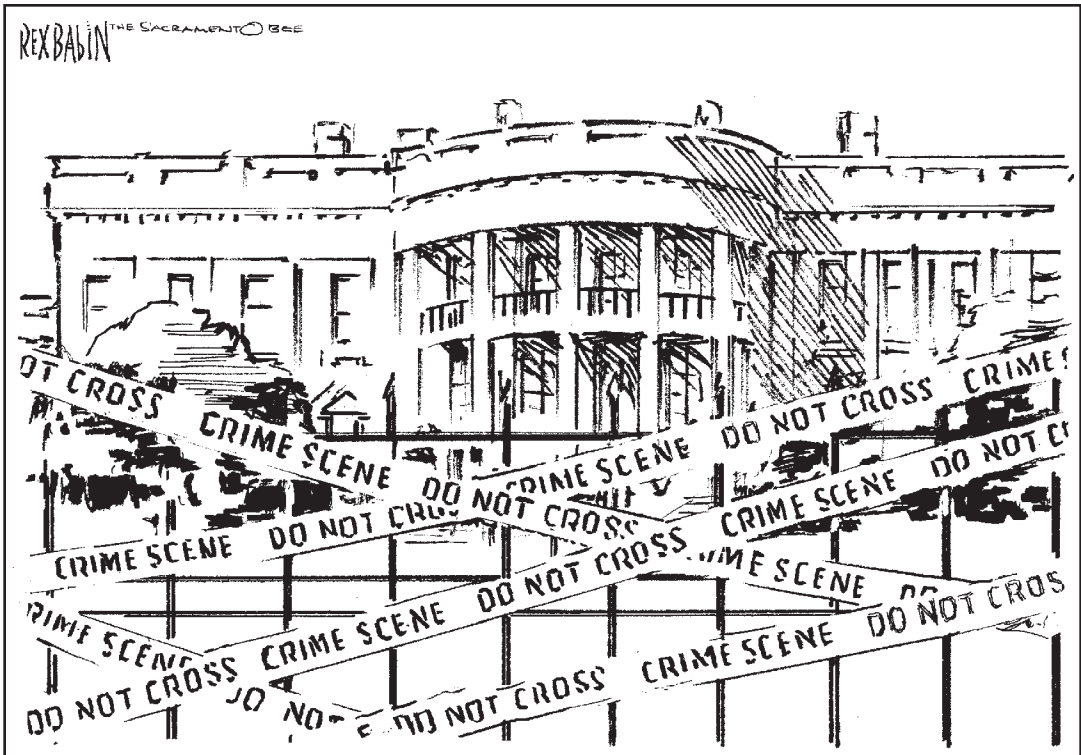
Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly issues its apology for the practice of slavery in North Carolina and expresses its profound contrition for the official acts that sanctioned and perpetuated the denial of basic human rights and dignity to fellow humans.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly urges schools, colleges, and universities, religious and civic institutions, businesses and professional associations to do all within their power to acknowledge the transgressions of North Carolina's journey from a colony to a leading State, to learn the lessons of history in order to avoid repeating mistakes of the past, and to promote racial reconciliation.

SECTION 3. The General Assembly calls on all North Carolinians to recommit their State, their communities, and themselves to the proclamation of their nation's Declaration of Independence and their State Constitution that “all persons are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights” — to work daily to treat all persons with abiding respect for their humanity and to eliminate racial prejudices, injustices, and discrimination from our society.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.



Behind all the Smoke

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The fierce behind-the-scenes battle continues over legislation to protect people from deadly second-hand smoke at workplaces, restaurants and bars. Despite his best efforts, House Majority Leader Hugh Holliman has been unable to convince a majority of House members to support his comprehensive plan to protect the public health.

The opposition has coalesced around a soundbite in this case masquerading as a philosophy, that somehow protecting workers on their jobs is an infringement of private-property rights. Holliman points out that he owns a small business that complies with all sorts of government regulations, including fire safety inspections every year.

The regulations are designed to protect the health and safety of workers, just like Holliman's ban on smoking in the workplace. No one is arguing that businesses should be able to refuse the fire inspections and let people who object find other jobs, but that's what the smoking ban opponents are saying.

Holliman had planned to unveil a compromise version of his bill in a House committee Thursday morning, but it was rescheduled for next week because of a conflict with a news conference held by the House leadership about the high school dropout rate.

The latest version of Holliman's proposal would ban smoking at all restaurants and most bars that serve food, exempting only establishments that function almost entirely as bars and only admit customers above age 21. The bill would not affect smoking at workplaces, but would overturn the 1993 law that prohibits local governments

from passing their own anti-smoking regulations.

It is not clear if the new bill will garner 61 votes in the House but it does address the objections raised by the property-rights crowd by not including workplaces. Those could still be required to become smoke free by local governments.

In the midst of all the vote counting, a new group opposing the bill was created, the North Carolina Hospitality Choice

conclusion that even if some legislators are sincere in their concern about a possible weakening of private-property rights, that is not what this debate is really about. It is simply the tobacco industry trying to protect its profits by fighting any effort to keep people from using its deadly product.

Smoking bans not only protect workers and the public from second-hand smoke, they also make it more likely

Smoking bans not only protect workers and the public from second-hand smoke, they also make it more likely that people will stop smoking because it is more inconvenient. And people choosing to stop smoking is something the industry simply can't stand for.

Coalition, which sounds more like a hotel marketing company than an organization trying to make sure that some workers have to inhale second-hand smoke while doing their jobs.

And in case you think this is a group of property-rights advocates organized around some philosophical doctrine, the *Triangle Business Journal* reports that the news release announcing the group came from the head of the National Association of Tobacco Outlets, which is based in Minnesota. Nice of these particular Minnesotans to weigh in on North Carolina's workplace safety laws.

The association's website says it is a “professional trade association that is committed to fighting for tobacco stores and protecting the right to sell and purchase tobacco products.”

That's odd, considering that Holliman's bill has nothing at all to do with regulating the sale or purchase of cigarettes. And the association doesn't seem that interested in private-property rights either.

It all leads to the inescapable

that people will stop smoking because it is more inconvenient. And people choosing to stop smoking is something the industry simply can't stand for.

That's why they form misleadingly named coalitions, bring in folks from Minnesota and hide behind property-rights groups. They need people to keep increasing their risk of lung cancer and heart disease and strokes. That's where their money comes from.

Smoking can kill you. No one disputes that. No exposure to second-hand smoke is safe. President George W. Bush's surgeon general said that and no one disputes that either.

One of the functions that people expect state government to perform is to protect their health and safety. Holliman's original bill would do that and his compromise would do some of it and rely on local government to do the rest. It is really that simple. Let's get on with it.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article fell short

The Town has annexed the streets in the Highlands per the same procedure that municipalities use all over North Carolina, which is a phased transition from NCDOT to Town maintenance. The Town is also moving ahead full speed with the design of the station and construction will begin as soon as is feasible.

While some folks are seeking to make the facts fit their opinion, the truth is that Carrboro has been working hard to bring as-good (or better) municipal services to northeast Carrboro as we have anywhere else in town.

Shared-ride feeder bus service began last year and we will soon have a regular bus route on Rogers Road. The town has dropped plans for numerous other sidewalks in favor of building sidewalks leading to the Highlands neighborhood.

The Citizen owes it to its readers to seek out more than one point of view on a topic of this kind. No one at the Town of Carrboro was given any opportunity to respond to the asser-

tions contained in your article (“De-annexation bill underlines concerns,” April 4, 2007).

Mark Chilton

Mayor, Town of Carrboro

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Exile on Jones Street

A Survey of Governance & Policy

KIRK ROSS

Going, going, gone

Some years ago, after reading a compendium of the state's properties and noting various idle buildings, lands and other holdings, I was among those in favor of the idea of a commission of sorts to move some of the goods — burdens, often — in an orderly and mutually beneficial manner to both the private and public sector. Blinded as I was by the good common sense of unloading some of these properties, I neglected to consider two things. First, that politics — or, rather, its unseemly cousin, the good old boys 'n' girls network — might take over; and, second, that one agency's trash was another's treasure leading to all sorts of squabbling.

What happened, to paraphrase Clemens on Golf, was a good idea spoiled. And so less than three years after creating it, the legislature swiftly put an end to the State Property Commission. One big reason for the hurry was that there was evidence that the commission might actually start doing something.

Budget buzz

April revenues bring May budgets, which are then argued through June and possibly later thanks to a series of continuing resolutions. Such is nature.

This is that time of year when bees (what's left of them) buzz, birds chirp and budget writers drop not-so-subtle hints about what to expect while waiting on the last round of revenue projections.

The first hint: Expect about \$200 million less than what Gov. Easley called for, most of that from new programs and expansion of others proposed by the governor.

Hint number two: It takes two — at least. Both the governor and the House leadership want to extend the sales tax and a higher bracket for the state's wealthiest. While the Guv wants that to go to tax relief for the lowest paid among us via a state Earned Income Tax Credit, the House is leaning toward spending the money on education. On the Senate side, Majority Leader Tony Rand is proposing a sales tax swap with counties that would have the state take over Medicaid payments in exchange for local revenues from a 1 percent sales tax. Not a bad swap for most counties — especially the poorer ones. The complication is that cities could end up on the short end of the stick. Expect many difficult-to-decipher compound sentences regarding taxation in the not-to-distant future.

Not so difficult to decipher were Sen. Marc Basnight's recent remarks about reconfiguring the tax code. Basnight told an interviewer last week that even though Sen. David Hoyle has studied what to do long and hard, there's no stomach for a sweeping rewrite of the tax code. So, when it comes to taxes, no new oxes are likely to be gored this session. Makes the other oxen nervous.

Landfill fallout

A proposed shift in landfill regulations has led to the withdraw of one particularly nasty project among the mega-landfills proposed. Officials from Sims Hugo Neu announced last week they would end their effort to build a massive auto “fluff” recycling landfill in the Brunswick County town of Navassa.

The company cited new regs from the state being drafted during this year's moratorium on massive landfills as a disappointment. Not mentioned in the announcement, of course, is how political contributions by the company might have helped land Rep. Thomas Wright in hot water with state election officials.

Wright, an ally of former Speaker Jim Black, took in thousands in campaign contributions from the company execs last spring, but they didn't get reported until after the Democratic primary.

Ode to an Old Friend

DEAR CARRBORO

By Jock Lauterer

When my childhood chum Johnny Gouger laughed, it was no delicate matter.

No, not Gouger. When something struck him as funny — which was more often than not — he would cut loose with a trilling soprano cackle, a rooster's crow of joy, a peal of merriment that went on much too long and much too loud for most public settings.

I am sure that his distinctive yelping laughter was well known in Elmo's in Carrboro, where he dearly loved his huevos rancheros.

At his funeral last week in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery — the last place on earth you would expect to find a good laugh — many of us celebrating the life of John Sifford Gouger found ourselves chuckling at the memory of this latter-day Mark Twain.

His sister Judy (whose laugh is similar but more polite) told me that Johnny was “telling West Virginia jokes on his last good day” at UNC Hospitals.

That would be my buddy Gouger.

When you lose a friend who you've known since the first grade, it stops you in your tracks. Memories flash like a slide show. That day in the second grade when his father died suddenly. Johnny was called from Mrs.

Saunders' room, and just before he returned, our tiny, silver-crowned teacher told us in a tone so serious that none of us ever forgot the moment: “We must all be very kind to Johnny.”

And then there he was, framed in the doorway, arms hanging limp by his sides, ashen-faced, made paler by his white-blond hair, a stunned blank look on his 7-year-old face.

So we were kind to him. In fact, I believe our class adopted Johnny from that day forward. Because none of us had ever experienced such a grievous loss, he became a person of special concern.

That this intelligent and sensitive child could survive such a summary loss must also be due to the strength of his remarkable mother, Jessie Gouger, everyone's favorite 3rd-grade teacher at Chapel Hill Elementary School, who died three springs ago at the age of 92. I should know; growing up I spent a lot of time in that homey house on Mason Farm Road.

Forgiving to a fault, “Miz Gouger” allowed our high school folk-era band, “The Banshees Three,” to hold regular practices in her kitchen. The group included me on guitar, Davey McConnell on banjo and Johnny on the washer-dryer. (For the uninitiated, this common household appliance possesses often-overlooked percussive qualities.) On other occasions, our “drummer” resorted to kitchen

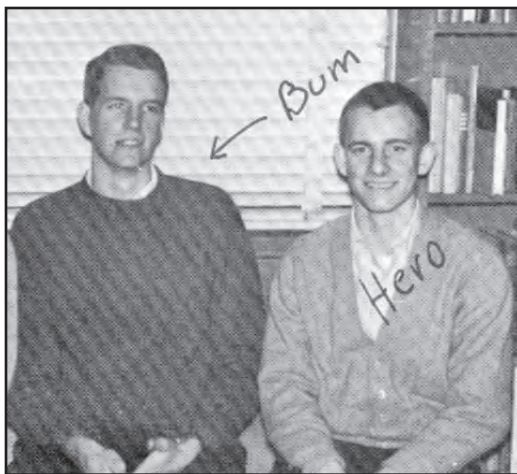


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From the 1963 Chapel Hill High School yearbook, the Hilllife, Gouger's sense of humor comes through in labels he applied to this photo of fellow “Banshees Three” singer, Davey McConnell, left, and himself, at right. (Photo by Jock Lauterer, CHHS '63).

pots and pans.

But even before our singing days, Johnny and I were linked by another common bond: In the 6th grade, both of us were in love with Paula Sturdivant, the raven-haired man-slayer, who broke both of our 11-year-old hearts — telling me in particular, “Jock, I can't go with you. Archie Kelly is cuter.”

Johnny would go on to develop a fine sense for the absurd, and I can only imagine that after college, when he got drafted into the military, his appreciation for the zany was heightened. This sweet and gentle soul was quite possibly the single most ill-suited recruit ever to wear a U.S. uniform. What happened in those years, I can't say. And frankly, it's none

Another “regular, irregular” Carolina Piedmont spring

FLORA

By Ken Moore

It's spring again in the Carolina Piedmont. That means another round of predictably unpredictable weather that sets serious and not-so-serious gardeners into an annual frenzy. Over the years I've come to anticipate that when the exotic Star magnolias and the Bradford pears come into flower it's time for the typical Carolina Piedmont killing frost. That didn't occur this year. Global warming, hmmm? The killing frosts came later this year. I have also observed that our native species are generally not significantly bothered by these “regular, irregular” cold spells following really warm periods in early spring. Only once during my time (a sorta long time), back in the early 1980s, do I recall that native plants have been harmed by a late spring freeze. I remember, during a Wildflower Society excursion in the Charlotte area, that a late freeze had killed back the fresh fiddleheads of Christmas ferns and all along Interstate 85 the new leaves of the oak trees were blackened. That was the only time in my lifetime.

I have always sounded off in favor of gardening with native plants if you want to avoid disappointment during the “regular, irregular” Piedmont spring freezes. I still hold strongly to

this philosophy. But I am truly humbled by this past weekend. In an earlier column for *The Carrboro Citizen*, I had predicted this past weekend's cold spell to occur a week earlier. I was off, though my announcement of the April 10th peak of Dogwood flowering is still fairly accurate. This past weekend's low temperatures have significantly reduced my sour (pie) cherry crop. And, thankfully, much of the Chinese Wisteria, strangling numerous trees along my border, has been harmed, so hopefully fewer seed will be produced to spread this tree-strangling pest onto other grounds.

On Sunday afternoon I traveled the local environs to check on the weekend's frost damage, eager to once again observe the superior hardiness of our native plants that over thousands of years of being here are well-adapted to surviving such challenging weather patterns. I visited my favorite garden, a little “postage stamp” of horticultural exuberance, the front-door garden of Chapel Hill resident Bill Bracey, whose “Shelby's Bottom” sunken garden on Hillsborough Road is right now a little spectacle of the native columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*). None of these red and yellow flowers, beckoning the return of the hummingbirds, were ill-affected by the frost. I was ecstatic. Once again my theory about natives was holding true. Then Bill emerged from his front door to make me aware that not only

had his so-called hardy non-native kiwi fruit been “burned” by the cold, but we both surprisingly observed “burnt” tender leaves and flower buds on his native Fringe tree, as well as on the numerous native Paw Paw trees strategically sited around his modest landscape. Curiously, only half of his Paw Paw flowers were damaged and hopefully the Fringe trees will recover with some flowering for this spring. Returning home on the western edge of Carrboro, I realized that the new foliage at the tips of some of the branches of my several volunteer Redbuds had been damaged by the low Saturday night temperatures, but the effect seemed minimal.

This is one of those dramatic springs, occurring every other decade or so, that damages some of our native plants, in addition to many of our exotic ornamental plants and early fruit crops. There are lessons, however, for all of us:

Our Piedmont springs always have harmful freezes following really warm spells in March and into mid-April.

Our native plants rarely suf-

fer and they recover quickly.

We should avoid the enthusiasm and disappointment of planting out tender annuals and summer veggies until the soil temperature really warms up in early to mid-May. But then there are those of us who really enjoy planting out, again and again, in the early spring, what we have come to recognize as “sacrificial” tomatoes and marigolds. Garden centers love us because we purchase the same plants two or three times each season. Helps their cash flow.

In the meantime, hey, it's spring; enjoy another walk in the woods. The wildflowers there have been little affected by the “regular, irregularities” of the weather we have in the spring in the Carolina Piedmont.

Ken Moore, the wild gardner in the Wild Landscape April 8 retired as assistant director of the N.C. Botanical Garden in 2003 and now enjoys part-time work and volunteering in and around Carrboro and Chapel Hill.



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Music Calendar

WEDNESDAY April 11

Cat's Cradle: He Is Legend, Boboxb, Olympia, Idea Of Beauty. 7:30pm. \$12
The Cave: Early: Ron Franklin. Late: Chroma.
Local 506: Humanwine featuring Brian Viglione (The Dresden Dolls) & Paul Dilley (Reverend Glasseye), Veronique Diabolique. 9pm. \$12

THURSDAY April 12

Cat's Cradle: The Urban Renaissance Tour: Kaze, Oddisee, Hezekiah, Kenn Starr, Doujah, Raze. 9:00pm. \$10
The Cave: Early: Wes Lambe & Kevin Brock. Late: Eric Sommer w/ Sirsy. \$5
Local 506: Trans Am, Zombi, The Psychic Paramount. 9pm. \$12

FRIDAY April 13

ArtsCenter: Richard Shindell. Part of The ArtsCenter 4th annual American Roots Series. 8:30pm. \$17
Cat's Cradle: WXYC 80's Dance. Tickets sold on UNC campus in the "Pit" to Carolina students with UNC "One" Cards. 9pm-2am
The Cave: Early: Joe Bell & The Stinging Blades. Late: Firecracker Jazz Band.
Local 506: Daily Tar Heel's Diversions Presents: Nathan Asher & The Infantry, The Honored Guests, Nathan Oliver, 9pm. Free!

SATURDAY April 14

Cat's Cradle: Junior Boys, San Serac. 9:30pm. \$12
The Cave: Early: Rose Verhoeven. Late: Randy Whitt & The Grits w/ The Trainwreks.
Local 506: Wuag, The Never, Emperor X, The Embarrassing Fruits, 9:30pm. \$8

SUNDAY April 15

Cat's Cradle: TV On The Radio, Noisettes. SOLD OUT
The Cave: Gondoliers, The Points, Taylor Hollingsworth.

MONDAY April 16

Cat's Cradle: Ratatat, Despot, Hexa. 9:30pm. \$14
The Cave: The Milton Band w/ Roger Hoover & The Whiskey Hounds. 9pm

TUESDAY April 17

Cat's Cradle: The Jason Ray aka Rameses Benefit Concert: Psalm 100, Lakeland, Delorean, 9 PM Traffic. 7:30pm. \$5
The Cave: Spouse w/ Inspector 22 & The Bramble Ramblers.
Local 506: Griffin House

WEDNESDAY April 18

Cat's Cradle: An Evening With Citizen Cope. 9pm. \$22
The Cave: Early: The Love Story w/ She Keeps Bees. Late: Salt To Bitters w/ Williams & The Cavalry

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ArtsCenter: TLC's Green Jamboree featuring Carolina Chocolate Drops Thu, Apr 19. 8pm. \$25. Austin Lounge Lizards, Fri, Apr 20. 8:30pm. \$19
Cat's Cradle: The Urban Sophisticates, Blutshot, Contradiction, Apr 21, 9pm. \$10. Rose Hill Drive, Earl Greyhound, Apr 22, 9:15pm. \$12
The Cave: Brandon Herndon w/ John Pardue and Nevada w/ Gray Young, Thu, Apr 19. Lucy Sumner Band and Mother Jackson w/ The Diamond Center, Fri, Apr 20
Local 506: King Kong, 9pm, Apr 19, \$8. David Karsten Daniels, Arboretum, Calico Haunts, Fri, Apr 20, 10pm. \$8



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12 TH: URBAN RENAISSANCE TOUR: KAZE, & more
13 FR: WXYC 80S DANCE
14 SA: JUNIOR BOYS**
15 SU: TV ON THE RADIO [Sold Out]
16 MO: RATATAT w/ Despot**
17 TU: JASON RAY aka RAMESES Benefit Concert** (\$5)
18&19 WE/TH: AN EVENING WITH CITIZEN COPE** (\$20/ \$22)
21 SA: URBAN SOPHISTICATES** (\$10/ \$12)
23 MO: ROSE HILL DRIVE w/ Earl Greyhound
24 TU: HOWLING BELLS w/ A Rooster For The Masses** (\$8/ \$10)
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28 SA: SIGNALFEST: Souls Of Mischief, Masta Ace, & more
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5 SA: BLONDE REDHEAD w/ Annuals** (\$16)
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8 TU: BROTHER ALI / PSALM ONE
9 WE: CocoRosie w/ Busdriver, Tez** (\$10/ \$12)
10 TH: THE CLIENTELE w/ The Ladybug Transistor** (\$10)
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22 FR: THE NEVER**

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21 SA: GRAVY TRAIN w/ VIP** (\$8)
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Cradle to host benefit in honor of Jason Ray

On Tuesday Cat's Cradle hosts a benefit show in honor of Jason Ray, a member of the UNC cheerleading squad who performed as Rameses. Ray, a senior at the university from Concord, was struck by an SUV in Fort Lee, NJ., on March 23 before the Tar Heels played in

the East Regional of the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament. He died the following morning.

Thousands attended memorial services in Concord last week and Ray's family has set up a fund in his honor.

The show will feature **Psalm 100**, a campus Chris-

tian a capella group, along with **Lakeland** and **Delorean** and **9 pm Traffic**. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. All proceeds will go to the Jason Kendall Ray memorial fund.

People wishing to make contributions to the fund can also send them through Ray's church.

Donations should be made to the Jason Kendall Ray Memorial Fund, care of Concord Christian Church, 3101 Davidson Highway, Concord, N.C. 28027

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