

**FRIDAY**  
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**SATURDAY**  
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# C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



PHOTO BY DAVE OTTO  
Fiddlehead of Christmas fern is protected by a hairy jacket

## Obama to Carrboro?

Nothing's confirmed, but town is readying for a major rally and rock show May 2 at Town Commons

by Kirk Ross  
Staff Writer

No official confirmation yet, but Carrboro officials are planning for one of the largest crowds in town history after the board of aldermen greenlighted a request by the Barack Obama campaign to hold a major event Friday afternoon, May 2 at the Town Commons.

Town Manager Steve Stewart said the event, a concert and rally for the Illinois senator and leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, would be unprecedented since it will happen during business hours, while typically large events at Town Commons are held on weekends. The Obama campaign asked for the time slot, he said, because they want to be able to

encourage attendees to take advantage of the early-voting site nearby at Town Hall.

The bands have not been announced, but several local music sources said that Superchunk and popular Canadian band Arcade Fire will make up the bill. In recent weeks, Arcade Fire has been playing

Obama rallies. Stewart said that organizers expect between 3,000 and 4,000 people to attend the event.

Stewart told the board that it is also possible that Obama may speak at the rally.

The event is not listed on Obama's itinerary, which can change rapidly. On Tuesday, for instance, the cam-

aign added an event in Raleigh for this Thursday. That announcement was quickly followed on Wednesday by the endorsement of Fourth District U.S. Congressman David Price of Chapel Hill and Twelfth District

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### EARLY VOTING

**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.



## FLORA By Ken Moore

### Fiddleheads and wild azaleas

A few days ago, local wildlife photographer Dave Otto sent me beautiful images of a Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) fiddlehead and a flower cluster of wild azalea (*Rhododendron pericymenoides*) expressing themselves along Bolin Creek in Carrboro.

Those fiddleheads are a definite sign of spring. Once they begin unfurling their new leaves, we can usually be confident that the warm growing season has finally arrived and we can move forward with our vegetable and flower gardening pursuits — but hold it right there!! Remember last year, when we had a serious frost about this time that resulted in some real setbacks for tender garden plants as well as our native flora.

So don't go out and plant more tender summer veggies and flowers than you are willing to replace if the mid-April cool spells turn out to be really harsh again. It's fine to delay your planting another week or two, because those warm-season plants don't really grow well until the soil has warmed.

Take a close look at Dave's close-up image of that fern fiddlehead and you'll discover one of nature's common strategies for survival. The hairy leaf surface serves as an overcoat for the tender fern fronds during the typical season's late frosts.

I don't remember ever observing our native wild azalea, also called Pinxterflower and Election Pink, being hurt by late frosts. You'll notice that the new tender azalea foliage emerges after those flowers have matured.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS  
Leah Cook of Wild Hare Farm in Cedar Grove is just one of dozens of farmers preparing for visitors this weekend as part of the 13th Annual Piedmont Farm Tour. The tour is among a host of events in the area timed to celebrate Earth Day.

by Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

Local community groups and organizations are celebrating Earth Day not only on April 22 but throughout the rest of the month.

The Aveda Institute Chapel Hill got things rolling Tuesday with a well-attended fashion show fundraiser to support Triangle Land Conservancy and its Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative.

Other major events planned include this weekend's Piedmont Farm Tour (see story on page 9).

The Town of Chapel Hill is also planning its first Earth Action Day, to be held April

26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on top of the Wallace Parking Deck on Rosemary Street.

The event will feature demonstrations of sustainable practices, performances by local music and dance groups and a green transportation exhibit. The town is encouraging participants to take Chapel Hill Transit System buses to the event.

At UNC, Earth Day events kicked off earlier this week with an environmental social justice panel sponsored by the Student Environmental Affairs Committee (SEAC), as well as a "Plastic Bag Fest," in which committee members collected bags for recycling.

Other UNC events include:

- SEAC will show *The 11th Hour*, a documentary about the state of the global environment, on Friday at 7 p.m. in Manning Hall. A panel of experts will lead a discussion following the film.

- Students Working in the Environment for Active Transformation (SWEAT) will host its third annual Earth Day 5K on Saturday at 9 a.m. in front of Graham Memorial on the UNC campus. Participants can run either a one-mile race or a full five kilometers. Proceeds will benefit SWEAT's summer project, which will take 10 students to Bolivia.

- The Morehead Planetarium and Science Center will host "Our Vanishing Night" on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Star Theater. The event will demonstrate how light pollution dulls the stars. Participants will take a short lighting tour of the UNC campus and downtown Chapel Hill following the demonstration. The event is free and open to the public.

- Dozens of groups will set up booths and tables in Polk Place on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide information to interested members of the community.

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## Latinos robbed

by Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

Police are investigating a recent string of armed robberies in Carrboro and Chapel Hill that targeted Latino victims.

According to Captain J.G. Booker of the Carrboro Police Department, most of the robberies involved young black men approaching Latino victims in apartment complex parking lots and displaying a weapon. The robberies began at the end of January, but have become more frequent in recent weeks.

Booker said he thinks there are probably other robberies that have not been reported, and encouraged victims to come forward.

"When you're the victim, [the police] are not coming to investigate you," he said. "We're coming to investigate the crime reported."

"The status of citizens reporting is of no interest to us," he continued. "We don't investigate based on their status."

Booker added that several police officers speak Spanish, and that there is generally someone working every shift who can help translate for Spanish-speaking victims.

The most recent robbery occurred last Friday night at Royal Park Apartments when two young black men approached a Latino family of three and displayed a gun. Other robberies last week occurred at Kingswood Apartments on Highway 54 Bypass, Pinegate Apartments on Pinegate Circle and Kings Arms Apartments on Ephesus Church Road.

Booker said that based on descriptions provided by victims, he believes more than one pair of young men committed the recent robberies. Two

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## What does one do for a special person who is turning 105?

### RECENTLY . . .

By Valerie Schwartz

If you're Betsy Green Moyer (a daughter of Paul Green) and your friend is Maxine Swalin, you throw a tribute concert. And with a son who is a concert pianist, Frederick Moyer, and a niece who is a concert cellist, Nancy Green — who have a CD that Swalin has ordered time and again, not only to listen to tirelessly but to give away — you engage them to play.

But play where?  
"I like to start at the top," an indefatigable Moyer said from her home outside of Boston. "I called Emil

Kang," executive director for the arts at UNC.

She asked if they could use Memorial Hall.

"He said, 'Yes — anything for Maxine Swalin.' We chose an open date as close as we could come to her birthday," Moyer said.

Swalin (pronounced swah-LEEN) was born May 7, 1903 (weighing 10 pounds), in rural Iowa, delivered by her physician father. She was 5 years old when the Ford Model T rolled off the first automobile assembly line.

Swalin has appreciated and studied music and art her entire life, and for 33 years she and her husband, Benjamin, the second conductor of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, took the messages they learned from the masters of classical music and introduced them to the hardscrabble, the elite and everybody in between of their adopted state, exposing children and adults alike to sounds that had never been heard in many regions.



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ  
Maxine Swalin, at age 101, in the Coker Arboretum

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**A TRIBUTE TO MAXINE SWALIN**  
**Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.**  
MEMORIAL HALL  
*Rachmaninoff and Franck sonatas for cello and piano performed by Nancy Green and Frederick Moyer*  
Admission is free.  
Donation to the Arts Common requested.

### INSIDE

*Giles Blunden on thinking beyond the rain barrel*

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# MUSIC CALENDAR



Violet Vector and the Lovely Lovelies headline the WCOM benefit at Cat's Cradle Saturday.

## THURSDAY APRIL 17

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Blue Concept 9pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** Will Hoge, Leslie 9:30pm \$10  
**The Cave:** Early: Zach & Craig Late: Josh Thompson w/ Bill West  
**General Store Café:** The Tony Galiani Band 8:30pm  
**Local 506:** Hundred Air, Shaker-maker, Wembley 9:30pm  
**FRIDAY APRIL 18**  
**Blue Horn Lounge:** Steve Jack Band 10am  
**Cat's Cradle:** Dub Addis, Mystic Vibrations, The Amateurs, DJ Ras J 9:45pm \$12  
**The Cave:** Early: Mark Cool & The Folk Stars Late: Pinche Gringo w/ New Town Drunks  
**General Store Café:** Skeedaddle 9pm  
**Local 506:** Strugglers, The Never, Max Indian 10pm

**Open Eye Café:** Tango 8pm  
**Nightlight:** Trouble vs Glue, Body Tap, Secret Boyfriend  
**SATURDAY APRIL 19**  
**Blue Horn Lounge:** Crushed by the Numbers 10pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** WCOM Benefit w/ Stranger Spirits, The Water Callers, Harmute, Prayers and Tears of Arthur Digby Sellers, Sweater Weather, Violet Vector and the Lovely Lovelies, 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  
**General Store Café:** Bellafew, Robo Sapient, The Curtains of Night 10pm  
**Open Eye Café:** Alanna Fugate 8pm  
**Nightlight:** Emerald City, Satterwhite, The Moonatiks 10pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 20**  
**ArtsCenter:** Shawn Mullins 8pm \$20  
**Cat's Cradle:** Eisle, The Myriad, Vadera, The Envy Corp 7:30pm \$14  
**Local 506:** The Little Ones, Ra Ra Riot, A Rooster for the Masses 9pm \$8  
**MONDAY APRIL 21**  
**Blue Horn Lounge:** Open mic 9pm  
**The Cave:** Robert Griffin & Stu Cole  
**Local 506:** Cloud Cult, The Forms, Sweater Weather 9pm \$8  
**TUESDAY APRIL 22**  
**Blue Horn Lounge:** Tennessee Jed 8pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** An Eve The Carolina Way: A Benefit Concert for the Eve Marie Carson Memorial Fund; Alpha Music, Tobacco Road 9pm \$12  
**The Cave:** Late: Hey Euphony

## SPOTLIGHT: SHAKORI HILLS



Music, dance and the environment! Celebrate all of these wonderful things and get away from it all at the Shakori Hills Grassroots Spring Festival of Music and Dance from Thursday to Sunday. Enjoy music, clean air, music, food, music and tons more including a sustainability fair. Featured performers include Arrested Development (above), Donna the Buffalo, Chatham County Line, Big Fat Gap, Keith Frank and the Soileau Zydeco Band and the Hackensaw boys, along with others like Michael Holland, the Never, Sweet By & By and many more. Information online at [www.shakorihills.org](http://www.shakorihills.org) or by phone, 542-8142.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 23

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Andrew Marlin 8pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** Anti-Flag, Street Dogs, The Briggs, Fake Problems 7:30pm \$16  
**The Cave:** Late: Old Stone Revue w/ 6 Day Bender  
**Local 506:** megafaun, Mystery Palace, Bells 9pm \$6  
**THURSDAY APRIL 24**  
**ArtsCenter:** Ruthie Foster: 8:30pm \$25  
**Blue Horn Lounge:** The Breaks 9pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** Abbey Road Live! 9pm \$12  
**The Cave:** Early: Jake Winstrom Late Sweet-Tooth Simpleton w/ Twilighter  
**General Store Café:** Bo Lankenau & Friends 8:30pm  
**Local 506:** Tapes 'N Tapes, White Denim, DJ Robin Chen 10pm \$12

## FRIDAY APRIL 25

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Rootsie 10pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** Bombadil, Nathan Oliver, The Love Language 9pm \$10  
**The Cave:** Late: Brendan Rice  
**General Store Café:** Sol y Canto w/ Beverly Botsford 9pm \$5  
**Local 506:** French Kiss, The Nein, Via Audio 10pm \$10  
**Open Eye Café:** The Watercallers 8pm  
**SATURDAY APRIL 26**  
**Blue Horn Lounge:** Delta Drift 10pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** Who's Bad 10pm \$10  
**The Cave:** Early: Brett Harris w/ We Know, Plato Late: Rat Jackson, The Dry Heathens, Blackhook  
**General Store Café:** Buffalo Creek Stringband 8:30pm  
**Local 506:** Hammer No More the Fingers, Future Kings of Nowhere, The Graves of Fairmont, DJ Dan Bryk

10pm  
**Open Eye Café:** John Gillespie 8pm  
**Nightlight:** Hem of His Garment, Pacific Before Tiger, Ouraboros, Twin Tigers 9:30pm

**Got Gigs?**  
 Send your calendar events to [calendar@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:calendar@carrborocitizen.com)

### CAT'S CRADLE

TU 5/13 AND WE 5/14  
DRIVE BY TRUCKERS **TWO NITES!**

WE 4/23  
**ANTI-FLAG**

MO 4/28  
**MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO**

SU 4/27  
**DESTROYER**

TH 4/17  
**WILL HOGE W/LESLIE\*\***

FR 5/2 AND SA 5/3\*\*(\$16/\$20)  
**PRESSURE BOYS**  
REUNION SHOWS!!  
W/GUEST THE SNEAKERS  
[SECOND NITE ADDED BY POPULAR DEMAND!!]  
SU 5/4 MAN MAN W/YEASAYER\*\*

FR 6/6\*\*(\$15/\$17)  
**SWERVEDRIVER**  
TU 6/10 MUDHONEY W/BIRDS OF AVALON\*\*(\$15)  
WE 6/25 DEMON HUNTER W/LIVING SACRIFICE + MORE\*\*(\$15/\$17)  
SA 6/28\*\*(\$28/\$30)  
**IRIS DEMENT**  
SA 7/5\*\*\$18/\$22 **DIRTY SOUTH FEST: LOWER CLASS BRATS, MURPHYS LAW + MORE**

SU 4/20  
**EISLEY**  
W/THE MYRIAD, VEDERA, AND THE ENVY CORPS\*\*(\$12/\$14)

FR 5/9  
**THE OLD CEREMONY**  
W/TONY SCHERR\*\*(\$10)

SU 4/20  
**SHAWN MULLINS**  
ARTSCENTER CARRBORO

TH 4/17  
**LES DUDEK\*\*(\$15)**

SU 4/20 - (\$20)  
**SHAWN MULLINS**

TH 4/24 - (\$18/\$20)\*\*  
**SON VOLT** W/BOBBY BARE JR

TH 4/25 CD RELEASE PARTY  
**BOMBADIL** W/NATHAN OLIVER, LOVE LANGUAGE

SU 5/27\*\*(\$2/\$23)  
**X** W/DETROIT COBRAS

SA 5/3 @ LEIGH FARM PARK (CHAPEL HILL):  
**FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL FOR WILDLIFE**  
STEEP CANYON RANGERS, BIG FAT GAP, OUTLIERS + MORE

TU 5/13 AND WE 5/14  
**DRIVE BY TRUCKERS**  
W/DEXATEENS\*\*(\$20/\$22)

TH 4/24  
**THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO):**

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

WE 4/23  
**ANTI-FLAG\*\***  
W/STREET DOGS, BRIGGS, FAKE PROBLEMS

TH 5/8 BULL CITY BOOKING PRESENTS:  
**THE CASUALTIES, KRUM BURNS, ANTAGONIZERS, NO REVOLUTION\*\*(\$12/\$15)**

SA 5/10  
**POLVO SOLD OUT**

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## News Briefs

### Shred-a-thon

Watch your documents as they are destroyed at a free shred-a-thon at University Mall in Chapel Hill on Tuesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the North Carolina Attorney General's Office, the Chapel Hill Police Department and A-Shred-Ahead. Identity theft prevention information will also be available.

People are encouraged to bring old tax returns, checks, credit applications, employment records or any other sensitive documents. There is no need to remove staples or paper clips. Shredding takes about 10 minutes.

### Former teacher charged

Jason Perkins resigned as a social studies teacher at Woods Charter School last week after being charged with 10 counts of sexual exploitation of minors.

Perkins, 38, of 540 Sutter Gate Lane in Morrisville, taught middle school students at Woods Charter. He was arrested last Thursday and released after posting bail.

According to police, they found images of adolescent girls on his home computer.

Perkins has been ordered to stay away from children under 18. He resigned from Woods Charter last week, before charges were filed. He is scheduled to appear in court on May 1.

### Former coach charged

Michael Ingram, the former head soccer coach at East Chapel Hill High School, was indicted and arrested last week on child pornography charges.

Ingram, 38, has been charged with seven counts each of second- and third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, according to the State Bureau of Investigation.

Ingram was the head men's soccer coach at East Chapel Hill High for the 2006-07 school year.

### Discount rabies vaccine

Orange County's Animal Services Department continues its low-cost rabies vaccination clinics this week. Under state law, pets over the age of four months must have a current rabies vaccination. The clinics are April 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, and April 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Orange County Animal Shelter off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill.

The vaccination fee is \$5 and must be paid in cash. To receive a three-year vaccination, bring your pet's most recent vaccination certificate. For more information, call 245-2075.

### Affordable mental health clinic

Children, teens and their families may now obtain psychotherapy and evaluation services at affordable rates through a new community clinic operated by psychologists at UNC. The clinic offers both diagnostic evaluation and therapy services to the public on a sliding-fee scale based on household income.

The Child and Family Community Clinic is the newest of several community clinics operated by UNC's department of psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences. The others serve adults and couples. Clinics are open for daytime and evening appointments at 212 Finley Golf Course Rd.

To more information or to make an appointment, call 962-6906.

## Boards concerned about shift in water rules

by Kirk Ross  
Staff Writer

With some reluctance, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed with an Orange Water and Sewer Authority recommendation to move from Stage III to Stage I water-conservation rules.

At their Tuesday night meeting at Town Hall, board members said they shared the same concerns OWASA had heard the night before from Chapel Hill Town Council members about loosening restrictions.

OWASA's board of directors approved a change last Thursday after rains refilled University Lake and brought levels at Cane Creek back up to within about seven feet of full.

But officials in both towns said that with reservoirs still at

historically low levels, OWASA should not send the wrong message to its customers.

"I feel like it's premature, because it's still early spring," Randee Haven O'Donnell said. She suggested the board revisit the issue in six to eight weeks.

Aldermen briefly considered not approving the change, but were cautioned against it by Town Manager Steve Stewart and Town Attorney Michael Brough, who cited a long history of cooperation between the towns and the difficulties of enforcing a different set of rules.

OWASA's executive director, Ed Kerwin, and Braxton Foushee, Carrboro's representative on the authority's board of directors, said in addition to above-average rainfall and a more favorable long-term fore-

cast, there was a practical reason for switching to Stage I.

Foushee explained that if the decision had been made to ratchet back to Stage II, university and public swimming pools would not be allowed to fill their tanks for the coming season.

Foushee assured the board that he remained one of the more conservative members of the OWASA board and would be the first to propose a move back to Stage III if conditions worsen.

Kerwin said customers' conservation efforts have been exceptional: "They have exceeded our expectations."

He later noted that the changes in water-use habits among customers are likely to extend beyond the drought.

The utility is also counting on new reclaimed-water projects in conjunction with the university to lighten demand for potable water.

Formally, the decision to change restrictions is done by each mayor and the chair of the board of county commissioners, a process that was also questioned by the board.

Chilton said he would try to talk with Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy and Barry Jacobs, chair of the board of county commissioners, about the decision and how the elected boards might have more input in future conservation decisions.

Chilton also recommended that OWASA consider changing the rules to allow public pools to refill at higher conservation stages.

## Commissioners approve university gas partnership

by Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to move forward with an agreement with UNC for a gas-recovery project at the Orange County Landfill.

In January, the board voted to enter into a 90-day agreement with UNC to explore the feasibility of a landfill gas-recovery project. Commissioners and county officials had said they would like to launch the project at the landfill as a way of reducing greenhouse gases. County staff had recommended in November that the commissioners request proposals from private firms as well as the university, but university officials said they would not bid against private firms.

At the close of the feasibility study, university representatives said they would like to move forward with the project. County and university officials estimate construction costs of the gas-recovery system at about \$5.5 million, and expect the facility to be complete in 2010.

"We do believe that this will be a win-win for the university and for the county," said Ray DuBose, director of energy services at UNC.

County staff also recommended moving forward with the project.

"This has been a very extensive team effort," said Assistant County Manager Gwen Harvey.

Commissioner Mike Nelson cautioned that the county should be careful with legal language in the project contract.

"We need to make sure we're protecting the county's interest and the taxpayer's interest," he said.

Board Chair Barry Jacobs said he looked forward to the partnership.

"We know this has been a sometimes frustrating process, but it sounds like we're still communicating well, still moving forward and moving toward a partnership that will be mutually beneficial, which is what this is all about," Jacobs said.

County and UNC officials will develop a contract for the project and present it to the commissioners on August 19.



### Next Week in The Citizen

Consumers aren't the only ones feeling the impact of higher gas prices. The Short Stop on Main Street closed last week and its management says higher wholesale costs are making it hard for independent operators to stay in business. Next Thursday, on our monthly business page, we examine how fuel prices are reshaping the local economy.

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**Ruthie Foster**  
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## RECENTLY FROM PAGE 1

Paul Green, the Pulitzer-prize-winning playwright and human rights activist who taught philosophy and the dramatic arts at UNC, befriended the Swalins shortly upon their arrival in Chapel Hill as newlyweds in 1935. Green was among those who encouraged them to resuscitate the orchestra, and he and his wife, Elizabeth Lay Green, enjoyed a close friendship, along with their four children.

For Benjamin and Maxine, the state's children were to be their progeny. Beginning in 1946 until Ben retired in 1972, they packed up the orchestra for annual road trips into every Tar Heel county. In rickety buses on dirt roads, they arrived at schools, churches, civic club meetinghouses or hovels across the state to play their instruments and hold workshops for children who learned how to make their own music. North Carolina was a poor state that they served with love and left with an orchestra that has continued to soar — the first state orchestra in the nation — with one of the most extensive education programs.

Visits by the orchestra were memorable for Moyer, growing up in Chapel Hill. "It was wonderful what they did," she said of the Swalins.

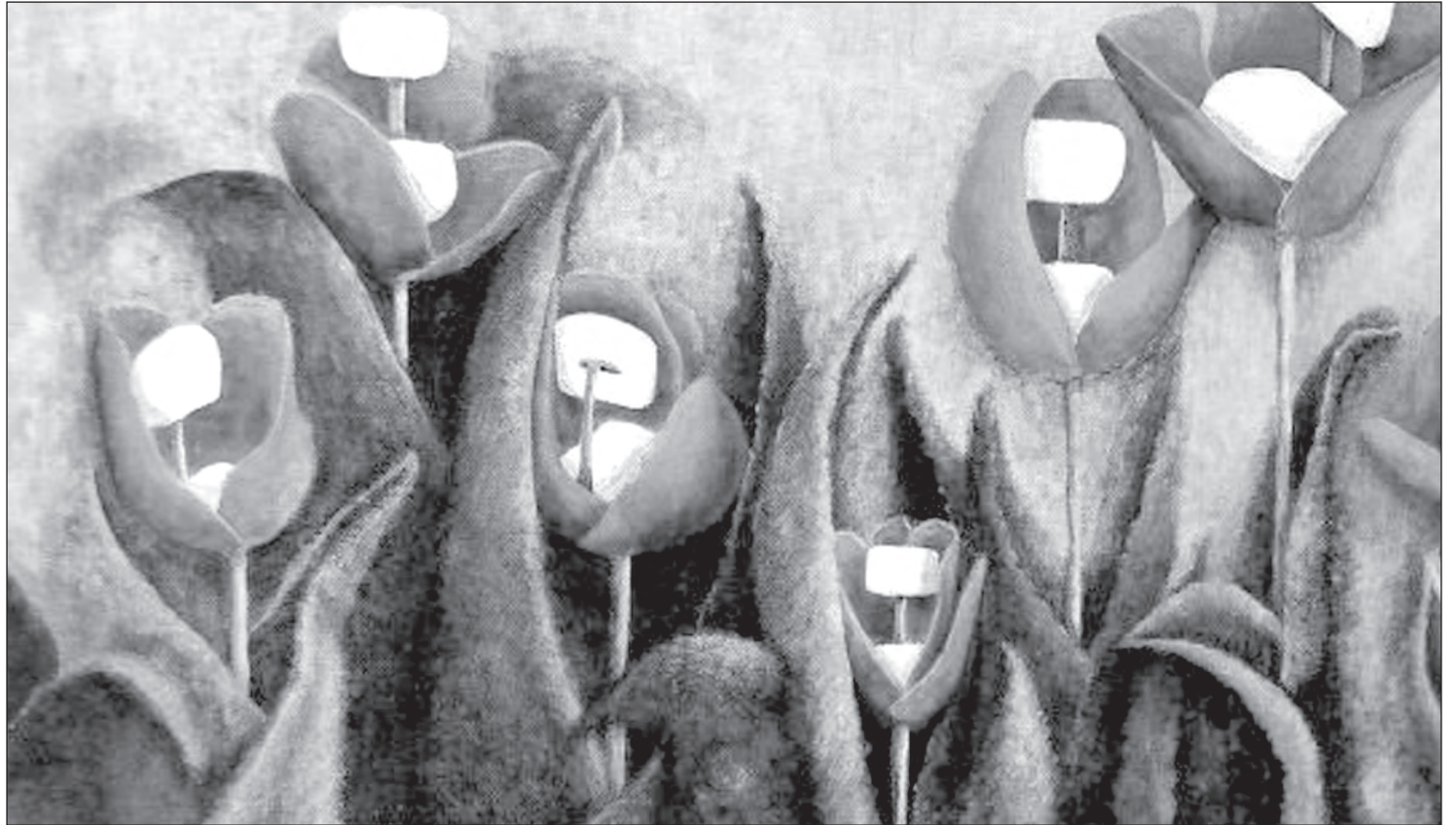
Throughout her long life, Maxine has found ways to continue playing the piano and to paint and draw. An exhibition of her paintings opens with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 22 at the Chapel Hill Museum. At 2 p.m. the following Sunday, two of Paul Green's grandchildren will serenade her. It is hoped that the venerable hall where Maxine and her beloved Benjamin performed on many occasions will be filled with the now-grown children — and generations of their offspring — that the Swalins introduced to music. No admission will be charged, but donations will be accepted to the Arts Common at UNC, which Maxine has championed since first learning about it — where scholars, practitioners and learners of all the arts will share space, ideas and Carolina blue skies.

After all, as Maxine recently said, "Art is just around the corner from music, you know."

Learn more at [carolinaperformingarts.com](http://carolinaperformingarts.com) or 843-3333.

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or [valariekays@mac.com](mailto:valariekays@mac.com)

## ARTS CALENDAR



Linda Carmel's artwork is part of the Undulation exhibition at NC Crafts Gallery this month.

### Special Events

**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.

### CARRBORO

**THE ARTS CENTER**  
**Center Gallery:** Arts Center Student Show April 3-29  
**East End Gallery:** ELEMENTS, the fifth annual Community Art Project.

**THE BEEHIVE**  
**Matt Vooris** — Dinosaurs, Drums, and You!

**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. 4022 Lloyd St., Carrboro. 967-0314, <http://www.claycentre.com>. Regular hours are M-F 10am-4pm and by appointment.

**DEWITT LAW, PLLC**  
**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 Rees.

**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. Through May 8.

**CAFFÉ DRIADE**  
**Paintings** — Karen Baumeister Reim. Through April.

**FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER**  
**Works by Judith Ernst** — Through May 30.

**TURNING POINT GALLERY**  
**Upwardly Mobile** — metal sculptures by Ruffin Hobbs. Through April.

**SOUTHERN VILLAGE BLOOM**  
**Flowers and abstracts** — Marcia DiMartino. Through April.

**BAGWELL, HOLT, SMITH, TILLMAN & JONES, PA**  
**Paintings by Cat Moleski** — Through April.

**HILLSBOROUGH HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS**  
**Black & White** — works by member artists. Through April 21.

**A Walk in the Woods** — new work by Pat Lloyd and Jude Lobe. Opening reception 6-9pm April 25. Through May 24.

**PITTSBORO CHATHAM COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**  
**Oil & Water** — works by the Council's member artists. Through April.

**FUSIONS ART AND FINE CRAFT GALLERY**  
**Photography** — local photographer Craig Greiner. Through April.

Do you have anything for one of our calendars? Send your submissions to [calendar@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:calendar@carrborocitizen.com)

## New Kids on the Block

Ben Davis and Lindsay Griffin  
**Nikolai Ezekiel Bean Davis**, 8lbs 2 1/2 inches born March 1, 4:31pm



Dara Shain and Matt Gocke  
**Ila Gocke**, 7lbs 3oz 2 1/2 inches born Feb. 18, 1am

Glynis and Andrew Fullwood  
**Rebecca Laurel Fullwood**, 9 lbs 4 oz 20 inches born March 12, 10:07am

Rebecca Travers and James Garrity  
**Micah Hayes Garrity**, 7lbs 12 oz 19 inches born March 18, 12:44pm

Jenae Tharaldson and Thomas Mills  
**Atticus Anson Mills**, 9lbs 3oz 2 1/2 inches born March 29, 10:28am

Birth announcements may be sent to [calendar@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:calendar@carrborocitizen.com)



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| 2 Deep unconsciousness | 54 Ignominy              | 53 On guard              | 100 Barber opera     | 8 Light material               | 44 Plain                    | 88 English Romantic            |
| 3 Chew the fat         | 56 With                  | 50 Across, fluffy feline | 102 Deface           | 9 Take                         | 46 Give it — (try)          | 89 Outlaw                      |
| 4 Amphitheater feature | 58 Munch (on)            | 59 Summarize             | 103 Repeat           | 10 Garlic                      | 48 Even if, informally      | 90 Quindien's — True Thing?    |
| 5 Defeated             | 60 Palm sound            | 61 Palm Sunday           | 105 Fraternity       | 11 Actor                       | 49 UK, formerly             | 91 — Pères, MO                 |
| 6 Prickly heat, e.g.   | 62 Wine and dine         | 63 Saucy                 | 106 Palm Sunday      | 12 "My Favorite —" ('82 film)  | 52 Hills or Thomas          | 95 Definitely dislikes         |
|                        | 64 Speech problem        | 66 Middle of question    | 108 End of question  | 13 Foundation                  | 53 Shore soup               | 96 Like some cellars           |
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|                        | 75 Word with rug or code | 76 Couple                | 118 Add color        | 15 Songbird dance              | 57 Hurricane fliers         | 100 Herbert or Hugo            |
|                        | 77 Pindaric poem         | 78 Annoys                | 119 Circle           | 16 "So — is the thanks I get!" | 58 Pigeon English?          | 101 North African feature      |
|                        | 79 Ladd role             | 80 Norwegian composer    | 120 Orthodox image   | 17 Sea plea                    | 61 in honor of              | 103 Violinist                  |
|                        | 81 Humorist              | 82 Distressed one?       | 122 Dutch export     | 21 Record music, in a way      | 62 Pulitzer winner          | 104 Intimate                   |
|                        |                          | 83 Fish hook             | 123 Fruit-tree spray | 27 Singer                      | 64 Sweater letter           | 105 1492 vessel                |
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|                        |                          |                          | 85 Down              | 32 Coal container              | 69 Aptitude                 | 111 Mosaic bit                 |
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## CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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

### "SELF-RELIANCE"

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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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## PETS OF THE WEEK



**APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — My name is Tony.** I love to lounge around and sleep in super comfy places. I really enjoy the company of cats of all ages. I am very playful and very cute about it. I am a very laid-back kitty who will worship you in exchange for a few cheek scratches. Oh yeah, I was given up because my mom was getting married to a man that didn't like or want me. That should have been her sign that he was the wrong one (maybe a scary control freak?)! 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](http://www.animalprotectionsociety.org)

### ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

— Come say hi to Queenie! This cutie pie is around 5-6 months old and is ready to find a new home where she can play and relax. She's been playing and wrestling with her siblings and isn't quite sure yet what to do when they aren't around, so she'll need someone who will let her take her time to get used to exploring the world on her own. Once she feels safe, she's sure to romp and play with you too! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 967-7383. You can also see her online at [www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp).



## Community Calendar

### Special Events

#### Ackland Art After Dark

— see a variety of artwork, listen to jazz, commune with art lovers. Fri Apr 19, 9pm.

**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

**Healthy Kids Day & Family Fest** — parents learn about local program services while children enjoy music, games, crafts, nutrition demos, exercise clinics and more. Sat, Apr 26, 10am-2pm. Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 442-9622, chycma.org.

**International Creativity and Innovation Day** — free workshop where participants learn about creative processes, exercise their imaginations and generate ideas. Mon, Apr 21, 1-2:30pm. Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, 932-7234, applyimagination.com

### Outdoor activities

**Niche Gardens guided garden walks** — Saturdays through June, 10am. Spring planting, garden maintenance, design & gardening for wildlife with bird and butterfly gardens. Free. Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Rd, Chapel Hill. 967-0078 or www.nichegardens.com

**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. Free.

**Digital Camera Workshop** — Lecture and photo sessions in the gardens. Free, Fridays from 12:30-4pm

**Kayak trips** — small-group, local flatwater trips hosted by Kayak Adventures. 929-3805, kayakadventuresnc.com.

### Kids

**Toddler Time** — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. 969-3006.

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

**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. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, 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. 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 St. 967-1448, harwelija@bellsouth.net.

### Health & Wellness

**Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer** — A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House

Cancer Support Center. 401-9333, 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. 967-3221chapelhillctf.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. 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, www.cdsadance.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.

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### Lectures, Discussions & Open Mics

**Open Mic** — Poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays, 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, 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 17 and 24. Call 962-2643 or visit fridaycenter.unc.edu/pdep for more information and online registration.

**Role of Human Rights Commission in Orange County** — discussion of racial profiling, immigrants' rights and cooperation of human rights organizations in Orange County. Thu, Apr 17, 7pm. Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Dr. 942-2535.

**"A Tar Heel Cartoonist in Texas: Drawing the Line in the Lone Star State"** — Editorial cartoonist John Branch. Accompanies a student cartooning exhibit. Wilson Library, 5pm, April 17.

**"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.

**Poetry Readings** — in conjunction with Rare Book Collection exhibit "The Beats and Beyond: Counterculture Poetry, 1950-1975." Tue, Apr 22, 3:30-4:30pm. Bull's Head Bookshop.

**"Avant-Garde Poetry in America After World War II"** — panel discussion of post-WWII American Poetry. Wed, Apr 23, 6pm. Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library.

**"A View from the Bench"** — forum and discussion with women candidates for the N.C. Court of Appeals of the importance of women's voices in our judiciary. Thu, Apr 24, 7:30pm. The Chapel Hill Museum, 523 E Franklin St. 644-0869.

### Films

**"Searching for Angela Shelton"** — Screening and discussion of Angela Shelton's documentary about sexual assault across America. Sat, Apr 26, 5-7pm. Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building Auditorium, UNC Campus.

### Other

**Haiku Holiday** — Readings, workshops and walks with experienced haiku poets. Hosted by the Haiku Society of America. Sat, Apr 26, 9am-3:45pm. Bolin Brook Farm. 929-4884, nc-haiku.org.

## Community Briefs

### Nutrition talk

Nutrition educator Margaret Nahum of North Carolina State University will speak at the next meeting of Peer Connections: Be Well! Feel Fit! on Thursday April 24 at the Carrboro Town Hall, 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 942-5602 or email peerconnections@gmail.com.

### Book launch

Chapel Hill resident Irma Tejada and Carrboro resident Chris Kanoy launched their book *A Weekend in the Paris of the Piedmont* today at Carrboro Elementary School.

At the launch, Mayor Mark Chilton read part of the book to Carrboro Elementary's third-grade students. In addition, Tejada and Kanoy discussed how

their love affair with Carrboro led them to draw and compose the story, which features Weaver Street Market, Carrburritos and Cliff's Meat Market.

For more information, contact the Chapel Hill Orange County Visitors Bureau at 968-2060.

### Healthy kid fest

The YMCA on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd will host the Healthy Kids Day and Family Fest on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free festival will educate parents about local services while the kids enjoy such entertainment as face painting and games. The festival features live music, a moon bounce and a raffle, as well as exercise clinics for kids and nutritional demonstrations.

## Center for Public Service honors given

Working with the Burmese immigrant community in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, partnering with the Special Olympics of Orange County, developing a state-wide consortium of future K-12 teachers who take the practice of service-learning into public schools and addressing the state's major health and healthcare issues are a few of the public service efforts recognized by the university this year.

The Carolina Center for Public Service recently recognized those and other initiatives at its annual service awards.

Pam Silberman, a research associate professor in the School of Public Health, received the Ned Brooks Award for Public Service. Silberman, who is also president of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, was recognized for research that has led to legislation including the state's child health insurance law, dental care access and insurance coverage for low-income populations.

The Carolina Center for Public Service awards, which honors campus units for service

to North Carolina, went to the Student Coalition for Advocacy in Literacy Education (SCALE) and the UNC School of Law Center for Civil Rights.

SCALE was honored for Learning to Teach, Learning to Serve, a statewide consortium of public and private universities designed to develop a generation of K-12 teachers who have extensive experience with service-learning. The UNC School of Law Center for Civil Rights was recognized for its work representing several communities in Moore County advocating to address annexation issues.

The Robert E. Bryan Public Service Award — recognizing individual students and faculty for exemplary public service efforts — went to graduate students Megan Ellenson and Thanh-Thu Tran, faculty member Flora Lu and staff member Hannah Gill.

Ellenson, a graduate student in the School of Public Health, has worked with and for the Burmese immigrant community in Chapel Hill

The event is sponsored by the YMCA and the Orange County Partnership for Young Children and other service organizations. More information is online at www.orangesmartstartorg or by phone 967-9091.

### Clydefest

The 7th annual Clydefest takes place Saturday, April 26 at the Bynum Ball Park. Clydefest is a festival sponsored by ChathamArts and the Village of Bynum and includes live music and fun for kids. The festival is held to honor Clyde Jones, a famous self-taught folk artist making his home in Bynum. The event includes a raffle of works by Jones. Musical performers include Tommy Edwards & Friends, The Milagro Saints, Breadfoot and Shaun Pugliese. There will be a puppet parade, games, storytelling, facepainting and food.

The ball park is about five

miles north of Pittsboro off 15-501. At the Haw River Bridge, turn onto Durham-Eubanks Road, left on Bynum Road, right on Bynum Hill Road and the park is on the left. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids, with a discount for ChathamArts members. For more information, go to www.chathamarts.com.

### Library memories

The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library will present a panel discussion on memories of the library from 1958 to present. The discussion is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 20. The program is a retrospective as the library celebrates its 50-year anniversary and continues to expand. Speakers including Jane Dyer, Molly Cameron, Lisa Price and Ken Broun will share memories of the library's founding and other anecdotes. For information, call 968-2780.

## ROBBERIES FROM PAGE 1

men were described as black males, 17 to 19 years old and six to six feet four inches tall, while another pair was described as black males, 16 to 17 years old and five feet eight inches to six feet tall.

"We think there could be multiple pairs of two," Booker said, noting that one robbery involved three suspects.

However, he added, "I think that some of the robberies are being committed by the same people."

Booker said the Carrboro Police are working with the Chapel Hill Police Department in the investigation.

"There's been very little to go on, because the suspects are approaching the victims ... and then they're leaving on foot," he said. Police have used dogs to track the suspects' trails, but the trails ended, leading police to believe that the suspects got in cars.

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 of up to \$1,200 for information that leads to an arrest.

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## Governor sunshine

We weren't there, but can presume that at his swearing in Gov. Mike Easley swore to uphold and defend the constitution of the state of North Carolina. Just as a reminder, Article I Section 10 goes something like: "Freedom of speech and of the press are two of the great bulwarks of liberty and therefore shall never be restrained, but every person shall be held responsible for their abuse."

Drilling this down to the controversy over the executive branch's handling of public records, we can only ask that the law of the land be followed and "every person" in the administration be held responsible for the destruction of legitimate public records, most certainly an abuse of the people's right to know what their government is up to.

A lawsuit by a group of newspapers and other media aims to start that process and reverse what is apparently a policy of strategic secrecy. One case in point: the destruction of a note from the secretary of Health and Human Services to the governor regarding mental health reform. The spin is that it was a personal note, an excuse that is both clumsy and, given the subsequent collapse of the state's mental health system, insulting.

Government at many levels is slipping into a more secretive way of doing business, reversing a decades-long trend toward greater sunshine. Accountability is impossible without transparency. It was a demand made when our constitution was drafted and one we must emphatically reiterate today.

## Drought not over

There's an interesting twist to the jump from Stage III water conservation all the way back to Stage I. Under Stage II and Stage III, the dozens of local swimming pools, most notably those at the university and the public pools, could not be refilled. So one reason for the OWASA decision last week to jump to Stage I rules was to allow those pools to be filled for the upcoming season.

We say all this because some people have taken the jump to Stage I to mean it's a water free-for-all again. This week, the town boards in both Chapel Hill and Carrboro told OWASA they want to see strong conservation rules continue.

With water supplies still at a historic low, the boards and OWASA agree that a quick return to Stage II or Stage III is possible. Those pools, once filled, can be topped off under Stage II.

## Use it or lose it

No doubt, sometime prior to Election Day in 2000, a few hundred Floridians uttered the oft-heard phrase "my vote doesn't count."

Seven and a half years later, as we watch the consequences of that shirking of civic duty, a large portion of the country would still like to throttle them.

The answer to many questions along the lines of "When is all this going to change?" or "When are we going to hold politicians accountable?" is "The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

In heavily Democratic Orange County, the first Tuesday in May is important as well since it's a pretty good indicator of who might serve on our county commission. In years with open statewide offices — like this year — the May primaries are also an important hurdle for the next governor, senator or member of the Council of State.

Thanks to a push to make participation more possible, the voting period extends well beyond the traditional Tuesday exercise.

In fact, it starts today (Thursday) with the opening of early-voting stations in Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough.

We note as well that voter registration has soared in recent weeks and, with the new same-day registration option, will continue to do so. The presidential race is driving much of it, and up and down the ballot there are plenty of reasons to make your mark in this election.

As of Friday, let us commence to vote in droves.

—KIRK ROSS



## LETTERS

### Voting for Ellie

I am thrilled that our veteran senator, Ellie Kinnaird, has decided to run again for another term in the NC Senate. It takes a special kind of person and woman — a courageous, smart and assertive one — to tangle with the mostly male North Carolina Senate.

I am glad that Ellie cares about the issues I care about. She has been tireless on issues of the environment, open government and working families. Just a few examples — Ellie introduced a moratorium and tough new regulations on hog waste lagoons and stopped the southeastern states from dumping their nuclear waste in Chatham County. Ellie's bill made one-stop early voting more convenient and, therefore, enfranchised many voters. Other achievements can be found at <http://elliokinnaird.org>.

Ellie's seniority in the Senate is important to our interests. Ellie is ranking member of the Appropriations/Base Budget committee and co-chair of the subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, one of the largest parts of our state budget.

Sen. Purcell says, "Senator Kinnaird has earned the respect of her colleagues for being an effective legislator who will fight for what she believes in." I could not have said it better.

Join me in voting for Ellie Kinnaird for Senate in the May 6 primary.

JULIE MCCLINTOCK  
Chapel Hill

### Vote "yes"

I am writing in support of the land transfer tax.

It is estimated that this tax will generate between \$3 and \$4 million dollars. This money has been earmarked for our schools and parks in Orange County. Only people selling commercial property, homes or land will be affected by this tax — and it applies when the property is sold, not when inherited or given as a gift. It will not affect low-income residents and those living on a fixed income unless they sell their property. Renters will not be affected at all.

The land transfer tax is a very small tax, less than one half of one percent. The tax on a house worth \$375,000 would only be \$1,500. So what is the alternative? The alternative would be to increase the property tax for everyone in the county. Increasing our property taxes to generate these much-needed funds will affect everyone in our county, including renters, low-income residents, farmers and those living on a fixed income. These increases will be charged every year. For most of us, the land transfer tax will apply only once or twice in our lives.

I urge you to join myself, Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, the Chapel Hill/Carrboro City School Board, Mayor of Carrboro Mark Chilton and many other Orange County citizens and vote for the land transfer tax. To learn more about why you should support the land transfer tax, please see [www.4schools4parks.com](http://www.4schools4parks.com).

LAURA DUDLEY  
Smith Middle School PTSA co-president

### Tax didn't bring results

A recent letter to the editor in your newspaper praised some coastal counties for implementing the transfer tax as a solution to local budget issues. However, a closer look at the issue shows that the transfer tax — also known as the home tax — is not the answer.

The letter implied that a transfer tax would replace higher property taxes. That's absolutely not true. Of the six counties in northeastern North Carolina who have levied the tax, two have the highest property tax burdens in the state. In fact, Dare and Currituck are ranked first and third respectively in terms of property tax burden among the state's 100 counties.

The transfer tax is also an unreliable source of revenue because it relies on the volatile real estate market. Transfer tax revenues have fallen by as much as 53 percent over the last few years in some of the North Carolina counties that have the tax. Last year, Dare County commissioners were forced to cut capital reserve fund expenditures to adjust for a steep decline in land transfer tax revenue.

It's impossible — and irresponsible — to build a budget for schools and other important programs and services around such an un dependable source of revenue.

Further, it's blatantly unfair to single out one segment of the population — specifically, people selling their property — to pay for infrastructure and other community needs that benefit everyone.

The bottom line is this — the transfer tax is a bad idea, unreliable and most certainly will not take the place of property taxes. On May 6, I encourage Orange County residents to vote against the transfer tax.

MARK ZIMMERMAN  
Chapel Hill

### For the tax

We are not exceptionally knowledgeable about politics or taxes. We do listen to the news every day, frequently read the local newspapers and vote every opportunity we get the chance. We understand the basic idea of the proposed land transfer tax referendum (referred to mistakenly by opponents of the measure as a "home tax") for which Orange County voters will soon cast their votes.

We are absolutely sure of one thing, though. If Ellie Kinnaird supports the idea of adding a very small, one-time tax to commercial and noncommercial real estate sales which will help the county finance and improve public education, then it must be a good idea. Why else would she support it? Why would she want to do anything that might hurt any of her constituents, especially those with limited and low incomes? Ellie Kinnaird has more integrity in her little finger than most politicians will ever have. We trust Sen. Kinnaird, so we will vote for the referendum.

JANET WHITESIDES AND AYLEE PECK  
WHITESIDES (Smith Middle School 6th grader)  
Carrboro

### Pedestrian safety

The recent and tragic deaths of Basil and Kaled Shahin in Raleigh highlight the importance of pedestrian safety. We would like to share our experience in advocating to change a dangerous intersection.

As UNC medical students, we have been concerned about the safety of a crosswalk on Manning Drive on UNC's medical campus. We decided to address the issue by trying to get a traffic light installed at the crosswalk. We began by contacting various town, university and medical school officials, and eventually learned that existing plans call for a pedestrian bridge with construction of the new Dental Sciences Building beginning this summer. While our specific concern was effectively addressed, we wish to encourage and empower all citizens to be active participants in campus safety improvements by contacting the relevant campus and town authorities when specific safety issues concern them.

For issues occurring off campus, we suggest contacting Chapel Hill's traffic engineer, Kumar Neppalli (969-5093). For campus issues, Ray Magyar of UNC Public Safety is an excellent resource (962-5028). Students may want to consider filling out the online form at [www.dps.unc.edu](http://www.dps.unc.edu), [www.dps.unc.edu](http://www.dps.unc.edu) (click on contact information and then webmaster contact) or by calling the pedestrian hotline (843-PEDS) to report a concern. Additionally, students can get involved in activities such as signing a petition and participating in awareness campaigns.

EVAN COREY  
Chapel Hill

### Good choices

Kudos to the Sierra Club for its astute endorsements of Bernadette Pelissier for Orange County Commissioner and Ellie Kinnaird for re-election to the state Senate.

Bernadette's environmental credentials are top notch, as are her qualifications as a member of the county Planning Board, the OWASA board and Chancellor Moeser's Leadership Advisory Committee. Her long career with the Bureau of Prisons gives her a first-hand sense of the challenges and adversity faced by many in our society.

Senator Kinnaird is one of only two senators to receive a 100 percent voting score from the Conservation Council of North Carolina. Her leadership on issues ranging from hog waste regulation to the death penalty moratorium to establishing one-stop early voting is exemplary. Kinnaird's compassion is evidenced through her outspoken support of the real estate transfer tax as a means to protect low-income and fixed-income residents.

Environmental leaders, to be sure, Pelissier and Kinnaird have the strength of character, the issue positions and the experience to do the job for our community.

DAN COLEMAN  
Carrboro

# Sierra Endorsements Announced

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The Citizen* recently received this announcement of the state Sierra Club's choices in local elections.

The North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club today officially announced its endorsements in Senate District 23, House Districts 54 & 56, and for the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

We are very pleased to announce today that the Sierra Club officially endorses Representative Verla Insko, Representative Joe Hackney, and Senator Ellie Kinnaird in their bids for reelection. We are confident that they will continue to work to protect North Carolina's environment, for our families and for our future. Though neither Insko nor Hackney are opposed for reelection, we wish to strongly support the work that they have done over the past several years, and look forward to their continued service. Senator Kinnaird, who faces both a primary and general election challenger, has one of the best environmental voting records in the entire state Legislature and has initiated several important pieces of environmental legislation.

In the Orange County Commissioners at-large district, the Sierra Club strongly endorses Bernadette Pelissier. Bernadette has been an outstanding environmental leader in Orange County. She has proven herself knowledgeable and a creative problem solver in her many roles in our community including her service on the Planning Board, the Commission for the Environment, the OWASA Board of Directors, the Special Transit Advisory Commission, and in her decades of work for the Sierra Club. Her broad experience will allow her to be a strong voice for regional transit, farm and open space preservation, responsible economic development, and planning for an intelligent response to growth pressures.

In District 1, though they do not face primary or general election opposition, the Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Valerie Foushee and Pam Hemminger. Incumbent Valerie Foushee has demonstrated a strong understanding of the many issues surrounding growth and has been an advocate for the creation of new parks and preservation through conservation easements. We feel that she has had a very strong voting record over the past four years. Pam Hemminger, current chair of the Chapel Hill Carrboro Board of Education, has a long record of service on environmental issues through her work on numerous boards and commissions. When elected, she will be an advocate for improved public transit, a better infrastructure for alternative transportation, energy conservation, improved stream buffers, and a promoter of smart growth initiatives.

The Sierra Club chose not to endorse any candidates running in District 2. While we find none of the candidates' positions on environmental issues strong enough to warrant an endorsement, we do support Leo Allison's positions on transit, open space and farmland preservation, and the creation of more parks.

We strongly encourage Sierra Club members and other residents of Orange County who care about the environment to support candidates who have shown leadership on these issues in the May 6th election. In light of numerous environmental challenges we will be facing in the years to come, electing candidates to the General Assembly and Board of County Commissioners who will make the environment a top priority is essential.

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## Election Briefs

### Dem Convention

Orange County Democrats are invited to kickoff the election season at the annual Orange County Democratic Convention on Saturday at Mt. Zion AME Church on N.C. 86.

Attendees will have an opportunity to socialize and meet the Democratic candidates, current officeholders and fellow Democrats starting at 11 a.m. A barbecue or vegetarian lunch will be offered for a \$10 donation.

Judge James A. Wynn of the N.C. Court of Appeals will give the keynote address at 1 p.m. The convention will elect delegates to the district and state conventions and a replacement for first vice chair, and it will consider policy resolutions from the precincts. It will also elect two persons for the Prosecutorial District Executive Committee of District 15B, the state Senatorial District Executive Committee of District 23 and the state House of Representatives district executive committees of districts 50 and 54.

### Kinnaird vote-raiser

The Peck and Artisans building at 204 West Main St. is the scene this Friday of a "vote-raiser" for the reelection of state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird. Organizer and host Tim Peck said the idea is to get younger voters out who want to support Kinnaird but don't have funds for a contribution. Musical acts include Billy Sugarfix, The Plate Holders and Jimmy Magoo. The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m.

### Turnout concerns

With interest in North Carolina's presidential primary building, a watchdog group is calling on state and local officials to beef up preparations for a surge of voters on May 6 and at the one-stop early-voting sites that open across the state today (Thursday).

"It's like preparing for a hurricane and a week-long rock concert at the same time," said Bob Hall, executive director of Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan election-reform organization. "Officials need to plan for every contingency, add extra personnel, anticipate where bottlenecks will happen and keep educating the public about changes in conditions."

Democracy North Carolina's recommendations include opening more early-voting sites during the week of April 21, opening sites on Saturdays and Sundays and getting advance cooperation from college officials to process last-minute registrations from students.

### Neal to vote early

Jim Neal, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate, will cast his ballot at the early-voting site at Morehead Planetarium, his campaign announced this week. Neal, an investment banker who lives in Chapel Hill, is scheduled to cast his ballot at 4 p.m. Friday.

A recent poll showed Neal and state Sen. Kay Hagan of Greensboro nearly tied in the contest to decide who will face Republican U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole in the fall.

### 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 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.



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS  
State Sen. Ellie Kinnaird and longtime County Commissioner Moses Carey squared off last Wednesday in a debate that many observers say showed more agreement and few, if any, fireworks. But there are differences between the two. Next week, *The Citizen* looks at the race for Senate District 23 and how the two campaigns are focused in the final stretch.

## OBAMA FROM PAGE 1

U.S. Rep. Mel Watt of Charlotte. Both congressmen are so-called superdelegates, and many observers expect most, if not all, Democratic representatives from North Carolina to follow suit.

Both New York U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, have also scheduled appearances and rallies in the Tar Heel state.

Citing the logistics of the event, the fact that the Carrboro Farmers' Market celebrates its 30th birthday the following morning and that Carrboro Day is the following Sunday, Stewart asked the board of aldermen for the au-

thority to negotiate agreements with the campaign to cover additional town crews and other expenses.

Board member Jacquie Gist said she wanted to see the town make the event work. She said that when the Squirrel Nut Zippers played the Commons, the crowd was large but very orderly.

Mayor Mark Chilton said he would also like to see the town be able to accommodate the request.

In a quickly drafted resolution offered by board member John Herrera, the board agreed to have Stewart — who along with other town officials has been in discussions with Obama organizers in Chicago — work out the plans "in the best interests of the town."

On Wednesday, Stewart

said he had contacted the Obama campaign to relay the board's decision, but had not heard back.

Clinton and Obama are scheduled to debate April 27 at the RBC Center in Raleigh.

**For further information on the debate and the Democratic presidential primary, visit:**

North Carolina Democratic Party  
[www.ncdp.org/](http://www.ncdp.org/)

**For information on the campaigns' efforts in North Carolina:**

Hillary Clinton campaign North Carolina website  
[www.hillaryclinton.com/hq/northcarolina/](http://www.hillaryclinton.com/hq/northcarolina/)

Barack Obama campaign North Carolina website  
[www.nc.barackobama.com](http://www.nc.barackobama.com)

## 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

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**NC State Senate District 23**  
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Mike Huckabee, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Ron Paul, none

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Pete Di Lauro, Elizabeth Dole

**US Congress District 4**  
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**Lieutenant Governor**  
Timothy Cook, Greg Dority, Robert Pittenger, Jim Snyder

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**  
Joe Johnson, Richard Morgan, Eric H. Smith

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**Court of Appeals Judge (b)**  
Sam J. Ervin, IV, Janet Pueschel, Kristin Ruth, John M. Tyson

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**5 NEW FARMS!**

# 13th Annual Piedmont Spring Farm Tour!

**35 FARMS \$30**

## Celebrate Earth Day by Touring Area Small Farms!

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
April 19 & 20  
1 pm - 6 pm**

**Gather your friends, fill up a car, and visit your local family farms!**

**Your tax-deductible donation is requested - all proceeds benefit CFSA.**

**\$30\* per car for all 35 farms**  
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Friends pedaling together in a group of two or twenty constitute 'one car.' Pay either a \$10 fee per farm or purchase together a \$30 button and gain entrance to all farms.

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This tour is to benefit the **Carolina Farm Stewardship Association**. CFSA is a non-profit membership organization of farmers, gardeners, businesses, and consumers in both North and South Carolina. Founded in 1980, the organization is committed to encouraging healthier and more sustainable farming and gardening methods.

## Farm Tour Kick-Off

**Thursday, April 17 6-8 pm**

**LIVE MUSIC! WINE TASTING! MEET LOCAL PRODUCERS ON THE LAWN AT WEAVER STREET MARKET**

## Lunch Menus

APRIL 18-24

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

### ELEMENTARY

Friday — Fishwich; Chicken & Noodle w/ Wheat Roll; Coleslaw; Steamed Carrots  
Monday — Rotini w/Meatless Spaghetti Sauce & Garlic Bread; Beef Taco w/Salsa; Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Peaches

Tuesday — Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Turkey, Dressing & Gravy w/Wheat Roll; "Fun on the Run"; Garden Peas; Fresh Orange Wedges

Wednesday — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Ham & Cheese Melt; Green Beans; Chilled Fruit Cocktail; Chocolate Pudding

Thursday — Baked Potato w/ or w/o Meat & Cheese; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; "Fun on the Run"; Broccoli Cuts; Fruited Gelatin

### MIDDLE & HIGH

Friday — Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Fishwich; Sweet Yellow Corn; Chilled Peaches

Monday — Cheese Ravioli w/Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; Green Beans; Chilled Apricots; Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday — Beef & Bean Burrito w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Steamed Carrots; Fresh Apple

Wednesday — Oven-Baked BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Double Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato; Col-lard Greens; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Fruited Gelatin

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

## School Briefs

### PTA tax session

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools PTA Council will hold an informational session on the transfer tax ballot issue on April 23 at 7 p.m. in the media center at Smith Middle School.

The session will include a presentation by county representatives, a question-and-answer session, information regarding how the tax might benefit schools and discussion among participants.

Parents, teachers and staff are invited to attend the session. Given that other events will be taking place at the school that evening, attendees are asked to park on the south side of Smith near Seawell Elementary.

### Open house

The Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College will hold an open house on Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

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 encour-

aged to attend the events.

The open houses will be held in Room 45 of the White Building on Lawson Street in Durham. Refreshments will be served.

For information or an application, visit [mchs.dpsnc.net](http://mchs.dpsnc.net).

### Euro-Challenge

Three Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools freshmen will comprise the first North Carolina team to participate in the Euro-Challenge in New York, April 28-30.

Eva Archer and Nathalie Reilly of Chapel Hill High School and Emer O'Reilly of East Chapel Hill High will participate in the event, which is sponsored by the Delegation of the European Commission.

The Euro-Challenge is an academic competition to encourage American students to learn more about the European Union. Fifty teams are expected to compete for cash awards at the contest.

The team designed a 15-minute presentation for the contest addressing sluggish GDP growth in the EU, with a focus on Belgium, the nation in which their pen pals live.

The team was organized by Smith Middle School French teacher Robin McMahon.

### Special PTA meet

The Special Education Parent Teachers Association will hold an informational meeting April 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Margaret Blackwell, executive director of exceptional children's services for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, will present information about the improvement plan and upcoming changes for exceptional children. In addition, Leah Wilson, a FOCAL (Focus on Careers, Academics and Life Skills) teacher, will speak about the Peer Buddy program.

The meeting will be held at the Chapel Hill Public Library on Estes Drive, in the lower-level conference room. For more information, contact Georgia Gamcsik at [gygamcsik@earthlink.net](mailto:gygamcsik@earthlink.net).

### Achiever deadline

Requests for funding from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation Achievers' Fund are due May 12.

The Achievers' Fund is designed to assist students in grades K-12 who need additional academic support, by providing funds for after-school and summer academic assistance; equipment, such as band instruments or other

items that are not provided by the schools or districts; and scholarships for post-secondary education. The fund also can be used to assist teams of students who have advanced to national competitions in science and math.

For an application or more information, contact the foundation at 968-8819 or [psf@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:psf@chccs.k12.nc.us).

### Rising seniors

Carrboro High School will hold a Rising Senior Parent and Student Night on April 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Commons at Carrboro High.

Rising 12th graders and their parents are invited to attend the meeting, which is intended to help students begin to identify their ambitions for life after high school.

Students will receive their senior packets, which include information for school personnel to write references and advise students as they begin to make post-secondary plans.

### 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. Chapel Hill-Carrboro juniors and seniors looking for part-time summer employment or full-time employment after graduation are invited to attend.

Businesses in need of new employees are encouraged to participate. To reserve a table, contact Kimberly at 967-6075, ext. 28 or [kpfirmann@carolinachamber.org](mailto:kpfirmann@carolinachamber.org) by April 11.

### Project graduation

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](http://www.projectgraduationchccs.org).

## SCHOOL SPORTS

### Carrboro High Women's Soccer

(via Tony Blanford) April 11

The Carrboro High School Lady Jaguars soccer team's match with Cary's Panther Creek High School ended in a 1-1 draw on Friday. Carrboro's Katie Gilmore scored, while Alisa Beardon put in a goal for Panther Creek.

Carrboro took seven shots, Panther Creek 14. Carrboro goalkeeper Rachel Horton had eight saves. Carrboro had three corner kicks, Panther Creek had four. The Lady Jaguars' record stands at 10-3-2.

Two days earlier, the Lady Jaguars soccer team shut out Graham High School, with an 8-0 victory. Goals were scored by Kelly Casey, Katie Gilmore,

Mel Cranfill, Peyton Kennedy, Rachel Horton and Molly Acuff, and Graham knocked in an own goal.

Marshall Babcock, Mel Cranfill, Vicky Aldana and Cassie Laughrey all contributed assists. Carrboro tried 31 shots, Graham took none. Graham's goalkeeper had seven saves. CHS took nine corner kicks, Graham zero.



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Chapel Hill High lacrosse beat Carrboro High, 14-1, on April 8.

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## CROP HungerWalk 2008

It was another successful CROP Hunger Walk! Our thanks to the more than 550 community members who participated in this year's Walk which raised money to fight hunger locally, through the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service and internationally, through Church World Service. The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service thanks all of the walkers, volunteers and IFC staff who helped make Sunday's event a great success!

### WE PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK THE 2008 CROP HUNGER WALK SPONSORS:

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## EARTH FROM PAGE 1

• SEAC will hold a cookout on Polk Place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Grass-fed hamburgers and veggie burgers will be free to the public.

• David Orr, professor of environmental students and politics at Oberlin College and the University of Vermont, will discuss environmental issues in the political sphere at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Carroll Hall.

The North Carolina Botanical Garden also has planned several events to commemorate Earth Day. These include:

• On Saturday, the garden will hold a behind-the-scenes hard-hat tour of the new Visitor Education Center, which is under construction. The building will be the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) platinum, low-impact state building in North Carolina. The tour will start at 11 a.m. Space is limited; those planning to attend should RSVP to [elinor@email.unc.edu](mailto:elinor@email.unc.edu).

• Garden director Peter White will lead a "Growing Green Earth Day Tour" on April 26 at 10 a.m. on the grounds and trails of the garden. The tour will showcase the significance of native flora to all life on earth. To reserve a place, call 962-0522.

• "Why We Garden – A Conversation with Ken Moore" will be held on April 27 at 2 p.m. at the Carolina Inn. Moore, retired assistant director of the garden, plans to discuss what inspires people to garden. The lecture includes a free reception in the Carolina Inn's Hill Ballroom. Registration is not required, but recommended. To register, call 962-0522.

## Obituaries

### Margaret Ellen Barrett



Margaret Ellen Barrett, age 60, died Friday April 11. She was born on February 15, 1948 in the old Watts Hospital in Durham. She grew up in Chapel Hill and graduated from the Chapel Hill high school in the last class to graduate from the old high school downtown. She attended Brandeis University and later UNC-CH, obtaining first the B.A. and later the M.A.T. degrees. She had a variety of different employments over the years. When the Chapel Hill bus system was begun, she was one of the first bus drivers. Later, she worked as a pastry chef after first training as an apprentice in a small bakery in Lyon, France. For a time, she ran a sewing enterprise with a friend. For the last 20 years, she was employed as a teacher in the English as a Second Language program of the Burlington School System, in the course of which she became very attached to her students and their families.

Margaret Ellen had an astonishingly wide range of friends and made new ones wherever she went. The door of her home in Alamance County was open to all and she was unfailingly generous to all who came. Barriers of class and culture did not exist for her and she seemed able to pick up new languages effortlessly. Despite the amount of time she devoted to people, she was better read in several languages than most people are in one. She was larger than life and will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know her.

Margaret Ellen is survived by her husband, J. Robert (Bobby) Barrett; her daughter, Mary Sophia (Sophie) Barrett; her parents, Wayne and Maryellen Bowers; her sister Ruth Bowers of Highland Park, New Jersey; and her brothers John Bowers of Ithaca, New York and Wayne Bowers of Sitka, Alaska.

Funeral arrangements are private; a gathering in her memory will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to UNC Hospice, 480 Hillsboro St., Suite 800, P.O. Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

## Piedmont farm tour returns this weekend for 13th year

Where can you ride the Eggmobile or the Mulchmobile; buy fresh produce, meat and cheese; learn about sustainable farming; or see cows, fainting goats, ducks, llamas, donkeys, sheep and even UNC mascot Ramezes? The answer, of course, is the 13th annual Piedmont Farm Tour, sponsored by the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA), on Saturday, April 19, and Sunday, April 20.

Thirty-five local farms will open their doors to the public from 1 until 6 p.m. on both days, giving visitors a chance to see working organic farms that produce fruits, vegetables, flowers, wine, fabrics, meat, eggs, milk and other dairy products.

The tour is broken down into three regions to help people visit as many farms as possible. Maps and buttons are available at Weaver Street Market, Fifth Sea-

son Gardening Co., Maple View Ice Cream Store and Niche Gardens. Maps show kid-friendly stops, and lunch and rest spots.

Children are encouraged to come, but not pets. Bring a cooler — eggs, cheese, meat and other farm products will be on sale. Visitors are reminded not to visit farms after 6 p.m.

There will be a kickoff event on the lawn at Weaver Street Market on Thursday, April 17

from 6 to 8 p.m. Listen to live music, talk to people from the CFSA and the Sustainable Farming Program and taste wines from vineyards on the tour.

In addition, running through April and May is a juried art show called "Local Farms/Local Art" with farming-inspired painting, drawing and photography by 26 North Carolina artists.

Buttons for admission to the farms on the tour are \$25 if you

donate in advance, \$30 once the event starts or \$10 per farm without a button. Bicyclists are encouraged to come; two bicyclists can tour on one button. All donations are tax-deductible and benefit the CFSA. Volunteers can tour the farms for free. Contact [volunteer@carolinafarmstewards.org](mailto:volunteer@carolinafarmstewards.org) for more information on volunteering or call the CFSA main number at 542-2402. —*Staff reports*

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## Now is *Not* the Time to Adopt a Real Estate Transfer Tax



**We are fortunate that in North Carolina our housing market hasn't slumped as significantly as it has in most states.** The mortgage issues negatively affecting real estate around the country haven't had as much of an impact on the Orange County housing market.

Now is *not* the time for the Orange County Commissioners to push for passage of a new Real Estate Transfer Tax, commonly known as the Home Tax. With a slowing economy, we don't need to increase taxes or the cost of homeownership. Congress recently decided to rebate tax money to hopefully avoid a recession. So why is Orange County trying to raise taxes?

**Last November, 79 percent of voters in 16 counties statewide overwhelmingly said "NO" to a Real Estate Transfer Tax.** The voters understand that taxing the equity in their homes is a bad idea when government spending is on the rise. Voters across North Carolina realize that homeownership is the result of hard work, personal responsibility and sacrifices. Owning a home is one of the best ways to build wealth and has long been a part of the American Dream. We should do more to help promote homeownership and a stronger economy.

In today's economy, holding down the cost of homeownership just makes good sense. **If you would like more information on how you can Stop The Home Tax, visit our website at [www.itsabadidea.org](http://www.itsabadidea.org).**

## Stop the Home Tax – *It's a Bad Idea*



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## Beyond the rain barrel

by Giles Blunden  
Special to *The Citizen*

As the drought lingers on in North Carolina, there is much discussion about how to more effectively use our water. The reality is that even in a drought year, the Piedmont still got 32 inches of rain. In many parts of the country, this would be considered a huge amount. Los Angeles, for instance, averages about eight inches of rain per year and in a drought year gets four.

By conscientiously watering our gardens with rainwater and storing more of it, we can reduce the impact of our drought. Last summer, it was disheartening to see my flowers and vegetables wilting in the 100 degree heat. Fifteen hundred gallons of stored water provided by a cistern would have made my garden a much happier place.

Catching the relatively clean water from roofs is a time-tested tradition and local use of rainwater cisterns has grown steadily over the past few years both in new homes and schools. There is a lot more water available than you might think.

In the North Carolina Piedmont, an inch of rain is a common occurrence; an average thunderstorm will produce as much. One inch of rain can produce 62 gallons of rainwater for every 100 square feet of roof – enough to fill up an average rain barrel. A modest 1,500-square-foot roof can fill up 15 rain barrels with that one inch of rain. That's almost a thousand gallons of precious water. The next step up from a rain barrel is a cistern.

We don't have to search far to find local examples of homes using cisterns. Historically in the South, cisterns were buried brick vaults with a hand pump. When I arrived in rural Tennessee in 1960, I lived in a pre-Civil War home that had an underground cistern with a hand pump outside and another in the kitchen. Last fall, I visited Ocracoke and noticed the remains of many old brick cisterns. Cisterns went out of fashion when deep wells with electric pumps and municipal water systems became the norm. Droughts and increases in population have begun to stress our municipal systems, and we have come to realize that ground water is a limited resource. The cistern is perhaps the best solution for increasing our personal



PHOTO BY GILES BLUNDEN  
A crew from Moldenhauer Landscaping lowers a cistern into the ground.

supply of water.

Cisterns come in all shapes and sizes, manufactured from plastic, metal or concrete. They are installed above and below ground, can be fully automatic and pressurized or can be a simple hand-pump or gravity system. The old homeplace cisterns were put in the ground for good reasons. Gravity is perhaps the best reason; water flows downhill and getting it from the roof to an underground tank is pretty straightforward. The downspout from the roof to the cistern provides a place to install filters and debris ejectors. Temperature is the other great advantage. The average underground temperature below three feet is 55 degrees year round. Storing water at a cool 55 degrees solves the problem of freezing; it also reduces algae, which needs light and warm temperatures to grow.

Pre-cast concrete tanks are ideal for underground installation and are readily available in the 1,000-to-1,500-gallon range. Molded plastic tanks are also an option. However, the concrete tank has distinct advantages. Empty plastic underground tanks have a tendency to "float" out of the ground when the earth is saturated, and concrete tanks

are considerably heavier. Instructions for plastic tanks of 1,000 gallons or more recommend the tank maintain 25 percent capacity to act as a ballast to prevent it from popping out of the ground. As a result, only 750 gallons of water are available out of 1,000 gallons of stored water. Many plastic tank manufacturers also recommend a mix of sand and fine stone as backfill since the tank is more delicate – an additional expense. Lastly, the polyvinylchloride many plastic tanks are made of poses environmental liabilities during the manufacturing process.

I recommend a concrete tank. Similar to a septic tank, it is mass produced and takes relatively light equipment to install. A 1,500-gallon tank can be purchased and installed for about \$1,800, assuming the site can be easily accessed by truck.

The one disadvantage of an underground tank is the need for a pump and a hose. For gardening and outdoor water play, small submersible pumps can be used and are readily available at your local building-supply store. These pumps are often used as sump pumps in basements or portable pumps on construction sites. Many pumps are made with a

hose connection. Place the pump in the tank and plug it into the nearest outside GFI outlet. There are many ways to improve this system using switches, timers, wiring and pressure tanks; however, plugging and unplugging the pump when you need water is the easiest and most trouble free.

Keeping debris out of the tank is important in maintaining high water quality and in keeping tank cleaning to a minimum. The best filtering medium is sand; it blocks large debris like leaves and catches the finer contaminants from your roof. The sand develops an active micro-organic layer that neutralizes the bacteria and many of the pollutants and contaminants.

In addition to gardening, the North Carolina plumbing code allows cistern water to be used for toilet flushing, clothes washing and generally anything except personal hygiene and food preparation. Only 50 percent of water use in the average household is for personal hygiene and food preparation, so a lot could be provided for with a cistern. For health and safety reasons, there are very strict rules about keeping potable and non-potable water separated and requirements for clear signage warning that the cistern water is not drinkable. Using rainwater in this way is a possibility but it involves re-plumbing your house at a sizable investment. If you choose this option, hire a licensed plumber.

Remember: In North Carolina even a drought year brings about 32 inches of rain. This much rain on a 1,500-square-foot roof produces about 30,000 gallons of water a year – enough to fill a 1,500-gallon cistern roughly twice per month! That's a lot of tomatoes.

For more information, the Internet is your best source. One of the most informed sites is Oasis Design ([www.oasisdesign.net](http://www.oasisdesign.net)). For a diagram of a simple cistern system and resources for local conditions, see [www.blundenstudio.com](http://www.blundenstudio.com) or [www.braewater.com](http://www.braewater.com). A good source for specialized hardware is Stark Environmental ([www.starkenvironmental.com](http://www.starkenvironmental.com)).

*Giles Blunden is an architect and president of Blunden Studio, PA. He is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified professional and has been designing green homes in the Triangle for over 30 years.*



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### Carrboro FARMERS' MARKET

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**WEDNESDAY MARKET: 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**SATURDAY MARKET: 7 a.m. - Noon**

#### What's at Market?

Check out what's at the Year-Round Farmers' Market . . .

**WEDNESDAY MARKET NOW OPEN!!!!!! . . .**

Asparagus, green onions, green garlic, greenhouse strawberries, greenhouse tomatoes, greenhouse cucumbers, carrots, collards, turnips, beets, sweet potatoes, chard, kale, spinach, lettuce, cabbage, arugula, mustard greens, radishes, vegetable and flower starters, tulips, poppies, anemones, pussy willows, ranunculus, baked goods (including vegan and gluten-free options), breads, jams, wines, grass-fed beef, pastured pork, pastured chicken, grass-fed lamb, buffalo, sausage, chorizo, ground bison, raw-milk cheeses, smoked cheeses, goat cheese, jams, jellies, pottery, hats, rugs, and more!

**APRIL 19TH: CARRBORO FARMERS' MARKET ANNUAL KID'S SEEDLING EVENT!!**

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, beginning at 8:30 AM, 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!

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**CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:**

"I am not a puzzle solver. I am a puzzle." - Albert Einstein

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### L&T Briefs

#### BEER AWARDS

Carolina Brewery took home a few awards from the Hickory Hops Beer Festival in Hickory, North Carolina. The Carolinas Championship of Beer included 120 entries from 30 breweries in the Southeast. Carolina Brewery's Alter Ego Altbier brew took second place overall. The brewers also snagged gold awards for Alter Ego Altbier and Flagship IPA, silver for Sky Blue Ale and bronze for Copperline Amber Ale and To Hell 'n' Bock. The Alter Ego Altbier is described as the "alter ego" of most pale German beers because of its rich and fruity taste. Carolina Brewery brews its beers at its Franklin Street location and at its new location in Pittsboro.

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THE MILL

**Our friend, the morel**

Here at *The Citizen*, we often extol the value of a good walk in the woods. Occasionally the rewards offered by such an endeavor are pleasing to the palate as well, evidenced, we hope, by the lovely bowl of morels pictured at right.

If you're not familiar with the seasonal delicacy known as the morel, now is the time to get with it. The little wet spell over the weekend and the recent cool days have extended the spring mushroom season.

One of the nicer things about morels is that it is much harder to make a mistake and pick something that will make you sick. The brain-like gills of their exterior are hard to confuse with even the so-called false morel.

These specimens were hauled off after an extensive search of woods that had once been old farmlands not far from a local creek.

A few tips: They call it mushroom hunting, but it is a little more like mushroom discovery. You're looking for damp hardwoods with a good population of elms and poplars.

Should you spot a morel, sit down and look around in whatever slow methodical way suits you. Once the first one is spotted, the herd freezes in place. A good inspection of the surrounding area will usually lead to the discovery of others lurking nearby.



**WATER WATCH \* WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**



Source: OWASA

**LAKE LEVELS**

**UNIVERSITY LAKE:** 0' 1.25" below full  
**CANE CREEK RESERVOIR:** 7' 5.5" below full

**PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH**

**JONES FERRY WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** 2.94"  
**CANE CREEK RESERVOIR:** 2.70"

**CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND**

Past 7 days (average): 6.462 million gallons  
Past 30 days (average): 6.225 million gallons

**ESTIMATED WATER SUPPLY REMAINING:**

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

**[tip]:**

**Raise your lawn mower blade to 3 inches.**  
A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.

**FLORA**  
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It's fun to imagine those leaves having the impulse to wait until it turns a bit warmer before venturing outdoors.

Though this wild deciduous rhododendron species is fairly common in our local forests, we don't notice it much because it requires a good bit of sunlight to flower really well. If you live in a forested landscape, you may be fortunate to spot a flower cluster here or there. If so, judiciously prune out some of the branches of adjacent trees to provide more sunlight and you'll be pleasantly rewarded with more flowers next spring. If you don't have naturally occurring wild azaleas, search for some at Niche Gardens and other local nurseries featuring native plants.

When Moyer Smith lived and gardened at the corner of King's Mill Road and Laurel Hill Road Extension in Chapel Hill, he recognized the value of a naturally occurring wild azalea growing at the sunny corner of his otherwise



PHOTO BY DAVE OTTO

Flowers of wild azalea light up the forest before their tender leaves emerge.

shaded property. He nurtured that plant to become a handsome flowering specimen. It is well worth a slow drive-by to see it every mid-April.

You may wish to join other like-minded folks seeing fiddleheads, wild azaleas and other signs of spring on the Haw River Assembly's

Earth Day River Walk this coming Saturday morning. You can get more information at the assembly's website: [HawRiverAssembly.org](http://HawRiverAssembly.org).

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