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In the upper, younger spring beauty flower, the lady pistil remains closed while the boy stamens strut around. In the lower, older flower, the boys have moved away and the lady is displaying a three-parted crown, preferring pollen from the boys of other flowers.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

There's still time to catch the boys sporting around in pink

Wow, spring beauties' pink boys are still going strong! Late this past February, a group of us discovered spring beauty, *Claytonia virginica*, already in flower, on the slopes and creek bottoms of Carrboro's Adams Tract. Last week, I followed that same path and found, seven weeks later, mid-April, spring beauties still going strong. They have passed their peak of flower, but most of them still have buds coming along. I believe this must be the spring wildflower champion for length of bloom time.

Spring beauties have always intrigued me because the stamens, the male parts of a flower, are vivid pink. I am accustomed to stamens being decked out in yellow. I have generally considered pollen to be yellow. Just remember smelling a buttercup or Easter lily and coming away with yellow pollen on your nose. Taking a closer look into the flower of spring beauty is something you won't forget. And those boys, the stamens, sporting around in pink, are a real curiosity, but your nose doesn't pick up pink pollen.

I keep pondering pink pollen, but have never, even with a hand lens, detected it, and I've never seen yellow pollen on those pink anthers. Finally, this past week, I examined several of those pink-clad boys under a dissecting scope and, behold, there were several open anther sacs revealing almost translucent, pearly-white pollen grains. So my mystery is solved, at least to my satisfaction, and I still marvel at the beauty of the flower.

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Frank Heath takes one last look at the Tar Heel's season *page 8*

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Aldermen reject Smith Level Road plan

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO —The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted 6 to 1 on Tuesday to return plans to widen and build sidewalks along Smith Level Road to the state Department of Transportation, asking DOT officials to remove a planned four-lane segment from the design.

Mayor Mark Chilton cast the only dissenting vote, saying that while he didn't support widening the road to four lanes, the town could be forced to wait a very long time before sidewalks are built on Smith Level Road if it didn't accept DOT's proposal.

"I'm frustrated because there was an awful lot of rhetoric here tonight that suggests that this current situation is somehow safe, that the current situation is somehow acceptable, that

it would be OK to wait another 20 years to have pedestrian improvements on Smith Level Road and Culbreth Road," Chilton said.

A Tuesday night public hearing on the project was standing room only, and

primary arterial in need of widening and recommended widening the road to a four-lane cross section with a median. Since then, the project has evolved to include sidewalks and bike lanes, as requested by residents and town officials who said the improvements would be vital to the safety of children walking to school along the road.

The \$6.6 million proposed project would widen Smith Level Road from just south of Ray Road to the Morgan Creek bridge and add a roundabout

while many residents spoke out against the project, not a single member of the public spoke in favor of the plan.

The plan

The project dates back to 1985, when DOT identified Smith Level Road as a

in front of Carrboro High School at the intersection of Smith Level and Rock Haven roads. The plan includes a three-lane section from the roundabout to Culbreth Road, a four-lane section from Culbreth Road to BPW Club Road and a divided four-lane section from BPW Club Road to the Morgan Creek bridge. Sidewalks and bicycle lanes are planned along the length of the 0.8-mile project.

Many residents said that while the road needs sidewalks and bike lanes, widening the road to four lanes would make the road unsafe for children walking to school. Three schools are located in the project's vicinity: Carrboro High, Frank Porter Graham Elementary School and Culbreth Middle School.

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Big weekend ahead

Be prepared to do stuff

You may want to sit down with your day-book and plan ahead, for this weekend is jammed with things to do.

For starters, remember that each day from 1 to 6 p.m., 40 local farms are open for visitors. You can download a map of them and get more information at any Weaver Street Market or by visiting carolinafarmstewards.org. If you're looking for a little insider guidance, turn to page 7 where Emily Buchler, who has visited many of this area's best farms, has her picks.

Also this weekend is ClydeFest, the annual Bynum bash for ChathamArts. The Saturday festival runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — see our back page for details or visit chathamarts.org.

In town on Saturday is the annual tomato seedling giveaway at the Carrboro Farmers Market; and on Sunday, the Walk with Purpose, a fundraiser for the Mental Health Association in Orange County and Josh's Hope Memorial Fund in memory of the late Josh Bailey.

Earth Day/Week-related events continue with a sky watch sponsored by the Morehead Planetarium from 8 to 10 p.m. at Jordan Lake's Ebenezer Church Recreation Area. And if you haven't checked out the Scrapel Hill exhibit at University Mall, you're missing a treat — local artists' unique celebration of recycling.

As with most weekends here, music is in the air, starting on Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 p.m. with a group of local songwriters including Heather McEntire, Lee Waters, Adam Price and Eric Roehrig performing a free show at the Love House at 410 E. Franklin St.

And alumni of Mammoth Records, which helped put Carrboro on the map as a music town, are having an all-star reunion of sorts at Cat's Cradle. See page 2 for details.

—STAFF REPORTS



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Scrapel Hill Art is a competition and exhibit being hosted by University Mall through June 30th. For the project, art must be made from items that are typically thrown away. Brenda Berry and her 8-year-old granddaughter, both from Hurdle Mills, admire items on Jim Kellough's "Sandwich Island," which uses "found" objects from the shed, attic and basement. Viewers of the exhibit may vote for their favorite piece of art and the winner will receive cash and prizes.

County ends look for alternatives, focuses on Bingham waste transfer site

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Orange County Board of Commissioners ended their pursuit of alternatives to a solid-waste transfer station, including the possibility of a temporary facility at the Eubanks Road landfill, and set in motion further study of a site on N.C. 54 north of Orange Grove Road with an aim at siting the station there.

The alternatives were part of a "parallel track" the commissioners agreed to pursue to see if a waste-to-energy plant, use of landfills in other counties or regional partnerships might be feasible.

The decision came at a board meeting Tuesday night at the Southern Human Services Center after the presentation of an analysis of the alternatives by Orange County solid-waste director Gayle Eubank and after residents of the Rogers-Eubanks roads neighborhood and Bingham Township pled their respective cases.

Wilson said converting waste to energy might be a good long-term solution at some point, but that both the costs and concerns about emissions would be difficult hurdles. Orange County does not produce enough waste to make the project cost effective, he said, and would likely have to import garbage.



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Rev. Robert Campbell addresses the county commissioners at Tuesday's meeting.

Wilson said he did not find a likely partner in such a facility after discussions with officials in nearby counties. Simply trucking garbage to public and private landfills in Durham and Research Triangle Park were also ruled out, he said, because of the cost of transport and tipping fees.

Wilson said other contingencies for what to do to prevent a situation where the landfill is closed and no transfer station is open include limiting use of the landfill only to the

municipalities and the county and, as a last resort, diverting all of the county's waste to an out-of-county landfill or transfer station until a new facility is open.

Wilson also reported that recent work at the Eubanks Road landfill, the use of a new compactor and asking the university to take its trash elsewhere has likely extended the landfill's capacity by about one year. It had been expected to be full by 2011.

The prospect that the Eubanks Road landfill might be a site for a temporary station brought out supporters of the Rogers-Eubanks community's effort to end its 37-year run as host community for Orange County's trash.

Nancie McDermott said that while she understands that the commissioners are under pressure, continuing to use the current landfill site was a "new version of an old, bad wrong."

"Rogers Road has done its time in hell for 37 years," she said.

Rev. Robert Campbell said he did not trust that a temporary facility at the landfill would not somehow turn out to be permanent. He recalled that before the landfill opened, officials said it would only be open for 10 years and then would be converted to a park.

Bingham Township residents lined up to ask the county to reconsider its decision to pursue a 147-acre tract off N.C. 54 near Piedmont Feed & Seeds.

Laura Streifeld, an organizer with Preserve Rural Orange, said the county has not thoroughly studied the environmental concerns with the site, including that it would affect nearby Collins Creek and the Haw River basin.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



KICKIN GRASS
Leigh Farm Park
Festival for Wildlife
SATURDAY MAY 2

THURSDAY APR 23
The ArtsCenter: Ollabelle
Blue Bayou: Jaafar: 9pm, Free
Cat's Cradle: Manchester Orchestra, Fun, Audrye Sessions, Winston Audio. 8pm, \$10/12
The Cave: EARLY: Patrick Phelan. LATE: Hey Penny, Billy Sugarfix
General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck. 7-9pm
Local 506: North Elementary 7th Release Show, Wembley, Pistolero, The Popular Kids Comedy. 9pm, \$5
Q Shack: The Vintage Blue Band
The Station: Big Fat Gap Band

FRIDAY APR 24
Blue Bayou: The Nighthawks. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Mogwai, The Twilight Sad. 9:15pm, \$18
The Cave: EARLY: Wooden Tootie. LATE: Wild Wild Geese, Goodnight Loving
General Store Cafe: Tommy Edwards and Friends. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: Starfucker, Guidance Counselor. 9pm, \$8
Open Eye Cafe: Lastwatch, Oscar Begat. 8pm
Love House (410 East Franklin): Music on the Porch with Heather McEntire, Adam Price, Eric Roehrig and Lee Waters. Presented by the Center for the Study of the American South

SATURDAY APR 25
Blue Bayou: Rootzie, Wells Family Band. 9:30pm, \$6/8
Cat's Cradle: Dillon Fence, Jason Ross and Thomas Juliano, Katharine Whalen, John Strohm. 9pm, \$15/18
The Cave: Killer Filler, The Noseriders, The Surge!, Atomic Mosquitos. 8pm
General Store Cafe: The Doc Branch Band. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: Auxiliary House, Miidtown Dickens, Filthybird, Bull City. 9pm, \$8
Nightlight: Monsonia, Jews and Catholics, Death Came Down the Mountain. 10pm
Reservoir: Goodbye, Titan, The Last Track, Bicycle Day
Stewart Theatre: Habib Koite. 8pm

SUNDAY APR 26
The Cave: EARLY: Old 86. \$5 LATE: The Spinn, Pinche Gringo, Dirty Little Heaters. \$5
Cats Cradle: Battle of the Bands: Mysti Mayhem, The Shakedown, Mai-Funk, and more. 4pm, \$8/10
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: Piedmont Youth Orchestra. 5pm
Local 506: Jeff Hanson, Kaiser Cartel, Chris Koza. 9pm, \$8
Weaver Street Market (Carboro): Chris Reynolds Swing N'Jazz. 11am-1pm

MONDAY APR 27
Cat's Cradle: Dinosaur Jr., Mike Watt and The Missingmen. 9pm, \$24/26
The Cave: DS Yancey. 9pm
Nightlight: Daniel Francis Doyle, Hiss Golden Messenger, Muscle Babes. 9:30pm
TUESDAY APR 28
Cat's Cradle: The Kills, The Horrors, Magic Wands. 9pm, \$15
The Cave: EARLY: Korbey Lenker, Angel Snow
Local 506: Gliss, The Takeover UK, House of Fools. 9pm, \$8
Regency Park: Kings of Leon. 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY APR 29
Cat's Cradle: Alesana, Drop Dead Gorgeous, Fear Before, I Set My Friends On Fire, Fall From Grace. 9pm, \$13/15
The Cave: EARLY: Michael Wagner, Stephanie Nilles. LATE: John Harrison, The Rev. John DeLore, Our Horse Jethro. \$5
Local 506: Quintron and Miss Pussycat, Psychedellic Horseshit. 9:30pm, \$10
THURSDAY APR 30
The ArtsCenter: The Bobs with Bob Malone
Blue Bayou: Lisa Kyle and Friends
The Cave: EARLY: Union County. LATE: Doombunny

SPOTLIGHT



MAMMOTH RETURNS TO CARRBORO
It's kind of a strange birthday celebration. Had it survived the consolidation and various net-driven gyrations of the music industry, Mammoth Records would have been 21 this year. It didn't, of course, but that hasn't stopped those associated with this one-time wildly successful enterprise from at least throwing a party.

This Saturday, Cat's Cradle is host to a celebration of the label that was home to The Pressure Boys, Dillon Fence, Squirrel Nut Zippers, Seven Mary Three and many others.

Dillon Fence headlines the show, which also includes Jason Ross and Thomas Juliano of Seven Mary Three; Katharine Whalen, Chris Phillips and Stu Cole of the Zippers; the Blake Babies' John Strom and a few surprises. Showtime is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$15 in advance.

The label was originally located on the second floor of Carr Mill Mall, with its art department across the street above Nested, in a row of offices that also included Merge Records and Start Booking. Former general manager Steve Balcom said the company was "all about Carrboro," which was a much sleepier little town back then, with no Weaver Street Market, Cradle or other signature landmarks.

With success, the company grew and moved into the old Broad Street Coffee building. It outgrew that as well, and had handfuls of offices scattered around the downtown.

When the label shut down in 2000, Balcom and art director Lane Wurster opened up The Splinter Group, a Durham-based advertising and marketing firm, which recently moved back to Carrboro.

"Moving back here has been incredible," Balcom said. "We've always felt a part of this community and are proud to again be based in Carrboro. What's changed? Well, the food is better (thank you, Neal's Deli, among others), there are more local businesses, and the same DIY spirit."



Leigh Farm Park: The Festival For Wildlife with Old 86, Mel Melton and the Wicked Mojos, Kickin Grass, John Howie Jr and The Rosewood Bluff, Cyril Lance Band



Local 506: Kevin Devine, Miniature Tigers, Brian Bonz. 8pm, \$10/12
Sacred Grounds Coffeehouse: 2nd Stage. 7:30-9:30pm



TU 4/28 KILLS
TH 4/23 MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA W/FUN, AUDRYE SESSIONS**
FR 4/24 MOGWAI W/THE TWILIGHT SAD**(\$18)
SA 4/25 MAMMOTH RECORDS 21ST BIRTHDAY DILLON FENCE, JASON ROSS + THOMAS JULIANO (SEVEN MARY THREE), KATHARINE WHALEN + MORE**(\$15/\$18)
SU 4/26 GORILLA MUSIC BATTLE OF THE BANDS
MO 4/27 DINOSAUR JR. W/MIKE WATT & THE MISSINGMEN **(\$24/\$26) TICKET INCLUDES 7th SINGLE
TU 4/28 THE KILLS W/THE HORRORS & MAGIC WANDS**(\$15)
WE 4/29 ALESANA W/DROP DEAD GORGEOUS, FEAR BEFORE, I SET MY FRIENDS ON FIRE**(\$13/\$15)
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SA 5/2 CURSIVE AND MAN MAN W/ANDREW WRIGHT**(\$16)
SU 5/3 JUNIOR BOYS W/MAX TUNDRA**(\$12)
TU 5/5 BIG BUSINESS W/TWEAK BIRD**(\$10/\$12)
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SA 5/9 CD RELEASE PARTY PASTE MAGAZINE AND WOXY PRESENT ROMAN CANDLE W/THE DEEP VIBRATION AND KEEGAN DEWITT**(\$8/\$10)
WE 5/13(\$20) MASTODON** W/KYLESA AND INTRONAUT
FR 5/15 MC CHRIS W/WHOLE WHEAT BREAD, I AM THE DREAM**(\$12/\$14)
SA 5/16 TODD SNIDER W/ELIZABETH COOK**(\$15)
TU 5/19 BEN SOLLEE W/ANNI ROSSI**(\$12/\$14)
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TH 5/21 JENNY OWEN YOUNGS W/JUKEBOX THE GHOST**(\$25)
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MO 5/25 FLICKER LOCAL FILM
FR 5/29 ISIS W/PELICAN, TOMBS**(\$15/\$18)
SA 5/30 JOSH RITTER(\$15/\$18)**
SU 5/31 DAVID COOK W/RYAN STAR**(\$18/\$20)
TH 6/4 BK3 (BILL KREUTZMANN, OTEIL BURBRIDGE, SCOTT MURAWSKI) W/THE BREW**(\$18/\$21)
FR 6/5 THE ENGLISH BEAT(\$17/\$20)** ON SALE FRI 4/24

SU 5/3 JUNIOR BOYS
SA 6/6 TAB BENOIT** PRESENTED BY BLUE BAYOU
SU 6/7(\$14/\$16) EASY STAR ALL-STARS** LONELY HEARTS WORLD TOUR 2009 W/GUESTS TRUMYSTIC
TU 6/9 TOTAL REQUEST LIVE!(\$20/\$23)** (JOHN DOE, BILLY ZOOM, EXENE CERVENKA, DJ BONEBRAKE)
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TH 6/11 GRIZZLY BEAR W/HERE WE GO MAGIC**(\$14)
FR 6/12 JENNY LEWIS W/DEER TICK**(\$18)
SU 6/14 MEAT PUPPETS W/RETRIBUTION GOSPEL CHOIR**(\$14/\$16)
TU 6/16 PEACHES W/DRUMS OF DEATH**(\$18/\$20)
SA 6/20 CAMERA OBSCURA(\$15)**
SA 6/27 HOLSAPPLE & STAMEY ALBUM RELEASE PARTY
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News Briefs

School board meeting

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meets tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road.

Items on the agenda include:

- approval to modify or suspend the graduation project;
- an alternate 2009-10 Capital Investment Plan Implementation Plan; and
- the financial plan for future budget reductions.

For the complete agenda, visit chccs.k12.nc.us

Group to sponsor Carolina North traffic forum

Neighbors for Responsible Growth will sponsor a community discussion, “Carolina North: Don’t Get Stuck in Traffic,” on May 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Homestead Community Center.

The discussion will focus exclusively on traffic and transportation issues for Carolina North. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to discuss possible solutions with elected and UNC officials.

Call before you dig

North Carolina One reminds residents to call the North Carolina One Call Center in advance of any digging on their property.

North Carolina law requires residents to notify their area utilities at least 48 hours in advance of an excavation project. However, residents can dial 811 to talk toll-free to the North Carolina One Call Center, who will notify all their local utilities, including PSNC Energy. PSNC Energy will then locate and mark its company-owned underground natural gas facilities in the area so residents or contractors can be sure to avoid them when installing a new swimming pool, sprinkler system or trees and shrubs.

For more information, visit ncocc.org

Disc golf course to open May 2

The Carrboro Parks Project will open a new disc golf course at Anderson Park off N.C. 54 on May 2.

The project was approved by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen in March of last year. Since then, the Carrboro Parks Project has raised more than \$10,000 to fully fund the disc golf course. Funds were donated by The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Sunrise Rotary Club, Zach Ward of DSI Comedy Theater and other residents and businesses.

The 18-hole course is anticipated for completion this weekend. Anyone who wants to get their hands dirty is invited to help with the final touches on the project on Saturday.

Aldermen meeting canceled

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted on Tuesday to cancel their April 28 public hearing.

No items were scheduled for the hearing.

The board of aldermen’s next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on May 5 at Carrboro Town Hall.

Carrboro architect designs freedom monument

BY KAFI ROBINSON
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

In the heart of Raleigh, residents anticipate the completion of one of the state’s most historical and highly revered monuments. Carrboro residents can proudly say that much of the project’s planning and preparation takes place in the center of their own town, in a small mill house on East Carr Street.

David Swanson, a 52-year-old registered landscape architect from Chapel Hill, is the founder of Swanson and Associates, P.A. Even with more than 28 years of experience in this field, Swanson feels especially honored to be a part of the planning and designing of Raleigh’s Freedom Monument.

“This is a very unique project,” Swanson said, “and the collaboration between the artist and landscape architect makes this special and especially rewarding.”

The Freedom Monument will be a public art display honoring the African-American experience in North Carolina. Across from the Legislative Building, the Freedom Monument will be a contemporary interpretation of a freedom grove, a place where slaves would come to learn and converse with each other.

“This particular project is both specifically sited and suited for the location in Raleigh,” Swanson said.



David Swanson is the owner of Swanson and Associates, an architect firm located at 100 E. Carr St. Swanson is on the design team working on the Freedom Project in Raleigh, a monument honoring African-Americans in North Carolina. Once this project is complete, Swanson says he wants everyone to “think about what freedom really means to them in this day and age.”

PHOTO BY KAFI ROBINSON

everyone to “think about what freedom really means to them in this day and age.”

Swanson works from an office in Carrboro and says he finds his location very convenient; he says that most professional offices can work and relocate anywhere.

“[I] just prefer the small scale of Carrboro,” says Swanson.

Originally from Beirut, Swanson has been a resident of Chapel Hill since 1965. In 1983, he graduated from North Carolina State University’s department of landscape architecture in the College of Design and later taught in the same department. He has worked in North Carolina since 1984 as a registered landscape architect, establishing his firm in 1988.

Swanson previously worked as a town planner in several small North Carolina communities and actively participates in local planning efforts. His work emphasizes both historical and environmental preservation. Some of his projects include the stormwater pond and green for the North Carolina Museum of Art and the Visitor’s Education Center for the N.C. Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill.

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

The monument will be an open park-like space, displaying pieces of art, sculptures, statues and other commemorative works of art.

The goal of the Freedom Monument is to unite people of all backgrounds and help them appreciate freedom, something that many of their ancestors never had. Once this project is complete, Swanson wants

Aldermen against proposal to close library

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — Following the release of preliminary county budget proposals to close the Carrboro Branch Library, members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen said they would support the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library in their efforts to encourage the county to keep the library open.

“I’ve made it really clear to the county commissioners that while we all recognize that these are tough economic times, that county library services are really important to Carrboro residents,” Mayor Mark Chilton said. “I’m optimistic that they’ll come up with something that will still meet the needs of southern Orange County residents.”

Preliminary budget projections indicate county revenues

will be \$8.7 million less in fiscal year 2009-10 than they were in 2008-09, according to county budget documents. County Manager Laura Blackmon directed county departments to submit budget requests this year that reflected a reduction from last year’s approved funding levels.

The proposed closing of the Carrboro Branch Library would save \$37,000, and all staff would be relocated to the main Orange County Library. According to the county, the Carrboro Branch Library, which is open 26 hours per week, sustains the largest operational cost of all the branches.

Staff also proposed closing the Cedar Grove Branch Library, which would save \$17,243. Staff from the Cedar Grove Branch Library would also be relocated to the main county library.

Nerys Levy, a member of the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library and director of the Library Arts Program, said it is unfair to move all library resources to the center of the county, far from the huge population base in the southern part of the county.

“Only open 26 hours a week does not take into account all

the families and public patrons who use the facility on a nightly and weekend basis to take care of their lives,” Levy said in a statement to the board of commissioners, adding that the need for the library far outweighs the savings that would be sustained from closing it.

While there is a library in the southern part of the county in Chapel Hill, it’s not part of the county library system and is funded by the town. The Chapel Hill Town Council has said recently that they would consider charging fees to non-Chapel Hill residents to use the library.

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Community Briefs

Boys and Girls Club launches campaign to open in Orange County

The Boys and Girls Club will launch a campaign to open its first club in Orange County with a dinner featuring UNC football coach Butch Davis on May 6 at 7 p.m. at Pazzo in Southern Village.

The Boys and Girls Club hopes to raise enough funds to open this year. Tickets are \$110 for a three-course dinner and wine. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 883-1621 or visit boysandgirlsluboforange.org

Real Men Rock

The third annual Real Men Rock event will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at University Mall on South Estes Drive.

The event is focused on reaching out to parents, especially fathers, to educate them about the dangers of shaking small children and provide them with tips for coping with a crying baby. The Advocates for Children Committee of Healthy Carolinians of Orange County in collaboration with other organizations will provide a variety of activities, including Child ID kids, games, snacks and demonstrations to promote proper infant and child care.

Parents are encouraged to bring their infants.

Uncommon Garden tour

Local artist Rick Hermanson began designing the Uncommon Garden seven years ago. Today, this formerly ordinary backyard is an intricate web of sculptural landscapes. Every square foot has been transformed into an exotic natural wonderland, with artful snakes, dragons, water features and more.

The garden is open to the public on May 2 as a fundraising benefit for The ArtsCenter. Tickets are \$25. The rain date is May 9. For more information, visit uncommongardentour.com

Habitat seeks women volunteers

Chatham Habitat for Humanity seeks women volunteers to work on a Habitat house construction site during National Women Build Week, May 5-8.

Construction or home improvement experience is not necessary. Volunteers will engage in various house-framing activities to start three homes in the new Chatham Oak subdivision in Pittsboro. To volunteer for the project, email gabyfornari@chatham-habitat.org or call 542-0794, ext. 223.

Low-cost rabies vaccinations

The Orange County Animal Services Department will offer two low-cost rabies vaccination clinics in April and May.

Clinics are April 29, 6 to 7 p.m., at the Governments Services Center Annex in Hillsborough, and May 1, 1 to 5 p.m., at the OC Animal Shelter on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The vaccination fee is \$5, which must be paid in cash. One-year vaccinations will be offered at both clinics, but three-year vaccinations will only be offered at the April 29 clinic. For information, call 245-2075 or visit co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/rabies.asp

Jordan Lake festival

The Jordan Lake Arts and Music Festival will be held May 2 and 3 from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. both days.

The event will feature arts and crafts exhibits, as well as music by the Bluegrass Experience, Sweet Potato Pie, Coyote Ridge, Williamson Brothers, No Strings Attached, Vintage Blu and Cool John Ferguson. In addition, several environmental agencies will offer information about water pollution and accept donations and volunteers.

The festival will be held at 1226 Martha's Chapel Road in Apex. Camping at local campsites around Jordan Lake is encouraged. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and free for kids 12 and under. For more information, visit jordanlakeartsandmusic.org

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

OC Democratic Women—Commissioners Valerie Foushee and Alice Gordon will discuss tax issues in Orange County at the monthly meeting of the Orange County Democratic Women. 7:30-9pm, OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road. 942-0045, l_foxworth_2000@yahoo.com

Environmental Film—The Chapel Hill Library will present *The 11th Hour*, a documentary about the state of the natural environment. 3pm, Chapel Hill Public Library Meeting Room. 968-2780

Job Search Workshop—Increase your employment options with tips and strategies for finding jobs online. 6-7pm, Chapel Hill Public Library. Free. 968-2780

Book Discussion—The Contemporary Fiction Book Club will discuss *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga. 7pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. 918-7387, co.orange.nc.us/cybrary

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Last Fridays—Downtown Hillsborough will hold its monthly Last Fridays celebration, which features live music, arts and crafts and studio shows. 6-9pm. hillsboroughartsandscouncil.org

Senior Driving Seminar—The AlertDriver Senior Program will hold a seminar for seniors to improve their driving skills. 2-4pm, Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road. 968-2070

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Short Films—Century Center Cinema presents "Shorts Stand Tall - A night of great short films." 7pm, Carrboro Century Center. \$4, free popcorn and soda

Book Sale—Hardbacks, audios and videos and paperbacks. 10am-2pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. 918-7387, co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Writing Workshop—Nancy Peacock, author of *A Broom of One's Own*, will host a freewheeling, free-write fest. 10am-noon, Chapel Hill Public Library Conference Room. hestia7@bellsouth.net, nancypeacockbooks.com

ClydeFEST—Music, fun and games at the 8th annual festival to celebrate legendary folk artist Clyde Jones. 11am-4pm, Bynum Ballpark off U.S. 15-501 between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro. \$7 adults, \$3 children. 542-0394, chathamarts.org

Puppet Show—Emerson Waldorf School presents "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter: a tale of two very different daughters." 10am, Emerson Waldorf School, 6211 New Jericho Road. Free, donations accepted. 967-1858, emersonwaldorf.org

Learning Farm Preview—The Irving Learning Farm, a new environmental education camp, will host a Primavera Preview for children and families. Activities include scavenger hunts, hikes, and tractor rides. triangleland.org/calendar

Author Event—Forest Gregg will read from his book *SVO: Powering Your Vehicle with Straight Vegetable Oil*. 7pm, Internationalist Books and Community Center, 405 W. Franklin St.

Haiku Holiday—The North Carolina Haiku Society will celebrate spring with haiku readings, discussions and workshops during the 30th anniversary of the society's founding. 8:45am-3:30pm, Bolin Brook Farm. 929-4884, nc-haiku.org

Battle of the Bands—Ten bands will meet to do battle for the featured performer's slot at the 27th Annual Hillsborough Hog Day. 7pm, Hillsborough Moose Lodge Family Center, 202 Holiday Park Road, Hillsborough. \$5 adults, free for children 12 and under. 732-8156, hillsboroughchamber.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Mental Health Walk—Walk With Purpose - Josh's Hope will benefit the Josh Bailey Fund at the Mental Health Center in Orange County, which serves to assist young adults with mental illness. 1pm registration, 2pm walk, Carrboro Town Commons. \$5 fee, waived for those with \$50 or more in sponsorships. 942-1692, josh_hope@mh-orangeco.org

Youth Concert—The Piedmont Youth Orchestra will perform a concert. 5pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 E. Rosemary St. Free and open to the public. 942-5010, celloleslie@earthlink.net

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

100 Mile Film Series—ChathamArts' 100 Mile Film Series presents *Bending Space: Georges Rousse and the Durham Project* followed by a question and answer session with the filmmakers. \$5, \$3 students. 7pm, Fearington Barn, 100 Village Way, Pittsboro. 542-0394, chathamarts.org

Blood Drive—The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive. 3-7:30pm, McDougle Middle School cafeteria. 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, membersforlife.org/cbsr

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Cancer Screenings—Free screenings for head and neck cancer will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis as part of Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week. 1-4pm, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic at UNC Hospitals. 966-9717, Llyndon@unch.unc.edu

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Autism Lecture—Geri Dawson, the chief science officer for Autism Speaks, will give a lecture, "Recent Findings on the Diagnosis, Causes and Treatment of Autism." 1-3pm, Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road. 913-4055

Poetry Day—Celebrate National Poem in Your Pocket Day by visiting the Carrboro Cybrary to receive a free poem to put in your pocket and share with friends. 9am-5pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. 918-7387, co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Ladies Night Out—Grab your girl friends to do some shopping, dining and relaxing in downtown Hillsborough, where merchants will offer flowers, wine tastings, hot teas, chair massages, tasty goodies, manicures, pedicures and live music. 6-9pm, Downtown Hillsborough. 732-2128, shophillsboroughnc.com

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Gardening Workshop—Participate in a short class on planting a container garden and enter your new container garden in a contest. Bring your own plants with extras to share. 9:30am-noon, Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road. Preregister 968-2070

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Choral Concert—Women's Voices Chorus will perform a spring concert, "Cheek to Cheek," featuring music about dance with dancers from local studios. 2pm, Chapel Hill Bible Church, 260 Erwin Road. 684-3855, allan@duke.edu

Ongoing

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

The Compassionate Friends

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

DivorceCare—Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Garden Tour—Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the garden. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Garden Walk—Niche Gardens hosts guided garden walks with discussions on spring planting, garden maintenance, design and gardening for wildlife. Saturdays, 10am, 1111 Dawson Road, Chapel Hill. Free. 967-0078, www.nichegardens.com

Cancer Survivors Workshop—The UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center offers "Cancer Transitions: Moving Beyond Treatment," to help cancer survivors bridge the gap between treatment and life following cancer. Tuesdays through May 5, 4-6:30pm, 1700 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Job Search Workshop—Job search strategies for professionals. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 30, 1-4pm, Orange County Skills Development/Job Skills Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 969-3032

Job Search Meeting—A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-11am, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

Computer Class—Chapel Hill Senior Net will offer a class in Computer Fundamentals. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 24-May 13, 9-11am, Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road. 968-2070

Kids

Toddler Time—Thursdays, 4pm, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Preschool Story Time—Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Story Time—All ages welcomed. Thursdays, 10:30am, Market Street Books, 510 Market Street, Southern Village. 933-5111

Express Yourself!—Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Volunteers

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program—Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and over who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPIndex.asp

Meals on Wheels—Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. 942-2948

Do you have anything for one of our calendars? Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

Land & Table Briefs

Kids' tomato seedling event in Carrboro

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will give away Cherry and Sungold tomato seedlings to children on April 25 starting at 8:30 a.m.

The market will supply growing instructions and the Orange County Master Gardeners will offer planting advice. In 10 weeks, the children should come back with a clipping from their seedlings, and the fruit will be displayed state fair-style. Seedlings are donated by the markets

vendors. Last year, the market gave away more than 400 seedlings.

Carrboro Market meeting

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will hold a meeting to plan for the future Friends of the Carrboro Farmers' Market on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

The Friends of the Carrboro Farmers' Market is being developed as a tax-exempt organization to undertake

charitable and educational activities related to agricultural issues. Market officials hope to gather public input regarding the organization and its formation.

S. Estes Market anniversary

The South Estes Farmers' Market will celebrate its first anniversary on May 2 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The event will feature more than 25 local vendors, live music by The Starlite

Band, prize drawings, cooking demonstrations and face painting.

The South Estes Farmers' Market is held outside of A Southern Season at the University Mall on South Estes Drive. For more information, visit southeastesfarmers-market.com

Food-processing center receives grants

The planned Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center in Hillsborough has been awarded more than

\$1 million in grants during the past six months.

The center will open in 2010 and will provide a wide range of food-processing equipment and business development support and education.

Farmers and local food entrepreneurs in the Piedmont will have access to the center to help them compete in the emerging farm-to-fork economy. The center will be within a one-and-half-hour drive of nearly 16,000 farms in a 22-county area.

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Midweek farmers’ market opens with tomato author

BY KELSEY KUSTERER
Courtesy of the
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At the spring opening of the Wednesday Carrboro Farmers’ Market on April 8, a sizable crowd turned out for free seedlings and advice from Tim Stark, author of *Heirloom: Notes from an Accidental Tomato Farmer*. Sarah Blacklin, manager of the farmers’ market, said the mid-week market starts each year on the second Wednesday in April, when the danger of the last frost has generally passed. The first Wednesday market was stocked mostly with herbs and baked goods. Blacklin knew that Stark would be attending a public dinner in Chapel Hill at Lantern Restaurant the evening of April 8. When she approached him about hosting a discussion of his book at the market, he agreed.

Along with having the chance to speak with Stark, market-goers also got the opportunity to get a free seedling at the market entrance. Local farmers donated a variety of seedlings, including bok choy and sun-gold tomatoes. A steady flow of farmers’ market visitors lined up at Stark’s table. Among them was Jane Sayers, a medical writer from Chapel Hill, and Anne Jackson, a portrait artist from Carrboro, who came both for the seedlings and a chance to talk to Stark. They’ve tried growing tomatoes in the Northside Community Garden. Andrea Baxter, a UNC senior, also waited in line to speak with Stark. This is her first time growing tomatoes and she’s interested in finding out how to fertilize them organically.



Tim Stark, farmer and author of *Heirloom: Notes from an Accidental Tomato Farmer*, signs a copy of his book for Allison Hayes, a Chapel Hill resident and volunteer at the Carrboro Farmers’ Market. Stark discussed his book and gave advice on gardening to farmers’ market visitors Wednesday.

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Recipe: A Duo of Spring Sandwiches

From Dorette Snover of C’est Si Bon
Spinach, Arugula and Radish Ribbon Sandwiches

These sandwiches are reminiscent of the tea sandwiches popular in a bygone era. They make a wonderful revival and are not overly delicate when it comes to their flavor from the pungency of the radishes, anchovies, and fresh herbs.

Ingredients
1 bunch washed spinach,* stems removed
1 bunch or 5-6 medium red or pink radishes*
12 ounces herbed soft chevre*
1 loaf unsliced white bread,* outside crusts removed
1/4 cup each fresh chopped chives and parsley,* mixed – for garnish

Procedure
Process the spinach, arugula, radishes, and anchovies in the work bowl of a food processor or chop finely with a knife. Combine with the cream cheese or chevre. Set aside at room temperature. Slice the loaf of bread horizontally into 3 layers. Spread each one with 1/3 of the vegetable cheese then sprinkle with 1/3 of the chopped herbs. Position with the top layer of bread and spread with the remaining vegetable cheese and sprinkle with remaining herbs. Slice vertically into 8-10 sandwiches. *Available at Market

In Baxter’s home, tomato plants line the living room window sill and are also warmed by a thermal solar floor. However, three beds of tomato seedlings take a great deal of care and space. “I can’t wait to have my living room back,” Baxter said. Not everyone showed confidence in their gardening abilities. “I would get a seedling, but I’m afraid it wouldn’t survive in my dorm,” said Rachael Mossey, a UNC junior. Stark actually got his start gardening indoors. The author’s book explains how, over a decade ago, he planted 3,000 tomato seeds in his brownstone in Brooklyn. For

merly a management consultant, he decided on an impulse to start his own tomato garden. When his plants outgrew the apartment, Stark took them to his family farm in Lenhartsville, Pa. Although he plants chile peppers, potatoes and other vegetables, he’s best known for his flavorful heirloom tomatoes. He said that tomatoes are the “only thing I seem to know how to grow well.” Stark stresses the importance of being careful not to overwater tomato plants, because the wetness can breed fungi. Compost returns natural minerals to the soil, and gardeners can grow

more flavorful tomatoes by liming the soil, which adds calcium and magnesium, nutrients that are essential to plant growth. Stark also encourages gardeners to prune back tomato plant branches to give the vegetables enough access to sunlight. “Too much heat and nitrogen [means] lush, lush leaves and not too many tomatoes,” said Stark.

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

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FOR THE RECORD

No happy alternatives

Evidently, Tuesday evening was decision night in southern Orange County, as both the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Orange County Board of Commissioners reached conclusions on two of the more controversial issues in their jurisdictions.

Carrboro has long tried to find a workable compromise with the state Department of Transportation on the widening of Smith Level Road. The fact that such a heavily traveled road and key artery into town is unsafe for bicyclists and pedestrians in “walkable” Carrboro has been the subject of decades-long debate and negotiation.

Tuesday night, after the latest compromise had progressed as far as the DOT’s design stage, the board of aldermen still could not agree to how wide DOT engineers insist the road should be.

The impact of saying no at this stage has yet to be sorted out, but it undoubtedly means that it will be many more years before the road can safely convey anything but motorized vehicles into town. We urge the town to take a look at least at the idea of making the shoulders of the road less precarious for those who do use it to trek to and from town. Moving in conjunction with the town of Chapel Hill on the Morgan Creek Greenway project could also help afford some of those living on the south side of town an alternative means into town.

As for the county, the commissioners’ decision to drop its “parallel track” to find alternatives to a waste transfer station and concentrate on the N.C. 54 site pleases very few, but represents a practical assessment of the lay of the land.

None of the counties around Orange are willing to pursue a joint project for a waste-to-energy plant and county solid-waste director Gayle Wilson is probably right to note that siting a garbage-incineration facility in Orange County would be met with opposition from a host of environmental groups.

While the people of Bingham Township will continue to do their best to oppose the transfer station, the “winners” in the decision to drop the pursuit of alternatives — the residents of the Rogers-Eubanks Road neighborhood — can hardly be considered fortunate. For them, it’s been an issue of justice denied; and with news that the landfill has another year of life, it’s another example of justice delayed.

Online and off base

North Carolina is reviewing the idea of dropping requirements that legal advertisements run in local newspapers. The North Carolina Press Association’s ad campaign, which featured a confused, elderly woman, probably didn’t do much to burnish the industry’s image as a place to reach younger readers, but it made a solid point that many people do not have adequate access to the Internet or the skills and equipment to use it.

And if you are at all concerned that the hodgepodge of website designs and information technology systems used by local governments may lead to some confusion even among those tech savvy enough to use them, your concerns are well grounded.

A recent perusal has underscored that even here in the most wired spot in the state, our local governments have trouble keeping up with their own sites.

Carrboro’s site, for instance, still lists Elizabeth Dole as senator, Mike Easley as governor and has a featured list of art galleries more than half of which have either gone out of business or moved.

In sections of Chapel Hill’s site, Cam Hill, defeated for re-election almost two years ago, is still listed as a council member.

Orange County, which has a real clunker of a site, has a number of broken links and on the commissioners’ page lists the goals for 2007 but not ‘08 or’09.

We’re not trying to sound picky here, since we understand full well the struggle to fix links and keep a site updated. The point is that government is supposed to facilitate the flow of information to the public, not impede it or confuse people. Transferring an important legal function to a system that is already challenged and to a technology that is not universally available is unwise, impractical and undemocratic.

(In case you’re wondering if we’re being a little self-serving here, please note that this paper is not subscription-based and thus not eligible for legal ads.)

Correction

The correct web address for Jesse Kalisher’s Walk Carrboro effort mentioned in a letter last week is walkcarrboro.com



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Toward a deeper understanding of autism

BY PETER KRAMER

April is Autism Awareness Month, a good time to learn about and focus on one of the more perplexing disorders. On Thursday, April 30, from 1 to 3 p.m., Geri Dawson, the chief science officer for Autism Speaks, an advocacy group, will present a talk entitled “Recent Findings on The Diagnosis, Causes, and Treatment of Autism.” This free, public event will take place at the Southern Human Services Center at 2501 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill.

The current name, Autism Spectrum Disorder, or ASD, reflects the wide range of capabilities of persons with this condition. According to the Autism Society of North Carolina (autismsociety-nc.org; 1-800-442-2762), ASD describes a group of developmental disabilities that affect a person’s ability to understand what they see, hear and otherwise sense. People with ASD typically have difficulty understanding verbal and non-verbal communication and learning appropriate ways of relating. ASD is four times more common among boys than girls and is a lifelong disorder.

Ellen Notbohm, the mother of a boy with ASD, has written an essay titled “Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wants You to Know.” Each statement is a plea for understanding and patience, a request to understand what may look like oppositional or unfriendly behavior.

For example, a child with ASD would like us to realize that “my sensory perceptions are disordered. The ordinary sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and touches of everyday life that you may not even notice can be downright painful for me.” Similarly, “Help me with social in-

teractions. It may look like I don’t want to play with the other kids on the playground, but I simply don’t know how to start a conversation or enter a play situation. Encourage other children to invite me to join them.” Notbohm’s website (ellen.notbohm.com) is written from the vantage point of a parent and advocate.

TEACCH (teacch.com; 919-966-2174), an acronym for Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication-handi-

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capped Children, is a highly respected program with nine regional centers in North Carolina. Based at UNC, TEACCH describes its mission as the diagnosis, treatment and education of children and adults with autism and similar disorders. The “Autism Primer: Twenty Questions and Answers” section on the website is especially helpful, with clear descriptions of the disorder. It notes that ASD behavior ranges from mild to severe. Examples of severe behavior may include highly unusual, aggressive and, in some cases, self-injurious behavior. These may persist and be hard to change. Milder forms of ASD can resemble a learning disability, but the individual may still have significant deficits in the areas of communication and socialization.

One of the newer and interesting groups to address ASD is Autism Speaks (autismspeaks.org). Its website features message boards, community resources and a video glossary section that shows delayed versus “typical” behavior. Though the site cautions against using the videos as a diagnostic tool, they can be useful to parents who wonder about their child’s seemingly different behavior: “individually, features may not indicate a problem; however, in combination, they may indicate a need to conduct a screening or a diagnostic evaluation.”

Dawson, who did her post-graduate work at UNC and currently holds a position in the department of psychiatry, is a Hillsborough resident. She oversees a research budget for Autism Speaks of \$30 million and hopes, she says, “to accelerate the pace and scope of research so that effective treatments will be available to families, causes will be discovered, and eventually a cure will be found.” For more information about Dawson’s talk, which is sponsored by the OPC Area Program, call 913-4055.

Notbohm, the writer and parent, often confronts skeptics who believe that children with ASD would function better if parents were simply stricter or less indulgent with them. With patience and resilience, she says that parents of children with ASD want for their children what all parents want – for them to achieve their full potential and “take their place in society as adults carrying as much of their own weight as possible.”

Peter Kramer is a clinical social worker in the care management department of the OPC Area Program in Chapel Hill.

Save our students or the booster clubs?

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON

Senate finance chairman David Hoyle announced this week that the Senate tax package would be released next Wednesday, and it seems all but certain that it will expand the base of sales and income taxes and lower the overall rates.

The budget the Senate passed last week counts on \$500 million from the revenue plan that makes deep cuts in early-childhood programs and public education.

The budget also follows the lead of Gov. Beverly Perdue and eliminates Support our Students (SOS), a 15-year-old afterschool program in 92 counties that works with at-risk kids to keep them out of trouble and off the streets, making it less likely they will drop out of school.

North Carolina is recognized around the country for its two signature preschool programs, Smart Start and More at Four, though both are cut in the Senate budget. But what happens to at-risk kids when they age out of the early-childhood programs, especially if the conditions at home that put them at risk in the first place are still present?

That’s where SOS comes in, helping 14,000 at-risk kids last year. Some of the students have posted comments about their experience on a website created by supporters of the program.

They are summed up succinctly by one entry: “SOS has helped me understand more about how school is important in my life. SOS has put me in a spot where I can now see my life ahead of me.”

Cutting kids off from that extra help and understanding about school saves the state just \$6 million in a \$20 billion budget.

Every expenditure adds up, and cuts have to come from somewhere, but it’s worth considering what the Senate finds money for instead, most notably \$10 million for athletic booster clubs at UNC-CH and N.C. State.

The windfall comes from a change in the law snuck

into the budget in 2005 that allows out-of-state athletes to pay in-state tuition, which not only saves the booster clubs millions at taxpayers expense, it also means less in-state slots for North Carolina students. Some families lose twice.

Legislation to repeal the booster club subsidy introduced by Rep. Pricey Harrison and Rep. George Cleveland passed the House last session but the Senate never considered it.

Harrison and Cleveland are trying again this year but face even bigger hurdles. The leaders of two powerful political action committees funded by wealthy supporters of UNC-CH and N.C. State were among the new members of the UNC Board of Governors elected by the Senate this year. The PACs have given roughly a million dollars between them to legislative candidates in the last four years.

And it’s not just afterschool programs that Senate leaders apparently think are less important than subsidizing the booster clubs with the in-state tuition change.

The Senate budget repeals a tuition waiver at UNC campuses for graduates of the N.C. School of Science and Math, which you can argue is the right policy, but why is it worse to help some high-achieving high school kids than the Rams Club?

The Senate budget also ends free community college classes for senior citizens and inmates in the state prison system trying to acquire skills to get a job when they are released.

It adds up to grossly misplaced priorities in a budget year where there is no room for error or for protection of the well-connected.

It’s up to the House to do the right thing and save our students.

Chris Fitzsimon is the executive director of NC Policy Watch.

Honoring a true leader

Editor’s note: *Following is a mayor’s proclamation in honor of Shirley Marshall read at Tuesday’s Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting:*

WHEREAS, Shirley E. Marshall was born on April 27,1925 in Hempstead, New York; and WHEREAS, guided by a deep inner core of strength, when faced with the inconceivable tragedy of losing both her husband and daughter, she rose to meet the challenge of raising two young daughters alone; and WHEREAS, she was the “Mother of the Modern Era” with a vision to protect the water and the environment, and update zoning and buffer zones in Orange County; and WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill News christened her “The Grand Dame of Orange County Government”; and WHEREAS, she had a vision for a broader plan of what Orange County could be if Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough worked together; and

WHEREAS, she embraced different opinions and recognized the value of engaging in conversations for the welfare of the county; and WHEREAS, in the midst of the battle to redo the land plan for Orange County, she held informal get-togethers at her house to find common ground and ideas that were best for the county; and WHEREAS, for many decades, her tireless dedication to the advancement and well-being of the citizens of Orange County has earned her respect - both personally and professionally; and WHEREAS, she has been a mentor, teacher and inspiration to many public servants and is often called upon by younger and older politicians alike for her wisdom; and WHEREAS, she is admired and beloved by friends, family, colleagues, and countless citizens of all generations in the Orange County community; and

WHEREAS, she worked hard to ensure that social services could serve the entire county; and WHEREAS, she was a founding member of OWASA; and WHEREAS, she was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in November 1982 and November 1986 and was elected by her fellow Commissioners as Chair of that Board in December of 1986 and December of 1981 and served in that position until October 1988; and WHEREAS, for many decades, Shirley E. Marshall has faithfully served on numerous county and state committees and councils, including the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Chapel Hill Town Council, Council on Aging, Board of Social Services, Triangle J Council of Governments, Board of Health, Public Transportation Authority, Transportation Board, Human Services Advisory Commission, and The EMS Advisory Council; and WHEREAS, she served on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and her wisdom and experience as both county commissioner and town council member were great assets, as well as her ability to speak frankly, and not politically, about things on the agenda; and WHEREAS, she has always been an insightful, energetic, impartial, sincere, committed, inspiring, dedicated, empathetic, vibrant, open-minded, visionary, advocate, and leader.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mark Chilton, the Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2009 as “Shirley E. Marshall Day” in the Town of Carrboro and thank Shirley E. Marshall for her faithful service and dedication to the welfare and safety of our community.

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Back to the Future, 1966

It's difficult to imagine anything good coming out of the shameful events of Tuesday, April 14, when a rowdy crowd of UNC students shouted down anti-immigration speaker Tom Tancredo before he could deliver his screed. But in fact, the event produced many a "teachable moment." In classes all across the university this past week, students engaged in robust intellectual discussions about fundamentally American issues such as the right of free speech and appropriate dissent. I watched proudly as an entirely new generation grappled with lessons we learned fighting the infamous Speaker Ban Law of the 1960s. My own iconic image, shot from a tree on Franklin Street, afforded the DTH photo editor an unforgettable view across "Gov. Dan Moore's Chapel Hill Wall" of controversial speaker Frank Wilkinson (standing in Chapel Hill and thus legal) facing the supportive crowd of students and faculty gathered peaceably to hear his remarks. I can't let this opportunity pass without noting two further harmonic convergences: that front row, third from the right, sits Student Body President Paul Dickson, the late brother of this fine newspaper's publisher. And back there, just a face in the crowd, stands my future wife, Lynne, who I would not meet and fall in love with until 27 years after this pivotal day in 1966.



A THOUSAND WORDS BY JOCK LAUTERER

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Farm Tour Tips BY EMILY BUEHLER

This weekend is the 14th annual Piedmont Farm Tour, a chance to visit 40 of our area's small farms. With over 9,000 visits to farms by over 300 families last year, our tour is the largest in the country! And it boasts everything from grass-fed beef and free-range chicken operations to biodynamic fruit production. There's even a shrimp farm and a fiber farm on this year's tour! Pick up a copy of the brochure to read about all the farms.

Last year on the tour, I stood with farmer Cathy Jones at the edge of a field at Perry-winkle Farm. "No one wants to hear about vegetables anymore," she lamented as we watched visitors gather around the pigs in the next field. While pigs and goats may get the most visitors, a scenic drive to a vegetable farm makes a great day. Some of the many excellent choices:

1. Bluebird Meadows: They're just getting started and already their CSA is sold out! Be sure to drive out on beautiful Walnut Grove Church Road.

2. PLANT at Breeze Farm: Dreaming of farming yourself someday? Visit the new farmers at Breeze Farm, and next year you might be signing up for a PLANT class too.

3. Four Leaf Farm: Think you don't have enough land to farm? Then see how Tim and Helga grow everything from

pea shoots to kiwis on only one-fourth of an acre.

4. Timberwood Organics: This is where I'll be heading on Farm Tour weekend. I want to know how they still had spinach to sell after the nine-degree frost last December!

5. Dancing Pines Farm: Bill and Joanna work full-time and still make this incredible farm happen. You'll be inspired.

6. Maple View Farm: As if local ice cream weren't enough of a draw, we're all dying to find out more about the new Maple View Agricultural Center.



7. Eco Farm: Don't let all the animals fool you. The folks at Eco Farm are great vegetable growers as well!

8. Perry-winkle Farm: I admit, I wanted to see the chickens' "Egg McMansion"

too. But seeing Mike and Cathy's cared-for gardens really warmed my heart.

9. Turtle Run: The most fun I've ever had on the Farm Tour was following Kevin's tour around Turtle Run (although I was too big to ride in the Mulch Mobile).

10. Piedmont Biofarm: If you've never been to the Plant at Piedmont Biofuels, visit now. You'll tour Screech Owl Greenhouse and you'll want to go back for a plant tour too.

The farms are wonderful, and the Farm Tour also provides an excuse to visit towns in your county that you never get to. Heading north? Have lunch first in historic Hillsborough.

Heading south? Stop by Chatham Marketplace or the Pittsboro General Store for a break. Going out to Saxapahaw? Great food can be found at the Saxapahaw General Store — I know it looks like a Shell Station, but trust me. Whatever you do, get outside this weekend and tour farms!

Brochures and buttons are available at all three Weaver Street Market locations, the Durham Farmers' Market, Chatham Marketplace and Harmony Farms in Raleigh, or online at carolinafarmstewards.org. Questions, call the CFSA at 542-2402.

OBITUARIES

Mother Leoma Harrington Page

Mother Leoma H. Page, age 82, of Chapel Hill, passed on Friday, April 10, at UNC Hospitals.

Services were held April 15 at White Rock United Holy Church and she was buried at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.

She is survived by her seven children, Sarah, Walter Jr., Carolyn, and Larry (Jacqueline) Harrington; Patricia Faucette; Marie (Raymond) Alston; and Valerie Noel; a daughter-in-law, Faye Harrington; two sisters, Isabelle Tinnin and Annie Sue Baldwin; one brother, Jimmy (Betty) Noell; seventeen grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Josephine Riggsbee, Rosie Harrington, Caroln Watson, Mary Clark, Jonnie Mae Goldston and Deborah Law; she also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Arrangements by Knotts Funeral Home of Chapel Hill.

Earl Judson Byrd

Earl Judson Byrd, 83, died in Duke Hospital on April 11 after a lengthy illness. He was the son of the late Reverend C. E. Byrd and Nettie Lewis Byrd.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jane Sparrow Byrd; daughter, Elizabeth B. Rees, and her husband, Mark Rees, of North Andover, Massachusetts; son, Robert E. Byrd, and his wife, Marcie, of Warrenton, North Carolina; grandchildren, Gregory M. Rees, Meredith J. Rees and Austyn D. Byrd; sister, Nettie Lewis Pendergraft; brother, Dr. Harry E. Byrd, and his wife, Jean Byrd; sister-in-law, Ellen Cheek, and her husband, Ben Cheek; brother-in-law, Dr. N. L. Sparrow, and wife, Linda Sparrow; and many nieces and nephews.

Earl was a native of Durham and attended Hope Valley School and graduated from Durham High School. He was conscripted by the U.S. Army when he was 18 and served two years as a member of the U.S. Infantry in the 1st Army, First Division, 18th Infantry. He landed in Normandy on D-Day plus 2 and later was transferred to the 3rd Army under the command of Gen. George Patton. After his discharge from the army before his 21st birthday, he attended Louisburg College and graduated from Wake Forest College in 1950 with a business degree. He was a longtime employee of Ray Motor Company in Hillsborough. His many friends could attest to his great sense of humor and enjoyed his teasing on a regular basis. He was a faithful member of Hillsborough First Baptist Church where he served in many capacities. His membership in the Exchange Club was a joy to him. He received an award for bringing many new members into the club and was named Exchange of the Year. He served on the Alamance-Orange Prison Board as an active member as long as his health permitted.

Funeral services were held at Hillsborough First Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 201 W King St., Hillsborough, N.C., or to Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry, c/o Ken Barker, Chaplain, 347 Highway 89 N., Burlington, N.C. 27217.

Messages of condolences may be mailed to P.O. Box 513,

Hillsborough. Arrangements by Walker's Funeral Home of Hillsborough.

Ray Dash

Raymond H. "Ray" Dash, 48, died at his home in Pittsboro on April 8, as a result of complications from a prolonged illness.

Ray was born in Bryson City, NC on July 4, 1960, the son of Raymond H. Dash, Sr. and Pat Pruitt Dash. He was a graduate of Hunter College, a part of the City University of New York, and received his Masters Degree in English from the University of Michigan. Ray was a woodworking artist, an ardent stock investor and an activist for health and nutrition fitness. Ray attended Evergreen United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Karen Z. Dash, of the home; his beloved son, Zane Star Dash, of the home; his parents, Ray and Pat Dash, of New York City, NY; and his brother, Sean Dash, of Los Angeles, CA.

A service to honor and celebrate Ray Dash's life was held April 14 at Evergreen United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be directed to NAMI-Orange Co. NC, PO Box 4201, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-4201.

Online condolences to: www.hallwynne.com, Select Obituaries.

Arrangements for Mr. Dash are under the care of Hall-Wynne Griffin Chapel, Pittsboro.

Evelyn Jeannette Chambers

Ms. Evelyn Jeannette Chambers, 75, of Fearrington Village in Pittsboro, NC, died January 6, 2009 at her home. She is survived by her brother, Lawrence P. Chambers of Severna Park, MD, and a niece, Kristin Adams of Stevensville, MD, and a nephew, Jason Chambers of Severna Park, MD.

Jeannette was born August 9, 1933 in Fairmont, WV to Merritt Edward Chambers and Beatrice Hunter Chambers. After the death of her mother, Jeannette, being only a few months old, went to live with her grandmother, Ada Viola Chambers in Cameron, WV. She was a 1951 graduate of Cameron (WV) High School, where she was a member of the National Thespian Society, and a 1955 graduate of West Virginia University. Following her graduation, Jeannette began her 40 year career with Mellon Bank, retiring as the first female Vice-President of the company. At the time of her retirement, she was the Executive Vice-President of the Trust Department. While living in Pittsburgh, she was a member of the Zonta Club of Pittsburgh, where she had served as President.

Jeannette moved to Fearrington Village in 1995 and was one of the early residents and members of the Camden Hom-

owners Association. She served as their initial treasurer, and was responsible for the implementation of auto-payment of dues through CCB (now SunTrust). Fiercely independent, even until her death, she was very welcoming to new neighbors, was a voracious reader, a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates and an active volunteer.

The funeral service for Ms. Chambers will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009 from the graveside at Highland Cemetery in Cameron, WV.

Online condolences: www.hallwynne.com Select obituaries.

Arrangements are under the care of Hall-Wynne Griffin Chapel, 396 West Street, Pittsboro, and Anderson Funeral Homes of Moundsville and Cameron, WV, (304) 686-3331.

Marion Florence Harnett

Marion Florence Harnett, age 82, of 511 Patriots Point, passed Friday, April 17, 2009. She was a native of New York and was of Catholic faith.

She is survived by three sons, Thomas Ahearn (Rita) of Georgia, John Ahearn (Catherine) of New Jersey and Peter Ahearn of Massachusetts; one sister, Mildred Birkman of N.Y.; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held April 21 at Holy Family Catholic Church of Hillsborough.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church Senior Citizen Center in her memory.

Arrangements by Walker's Funeral Home of Hillsborough.

Robert Frank Riddle

Robert Frank Riddle, 68, of Hillsborough, died Thursday, April 16, 2009 at UNC-Hospitals.

He was a native of Orange County, NC, son of the late Leonard J. Riddle Sr. and Florence Davis Riddle and husband of the late Delores Fay Tudor Riddle. He attended Orange County Schools and was a self-employed commercial painter. He was preceded in death by his son, David Riddle, two sisters, Sue Riddle Randles and Christine Taylor, and a brother, Floyd Shelton Riddle.


He is survived by his grandsons, Kevin Riddle and Bobby Joe Holland, both of Hillsborough; granddaughter, Lauren Riddle, of Hillsborough; sisters, Billie R. Parker of Hillsborough and Lynda Stallings of Oriental; brothers, Leonard J. Riddle Jr. of Little Washington and Paul Riddle of Hillsborough; and daughter-in-law, Patricia Riddle of Hillsborough.

A funeral service was held April 19. Arrangements by Walker's Funeral Home of Hillsborough.




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Got time for one last quick look back at the season?

BY FRANK HEATH
Sports Columnist

When Ed Davis announced last week that he would return to North Carolina for his sophomore year rather than jumping to the NBA, it added the final bold stroke on a season that already looked like a near-masterpiece for any serious follower of UNC basketball.

What made this college basketball season special and these UNC Tar Heels a team that had “destiny” written across its backs? Here is one guy’s version of some moments in time that may have helped keep Carolina turned toward the path of greatness.

NOV. 7: *ESPN The Magazine* features UConn center Hasheem Thabeet on its cover, issuing a challenge to Tyler Hansbrough and Carolina to live up to their hype. Thabeet issues his own personal challenge too: “Nobody’s better than me,” he says in the article, “only more experienced.... Tyler Hansbrough? I don’t see nothing.”

Thabeet’s comments must have given pause for reflection to UNC, which most likely expected more respect so early in a year when it was a near-unanimous early choice to cut down the nets in April.

JAN. 11: Carolina loses to Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, 92-89, as Wake guard Jeff Teague begins to look like a Player of the Year front runner, scoring 34 points and dominating the game from the point, making 13 of 15 free throws and three of four three pointers.

Carolina’s Ty Lawson has just nine points and five assists and four turnovers, and Hansbrough goes an icky 3-12 from the floor.

Teague’s thrashing of the Heels bears similarity to a 25-point performance by Tyrese Rice of Boston College in the Eagles’ 85-78 win in Chapel Hill one week earlier.

Carolina is 0-2 in the ACC; and many say that the sky is falling. Roy Williams just says, “It’s a long season.”

JAN. 17: With UNC playing at home against Miami, Wayne Ellington’s jump shot shows back up with mustard on top. It had been 15 games since Ellington made more than two threes in a game, but during one torrid stretch of the second half, those struggles became just a memory. Ellington sank eight straight shots

after halftime, including seven threes, to single-handedly blow the Hurricanes out of the Smith Center. Beginning that night, Ellington would average 18.3 points for the Tar Heels’ final 21 games, making 46 percent of his three-point attempts.

Ellington’s return as a big-time scoring threat allowed the UNC offense to attack opponents with authority from four distinct angles — on the inside with Hansbrough and Deon Thompson; from long range with Ellington, Lawson and Green; in transition, where Lawson of course led the way; and from the half-court sets, with Lawson penetrating and creating. As a whole, it was tough stuff to defend.

FEB. 11: On this night, Carolina defeated Duke 101-87 in Durham, completing a month-long resurgence that saw the Tar Heels rise from an 0-2 ACC start to 8-2 in the league, a full game ahead of their closest league competitor, the Blue Devils. Duke held a 56-48 lead early in the second half of this game, but the Devils could find no answer for Lawson — who awoke to score 21 of his 25 points after the break.

Lawson burned the Blue Devils’ on possession after possession in the second half; this turned out to be a huge moment in the season for UNC in terms of restoring the Tar Heels’ confidence in themselves as individuals and their belief in bigger-picture team objectives. Duke had been a No. 1 ranked team already during the season, and the Devils had supposedly gotten into their rhythm in recent games. Lawson proved otherwise, repeatedly leaving the Duke guards tasting his dust once he got cranked up. It was Carolina’s sixth win in seven games against Duke.

Ty single-handedly made the difference for UNC in several games, especially over the second half of the season, by making the lane into his own personal playground, while also consistently hitting open threes and mid-range jumpers. It was as if he took a page from Rice and Teague and turned the same tactics against the Tar Heels’ opposition later in the year — and to similar, if not greater, effect.

Also on the night of Feb. 11, Connecticut lost starting guard Jerome Dyson (13.2 points, 4.1 rebounds, two steals) to a knee injury. At the time, UConn was 23-1 with a 12-game winning streak. After Dyson went down, the

Huskies dropped three of their final six games heading into the NCAA Tournament. With Dyson gone, Carolina became a unique presence nationally, with its combination of inside and outside strength to go with depth, experience and balance.

MARCH 21: Ty Lawson returns from three games out with a toe injury to score 23 points — 21 after halftime — in a nervous Round of 32 win over SEC champion LSU. With Lawson’s demonstration that he is able to play effectively — though still in pain — the Heels emerge as a favorite to reach the NCAA finals.

SEASON PROJECT: For Roy Williams, the realization that three of the most aggressive defenders from his 2007-08 team — Alex Stepheson, Quentin Thomas and Marcus Ginyard — would not be available this year must have made his heart flutter a bit. But Williams never pushed the panic button, aware that his team’s unique offensive gifts would be good enough most nights to carry a lot of games. But there’s little doubt that during practice time with his players and assistants, a huge emphasis was placed upon improving defensively as a team.

ED STEPS UP: Lastly (but in no way leastly), the emergence of Ed Davis as a force of nature off the bench was huge. When Carolina was struggling, a lot was made of the anemic point production of the Tar Heel reserves. Big Ed demonstrated that bench production can come in many forms. His disruptive presence on defense and tenacity going after rebounds gave the Tar Heels a new way to terrorize opponents and a momentum changer that didn’t necessarily start with the ball in Lawson’s hands.

It was unfortunate for Thabeet that he and UConn didn’t get an opportunity to back up his words against UNC in the NCAA championship game. But the guess here is that the final outcome would have been the same. Sometimes it’s better just to keep your trap shut and play. That’s what Carolina did.

Now, with Davis’ announcement that he will be back for a second year, we can all start looking forward to the 2009-10 season, when UNC will field one of the more potentially dominant front-court combinations in recent memory!

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FROM PAGE 1

Bonnie Hauser, an organizer with Orange County Voice, another group opposed to the transfer station, said the county is underestimating the costs of the facility. She noted that the board had a recent problem with cost overruns with a project in Hillsborough, then added: “That’s nothing compared to where you’re heading on this waste transfer station.”

Hauser said she also thinks there are significant environmental problems with the site and asked the county to stop work on the Bingham site and look for a site closer to the towns that already has utility service.

Albert Vickers, a member of the county’s Solid Waste Advisory Board, said he agreed that a waste transfer station was needed, but disagreed with using the Bingham site.

“You need a transfer station,” he told commissioners, “but you need one that makes sense.”

After the comments, Commissioner Mike Nelson said he would like to take a temporary facility at Eubanks Road off the table to give the Rogers Road residents a clear indication that they would one day see an end to their struggle.

“This issue has clearly divided this community,” he said. “Part of leadership is knowing when to put a period at the end of a sentence.”

Recently elected commissioners Bernadette Pelissier and Pam Hemminger said they wanted to see more environmental study done before moving ahead on the Bingham site. They asked for another work session to sort out the details and to meet with representatives of the towns on the facility.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs suggested that the county perform a more detailed environmental analysis of the site, saying it is something they would require a developer to do, and asked that the county begin discussions with the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Department on fire protection at the site, which is not connected to OWASA’s water and sewer system. Jacobs said the county should be prepared to help cover the fire department’s costs.

Jacobs also said that past experiences trying to engage the towns were not productive.

“The towns are not intent on working with us,” he said. “They think we’re stuck with this, and we are.”

Steve Yuhasz also agreed that the time had come to end the look for alternatives and concentrate on the site chosen on N.C. 54 to see if it is suitable.

“I think the parallel track has reached its endpoint,” he said.

Chair Valerie Foushee agreed. “To continue to drag this out is very unfair to the Rogers Road-Eubanks community,” she said.

Foushee said she also thought another conversation with officials from the towns would not be productive.

“I don’t think we should waste any more time to entice them to help us make a decision that is clearly ours to make,” she said.

The board unanimously approved removing the possibility of using the Eubanks Road landfill as a temporary site and authorized county officials to move forward with an extensive environmental study of the N.C. 54 site. They also approved hiring the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice to assist the county with any litigation that might result.

Orange County Voice officials have already indicated they may sue the county over its decision to pick the Bingham site.



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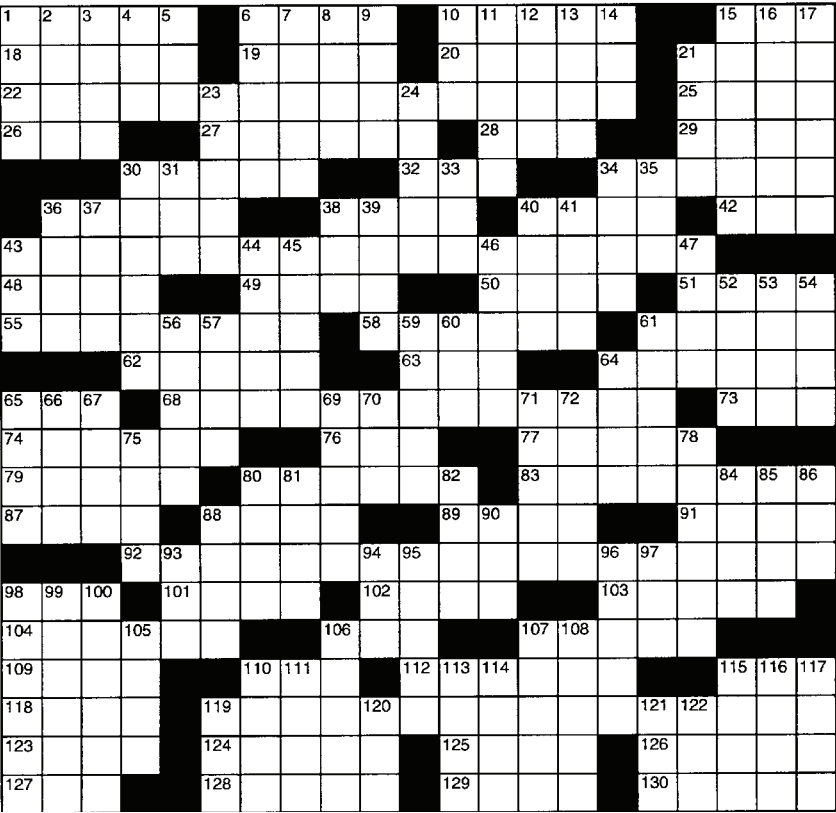
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 - 12 Namu or Willy
 - 13 Crowd-burst?
 - 14 Itch
 - 15 McRaney or Ford
 - 16 Lawrence's locale
 - 17 Scrimshaw material
 - 16 Tel —
 - 23 Warhol subject
 - 24 Dress
 - 30 European peninsula
 - 31 Half and half?
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 - 34 Meat cut
 - 35 Always, to Arnold
 - 36 — yesterday (naive)
 - 37 Got by, with "out"
 - 38 "Baloney!"
 - 39 Like some donuts
 - 40 Brute
 - 41 Stowe sight
 - 43 Sock part at last!
 - 44 Basic organism
 - 45 Battlefield doc
 - 46 See 4 Down
 - 47 Farmer's place
 - 52 Festive
 - 53 Connecticut town
 - 54 Moist
 - 56 Photo book
 - 57 Annoy
 - 59 Bring bliss
 - 60 At once
 - 61 Present
 - 64 Ridicule
 - 65 "Very funny!"
 - 66 Tel —
 - 67 Insignificant
 - 69 Yaphet of "Homicide"
 - 70 Toque or topee
 - 71 Guitarist Eddy
 - 72 Available bird
 - 75 DEA officer
 - 78 Knee-slapper
 - 80 Nasty
 - 81 Zenith
 - 82 Play to
 - 84 Night noise
 - 85 Actress
 - 86 — Plaines, IL
 - 88 Corset part
 - 90 "The truth is"
 - 93 Hibachi residue
 - 94 Rob Roy's refusal
 - 95 Adult
 - 96 Coming from Cork
 - 97 "Saving Private Ryan" extras
 - 98 Solidarity leader
 - 99 Lunar spacecraft
 - 100 Tire type
 - 105 Swarm (with)
 - 106 Surgical tool
 - 107 Postpone
 - 108 Threshold
 - 110 Food fish
 - 111 Cuban currency
 - 113 Violinist
 - 114 Extinct
 - 115 Christmas visitors
 - 116 Chip off Woody's block
 - 117 Rind
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 - 122 China's — Biao



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.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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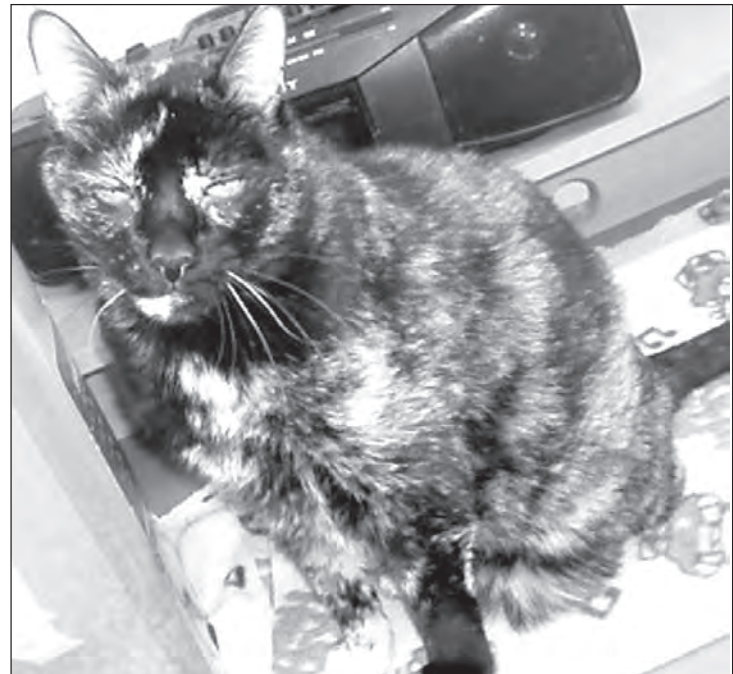
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New shop features alternative bikes

BY KELLY ESPOSITO

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Leave it to two scientists to shake up the bicycle business in Carrboro.

Co-owners Morgan and Elise Giddings opened Cycle 9 bike shop, located at 601 W. Main St., in December. The store sells electric, cargo and folding bikes that are intended for both recreational and practical uses.

Elise Giddings is trained in environmental science and is a former biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey. And Morgan Giddings is a professor at UNC, where she teaches microbiology and immunology, biomedical engineering and computer science.

Morgan Giddings said she has always been a bike aficionado and first started using an electric bike in 1994. She said she was disappointed that the idea never seemed to take off.

"I realized a few years ago that one of the biggest barriers is that the standard bike shops just don't promote them," she said.

"They're mostly interested in the recreational market."

But the need for a different type of bike shop was not the only impetus for starting the business. Both Elise and Morgan Giddings have concerns about oil dependency and want to promote greener forms of transportation.

"We can take the bike beyond what it is now," Elise Giddings said. "People could use it more readily for shorter trips and use their cars less."

Cycle 9 was originally an on-line store that began last spring. The pair opened a retail location in May 2008 in nearby White Cross, west of Carrboro. Elise Giddings said they thought Carrboro was a good place to move the store because of the town's bike-friendly reputation.

"There are a lot of bikers here, and the town itself is encouraging of biking," she said. "We thought it was a really good fit with the theme of the business."

And that theme makes Cycle 9 different from other local bike shops. The focus is on "practical, commuter-oriented bikes," said employee Kristen Scheckelhoff.

"It's the practical side of biking."

Scheckelhoff said Cycle 9's products are transportation-oriented. She thinks electric bikes, cargo bikes and folding bikes might encourage people to bike who otherwise might not.

Electric bike conversions, where an electric motor is outfitted on a regular bike, can range in price from \$650 to \$1650, Scheckelhoff said. Most of the expense is in the battery, which can usually get a rider 30 to 40 miles on one charge.

Electric bikes enable riders to travel longer distances and over more challenging terrain. An electric bike is not like a scooter, Scheckelhoff explained, because the rider is still pedaling while using the motor.

"You can ride it like a scooter, but it's lots more efficient if you're pedaling," she said. "You can use as much or as little assist as you want, and get as much or as little exercise as you want."

Even though the bikes have motors, as long as the speed of the motor alone (without pedaling) does not exceed 20 mph, an electric bike is considered equal to a regular bike

by law, Scheckelhoff said.

Electric bikes can be combined with cargo features. Cargo bikes can be constructed from an extra frame, which costs \$489. Cycle 9 also has complete cargo bike frames that start at \$900 and can carry up to 400 pounds, Scheckelhoff said.

Folding bikes are another practical option because they can fit into small spaces, she said. They are useful if someone lives in a small apartment, and are ideal for travel. Folding bikes can fit into a suitcase so the rider doesn't have to pay extra baggage fees when traveling, and they can be folded and carried onto a bus if the bike rack is full.

Morgan Giddings said she hopes the store will help people realize that bikes can be used for more than just recreation. The long-term goal of the business is to do more bicycle manufacturing locally, instead of relying on overseas suppliers.

"Bikes are really a legitimate form of transportation, even if you have kids or groceries or other things to carry around," she said. "Our business is a sustain-



Cycle 9 bike shop employee Kristen Scheckelhoff demonstrates one of the many possible uses of a cargo bike. Some bikes can carry up to 400 pounds of cargo, including people, groceries and luggage. "A cargo bike can work as a car replacement," Scheckelhoff said.

STAFF PHOTO BY KELLY ESPOSITO

able one over the long haul."

Elise Giddings said she hopes the alternative form of transportation will become more popular as people become more familiar with electric and cargo bikes.

"We want to show people that, hey, this is something that you could do too," she said. "It's very accessible, and it could really make

a difference in people's lives."

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

BIZ Briefs

Market Street Books to close shop

Market Street Books at Arts & Letters Community Center has announced that it will close its doors at the end of April.

Michael Lyle, executive director of the Southern Village store, said the closing stems from a 40 percent dip in sales over the past eight months.

The store will sell its stock of books, candy, toys and more at 25 percent off. In addition, the store will sell all of its bookshelves, couches, chairs and other furniture. Those interested should visit the store and make an offer.

For more information, visit marketstreetbooks.com

Creative Coworking to help job seekers

Carrboro Creative Coworking will offer free office space during the month of May to anyone searching for work.

The office will provide free coffee, Wi-Fi and a desk in a collaborative shared space on a first-come, first-served basis throughout May. Carrboro Creative Coworking is a professional shared workspace with a community atmosphere, located at 205 Lloyd St., Suite 101.

For more information, contact owner Brian Russell at brian@carborocoworking.com or 442-5301 or visit carborocoworking.com

Book bindery opens

BY ALLISON MILLER

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

While living in Florence, Italy in the 1970s, Susan Soleil decided she wanted to learn a European craft, so she apprenticed with a bookbinder.

In September 2008, she brought her hand-binding skills to Carrboro, where she opened The Soleil Book Bindery at 304 Weaver St. In her second-floor studio, Soleil repairs books, does custom binding and creates journals and albums.

"You can't fake true craftsmanship and quality," she said. "When you want a book to have ... quality craftsmanship and quality materials, you come here."

Soleil moved to Carrboro about a year ago as an escape from the cold climate of Rochester, N.Y., home to her and her bindery for 32 years.

In her studio sit big metal machines — for cutting, stamping and pressing — and several tables. Rolls of dark leather are mounted on the wall with rolls of cloth propped up beneath them.

On a high shelf sit mementos from her life: urns containing ashes from her cats, 1950s cowboy toys from her childhood and souvenirs from Key West, where she has close friends. On a table: books with crumbling spines and worn covers, awaiting repair. Her most popular repair requests are family bibles and children's books from the early 20th century. She charges between \$40 and \$200 based on the extent of the work needed.

"Anybody who brings a book to repair, that book is really special to them," she said. "I never work on books that are going to be resold."

Gene Gurlitz, a retired movie production designer who lives in Pittsboro, brought a book from his childhood, *Lassie Come Home*, to Soleil for repair several months ago.

"It was a book that was given to me when I was 11 years old, and that was almost 65 years ago," Gurlitz said. "It was a gift to me from an aunt."

He wanted to give the book to his 13-year-old grandson, but it was in bad shape.

"The book was unreadable because it was in shreds," Gurlitz said.

Soleil repaired the binding, fixed the cover and trimmed the edges of the pages to make them sharp and square.

"She did quite a wonderful job," he said.

Soleil also does custom binding, turning loose pages brought to her by customers into books. This process includes gluing or sewing the pages together, cutting binder's board — a flexible cardboard-like material — down to size to create the book's covers and the spine, attaching the pages to the binder's board and covering the book with cloth or leather.

Bess Averre, a retired accounting teacher from Raleigh, wrote a book of stories about her sister and went to Soleil to get two copies made into books, one for her and one for her sister.

Averre chose a maroon color for the cover and, along with her husband, typed



Susan Soleil demonstrates how a book press, one of the machines in her Carrboro book bindery, works. The book goes into the press while it dries and the pressure from the machine creates the ridge next to the spine.

PHOTO BY ALLISON MILLER

up the stories and added photos. Averre gave the completed pages to Soleil, and she turned them into the final product.

"It was a birthday gift for my sister for her 70th birthday, and I wanted to do something special," Averre said. "My sister was thrilled."

In a process similar to the custom binding, Soleil also creates journals, notepads and photo albums. They range from about \$5 to \$125. She's made several albums for Chelsea Clinton, Soleil said.

In her studio, she opens a colorful drawer full of papers; the designs include butterflies, rose petals and dogs.

She works with customers to pick out paper or material for the project. For example, a map page would make a nice journal cover and the rose-petal paper makes a pretty wedding album, she said.

"I really like the customer to be involved," she said. "I love being part of that process."

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



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WEDNESDAY — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Chicken Salad w/Lettuce, Tomato & Crackers; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Steamed Broccoli; Fresh Banana
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THURSDAY — BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Baked Beans; Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes

School Briefs

CHS presents Little Shop of Horrors

The Carrboro High School Theater Department will perform the rock musical *Little Shop of Horrors* tonight (Thursday) through Sunday in the Culbreth Middle School auditorium. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Carrboro Theater Department students and parent volunteers have constructed four versions of "Audrey," the larger-than-life talking and singing Venus flytrap. For tickets, email CHSreservations@gmail.com; or for more information, contact Carrboro High theater teacher Brett Stegal at BStegall@chccs.k12.nc.us

Odyssey of the Mind teams advance to World Finals

Two Odyssey of the Mind teams from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools qualified to compete at the World Finals in Iowa, May 27 to 31. The teams qualified at the state competition, held April 4 at Wingate University. The East Chapel Hill High School team won first place in the Technical Problem category. Team members are Lauren Paglia, Ted Shepherd, Laura West, Fiona Stewart-Taylor, Nick White, Nick



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARRBORO HIGH SCHOOL
Carrboro High School sophomore Elliot Darrow, who plays florist shop assistant Seymour Krelborn in Carrboro High School's production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, shows junior Maria Romano one of the four Audrey-the-plant puppets that will come to life in the performance.

Burnard and Ian Phillips. The team also won the Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award for exceptional creativity in problem solution. In addition, team member Ted Shepherd received one of two North Carolina Odyssey of the Mind Scholarships for college-bound high school students. Culbreth Middle School's team won second place in the Vehicle Problem. Team members are Ben Spreen, Raymond Zhang, Hunter Pfeiffer, Carl Hintz, Sophia Winkler, Katie Richardson and Franklin Hirsch. Each team must raise approximately \$10,000 to cover the cost

of the trip to the World Finals. To support the teams, contact coaches Nancy Schubert, Culbreth, at wspreen@nc.rr.com and Sandy Daston, East Chapel Hill, at sdaston@bellsouth.net

Pedersen a finalist for education award

Superintendent Neil Pedersen was named one of three finalists for the 2009 Jay Robinson Leadership Award. The award is presented annually by the Public School Forum to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to education in North Carolina. The other finalists include Dudley Flood,

an educational consultant, and Shirley Prince, superintendent of Scotland County Schools. The award will be presented in Raleigh on June 8.

ECHHS student to attend political leadership retreat

East Chapel Hill High School junior Madeline Parker has been named one of 50 young women to attend Running Start's Young Women's Political Leadership Retreat in Washington, D.C. in July. Parker was selected from a pool of 5,000 applicants. Running Start is a nonprofit organization that encourages young women to run for political office. Workshops at the retreat will focus on public speaking, networking, media training and campaign basics. For more information, visit runningstartonline.org

CHS receives design award

Carrboro High School was named the 2009 Best High School by the Southeast Chapter of the Council of Educational Facilities Planners International. Carrboro High was the school district's first high school to receive Silver LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The school was designed by Moseley Architects.

ECHHS math team wins regionals

The East Chapel Hill High School Algebra II team won first place at the regional contest on April 2 in Greensboro. This is the second year in a row that the ECHHS team has won the contest. Students Connie Zhong, Sheila Demg and Daniel Liu placed in the top 10 percent and will compete in the finals at the end of the month.

McDougle Middle students fight hunger

McDougle Middle School students celebrated their efforts against community and world hunger at an assembly on April 3. Students collected more than 1,000 non-perishable goods to contribute to the food pantry operated by the Interfaith Council and raised more than \$1,700 to contribute to Heifer International.

Phillips to present plays

The Phillips Middle School Drama Department will present two one-act plays Friday through Sunday in the school's auditorium. Students will perform *Sorry, Wrong Number* and *The Hitch Hiker*. Friday and Saturday's performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., while the Sunday performance will start at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and will be sold at the door.

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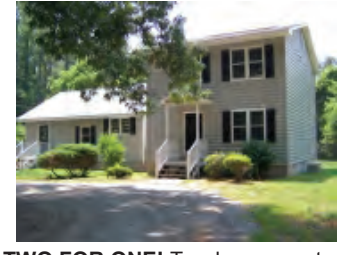
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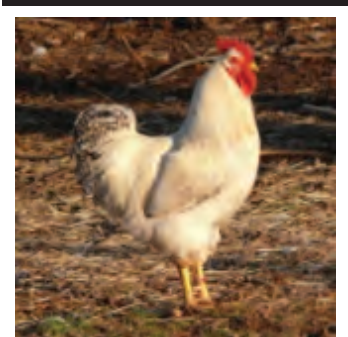
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SMITH LEVEL

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Board members said they realized that if they rejected the DOT's proposal, it could be years before the town would get sidewalks and bike lanes along Smith Level Road. However, several board members said that they would not widen the road in order to get the sidewalks.

"Where I come down on this is that I think that the four-lane segment is wrong," board member Dan Coleman said. "It's a waste of money for the state. It's dangerous. It doesn't prioritize the safety of the school children."

Board member Jacquie Gist said widening the road would only encourage more people to drive and not to use public transit or other modes of transportation.

"I just think if you plan for things to continue as they are, things will continue as they are," she said. However, she added, "We do need [pedestrian improvements], so we're going to have to really push DOT to give us the

money for sidewalks at least."

Chilton said he agreed that the four-lane segment was unnecessary, but felt that the need for sidewalks was too pressing for the board to reject the DOT's proposal and risk losing the money for the project altogether.

"I think the idea of having a four-lane road through there stinks ... but I also think that it's totally unnecessary and totally unacceptable to go on for untold years on into the future having no sidewalks and no bike lanes along those roads," Chilton said.

Particular concern

Lisa Stuckey, chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, said board members were particularly concerned about the proposed roundabout in front of Carrboro High, which does not include a pedestrian signal.

"[DOT officials] told me that a pedestrian signal would be inappropriate," she said, adding that the only option for stopping traffic would be a crossing guard, costing \$10,000 a year.

In addition, Stuckey said if the road is widened to four lanes, adding sidewalks would not enable them to increase the walk zone for Frank Porter Graham Elementary.

"We would never have elementary school students crossing a four-lane road," she said.

Several residents also criticized the design's use of data that didn't take into account bus ridership and the widening of U.S. 15-501.

"I don't think anybody here has been able to understand the need for this project," Jason Henning said. "There's actually been a decrease in traffic on Smith Level Road.... The debilitating congestion that the DOT has projected for the past 10 years simply has not come to pass."

Members of the Carrboro Transportation Advisory Board also urged board members to reject the DOT's proposal, saying that any safety gained by building sidewalks and bike lanes would be negated by increases in traffic brought by widening the road.

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FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

So if you get out into the woods during this next week, you'll still have opportunity to spy on those boys sporting around in pink. Don't put off too long, because with the new leafy tree canopy plunging the forest floor into deep shade, the spring beauties with those thread-thin leaves are bound to consider finishing up for the season.

While enjoying the spring beauties, I was happy to spot another common, though not so numerous, spring woodland flower: bellwort, *Uvularia perfoliata*. The bellworts used to be included in the lily family, but current plant taxonomists have moved them to another. However, it's still a beautiful little nodding, lily-like flower on a stem of "perfoliate" leaves – i.e., the base of the leaf blade is wrapped completely around the stem of the plant. There are other plants with this characteristic and



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE
The yellow lily-like bellwort flower hangs below a perfoliate leaf; a "closer look" reveals a tiny spider lying in wait for a meal.

many of them bear the descriptive Latin species epithet, *perfoliata*. The bellwort (and if you take that "closer look" you'll spy a spider lying in wait, as on so many flowers) is just one of many plants you'll find showing off right now, as you go in search for a final look at spring

beauties. From the tiny emerging heart-shaped leaves of red bud trees to the upright clusters of creamy-yellow flowers of painted buckeyes, you'll be on sensory overload as you take part in celebrating another Earth Day week. But, hey, we all do that every week, don't we?!

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