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PHOTO BY EVELYN GREENE
Flora in her climbing tree



Glenn Gerding, candidate for judge, chats with Democratic Party volunteers James Merritt and Claire Millar in front of Carrboro Town Hall. By Wednesday afternoon, more than 700 voters had cast their ballots early at the Town Hall, one of four early voting sites in Orange County.

Kinnaird, Carey working hard for votes in campaign's final stretch

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Six months ago, the race for North Carolina Senate District 23, which is comprised of Orange and Person counties, was shaping up as a much different kind of contest than the one on the ballot today.

A field of three — Carrboro Alderman John Herrera and two Orange County commissioners, Moses Carey and Mike Nelson — were preparing for at least a three-way contest to fill the seat vacated by a retiring six-term incumbent, Ellie Kinnaird.

But when Kinnaird, who had long hoped a woman would be in the field vying to replace her, decided not to retire and to go for another term, the field of candidates changed rapidly.

Though gracious about it publicly, Nelson and Herrera were not happy with the turn of events. They opted, however, to stand down, leaving only Carey, who after 23 years in county elective office, said he felt it was time to run, and committed himself to staying in and running to win.

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FLORA By Ken Moore

A closer look with Flora

Seven-year-old Flora Arnsberger accompanied her dad, Matthew, on a woods walk with me several months ago. Knowing that her dad often took her on nature walks, I suggested that Flora be my "junior naturalist" assistant. She delighted us by finding things that we older folks were simply too big and preoccupied to notice.

Some weeks later, I mentioned to her dad that it would be fun if Flora would lead a few adults on an excursion to visit some of her favorite outdoor spaces. The response was that Flora wanted to show us the special places in her own yard, tucked away in one of Carrboro's many wooded neighborhoods.

Our special spring tour was filled with surprises and provided us with opportunities to share her sense of wonder.

Early on in our walkabout, she described being happy outdoors because "there are so many things to discover in nature."

With enthusiasm, she led us into a favorite secret place in the woods edge. We had barely crawled in and seated ourselves into a hidden shrub-canopied room before Flora excitedly moved through a narrow opening into another secret shrub nook.

I was completely captivated as she demonstrated how choices were determined by touching the ends of specific branches, and the final delivery of selections occurred at the end of a particular larger branch. This was Flora's special McDonald's nature drive-through. Flora's mom explained that since she rarely gets to visit McDonald's, it is a special event for her. It seemed so appropriate for Flora to move McDonald's into her more comfortable world of nature.

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Carrboro's Big day

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

The 13th annual Carrboro Day will feature activities and events both new and old, focusing on a new theme this year: "Celebrating a Sustainable Community."

Catherine DeVine, director of Carrboro Day, said that while the event will include new features and activities, much of the May 4 festival will be reminiscent of those of years past.

"That's why we love it," said DeVine. "It's like an old movie — out of time."

This year's Carrboro Day will be slightly different, however, because it will be trash free, DeVine said.

The Boy Scouts will sell hot dogs and other food at the event as a benefit for the Carrboro Branch Library, but the food will be wrapped in paper, rather than non-recyclable materials. Material-specific recycling bins will be scattered throughout the venues.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Mathew Barton was instrumental in Boy Scout Troop 45's cotton candy operation during last year's Carrboro Day.

Board lends support to transfer tax

by Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

With former Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Diana McDuffee asking for help and noting that real estate interests are "spending a small fortune statewide" in an effort to defeat it, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted 6 to 1 to officially support a real estate transfer tax.

At its meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, McDuffee said the tax is for now the best alternative the county has to take some of the pressure off rising property taxes.

"I believe it is the most progressive option for paying for schools and parks," she said.

The proposed 0.4 percent transfer tax placed on the May ballot by the county commissioners is intended to replace funds the county will lose as a result of a realignment for paying for Medicaid that was part of last year's state budget. The tax has been defeated in all 16 counties that have placed it on the ballot.

McDuffee said given the amount of funds real estate interests have been willing to spend to defeat the measure, supporters "have a real

battle on their hands."

Several board members said they had heard from citizens who were dismayed that the tax supporters have not been nearly as visible as those opposed.

But board member Jacquie Gist said she could not support the measure. If the community wants schools and parks, she said, it should pay for them with property taxes and not rely on the small group of people who would pay the tax.

Speaking against the proposal to adopt a position supporting the tax, resident Robert Kirschner

said the tax was a divisive issue and that there was not a consensus in town about whether to support it or reject it.

Board member Joal Hall Broun said she was strongly in support of the tax as a way of keeping up with school and park funding needs. One reason other communities do not have the same quality of life as Orange County, she said, was due to the county's willingness to support its schools and parks.

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Losing and gaining through death and life

RECENTLY . . .

By Valarie Schwartz

Our first loss of a close loved one provides a reference that changes our perception of death forever.

Life provides a unique journey for each of us as we inhabit our bodies, and Mary Bea Sullivan will be the first to say that hers has been no more special than another's, only that the path she took following the death of her best friend, Rhonda, led her to write a book about it.

Dancing Naked Under the Moon explores Sullivan's pain of loss — death, divorce and finances, along with the at-



Mary Bea Sullivan

PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

sharing it at book signings and retreats.

"I was in Augusta [Georgia] for a retreat and was asked to come the night before and do a facilitated reading," Sullivan said. Some in attendance had already read the book after ordering it online. While telling them, "This is my unique expression of the journey, but it's really a universal journey," Sullivan saw a woman tearing up as her head nodded in agreement.

It's a book with chapters that reach out to people at particular stages along the path.

"One person will say, 'The chapter on forgiveness grabbed me and gave me the impetus to work on forgiving my mother,'" Sullivan said. "Another said, 'The chapter on sabbatical made me realize how busy I've been.' For others, it's the part on grief."

She shared the story of a woman in her 50s who had had a brother and sister both die very quickly within a three-year period.

"She said, 'It felt so good to cry with you on losing Rhonda.'"

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Candidate endorsement letters — a lot of them

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READINGS AND BOOK SIGNINGS BY MARY BEA SULLIVAN

Sunday, April 27, 1-3 pm
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHAPEL HILL (Reading/Signing)

Sunday, April 27, 1-3 pm
MARKET STREET BOOKS,
SOUTHERN VILLAGE (Signing)

tendant helplessness brought by each circumstance — and the discernment that comes while trying to find her way beyond each. She will read from and sign books from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at United

Church of Chapel Hill and sign books from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 29 at Market Street Books in Southern Village.

Since release of the book on April 1, Sullivan, who is a life coach, has been

MUSIC CALENDAR



PHOTO BY JULIE ROBERTS

Bombadil has their CD Release party this Friday at Cat's Cradle.

THURSDAY APRIL 24

ArtsCenter: Ruthie Foster 8:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: The Breaks
Cat's Cradle: Abbey Road Live! 9pm \$12
The Cave: Early: Jake Winstrom Late Sweet-Tooth Simpleton w/ Twiligher
General Store Café: Bo Lanke-nau & Friends 8:30pm
Local 506: Tapes 'N Tapes, White Denim, DJ Robin Chen 10pm \$12

FRIDAY APRIL 25

Blue Horn Lounge: Rootsie 10pm
Cat's Cradle: Bombadil, Nathan Oliver; The Love Language 9pm \$10
The Cave: Late: Brendan Rice
General Store Café: Sol y Canto w/ Beverly Botsford 9pm \$5
Local 506: French Kiss, The Nein, Via Audio 10pm \$10
Open Eye Café: The Watercallers
SATURDAY APRIL 26
Blue Horn Lounge: Delta Drift

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

The Cave: Early: Brett Harris w/ We Know, Plato Late: Rat Jackson, The Dry Heathens, Blackhook
General Store Café: Buffalo Creek Stringband 8:30pm
Local 506: Hammer No More the Fingers, Future Kings of Nowhere, The Graves of Fairmont, DJ Dan Bryk 10pm
Open Eye Café: John Gillespie 8pm
Nightlight: Hem of His Garment, Pacific Before Tiger, Ouraboros, Twin Tigers 9:30pm

SUNDAY APRIL 27

Cat's Cradle: Destroyer; Andre Ethier; Work Clothes 9:30pm \$12
The Cave: Sound of Singles w/ Rob Christensen 9pm
Local 506: Vellella Vellella, Opening Flower Happy Bird, Elf Own 9pm \$7
Weaver Street Market: Chris Reynold Swing 11am

MONDAY APRIL 28

Blue Horn Lounge: Open Mic 9pm
Cat's Cradle: Auto Immune Tour; Meat Beat Manifesto, Raz Mesina's Badawi 9:30pm \$18
Local 506: Mount Weather, The Chuttesville Speak, Carter Gaj 9:30pm

TUESDAY APRIL 29

Blue Horn Lounge: Tain Collins 8pm
The Cave: Late: Rosewood Thieves w/ The International Grapevine
Local 506: Amy Cook, Anne Mc-Cue 9pm \$8
Nightlight: International Noise Festival feat. The Laundry Room Squelchers, The Bramble Ramblers, Jim Capps, Clang Quartett, Lee Counts, Crowmeat Bob, Bryce Clayton Eiman, Doug Ferguson, Flip-pin Idiots, I Am OK, Lopez Attitude, Relay for Death, Secret Boyfriend & Jeff Rehnlund, Subscape Annex, Thirteen Fingers, Todos Somos Ninjas, vaginateeth/jesusteeth, Yohimbe

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

ArtsCenter: American Music Club 8:15pm \$14
Blue Horn Lounge: Band of Hoochies 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Josh Ritter; Ingrid Michaelson 9:15pm \$17
The Cave: Late: Instant Jones
Local 506: Chris Barron, Jason Adamo 9pm \$8

THURSDAY MAY 1

Blue Horn Lounge: Bad Mothers
The Cave: Early: Brandon Herndon & John Pardue's Songwriters spot-light; Late: Red Clay River
General Store Café: The Bernie Petteway Trio 8:30pm
Local 506: Griffin House, Sons of William, The Lonesome Departed 9pm \$10
Nightlight: Cat's Cradle presents Doom Bunny, Acrom 9:30pm \$7

FRIDAY MAY 2

ArtsCenter: The Wilders 8:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Bo Lanke-nau Band 10pm
Cat's Cradle: The Pressure Boys, The Sneakers 9pm \$20
The Cave: Early: Wesley Cook
General Store Café: The Shelbys
Local 506: Langhorne Slim, The New Familiars
Nightlight: Butterflies, Half-Hand-ed Cloud, Lake 10pm
Open Eye Café: Rebekah Todd

SATURDAY MAY 3

ArtsCenter: Chris Duarte w/ Hooverville 8:30pm \$16
Blue Horn Lounge: Valentino and the Sheiks 10pm
Cat's Cradle: The Pressure Boys, The Sneakers 9pm \$20
The Cave: Early: When Cousins Marry; Late: Jeff Hart w/ The Tom Meltzer Combo
General Store Café: Brenda Linton & Friends 8:30pm
Local 506: Tripp, Mumpsy, I Was Totally Destroying It 9:30pm
Open Eye Café: Nightsound Studio Benefit Concert 8pm



Buffalo Creek Stringband will be at the General Store Café this Saturday.

MUSIC VENUES

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 300-G E. Main St., 929-2787
 artscenterlive.org

CAT'S CRADLE
 300 E. Main St., 967-9053
 catscradle.com

OPEN EYE CAFÉ
 101 S. Greensboro St., 968-9410
 openeyecafe.com

RESERVOIR
 100-A Brewer Ln., 933-3204
 reservoirbar.net

CHAPEL HILL

BLUE HORN LOUNGE
 125 E. Franklin St., 929-1511
 bluehornloungechapelhill.com

CAROLINA PERFORMING ARTS
 843-3333
 carolinaperformingarts.org

THE CAVE
 4521/2 W. Franklin St., 968-9308
 caverntavern.com

HELL

157 E. Rosemary St., 929-9666
 chapelhell.com

LOCAL 506

506 W. Franklin St., 942-5506
 local506.com

MANSION 462

462 W. Franklin St., 967-7913
 mansion462.com

NIGHTLIGHT

4051/2 W. Rosemary St., 933-5550
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SU 4/27
DESTROYER

TH 4/24**(\$10/\$12)
ABBEY ROAD LIVE!

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

SA 4/26 **WHO'S BAD?!**
 (MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE)

SU 4/27 **DESTROYER**
 W/ANDRE ETHIER,
 WORK CLOTHES**(\$12)

MO 4/28 **MEAT BEAT**
MANIFESTO(\$15/\$18)**
 W/RAZ MESINA'S BADAWI

TU 4/29 **THE CLUB IS OPEN**
 LUEGO, BIRDS AND
 ARROWS, GRAY YOUNG
 FREE SHOW

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

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

TU 5/6 **BRITISH**
**SEA POWER/
 ROSEBUDS**(\$10/\$12)**

WE 5/7 **EASY STAR**
ALL-STARS(\$14/\$16)**

TH 5/8 **THE CASUALTIES,**
KRUM BURNS,
ANTAGONIZERS,
NO REVOLUTION(\$12/\$15)**

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

SA 5/10 **POLVC SOLD OUT**

TU 5/13 AND WE 5/14
DRIVE BY
TRUCKERS
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Next issue comes out May 1st.

Go out and pick one up! Save gas, ride with a friend.

News Briefs

Bill Clinton in Hillsborough

Fresh on the heels of his wife's victory in the Pennsylvania primary, former President Bill Clinton returned to North Carolina for a series of events in the Piedmont.

Clinton spoke to a crowd of several hundred at the Orange County Baseball field in Hillsborough Wednesday. He told supporters that North Carolina will play an important role in selecting the Democratic nominee. Clinton also made stops at Elon University, Asheboro, Thomasville, and Statesville.

Obama rally at Big Barn

The Big Barn in Hillsborough will be the site of a get out the vote rally for Barack Obama. The event runs from 6-9 p.m. Mayors from Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Carrboro will be on hand.

Music will be provided by Baron Tymas jazz Ensemble, St Paul's AME Gospel Choir, Still House Bottom Band and Saludas Company. Tickets are \$20 or \$10 for students. Food is by the Barbecue Joint.

Bilingual autism workshop

The Autism Society of North Carolina will offer a workshop for Latino parents and bilingual coordinators on Monday at their central office on Oberlin Road in Raleigh.

The workshop, entitled "Talking Autism with the Doctor," will be conducted in Spanish and will focus on ideas and strategies to assure optimal skills in talking with doctors about autism spectrum disorders.

The workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Benefit concert

Country music star Vince Gill will perform at Memorial Hall on Wednesday at 8 p.m. to benefit North Carolina Children's Hospital.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the hospital's Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology.

Tickets are on sale for \$50-\$100 for non-students and \$25-\$80 for students. To purchase tickets, call the Memorial Hall Box Office at 843-3333.

Food pantry donation

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service recently received \$3,000 from the Food Lion Charitable Foundation.

The IFC will use the gift to support its Food Pantry and the more than 1,200 households that visit the pantry each month for needed groceries.

The IFC depends on donated goods and funds to keep up with the demand for services. The Food Lion Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to improving the communities in which Food Lion operates.

Silent animal art auction

The Conservators' Center will hold a silent auction of the center's animals' paintings and a wine tasting on May 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Durham.

The animals have created paintings with the help of a local artist. The paintings, behind the scenes tours of the center and the Duke Primate Center, gift packages from local breweries and wineries, photos of the animals and more will be auctioned.

Big Boss Brewing Company and Horizon Cellars will provide hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beverages. Tickets are \$20 for non-members before May 1, or \$25 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Conservators' Center, a nonprofit sanctuary and conservation breeding facility that specializes in responsible captive breeding of selected species, education programs and rescue and placement of animals in need.

For tickets, call 625-6634 or email bid4conservation@live.com.

Equine extremist

Former Disney star Tommie Turvey: Equine Extremist will perform for patients at the North Carolina Children's Hospital on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Turvey's show, "A Night of Amazing Horses," will feature a children's trick roping show, as well as a sing-along and a dance performance.

The children will be given an opportunity to interact with a trio of miniature ponies from Blue Chip Miniatures at the conclusion of the show.



Next time you're at an event attended by Rameses, UNC's mascot, note that the ram you're seeing is the former king's 3-year-old son, Pablo, who will be making the rounds now that his 8-year-old father decided to retire. It was a bit of a forced retirement, since Pablo managed to knock one of Rameses horns off during a recent bit of head butting between the two. The rams reside in the care of Rob Hogan and Ann Leonard, whose Magnolia View Farm joined the Piedmont Farm Tour this year. Hogan, whose family has been keeper of the Rameses line since 1924, said while he's seen a few injuries resulting from the rams' propensity to butt heads, he's never seen a horn knocked off before.

Schools pass redistricting

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education last week voted 6-1 to approve a plan that will move about 60 students to new middle schools in the fall.

The changes will reduce enrollment at Culbreth Middle School and move orphan segments that were created during elementary redistricting last year. An orphan segment is a small group of students that is the only group from an elementary school to attend a particular middle school.

The board also tried to use the redistricting process to balance the number of students who receive free or reduced-cost lunches.

Without the changes to middle school assignments, Culbreth Middle School would have been more than 80 students over capacity during the 2008-09 school year, while the other three middle schools would have been under capacity, with McDougle Middle School more than 130 students under capacity.

Under the redistricting plan, Culbreth will be only about 15 students over capacity this fall.

Board member Annetta Streater cast the only dissenting vote, expressing concern that certain groups that would be moved have a strong connection with Culbreth and with other families who have children who attend the school.

"What I've heard is that African-American families in particular have a strong connection [with Culbreth] because of the

location of the school, the proximity to the neighborhoods," she said. "There's a lot of value in those families relating to one another."

To relieve overcrowding at Culbreth and eliminate orphan segments, the board voted to move several segments from Culbreth to McDougle. These segments include:

- Chambers Ridge Apartments;
- Westbrook;
- Canterbury Townhomes;
- Royal Park Apartments;
- the Prince Street/Barnes Street area;
- South Greensboro Street from Main Street to Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park;
- Old Pittsboro Road;
- Roberson Place; and
- Maple Avenue.

Other segments would be moved from Culbreth to Phillips Middle School because of transportation issues. These include:

- Foxcroft Apartments;
- Willow Terrace;
- Sunstone Apartments;
- Camelot Apartments; and
- 250 South Estes Condos (the University Mall area).

The changes include only rising sixth- and seventh-grade students, because rising eighth-grade students will be allowed to choose to remain at their current schools. If rising eighth-graders choose to remain at their schools, transportation will not be provided by the district.

Several board members said they hope to improve the redistricting process in the future in order to best accommodate all district families and the needs of the district.

Glen Lennox plan filed

by Rich Fowler
Staff Writer

Grubb Properties has filed a plan with the Chapel Hill Community Design Commission to demolish Glen Lennox and replace it with a more than 1.8-million-square-foot development. The plan, filed last week, would replace the 440-unit apartment complex and shopping center with 908 residential units, 220,700 square feet of retail space, 310,800 square feet of office space, a seven-to-nine story hotel and 3,665 parking spaces.

The commission could review the plan as early as May.

The planned residential area would have 35 single-family lots, 350 apartments, 413 condominiums and 110 town homes. Included in the retail space would be a 55,000-square-foot grocery store and a 40,000-square-foot movie theater with 700 seats. The three four-or-five-level park-

ing decks would have 2,105 spaces, while another 1,316 would come from surface parking lots. The 190-room hotel would be located next to Carolina House Senior Living.

The plans also call for at least three four-to-five-story office buildings, two five-to-nine story mixed-use buildings in addition to a seven-to-nine-story hotel, and four four-to-five-story multi-family residence buildings.

Some residents oppose the plan. Longtime resident Mary Dexter petitioned the Chapel Hill Town Council last month to make Glen Lennox a neighborhood conservation district. A report on the request is expected at the council's April 28 meeting. Special zoning rules in such a district could dictate everything from building size to landscaping in order to preserve the feel of the neighborhood.

Grubb does not expect to start breaking ground before late 2010 or early 2011.




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PUBLIC MEETING

regarding the update of the Orange County Solid Waste Management Plan

hosted by the Orange County Solid Waste Advisory Board

7:00 pm, Thursday, May 1

Link Government Services Center
200 S. Cameron Street, Hillsborough

Copies of plan can be found prior to the meeting at Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County Public Libraries and at www.co.orange.nc.us/recycling/news

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SPOTLIGHT: DOROSINDICATE



During a recent rehearsal for Knoll, Abraham Zapruder checks out the view from a grassy knoll in Dallas along with a couple of Cuban revolutionaries, some mafia hitmen, an innocent couple of bystanders and, possibly, LBJ himself.

He's back, and quite intent on amusing us. Mark Dorosin, former politician and bar owner, along with his bride, Bronwyn Merritt, and David Lagos, former co-owner with the couple of Hell (the bar on Rosemary Street not the pit of eternal damnation), are producing another madcap comedy based on various tales of presidential assassinations.

Assinination: Three Short Comedies About Presidential Tragedy is presented this weekend at the West End Theatre at the ArtsCenter. Shows are April 25 & 26 at 8 p.m. and on April 27 at 3 p.m. All tickets are \$7.

Clues about the subject matter may be found in the titles of the plays (if you know your presidential history). So check out The Unfortunate Casting of Our American Cousin, Knoll and John Hinckley in Group Therapy.

RECENTLY FROM PAGE 1

The book includes a search for God, which many people experience during a period of tremendous loss.

"For me, God was in my neighbors who showed up with a pot of soup and a loaf of bread," Sullivan said. "God was not in the taking away, but in the receiving."

The neighbors of whom she speaks were in Chapel Hill, where Sullivan lived before moving to Alabama in 2005. Many may know Sullivan for the nonprofit she started as a result of her searching through grief. Project Compassion (www.project-compassion.org) continues under executive director James Brooks, who helps provide care teams and trainings for people dealing with the end stages of life, and those left to grieve. A portion of funds raised from books sold at the United Church reception will go toward Project Compassion.

"I'm always happy when I have a chance to come back to Chapel Hill," Sullivan said from the home on Smith Lake she shares with her two children and the husband readers come to know in the book. "Chapel Hill is probably one of the places that felt like home right away — and one of the hardest places to leave, because I loved it and the people so much."

Sullivan's book is gutsy and sometimes stark — with a search for the Divine followed prominently in the next paragraph with a curse — so like life as we teeter-totter back and forth between the edges while wrapped in our pain.

"The point of this book is for hearts to be moved," Sullivan said. "I hope that by hearing my story, other hearts are moved on their journey, in some shape and form."

See: www.marybeasullivan.com for more.

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

ARTS CALENDAR



Clydefest is this Saturday in Bynum.

Special Events

CLYDEFEST

Music, food, art and, of course, Clyde Jones are the highlights of the 7th Annual Clydefest, Saturday starting at 11 a.m. This year the festival is at the Bynum ballfield in beautiful downtown Bynum. The fun includes facepainting, fortune telling, critter painting (supervised by Clyde himself) and many "Clyde-inspired" Carnival Games. Entertainment by Tommy Edwards and Friends, Breadfoot, Milagro Saints, Magical Shaun and Ubi-the-Clow.

ARTS RELATED

The Orange County Arts Commission (OCAC) announces a May 26, 2008 deadline for receipt of arts grant applications from both nonprofit organizations and individuals for the spring cycle.

CARRBORO

THE ARTSCENTER Center Gallery: ArtsCenter Student Show April 3-29

East End Gallery: ELEMENTS, the fifth annual Community Art Project.

THE BEEHIVE

Matt Vooris — Dinosaurs, Drums, and You!

CENTURY CENTER ELEMENTS

— the fifth annual Community Art Project.

CARRBORO TOWN HALL ELEMENTS

— the fifth annual Community Art Project.

CLAY CENTRE GALLERY

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

DEWITT LAW, PLLC

Lisa N. Jones — new works.

FLEET FEET GALLERY

Landscapes From The Trail — Daniel Patrick Vaughan.

NC CRAFTS GALLERY

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

NESTED

Heidi Iverson — soft sculptures

and paintings by the San Francisco Bay artist. Through April.

OPEN EYE CAFÉ

ELEMENTS — Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission's 2008 Community Art Project. Opening reception Thursday, APRIL 24, 6-8pm. Through May.

PANZANELLA

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

WEAVER STREET REALTY

Gretchen Morrissey — textiles, prints and mixed media.

WOOTINI

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

CHAPEL HILL

ACKLAND ART MUSEUM

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

Perspectives on Public Justice.

Through May 4.

ANIMATION AND FINE ART

West Coast Abstract Expressionism — works by Sam Francis. Through May 8.

CAFFÉ DRIADE

Paintings — Karen Baumeister Reim. Through April.

FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER

Works by Judith Ernst — through May 30.

TURNING POINT GALLERY

Upwardly Mobile — metal sculptures by Ruffin Hobbs. Through April.

SOUTHERN VILLAGE

BLOOM Flowers and abstracts — Marcia DiMartino. Through April.

BAGWELL, HOLT, SMITH, TILLMAN & JONES, PA

Paintings by Cat Moleski — through April.

HILLSBOROUGH

HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS

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

PITTSBORO

CHATHAM COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Oil & Water — works by the Council's member artists. Through April.

FUSIONS ART AND FINE CRAFT GALLERY

Photography — local photographer Craig Greiner. Through April 30.

THE JOYFUL JEWEL

The Art & Story of Chasing — sterling, copper and brass jewelry by Darcy Szeremi. Through April.

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

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Grid for the Super Crossword puzzle with numbers indicating starting points for words.

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.

"Tar Heel Author"

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This week's answer appears on page 10.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 grid for the Weekly Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★★ HOO BOY!

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PETS OF THE WEEK



APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — Madra!

Do you have a big fenced-in backyard where I can spend nice days frolicking in the grass? Is the inside of your home a quiet retreat where I can curl up on a doggie bed without any worries? That would be the perfect place for me, a girl who probably spent the first years of her life living outside with not much interaction from humans. Because of this, I am still very timid, despite all the loving rubs and words my foster parents have been showering me with! But outside where I am most comfortable, I hop and bound and smile my bright beagle smile that will bring joy to your heart! My silky soft fur and long luscious ears are impossible not to stroke affectionately! I don't mind dogs or cats, and am right now living problem-free with 2 Chihuahuas, a pit bull, and 4 cats. I will be playful with doggie friends outside, but keep close to the human I trust most when inside the house. I would most likely bond faster with a female because I seem to be leery of men, but I never have shown any aggression, just my sweet & simple shyness. With time I should come out of my shell and show the world that this speckled girl can shine!! Come see me at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Fava Bean is here!

She is a 2-year-old gray and white kitty with the most beautiful, stunning green eyes. She's a sweet laid-back girl who is ready to find a new place to relax and call home! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 967-7383. You can also see her online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

Community Calendar

Special Events

Really Really Free Market — First Saturdays from 2:30-5:30pm. Town Commons. Come, swap, take!

N.C. Children's Hospital Benefit Concert with Vince Gill — 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology. \$50-\$100. Wed, Apr 30, 8pm. Memorial Hall, Cameron Ave, UNC Campus. 843-3333, carolinaperformingarts.org

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

ComedySportz — improv for the whole family. Saturdays, 7:30pm. \$12. DSI Comedy Theater, Carr Mill Mall, 338-8150 www.dsicomedytheater.com **This Saturday: \$2 from each ticket donated to the YMCA!**

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

Fourth Friday Studio Stroll — downtown Pittsboro artists open studio doors from 6-8pm, Apr 25. Demonstration at Side Street Gallery 6:30pm pittsboroshops.com

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

4th Annual Kids Walk — opportunity for children 14 & under to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Games, entertainment and refreshments included. Sat, May 3, 9-11am. Orange County Speedway, 9740 NC Highway 57, Rougemont, 27572. 563-0177, hillsboroughrelayforlife.com

Carrboro Day — 13th Annual Carrboro Day Celebration. Music, games, magic show, art, stuff for kids, poetry, gardening, history food and more. Town Hall Lawn, from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday, May 4.

Outdoor activities

Growing Green Earth Day Tour

— Tour the grounds and trails of the N.C. Botanical Garden and see the construction project for a green visitor center. Sat, Apr 26, 10am. Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

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

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

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

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

Kids

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

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

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

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

Volunteers

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

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

English as a Second Language Con-

versation Club — seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students Fridays from 11:30am-1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin St. 967-1448, harwellja@bellsouth.net.

Health & Wellness

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer — a bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center. 401-9333, cornucopiahouse.org.

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child — free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221chapelhillctf.org

Museums

Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows — science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. moreheadplanetarium.org.

Dance

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

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

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

Carrboro DanceJam — free-style dance to an eclectic mix of music. First Fridays. Balanced Movement Studio. 304 W Weaver St, upstairs. Smoke & alcohol free. Call 968-8776 for more info.

Lectures, Discussions & Open Mics

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

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

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

"Why We Garden" — A Conversation with Ken Moore. Sun, Apr 27, 2pm. Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro St, Chapel Hill. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Politics and Immigration — fourth lecture in the series "Immigration: Asking the Hard Questions." Co-sponsored by CHICLE. Sun, Apr 27, 4pm. FedEx Global Education Center, 301 Pittsboro St, UNC Campus. 933-0398, chicle.com

"Happier Endings: A Psychiatrist Looks at Choice in Dying" — 2pm, May 4. Dr. E James Lieberman will speak. Judea Reform Congregation. 967-5193.

Literary

The Gathering — discussion of Anne Enright's novel. 7pm Apr. 25. Carrboro Cybrary. Contemporary Fiction Book Club. New participants welcome.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time — discussion of the book by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver relin. Carrbororeaders Non-Fiction Book Club. 7pm May 22, Carrboro Cybrary.

Then She Found Me — May 28 at 7:00pm. Movie/Book Club meets to discuss *Then She Found Me* and the book it was based on by Elinor Lipman. See the movie, read the book, or both and you are invited. Carrboro Cybrary. 918-7387.

Films

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

Other

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

Seven Points of Mind Training — Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm. All are welcome. Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center, 35 Perkins Dr. 933-2138, piedmontktc.org

NOTICIAS EN BREVE

Día de salud para niños y familias

(Healthy Kids Day and Family Fest)

Disfruten de diferentes atracciones para toda la familia mientras aprenden sobre los recursos para la familia que ofrece el condado de Orange. Van a ver juegos y otras actividades para los niños. Este sábado el 26 de abril de 10am hasta 2pm en el Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, 980 Martin Luther King Jr, Blvd. Patrocinado por el Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA y el Orange County Partnership for Young Children. Llame al 442-YMCA para más información.

Padres prestan atención

Platica sobre el comportamiento del niño en lugares públicos. Martes, el 29 de abril de 8am hasta 9:30am en las oficinas de El futuro, 110 W. Main Street, Suite 2H, Carrboro. Van a ver bocadillos. Piden una colaboración de \$2. Llame al 338-1929 x504 ó x501 para más información.

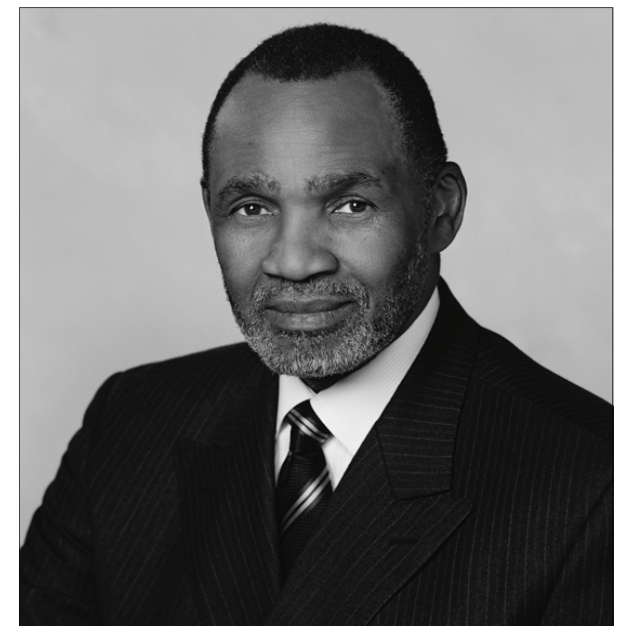
"Platicas para padres" Padres de niños chicos (menores de 5 años) pueden ir a las clases del programa "platicas para padres" para aprender y conversar sobre diferentes temas relacionados a la familia, por ejemplo los valores y la disciplina. Platiquen y aprenden con otros padres mientras sus niños participen en actividades educativas y divertidas. Todos los jueves de 5:30pm hasta 8:30pm en Carrboro Elementary. Van a ver cena. Para inscribirse y para más información, llame al 338-1939 x 504 ó x501 Patrocinado por El futuro y el Orange County Partnership for Young Children

Vota

Ciudadanos, ¡voten ahora! Lugares y horarios para votar por adelantado en Chapel Hill: Morehead Planetarium, de lunes a viernes, 8am hasta 5pm; Seymour Senior Center, de lunes a jueves de 12pm hasta 8pm. En Carrboro: Carrboro Town Hall, de lunes a viernes de 9 a.m. hasta 5 p.m. Todos los lugares estarán abiertos para votar de 9 a.m. hasta 1p.m. el sábado 3 de mayo, el cual es el último día para votar por adelantado. ¿No se ha registrado? Regístrese para votar y vote al mismo tiempo. Traiga identificación con foto y su dirección de domicilio actual para registrarse.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Wild weekend

Might as well just bring a tent and a sleeping bag to the Town Commons next weekend.

The sequence of events goes like this:

Friday, May 2 — Arcade Fire, Superchunk rock show and rally for Obama

Saturday, May 3 — Farmers' Market 30th Anniversary/First Really, Really Free Market of Spring

Sunday, May 4 — Carrboro Day

See what I mean?

If you're going to any of these events, please consider using the excellent alternative means of arriving. No telling how the turnout is going to affect traffic on any of the three days, but rest assured that the most foolish thing you could try is to head down Main Street at the height of it all. The blocks in front of Town Hall promise to be spilling over with pedestrians and bicyclists. So if you do not have to put a motorized vehicle into that mix, then don't. Remember also, there's a rescue squad and fire crew based on the street as well.

If you're coming from out of town, the best route (always) is to drop the car off at a park-and-ride and let the fine folks at Chapel Hill Transit chauffeur you in, free of charge.

You can check the schedules at the CHT website at www.townofchapelhill.org/transit for weekend times.

As for us locals, let's try to be patient with our neighbors and our guests. After all, we're gathering in the name of — respectively — democracy, local agriculture, sharing with others and our fair municipality.

So enjoy the heck out of the weekend. Listen to the music, get yourself some flowers or a tomato or five, give somebody something and celebrate your town in grand Carrboro style.

Thank goodness the following weekend we can all just kick back and enjoy a nice quiet Mother's Day and UNC graduation.

"In play"

Those are the words being used to describe North Carolina by pundits across the country after Hillary Clinton's win in the Pennsylvania primary. Anyone who kept an eye on the race for the delegates of that state knows that as it wound down, things got downright nasty. Accusations flew, ads got muddy and ABC debate viewers were witnesses to one of the most god-awful performances ever by our blow-dried press corps.

So kindly — to all the campaign types, the ardent supporters, the sharp-knifed surrogates and especially to all you giant egos in cable news — we offer this advice: Don't you bring that junk down here. It's weak, and doesn't do democracy one whit of good.

Sure, bring your "A" game to the Tar Heel state, but leave the trash talk at home.

Postponed

As you may notice, a flood of letters on the upcoming primary rolled into the office this week — items we feel obligated to print. So, with apologies, we're bumping a story on the effect of gas prices on the local economy until the primary dust has settled. In the meantime, if you have a story or anecdote to add about how prices have affected your business or non-profit, please email editor@carrborocitizen.com

Call for submissions

A reminder that we are seeking fiction and creative non-fiction works by local authors for to run in MILL, our monthly arts, music and literature publication. Stories should be between 500 and 600 words and should pretty much be suitable for the whole family. Send inquiries to editor@carrborocitizen.com

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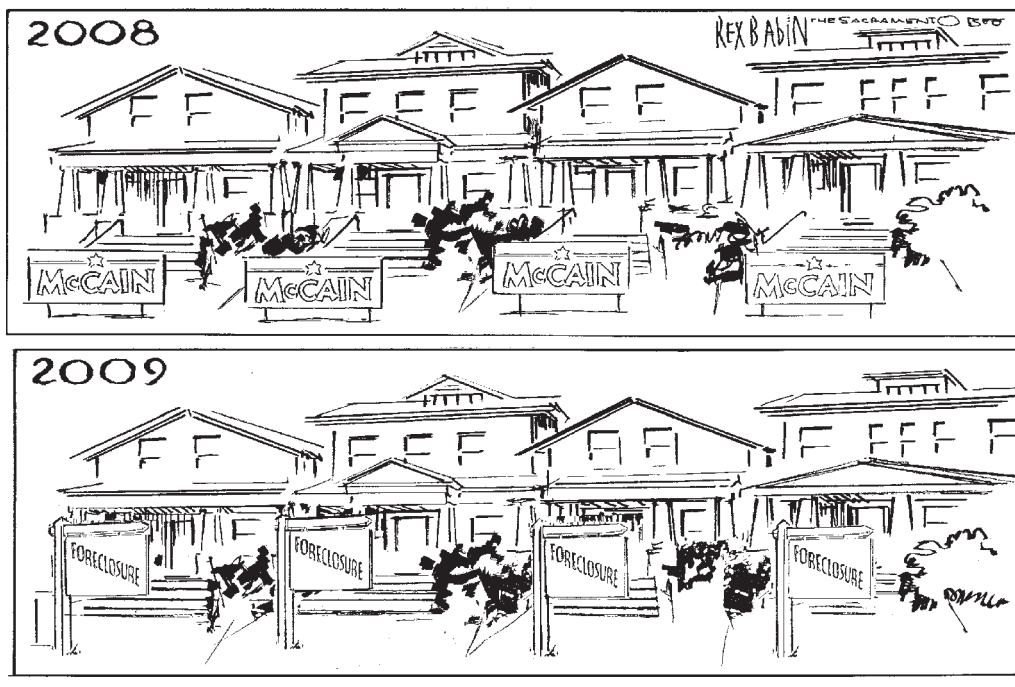
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County, schools need transfer tax

MIKE NELSON

I know. No one likes to have their taxes raised. Who would?

But sometimes a need is so great that raising a tax is an appropriate course of action. Here in Orange County, we have serious school and park needs. For example, Morris Grove Elementary School, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro system's newest school, hasn't even opened yet and already we're looking to start construction on the next elementary school. It's going to cost an estimated \$34 million to build elementary #11. Where's the money going to come from?

And in the Orange County School system, there are serious — very serious — renovation needs that demand solutions. About half of the OCS schools were built before 1970 and consequently they are in dire need of repairs — new HVAC systems, athletic facilities, roofs, etc. But where's the money going to come from?

On May 6, you will have an opportunity to help us answer that question by voting for the transfer tax referendum. Please take a few minutes to learn more about this referendum before going to vote. By now you've probably received umpteen dozen mailings from the Raleigh-based real estate lobby screeching about how the world as we know it is going to end if the transfer tax referendum passes on May 6. Worse, you've probably received a few robo-calls.

Wow. They're relentless. They're motivated. And they're wrong.

There are several points worth making. First, seven or eight counties in North Carolina already have a transfer tax: Dare, Pasquotank, Hyde and others in northeastern North Carolina. Contrary to the scare tactics currently being employed by the Raleigh-based real estate lobby, these county's have continued to grow and thrive. The tax hasn't squelched growth or caused hardship.

Rather, the transfer tax has allowed these counties to dramatically improve their schools. Dare County, for example, now has the highest per-pu-

pil expenditure of any county in North Carolina.

Second, if this referendum passes, Orange County government will be able to diversify our revenue stream. Currently, most of our money for schools, parks, conservation, recreation and what-not comes from the property tax you all pay annually. By having another source of revenue, we will be able to remove some of the burden from our property tax rate. Now, that would benefit all of us.

Third, unlike an increase in your property tax rate, which you'd have to pay every year, you pay the transfer tax only when you sell your home. For most of us, that's only once every five or 10 years, often longer. In that sense, this is a much easier tax to swallow.

When thinking about the possible effects of this tax, I think of retirees like my mother. My mother is a retired schoolteacher who lives on a fixed income. She and my father bought her house in 1972 for \$29,500. As you can imagine, it's increased in value many, many times over since then. When her county increases the property tax she pays annually, it hurts. Her fixed income just doesn't keep up with the increased taxes on an ever-more valuable home.

On the other hand, if her county passed a 0.4 percent transfer tax instead of raising her property tax rate, she'd be much better off. She'd only have to pay that tax when she sells her house. And given the profit she's going to make when she does sell, it's going to be a reasonably easy tax to pay.

Here's the bottom line. If the citizens of Orange County pass this referendum, the commissioners will be able to diversify our revenue stream and won't have to rely so heavily on the property tax. That will benefit retirees and other people of modest means.

For more information, check out www.your-choice-oc.com or www.4schools4parks.com/

Mike Nelson is former mayor of Carrboro and currently serves as an Orange County commissioner

Transfer tax irresponsible

BRIAN VOYCE

To present a balance in the editorials and letters on the upcoming vote on the local transfer tax, I present the following guest editorial.

Voting for the home equity/local land transfer tax rewards the financial incompetence of our politicians.

You say, "No, no, there's been no incompetence." Explain how Chapelboro schools need over TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS in capital spending over the next five years without you receiving strong warnings, years in advance. *Did you hear about this debt deluge two years ago? How about five years ago? No? Why not?*

Did you know that imbalanced residential growth in Orange County results in negative income for municipalities? Yes, every time a new front door opens, you go deeper into taxpayer-supported municipal debt.

Don't think so? Read the NC State report advising your county politicians of the net negative cost of imbalanced growth. Haven't heard about that report? Take that up with your local media. A few brave souls have spoken out publicly, your elected officials haven't.

Moreover, ask yourself these questions. *How'd we come up short by TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS for school building costs in the first place? Don't we have an impact fee? You might be surprised to find out that no one in county government is keeping a future capital cost balance sheet. Not one Orange County municipality requires a financial impact statement (municipal capital and operating costs) when making residential housing approvals.*

Think that the county impact fee covers the cost of school building? Wrong. Ask yourself this question. If another tax on your home equity will solve what the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners calls "a growing crisis" to fund building schools, then why has Currituck County (with a local home equity tax since 1985) recently asked for a TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLAR PER HOUSE impact fee, almost three times the Orange County impact fee?

As you dig, you find more questions. *How do county commissioners know the anticipated capital debt at any given time? Have they been reporting it to you? Why not? Why has that debate been missing from elections? Why are so many Orange County political luminaries for this tax on your*

home equity to pay for "schools and parks" (NOT TRUE, it's a discretionary slush fund) for which you didn't create the need, a tax that the county has done nothing to earn?

Local municipal financial controls are sad at best (hence the admitted "growing crisis"), but to be expected, considering our politicians' non-profit, tax-exempt backgrounds. Most Orange County politicians and board members have no practical experience in for-profit business accounting. *Need more money? Write a grant. Just raise tax rates. Problem solved.*

Who's getting the best deal out of this push to tax you? Why, renters and residential land developers.

Renters aren't subject to the home equity tax. Neither are their smart landlords. Carrboro is about two-thirds renters, who'll pay nothing. Landlords can sell the business owning title to their rental units, thereby avoiding any transfer tax.

Developers take their profits to the bank (the American way) while not paying for the capital municipal burden created by their profits (the North Carolina way).

That's why you're here. You're going to bail out Orange County leaders' financial incompetence. If they advocate enough propaganda along with their friends, you'll approve this local transfer tax. You'll bail them out with a Pavlovian response. If they just whisper in your ear, "schools" ... "parks" ... You'll do it even though it's NOT dedicated to schools and parks.

One last thing. Your politicians haven't told you that the local home equity tax is highly cyclical. When the economy turns down, so do transfer tax revenues. *Don't think so? Check out Dare County (another model county cited by your leaders). Its transfer tax revenues have more than halved in the recent economic downturn.*

I don't have a stake in the real estate industry. I do have one in responsible municipal government. If you ran your household like Orange County, you'd be bankrupt. They'd come and take your home away.

Don't reward financial incompetence. Make your leaders learn finance and impose full impact fees. Even with this tax, they'll dig the debt hole deeper again with more imbalanced growth.

Vote against the bailout local land transfer tax on your home equity.

Brian Voyce is a resident of The Highlands and was a candidate for Mayor Carrboro in 2007.

A week after primary day

CHRIS FITZSIMON

One week after North Carolina voters head to the polls in the May primary, the General Assembly will convene for its summer session. Lawmakers are likely to spend much of their time in Raleigh struggling to pass a budget based on lower revenue projections and balancing expectations about the session with their November general election campaigns.

The news about North Carolina's state budget is growing grimmer thanks to the national economy, though the state remains far better off than most. Many states are facing huge shortfalls and are considering major cuts to essential programs or tax increases or a combination of both.

But the end-of-the-year budget surplus in North Carolina that was once forecast to be as much as \$200 million may now be less than a tenth of that. The latest report from the economists at the General Assembly finds that revenues for the first nine months of the state's fiscal year are roughly \$20 million ahead of projections.

The fiscal staff is now considering a reduction in the projected revenue growth in next year's budget, which is far more than an academic exercise. The revenue growth provides the money that lawmakers use to fund increases in ongoing expenses, like teacher salary hikes; enrollment increases at public schools, universities and community colleges; and increases in the cost of health care programs like Medicaid.

The General Assembly is not passing a new budget this summer, just making adjustments to the two-year spending plan approved last session. The North Carolina Budget and Tax Center's analysis shows lawmakers begin the session with barely enough money to pay for things like enrollment increases that have to be funded and a modest two to three percent salary increase for teachers and state employees.

And that's only if revenue forecasts are not lowered, which now seems likely. That best-case scenario includes no new money in areas in which legislators and the public are demanding more investment: mental health and the probation and parole system.

Recent scandals in both areas have created strong support for more funding and higher pay for staff whose performance is directly tied to public safety and the lives of some of the state's most vulnerable people.

The 21st Century Transportation Committee is all but certain to recommend ending at least part of the annual \$172 million transfer from the Highway Trust Fund to the General Fund to free up money for transportation needs. This is not the year to do that, but all but one candidate for governor supports it.

Lawmakers will also face pressure from corporate lobbyists to have North Carolina track federal legislation that provides a bonus depreciation allowance for businesses that could cost the state between \$170 million and \$280 million. There goes the pay raise for teachers.

The Revenue Laws Study Commission is now considering a proposal that would allow the state to keep 85 percent of that revenue, but it will take legislation to do it. If lawmakers do nothing, the state tax code will also include the windfall for businesses, and the budget picture will be significantly worse.

Then there are the needs that lawmakers have either completely ignored or barely noticed during the recent years of budget surpluses. There are now 27,000 kids on a waiting list for a daycare subsidy to allow their mothers to go back to school or take a low-wage job. Two million people in the state face a housing crisis, living in substandard housing or a home they can't really afford.

Fifty million dollars a year in the Housing Trust Fund would build 6,000 housing units, create several thousand jobs and bring in as much as \$30 million in state and local revenue. The state has yet to provide the full funding to respond to the ruling in the Leandro lawsuit that established that every child has a constitutional right to a sound, basic education.

There are plenty of other compelling needs that lawmakers must consider how to meet with a shrinking state budget pie. It makes last year's decision to cut taxes on the state's 60,000 wealthiest taxpayers even more absurd.

Economists will have a much clearer view of both this year's surplus, if any, and the projections for next year's revenue growth at the end of this month, when April's tax collections figures are final.

But no matter what those April figures show, this will be a challenging summer on Jones Street. The question is a familiar one. Will the people least able to pay be once again forced to bear the brunt of tough budget times?

Chris Fitzsimon is the director of NC Policy watch.

For Ellie Kinnaird

The root cause of many of our problems is too much big money in politics. Fortunately, the best example of campaign finance reform is right in our midst. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird has never taken corporate PAC money and limits individual contributions to maintain her independence. She has consistently run her campaigns on small contributions from her constituents.

In her first campaign for the Senate, Ellie's limit was \$100, unheard of in such a race. I thought it was suicide. But she won through grassroots campaigning in every corner of her district. Now her limit is \$250, which is still low. And has still won, even against well-funded opponents. We need more, not less of this.

Ellie's independence allows her to vote her conscience and that of her constituents. Early on, she voted against the state budget because it didn't fund needed priorities. Such stands are not popular with the leadership, and she paid a price for it. Could she have taken such stands had her campaigns been funded from Raleigh or beyond? Not likely.

A recent attack ad failed to take into account Ellie's role in campaign finance reform or the value of her acting on conscience. It went so far as to single her out for the mental health reform. But that debacle originated with the administration, found its chief sponsor in the House and was adopted by the leadership. It charged both that she had little influence and should have stepped it. That doesn't make sense.

Join me in voting for Ellie Kinnaird for Senate on (or before) May 6th.

ALLEN SPALT
Carrboro

For Nelo Jones

As an Orange County commissioner, Nelo Barbee Jones will work hard to assure that all voices are heard and considered before making policy decisions. Nelo earned both her B.A. and M.A. at UNC. She has spent her career as an educator and is committed to ensuring the best possible education for our children without merging our school districts.

Nelo's family roots are in Orange County. She is committed to maintaining our quality of life and affordability for current and future county residents. She will work for responsible economic development that supports Orange County's goal of developing

sustainable communities. Find out more about Nelo at www.nelooforcommissioner.org.

SHARON COOK
Carrboro

Bernadette Pelissier

I encourage Orange County Democrats to support Bernadette Pelissier for county commissioner. Growth and water are the two biggest issues Orange County will face over the next four years. As a member of the county's Planning Board and former chair of the OWASA Board, Bernadette has a great deal of experience in handling these issues. I am confident that as a longtime leader in the local Sierra Club, she will put the environment in the forefront as our county evolves. If you want a candidate with the right values and experience, support Bernadette Pelissier for the at-large seat in the Democratic primary.

TOM JENSEN
Chapel Hill

For the transfer tax

With Orange County growing so fast, it seems we need new schools every time we turn around. Somehow we have to pay for educating these new children, who are our future. Counties have very few options in paying for schools. Mostly, they rely on the property tax. Every property owner has to pay this tax every year whether or not they are contributing to the growth.

With the option of the land transfer tax, part of the burden for new schools would be born by those buying and selling property, residential and commercial. Much of that activity is directly tied to growth. A small tax on sales will help reduce dependence on the property tax.

Opposition to the transfer tax is organized by real estate interests outside Orange County that have contributed buckets of money.

Support for the proposition is from real Orange County citizens, including many current and former local officials who have struggled with these questions.

I don't want outsiders telling me how we should fund our schools. I'm voting FOR the land transfer tax and urge you to as well.

SUSAN W. SPALT
Carrboro

Support Leo Allison

The Orange County commissioners race this year includes seats for several districts. One of the reasons we changed to

district representatives was to ensure that all parts of the county were represented by their own community representatives. I am thrilled and honored to support Leo Allison for county commissioner in District 2.

I met Leo Allison when we worked together on the Orange County Planning Board. Leo Allison is the quiet-spoken person to whom everyone listens, the one who is always there first and always prepared, who stays to the end and helps clean up. I was truly impressed with his knowledge of planning and development, schools and local issues, and his ability to get to the heart of an issue and tirelessly build a consensus for action. When I learned more about who he was, it seemed to me that Leo Allison was one of those rare folks who are sometimes described as "born to public service."

Leo was born and raised in Efland to a hardworking farm family. He met and married his wife while both served as schoolteachers; they have been married for 53 years. After teaching, Leo worked for 34 years at IBM as a quality control manager, with responsibility for a \$15 million dollar budget and a large staff. After he retired, he spent the last 15 years giving of his time and talents to Orange County through public service, serving on 11 different public and private boards, a service that he continues today. He currently serves as a member of the Orange County ABC Board, Orange-Alamance Water Systems Board, Friends of the Central Orange Senior Center Board, the Sportsplex Task Force and Legal Aid of North Carolina Clients Council Board.

Leo Allison is a man whose character and conduct demonstrate proven leadership, dedication to public service and community and thoughtful decision-making. Leo has pledged to encourage business and manufacturing in the economic district to increase the business tax base and lessen individual property owners' tax burdens; to attract more jobs for Orange County; to improve the quality of our schools, increase graduation rates, make sure that all schools receive the same funding; to protect and promote sustainable farming; and to expand recreational facilities and programs for all age groups in Orange County. I trust Leo Allison to continue to serve us as he always has done in a fair and balanced way with honor and vision. I hope members of

District 2 will join those of us who support this humble public servant and vote for Leo Allison for District 2 Orange County commissioner on May 6.

LYNNE HOLTkamp
Mebane

Worth supporting

I am writing in support of both the land transfer tax being proposed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the candidacy of Bernadette Pelissier for Orange County commissioner at-large.

The transfer tax will enable property owners to enjoy increases in their property value as long as they own it without having to pay additional yearly property taxes, and payment of the tax is delayed until the property is sold, when the owner will receive revenue. The Citizens for a Better Orange County, a group led by local realtor Mark Zimmerman, argues that the tax unfairly targets senior citizens and low-income residents. Contrary to their argument, this tax will provide needed relief to these two groups who are more likely to be on fixed or non-discretionary incomes. Allowing the county to mitigate necessary increases in the yearly ad valorem property taxes, the transfer tax will provide necessary relief to these citizens during these economically challenging times. The slick, well-financed effort to defeat the transfer tax is being led by realtors who are more interested in protecting their commissions than in helping the citizens of Orange County.

Bernadette has demonstrated an interest in serving the citizens of Orange County over many years. She has served on the board of OWASA, including a stint as its chair. She is currently on the Orange County Planning Board and Commission for the Environment and has served Orange County well as one of its representatives to the Special Transit Advisory Commission (STAC), which is developing a plan for regional transit. She has served as chair of the Orange Chatham Sierra Club and has been on the Shaping Orange County Future Task Force, the Carolina North Leadership Advisory Committee and the Community Leadership Collaboration. Bernadette is a strong supporter of local economic growth, educational resources for all individuals, affordable housing for all income levels, protection of our environment and growth supported by our available water resources. She is a passionate and well-spoken advocate for these and many

other issues.

Please join me in both approving the transfer tax, allowing Orange County to grow while minimizing the burden of growth on our senior and low-income citizens, and in allowing Bernadette Pelissier to continue her years of service to the citizens of Orange County by supporting her for commissioner-at-large.

GEORGE J. CIANCIOLO
Chapel Hill

For transfer tax

No one likes to pay taxes. Our elected officials have to do more to balance residential, commercial and office development and aim for revenue-positive development. And we all need to do a better job deciding between "must haves" and "nice to have."

At the same time, it's inevitable, given what the schools and other public services need, that additional revenues are required. The choice before us is not "tax or no tax," but which tax. Opposition to the transfer tax will not stop or slow growth. Instead, we will get deteriorating public services and higher property taxes and/or sales taxes. From a commercial and economic development viewpoint, those are worse forms of taxation. With the reality now of higher prices and economic slowdown, both cut into consumer spending. And property tax rates are something that companies look at when making decisions about relocating to Orange County. The transfer tax is also the best from an equity standpoint. Because it is paid out of the proceeds of a house sale and not out of paychecks and pensions, it is the tax with the least impact on low-wage earners, the poor and those with fixed incomes.

For once, commercial interests, social justice and plain old common sense say the same thing: a transfer tax is the better choice.

PHYLLIS POMERANTZ
Chapel Hill

Kinnaird fantastic

Ellie Kinnaird is the type of public servant we all aspire to be. I can think of few others who care so genuinely about their fellow citizens and work so tirelessly on their behalf. Her work in the state Senate has brought real benefits to Orange and Person counties, and to all the people of North Carolina.

Ellie's steadfast support for a fairer justice system, a cleaner environment and a stronger university have led to progress on all counts.

She truly affects how people feel about ideas that will make North Carolina a better place – and she has affected the Senate, and all of us who serve there, in an incredibly positive way.

In other words, Ellie is nothing short of fantastic – not just as a state Senator, but as a citizen of our great state. She is an effective and valued member of the Senate, she is a respected and admired voice in our Legislature and she is always going the extra mile for her constituents.

I am sure that the people of Orange and Person counties are proud to have Ellie Kinnaird as their senator, just as I am proud to serve in the Senate with her.

MARC BASNIGHT
Manteo

Basnight is president pro tem of the North Carolina Senate.

Support Kinnaird

Ellie Kinnaird has been a relentless champion in the state Senate for social justice, the environment and issues of clean government. She is often referred to as the moral compass in the state Senate.

What students and newer residents to our community do not know is that as an activist and then as mayor of Carrboro, she is responsible for a lot of the things people love about Carrboro today, such as: the bike paths; preservation of Carr Mill Mall; the Town Commons, which she pushed in order to have a permanent home for a farmers' market; and the revolving-door loan for downtown, which helped establish many of the keystone businesses in downtown Carrboro.

I hope people will join me in re-electing this visionary politician.

GREG GANGI
Chapel Hill

Thanks Price, Watt

We want to thank Reps. David Price and Mel Watt for their endorsements of Barack Obama, the clear choice for the Democratic nomination.

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ERIK OSE
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And Teacher Of The Year Goes To... MR. DONALDSON!

by Felipe Labrada

Mr. Donaldson enjoyed a Valentine's bouquet of yellow roses a month later than expected when Principal Thomas announced that the English teacher was the school's first ever Teacher of the Year.

Students, parents and teachers nominated six candidates, and out of those nominees the CHS staff selected Donaldson through secret ballots. Mr. Donaldson's colleagues said they chose him because "when called upon to serve, Mr. Donaldson does not hesitate to volunteer for initiatives that will move Carrboro High School forward."

"Mr. Donaldson is one of the best teachers with whom I have ever had the pleasure of working," added another teacher.

Mr. Donaldson said he was very humbled by the honor.

"I knew he would win. The first day I talked to him I knew he was a very good teacher," said Simon Stiffler, one of his students.

"It's good Mr. Donaldson was chosen because it shows that he is appreciated for what he does," Britney Foushee said.



Mr. Donaldson assists juniors Chuck Beck and Mike Filippini.

Mr. Donaldson received his undergraduate degree from UNC-Asheville where he was a teaching fellow. Being a teaching fellow is a great honor given to the most promising future teachers. As a teaching fellow, Mr. Donaldson's college education was paid for as long as he gave back to the state by teaching at any North Carolina school for four years.

Mr. Donaldson enjoys "the process of learning, seeing students learn, serving as a light bulb of inspiration."

He started teaching in the fall of 2000 at East Chapel Hill High and decided to come to CHS because "it's always nice to be on the ground floor as a new school comes together."

On May 8, Mr. Donaldson and his fellow Teacher of the Year winners will be honored at a reception banquet at the Carolina Inn. On May 29, the school district will have a recognition banquet at the Carolina Club where the winner will receive a monetary award.

Six CHS Stars Win Spots At Governor's School

by Lauren Flewelling

Of the 800 students who will attend Governor's School, six (from left to right) — Schuyler Kylstra, natural science; Cassie McMillan, social science; Ian Thomas, art; Jamie Luca, art; Aidan Burns-Fulkerson, natural science; and Kenneth Jjombwe,

drama — will represent Carrboro High. By nomination only, Governor's School is a summer program for artistically and academically gifted high school students. We congratulate these students and wish them a wonderful experience this summer!



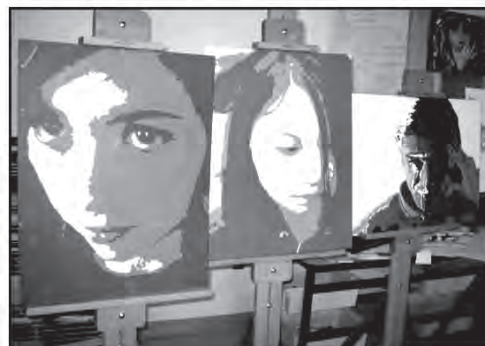
21st-Century Frida Kahlos

by Lavanya Rao

Drawing and painting students used a synthesis of digital and traditional art techniques to design self portraits. Mrs. Sylvestre photographed her students and exaggerated the color tones of each picture in Photoshop. Students then projected the edited photos onto canvases to paint. Some of these portraits are on display at Lincoln Center for public viewing.



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A monthly selection of news from the Jagwire, the Carrboro High School student newspaper.

Coming to America — German Style

by Sarah Willets

"I thought [America] would be full of crazy, fat people who like George W. Bush and want to kick Muslims' asses."

Luckily this is not what Julian Volland and the two other German exchange students, Caroline Dillmann and Christian Frysch, visiting Carrboro High School encountered once they arrived in the area on March 14.

Dillmann, Frysch and Volland came to the U.S. through an exchange program at their school in Germany.

The program also offers trips to France and Denmark, but according to Frysch, "[The U.S.] is better than Denmark." Dillmann added that "[America] is a nice country" that would give them the chance to "practice English speaking skillz."

For the past few weeks, the exchange students have lived with and shadowed their hosts at CHS. They have also toured downtown Chapel Hill and taken a trip to Southpoint.

Volland found that school and food are the biggest differences between Germany and the U.S. because "[the U.S. has] more fast food" and American students are assigned significantly more homework than German students are.

While Frysch commented on the drinking age (three to five years higher than Germany's), Dillmann saw transportation as the starkest difference between the two

countries. German teenagers use "buses, bikes or parents" to get around, while many a Carrboro youth has a driver's license.

As a huge basketball fan, Volland enjoyed being in Carrboro amidst all the March Madness and resents his home country for televising soccer instead of his favorite sport.

Frysch enjoyed attending a Badfish concert with junior Andre Schmidt at Cat's Cradle.

Dillmann really wanted "to try American McDonald's" before heading home and has found that not nearly as many Americans like President Bush as she had expected.

While each was excited to get back to Germany, the challenge of speaking English every day did not manage to fry their brains. "It's not that hard. If you don't know a word, you can just ask someone," said Volland.

"When your brain starts thinking in English, it's a funny thing," Frysch added.

On April 5 Frysch, Volland and Dillmann returned to Germany, and this summer, their hosts, juniors Colby Isabel, Ben Palmer and Natalie Hoge will head to Germany.

"Having a German was an exciting and different experience. Seeing all the fun Christian had here, it makes me even more eager to spend three weeks in Germany this summer," said Isabel.

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L&T Briefs

Tour success

Last weekend's Piedmont Farm Tour brought as many as 10,000 visits to local farms. The tour, sponsored by Weaver Street Market and the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, is the largest of its kind in the nation. The farm tour put 35 farms in five counties on display to carloads of "locavores" — local food eaters — to see the origins of their delights and learn about sustainable farming practices.

"Some of the world's leading sustainable farmers are growing food for the Piedmont community," said Roland McReynolds, CFSA executive director.

The tour is an educational event and fundraiser for CFSA, a 26-year-old nonprofit organization that educates and organizes farmers and consumers to build a sustainable food system for the Carolinas.

Market anniversary

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Saturday, May 3 at 7 a.m. at the Town Commons.

Every time a market shopper buys from a vendor, they'll get a ticket to enter into a drawing of prizes donated by local businesses. Live music is planned and special t-shirts will be for sale.

Local food challenge

The Carolina Farm Stewardship Association has launched a new, searchable food guide on carolinainalocalfood.org. Visitors to the website can find local farms, markets and other information about local food in North and South Carolina. Farmers and businesses may add their own listings.

Along with the guide, CFSA has begun a campaign called the "Eat Carolina Food Challenge." Participants agree that they will eat only food produced in North or South Carolina for the week of July 7-13. Entrants will blog about the experience and a winner will receive free admission to CFSA's 23rd Sustainable Agriculture Conference in late October.

Green home tour

On May 3 and 4, the Homebuilders Association of Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties will host its third annual Green Homes Tour, a self-guided tour of about 40 homes built with energy efficiency and environmental responsibility in mind. Participants may see what local builders are incorporating in the pursuit of sustainability. The tour lasts from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

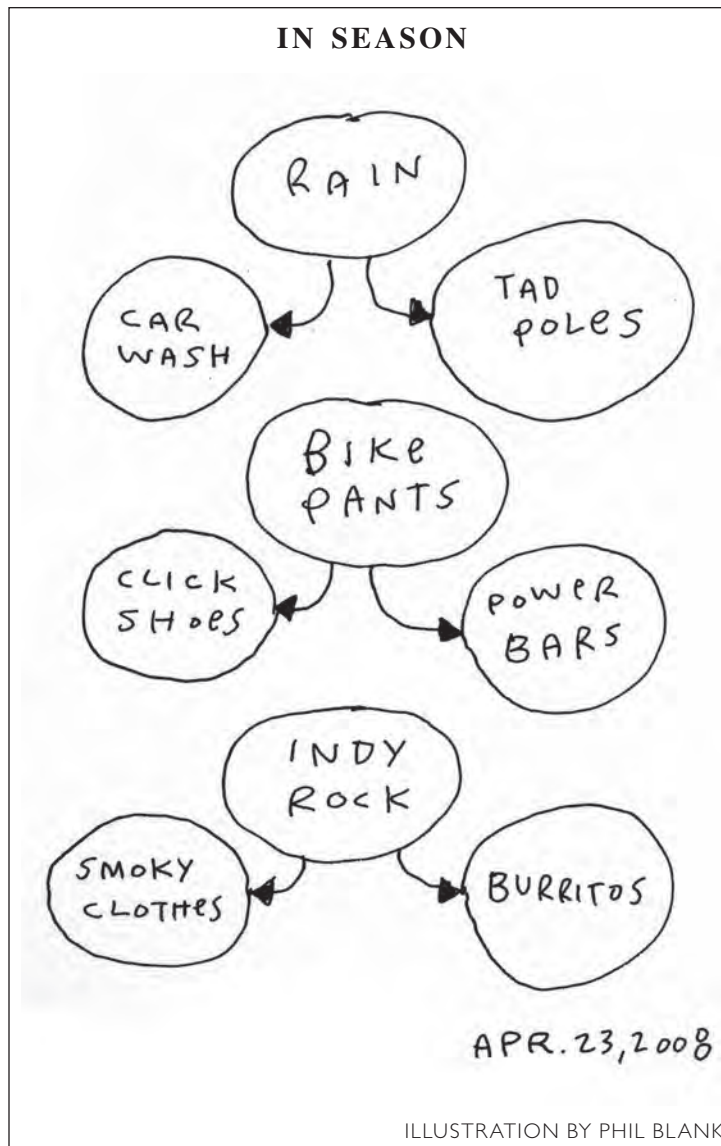
The weekend includes a kickoff event at the NC Biotechnology Center in Research Triangle Park, with speaker Larry Shirley and others. The event lasts from 9 a.m. to around noon. For more information on the tour, see www.hbadoc.com.

On-farm potluck

The Slow Food Triangle convivium will host a potluck supper at Peregrine Farm on Sunday, May 18 from 4 p.m. until dark.

Dishes should be made to serve at least eight and from mainly (or all) local ingredients. Anyone wanting to attend is asked to RSVP by May 11 via the website at www.slowfoodtriangle.org.

IN SEASON



Remember Ned, our cover goat from this month's MILL magazine? Ned was the beloved childhood pet of painter Nathalie Worthington, one of 26 local artists whose work is on display at Panzarella in conjunction with the recent Piedmont Farm Tour. A reception for the artists will be held Monday, April 28 at Panzarella from 5:30-7 p.m.

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Sweet Potato and Sausage Soup

Recipe Provided by: **SARA FULLER**

- 2 T extra virgin olive oil
- 1 10-11 oz. smoked turkey sausage, cut into 1/4" thick slices
- * medium onions, chopped
- 3T fresh garlic chives, chopped
- 2 lbs red-skinned sweet potatoes, peeled and quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/4" thick slices
- 1 lb white-skinned potatoes, peeled and quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/4" thick slices
- 1 cup dark beer
- 1 cup water
- 4 cups vegetable stock (we used stock leftover from blanching broccoli)
- 6-8 oz. turnip greens, kale, or spinach

Don't like sausage? You don't know what you're missing! But if you insist, try this dish sans meat. It'll be nearly as delicious! Heat 2T oil in large heavy pot over med-high heat. Add sausage. Cook until brown, stirring often, about 8-10 min. Transfer sausage to plate to drain. Add onions and garlic chives to pot. Cook until onions are translucent, about 5 minutes. Garlic chives will darken, be careful not to burn. Add all the potatoes and cook until they begin to soften, stirring often. About 12-15 min. Add broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to med-low, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Potatoes should be soft at this point. Use a potato masher to mash potatoes while in the pot. Add cooked sausage to soup. Stir in turnip greens and simmer for 5 more minutes, until wilted. Season with salt and pepper.

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CARRBORO DAY
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Another addition to Carrboro Day, which is run by volunteers, is a new volunteer squad – the Carrboro High School football team.

“I’ve got the Carrboro High Jaguars, wearing their purple jerseys, volunteering all over the place all afternoon,” DeVine said. “They’ll do everything.”

DeVine said the main stage in front of Carrboro Town Hall is “booked solid with live music,” but participants can enjoy other displays and activities

throughout the festival as well.

There will be a variety of family games, including relay races and a balloon toss. In addition, Mother Goose will make a special appearance and magician Joshua Lozoff will perform. Kids can also make crafts on the Town Commons.

Several town departments and organizations, including the Carrboro Fire Department, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority and Public Works, will have informational displays.

Behind Town Hall, the Animal Protection Society Drill Team – a group of trained dogs – will perform a choreographed maneuver.

“They show off,” DeVine said. “They’re very well-trained dogs who know how to march.”

Inside Town Hall, local poets will give a poetry reading, and a special ceremony will recognize the winners of this year’s youth poetry contest.

Although DeVine said she hopes for clear skies, Carrboro Day will go on regardless of gloomy weather. If it rains, the entire event, with a few exceptions, will move into the Carrboro Century Center.

For a complete list of Carrboro Day events, see the Carrboro Day schedule box.



Carrboro Day 2007

Obituaries

Christine H. Culbreth

Mrs. Christine H. Culbreth passed away Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Carol Woods Retirement Community where she lived for many years.

Mrs. Culbreth was born in Kinston, NC. She graduated from Louisburg Junior College in Louisburg NC, and Scarritt College in Nashville, TN, where she earned her BA degree. Although she had been accepted into the graduate school she elected to work in Raleigh to be closer to Chapel Hill.

She was a charter member and former president of the Oakview Garden Club, which presented her with a North Carolina Life Membership. She was a National Accredited Flower Show Judge, and a member of the Chapel Hill Garden Club, Chapel Hill Preservation Society and National Flower Show Judges. She was a volunteer at UNC Hospitals. She has been a faithful member of the University United Methodist Church since 1937 and served in many capacities there.

Mrs. Culbreth married Grey Culbreth in 1937 and has lived in Chapel Hill since that time. She and Grey were active in many organizations in Chapel Hill and volunteered many years of service in the area. She was a University of North Carolina employee for nineteen years.

She was a loving and caring mother and grandmother. She will be missed by her family and many friends who will remember her by her faith, love of life, devotion to others, love of Carolina sports and especially her wonderful smile.

She is survived by daughter, Susan C. Blackburn, and her husband Glenn of Dataw Island, SC; son, Michael L. Culbreth and his wife Betty, of Winston-Salem, NC; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is also survived by Marie Horton of Kinston, NC; Muriel Horton of Rocky Mount, NC; Mr. and Mrs. William Culbreth of Stedman, NC; Mrs. Stanley Culbreth, Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, and Mrs. Tom Newby of Greensboro, NC; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Blackburn and Mr. and Mrs. Brad Deicas of Richmond, VA; nieces and nephews, Ray Roberts of Pooler, GA and Dono Hulsker of Hilversum, The Netherlands. Mrs. Culbreth was preceded in death by her husband, Grey Culbreth, and daughter Patricia C. Deane.

The memorial service and reception to celebrate her life was held Monday, April 21, 2008 at the Carol Woods Assembly Hall.

Contributions can be made in Mrs. Culbreth’s memory to the library of Grey Culbreth Middle School, 225 Culbreth Road, Chapel Hill NC, 27516.

Jeanclaire Doerschuk

Jeanclaire Doerschuk, age 83, passed away Sunday, April 20, 2008. Beloved wife of Albert P. (deceased); dear mother of Claire M., Peter C., David O. (wife Peggy I.) and John A. (wife Karen); grandmother of Ethan A. and Kaitlynn M.

Private services. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Activities Department at Britthaven of Chapel Hill, 1716 Legion Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, or to the Lighthouse Program at Harborview Healthcare, 3800 Park East Dr, Beachwood, OH 44122.

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Election Briefs

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Tickets are free but they have to be picked up, starting today (Thursday) at locations that include: Balloons and Tunes on W. Main Street in Carrboro or at the Morehead Planetarium on E. Franklin Street. Tickets are given on a first-come, first-serve basis, and only one is allowed per person. Parking is very limited. More information at www.nc.barackobama.com.

Chatham Dem commissioner talk

The five Democratic candidates for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners will speak at a meeting on April 27 at 3 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro.

Patrick Barnes and Sally Kost are the Democratic candidates for the District 1 seat. Mike Cross, Armentha Davis and Jeffrey Starkweather are the Democratic candidates for the District 2 seat. Barnes and Cross are incumbents.

The meeting, hosted by the Chatham County Democratic Women, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Barb Alotis at bjalotis@nc.rr.com or visit the CCDW website at www.ccdwhome.org.

Tax talk

The League of Women Voters will hold a public information session on the land transfer tax referendum on the May ballot on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the F. Gordon Battle Courtroom in Hillsborough.

The session will include a presentation about what a land transfer tax is and how it would work. Speakers on both sides of the issue will provide an overview from their perspective and audience members will be able to ask questions.

For more information, visit www.yourchoice-oc.com.

Tax information website

A website has been created to provide information on the proposed Orange County land transfer tax.

The website, www.yourchoice-oc.com, was developed by Ballen Media for Orange County. It provides historical information, legislation and financial projections, as well as links to perspectives from both sides of the issue.

In addition, the site provides contact information for those with additional questions.

Early voting continues

Early voting started Thursday, April 17 for the May 6 election and will continue until Saturday, May 3. Registered voters can vote at the sites. Unregistered but eligible voters can ask for same day registration at early-voting sites with identification showing their name and current address. Doing this means that you can only vote at the early-voting site. Registered voters can change registration information, but not party affiliation.

Vote early in Carrboro at the town hall and in Chapel Hill at the Morehead Planetarium, the Robert and Pearl Seymour Senior Center and the Board of Elections office in Hillsborough.

Times and more information: www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/

Voting demonstration

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

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



CAMPAIGN
FROM PAGE 1

For Kinnaird, who as Carrboro mayor and state senator has won 10 elections in a row, it was a rare political gaff. And though it may have put her in the most competitive race since her razor-thin victory over Sen. Howard Lee in 2000, she is an able campaigner.

So is her opponent. Carey, who has won six straight countywide elections himself, says he's been lining up support not just among those who've pulled for him in the past, but also among voters in Roxboro and other parts of Person County. In an interview this week with *The Citizen*, Carey said the presidential primary has a number of people coming to events who are new to the community — or at least to local politics.

"People are getting excited," Carey said of this year's primary. "It's evident by the number of people new to the community who are getting involved."

With a well-known opponent and a new county to work, Carey's strategy was to start running early and to focus on his experience not just as a longtime commissioner, but also as CEO of Piedmont Health Services, a job he retired from in 2004. On the stump, he's pushed his experience as both a businessman and an expert in health care issues.

The major difference between himself and his opponent, he said, "is the expertise I bring to the table."

"It's a lot different when you've run a business. There were 100 people [at Piedmont] when I started and 200 when I left," he said. Because of that, Carey said, he believes he'll have the ear of his fellow legislators should he be elected.

"The key thing in the Legislature is credibility on the issues," he said.

Kinnaird said she, too, is running on her wealth of experience



— experience in working to keep issues important to Orange County on the front burner in Raleigh. She cites her work in getting a death penalty moratorium along with her ongoing work to reform juvenile justice as two areas where she has led in a Senate that is by many measures far to the right of Orange County politics.

Because of that emphasis, Kinnaird said, an ad for her opponent by former Orange Democratic Party chair Barry Katz, which called her ineffective, really stung.

Partly in response, Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, the longtime leader of the Senate and arguably one of the most powerful politicians in the state, sent out a letter of support this week calling Kinnaird "nothing short of fantastic" and saying she is "a respected and admired voice in our legislature." (see letter to the editor page 7).

Kinnaird said Basnight and other members of the Senate leadership personally encouraged her to run again saying her influence and willingness to raise progressive issues is an important part of keeping the Legislature in balance.

"He said it's important because I bring up the issues very few others do," Kinnaird said.

That differs a bit from her first few years in the chamber, when

after voting against the Democratic-crafted state budget because of social services cuts, she found herself without a committee chairmanship for a year. Kinnaird said Katz's charge that by now she should be more influential rings hollow in part because she has since chaired a number of committees, including the Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, which oversees the third-largest part of the state budget, and in part because getting progressive issues through the Legislature is not simply a case of swinging around one's clout.

"It takes knowing how the system works," she said.

Person County battle

Both candidates have been spending plenty of time north of the Orange County line. Carey, who says the Orange County race could be "tight," hopes to tap into restive voters in Person.

People there, he said, "are ready for a change."

He made the pitch to them that he'll be effective in trying to help that county recover from last year's closing of the Collins and Aiken plant, which resulted in the loss of more than 1,100 jobs. Economic development and finding ways to improve the quality of schools, Carey said, are the main things on the minds of Person voters.

Kinnaird said she's spent at least one day a week in Person County

since the county was added to her district in 2004. Economic development, she said, is a key issue there, with a longtime push for widening U.S. 501 being the lynchpin to many in the county.

"I feel like I have a good connection with the county," she said. The Legislature has been open to the widening, she said, which would eliminate the highway's two-lane stretch between Roxboro and the Virginia border. She's pledged to work hard to convey the need to the state Department of Transportation, which has not been supportive of the project.

Home stretch

Both candidates are keeping hectic schedules, especially with early voting already in full swing.

Kinnaird said that for the next couple of weeks she'll continue to remind voters of her experience and ability to move legislation. If returned to Raleigh, she said, she'll make fixing the mental health crisis a top priority. She also wants the state to pursue a fairer deal for state workers, including exploring collective bargaining for state employees. And with state revenue projects dropping like a stone in recent weeks, much of the battle in Raleigh, she said, could be defensive — making sure vital programs don't get cut.

Carey said that in addition to making the rounds of forums, meetings and campaign events, his next few weeks will include getting more volunteers assembled to work the early-voting polling places, reminding voters that there's more to this year's primary than the presidential preference.

"We want to make sure people vote the whole ballot," he said.

He'll also continue to get his ads and flyers in front of voters. "We're going to step up our visibility in the media."

On the Web:
Carey For Senate
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elliekinnaird.org/

TAX
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Erik Gustafson (R) helps Danny Ferguson prepare his private documents for shredding. Gustafson and other members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at UNC joined volunteers from the Chapel Hill Police, Communities in Schools and the North Carolina Attorney General's office at the Shred-A-Thon at University Mall on Tuesday. By 11:45 a.m., a truckload of over 10,000 lbs. of documents had been shredded. The next shred-a-thons are Saturday, May 3 at the Eubanks Road Park-and-Ride Lot in Chapel Hill and Saturday, May 10 at Orange High School Parking Lot in Hillsborough. All events are from 10a.m. to 2p.m.

Kirschner said he also did not think the schools were adequately funded.

Broun shot back, saying, "But Bob you cannot pay for it with a wish."

In other action, the board reviewed several proposals to alter its selection and training process for advisory board members.

Among the issues was whether a newly adopted system that has advisory board chairs making recommendations to new members was working.

Several board members wanted to make sure that any changes would not result in a system that reduces the diversity of views on the boards.

Broun said it is important that the board of aldermen appoint people who they don't necessarily agree with.

"There need to be some intellectual clashes on the advisory boards," Broun said.

Mayor Mark Chilton agreed, recalling the opposition to appointing Sharon Cook, a resident of The Highlands, to the planning board — an effort the board overruled.

Gist said the town relies on the board of aldermen to sometimes make uncomfortable decisions.

"We need people who disagree with us," she said. She noted that Abraham Lincoln made an effort to surround himself with people who did not agree with him.

"The guy we've got in there now doesn't do that," she added. "There was a difference in their presidencies."

Also on Tuesday, the board heard a presentation as part of a public hearing on changing building rules for day-care centers in the town's Village Mixed Use zone. The proposed changes are the result of an effort by developers at Winmore to add a day-care center.

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WATER WATCH

★ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23** ★

LAKE LEVELS

UNIVERSITY LAKE: 0' 1.25" below full
CANE CREEK RESERVOIR: 6' 10.5" below full

PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH

JONES FERRY WATER TREATMENT PLANT: 4.11"
CANE CREEK RESERVOIR: 3.85"

CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND

Past 7 days (average): 6.704 million gallons
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FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

At one point, she disappeared into the house, returning quickly with a wire coat hanger, which she pulled into a squarish circle and tossed across the yard. She instructed us to follow and gaze into her magic "Door to Nature."

"Let's see how many things we can find," she said, and we all knelt down to peer into that magic round door on the ground. During the next several minutes, back and forth across the yard, we discovered a great many tiny flowers, leaf shapes and crawling critters.

At one "door," she proceeded to poke down through the leaf litter, describing decomposing leaves as she went. She invited us to imagine what year each leaf had fallen.

"See this one? That fell last year. And down here is a piece of leaf that goes back to 2004 or maybe even 2003."

Flora's "Door to Nature" is a magical way to take a closer look!



PHOTO BY EVELYN GREENE
 Flora making a discovery in her "Door to Nature"

We visited many special places in Flora's outdoor world. I particularly remember one for which her expression was most joyous. It was

a small evergreen magnolia hiding a round stepping stone from which she launched herself upward.

"See; you can climb it."

All children deserve a tree to climb.

I have reflected a good bit on that walk with Flora. She is so fortunate that her mom and dad introduced her to nature early in life. Older now and in school, she is being challenged by the expectations and limitations of our human prejudiced world. Flora, who explained that she wants to be a microbiologist, is wonderfully creative and still filled with wonder, so obviously nurtured by her years of play and discovery outdoors. I suspect that she will relocate more than McDonald's into her magical outdoors environment.

If you have or know some children, take them outdoors, often, and encourage them to wonder and discover. And don't think having a sense of wonder is just for kids. Get yourself outdoors and look into your own "Door to Nature!"

WHY WE GARDEN



A Conversation with Ken Moore

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