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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Autumn olive is an 'Ill-natured Agnes'

Campaigns in full swing as voters head to the polls

by Kirk Ross

Staff Writer

An historic spring primary winds up this week with both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and their supporters criss-crossing the state in search of votes and North Carolinians brave enough to have their televisions on, subjected to a near-endless barrage of state and national campaign ads.

Local and some statewide candidates have been working Orange County rallies and earlyvoting sites as well.

On the heels of former Pres. Bill Clinton's visit to Hillsborough, Barack Obama held what his supporters said was his largest indoor rally to date Monday at the Smith Center. He spent the next morning touring the Smith Center and getting some playing time in a pick-up game with the likes of Marcus Ginyard and Tyler Hansbrough.

Last Thursday, hundreds queued up in the parking lot of Balloons and Tunes to get tickets for this Friday's early-vote concert and rally for Obama with Arcade Fire and Superchunk at the Town Commons. The rally, which could draw a crowd of more than 4,000, runs from 1 to 4 p.m.

Early voting ends on Saturday at 1 p.m. Anyone in line by then will be given an opportunity to vote. After that, according to Orange County elections director Tracy Reams, the early-voting audits are conducted and the sites will undergo conversion to regular precincts in preparation for Tuesday's primaries and elections.

Early-voting totals show an unprecedented turnout, including more than 400 voters taking advantage of the new same-day registration and voting option. By 5 p.m. Wednesday, earlyvote totals neared the 10,000 mark, with 4,809 of that coming from the Morehead Planetarium site alone. The county had also certified 412 ab-

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TO VOTE! DON'T

Early voting

The last day of early voting is Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone in line by 1 p.m. will get a chance to vote. Early voting will also be available Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5

In **Carrboro**, at the Town Hall.

In Chapel Hill, at Morehead Planetarium on the UNC campus and at the Robert and Pearl Seymour Senior Center on Homestead Road. The Senior Center will

not have early voting on Friday.

And in **Hillsbor**ough, at the Orange County Public Library.

Election Day

The polls are open

from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 6. Voters must vote at their precinct polling place. A list of polling places is available online at www. co.orange.nc.us/elect/precincts.asp.

FLORA By Ken Moore

III-natured Agnes

he Haw River Assembly's Earth Day walk along the Haw River revealed a spectacular display of an ill-na-

tured plant.

No sooner had we entered the forest on the northeast side of the US 64 bridge than several walkers inquired about the heavy, perfumed fragrance wafting on the spring breeze. We eventually became accustomed to that scent, which accompanied us for half of our leisurely mile-long excursion along the river. Some portions of the path were almost tunnel-like passageways through thorny thickets of this exotic shrub bearing countless clusters of tiny, white, four-petal flowers in the axils of silvery leaves.

Years ago, I learned from one of my plant mentors to call this obnoxious invasive III-natured Agnes. Elaeagnus umbellata, is more commonly called silverberry or autumn olive. I prefer my friend's name, because it certainly describes the plant's success in running amok throughout local forests. It has even invaded my wild garden, requiring me to devote precious gardening time to eradication rather than more

joyful pursuits of planting. Down along the Haw, as well as other local stream corridors, the silverberry has pushed out more desirable native plants like spicebush, Lindera benzoin, the host plant for spicebush swallowtails and local bird species.

Though we began our discovery walk along the Haw with the realization that an alien was upsetting nature's balance, we did discover a great variety of natives, including wild azalea, Rhododendron periclymenoides, mountain laurel, Kalmia latifolia, and my favorite, pawpaw, Asimina triloba, hanging on to their bits of riverside turf, along with a good variety of wildflowers.

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Alex Maiolo (center, with clipboard) signs up last Thursday for a ticket to the Arcade Fire/Superchunk show

One wild weekend ahead

by Susan Dickson

Staff Writer

This weekend, the Town Commons will be packed with activity, kicking off with a concert sponsored by the Barack Obama presidential campaign on Friday afternoon and closing with the 13th annual Carrboro Day on Sunday.

The "Change Rocks" concert, featuring Arcade Fire and Superchunk, is intended to encourage one-stop early voting and is conveniently located next to Carrboro Town Hall,

an early-voting site.

The Obama campaign distributed about 4,000 free concert tickets throughout the Triangle. According to Anita Jones-McNair, director of Carrboro Recreation and Parks, individuals will be required to present a ticket to enter the commons, which will be roped off for the event.

Space is limited and admission will be on a first-come, first-serve

Gates will open at 1 p.m. and the concert will start at 2 p.m. Parking is extremely limited.

"We are strongly recommending that people either walk or bicycle, or even take public transportation to the site," Jones-McNair said.

Given that the concert will occur during business hours, Jones-Mc-Nair said staff will position the stage to minimize noise disturbance. According to Captain J.G. Booker of the Carrboro Police Department, extra officers will be on duty to ensure that everything runs smoothly

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Transfer tax foes spend big

by Kirk Ross Staff Writer

Determined to keep their perfect score in defeating counties' efforts to adopt a real estate transfer tax, the North Carolina real estate and construction interests, led by the North Carolina Association of Realtors and the North Carolina Homebuilders, have pumped more than \$205,000 in cash and in-kind contributions into defeating the initiative in Orange County.

The figures, filed on Monday the deadline for campaign finance reports for the first quarter and the final weeks leading up to the election — show that the state organizations that have helped organize and fund county-based groups to fight the tax represent the bulk of funding for Citizens for a Better Orange County, which was set up in February to fight the tax.

Other contributions to their effort came from Triangle MLS, which provided \$25,000 and the Greater Chapel Hill Association of Realtors, which contributed \$5,000.

The National Association of Home Builders provided a \$24,885 in-kind contribution in the form of a television ad.

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Candidates speak out on mental health reform

by Taylor Sisk

Staff Writer

"How, if elected, do you propose to deal with the provisioning of mental health care services in North Caro-

It's a question that has been posed with some regularity to this year's candidates for governor - and urgently so: Our mental health care system is in crisis. Among those candidates, Democrats Richard Moore and Beverly Perdue and Republican Bob Orr have offered the more detailed elaborations of what they would do as governor.

Last month, the Associated Press asked each of the candidates to describe how they proposed to reform our mental health care system. Richard Moore said that he would complete any outstanding initiatives that the current head of the state's Department of Health and Human Services, Dempsey Benton, had begun, toward ensuring a smooth transition. Moore said that this would include working to discontinue blended payment rates, by which agencies are reimbursed at the same rate regardless of their employees' credentials.

"Doing away with the blended payment rates for community support is an absolute must that should have been tackled a long time ago," Mark Sullivan, executive director of the Orange County Mental Health Association, wrote in

an email response to *The Citizen*. "In staff, which must be one of our top prifact, it never should have been proposed, and this single issue encapsulated the incompetence that has been the hallmark

of reform." In his response to the AP questionnaire, Moore continued: "My budget will include funding for an internal inspection team to ensure we do not forfeit millions in Medicaid/Medicare payments because our hospitals are not in compliance with federal rules. And I

orities." Moore said that he would seek to institute a "career ladder" for medical and patient technicians within hospitals. To advance on the ladder and earn a higher salary, the staff will achieve more advanced levels of certification." Moore said that toward this end, he would ask the community colleges, universities and medical hospitals to design continuing education courses.

"Who will be making the decisions in the next few years - the many knowledgeable professionals or a few well-intended department officials?"

will ensure we are filling key positions related to our mental health system with the most highly qualified individuals by offering sufficient salaries to attract them."

Stopping the hemorrhaging of federal dollars because our state facilities are out of compliance should be a top priority, as Moore suggests," Sullivan said.

"Also," Sullivan continued, "Moore seems to have an understanding of the workforce problem we have in the state, both at the administrative level and the direct-care level. He has thought about how to attract and retain competent

Moore has also pledged to commit more resources to substance abuse treat-

ment programs. He further has proposed to create clear objective criteria for local management entities (LMEs); to develop standard protocols to ensure consistency of treatment between providers; to develop a funding mechanism to ensure that lower-wealth counties receive the resources to attract high-quality providers; and to develop a system of statewide case management through health care community networks, or what is called a "medical home" system.

A medical home is a facility that provides a primary-care physician with a team of additional health care profes-

On her website, Beverly Perdue writes: "I do not believe in separating mental from physical health care. An essential element of our health care goal must be assuring access to quality mental health services."

Perdue, like Moore, advocated for a medical home approach for the primary care of adults and children. "Our Community Care of North Carolina has developed a very cost-effective and quality-driven model of statewide case management through health care community networks," Perdue says. "We need to extend this kind of collaboration and community network to the delivery of mental health services."

"In my view," Perdue continues, "the concept of a medical home should play a major role in helping to revitalize our badly tattered mental health system within and outside of Medicaid."

She believes that we must also "strive to define a basic level of mental health services to which needy patients should have access."

Of Perdue's positions, Sullivan said: "Lt. Gov. Perdue shows some real insight with her comment

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Carrying on after the bottom falls out

RECENTLY . . . By Valarie Schwartz

There are two ponds in my neighborhood. The one nearest my house has a fallen tree lying across a portion of it upon which on sunny days a host of turtles can be found collecting vitamin D. They line the log from both ends, dozens of them, each looking toward the middle of the 20-foot expanse as though lined up for a tug of war. One day I decided to walk over and take a photo of the sunbathers. But as I approached, a squirrel darted out in front of me as I heard a barely discernible noise and, looking at the log, found it empty — in a splash.

The other pond has its own visitor. A lone goose has been circling around in my neighbor Ginny's pond pretty much since the March rains replenished it. I've imagined the goose to be injured and taking time to heal; or that it has lost its mate and with it the desire to join the rest of its flock. The other day, I saw what I'm sure was that goose feeding off another neighbor's chickweed. Moments later, it was taking another spin around the pond. Maybe that's the gander, and

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his mate is nesting, but it seems like those eggs would have hatched by

At the end of a busy time, we sometimes feel at loose ends. For over five months, I've looked forward to this week, knowing that something I'd prepared for and worked toward would be behind me and that the pressure of preparing and planning would be re-

Instead of feeling energized by having this multi-faceted task off my plate, there's more a sense of a letdown, even though everything went well and all had a good time.

Maybe it's because of the unrelated news that came via email hours after the event. News that melted me, turned me into a keening ball, cut me off at the knees, punched me in the stomach — every vision of imaginable pain for one to feel when learning that the young adult child of a dear friend has sustained a brain injury that has left everything else in the life of that family hanging in the wind.

Hours before learning the news, while at a concert in Memorial Hall, it struck me how much effort had gone into creating a pleasurable, two-hour event — the details,

"another team was being built — a team of friends gathering round, providing food, hugs, information and support as loved ones struggle within a drama they wish never to have known."

both large and small — from the wording on the programs, the selection of guest speakers, the arranging of flowers placed on a pedestal chosen to stand behind the cellist and pianist, who had studied for many years, memorizing music to perform flawlessly on the finest of instruments that had been crafted from the best of wood, brass and

Before the concert, I had been shushed by the piano-tuner as my voice interrupted his ability to achieve the perfect alignment between tones so that the Steinway would be pitch-perfect — another member of the team striving for his

Little did I know that another team was being built — a team of friends gathering round, providing food, hugs, information and support as loved ones struggle within a

drama they wish never to have

Like the turtles, the family in torment over their son and brother wants to be left alone or to find safety in the bubbles below; or like the goose, wants unaltered flight with

But sometimes the familiar path ahead disappears and life brings no choice at all as we step into the un-

We cannot plan for it, cannot know what it might be or how we will react; we can only hope that we have done our best along the way so that our team — our community - comes together and carries us

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Campaign 4 Change

The North Carolina Martin Luther King Jr. Commission and the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a free dramatic performance, Campaign-4Change, on May 3 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Bible Church at the intersection of Sage and Erwin roads.

The production promotes a message that is anti-gang, antidrug and anti-crime, and features live music by professional R&B and hip-hop artists, spoken word poetry and a message delivered by speaker Vegas Don. The two-hour drama is based on the personal life and experiences of former gang leader and ex-drug dealer turned anti-crime advocate Otis Lyons. Lyons is the playwright and executive producer of the show.

The Chapel Hill Parks and Rec Department will provide a shuttle bus leaving from the Hargraves Center, located at 216 North Roberson St. in Chapel Hill. The bus will depart at 10:45 and 11:15 a.m. If you wish to ride the bus, call 968-2794 to confirm a seat.

For more information about the production, please visit



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A: Orange County voters decide directly whether the land transfer tax will go into effect. The state law authorizing the land transfer tax says that voters in a county must approve it before a Board of Commissioners can put it in

Q: Who will pay this tax?

A: Each time a property changes ownership, the seller is responsible for payment of the tax. This is the same way the current excise tax on real property transactions works.

Q: How much money would the County raise from this tax?
A: County staff estimates that if the land transfer tax is approved by voters and implemented by the County Commissioners, it would generate about \$3.5 million in the first year:

Q: How would this money be spent? A: The County Commissioners adopted a resolution on March 18, 2008, indicating their plans to spend the proceeds to pay for building schools and park facilities.

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Make your voice heard. Make your vote count, on May 6th.

News Briefs

Courtyard dispute

Sandwhich and 3Cups reopened on Tuesday, two days after Courtyard owner Spencer Young changed the locks on the doors and posted a letter claiming the businesses had failed to pay \$85,000 in rent.

The West Franklin Street businesses have had an ongoing dispute with Young regarding parking, claiming that he has failed to provide parking that he agreed to provide in the lease. Most of the parking behind the Courtyard is owned by P.H. Craig, and Young has refused to pay Craig rent for the spaces, so Craig has blocked off the parking.

Because of the parking dispute, Lex Alexander, owner of 3Cups, said he has been putting rent into an escrow account instead of paying Young.

UNC Commencement

Commencement for May 2008 graduates will be held in Kenan Stadium on Sunday, May 11 from 9:30 to about 11:30 a.m. A reception for graduates and their families will follow in Polk Place. This year's commencement speaker is opera singer Jessye Norman. In the event of rain with thunder, lightning and high winds, the ceremony will be moved to the Smith Center.

Dog law

The Board of County Commissioners is expected to consider an amendment that would limit the tethering (or chaining) of dogs in Orange County.

The amendment will recommend limiting the time a dog could be tethered, creating minimum sizes for outdoor pens and regulating the types of tether that can be used.

A hearing is being tentatively scheduled for the May 20 BOCC meeting. Refer to the Animal Services website at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices for information.

Counterculture poets

Wilson Library's newest exhibit examines the beginning and growth of American counterculture poetry in post-World War II twentieth century in The Beats and Beyond: Counterculture Poetry, 1950-1975 in the Rare Book Collection of UNC's Wilson Library.

The exhibit includes about 100 publications, drawings, photos and handwritten items associated with writers from groups such as the Black Mountain poets, the Beats, the San Francisco Renaissance and the New York School of Poets. The exhibit will also examine the literary counterculture's engagement with such issues as censorship, feminism, Black nationalism and the Vietnam War.

Poets include Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Charles Olson, Robert Creeley, Diane di Prima, Michael McClure, Frank O'Hara and Amiri Baraka.

A panel discussion will take place Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at Wilson Library. The discussion is free and open to the public. For information, call 962-4207.

Teens charged in Latino robberies

by Susan Dickson Staff Writer

Carrboro Police have arrested and charged three individuals in connection with a recent string of armed robberies in Carrboro and Chapel Hill that appear to have targeted Latino victims.

According to the Carrboro Police Department, Lavarus Deleon Atwater, 16, of Cedar Lake Road in Chatham County; George Lavon Gattis Jr., 17, of Hill Street in Carrboro; and Kimberly Carol Sue Nicholson, 18, of Thomas Burke Drive in Hillsborough have each been charged with two counts of armed robbery and one count of conspiracy.

They are accused of robbing a Latino family at Royal Park

Apartments on April 11.

According to police, Atwater has also been charged with two counts of assault because he pointed a pistol at one of the victims and his 6-year-old child. In addition, Gattis was charged with assault inflicting serious injury because he grabbed one of the victim's purses and pulled it away, bruising and spraining her

Gattis and Atwater are also charged with armed robbery and conspiracy in connection with two robberies at Estes Park Apartments on April 5. According to police, one of the suspects shot a man in the back of the leg and threatened another man with pepper spray before robbing

According to Captain J.G.





Atwater

Booker, police investigations have indicated that those charged are connected with a larger group.

"It's one main, big group, but different pairs of two that are going out," Booker said.

The robberies began at the end of January and have become more frequent in recent weeks. According to police, most of the robberies involved young black

men approaching Latino victims in apartment complex parking lots and displaying a weapon.

Other recent robberies have occurred at Kingswood Apartments on Highway 54 Bypass, Pinegate Apartments on Pinegate Circle and Kings Arms Apartments on Ephesus Church

Chapel Hill council gives Glen Lennox residents opportunity to pursue conservation district

by Rich Fowler Staff Writer

At its meeting Monday night at Town Hall, the Chapel Hill Town Council agreed to give Glen Lennox area residents a chance to prove that they want their area turned into a Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD).

Organizers now have to get signatures from 51 percent of the landowners in an area bounded by Rogerson Road, Cleland Road, Hayes Road and NC 54.

The area includes Glen Lennox Apartments and Glen Lennox Shopping Center, against the wishes of Grubb Properties, the owner of Glen Lennox. The push by area residents to form a conservation district came in response to Grubb's planned massive redevelopment of the apartments and shopping center.

Attorney Mike Brough, representing Grubb at the council meeting, asked that the council not include the apartment complex and shopping center in the proposed district. Brough argued that the apartments and the surrounding single-family homes were separate neighborhoods,

based on their zoning and physical properties. He also argued that the current development process would give the public plenty of chances to weigh in on the proposed redevelopment and that the proposed NCD would confuse the development pro-

Former town council member and Glen Lennox area resident Dorothy Verkerk disagreed. We ride the school bus together, we get redistricted together, we ride the city buses together, we vote together. We are a cohesive neighborhood." Other residents also spoke about the strong sense of community between the apartment residents and the single-family home residents and the need to preserve the area as a place for lower-income support workers to live.

Flemington Road resident Greg Brusseau was very happy

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with the council's decision to let residents start gathering signa-

"I think this is the appropriate first step. It is a long road, but it's right for the citizens of Chapel Hill and it's right for the town," he said.

Council member and former Glen Lennox Apartments resident Mark Kleinschmidt said that the NCD process is designed to preserve special elements of local neighborhoods, but it isn't always smooth.

"The NCD process can be a long one," Kleinshmidt told the residents. "It's a tough one. If you've noticed our NCD process in the past, some of them go very smoothly and some are very contentious. And the burden is really on you to demonstrate that Mr. Brough is wrong — that this is a neighborhood that is together and shares interests," he said.

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Brusseau said that the residents were ready for the NCD process to start.

'We're prepared for the long journey," he said. "We've talked to other people who have made conservation districts, and it can take up to 18 months or two years. And at times it may be a little tumultuous or divisive, as well as cohesive. In the final analysis, I think it will be very beneficial for the town of Chapel

The Community Design Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 21 to look at Grubb's proposed redevelopment plan and offer suggestions. The public will be able to comment on the redevelopment plan at the town council's meeting on June 16. Public meetings for the NCD process have yet to be scheduled.

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Este fin de semana aproveche de los varios eventos que tendrán

lugar en nuestra comunidad. El viernes en la tarde hay el evento para

apoyar al político Barack Obama en Carrboro Town Commons. El

sábado es el trigésimo aniversario del mercado al aire libre de Car-

rboro, y el mismo día hay la feria escolar de Carrboro Elementary. El

domingo es un día muy importante para Carrboro por ser el día de la

cuidad. Finalmente, hay el festival griego en East Chapel Hill High

este sábado el 3 de mayo disfrute de música mientras compre sus pro-

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Programa bilingüe para niños: reunión hoy

Festival griego: Disfrute de música griega o pruebe una comida

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swap, take!

— downtown Pittsboro artists open studio doors from 6-8pm, May 23. Demonstration at Side Street Gallery 6:30pm pittsboro-

Classic Car Show — Saturday, May 17. 10am-2pm at the Walnut Grove UMC. Classic American and European cars. Refreshments will be available.\$20 show car entry fee. Winners receive a dash plaque certificate and gift. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society and the Orange/Hillsborough Relay For Life. donwollum@gmail.com or 732-5722

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 1-6pm on Sunday, May 4

Talent Auditions — May 6, 7pm and May 8, 2pm for Senior Springtime Gala. Must be 55 or older. Seymour Center. Performance

dates May 30 and 31. 968-2070 "Songs of Innocence and

Dreams" — Women's Voices Chorus spring concert on Sunday, May 4, 4pm, University United Methodist Church. 684-3855, allan@duke.edu, or www.womensvoiceschorus.org. Tickets \$10 adult, \$5 student. Hymns, spirituals, and folksongs from around the world.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Niche Gardens guided garden walks — Saturdays through June,

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

Senior Morning Walk on the Trail — Bolin Creek Trail walk will be led by Greenways Commission

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member, Mary Blake. May 14-Aug 6. Wednesdays, 8:30-9:15am. 55 years and older. Chapel Hill Community Center Park. Pre-registration is required by May 12.

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.

Digital Camera Workshop

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

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

KIDS

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

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

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 Pro-

gram — 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

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Dedication — SECU family house. Thursday, May 8. 4-7pm. www.secufamilyhouse.org or 932-8009

Women's Check-up Day Health Fair — Monday, May

12. Health fair in the lobby of the N.C. Women's Hospital between 4:30 and 6pm. Health screenings information on maintaining good health. Two free health screenings at the health fair: blood pressure and body fat analysis. Cholesterol screening will start early, 3:30-5:00pm, and cost \$15.

Living with Advanced/Meta**static 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. 967-3221. chapelhilltcf.org

MUSEUMS Planetarium & Digital The-

ater 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.

words are all hints.

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

Carrboro DanceJam —freestyle dance to an eclective 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

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

LITERARY 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. Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Book Club. 7pm May 22, Carrboro Cybrary.

Then She Found Me — May 28 at 7pm. 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

OTHER

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

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

carrborocitizen.com

tudiantes recibirán materias en inglés y en español. La mitad de los estudiantes serán de familias hispanohablantes (hablan español en casa) y la otra mitad serán de familias no hispanohablantes. Reunión hoy para padres con interés en el programa: el jueves 1 de mayo a las 6:30pm en Carrboro Elementary. Habrá guardería y traducción en la reunión. Para más información del programa, llame al 933-9143 ó 422-6475 ó 967-9392. Piden las solicitudes para el programa en el Lincoln Center, 750 Merritt Mill Rd, Chapel Hill. Aceptan solicitudes hasta el 23 de mayo. Cupo limitado. Solamente para niños quienes residen en la zona escolar de Frank Porter Graham. La entrega de una solicitud no garantiza que el niño/la niña participe en el programa.

MAY BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, May 2 1:30-6pm

de 8 años

Pathways Elementary School, Hillsborough. 732-9136 x.0 Sunday, May 4 1-5pm

Berry's Grove Baptist Church, Timberlake. (336) 364-8158

Wednesday, May 21 11am-3pm FPG Student Union, UNC Campus. www.unc.givesblood.org

Saturday, May 31 9am-1:30pm Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hillsborough. 990-8489

Tuesday, June 3 7am-6pm

UNC Annual Blood Drive, Dean E. Smith Center Contact blood@unc.edu or 962-BLOOD (962-5663)

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ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet Kumara!

This cute little retriever mix is around 4 months old and wants somebody to play with! She's a big goofball that loves to be around people and would do excellent with another doggy playmate to romp around with when her humans are busy! Don't pass up this silly girl- she'll keep you laughing! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 919-967-7383. You can also see her online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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Candidates seek new county seats

by Susan Dickson Staff Writer

Four Democratic candidates are running for one District Two seat on the Board of County Commissioners. No Republicans are running for county commissioner in the

A 2006 referendum approved by voters increased the board from five to seven members and split the county into two voting districts. With the exception of a portion near I-40 and Whitfield Road, the two new county districts mirror the two school systems' boundaries, with District Two similar to the Orange County Schools District and District One similar to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools District.

Only District Two residents may vote in the District Two candidate primary; however, in the general election, all eligible county voters can vote for the candidates to represent District One, District Two and at-large.

District Two candidates for the Board of County Commissioners include Leo Allison, **Luther Brooks**, **Tommy McNeill** and **Steve** surveyor. He lives in Hillsborough.

Allison, 75, is retired, but worked in quality control at IBM and for Legal Aid of North Carolina. He lives in Efland.

Brooks, 52, is a pastor. He is a Hillsborough resident.

McNeill, 45, is a hospital account manager for King Pharmaceuticals and is retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He lives in northeastern Orange

Yuhasz, 57, is a Hillsborough land

Wide field vies for school board seats

by Susan Dickson Staff Writer

Six candidates are vying for three seats on the Orange County Schools Board of Education. Incumbent **Al Hartkopf** is running for re-election, challenged by newcomers Eddie Eubanks, Steve Halkiotis, Tony McKnight, Jeff Michalski and Stan Morris.

School board member Dennis Whitling resigned in February, following his arrest on charges Hillsborough. of embezzlement. School board member Liz Brown is not running for re-election.

Hartkopf, 50, has served on the school board for four years. He works as a project manager and lives in Hillsborough. His two daughters attend A.L Stanback Middle School and Hillsborough Elementary School.

Eubanks, 64, has worked in social work for 30 years. He lives in

Halkiotis, 64, served on the Board of County Commissioners for 20 years. He worked in Orange County Schools for 30 years as a principal, teacher and district administrator. He lives in Hillsborough.

McKnight, 41, ran unsuccessfully for school board in 2006. He is a former teacher and lives in Hillsborough.

Michalski, 38, works for the

Caring Family Network. He is a Mebane resident and has a son who attends Hillsborough Elementary School and a daughter who might attend Hillsborough Elementary as a kindergartner in

Morris, 47, works as a business operations officer with the American Red Cross. He lives in Rougemont and has two children who attend Cameron Park Elementary

Challengers try for court of appeals, judicial seats

by Taylor Sisk Staff Writer

Two challengers and the incumbent are running for the North Carolina Court of Appeals seat presently held by Jim Wynn. Wynn, a Cary resident, was first elected to the Court of Appeals in 1990. He served as an associate justice on the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1998. Jewel Ann Farlow is a Gibsonville private-practice attorney. Dean R. Poirier lives in Mount Olive, is an appeals referee and has worked as an adjunct instructor of law at Mount Olive College, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Kaplan University and Liberty University.

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throughout the concert and

the concert, call 929-3460.

30th Anniversary

Farmers' Market

For more information about

The Carrboro Farmers Mar-

ket will celebrate its 30th sea-

son on Saturday during regular

market hours, 7 a.m. to noon,

an anniversary drawing entry

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In addition, local bakers will

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Throughout the market,

at the Town Commons.

Three candidates are challenging John Ty**son** for the Court of Appeals seat he presently holds. Tyson lives in Cumberland County. He has served on the Court of Appeals since 2000 and is an adjunct professor of law at Campbell University. Sam J. Ervin IV (grandson of the late Sen. Sam Ervin) of Morganton is a member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission and an attorney. Janet Pueschel is a Raleigh attorney who has served as the Wake County clerk of Superior Court and as a judge of probate. New Hill resident Kristin Ruth is a

Four seats are available for district court judge in N.C. District 15B covering Orange and Chatham counties. Only one of those seats, however, attracted enough candidates to require a primary. Three candidates are vying for the seat presently held by Pat Devine, who's not seeking re-election.

Glenn Gerding practices law in Orange and Chatham counties. He previously served as an assistant public defender in Orange County. Lamar F. Proctor Jr. of Efland is an assistant district attorney in Orange County who previously served as a prosecutor in Brooklyn. Chapel Hill resident Page Vernon has served as a prosecutor in Orange and Chatham counties and has worked as a defense attorney and a civiltrial lawyer and as an advocate for children and abused women.

The Orange County Board of Elections released 6 Primary. The ballots for the Carrboro district will have the following choices.

PRIMARIES

Presidential Preference

Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, none

US Senate

Kay Hagan, Duskin C. Lassiter, Jim Neal, Howard Staley, Marcus W. Williams

Governor

Richard H. Moore, Dennis Nielsen, Bev Perdue

Lieutenant Governor

Walter H. Dalton, Hampton Dellinger, Pat Smathers, Dan Besse

Auditor Beth A. Wood, Fred Aikens

Commissioner of

Insurance

Wayne Goodwin, David C. Smith

Commissioner of Labor

Mary Fant Donnan, Ty Richardson, Robin Anderson, John C. Brooks

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Eddie Davis, June St. Clair Atkinson

Treasurer

Janet Cowell, Michael Weisel, David Young

NC State Senate District 23

Ellie Kinnaird, Moses Carey, Jr.

County Commissioner

At-Large Neloa Barbee Jones,

Bernadette Pelissier, Mary M.

REPUBLICAN **PRIMARIES**

Presidential Preference

Mike Huckabee, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Ron Paul, none

US Senate Pete Di Lauro,

Elizabeth Dole

US Congress District 4 Augustus Cho,

William (B.J.) Lawson

Governor

Bill Graham, Pat McCrory, Robert F. (Bob) Orr, E. Powers, Fred Smith

Lieutenant Governor

Timothy Cook, Greg Dority, Robert Pittenger, Jim Snyder

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Joe Johnson, Richard Morgan, Eric H. Smith

NONPARTISAN OFFICES / **REFERENDUM**

(also found on the party ballots)

Court of Appeals Judge

Jewel Ann Farlow, Dean R. Poirier, James A. (Jim) Wynn

Court of Appeals Judge Sam J. Ervin, IV, Janet

Pueschel, Kristin Ruth, John M. Tyson

District Court Judge District 15B

Glenn Gerding, Lamar F. Proctor, Jr., Page Vernon

County Land Transfer Tax

For, Against

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The finance report shows that Citizens for a Better Orange County has thus far spent close to \$84,000 for direct mail and more than \$38,000 in newspaper ads against the referendum.

By contrast, a hastily organized pro-transfer tax group called Orange Citizens for Schools and Parks took in \$1,763 and spent \$1,349, mostly for postcards, signs and stickers.

An official county effort, which by law cannot advocate for voters to approve or disapprove the referendum, is not required to file a campaign finance report. The county approved up to \$100,000 for the education effort, but it is not known at this point how much of that amount has been spent.

The transfer tax, set at 0.4 percent, was an option given to counties in last year's state budget to replace a net loss in state funds and sales taxes the General Assembly shifted back to the counties as part of a revision in Medicaid funding.



district court judge for Wake County.

Local musicians will provide entertainment. For more information about the celebration, visit www.car-

rborofarmersmarket.com.

Carrboro Day On Sunday, Carrboro will be bustling with the various events of the 13th annual Carrboro Day. This year's theme, "Celebrating a Sustainable Community," will be apparent throughout the event: For the first time, Carrboro Day will

be trash-free. As with other weekend events, participants are enbuyers will be able to fill out couraged to walk or bike to downtown, as parking will be

> Events include all-day musical performances, a poetry roundtable and much more. Story Sharing, a new Carrboro Day event, will feature a collection of photos, slides and audiocassettes documenting Carrboro's history.

For more information about Carrboro Day, visit www.carrboroday.com.

sentee ballots as of Wednesday, Reams said. Since North Carolina

has not played a major role in selecting a party nominee since 1976, and since early voting is a relatively new process, it is difficult to compare this year to years past. About 33,000 Orange County voters took advantage of one-stop voting or mailed in absentee ballots in the 2004 general

ELECTION

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election. Reams said the estimated party breakdown for those who have voted so far shows 7,160 Democrats, 619 Republicans and 2,098 unaffiliated voters.

Reams said the elections board opted to add extra machines and poll workers in anticipation of a heavy turnout. The pace and the fact that the Seymour Center voting site stays open until 8 p.m. has kept election workers busy.

"We've had some very long days," Reams said.

At the 44 Orange County precincts, polls open Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

More information can be found on the county's Board of Elections site at www.co.orange.nc.us/

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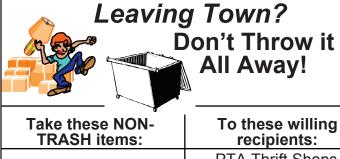
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Batteries, CFL's paint, hair spray, bug spray, cleaners, and other toxic materials

Collection Orange County Landfill Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Sat. 7:30am-noon

Hazardous Waste

On-Campus?

Look for "Donation Stations" for usable goods in the lobby of your residence hall! Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling 962-1442 www.fac.unc.edu/WasteReduction

Orange County Solid Waste Management 968-2788

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Seven reasons to vote "yes"

By policy, this newspaper does not endorse candidates. Matters of public policy, however, are fair game. After weighing both sides in the debate over a real

After weighing both sides in the debate over a real estate transfer tax, we strongly suggest you vote for it. Here's why:

- 1. Another source of funds The transfer tax will be a source of revenue for schools and parks that is not the ad valorem property tax. In Orange County, there is already a hefty tax burden on homeowners, especially longtime residents now living on a fixed income. Each year, as budgets are settled, much of the tension is over balancing support for a growing school system with the property tax burden. Like it or not, that dynamic will remain in place for a considerable time. An increase in commercial development, seen as the main way to reduce the burden, won't happen overnight and, given the pace of residential development, may only help us maintain the balance we have now.
- 2. School growth continues If you can get a copy of the report on the building needs of both school systems over the next two decades, you will note that the total is somewhere around one-quarter of a billion dollars. Even if estimates are off by a few tens of millions, that adds up to a lot of money that will be raised mainly through property taxes, either directly or through bond offerings.
- 3. It works You may be surprised to learn that contrary to much of the rhetoric, transfer taxes are in common use throughout the country. In North Carolina and elsewhere, the counties that have it use the funds to keep pressure off the property tax rate and to keep up with growth.
- 4. Growth does not pay for itself Not growth in Orange County anyway. The one-quarter of a billion dollars for new schools mentioned above is not because fertility rates among those of us already here have suddenly skyrocketed. Each year, during school budget hearings, it is common to hear newcomers urge the county to hike taxes for the schools, saying where they come from they paid more and would gladly pay more here. The transfer tax is a sure way to accommodate that sentiment.

Unless you plan on doing a lot of house hopping, you will only pay this tax once or twice in a lifetime.

- 5. No alternatives in sight One reason to adopt the tax is that it is unlikely that members of the General Assembly who face the same kind of political clout by the real estate and homebuilders lobby we see on display in this election will offer up another non-property tax revenue option anytime soon. It has been more than a decade since the state's Smart Growth commission presented a list of options the state could adopt to help local communities manage growth. For the most part, those alternatives have been fought tooth and nail by special interests in Raleigh.
- 6. Reject Astroturf campaigns For the past year, the real estate lobby has helped set up and finance local committees to fight the tax. While there's some local support, these committees are, for the most part, not grassroots efforts but Astroturf subsidiaries of the ****** and act only as their conduit for hundreds of thousands of dollars in anti-tax advertising and flyers. In Orange County, this would set a dangerous precedent by demonstrating that such a method of influencing a local decision here is effective.
- 7. It's easily reversible Should the tax prove anywhere near as onerous or unreliable as its opponents insist, county commissioners can reduce it or eliminate it.

So there you have it, seven reasons why you should support this commonly used method to tie a little closer the cost of growth to its source. It is not the end of the world nor is it the answer to all of our school and park funding issues. But it is an idea that makes sense and is a step in the right direction.

Please remember to not stop at the top (of the ballot) and to vote "yes" on the transfer tax.



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The health care campaign

CHRIS FITZSIMON

Virtually every poll finds that the economy and health care are the issues people in North Carolina and the nation are most concerned about, and they are undeniably related.

People know that if they lose their job, they will lose their health care. Even if they stay employed, they may face rising premiums and co-pays they can't afford or their employer may drop their coverage altogether.

And that's for people who have insurance in the first place. More than 1.3 million North Carolinians are uninsured. Politicians of both parties are forced to talk about health care on the campaign trail, whether they want to or not. That prompts some interesting responses.

Republican W. B. Bullock from Nash County, a candidate for the state House, told the Rocky Mount Telegram recently that "people need to better prioritize their finances, which could free up extra money for them to buy health insurance." In other words, if you can't afford health insurance, figure out how to afford it. Bullock also supports a voucher program for health care, whatever that might be.

It's not just Republicans of course. Among his health care proposals, Democratic House candidate Carnell Taylor wants to remove some of the "bureaucratic" aspects of Medicaid and Medicare, programs with much smaller administrative costs than the private health care system

Misrepresenting Medicaid is nothing new. Neither are most of the health proposals from the candidates for statewide offices. Both******** of the Democratic candidates for governor, State Treasurer Richard Moore and Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, want to expand the state's children's health care program to cover every child in the state. Perdue has also mentioned expanding coverage for parents of children who qualify for the program.

Proposals among the Republican candidates vary some, but they all count on the purported magic of the market to solve much of the problem. Sen. Fred Smith extols the virtues of health savings accounts (HSAs) and tax credits, the preferred strategy of Pres. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain, and the approach always suggested by the market fundamentalist think tanks.

The problem with savings accounts is that many people who can't afford health insurance now won't be able to build a savings account. They can barely pay their monthly expenses as it is.

A report from the Government Accountability Office found that people currently using HSAs are disproportionately wealthy and that many are using the accounts more as a tax shelter than a health care plan, never withdrawing any money from the account.

As the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities points out, HSAs are the only savings plan in which contributions are tax deductible and withdrawals are tax free.

Both the Democratic candidates for president are proposing a version of universal health care, but the election of a Democratic president may not result in fundamental change in health care access either.

The Hill newspaper recently quoted Democratic Congressional leaders saying that there might not be the money or Congressional support for a national health care plan in the near future. That's Washington-speak for saying that the big money from the insurance companies and pharmaceutical industry still controls things in Congress, as it does in most debates in North Carolina.

That point was made even more clearly in a recent letter to the editor in the News & Observer by Dr. Assad Meymandi, a well-known Raleigh psychiatrist.

"Let us not forget the unwelcome and greedy alliance of the health-care and pharmaceutical industries....These entities, known as insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, etc., are the major culprits driving up health care costs. Their commitment is to the bottom line and****** to patient care. We have several CEOs of these companies who amassed 2007 compensation in the billions."

The headline of Meymandi's letter is "Universal health care needed." That's an odd prescription from a board member of the John Locke Foundation in Raleigh, but it's the right

Let's hope Meymandi sends a copy of his letter to the Locke staff to counter all the misleading claims about health savings accounts and forwards the letter on to candidates for the General Assembly and members of Congress to counter the spin from the industry lobbyists.

Somewhere there must be the political will to dismiss the ideological market rants of the right and to confront what Meymandi calls the medical-pharmaceutical complex, and finally make helping people the priority, instead of protecting profits.

Chris Fitzsimon is the director of NC Policy Watch.

LETTERS

Thanks, Val

On behalf of the Jung Society of the Triangle Area, I want to express appreciation for the fine article Valarie Schwartz wrote about our organization and its 25th anniversary.

I have long enjoyed her writing when she was on the staff of the Chapel Hill News. How fortunate you are to have her with The Carrboro Citizen now.

MARILYN A. DYER

Fire safety for the deaf

While Carrboro is in the process of revamping its building rules, I hope they will contact the NC State Fire Marshall's Office about a little known Federal Law passed in 1997: (42 U.S.C. 4151—4157, 7 CFR 1930 Sub part C), which states that owners of apartment buildings must install visual alarms for deaf residents at no cost. This applies to all apartment buildings, old or new.

Ten percent of people over 70 have hearing loss and cannot hear the ear-splitting audible alarms when they remove their hearing aids to sleep. Many of our parents live in senior apartment buildings and would not know there was a fire in their building until the flames engulfed their bed.

Given the number of fires we have had in Carrboro lately and the number of returning veterans who have suffered hearing loss due to roadside bombs, we should enforce this law. What a shame if a veteran made it all through the war and came home only to die needlessly in an apartment fire.

A small wireless part inserted in the existing fire or smoke alarm enables a deaf person

to plug his pillow or bed shaker into any wall socket so that when the alarm sounds the bed shaker or pillow shaker will begin to shake the deaf person awake.

The State Fire Marshall's Office has an excellent technical department to advise owners and managers about the best and most economical part for their existing alarm.

If you have a deaf friend or a deaf parent in an apartment building anywhere in the country (it is a federal law), call your State Fire Marshall's Office for help. The service is free to all of us, paid by our taxes. Let's all help keep our deaf citizens safe.

GRACE THOMPSON *Carrboro*

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Education Matters

Putting to the test

STEVE PEHA & MARGOT CARMICHAEL LESTER

As we head to the end of the school year, we find ourselves in testing season. We also find ourselves unsettled as a nation with regard to the value and appropriateness of this now-annual ritual. Government officials at the state and federal levels contend that widespread testing is the only way to insure successful reform. But the general public, when it looks at test results, isn't so sure. In the middle, of course, are administrators, teachers and kids, three groups whose opinions don't seem to matter as much as perhaps they should.

While there's no shortage of talk about testing, the dialog never seems to get anywhere. Framed as an all-or-nothing issue, the discussion tilts toward opposite extremes and opposing extremists. Rarely do the realities of academic life come up for discussion. How does testing affect administrators, teachers and kids? These are the questions we need to start answering if we want to put testing to the test. In our consulting work over the last decade, we've seen testing's effects firsthand. Far from the black-and-white issue debated in the media, testing seems to us to be something complex and nuanced with positive and negative effects at every turn.

For administrators, testing has provided an unprecedented view of school-wide academic achievement. Principals now have reams of testing data to review, and many spend hours looking at scores to find meaningful patterns of success and failure. But what do they get for this effort? Given the nature of the tests, and the way scores are reported, the data often leaves them with more questions than answers. For example, low reading scores would lead anyone to conclude that their school needs to get better at reading. The real question is how to accomplish this.

For teachers, testing has most significantly affected the way they spend their time and the way they assert their independence. Taking tests and preparing for tests dominate the year in many classrooms. As teaching to the tests has increased, many instructors feel they can't teach to their students. Teachers have also lost a degree of independence as departments and grade-level teams plan their years toward an ideal of having everyone teach the same way on the same day. On the positive of side of the equation, this leads to more consistency. On the negative side, the consistency achieved isn't always healthy.

Kids are, of course, the most dramatically affected group, but also the hardest to understand. In general, their test scores are going up (though much more slowly now than at the beginning). But do these increases mean our kids are doing better at learning? Or are they just doing better at tests? And what effect, if any, has testing had on student attitudes toward learning? We haven't even begun to ask these questions, let alone answer them. And yet, they are perhaps the most important questions of all.

One thing is certain: The academic achievement of every child now matters, as does the leadership ability of every administrator and the instructional skill of every teacher. For all its drawbacks and controversies, testing has brought a level of seriousness to school that wasn't there before. People in schools think differently now than they did just 10 or 15 years ago. And even if our schools have not become better as a result, educators have become clearer about the reasons why.

What we need now is not more testing or less, but the beginnings of solid research into how testing affects schools. The notion of "research-based practice" has become a government mantra. But little research has been done on testing itself. Does testing make schools better, and if so, how? What kinds of testing systems provide the greatest benefit with the least harm? How does testing affect teaching? Are we better off with low standards and higher scores or high standards and lower scores? What happens when we tie passage of tests to high school graduation? Only by answering questions like these will we come to understand whether testing is helping our schools or not.

It's time to put testing to the test. States and the federal government should begin now to set aside small amounts of money to study the effects of the testing systems they've created. Major academic centers like UNC's School of Education should undertake research into how testing is helping our kids and our schools. Independent organizations should conduct their own research as well.

People on all sides of the issue want to know the truth about testing. We shouldn't be kept waiting indefinitely for the results of reform.

Steve Peha and Margot Carmichael Lester own Teaching That Makes Sense, Inc., an education reform, advocacy and consulting company based in Carrboro.

Endorsement Letters

For Kinnaird

It's unfortunate that we must choose between two fine public servants, Ellie Kinnaird and Moses Carey. Both have served us well for many years. Both are willing to raise controversial issues. Both are Democrats with liberal leanings. I missed their debate, but I heard it wasn't much of a debate because they agree on most of the issues. It's unfortunate that this race not only divides our community, but I see where it has divided households too. So how will you make your decision if you haven't already? For me the choice is clear. I grew up with Ellie's sons and much later I watched Ellie as mayor of Carrboro help shape it into the vibrant, unusual town that it has become today. There are many reasons Carrboro is a great place to live. Ellie Kinnaird is one of them.

Yesterday I spoke to a friend who is still undecided. He asked me if Ellie stepping aside at the beginning of the race didn't indicate that she was ready to retire. I explained that Ellie stepped aside with the hope of another woman running to fill her seat. Did you know that only eight of the 100 legislators are women? Two of the eight will not return, and if Ellie or another woman from our district is not elected there will only be five out of 100. When no other woman came forward, Ellie rejoined the race. If Ellie can withstand the rigors of campaigning, she can certainly give us two more years in the Senate. Please join me in voting for

> TIM PECK Carrboro

For Carey

I expressly disassociate my personal sentiments expressed here from those of the NAACP, in which I play a leadership role. I write to express my support for Moses Carey to represent us in the North Carolina Senate. Like many of my friends, I love Ellie Kinnaird and have the greatest respect and admiration for her work over the years. Like Senators Obama and Clinton, she and Moses have almost identical political positions. So why am I voting for Moses over

Ellie? Two reasons. First, when Ellie announced she was not going to run this time, Moses and I took her at her word. Moses held fundraising parties and began lining up supporters. His understanding of racism, poverty and the political dynamics of North

lieve we could not have a more effective successor to Ellie's brilliant efforts over the years in the N.C. Senate, and I agreed to support him. When she then said she had changed her mind, long after Mr. Carey had been running, I would betray neither Moses nor my word.

More importantly, I support him because social justice advocates could not have a stronger elected friend than Moses Carey. His legal, health, business, budget and solid political alliances and friendships across the state make him ready on Day One, as Hillary puts it, to provide solid legislative leadership on the broad spectrum of social justice issues we face. His peers — federal, state and local elected officials elected him chair of the Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials. He hosted the alliance's second successful Black Summit last week (www.ncblacksummit. org). Perhaps the most exciting political dynamic in the state today is the rapidly developing consensus among anti-racist, anti-poverty forces around a People's Agenda and a common political strategy. This consensus is a prerequisite to rebuilding, on more solid ground, the Black-White fusion movement that was destroyed by a terrorist attack in Wilmington in 1898. All signs point to exciting new possibilities. It would be great to have Moses Carey help lead us, the state and the South during this exciting

AL MCSURELY Chapel Hill

For Pelissier

Bernadette Pelissier would make a great county commissioner. She's capable and fair-minded and will put energy and time into the position. If elected, she will put an emphasis on social services, including mental health and health care. She'll be a strong advocate for affordable housing and the environment. She'll make a good link between those of us who live in town and folks in more rural areas of the county. I'm voting for her in the at-large district for county commissioner and encourage you

BETH ROBINSON

For Jones

I have been a resident of Carrboro for many years. My family has been here for over seven generations. I have seen progress, but I have also seen a community that has remained stagnant. I believe in change, but there are aspects of

my town that I want to remain the same, which offer a sense of community. However, I also know that we need to adapt and adjust to the economy and our growing population. Neloa Barbee Jones is a candidate that would treat the issues we face fairly and represent all people. She clearly understands that different people and communities have different needs. I believe Neloa would be a voice for ALL of the people who live in Orange County. She would serve us well.

> LORIE CLARK Carrboro

For Jones

Orange County is at a critical oint. Cost of Growth, Affordable iving and How Dense Should We Be? These are the vital issues before the Orange County Board of Commissioners. A \$200 million city school debt faces us. Commissioners act as if it came from outer

Ask yourself, do I need to elect "more of the same?" Do I want to be in the highest property tax bracket? Do I want to drive bluecollar workers out of the county? Do I want more "happy talk" talk about affordable housing? Do I want more public debt from

It's time for new blood, new thinking and a practical, rather than a "pie-in-the sky" approach to municipal problem solving. Neloa Jones is not a "more of the same" candidate. Neloa's not a political insider. Neloa's a breath of fresh air in a stale room of failed ideas. Neloa's not afraid to tackle difficult problems head on. Neloa's truly a voice of the people."

Your vote matters. Please vote for Neloa Jones for the Board of Orange County Commissioners. You can't afford to do otherwise.

> JOHN KRAMER Carrboro

For Kinnaird and Pelissier

Ellie Kinnaird is a stalwart leader and voice for her constituents. Ellie pioneered key legislation on social justice, immigration, and mental health, as a model steward of the environment and in voting and campaign-finance reform. Ellie embodies practices of exemplary leadership. Ellie inspires shared vision, challenges the process, encourages the heart and enables others to act. Seize the initiative, make challenge meaningful. Vote

Pelissier since the 2006 Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce Madison, Wisconsin Intercity visit. A diverse group of 102 community and county leaders visited Madison. Serving on the Community Leadership Council for the visit, Bernadette led the sustainable-future intercity-visitation workgroup. With Bernadette's leadership, this workgroup closely examined the interdependency of community, economy and environment. Bernadette has consistently demonstrated clear understanding of the interlaced needs, problems, opportunities and solutions we share locally, countywide and regionally, as evidenced through her work on the Community Leadership Council, OWASA, the Orange County Planning Board and the Triangle-wide Special Transit Advisory Committee. Bernadette is a solid leader with heart, wisdom and experience. Join me in voting for Bernadette for Orange County commissioner.

RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL

For Jones

Neloa Barbee Jones is offering her voice, her thoughtfulness and industriousness to the citizens of Orange County. She is running for the at-large seat for the Orange County Board of Commissioners. As a leader in the Rogers Road community, she has worked hard and raised her voice in support of equity, fairness and justice for the citizens of Rogers Road. Now she is offering her talents to work for all the citizens of Orange County.

From a farming family who has owned land in the county for over 100 years, she understands the many varied needs of Orange County and has pledged to do her best to help the county move ahead and compete, while listening and responding to the needs of those whose voices have not been heard. She is a supporter of the conservation of parcels of the open space and the farming land that makes our county special. Please take the time to visit her web page at www. neloaforcommissioner.org and decide if Neloa is the voice you want representing you on the board of commissioners.

SUZANNE HAFF Chapel Hill

For Pelissier

With many critical issues facing Orange County today and in the future, we need leaders who work hard, do their homework and make important decisions thoughtfully. Bernadette Pelissier, who is running at-large for a position as county commissioner, is just such a leader. She has shown a sustained commitment to Orange County through a variety of volunteer positions that cover many of the areas in which county commissioners make decisions. She is a trustworthy, open-minded person who will never let herself get bogged down in politics, but, rather, will approach all issues as an advocate for the best interests of the county.

Please vote in the primary on May 6th, and please vote for a strong leader in Bernadette Pelissier for at-large county commissioner.

MICHAEL GOY Chapel Hill

For Vernon

I have known Page Vernon for over 25 years. In that time, I have worked with Page in regards to youth and families in Chatham County in her role as attorney, guardian ad litem, board member and mentor. The words I use to describe Page are: honest, thoughtful, compassionate and fair. She knows which questions to ask, how to assess complex situations and communicate solutions. Page Vernon has all the qualities for making just and difficult decisions in a court of law. It is without question that I fully support her election to district court judge!

KIM CARAGANIS Chatham County

For Vernon

I believe Page Vernon will bring honor and distinction to the bench. Her wide range of experience in both civil and criminal court, coupled with her long-term ties to this community, give her a unique understanding of the needs of our court system and the values of our community. She is the only candidate for this important office who has enormous practical experience in the Orange and Chatham district courts. We will be fortunate to have her serving our community as district court judge.

PATRICIA LOVE Retired Chief District Court Judge Orange and Chatham counties

For Vernon

I am proud to endorse Page Vernon's candidacy for district court judge. She is a remarkable talent, with a long professional history in Chatham County and proven effectiveness in diverse le-

served Chatham County faithfully as a defense attorney and assistant DA, a [guardian ad litem] for DSS and private civil cases and a concerned community volunteer. This professional background gives Page a keen understanding of the complex issues that confront families and children, wisdom to direct families toward recovery and restoration and toughness to enforce just consequences when necessary to protect children.

> RHETT BROWN Former social worker with Chatham DSS

For Vernon

The public deserves district court judges who are mature and know the law. Page Vernon possesses the temperament, maturity, wisdom, integrity and legal ability that are required of a district court judge. Her exemplary personal life demonstrates her maturity and commitment to our community and her broad experience in both civil and criminal law uniquely qualify her for this important position.

> LUNSFORD LONG Attorney, Chapel Hill

For Vernon

As the former chief juvenile court counselor, 1985-94, and then as an assistant secretary of the state Department of Juvenile Justice, 1994-2006, I met and worked with Page Vernon when she was an assistant district attorney and later a practicing attorney in the Orange/ Chatham court district.

I always found her to be thoughtful, detailed and extremely competent in her preparation and management of the cases she handled. Additionally, she went beyond her considerable legal skills to express compassionate and meaningful understanding of the human feelings and emotions involved in the cases she dealt with, cases that had impact on the lives of the young people, their families and their community.

It is these qualities that I know she will bring to her role as a judge, and would wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy for district court judge in District 15B.

DONN HARGROVE Retired Assistant Secretary, Dept. of Juvenile Justice



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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

Questions? Contact Orange County Solid Waste Management (919) 968-2788 or 在非常非由非常非由 recycling@co.orange.nc.us





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Carrboro High prepares for its first-ever prom

Turn the lights down and turn the music up: theme is 'Glow in the Dark'

By Shannon David

Carrboro Commons Writer

"Get pumped CHS juniors because the first ever Carrboro High School prom is here! Get ready to turn the lights down and turn the music up," read weekly announcements at Carrboro High School.

On May 10, Carrboro High School will hold its first prom, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Carrboro Century Center.

The student body has been working hard all year to put on this event.

'We have pretty much done everything," said Erin Harrington, student body co-president. "We have been in charge of finding a DJ, finding a venue, picking out a theme. We are doing most of the grunt work really."

According to Harrington, the theme for the prom is "Glow in the Dark," and the catch phrase for the event is, "turn the lights down and turn the music up."

Harrington has worked closely with fellow student Andrew Morin in planning the prom, and Harrington and Morin believe that students overall are excited about the upcoming event.

'We had problems promoting spirit at first," said Morin. "Some kids said they would rather go to prom at Chapel Hill High."

"And originally we were disappointed that we couldn't afford a nice venue like a hotel," continued Harrington, "but we



PHOTO BY SHANNON DAVID

Students at Carrboro High School lined up recently to buy tickets to the school's first prom. The prom will be held at the Carrboro Century Center on May 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

are really happy with how everything turned out."

According to Harrington, Carrboro High School's first prom will stand out in comparison to others. "Our prom is more laid-back, chill and hang out with all of your best friends," said Harrington. "It is definitely not your typical prom; it is more 'Carrboro."

The students are not the only ones with high hopes for Carrboro High School's first prom; the entire Carrboro High School community is excited.

Principal Jeff Thomas looks forward to attending the event, and said, "We hope that it is going to be safe and fun for our

Despite high expectations,

many precautionary safety measures are being put in place to ensure a safe, substance-free event for the students.

Diane Rothwell, junior class parent representative on the Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA), said, "There have been issues in the past with drinking, not at a school-sponsored event, but elsewhere. My concern as a parent would be first and foremost safety."

Officer Steve Champion with the Carrboro Police Department is assigned to Carrboro High School full-time, and according to Champion there will be three police officers at the event along with several faculty members volunteering as chaperones. The chaperones will be trained that evening on how to use a breathalyzer.

'We will be breathalyzing every student before they enter to make sure they have not been consuming alcohol," said Champion.

Even with these security measures, Champion has high hopes for the prom and believes it should be an enjoyable event. Champion said jokingly, "It should be a nice event; it's next to a police station, so how much trouble can they get into?"

Rothwell shared similar positive sentiments. "I think it is generally a good group of kids," she said. "I think most kids just want to go and have a good time without the use of substances."

Tickets for Carrboro High School's first prom are now on sale; \$30 for a single ticket and \$50 per couple.

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

Lunch Menus

MAY 2-8

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

ELEMENTARY

Friday — Tuna w/Lettuce & Tomato w/ Crackers; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple

Monday — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese; Broccoli Cuts; Fresh Banana

Tuesday — Baked Potato w/wo Meat & Cheese; Ham & Cheese Sub; "Fun on the Run"; Green Beans; Tossed Salad w/Dressing

Wednesday — Cheeseburger w/Lettuce & Tomato; Fish Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Baked Beans; Chilled Fruit Cocktail

Thursday — Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; "Fun on the Run''; Garden Peas; Fresh Orange Wedges; Cherry Cobbler

MIDDLE & HIGH

Friday — Turkey & Noodles w/Wheat Roll; Baked Potato w/ or w/o Meat & Cheese; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Apricots; Chocolate Pudding Monday — Meatloaf w/

Gravy & Wheat Roll; Corn Dog; Mashed Potatoes; Garden Peas; Chilled Pineapple Tuesday — Beef & Maca-

roni w/Wheat Roll; Turkey & Cheese Wrap; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Fresh Orange Wednesday — Oven Baked BBO Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Ham & Cheese Melt;

Green Beans; Fresh Banana Thursday — Rotini w/ Meatless Spaghetti Sauce; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Pears

School Board Agenda

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Chapel Hill Town . Hall. Here's the agenda:

- I. Call to Order 7:00
- a. Approval of Agenda o. Announcements
- c. Approval of Minutes from April 17 d. Approval of Personnel Agenda and
- 2. Recognitions 7:05
- a. Student and Staff Recognition

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May 10, 7:00

- b. Employee of the Month c. Public School Foundation Student
- **Enrichment Grants**
- 3. Comments 7:30 a. Opportunity for SIT Comments
- b. Opportunity for Teacher Organization c. Opportunity for High School Student
- Representative Comments d. Opportunity for Citizen Comments 4. Consent Agenda 7:49
- 5. Discussion and Action Agenda 7:50 a. Recommendation for Approval of Contract for Renovation of Phoenix Academy
- b. Recommendation for Approval of Use of Undesignated Fund Balance
- c. Recommendation for Approval of Lease with Town of Chapel Hill d. Recommendation for Approval of Policy 6560: Disposal of Surplus Property 6. Work Session 9:00
- a. Elementary School Improvement Plans b. Policy 3622: High School Athletics and Policy 4270: Prevention of Weather Related Illness and Injury c. Recommendation for Approval of Walk

d. Establishment of District Priorities for

Zones at Chapel Hill High School

7. Sharing with Board/Superintendent

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School Briefs

HIGH MATH

Several students from Chapel Hill and Carrboro placed at the State High School Mathematics Competition last week at the School of Science and Math.

Those who placed were: Jeremy Hahn, Michaux Academy senior, third place; Andres Hertzberg, Chapel Hill High School junior, ninth place; Fei Fei Wang, Chapel Hill High School senior, 12th place; Zijing Gao, Smith Middle School seventh grader, 24th place; and Haoru Liu, East Chapel Hill High School sophomore, 28th place.

CHS CONCERT

The Carrboro High Chorus and Orchestra will perform a concert on May 29 at 7 p.m.

The performance will include music from The Phantom of the Opera, as well Telemann's Don Quixote Suite and Russian folk music.

Donations of \$5 per adult are welcomed. The concert is at Culbreth Middle School.

BOOK BATTLERS

The Phillips Middle **School** Battle of the Books team finished second in the Piedmont area regional tournament on April 18 at Randolph Community College in Asheboro.

Fourteen area teams competed in the tournament. The team from Winston-Salem/ Forsyth finished 10 points ahead of the Phillips team.

SAFETY SITE

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools recently launched a safety website.

The site provides information regarding the district's pest-management notifications, the asbestos removal program, chemical hygiene, air quality and other safety issues.

The website is locatat www2.chccs.k12. nc.us/education/dept/dept. php?sectionid=4736.

UN CHAMPS

Several Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students recently competed in the United Nations Contest, sponsored by the West Triangle Chapter of the United Nations Associa-

First place went to a team

from East Chapel Hill High School for their project entitled "United Nations Peace Keeping Reform." Team members include Jason Elangbam, Jun Hong, Alexander Loyal and Joshua Loyal.

Second place went to Jiyoon Lee of Chapel Hill High School for her project "Silent Tragedy."

MIDDLE MATH

The Phillips Middle Geometry and Algebra II Math Teams finished first in the Regional Mathematics Com petition at UNC-Pembroke on March 13.

Ten students placed individually and will participate in the state competition on May 10. In algebra I, Alex Kelly placed first and Bernie Amaldoss placed seventh. Students Yu Wang, Daniel Liu, Sheila Deng, Alice Huang and Shreya Das finished first through fifth in geometry, respectively.

In algebra II, Nicholas Tae placed second, Avi Aggarwal placed third and William Holub-Moorman placed fourth.

PEACETALKER Chapel Hill High

School student Amber Bivins served as a spokesperson for the National Students Against Violence Everywhere Youth Advisory Board at the group's national conference in Raleigh on April 4. The conference focused on Internet safety, gang prevention, bullying prevention and dating violence.

GO GECKOS Morris Grove Elemen-

tary School Principal Amy Rickard recently announced that the school's mascot will be the gecko and the school's colors will be navy blue and

Morris Grove will open on the corner of Dromoland and Eubanks roads in August. More than 150 students who will attend the school voted on the mascot and colors.

TECH CHAMPS

Students from Carrboro High, Chapel Hill High, McDougle Middle and Smith Middle competed in the 29th annual North Carolina Technology Students of America conference in Greensboro, April 12-15.

Students who won first place were: Chapel Hill High

students Arjun Ajmani, Krina Patel, Thomas Pollack and Matt Zeman – Animatronics; McDougle Middle students Dunmi Alabi, Chris Chiesa, Daniel Kaplan, John O'Regan, Manoj Paladugu and Leah Westendorf - Chapter Team; McDougle Middle student Manoj Paladugu – Electrical Applications; McDougle Middle students Chris Chiesa, Daniel Kaplan and John O'Regan - F-1 Jaguar Racing Challenge; Carrboro High students Natalie Carpenter and Amy Dreher - Manufacturing Prototype; Smith students John Cook and Kenny Huang - NCTSA Pin Design; Chapel Hill High students Arjun Ajmani and Matt Zeman - RC Transportation; Chapel Hill High students Sean Burke and Peter Noone - Technology Problem Solving; McDougle Middle student Nikita Ermoshkine - Transportation Hovercraft Challenge; and McDougle Middle students Dunmi Alabi, Chris Chiesa, Nikita Ermoshkine, Manoj Paladugu and Leah Westendorf – Video Challenge.

Students who received second place awards include: Carrboro High student Dakota Pahel-Short – Architectural CAD 2D; Carrboro High students Aidan Burns and Sally Rothwell – Construction Systems; McDougle Middle students Caleb Roenigk, Axel Sanchez-Aguirre and Austin Slydel - Cyberspace Pursuit; McDougle Middle students Daniel Kaplan, John O'Regan and Austin Slydel - Electronic Game Design; Chapel Hill High students Arjun Ajmani and Matt Zeman - Sci Viz; and McDougle Middle students Daniel Kaplan, Manoj Paladug and Caleb Roenigk -Systems Control Technology.

Students who won third place include: McDougle Middle student Katy Mattox – Dragster Design; McDougle Middle student Austin Slydel - Electrical Applications; Chapel Hill High students Sean Burke and Matt Zeman - F-1 Jaguar Racing Challenge; Chapel Hill High students Arjun Ajmani, Thomas Pollack and Matt Zeman - RC Marine Design; McDougle Middle student Chris Chiesa - Technical Design; and Smith student Lynette Mason – TSA Multimedia.

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SPRING AWARDS

The Carrboro High School Spring Athletic Awards Ceremony will be held May 20 at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will celebrate the accomplishments of the baseball, men's golf, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, women's soccer, softball, men's tennis and track and field teams.

The ceremony will be held in the Carrboro High School gymnasium.

HALL OF FAMERS

Chapel Hill-Carrboro district alumni were inducted into the Chapel Hill High School/Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Inductees were Mike Earey, basketball; Dovonte Edwards, football; Robert Edwards, football; Lizzie Newton, lacrosse; Steve Scott, soccer; and Coach Joe Augustine, football. Dovonte Edwards plays football for the Detroit Lions.

Since 2002, individuals, coaches and teams have been inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame to recognize their athletic success during high school and beyond.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Adult Softball League continues on with its season. The FIELD HOCKEY current standings are:

- 2. Chapel Hill Realty (6-1)
- 3. Milltown (5-2)
- 4. Armadillo Grill (3-4) 5 Tooth House (3-4)
- 6. Bread & Butter (2-5) 7. Fearrington (1-6)
- 8. The Lawn Wranglers (1-6)

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The 2008 Carrboro Recreation & Parks Middle School Field Hockey League standings, as of April 28, are:

- 1. Golden Girls (3-0)
- 2. Dark Angels (3-1) 3. Red Hot Chili Peppers (3-1)
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We will debut our new 30th anniversary tee shirts available for purchase at the information booth! These will be collector's items! Also, stop by the Farmers' Market booth on Sunday and join us as we celebrate Carrboro Day!

Land Trust joins the Green Home Tour

by Emily Burns Staff Writer

The Orange Community Housing and Land Trust's first certified green home will be featured in the Home Builders Association's 3rd Annual Green Home Tour this weekend.

The house, located at 104 Broad St. in Carrboro, boasts many green features, including a sealed crawl space, roofing made with recycled materials, Energy-Star appliances and energy-efficient bath fans, among others.

The green features of the home, its small size and its location will allow future owners to save money and to minimize their carbon footprints.

"What I think is unique about this house among others on the tour is actually the in-town location," Land Trust project manager Christine Westfall said. There are very few homes on the tour that are actually in walkable communities where you don't

As part of the Advanced Energy Corporation's System-Vision Energy Guarantee Program, owners of the home will be guaranteed average heating and cooling costs of \$30 per month during their first year of residence.

'We also used materials that are going to wear well over time," Westfall said. "This house on Broad Street has oak floors for instance, rather than carpet."

Westfall said that use of durable and environmentally friendly materials will reduce maintenance expenses for the owner and minimize the home's long-term impact on the environment.

Construction of the roughly 1,500-square-foot home began early this year and is slated to be complete on May 15.

According to Land Trust Executive Director Robert Dowl-

have to drive to services.



PHOTO COURTESY ORANGE COMMUNITY HOUSING AND LAND TRUST 104 Broad Street, a green-built home owned by the Orange Community Housing and Land Trust, combines environmental values with affordable housing.

ing, building the home cost approximately \$220,000, but with a local subsidy of \$80,000, the Land Trust initially will list the home at approximately \$150,000.

"We'll subsidize it based on the needs of the buyer down to \$125,000," Dowling said. "This is probably one of the most affordable houses on the tour."

L&T Briefs

Eat local challenge

The Carolina Farm Stewardship Association has launched a new, searchable food guide on carolinalocalfood.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 Assoication of Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties will host its third annual Green Homes Tour, a selfguided 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 information see www.hbadoc.com.

Estes market

The South Estes Farmers' Market will hold its grand opening on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of University Mall.

The event will feature music by the Starlite String Band, cooking demonstrations, raffles every hour and more. The Farmers of Orange, one of the groups that petitioned the county to run the farmers' market at the county's new Public Market House in Hillsborough, launched the South Estes Farmers' Market earlier this month.



John Howie, Jr. adjusts his guitar strap as the Two Dollar Pistols prepare for their set at one of last years Rivermill concerts. The weekly shows and farmers' market in Saxapahaw start up again this

The market will run yearround. For information, visit southestesfarmersmarket.com.

Rivermill market

The Saxapahaw Rivermill Farmers' Market and Music Series will launch on Saturday in Saxapahaw on the banks of the Haw River.

Saturdays in Saxapahaw features musical performances, a farmers' market, face painting, children's arts and crafts

and a kid's parade. The Haw River Rounders will perform on Saturday. The festival runs from 5 to 8 p.m. every Saturday through the end of August. Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. Parking is available at the Saxapahaw General Store or the Collins Community Center. Dogs are not allowed. For more information, visit www.rivermillvillage.com or call (336) 675-7704.

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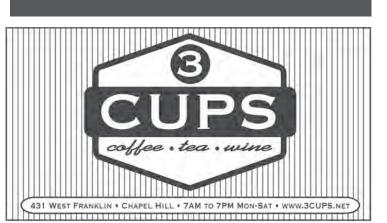
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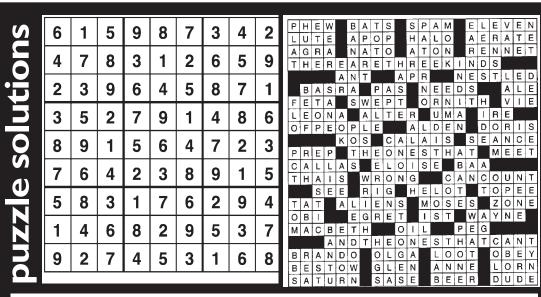


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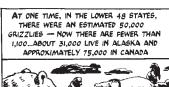
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Obituaries

James Karpinos

James Bernard Karpinos, 22, of Chapel Hill, died Saturday, April 26 in Transylvania County, NC. James was born in Winston-Salem, NC on August 3, 1985.

He was a 2003 graduate of Chapel Hill High School and a senior at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, majoring in sociology with a minor in environmental science. He spent the fall of 2007 studying at the University of

Ghana in Accra, Ghana.

James served in the Ameri-Corps National Civilian Community Corps during the 2005-2006 school year. He participated in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Gulfport, MS and St. Bernard Parish, New Orleans, where he was made an honorary citizen.

James worked as a UNCA Residential Advisor and a Trip Supervisor in the UNCA Outdoors Program. He was a forest firefighter for the Bureau of Land Management in the summer of 2007, and was working on environmentally

conscious construction projects this year. He was also a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School and a certified Wilderness First Responder.

James was an accomplished outdoorsman, a passionate environmentalist, a talented athlete, a loyal friend, and a beloved brother and son.

He is survived by his parents, Ralph and Carolyn Karpinos, of Chapel Hill; his grandmother, Louise Arnold, of Chapel Hill; Justin and Ashley Karpinos, of Nashville, Tennessee; Jonathan Karpinos and Leah Gotcsik, of Chicago, Illinois; and Steve Karpinos, of Wheaton, Maryland.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Chapel Hill. A campus memorial was held Wednesday, April 30, at UNC Asheville.

In James' honor, donations may be made to the UNC Asheville Foundation to benefit the UNCA Outdoors Program or the Student Global AIDS Campaign. Please designate which organization and send donations to the UNC Asheville Foundation.

REFORM

FROM PAGE I

University Presbyterian Church in about the problem of separating mental health care and physical. I would like to hear more specifics from her about how the Community Care model would be integrated into our current framework, and more detail about what she would change in the state system."

John Mader, a local therapist and critic of the Easley administration's failed reform effort, said of Perdue: "I support her goal of clarifying 'a basic level of mental health services for needy people.'

"However, what would she do for the working poor who have insurance, and therefore do not quality for the state IPRS funded services, yet do not have the money to pay their co-pay, which the private agency will require before providing services?"

In response to the AP questionnaire, Bob Orr said: "We must determine where privatization is a viable business model, implement a fair and efficient reimbursement process that pays for actual care, fully fund the Mental Health Trust Fund, and ensure that the state has a secure, long term supply of mental health care providers.'

On his website, Orr further articulates his proposals.

While affirming that the original idea behind the state's mental health care reform was valid - moving ongoing and support services out into the communities - Orr says, "I am not convinced that we have the right concept of care, and believe we need to answer some important questions about roles and responsibilities to give us a clearer view of how to proceed."

He says that he believes having the state provide long-term institutional care and LMEs the other services can potentially "provide consumer choice and consistent care closer to home and at a lower cost," but that "[w]e have not met this intent consistently."

In order to remedy that, he says that we must "provide clear and specific operating guidelines for the LMEs with the appropriate flexibility and funding to create provider networks" and reassign to the LMEs primary case-management responsibility with the authority to be the "funnel for all care and services." He argues that a single statewide standard for LMEs must be established.

Orr says that we must determine state versus local roles and responsibilities for providing the local safety net of 24/7 crisis response, and act immediately to address our acute care deficiencies."

He then adds that we must "put the state hospital downsizing effort on hold, while we address the shortage of beds across the state and focus the reform effort on fixing the community-based system."

"I appreciate Bob Orr's thoughtful and balanced analysis," Mader said, "and ask myself how he will follow through more effectively

than the current administration." "Bob Orr seems to have a solid understanding of the issues," Sullivan said, "as well as a grasp of the principles that have guided reform thus far. He is asking the right questions, and makes a couple of specific suggestions that are on target."

Sullivan sites, as an example, returning case-management responsibilities to the LMEs.

"Case managers help connect consumers with the services that they need and help monitor the quality of the services that are provided," he said. "This should have remained with the LMEs. Conflicts of interest arise when this function is with a private agency."

He also praises Orr for suggesting we must rethink privatization, especially in rural counties, and for recognizing the importance of fully funding the Mental Health Trust Fund.

"It is a lot to ask these candidates to provide specific recommendations on this complex issue," Mader said, "yet we know that Hooker Odom crafted a wonderfully high-minded plan for 'State Mental Health Reform.' Many of us in the field questioned its basic assumptions and implementation. A very few individuals actually made the decisions on key parts of the implementation.

"Who will be making the decisions in the next few years - the many knowledgeable professionals or a few well-intended department officials?"

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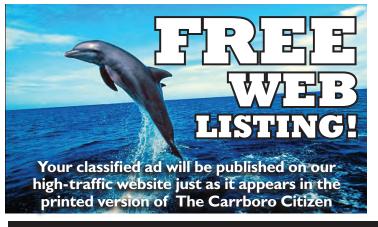


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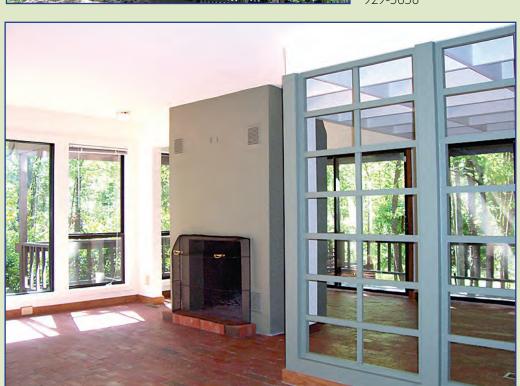
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