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Tall-standing penstemons in front of one of Mason Farms vast fields.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

In the footsteps of John Terres at Mason Farm

Mason Farm's penstemon fields are more spectacular this year than ever. The N.C. Botanical Garden's careful management – a combination of select mowing and prescribed burning, simulating nature – encourages these impressive seasonal wildflower displays.

Each time I visit the Mason Farm Biological Reserve south of Finley Golf Course, I make new discoveries. Every visit makes me cherish the proximity of such an extensive wild area.

Editor of *Audubon* magazine John K. Terres fell under the spell of Mason Farm back in 1961, when he retreated to Chapel Hill from New York City to take on an assignment to write an encyclopedia of North American birds. Fortunately, he was introduced to Mason Farm soon after his arrival. Being a naturalist accustomed to daily forays into the wild, Mason Farm gave Terres a place for breaks from his indoor labors — a place to renew his energies and spirit.

The description of his first visit to the farm is memorable:

"I first saw the Mason Farm of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in February 1961.... Crossing Morgan Creek over a concrete dam, I walked under the winter sun on a road that led over a grass-grown levee, built to hold back the spring floods. I had no thought of what might lie beyond. When I reached the top of the dike, I gasped. For two miles straight-away, and from east to west, windswept fields and woods lay under an enormous vault of blue.

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County agrees to study Millhouse transfer station option

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners agreed Tuesday night to consider a site suggested by Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy north of the Town Operations Center on Millhouse Road as a potential location for the county's proposed solid waste transfer station.

Not surprisingly, Millhouse residents are troubled by the suggestion. They're joined in their concern by their neighbors a mile to the southwest on Rogers and Eubanks roads and by representatives of the Emerson Waldorf School.

Foy first suggested the 32-acre Chapel Hill-owned location two weeks ago. He then took a small group of community members on a tour of the site. The

Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association (RENA) responded with an open letter to Chapel Hill and county officials asserting that residents of this historically black community were "adamantly against" a transfer station on Millhouse Road or anywhere in the vicinity of Rogers and Eubanks roads. Eubanks Road has been the site of the county landfill for the past 37 years.

Foy presented the suggested site last Thursday night at a work session held for representatives of the county, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough to discuss the status of the transfer station site search. Foy stressed at that meeting that the Millhouse site was only a suggestion, that it hadn't been put before the Chapel Hill Town Council and that he only wished to gauge the county's interest.

While saying that he wasn't sure he himself was in favor of the loca-

tion, Foy said that since the land is owned by the town, selecting it might be a means of "most efficiently utilizing tax dollars" and that money saved might be used as compensation to the Rogers-Eubanks community for having housed the landfill for so many years.

Chapel Hill Council member Mark Kleinschmidt followed-up Foy's comments, saying, "We're willing to be creative with the assets we have to help this situation."

Some commission members were concerned about the timing of the offer.

At last Thursday night's meeting, Commissioner Mike Nelson expressed frustration that the Millhouse site was being introduced at such a late stage in the process, one that has now been underway since early 2008.

"Putting another option on the table is not my choice," Nelson said.

Millhouse Road runs off of Eubanks Road to the north. The intersection of Millhouse and Eubanks is less than a mile from the entrances to the landfill. Millhouse and Rogers-Eubanks residents alike say that putting a transfer station so close to the landfill would mean the community would further bear an undue burden on behalf of the broader community. Members of the Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood had thought they were finally out of the clear when the county commission chose to remove the Eubanks landfill site from consideration for even a temporary transfer station.

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Town wants library to stay

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — With the Orange County Board of Commissioners set to open public hearings on a budget that calls for the closing of the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle School, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen is joining with library supporters to officially oppose the move.

The aldermen met Monday night at Town Hall to discuss the closing of the library and worked on a draft of a letter to be sent to the county outlining their opposition to the closing.

In an interview Wednesday, Mayor Mark Chilton said he hopes strong community and town support will underline the importance of the library to the town.

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Kristin White, a librarian at the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle School, checks out materials to Eliza Longnecker, a Chapel Hill High School student.

PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Colleton Crossing rejected

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously on Tuesday to deny an application for Colleton Crossing, a residential development proposed for Reynard Road between Fox Meadow and Highlands, saying nearby roads could not support the traffic the development would bring.

The developer, MBI Development, proposed a 39-dwelling subdivision on 31.6 acres at 8400 and 8420 Reynard Road. Residents opposed the development because of the proposed connections to other neighborhoods, citing unsafe conditions created by increased traffic on roads not designed to handle it.

Plans included a connection from Reynard Road to Tallyho Trail in Fox Meadow, as well as a stub-out to Claymore Road in the Highlands, which could have been connected if a proposed Carolina Commons development by UNC was completed in the future. In addition, developers had investigated a possible connection to Huntsman Court via a utility easement between two homes after the board asked them to look at other possible connections, but property owners resisted the proposed road because of property-value concerns.

Neither Tallyho Trail nor Claymore Road has sidewalks, and residents of both Fox Meadow and the Highlands said the narrow roads would be increasingly unsafe for pedestrians as traffic increases.

Project designer Phil Post said he was extremely disappointed with the board's decision.

"The developer and the neighborhood have been put through a very, very arduous process for three years," he said. "I think it's very tough for the developer to have had to invest for two and a half years without the big issues being confronted. It's also indicative of a broken system."

Post added that large conceptual issues should be addressed at the outset of the design process.

Board member Dan Coleman said he appreciated the efforts made by the developer to make improvements to the project, but that the safety issues were too serious to approve the project.

"I feel like the testimony of the citizens tonight and at the earlier public hearing has really been compelling in regard to the public health and safety issues," Coleman said.

Board member Jacquie Gist agreed. "Our number-one job is to look after the health, safety and well-being of our community, of our citizens," she said. "We're hearing overwhelming evidence of the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods that it just cannot carry the extra traffic burden."

Mayor Mark Chilton said he would be willing to consider the proposal if it were revised; but as it stood, he could not support it.

"I believe that until there's more than one way in and out of this property, it doesn't work for that many units," he said.

More than a dozen residents spoke against the proposed development, mostly citing traffic concerns.

Adittee Narayan, a resident of the Highlands and a pediatrician who reviews child fatalities, said the possible connection to Claymore Road through the proposed Carolina Commons development would bring a dangerous amount of traffic to the Highlands.

"Connecting Claymore Road through the UNC property is increasingly very dangerous to the safety of our pedestrians and bicyclists," she said. "In order to actually make this safe and reduce the risk to pedestrians, you must have dual sidewalks.... If we do anything less than that, that is clearly substandard, and Carrboro is not substandard, especially in the area of walkability and pedestrian safety."

Steve Peck, a resident of Fox Meadow, said he thought the developer had designed a good project, but that the connection options were too dangerous, especially for Tallyho Trail, which is long, narrow and winding.

"We are going to suffer tremendously if this project is approved now as it is being proposed," he said.

In other town business, the board approved revolving loan fund applications for both *The Carrboro Citizen* and *The Kind Coffee*. *The Citizen* will receive a \$50,000 loan, while *The Kind Coffee* will receive \$57,000. The town's revolving loan fund, established in 1986, provides low-interest loans to local businesses.



Little League Time!

Davis Palermo (above) of the Carrboro Recreation League's Mets, for ages 9 and 10, pitches in the 6th inning of Saturday's match against the Tigers, played on Saturday, May 16.

Nicholas Parker (left), first baseman for Carrboro Recreation League's Tigers (ages 9 and 10), catches a pop-up in the bottom of the 5th inning in a game against the Mets.

PHOTOS BY AVA BARLOW

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THE LOVE LANGUAGE
Cat's Cradle
Saturday May 23

THURSDAY MAY 21

Blue Bayou: Bill West. 9pm
Captain John's Dockside: Chris Reynolds Swing "IN" Jazz Trio. 6-8:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Jukebox The Ghost, Jenny Owen Youngs, The Winter Sounds. 9pm, \$8/10
The Cave: LATE: Battle Rockets, Husky
General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7-9pm
Local 506: Mr. Lif, Grieves, Willie Evans, Jr. Social Memory Complex. 9pm, \$10

FRIDAY MAY 22

The ArtsCenter: Paddy Keenan, John Walsh. 8:30pm, \$14/16
Blue Bayou: Tinsley Ellis. 9:30pm
The Cave: EARLY: Happenstanza. LATE: Big Daddy Love
City Tap: EARLY: March Brown. LATE: Bill Hicks
General Store Cafe: Frizz Wheel. 8:30-11pm
Hanes Theatre: Chapel Hill High School Chorus "A Choral Tour Around The World." 7:30pm, \$6/Adults, \$3/Students under 18
Harry's Market: Shannon O'Connor. 7-9pm
Local 506: Lemming Malloy, I Was Totally Destroying It, Gray Young. 10pm, Free
Nightlight: Huguenots, Rosewood Thieves, True Womanhood. 10pm
Open Eye Cafe: Shawn Deena, Andi Morgan. 8pm
Reservoir: Colossus, Blackholicus, Gollum

SATURDAY MAY 23

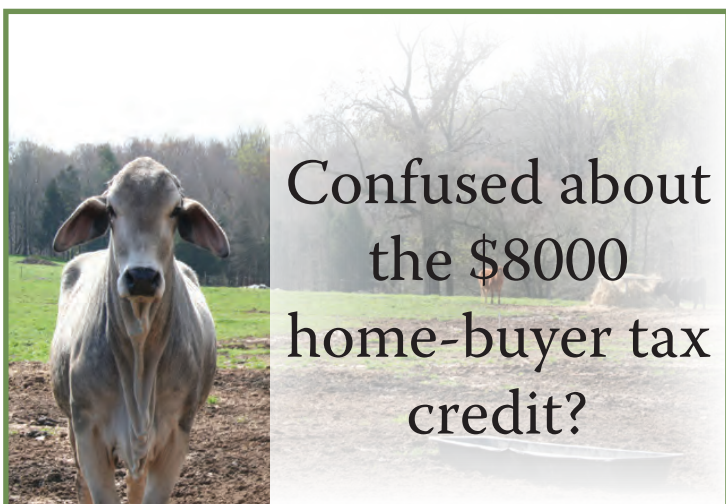
Cat's Cradle: The Old Ceremony, The Love Language. 9:30pm, \$10
The Cave: EARLY: Esterhaazy
City Tap: Starmount. 8-10pm
General Store Cafe: Billuematics. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: Boxbomb, Barbarella, En Serenade. 9:30pm
Regency Park: Concert Singers Of Cary. 7:30pm
Meymandi Concert Hall: Triangle Youth Brass Band and Ensemble. 8pm
Open Eye Cafe: Jaafar. 8pm
SUNDAY MAY 24
Local 506: Ponytail, Gross Ghost. 9:30pm, \$8/10



BARBARELLA
Local 506
Saturday May 23



JOE SWANK AND THE ZEN PIRATES
Local 506
Thursday May 28

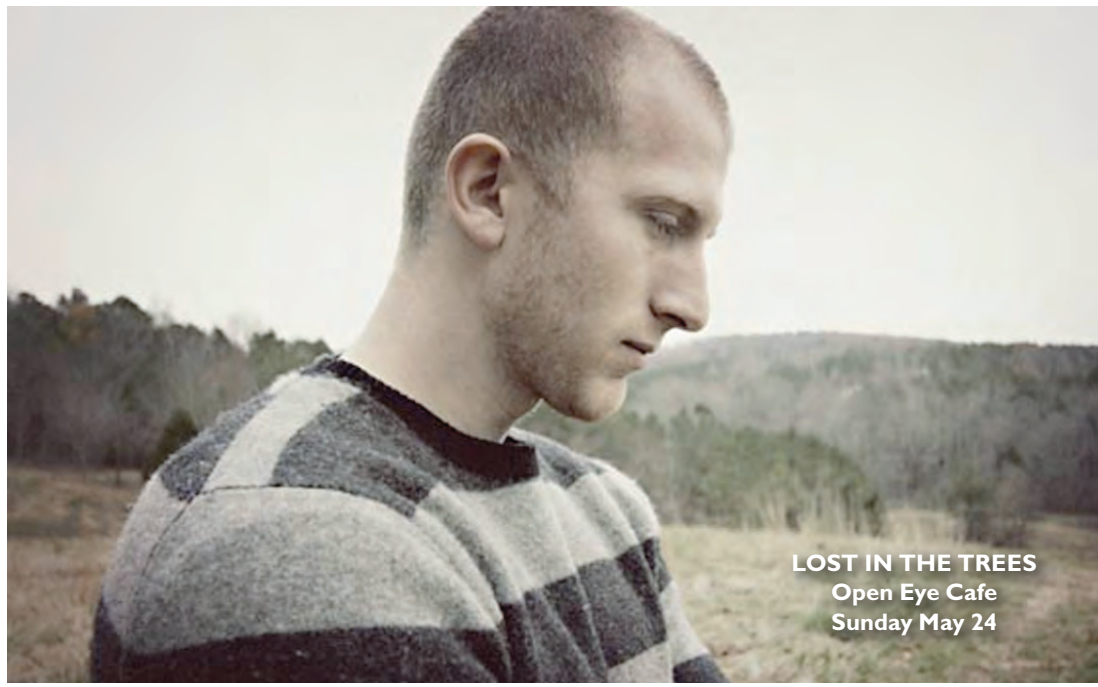


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LOST IN THE TREES
Open Eye Cafe
Sunday May 24

Open Eye Cafe: Lost in the Trees. 8pm

Weaver Street Market: Equinox. 11am-1pm

MONDAY MAY 25

Nightlight: Qualms, Remora, Man Plus Building. 9:30pm

TUESDAY MAY 26

The Cave: LATE: Tony Luca, Joey DeGraw, Andrew Hoover. \$5

Local 506: Wedlock

Nightlight: Crash, The SoulBand, Sunset. 9:30pm, \$5

WEDNESDAY MAY 27

The Cave: LATE: The Essentials
Local 506: Blood Red River, Lollipop Factory, The Virgo. 9pm

THURSDAY MAY 28

The ArtsCenter: The Music of Tommy Dorsey's Big Band. 1:30pm
Local 506: Bonnie Prince Billy, Lichens. 8:30pm

Blue Bayou: Shawn Deena. 9pm

The Cave: LATE: Proud Simon

General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck Trio. 7-9pm

Local 506: Joe Swank and the Zen Pirates, Sleepless Nights, Lynn Blakely. 9pm

Lincoln Theatre: The National
Q Shack: Leroy Savage

FRIDAY MAY 29

Blue Bayou: The Lids. 9:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Isis, Pelian, Tombs

The Cave: EARLY: Negative I
LATE: Waumiss, Veelee, Pinche Gringo

City Tap: EARLY: Kitty Box and The Johnnys. LATE: The Breaks, The Bad Mothers

General Store Cafe: Freyloch Old Time Jamboree. 8:30-11pm

Local 506: The Never, Birdlips, Wes Phillips. 8:30pm, \$7

Open Eye Cafe: Donna Hughes. 8pm

Reservoir: Black Shies, Pride Parade, The Dirty Little Heaters, Death Came Down The Mountain

SATURDAY MAY 30

Cat's Cradle: Josh Ritter, The Proclivities, David Shultz and The Skyline. 9pm, \$15/18

Blue Bayou: Memphis The Band. 9:30pm

The Cave: EARLY: John Eichleay, Josh Mease. LATE: Blotter Benefit with Rooster for the Masses, Western Civ

General Store Cafe: Caleb Cauld and The Bayonets. 8:30-11pm

Nightlight: Schooner, Woody Sullender, Actual Persons Living or Dead. 10pm, \$6

Open Eye Cafe: Sawyer-Goldberg Ensemble. 8pm

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FR 7/3 THE ORB
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FR 6/12 JENNY LEWIS

TH 5/21 JUKEBOX THE GHOST/JENNY OWEN YOUNGS
W/THE WINTER SOUNDS**(\$25)
FR 5/22 DANCE PARTY !! L IN JAPANESE (NO ALCOHOL SERVED)
SA 5/23 **(\$10) THE OLD CEREMONY
W/THE LOVE LANGUAGE
MO 5/25 FLICKER HAS BEEN CANCELLED
FR 5/29 ISIS W/PELICAN AND TOMBS**(\$15/\$18)
SA 5/30**(\$15/\$18) JOSH RITTER
W/PROCLIVITIES AND DAVID SHULTZ + THE SKYLINE
SU 5/31 DAVID COOK
W/R** SOLD OUT
TH 6/4 BK3 (BILL KREUTZMANN, JAMES "HUTCH" HUTCHINSON, SCOTT MURAWSKI AND TARA NEVINS)
W/THE BREW**(\$18/\$21)

MO 7/13 HANDSOME FURS (LOCAL 506)
FR 6/5**(\$17/\$20) ENGLISH BEAT
W/URBAN SOPHISTICATES
SA 6/6 TAB BENOIT**
W/MEL MELTON & THE WICKED MOJOS
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SU 6/7 LONELY HEARTS WORLD TOUR
EASY STAR ALL-STARS
W/GUEST TRUMYSTIC**(\$14/\$16)
TU 6/9**(\$20/\$23) TOTAL REQUEST LIVE!
X (JOHN DOE, BILLY ZOOM, EXENE CERVENKA, DJ BONEBRAKE)
WE 6/10 PAUL THORN**(\$15)
TH 6/11 GRIZZLY BEAR
W/HERE WE GO MAGIC**(\$14)
FR 6/12 JENNY LEWIS
W/DEER TICK**(\$18)
SU 6/14 MEAT PUPPETS**(\$14/\$16)
W/RETRIBUTION GOSPEL CHOIR
MO 6/15 PORTUGAL. THE MAN**(\$5)
TU 6/16 PEACHES
W/DRUMS OF DEATH**(\$18/\$20)
FR 6/19 CONNELLS
W/MAYFLIES USA**(\$15)

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W/ANNI ROSSI
FR 6/26**(\$15) NYLON SUMMER
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W/LIVING THINGS, PLASTICINES, JAGUAR LOVE
SA 6/27 HOLSAPPLE & STAMEY
W/AMERICAN AQUARIUM AND LUEGO
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FR 7/3 THE ORB**
FR 7/10 BOMBADIL
CD RELEASE PARTY**(\$9/\$12)
FR 7/18 GIRLS ROCK SHOWCASE**
SA 7/19 LOST IN THE TREES**⁸
WE 7/22 - SA 7/25 XX MERGE
SOLD OUT
SA 8/8 DE LA SOUL
20 YEARS HIGH AND RISING TOUR
ON SALE 5/22**(\$25/\$28)
WE 8/12 AKRON/FAMILY**(\$10/\$12)
TU 9/1 HOT TUNA
ELECTRIC**(\$25/\$28)
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LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
MO 7/13 HANDSOME FURS
TH 7/16 REEVES GABRELS
THE ARTS CENTER (CARR)
SA 8/22 BOWERBIRDS
W/MEGAFAN
LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)
TH 5/28 THE NATIONAL
W/COLIN SOLD OUT
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (RALEIGH)
TH 6/4 THE DECEMBERISTS
W/BLIND PILOT
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News Briefs

Memorial Day trash collection

Most municipal offices in Carrboro and Chapel Hill will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day and trash collection scheduled for Monday will be rescheduled.

In Carrboro, trash scheduled for collection on Monday will be collected on Tuesday.

In Chapel Hill, residential trash collection normally scheduled for Monday will occur on Wednesday. Monday commercial trash collection will be rescheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be no change in the curbside recycling schedule in either town.

Chapel Hill Transit will not operate on Monday and the Orange Regional Landfill and Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be closed.

New irrigation systems to require separate meters

Starting July 1, all new in-ground irrigation systems connected to the OWASA system or other public utilities must have separate water meters in accordance with 2008 state legislation. Separate meters are not required for existing irrigation systems.

OWASA's fees for irrigation-only meter service include a one-time service-availability fee, a charge for installing an OWASA meter and related piping and monthly bills, including a volume charge and fixed monthly-service fee.

For more information, contact OWASA's Engineering and Planning Department at 537-4214 or webmaster@owasa.org

Town to purchase land

At its meeting Monday night at Town Hall, the Chapel Hill Town Council agreed to the purchase of a 10-acre parcel adjacent to the Town Operations Center on Millhouse Road. The town has been interested in the parcel for years since it is between its transit and public works facilities. Purchase price on the property was \$525,000.

In other action Monday night, the council:

- honored the Tar Heels Men Basketball Team with a proclamation. Athletic Direct Dick Baddour and center Tyler Zeller were on hand to accept the honors;
- approved a plan to use a \$732,519 federal grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to renovate 15 apartments at the South Roberson neighborhood and replace appliances in the Eastwood, Caldwell-Church and Oakwood neighborhoods;
- approved changes to the town's land-use ordinance to allow more flexibility in accepting payments-in-lieu to satisfy recreational space requirements for developments;
- authorized an agreement to extend the jurisdiction of the UNC Department of Public Safety into defined non-campus areas of the town under certain circumstances. Speaking in favor of the jurisdiction change, Chapel Hill Police Chief Brian Curran said it would allow UNC police to better assist the CHPD, especially in emergency situations.

Bryan wins bar selection

Former Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Jay Bryan was the top vote-getter in last week's 15B Judicial Bar selection of who will serve out the rest of Judge Alonzo Coleman's term.

At a meeting last week at the Institute of Government, Bryan won the vote with 115 votes, followed by Glenn Gerding with 114 and Lunsford Long with 87.

The results will be forwarded to Gov. Beverly Perdue, who has the option of choosing from among the three. If she does not nominate one of them within 60 days, Bryan will automatically get the job.

Judge Coleman will turn 72 on June 30, and according to state law must retire.

The 15B Judicial District Bar, which is made up of attorneys from Orange and Chatham counties, met Thursday night at the Institute of Government to vote on three names to send to the governor.

DOWNTOWN LIFE IN CHAPEL HILL AND CARRBORO



Move over Clyde Jones

A tree grew in Chapel Hill. Then the Heels won another national championship and that night some (probably drunken) idiots snapped its crown.

The tree, formerly an 11-foot green ash, grew in front of Spanky's. Like a lot of urban trees, it was in a struggle for survival even before the celebrants came along. According to a release from the town, it had been recommended for replacement in 2007.

But after viewing the damage to the ash the day after the big win, Mayor Kevin Foy had the idea of turning the stump into some kind of art.

Fortunately, the town has an in-house wood carver in the person of economic-development director Dwight Bassett, who, according to the release, "envisioned a vertical segment of a player with arm extended and holding a basketball." Bas-

sett began work on Tuesday and will be carving away again on Friday.

En pointe, folks

As large banners in the downtown will soon note, the world-famous Bolshoi ballet is coming to town this summer for an extended visit with four performances at Memorial Hall, June 10 through 14.

The Orange County Visitor's Bureau has passed on a request from Carolina Performing Arts director Emil Kang asking us locals, especially shopkeepers in the downtown, to do a little something extra to give the 180 members of the company a warm welcome.

Probably a little late to order a Faberge Egg for your front window, but you can get a nifty Welcome Bolshoi sign from the visitor's bureau.

Riddle me this

Good work by *Chapel Hill Magazine* on getting an interview with the illusive Joe Riddle Jr., whose properties include the southwest corner of Columbia and Franklin streets and the old University Chrysler building.

Like him or not, the fellow does have control of some critical downtown spots, including the Chrysler lot next door to Lantern that is a potential solution to West End parking woes.



Bolshoi ballet

LIBRARY

FROM PAGE 1

The letter from Chilton to county commission Chair Valerie Foushee reads in part:

"We are aware that some cuts in service will be necessary in virtually every department, but the wholesale closure of libraries is too drastic and will take a needless financial and emotional toll on the well-being of our community."

Chilton also makes the case that the library's computers are used by residents in job searches and that many of the people affected will be those who can least afford to travel out of the

community to another library. He also notes that the town has contributed \$4,000 annually to help cover the cost of the facility.

County officials say they want to close the McDougle library and a branch library at Cedar Grove and shift employees to a new main library in downtown Hillsborough.

Library director Lucinda Munger explained to county commissioners at a budget work session last week that while closing the library in Carrboro will save about \$37,000 in annual expenses, a much bigger impact comes from not having to create new positions in the library system. By closing the branches

and shifting positions, the county will avoid about \$250,000 in new personnel costs.

On Tuesday evening, county commissioners heard from several supporters of the libraries, including some who are worried about what will happen to the tens of thousands of books built up in the collection through purchases, grants and gifts.

"I consider this to be a theft of resources from Carrboro," Anna Mercer McClean told the board.

Gerry Christmas said the library was very important to his family when they first moved to town and could not afford a new computer.

"We must hold on and fight for our little library and our

little arts center," he said. "Both are only little in size."

Allison Rosen said she was worried about the dwindling number of public spaces. The library, she said, is a place that "transcends class."

The first public hearing on the budget is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Central Orange Senior Center next to the Sportsplex on Meadowlands Drive in Hillsborough.

A public hearing at the Southern Human Services Center in Chapel Hill is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m.

The proposed budget is available on the county's website at co.orange.nc.us/budget/index.asp

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 June 1, 2009

Orange County Animal Services is MOVING!

This June, the Animal Shelter, Animal Control, & Administrative Staff will move to the new state-of-the-art Animal Services Center located at 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill.

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Community Briefs

Memorial Day events

VFW and American Legion veterans will host a combined commemoration of Memorial Day this weekend. The event will begin on Saturday at 6:30 a.m. with the carpeting of Chapel Hill Cemetery with more than 500 flags. At 8 a.m., veterans will gather at the cemetery for a memorial ceremony.

On Monday, the groups will host a memorial service at 8 a.m. at the cemetery. Following the ceremony, the American Legion Post will host an open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with veteran presentations beginning at 11 a.m. and an outdoor concert by the Village Band at 1 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Members of the community are invited to bring and display photographs of their family members serving in the military. Photos can be dropped off for mounting at *Chapel Hill Magazine*, 104-B N. Elliott Road, or posted at the ceremonies.

Sexual abuse survivor support group

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center will offer a support group for female survivors of childhood sexual abuse starting in June.

The support group will be an opportunity to learn, share and gain support from others with similar experiences.

For more information, call 968-4647, ext. 3001, or email groups@ocrcc.org

Rape Crisis Center seeks volunteers

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is accepting applications for its support group facilitator volunteer training class.

The center seeks dedicated individuals with diverse backgrounds, ideas and experience. Spanish speakers are strongly encouraged to apply. Training will begin mid-June.

To apply, visit ocrcc.org and complete an application by June 9. For more information, call 968-4647 or email info@ocrcc.org

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

Bicycle Clinic — The Town of Carrboro will sponsor a free bicycle clinic for youth ages 6-12 with safety tips, rules of the road basic maintenance and an obstacle course. 3-5pm, Carrboro Town Commons. 918-7329, amessinger@townofcarrboro.org

Galapagos Lecture — UNC geography professor Stephen Walsh will discuss plans to establish a research outpost on the Galapagos Islands. 2:30pm, Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road. 968-2070, co.orange.nc.us/aging/index

Fourth Friday Movie — The Pittsboro Merchants Association will show the comedy *Airplane* for its Fourth Friday Movie Night. Dusk (hotdogs and fish sandwiches available at 6pm), Capital Bank parking lot, Pittsboro. Bring a chair. 960-5892

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Used Book Sale — Sale to benefit Blue Skies of Maple View summer horseshoe scholarship program. Maple View ice cream store on Dairyland Road, Hillsborough. 933-1444, dpmbueskies@hotmail.com

Mason Farm Walk — Ken Moore will lead a leisurely walk around Mason Farm with old photographs and stories of John Terres' 1981 guided walk of the old farm. 9am-noon, Mason Farm. \$10, \$5 N.C. Botanical Garden members. 962-0522 to register, ncbg.unc.edu

MONDAY, MAY 25



Memorial Day Commemoration — Orange County Peace Coalition invites the community to its program featuring Samia Serageldin, noted author; Mona Dakroui, a certified presenter of the Bridges Foundation; musician Clark Jones; and the Raging Grannies. 2-3:30pm, Carrboro Town Commons. 929-3316, 419-1261

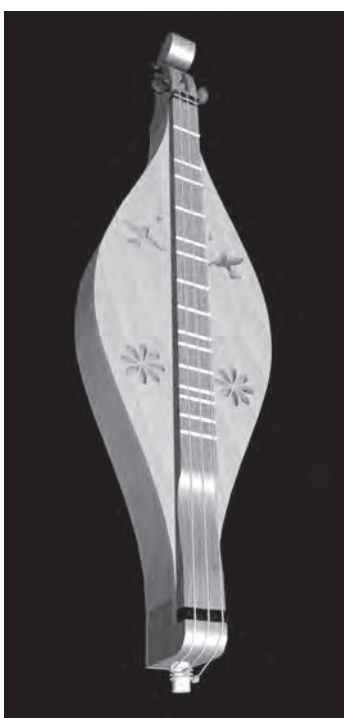
TUESDAY, MAY 26

Kids' Garden Workshop — Kidzu Children's Museum will offer a Carrboro Community Garden Workshop for children ages 3-10. 5-6pm, Growing Healthy Kids Project garden at Carrboro Elementary School. \$3 per adult/child pair. Preregistration required. 933-1455

Film Screening — Seymour Center Cinema will show the 1973 movie *Saboteur*. 1pm, Seymour Center; 2551 Homestead Road. Free admission and popcorn, donations appreciated

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Book Sale — The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library will sponsor a quarterly book sale. 4-7pm Friday, Friends members only (you can join at the door), open to the public 9am-4pm Saturday and 1-4pm Sunday, Chapel Hill Public Library



Dulcimer Players — The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet, beginners and experts welcome. 7pm, Carol Woods Retirement Community. 929-5359, ShirleyRay@aol.com

American Politics Discussion — Join Hodding Carter, William Friday Common Cause National President Bob Edgar and Frank Daniels, former publisher of the *News & Observer*, for a discussion: "Modern American Politics: Reform and Progress in the post-Watergate Era." 7:30pm, University Baptist Church Great Hall on Franklin Street. 836-0027, common-cause.org/nc

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Chorus Concert — The Chapel Hill High School Chorus will perform its spring concert, "A Choral Tour Around the World." 7:30pm, Hanes Theatre at Chapel Hill High. \$6 adults, \$3 students under 18. 969-2461, hanestheatre.org

SATURDAY, MAY 30 Ongoing



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

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

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

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

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

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

Open-Mike Poetry — Tuesdays except first Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

Computer Classes — Free computer classes: Computer and Web Basics, Intro to Email, MS Word, Powerpoint, Excel and an Open Project Workshop. Wednesdays through June 24, 7pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. Registration required. 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

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

Preschool Story Time — Saturdays, 10:30am, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

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

Garden Story Time — Children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers are invited to come read theme-based nature tales and participate in activities in the garden. Thursdays through Aug. 27, 10-11am, North Carolina Botanical Garden. \$5 per family. Preregister 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

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

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

Orange County Literacy Council — Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151

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GET THINGS DONE

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

"Who's Crying?"

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — My name is Cranberry!
I am a lab/shar pei mix young girl (1.5). Originally taken in as a stray in Caswell County in April, Cranberry is estimated to weigh around 42 lbs. She is very friendly towards strangers and does well with other dogs. She does have a little separation anxiety and will whine when left alone for a bit. Although she appears somewhat shy, once out of her shell Cranberry is very affectionate, sweet and polite. She does excellent with treats and will let you take rawhides away. She is working on her leash manners, but only pulls slightly. She would greatly benefit from the free training classes offered with your adoption, being so young and eager to learn. Looking for someone to take her home and show her the stability she deserves! Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet George!
This handsome boy appears to be a rough collie mix and is around 4 years old. George came into the shelter as a stray, but was certainly being fed well wherever he was! He needs to lose a few pounds and has been going on walks several times a day at the shelter to help him get started. He is already housetrained, knows "sit" and walks well on a leash! This boy is one great catch! Don't miss out on George! Visit Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill or call 967-7383. You can also see him online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

Please visit us soon in our **NEW ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER**, opening June 1, 2009! 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. For more information, visit http://www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/newfacility.asp

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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School Briefs

Choral concert

The Chapel Hill High School choirs will perform a spring concert on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Chapel Hill High's Hanes Theatre. The concert is titled "A Choral Tour Around the World" and the choirs will perform a wide range of music from 20 countries. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students under 18. For more information, visit hanes-theatre.org or call 969-2461.

School board meeting

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meets tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Chapel Hill Town Hall on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Items on the agenda include:

- amendments to the 2009-19 Capital Investment Plan;
- proposals for spending stimulus funds; and
- position exchange requests for Frank Porter Graham Elementary School.

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

Project Graduation needs donations

Project Graduation, the parent-funded celebration for all Chapel Hill-Carrboro graduating seniors, needs donations. Project Graduation is still \$12,000 short of its fundraising goal. The annual celebration has helped keep local high school students together and safe on graduation night since 1993. To donate, visit projectgraduationchccs.org/contributions.htm or mail a check payable to Project Graduation, P.O. Box 17043, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27516.

Phillips Middle School seventh-grader Kathy Dai recently won the national Listen to a Life Essay Contest for her essay about her 72-year-old neighbor, Helen Simms.

Student wins national contest

For the contest, students aged 8 to 18 interview a grandparent or friend 50 or older and then write 300-word essays. Dai wrote about Simms' experiences in the Civil Rights Movement.



The annual contest, run by the Legacy Project, offers students an opportunity to learn about real life from real people. For more information, visit legacyproject.org

Exhibit to showcase newcomer art

Students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Newcomer Center will exhibit their artwork at University Mall, June 2 to 14.

The exhibit, "Journeys to a Different Landscape," will showcase visual expression through art therapy by students from Burma.

An opening reception will be held on June 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the mall.

Students perform at state festival

Students from the Phillips and McDougle middle schools chorus programs were selected to participate in the N.C. Middle School All State Festival in Greensboro, May 15 and 16.

Selected McDougle students are Sadie Frank and Sofia Doerfer, sixth grade; Naalamiley Kwakye and Rachel Van Aalst, seventh grade; and Broneyn Kircher and Meredith Bailey, eighth grade.

Selected Phillips students are Alex Ariosto and Morgan Smith, sixth grade; Anne Adrieux and Paige Craven, seventh grade; and Ava Adams, Isabelle Bunch, Troy Mitchell, Deontae Neal, Shuya Osada and Masai White, eighth grade.

Mary Morrison and other members of Carrboro High School's concert band rehearsed on a recent Saturday in preparation for an upcoming spring concert.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

MAY 22 - 28

ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE & HIGH
<p>FRIDAY — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Garden Salad; Green Beans; Chilled Applesauce</p> <p>MONDAY — Memorial Day Holiday — NO SCHOOL</p> <p>TUESDAY — O'Bagel; Pork Egg Roll; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce; "Fun on the Run"; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Apricots</p> <p>WEDNESDAY — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Chicken Salad w/Crackers, Lettuce & Tomato; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Steamed Broccoli; Fresh Banana</p> <p>THURSDAY — Ham & Cheese Sub; Chicken Tetrazzini w/Wheat Roll; "Fun on the Run"; Whipped Sweet Potatoes; w/Cinnamon; Seasoned Lima Beans; Chilled Pears</p>	<p>FRIDAY — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Sweet Yellow Corn; Vanilla Pudding</p> <p>MONDAY — Memorial Day Holiday — NO SCHOOL</p> <p>TUESDAY — Three-Cheese Baked Rotini w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Fajitas w/Salsa & Sour Cream; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches</p> <p>WEDNESDAY — Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese; Baked Potato w/ Beef & Cheese and Wheat Roll Mixed Vegetables; Pineapple Tidbits; Chocolate Pudding</p> <p>THURSDAY — BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Baked Beans; Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes</p>

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Solid Waste Services

Memorial Day Schedule

NO CHANGE in Recycling Services.

Curbside recycling will be collected Monday, May 25 as regularly scheduled.

Please have your bins out by 7:00am!

The Orange County Landfill will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25.

All other landfill services including hazardous waste collection and mulch sales will be closed.

The landfill and all other services will reopen Tuesday, May 26.

Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be CLOSED May 25.

Normal operating hours: 7:00 am-7:00 pm will resume Tuesday, May 26.

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FOR THE RECORD

Don't believe the hype

Finally a Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting gets wide coverage and, we're sorry to say, we're the cause of it all. There's been a good deal of tut-tutting about *The Citizen's* successful application to the town's revolving loan program. There's an implication that because we qualified and got a small business loan we are somehow tainted, on the dole, in cahoots or worse. Don't you believe it. In 2007, we saw an opportunity to start a newspaper because Carrboro was being covered less and less. Now, in 2009, we are seeing demand for our paper in Chapel Hill, North Chatham and Hillsborough on the rise for the same reason.

In difficult economic times and in a tight credit market, we opted to work with a town-sponsored program that has been successful in helping dozens of other small businesses. The money came with no strings and no winks and the loan, taxpayers, is 100 percent-plus secured. We're sorry about the distraction and now intend to get on with reporting on town budgets, county solid waste policy, mental health needs and 20 or 30 other things. The goal here is a solid community newspaper. Nothing more. And, certainly, nothing less.

The coming fight over health care

On the heels of a pledge of cooperation between providers and the government on reducing health care costs comes a much less friendly indication that health care reform will be a down-and-dirty fight. This week, the *Washington Post* got ahold of storyboards for three commercials being planned by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. As the *Post* article notes, "The insurer paints a picture of a future system in which patients wait months for appointments and can't choose their own doctors."

BCBS/NC appears to be taking direct aim at a key provision in the health care reform plan that would allow individuals to purchase a public plan. Quite naturally, private insurers are not keen on a low-cost public plan and are trying to portray it in the least flattering light. What is galling about the BCBS effort is that the company has done quite well for itself since it started running the health care plan for state employees. That plan — overpriced, deep in the hole and driving out healthy young subscribers at an astonishing rate — has proven to be a burden to taxpayers and the people it's designed to cover. And thanks to powerful lobbying and a lot of campaign contributions, the deal between BCBS and the taxpayers is not only lucrative but treated as something of a state secret.

Now some of BCBS's hard-earned cash is being put to use to knock down one of the truly affordable aspects of health care reform. This is just a taste of what's to come. Drug companies, HMOs and health insurers are going to fight this reform hard. BCBS has already shown their cards by hiring Raleigh-based Capstrat to put together the commercials highlighted by the *Post*. They will try to frighten us, of course, by leading us to believe that a system that is already a mess and has left tens of millions of people without insurance could be even worse. The really frightening thing is that by bombarding the airwaves with slick ads and doling out the campaign cash they might once again win.

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Get involved in Carolina North dialogue

JULIE MCCLINTOCK

At times, grassroots actions can advance community dialogue about local problems better than official meetings. This happened on May 3, when over 100 Chapel Hill and Carrboro citizens exchanged ideas about traffic concerns and transportation solutions with other citizens, members of the Chapel Hill Town Council and UNC officials, at a single-issue meeting, "Carolina North: Don't Get Stuck in Traffic." Neighbors for Responsible Growth (NRG) facilitated six neighborhood focus groups and conducted an online survey, which was completed by nearly 600 citizens from over 50 neighborhoods in advance of the community forum. All the concerns, ideas and solutions and the final report can be found at nrg-nc.net.

While some of the recommendations in the NRG report already enjoy the support of Chapel Hill Town and university officials, many will require additional discussion and anticipated action from the Chapel Hill Town Council, the regulatory body for the first phase of Carolina North. The overriding concern we heard from everyone was what can be done about the severe traffic congestion predicted for traveling to work, schools and stores in northern Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Carrboro neighborhoods too voiced their concerns. The future Carolina North campus, twice the size of Southpoint, will cause significant traffic congestion on many streets, including

Martin Luther King, Seawell School, Homestead, Piney Mountain and Estes Drive.

Based on the suggestions and surveys, we recommend four key points that must be put in the Development Agreement (the contract between UNC and the Town of Chapel Hill) to maintain public involvement and to retain our ability to move and work in our community:

1. Mandate public transit. Set parking limits for the new campus to require us to rely on (mass) transit, not automobiles. Current Chapel Hill recommendations for adding turning lanes and extra buses and encouraging more bikers simply are not adequate to keep us mobile.
2. Ensure public participation. Require public participation around each transportation impact analysis (TIA), short-range transit plans and other key milestones in the transportation planning process. Appoint a citizen liaison to coordinate communication between local neighborhoods, the towns and the university on issues pertaining to Carolina North development. Make the Town of Carrboro a more active participant in transportation planning decisions related to Carolina North. An open and vigorous dialogue promotes confidence in local governance and the process, and will set a positive precedent for public participation throughout the build-out of Carolina North.
3. Develop a bike and walking plan now. Biking and walking facilities are

expensive and need to be built into the agreement and tied to building occupancy so all parties are committed to the implementation of these improvements. Town congestion and traffic studies demonstrate that only an aggressive commitment to building dedicated facilities for bike and pedestrian transit will enable us to move people around safely.

4. Ensure safeguards for neighborhoods. Agree to conduct a new TIA every three years, instead of five, during the build-out of this first phase for Carolina North. Doing so will ensure that the planners' assumptions are corrected and updated more frequently to avoid unaddressed traffic problems. Ensure that transportation improvements outlined in the most recent TIA are fully implemented before new buildings are occupied at Carolina North. You can see the entire report at nrg-nc.net for the remainder of the recommendations.

NRG will present these points to the UNC Board of Trustees at the last scheduled joint town-gown discussion on Carolina North. If you want to be part of the solution, contact your elected officials in Chapel Hill and Carrboro and join us on May 21 at 7 p.m. at Extraordinary Ventures, 200 South Elliot Road, site of the former gas company.

Become involved in your future!

Julie McClintock is a member of the Neighbors for Responsible Growth and a former member of the Chapel Hill Town

LETTERS

Millhouse Road is no solution

To quote a good friend of mine today, it is clear some people remain absolutely "clueless." No, we are not applauding Mayor Foy's proposal to site a [waste transfer station] on Millhouse, which still amounts to dumping the entire county's garbage in our community.

As a matter of fact, one community member I spoke with became absolutely livid and near-hysterical: she is sick and tired of the garbage, the stench, the rats, the noise, the buzzards — in short, the environmental contamination and injustice. A WTS on Millhouse means the garbage era will be never-ending, and the idea that her grandchildren will live on their land dealing with the same environmental issues sickens her even more.

No, neither the county nor the towns are committing funds to provide reparations to the Rogers-Eubanks Community (which, yes, includes Millhouse Road). That the community would receive long-overdue reparations (or services, amenities — however one likes to describe them) is a *myth*. I have attended two meetings with Mayor Foy and one with Mayor Foy and Valerie Foushee together, and each has made this fact absolutely clear. But it wouldn't matter anyway, because this community is not for sale.

Yes, during the 2007 Orange County Enhancement Task Force Meetings, Millhouse Road was indeed discussed as part of the Historic Community. It has always been considered as such. However, the map that eventually came to delineate an "Enhancement" area does not include Millhouse Road — how this came to be is another whole discussion. But think about it: I am sure it will come to you.

NELOA JONES
 Chapel Hill

Who runs Carrboro?

Who's in charge of Carrboro anyway? No, it's not a silly question. It's brought to mind by the recent soap opera of Carrboro suing a farm owner for building a small barn apartment and forcing a major subdivision as a cure. Kudos go

to a planning board member (see Ms. Cook's letter, April 9) for "re-railing" a resolution of the dispute (and preventing future such disputes) simply by changing the wording of a zoning district (a "text amendment"). The question remains, why did Carrboro make such an "accessory apartment molchill" into a mountain of litigation?

Why did the board of aldermen (BOA) refuse to consider amending its ordinances when town staff (along with the farm owner) prepared a first text amendment in 2008 to legitimize the apartment? Text amendments have been used routinely by the BOA to let a daycare center into a stream buffer and to allow illegally operating food service trucks to operate legally. Why not here?

Why did Carrboro urge the use of the local Dispute Settlement Center to settle the case of the woman who charged Alderman Coleman with attacking her in 2007, but when it considered barn apartment litigation, no alderman uttered a word about the Center?

Who benefits from town litigation? There's the rub. Unlike Chapel Hill, Carrboro doesn't have a staff attorney with fixed compensation. It hires a Chapel Hill boutique land-use law firm, the same one for over 20 years. (Carrboro doesn't line-item account in its budget for staff time spent assisting litigation.)

How many millions of tax dollars has that firm received over time? Carrboro doesn't have a single, enumerated budget line item identifying all legal costs. Remember, the firm consulted serially on the staff text amendment, on rejecting the text amendment, on starting litigation benefitting the firm, on negotiating a conditional use permit litigation settlement and, finally, on advising during the CUP process. Oh, they'll advise also on a second text amendment too!

How much does Carrboro have to spend on legal matters to justify hiring a staff attorney? Apparently, we'll never know.

Finally, why does town governance (board, town manager, town clerk and governance support) cost \$479,675 annually (or \$24.77 per person) in Carrboro, but only \$361,480

(or \$6.57 per person) in Chapel Hill? Why did each alderman and the mayor approve these "boutique government" governance costs? Who benefits from them?

Who's in charge of Carrboro anyway? No, it's really not a silly question.

BRIAN VOYCE
 Carrboro

Government shouldn't run health care

In reading an opinion editorial that ran in your paper on Thursday, I was surprised at how out of touch the author was with the concerns of North Carolinians when it comes to health care. He talked about certain reforms that might sound good in theory, but in practice, they have nearly doubled and tripled the cost of health insurance to the uninsured and the self-employed. Putting the government in charge of your health care is not the kind of reform that North Carolinians can afford.

My goal is not only to make sure that every American has health insurance, but to ensure that it is at least equal in quality to that enjoyed by members of Congress. This week, I will introduce a bill that includes reforms to actually put money in the hands of everyday Americans — regardless of income or employer — to purchase health insurance. To date, only health care experts have been asked to review this piece of legislation. Clearly, the author of your opinion editorial did not fall into that classification.

We don't need to spend more or make the government bigger to do this. The problem in health care today is that Americans aren't getting enough value for their dollars. We spend nearly twice what other industrialized nations spend on health care per person, yet we are not twice as healthy.

The American people deserve better. We can achieve universal access to quality, affordable health care but we don't have to bankrupt our children with trillions more in debt or impose massive tax hikes to do it.

U.S. SEN. RICHARD BURR

Taking the 'low road' to economic development

ELAINE MEJIA

North Carolina often acts like a fool in love with big business. State leaders continue to aggressively pursue an economic-development strategy that relies on offering as much as possible by way of cash and tax incentives to a few large, typically well-known corporations. These corporations, which have included Dell Computers and Google, court officials at the state Department of Commerce, and the officials flirt right back by flaunting their ample packages of taxpayer-funded goodies.

All indications are that North Carolina is gearing up to woo another big corporation, and this time state leaders might be going too far once again.

Senate Bill 575, "Modify Corporate Apportionment Formula," is the latest attempt to change the tax code to benefit one specific corporation. The bill would allow certain companies to be designated as "capital intensive," meaning they have a large portion of their property in North Carolina, but a much lower portion of their payroll or sales are in-state.

Under the legislation, the state would determine the tax bill of these "capital intensive" corporations based solely on in-state sales. Currently, the state looks at a company's in-state property, payroll and sales to determine how much of its profits are attributable to doing business in North Carolina.

For some worldwide corporations, the share of their sales that takes place in North Carolina is very, very small; under this bill, their tax liability to the state would likewise be very, very small.

The bill is moving through the legislative process quickly. After racing through the Senate in just a few days, it is now in the House. Speculation in Raleigh is that this fast-tracked special tax break is part of a larger deal to lure an Apple Computers server facility to the western part of the state.

According to the state Department of Revenue, three other companies currently operating in the state would also potentially qualify as "capital intensive," and their tax bills would be lowered by a collective \$1.5 million annually. The cost of the tax break for Apple specifically isn't included in this figure, since the estimate only includes companies that are already here and who, presumably, were not asking for this special tax break.

There are lots of legitimate policy reasons to question the wisdom of this legislation and its backers, but here's the real kicker — this bill would actually discourage job growth. If a company receiving this special tax break wanted to expand its workforce in North Carolina (at a faster pace than it expands its property or capital value), it would no longer be designated as "capital intensive" and therefore would no longer qualify for the program, causing its tax bill to rise substantially.

This would be the case if, for example, a company housing a server farm somewhere in North Carolina wanted to relocate its engineering operations or its headquarters or even a call center. If it were to locate those jobs here, it might lose its special tax status as "capital intensive." So the new tax break designed to grow the economy could actually create an incentive for companies with a presence in North Carolina to add to their workforce in other states rather than here!

This is a clear example of why making permanent changes to the tax code to appease one specific corporation is a foolhardy economic-development strategy. North Carolina has made similar mistakes before, like when lawmakers created a special cigarette export tax credit when trying to keep RJ Reynolds or created a computer manufacturing tax credit to help lure Dell in 2004.

Speaking of Dell, there are some disturbing parallels between that messy love affair and the state's current attempt to lure Apple. North Carolina's rumored competition for the Apple facility is Virginia, just as it was for Dell five years ago. After the Dell deal was complete, we learned that Virginia had offered it a package of goodies worth roughly \$50 million, compared to North Carolina's whopping \$250 million. Since January of this year, Dell has laid off 260 workers at its Forsyth County plant, and more layoffs may be on the way.

While big corporations like RJR, Google, Dell and now Apple are lavished with goodies, North Carolina's small businesses are left to suffer through the recession in silence. Let's hope the North Carolina House will be more chaste than the Senate and slow down the process for this bill so that the future ramifications for the state's economy and workforce can be fully considered. Investing all of our resources to charm a few big corporations is not the way to grow our economy or take care of our workforce.

Elaine Mejia is the director of the N.C. Budget and Tax Center.

Carrboro Branch a vital resource

GRAIG MEYER

The county manager's recommendation to close the Carrboro and Cedar Grove library branches is preposterous. The fact that the idea came from the library director is absolutely baffling.

The Carrboro Branch Library means a lot to my family. We use it at least two or three times a week. My young sons enjoy storytime and crafts on Saturday mornings. My daughter goes there for tutoring on Mondays. My wife's reading selections come entirely from this branch. The branch has a circulation of about 5,000 materials a month.

One of our county commissioners asked me if we wouldn't just use the new Hillsborough Library. Since we live in the White Cross area, it takes us less than 10 minutes to get to the Carrboro Branch. It would take 25 to get to Hillsborough and it's about the same to get to the Chapel Hill Library.

Speaking of which, the Friends of the Chapel Hill Library should be the biggest allies of those hoping to keep the Carrboro Branch open. We all know the Chapel Hill Library supporters want a bigger space or another branch. If the Carrboro Library gets closed, it's the Chapel Hill Library that will see the largest increase in patronage, not the new Hillsborough facility.

Branch libraries are usually developed to serve a specific geographic community. The Carrboro Branch was developed to serve that town and the southwest section of the county. My guess is that those of us in the lower rural region mostly orient ourselves toward Carrboro and Chapel Hill because N.C. 54 is our main thoroughfare. We're not so inclined to drive 15 miles to Hillsborough when it's easier and closer to head into Carrboro. Clearly, the patrons from Carrboro would head to the Chapel Hill Library rather than to Hillsborough.

Closing the Cedar Grove Branch may be an even sillier idea. In rural areas all over the country, the local library branch is one of the main resources and gathering places. Government invests in libraries in these places to build civic community and to stimulate intellectual resources. Cedar Grove probably needs a branch even more than resource-rich Carrboro does.

So why would a library director recommend closing two branches? This is like a school district superintendent recommending closing a school. You only do that when it's the last possible solution.

In this case, the library director and county manager have put the commissioners in a classic double-bind. They're saying, if you want us to fully staff our brand new flagship library, we've got to close branches. If you don't close branches, the new library will suffer. The cynic in me wonders if they know that the commissioners would not be inclined to close branch-

es. Are the library director and county manager playing a shrewd political game, where they hope to have their cake and eat it too?

If they really think the branches are unnecessary, they need to make that case. If not, my assumption is that they're just playing a game, provoking public outrage that will keep the branches open without drastic cuts to the Hillsborough Library budget.

Someone's got to take a cut this year, and, realistically, all of the library branches probably have to reduce services. But there are lots of solutions besides closing branches. Reduce hours. Reallocate staff resources. Delay new acquisitions. Library users can adjust our expectations for service at the branches, and at the end of the year we'll still have a library in Carrboro and Cedar Grove.

Graig Meyer lives in the White Cross area.

MILLHOUSE
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One point of contention is whether Millhouse Road lies within the historic Rogers-Eubanks community. Commissioner Barry Jacobs said at Thursday night's meeting that it was his understanding that community members and county officials had agreed upon the boundaries some years ago, and that Millhouse wasn't within them.

But members of RENA disagree.

RENA co-chair Rev. Robert Campbell read a resolution to the commissioners during the time allotted Tuesday night for citizen input, stating that "boundaries are not just some lines on a map. The social and cultural connections are what establish the fellowship which binds and binds communities for generations."

Campbell presented a packet of documents to the commissioners, which included newspaper articles chronicling the joint efforts, since 1972, of Millhouse and Rogers-Eubanks residents against the landfill and landfill extension.

'A war zone'

"We feel like we're in a war zone," Judy Nunn-Snipes told the commission. Snipes is the daughter of longtime Rogers-Eubanks community member Gertrude Nunn, whose family has lost land owned for generations to the landfill.

"We consider this site

as insult to injury to a community that doesn't deserve it," Snipes said.

Charlie Viles, vice chair of the Emerson Waldorf School board, also spoke during the public comments session. Viles pointed out that the school's land adjacent to the suggested site includes a garden and a playing field for soccer and frisbee.

Viles said that the Millhouse location should be opposed based on traffic and environmental considerations and in fairness to those who've lived in proximity to the landfill.

The location that emerged from the county's transfer station site-search process — an 147-acre tract off N.C. 54 in the White Cross community — remains on the table, and consideration of the Millhouse site will run parallel to that process.

Tuesday's unanimous vote (Nelson wasn't present) to take the Millhouse Road site under consideration means that county staff will now make a preliminary analysis of the site and return with its findings on June 16. Commissioner Alice Gordon agreed to allowing further study with the stipulation that the site be subjected to the same criteria that has been used throughout the process.

After the recommendation was made, Cornelius Kirschner, a Millhouse Road resident since 1972, approached Campbell and shook his hand.

"We're one community divided by a landfill," Kirschner said. Campbell concurred.

Closing libraries a huge mistake

ALEXANDRA BROWN

I would like to comment on the proposed closure of the Carrboro Branch Library and the Cedar Grove Branch Library. I was employed at CBL from 1996 to 2003 and at CGBL in 2007-08. My experience working at these two facilities gives me unique insight into the vital role they play in the communities they serve.

At the Cedar Grove Branch, the collection might be small, but it is comprehensive. Parents and their small children enjoy the wonderful storytimes provided by Isabel Jackson. When I worked there, our busiest time was after school when teenagers would come to use the computers for school projects or to catch up with friends. Later, their extended families would join them to check out books and maybe a movie for the family to watch together. These kids, and in many cases their parents, did not have transportation. We also had several

people who came in daily to use the computers to apply online for jobs. Most of these people did not have computers or Internet access at home. In fact, at least at that time, the library was the only place in that community that had public high-speed Internet. If there were no library there to serve them, they would simply have to do without.

At the Carrboro Branch, the facility and the collection are much larger (and the county suggests giving the collection away if the library closes!), and many, many more will be disenfranchised if the library closes. People who work during the day cannot use the Cybrary for computer access. Not everyone can easily get to Chapel Hill Public Library, and CHPL has already stated that they cannot handle the traffic they have now. If CBL closes, they are certain to institute a steep charge for people who live outside the municipality, which will be prohibitively expensive for the

very people who need library services the most. They cannot afford a computer or Internet. They cannot buy books for themselves or for their children. They cannot afford to pay for entertainment, which is provided free at the library in the way of storytimes and other family programming, as well as DVDs which may be borrowed free of charge (the latter being something not offered by CHPL).

Why is this even being considered? The answer is the county made a spectacular mistake. Without input from the community, or even the Library Task Force, they passed the building of a new library facility in Hillsborough without thought for how they would fund the extra staffing required by its faulty design. And now they want the citizens of southwest Orange County and Cedar Grove, and even Chapel Hill (if CBL closes, I suspect it won't be much fun to fight the crowds there), to suffer for their mistake.

It goes without saying that there is no free transportation to Hillsborough. So while the relatively small community of Hillsborough will enjoy their lovely new library, many, many more will be left with nothing. I live in White Cross. It takes me 15 to 20 minutes to get to the Hillsborough Library, 20 to 25 to get to the CHPL, but less than 10 to get to CBL. I urge all citizens of Orange County to take action. Don't let them get away with this. Don't let the Orange County Board of Commissioners determine who shall have and who shall have not. We all have a right to equal government services. Please spread the word. Write the members of the commission. Attend as many meetings as you can. Speak up for yourselves and the people in our community who may not be as fortunate as you.

Alexandra Brown is the Treasurer of the Friends of the Carrboro Library.

OBITUARIES

Ristin Cooks

Ristin Cooks, 41, of Chatham County died Sunday (May 17, 2009) at her home.

She was buried on her farm on Monday. A celebration of Ristin's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 23 at Castle Rock Gardens, followed by a potluck.

Ristin was born in Fayetteville on April 9, 1968 and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A fixture at the Carrboro Farmers' Market, Ristin was a farmer, a writer, a carpenter and a dear friend and inspiration to many. Survivors include Patrick Walsh, Susan Cooks, James Cooks, Michael Cooks and others, too numerous to name here.

Donations should be made to Heifer International.

Gloria Colleen Drum Evans

Gloria Colleen Drum Evans of Lancaster, S.C. died May 19. She was 77.

She was raised in Granite Falls, N.C., the daughter of Quince Fred Drum and Rosa Mae Houston Drum, and moved to Charlotte in 1950. She worked for Southern Bell Telephone Co. (now BellSouth) for 33 years before retiring in 1987. She moved to Lancaster in 1985. She was a member of Taylors Grove Baptist Church in Lancaster.

Survivors include four sons, Dennis L. Evans and his wife, Jo, of Charlotte; Kenneth Don Evans and his wife, Nancy Oates, of Chapel Hill; Martin L. Evans and his wife, Donna, of Lancaster; and Michael P. Evans of Charlotte; two sisters, Brenda Kirby of Granite Falls, N.C. and Shirley Lail of Dudley Shoals, N.C.; a brother, Mack Drum of Uthville, S.C.; four grandsons and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service is planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to Taylors Grove Baptist Church, 2382 Charlotte Hwy., Lancaster, S.C., 29720 or to a charity of choice.

Arrangements are by Lancaster Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Ralph Allen

Ralph Allen of Farrington Village entered into rest Monday, May 11th, 2009, at UNC Hospitals. He was born December 11th, 1923 to Ralph and Florence Snook Allen in Macedonia, New York.

He was educated in the Engineer School of The Army Division, WWII at Forts Belvoir and Hood, the University of Rochester and the Rochester Institute of Technology. He was a Research Scientist at Garlock Packing Company in Palmyra, New York, and Uniroyal Chemical in

Nanantuck, Connecticut. He authored books and articles published here and abroad.

Mr. Allen served his churches in Palmyra, Naugatuck and Chapel Hill in several capacities. He was a member of the Palmyra, later Drumlin Square Lodge F&A.M. #1180 and in the Farrington Golf Club. He volunteered for the United Way.

Mr. Allen is survived by his wife of 64 years, Clara, of the home; sons, Mark (April), of Waterbury Connecticut and Paul of the home; sisters Annabelle Crane of Hudson Florida and Barbara Wixson of Farmington, New York; a brother, Phillip G. Allen of Clifton Springs, New York; a sister-in-law, Shirley B. Singer of N. Syracuse, New York; a brother-in-law, Arthur (Marjorie) Bates, of Clifton Park, New York; and several nieces and nephew, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and three brothers.

A memorial service will be Thursday, May 28th, 2009 at 3 p.m. at the Gathering Place, Farrington Village.

Contributions may be made to one of the following: University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, The United Way of Pittsboro, Farrington Cares or charity of choice.

Arrangements are by Walker's of Chapel Hill and Stevens Funeral Home of Marion, NY.



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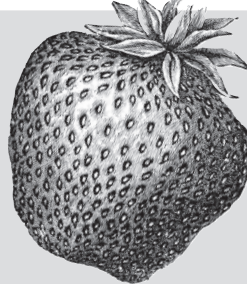
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SWISS CHARD CASEROLE (Serves 4-6)

From Kelly Clark, Market Staff
1 3/4 lb Swiss chard, wash thoroughly, strip leaves from stalks, reserve leaves, and discard stalks
2 Small onions, chopped
2 Cloves garlic, minced
2 Tablespoons olive oil
1/2 Cup raisins, plumped in 1 cup hot chicken stock or hot water
1/4 Cup Kalamata olives, pitted and finely chopped
4 oz. Feta, crumbled
1/4 Cup pine nuts, toasted in a skillet until golden
2 Eggs, beaten
1/2 Tablespoon flour
Salt and pepper to taste
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat olive oil in a large pan. Add onions and sauté over medium heat until soft. Add garlic and cook 2 minutes. Add chard by the handful, tossing to coat with oil and allowing leaves to wilt before adding more. Continue until all chard has been added to pan. Cook 5 - 10 minutes, chard should be tender not crunchy or mushy. Add salt and pepper to taste.
Drain chard, onion and garlic in colander. Push down with a large spoon to remove as much liquid as possible. Place drained chard on cutting board and chop into bite size pieces.
Put chard in bowl. Drain raisins, discarding the stock or water. Add raisins, olives, feta and pine nuts to the chard. Toss to incorporate. Add eggs and flour. Mix well and pour into casserole. Bake for 30 minutes.



Ristin Cooks, 1968 - 2009

As the Wednesday afternoon Farmers' Market at Carrboro Town Commons readied to open, there were many indications of the abundance of the season. But many of those setting up shop were there with a heavy heart.

Ristin Cooks of Castle Rock Gardens passed away this week after a long battle with cancer.

Market manager Sarah Blacklin choked back tears as she recalled Cooks' tenacity, outspokenness and the way she approached farming.

"Her motto was 'No Chemicals, No Pesticides, No Icky Stuff,'" Blacklin said. "That was very much Ristin."

Cooks hadn't been to market since January, she said, and many held out hope that one day she'd return. "We kept her spot open for her."

Alex Hitt of Peregrine Farms said Cooks sharp mind was evident when she took his vegetable and produce class.

"She was the one who asked probing questions from the very first day," he said.

Cooks was among the large contingent of local farmers who traveled to Slow Food International's Terre Madre exposition in Turin, Italy. Hitt said he'll always remember her "sitting in the piazza in the rain writing post cards home."

Elise Margoles of Elysian Fields farm said she admired her friend's fortitude. "I respect how strong she was," she said.

A celebration of Cooks' life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Castle Rock Gardens. (An obituary is on page 7.) The public is invited, with a potluck to follow.



Briefs

Park dedication and trail work

The dedication day for Southern Community Park is June 6 from 10 a.m. to noon and will feature music, food and a tour.

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation department is asking for volunteers to sign up to help build a hiking trail that day from Dogwood Acres Drive to the greenway near Scroggs School. Trail builders are asked to bring a stiff rake, loppers and work gloves and to wear appropriate clothes and footwear.

Work will start about 1 p.m. and volunteers are to meet at the Dogwood Acres Drive parking lot.

Canning classes

The Chatham County agriculture extension office is offering a two-day seminar on food preservation on June 2 and 3 with classes offered at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. each day.

Participants are asked to pre-register. The fee is \$20 and includes the latest edition of the *Ball Blue Preserving Book*.

For more information, contact Phyllis Smith, FCS Extension Agent, at 542-8202.

Sludge forum

The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and the Center for Health, Environment & Justice will host a public meeting on the risks to public health and the environment from spreading sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants on farmlands. The

meeting will be on June 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cane Creek Baptist Church Activities Center on Orange Grove Road and is free and open to the public.

Speakers include Stephen Lester, science director for the Center for Health, Environment & Justice; Elaine Chiosso, Haw Riverkeeper and executive director of the Haw River Assembly; Andy McMurray, a Georgia dairy farmer who lost hundreds of heads of cattle and thousands of acres of productive farmland due to sewage sludge; and Myra Dotson, an Orange County resident and chair of the newly formed Sewage Sludge Action Network, Orange County.

Burrito Bash

This month's Burrito Bash fundraiser at the General Store in Pittsboro promises to be a drag.

The event, hosted by the Chatham County Artists Guild and the Abundance Foundation, is calling on all local drag queens

and kings to come out to support the Abundance Foundation's efforts to increase awareness on sustainable energy and local food.

The event is on June 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. and features music by guitarist Joey Howell, a drag queen show and a silent and live auction.

Green Classes

Central Carolina Community College's Green Building and Renewable Energy Program is offering a variety of classes during the spring and summer in green construction and renewable energy.

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• State and National Standards Overview — a detailed introduction to state and national residential green building and energy efficiency standards.

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• Introduction to Renewable Energy — the basics of wind, hydro and solar power.

• Introduction to Sustainable Communities — the principles of sustainability as they apply to our local communities.

To register or for more information, call 542-6495, ext 223.

Agfest

The Got to Be N.C. Festival — the state's annual agriculture festival — runs May 29 to 31 at the state fairgrounds in Raleigh.

In addition to a carnival, a local food expo, a barbecue cook-off and antique tractors, this year's festival includes two free music stages, North Carolina wineries in the Food and Wine Expo, a classic car show, daily tractor parades, a Harley Davidson motorcycle show and lawn mower racing.

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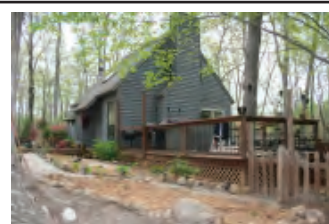
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The Great Hall of University Baptist Church will be the venue for what promises to be a lively discussion of modern politics.

The event, which begins at 7:30 p.m. today (May 21), is titled "Modern American Politics: Reform and Progress in the Post-Watergate Era" and is open to the public. Admission is free.

Sponsored by Common Cause North Carolina, the discussion will feature former UNC system President William Friday, former Carter Administration official and UNC professor Hodding Carter III, former *News and Observer* Publisher Frank Daniels, Jr. and Common Cause national president Bob Edgar. Gene Nichol, former dean of the UNC Law School and director of UNC's Cen-



Bob Edgar

ter on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, is the moderator.

Edgar said he is excited about his visit to North Carolina.

"I look forward to sharing the stage at University Baptist Church with a group of peo-

ple who know about the value of the reform movement in strengthening our democracy and achieving progressive social change," he said.

Parking for the event is available behind the church.

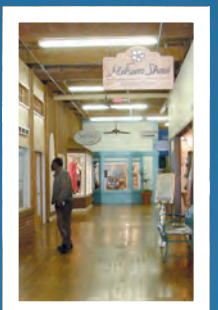
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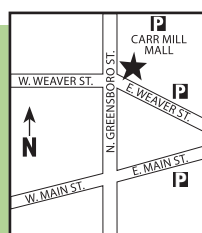
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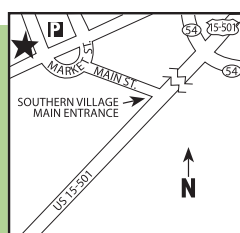
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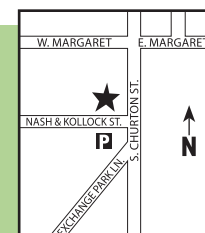
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Vast penstemon fields are just one of the attractions of a walk around Mason Farm.

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FROM PAGE 1

A thousand acres of swamps and fields and forests, to as far as I could see, were suddenly opened before me – a vast freedom of land and sky. The farm, only two miles southeast of Chapel Hill, a city of 30,000, was near, yet isolated, a land few people knew. As I penetrated its old roads, I felt its loneliness that I was to know by day through silences broken only by a hawk's screaming or the shouting of crows and by night through the moaning of owls and the barking of half-wild dogs and foxes. This was a wilderness of the land to match the wilderness of the heart."

You just can't paraphrase that; John's writing is that good!

For the next eight years, he roamed the fields and forests of Mason Farm day and night. His written observations of the farm's natural history rivaled his progress on the encyclopedia. Encouraged and supported by friends and publishers, a narrative of his Mason Farm adventures, *From Laurel Hill to Siler's Bog: The Walking Adventures of a Naturalist* was published in 1969, years before he completed that encyclopedia.

Viewing the penstemon fields last week, I walked in reverence, following John's footsteps everywhere. I paused frequently, as he must have, to wonder at the sea of penstemons before me.

I call this penstemon *Penstemon laevigatus*, eastern beardtongue.

Others insist it is *P. digitalis*, tall white beard-tongue. Since it has characteristics of both species, it makes for engaging conversation whenever botanist types get together.

Whatever it's called, it also makes a handsome garden plant. This penstemon is available at the Botanical Garden. You will enjoy growing it almost as much as seeing those fields, almost as much as reading John's walking adventures around the farm.

THIS WEEKEND

The Botanical Garden has scheduled a "From Laurel Hill to Siler's Bog: In the footsteps of John Terres" walk this weekend. There may still be time to register for it by calling 962-0522.



The Carrboro Cubs, 1954

Once upon a diamond, Carrboro had its own semi-pro baseball team. The Carrboro Cubs, who played in old Lions Park off Fidelity Street (apartments these days) relied heavily on the stars from Chapel Hill High School baseball team. In this photo, the Cubs include (kneeling, left to right) Brownie Fitch, second base; James Smith, outfield; Frank Meadows, shortstop; Billy Powell, pitcher; Mark Skinner, outfield; Lloyd McKnight, outfield; (standing, left to right) Jack Maultsby, catcher and manager; Mickey Sparrow, third base; Don Christopher, third base; Russell Perry, first base; Gerald Cheek, outfield; and Cal Crabtree, outfield. The late Roland Giduz made this photo and published it in his *Chapel Hill News Leader* in the spring of 1954. Long live the Cubs!



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