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Though not a pollinator, the iridescent dogbane beetle depends on Indian hemp to survive. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

A very engaging plant

have a new favorite plant, Indian hemp, Apocynum cannabinum, sometimes called dogbane because the milky sap is poisonous and is unsavory to dogs, who usually like chewing anything.

I featured it in Flora back in June of 2008 after being stopped in my tracks by the beauty of raindrops balanced on the paired leaves attached to the red stems.

Indian hemp was of great utilitarian value to Native Americans. No, they didn't smoke it; they had better sense. They made use of the strong silky fibers of dried stems harvested in the fall to make cordage. Patiently weaving those silky threads by hand, the cordage products ranged from fishing line to strong rope, garments and moccasins. The dried and powdered roots were used for a number of medicinal

purposes. Next time you encounter the plant, or rather a stand of the plant (because, being rhizomatous, it makes great colonies), gently break off a leaf. You will observe a milky-white droplet at the breaking point. Be inquisitive and let a bit of that sap stick to a fingertip; after a few seconds, touch the fingertip with your thumb. Glue-like, it will tend to hold them together. Make certain you wash that sticky substance off and don't dare taste it! Definitely don't encourage children to play with it.

That sticky, milky sap must hold the secret to the strength of those fine silky fibers that became so useful to early Americans. There is great interest these days in reconnecting to the heritage of cordage; it has become a popular part of nature camps and outdoor environmental education programs. Even adults become passionate about it.

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County adds \$411k to departments, nonprofits

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve a resolution of intent to adopt a \$175.3 million 2010-11 budget, including changes to the proposed budget that would restore funding to several county departments and nonprofit agencies.

The board won't officially approve the budget until Tuesday, when commissioners could decide to make last-minute changes.

The budget maintains the current ad valorem-tax rate of 85.8 cents per \$100 of valuation and represents a \$2.3 million decrease from the \$177.6 million 2009-10 budget and an \$8.5 million decrease from the 2009-10 amended budget. The budget would also maintain the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools special district-tax rate at 18.84 cents per

\$100 of valuation.

County Manager Frank Clifton presented a budget to the board in May that included across-the-board cuts to allocations to county departments and services, nonprofit agencies and both school districts. Commissioners added about \$411,000 in funding to county departments and nonprofit agencies to Clifton's budget.

Board members said they wanted to add \$38,000 in funding to the Economic Development Commission budget, citing the need to increase the county's sales-tax base. The addition would allow the department to continue its marketing campaign to attract new businesses and to advertise the new value-added food processing center, which is scheduled to open in Hillsborough in the fall.

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Carrboro murder case from '84 solved, police say

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

The wait to see justice done in the 1984 murder of 7-year old Carrie Ann Wilkerson may be over.

For the victim's family and members of the Carrboro Police Department, the possibility for closure came Monday, when George Richard Fisher appeared at the Orange County Courthouse and was accused of raping and killing the girl and then setting fire to her mobile home at Rocky Brook Mobile Home Park at the bottom of the hill off South Greensboro Street.

Fisher is serving a life sentence plus 50 years for the 1985 murder, kidnapping and sexual assault of 8-year-old Jean Fewel, whose body was found hanging from a tree near Finley Golf Course.

The charges in the 26-year-old Wilkerson case are based on new DNA tests by the State Bureau of Investigation

working with the Carrboro Police Department. At the Hillsborough hearing on Monday, Fisher, who is serving his sentence at Maury Correctional Institute in Green County, was charged with first-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping, first-degree rape and first-degree arson. Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall has not said whether he will seek the death penalty in the case.

For Jack Shivers, whose wife, Norma Shivers, was Wilkerson's stepmother, Monday's events brought some resolution.

We've had 26 years to heal somewhat," he said Wednesday, "but what we have been looking for was closure."

Learning that Fisher - a family acquaintance suspected of the crime ever since he was implicated in the Fewel murder - had been charged completed the circle, he said.

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When the White House calls



Marty Rosenbluth in his Southern Coalition for Social Justice office.

BY TAYLOR SISK Staff Writer

When Marty Rosenbluth received a call summoning him to the White House, his first reaction was that it was a friend goofing around.

"I thought it was a gag," Rosenbluth said, though he really should have known better. As a staff attorney with the Durham-based nonprofit Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Rosenbluth witnesses firsthand, every day, the consequences of our nation's immigration policy, specifically, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's 287(g) and Secure Communities programs.

Rosenbluth defends clients in deportation proceedings. The White House staff responsible for immigration policy wanted to pick his brain.

It was a Thursday when the call came in. He was wanted in D.C.

the following Monday for a meeting with White House staffers, representatives of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other offices within the Department of Homeland Security and staff from the Department of Justice.

Rosenbluth had been invited along with members of other immigration advocacy groups to talk about a report released in March by the Government Accounting Office that indicates that ICE's programs to identify and deport criminal aliens are failing - that, in fact, individuals picked up for minor offenses are overwhelmingly those who are being sent away. ICE officials argue that the report is inaccurate, that with the implementation of a new memorandum of understanding its programs are now operating much

more effectively. Rosenbluth disagrees. "To put it in the most polite possible way," he

PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS said, "we went up there to say that

Word of mouth

that ain't so."

In just a matter of months, Rosenbluth's work at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice has gone from being about 99 percent advocacy and 1 percent representation of clients in deportation proceedings to the inverse. Now 99 percent of his time is spent in such proceedings.

"The reason for that is that once word got out that we were representing clients in deportation proceedings pro bono, people came," Rosenbluth said. There are very few, if any, options in North Carolina for pro bono representation for those facing deportation under 287(g) or Secure Communities, he said.

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Council passes budget, approves library project

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously approved the town's annual budget Monday night then quickly pivoted to take up funding for a proposed library expansion, approving \$20.41 million in bonds by a 7-2 vote.

In its meeting at Town Hall, the council approved a bond package that includes \$14.26 million for the library expansion, \$2.45 million for sidewalks and other improvements and \$3.75 million for parks and recreation projects.

While the council was in general agreement with Town Manager Roger Stancil's \$52.6 million budget for fiscal year 2010-11, council members Matt Czajkowski and Laurin Easthom said they were not willing to move ahead with financing the library expansion.

Czajkowski said that while he was not opposed to one day expanding the library, he was worried about adding to the town's tax burden. The council, he said, is constantly hearing complaints about taxes.

"There are storm clouds on the horizon," he said.

Easthom said she wanted more information about the possible effect of charging non-town residents for using the library and said the project was fiscally irresponsible. She said she was concerned that once the library is expanded, there won't be funds to adequately staff

What I fear we're looking at is a situation where we'll have a really, really nice library, but we're not going to be able to have it open as much as we'd like to," she said.

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Undocumented high school students face barriers upon graduation

BY CHARLIE TYSON

Staff Writer

"Call me Esperanza," she said. The Spanish word for hope.

Esperanza, a senior at East Chapel Hill High School, is academically successful and respected by teachers and classmates alike. She is also an undocumented immigrant.

"Undocumented teenagers are no different from [all] other teens in the U.S.," Esperanza said. "They have the same dreams, the same expectations. They want the same American dream, but they can't have it because of a stupid little green card."

Undocumented immigrants in the United States number around 11.9 million, according to a 2008 report by the nonpartisan Pew Hispanic Center. The study also showed that about 76 percent of the nation's un-



documented residents are Hispanic – 59 percent from Mexico.

Esperanza was 11 when she moved to the United States. Her father came to the country first, after losing his job in her family's nation of origin. She was separated from her father for two years before he had the money to bring her and her mother to the States.

Mother and daughter entered the country by plane, clutching travel visas in one hand and suitcases in the other. The visas expired, but her family remained in the States.

For undocumented teenagers in the United States, public high school serves as a refuge, since no proof of citizenship is necessary for enroll-

ment. Yet for many teens lacking a green card, high school graduation marks the end of their academic careers. Undocumented residents do not qualify for in-state tuition for public universities and many hesitate to apply for government-backed student aid for fear of exposing their citizenship status to federal authorities.

These obstacles make college difficult to get into and prohibitively expensive for undocumented teens. To gain admission to public universities, students lacking citizenship must apply as international students and compete with students across the globe for admission. And without aid, private school or out-of-state tuition to public schools is often unaffordable.

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THURSDAY JUNE 10

The Cave: EARLY: YV and Brother K LATE: Willie Heath Neal, Semi-Formal, \$5

City Tap: David Quick. 7-9pm East 54: Jonathan Byrd. 5:40

General Store Cafe: Shana with ChamberSoul. 7-9pm

Local 506: Songs of Water, Mark Mathis. 9:30pm. \$8

Resevoir: Gray Young, Free Electric State, Unholy Tongues. 10pm

Weaver Street Market: Mystery Hillbillies. 6-8pm

FRIDAY JUNE II

ArtsCenter: Cyril Lance's North Carolina Roots Music Reverie Arkestra. 8:30pm. \$14

Blue Bayou: Rosie Ledet and the Zydeco Playboys. 9:30pm \$14/15,

Bynum Front Porch: Gigi Dover and The Big Love. 7-9pm

Caffe Driade: The Sweater Set. 8pm Cats Cradle: Abbey Road LIVE! 9:30pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: The David Spencer Band. \$5 LATE: The Brand New Life, Actual Proof

City Tap: Shawn Deena. 5-7pm. Hell Camino. 7-10pm

General Store Cafe: Irish Wolfhounds. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: Amy Cook, Birds and Arrows. 8:30pm. \$8/10

Nightlight: Beloved Binge, Big Tree, Joy In Red. 9:30pm. \$5 Open Eye Cafe: Saludos Compay.

SATURDAY JUNE 12 Blue Bayou: Chalwa. 9:30pm.

Caffe Driade: Loose Mood. 8pm-

Cats Cradle: Dirty Dozen Brass Band. 9pm. \$15/18 The Cave: EARLY: Blaine Ziglar-

LATE: Wembley, Shipwrecker City Tap: Acoustic Garage. 8-10pm

General Store Cafe: The String

Local 506: Dexter Romweber and The New Romans, Countdown Quartet. 10pm. \$7/8

Nightlight: Transportation, North Elementary, Blag'ard. 10pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Emerson Waldorf School Jazz Band, Colors of Fire. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Windy City Slim and the Sunnyland Rhythm Kings

SUNDAY JUNE 13 ArtsCenter: Edmar and Pavelid

Castanedo. 7pm. \$15/13

Local 506: This Will Destroy You, Chiaroscuro. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Southern Village: Hindugrass: Bluegrass/indian Folk Music Blend. 7pm

Weaver Street Market: Equinox. llam-lpm

MONDAY JUNE 14

Local 506: Screaming Females, Pink Flag, Last Year's Men. 9:30pm. \$8

Resevoir: Fake Hands, Workday/ Schoolnight, JokesandJokes

TUESDAY JUNE 15

Cats Cradle: The Pains of Being Pure at Heart, Surfer Blood, Hooray for Earth. 9pm. \$12/14

The Cave: Loose Screws. 8pm. \$5 **Local 506:** Disappears, Woven Bones, Wild Wild Geese. 9pm. \$8

WEDNESDAY JUNE 16 Caffe Driade: Paulie Pesh. 8pm

The Cave: LATE: Slingshot Cash, Lions at Lunchtime

Local 506: Tori Sparks, Skylar Gudasz and The Ugly Girls. 8:30pm.

THURSDAY JUNE 17 Blue Bayou: 15-501. 9pm. Free

Cats Cradle: Benefit for Eastern NC Chapter of the National MS Society with The Sundowners, Mount Moriah, Whiskey Smugglers, Mandolin Orange, Last of the Great Sideshow Freaks. 8pm. \$7

The Cave: LATE: Radio Silent

City Tap: Marc Brown. 7-9pm East 54: Guillo Carias Trio .5:40-

7:30pm. Free

General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band, 7-9pm

Local 506: Dead Meadow, The Static minds, Richard Bacchus and

The Luckiest Girls. 9:30pm. \$10/12 Nightlight: Grouper, Heather

McEntire, Jenks Miller. 9:30pm. \$7 Southern Village: The Incomparable Tres Chicas. 7pm. \$5

Weaver Street Market: Great Big Gone. 6-8pm

FRIDAY JUNE 18

Blue Bayou: Da Muthas. 9:30pm.

Caffe Driade: Harpist Rosaleigh Stringfellow. 8pm Cats Cradle: Iris DeMent. 8pm.

The Cave: EARLY: The Honeycutters. \$5 LATE: DTL, Shalin City Tap: ShackTown. 5-7pm.

Daniel Sean. 7-10pm **General Store Cafe:** The

Drowning Lovers. 8-10:30pm Local 506: Heat Tour 2010: Thao and Mirah, The Most of All, These

United States. 8:30pm. \$10/12 Nightlight: MAKE, Tasha-Yar, Buck

SATURDAY JUNE 19 ArtsCenter: The Handsome Fam-

ily. 9pm. \$12 Blue Bayou: Blues World Order.

9:30pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Rodie Ray LATE: Killer Filler, Phatlynx

City Tap: Kitty Box and The Johnnys. 8-10pm General Store Cafe: Tommy

Edwards and Friends. 8-10:30pm. \$5 Local 506: Ryan Gustafson, Twelve Thousand Armies, Old Bricks.

Nightlight: Monsonia, True Widow, Bad Dream Brooklyn. 10pm

9:30pm. \$7/8

Open Eye Cafe: Raymond Ward.

SPOTLIGHT: DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND



The Dirty Dozen Brass Band will perform at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, at Cat's Cradle.

The seven-member world-famous ensemble got its start as the house band at New Orleans' Dirty Dozen Social and Pleasure Club, which began showcasing the traditional Crescent City band in 1977. Before becoming the club's band, the group was one of the early-'70s brass bands that followed funeral processions on the streets of New Orleans playing somber dirges and then breaking into jubilant dance tunes once the family of the deceased was out of earshot.

The group has revitalized the brass band in New Orleans and around the world, touring in more than 30 countries on five continents. The band has been featured on albums by David Bowie, Elvis Costello, Dr. John and the Black Crowes.

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Briefs

Nursing home worker charged

A former nurse at Britthaven charged with one count of second-degree murder and six counts of patient abuse appeared in court Tuesday in Hillsborough.

Angela Almore, 44, of Berwick Valley Lane in Cary, is accused of intentionally causing several patients at Britthaven to ingest morphine. She is being held in the Orange County jail on \$500,000 bond.

The charges are the result of work by the Medicaid Investigations unit of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office and Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall, who launched a joint investigation after nine of the 25 patients in an Alzheimer's wing at the nursing home tested positive for opiates. Six were taken to UNC Hospitals, where Rachel Holliday, an 84-year-old resident at Britthaven, died on Feb. 16. Tests showed Holliday had high levels of morphine in her system.

Downtown planning charette

A Chapel Hill downtown planning charette will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Great Room of Top of the Hill Restaurant and Brewery.

Presentations will be made at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tables for discussions will include urban design, infrastructure, markets/ economic development and catch-all (including transit, parks, parking and operations). The public is invited to attend and visit the tables and participate in the public presentation.

Chatham public hearing on tax

The Chatham County board of commissioners will hold a public hearing June 21 on doubling the county's occupancy tax from 3 percent to 6 percent.

The room-occupancy tax is paid on overnight lodging at hotels and inns, with all revenues required to be spent on attracting more visitors. The funds are managed by the Pittsboro-Siler City Convention and Visitors Bureau, which promotes tourism

The hearing starts at 6 p.m. in the Agriculture Building Auditorium in Pittsboro.

Triangle Transit wants feedback

Triangle Transit is holding an open house and discussion on future rail and bus service on July 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall. Citizens who want to have their voices heard on alternative transit issues are invited to attend.

Chatham Courthouse discussion

Residents interested in the rebuilding of the Historic County Courthouse are invited to share their ideas at a community forum June 29 at 6:30 pm at Northwood High School's media

The forum is an opportunity for residents to provide ideas on possible functions and uses for the courthouse as the building is rebuilt. Public input will be forwarded to a newly formed county task force charged with studying and making recommendations to the board of commissioners about the potential use of the courthouse. The task force meets for the first time on June 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Northwood High School's media center.



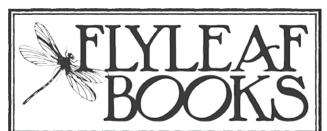
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Board of aldermen wants closer look at Harris plant disaster plans

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CARRBORO – The Carrboro Board of Aldermen said on Tuesday that they want an opportunity to make their opinions known when the county drafts plans for how it would deal with the aftermath of an incident at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant.

The Progress Energy plant sits on the border of Wake and Chatham counties in New Hill,

roughly 35 miles from Carrboro. view process. The changes would

The request came as the board reviewed the county's five-year update to its hazard mitigation plan.

Board members Dan Coleman, Sammy Slade and Randee Haven-O'Donnell said they'd like to see a more in-depth look at how Orange County would deal with the long-term consequences of an incident at the plant.

In other action, the board reviewed proposed changes to the town's engineering site-plan re-

give the town more flexibility in the review of stormwater plans for residential and commercial projects, altering the sequence under which complete plans are

At Tuesday's meeting, the board also reviewed its street-closings policy along with a detailed report on the races that are applying for permits.

Board member Jacquie Gist said she doesn't want to discourage groups interested in holding

events, but wants to make sure that Carrboro is not seen as the easy place to hold a race.

Mayor Mark Chilton noted that one clear advantage to holding a race in Carrboro is the lack of hills on the routes used.

Board member Lydia Lavelle said the report (available at townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/06_08_2010.htm) showed that there are a few opportunities in the schedule, but wanted to encourage groups interested to focus on local nonprofits.

MURDER CASE

FROM PAGE I

Jack Shivers said the couple was preparing to formally adopt Wilkerson, who Norma Shivers had cared for since the girl was 6 months old, after they were married.

"She was a sweet little girl very outgoing," he said. "She loved her mother dearly and she was beginning to love me too."

Wilkerson was well thought of by her classmates at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School and often walked to school with a

group of friends, he said.

Shivers said while the charges brought some closure for him and his wife and others, it was sad to think of the people who had passed on not knowing what had happened.

Carrboro Police Capt. J.G. Booker said that although only one officer who was on the force at the time is still with the department, the case has never been forgotten.

Booker, who joined the police department in August 1984, said you could tell then how important solving the case was to the investigators. Cases involving young children or the elderly -

the most vulnerable members of society - have special meaning, he said. "It's the kind of thing that touches you."

Over the years, Carrboro police have looked at the case several times, Booker said. "I looked at it myself in 1996," he said. "It was never dormant."

The case was re-opened a month ago when police received a tip about a different suspect. When that did not pan out, tests were run on the evidence using Fisher's DNA.

The use of new DNA identification technology proved to be the long-sought break for investi-

gators, Booker said, underlining the importance of preserving and saving evidence.

"The technology we have now didn't exist in 1984," he said.

You may have a strong suspicion, but without the evidence you can't prove it in court, Booker said. "You have that glimmer of hope that something will break."

Booker said while there will be a lot of focus on Fisher, it is important to remember the young girl killed 26 years ago and what she might have done with her life. "She would be a 33-year-old young lady now," he said. "She never got that chance."

COUNTY

FROM PAGE I

"It seems to me that if we are serious about economic development ... this is not the year to cut the budget of the economic development department," Commissioner Steve Yuhasz said. "If we can show that even in a tight budget year ... we recognize that economic development is one area that we can apply resources to that may help us get out of some of the problems that we've created, then that's a message we can send to some of the people that we're trying to attract."

Commissioner Mike Nelson suggested restoring the funding cut from the county's library system, about \$170,000, in order to keep the Cedar Grove Library open and maintain hours of operation at the county's other libraries. However, county library director Lucinda Munger pointed out that keeping the Cedar Grove Library open involved about \$107,000 in hidden costs. She asked to be allowed to present the board with a three-to-five year library plan in the fall that would address bringing library services to rural Orange County and establishing a Southwest Orange County branch library.

With about \$20,000, Munger said, the county could keep its main library open 60 hours a week instead of 54 and keep the Carrboro Cybrary open 30 hours a week instead of 20.

Board members voted to add \$50,000 to cover the added hours and any costs incurred as a result.

Other additions to the county manager's proposed budget include:

• \$17,000 for the county

Board of Elections;

- \$65,000 for the Health Department;
- \$45,000 for breastfeeding counseling;
- \$132,000 for the Depart-
- ment of Social Services; • \$18,000 for the Child
- Care Services Association; • \$2,000 for the American
- \$2,000 for Big Brothers/
- \$10,000 for the Triangle Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic: and
- \$32,000 for Adolescents in Need.

Despite the additions to the budget, several board members said they did not want to increase funding to schools proportionally. In 2001, the board targeted 48.1 percent of the overall county budget for annual spending on both school systems. Commissioner Alice Gordon said she wanted to increase the funding to the schools as the overall budget increased, but other commissioners disagreed, citing school positions funded out of the county budget.

Recommended funding for both school districts totals about \$84.1 million and represents a \$1.3 million decrease from 2009-10 funding. However, the funding maintains the per-pupil allocation of \$3,096, mostly cutting long-range and pay-as-yougo capital. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools had requested a \$62 per-pupil increase, while Orange County Schools requested no increase to the per-pupil rate.

The board will take a final vote on the budget at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill.

Early voting opens

Depending on which school district you're in, you

U.S. Senate Democratic primary. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall won the most votes out of a field of six in the initial primary, but fell a few percentage points short of the 40 percent threshold necessary for an

Orange County Board of Education. Fourth-place

The runoff will be held on June 22. Those wishing

to vote early may do so at the Orange County Board of Elections office at 208 S. Cameron St. in Hillsborough during the following days and times:

- through June 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- June 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.





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have either one or two reasons to mark your ballot in runoff elections in Orange County. On the ballot throughout the state is a runoff in the

She's being challenged by former state senator Cal

Cunningham of Lexington. In the May primary in Orange County, Cunningham gathered 32.2 percent of the ballot to Marshall's 38.8 percent. There's also a runoff in the non-partisan race for

finisher Anne Medenblik is being challenged by fifthplace finisher Laura Nicholson. The two were separated by a scant 67 votes in the May election. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

• June 14-18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and



The Arts Center 300 East Main St. Carrboro For more information or to order tickets call 929-2787 x201 or go to artscenterlive.org ArtSchool registration now open!

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Cyril Lance & the NC Roots Review Arkestra • FRI 6/11

Edmar & Pavelid Castaneda • FRI 6/11 The Handsome Family • SAT 6/19

The Mighty Gospel Inspirations w/ Donna Washington • SUN 6/20

One Leg Up • FRI 6/25 NC School of Traditional Music feat. Little Windows • SAT 6/26 Kevin Welch • SUN 6/27

5:40 Concert Series at East 54 Free outdoor shows at East 54, Chapel Hill. Music starts at 5:40 pm.

Jonathan Byrd • THU 6/10 Guillo Carlas Trio • THU 6/17 Katharine Whalen's Lucky • THU 7/1 **Hammer No More The Fingers • THU 7/15**

UPCOMING THEATRE:

10 By 10 Festival • 7/8 thru 7/25 **Summer Youth Conservatory: Drood (Charles Dickens musical)** • 7/22-25. At PlayMakers.

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Community

Briefs

Adult summer reading program starts Friday

Water Your Mind-READ, the 2010 Summer Reading Program at the Chapel Hill Public Library, begins Friday and runs through Aug. 13.

Participants will watch films, try new genres, join book discussions, learn how to build rain gardens and more. The program, which includes prizes, book discussions and special events, is open to adults ages 18 and older.

Registration begins Friday. All programs are free of charge. For more information, contact the library at 968-2780 or visit chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

Cancer support center hosts cooking class

The Cornucopia Cancer Support Center will host "Food for Life," a nutrition and cooking class sponsored by The Cancer Project, on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cornucopia's new facility at 5517 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 1000.

The class is free and open to anyone affected by cancer, including individuals undergoing treatment, survivors, family members, friends and caregivers. The class will provide participants with guidance about healthy food choices that might help reduce the risk of developing cancer and also help overcome the disease after it has been diagnosed.

To reserve a seat, call 401-

N.C. Mills Presentation on Sunday

The N. C. Mills Presentation and Historical Foundation annual dinner will be held Sunday at the Depot at Hillsborough Station.

Roxanne Newton, daughter and granddaughter of North Carolina textile mill workers, will present "Hard Times in the Mill: Working Lives Past and Present." Participants will share stories and old family photos of life in West Hillsborough and the mill village,

the Eno and Bellevue mill housing and the West End.

The free presentation will begin at 4 p.m., with the dinner to follow at 5:30. Tickets for the three-course dinner are \$20 and can be purchased in advance by contacting the Orange County Historical Museum at 732-2201.

Chatham County seeks courthouse video footage

Chatham County is looking for video footage of events that took place at the Historic Chatham Courthouse for a short documentary about the court-

The documentary will focus on the history of the building, its rebuilding and a few key events. The county seeks video of major trials, rallies, marches, parades, speeches by famous leaders or other significant events, as well as photographs that are in very good condition. In addition, the county needs both exterior and interior footage including the courthouse's architectural elements.

Those who wish to share relevant video footage or photographs should contact Debra Henzey at 542-8258 or Lisa West at 545-8483.

Swim for Smiles and TCBY raise money for Children's Hospital

The Swim for Smiles Foundation has partnered with TCBY to raise money for the N.C. Children's Hospital this summer.

In conjunction with TCBY, the foundation has challenged each Chapel Hill Summer Swim League team to raise money for the N.C. Children's Hospital during the seven-week swim season. TCBY will give each team its own TCBY Day in Chapel Hill, where swim coaches will serve as celebrity scoopers and 10 percent of the proceeds from that day's sales will benefit the foundation in that team's name.

Teams will also collect donations from the community at the program finale on July 10. The top fundraising team will win a TCBY party and the top fundraising girl and boy will each win an Apple iPad. For more information, visit swimforsmiles.org

Volunteers for Youth receives \$25,000 grant

Volunteers for Youth, an Orange County nonprofit focusing on delinquency prevention, has received a \$25,000 grant from the Oak Foundation.

The award will enable the organization to continue its mentoring program, which has matched at-risk youth with trained adult mentors for the past 28 years. The grant will fund activities for mentors and youth, training for volunteers and mentor recruitment efforts.

Calling all artists

The Hillsborough Arts Council seeks submissions for a Miniature Art Exhibition in all media.

Artists who have studios or live in Orange, Alamance, Chatham, Durham or Wake counties are eligible. Original works of art in any media should not exceed 6 by 6 by 6 inches and must be of material stable enough to withstand handling and exhibiting, suitably framed and prepared for instal-

Work must be received by June 19 for the June 23-July 23 show. For more information, visit hillsboroughartscouncil.org

Swimming volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed this summer to work with swimmers with disabilities in Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Adapted

Volunteers and students will work with a swim instructor to teach swimming skills. They are needed to help motivate the students and need only to be comfortable in the water and able to follow the teacher's lead. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 7:15

p.m. on Wednesdays from June 30 to Aug. 4 at the A.D. Clark Pool at the Hargraves Center. Volunteers must be 16 or older.

To volunteer, email mkaslovsky@ townofchapelhill.org or call 968-

Pool opens for summer

The A.D. Clark Pool at the Hargraves Community Center is open for the 2010 summer season.

The free outdoor swimming pool, operated by the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, is open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday until June 10. Starting June 11, the pool will be open from noon to 7 p.m. daily except during special programs.

The 25-meter pool offers a zero-depth entry pool, locker rooms, showers and a family changing area and is located at 214 N. Roberson St.

Visitors Bureau launches marketing campaign

The Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau has launched a "3 Towns for the Price of 1" campaign to market the Orange County area regionally and nationally.

The 2010-11 marketing plan includes a website, visitchapelhil.org, that combines the best elements of the towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough. The plan also includes print, radio and online advertising, public relations and social media outreach. The bureau will offer a 76-page visitors' guide.

The campaign focuses on the unique experiences available in the county's three distinctly different towns.

Chapel Hill recognized for communications

The Town of Chapel Hill has been recognized for excellence in public communication by the N.C. City and County Communicators Association.

SPOTLIGHT: 2NDFRIDAY ART WALK

2ndFriday Artwalk will be held this Friday in Carrboro and Chapel Hill from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Market Column Column

Among the exhibits are "Singers & Guitar Slingers: Live Concert Photography" by Alex Forsyth, featuring a decade of live music photography from Triangle and Triad venues, in The ArtsCenter's East End Gallery; multimedia paintings by Toby Luria in The ArtsCenter's Center Gallery; Jamie Hagenberger's "Shadows of Spring" photograms at The Beehive; new watercolors from Chapel Hill's Marcy Lansman at the N.C. Crafts Gallery; and "Tweaks of Nature" portraits by Duncan Morgan at Open Eye Café.

Many of the galleries will offer live music and other entertainment. Admission is free. For more information, visit 2ndfridayartwalk.com

The town won first-place awards for citizen participation and marketing tools. The Citizen Participation Award recognized the "Council Agenda Improvement Project," which included efforts to improve the clarity of and access to governmental communications. Sandy Kline, deputy clerk, heads the council agenda process. The Best Use of Promotional Item Award recognized the creation of an official town handmade pottery mug by North Carolina potter Pam Brodbeck. Communications and public affairs staff include Amy Harvey, Sandy Kline, Samantha Kryder, Catherine Lazorko, Melanie Miller and Sabrina Oliver.

Hog Day

Hillsborough Hog Day returns to its original location at River Park off East Margaret

Lane in downtown Hillsborough for this year's annual event, June 18 and 19.

The event features crafters, games, contests, music and great barbecue. Hog Day 2010 will include the first Hog Day Invitational, in which last year's top cookers compete for the People's Choice award. Participants will be able to purchase a sample flight of the top five barbecues or a sandwich from their favorite. In addition, the Eno River Farmers' Market will host a potato salad and cole slaw contest.

Vendors' booths are available to nonprofit organizations and Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce members for \$50 and to artists and crafters for \$125.

The event is free and open to the public.



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Mary Latham and her daughters Catherine, 5, and Sarah, 3, explore the selection of children's movies in the Chapel Hill Public Library. PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE I

Council member Jim Ward said in response to Easthom's concerns that the council had enough information to make a decision on the library project.

"You're never going to get all the information," he said, adding that the favorable bond market may evaporate if the council delays the decision again.

Voters approved a bond referendum in 2003 for the project. The council has delayed the expansion for the past two years because of concerns about the recession and an uncertain municipal-bond market. Stancil has said he believes the bond market is now more stable and that interest rates are favorable for the town.

In saying they would vote for the project, several council members said the citizens who approved those bonds had waited

long enough.

Ward also took aim at the argument that moving ahead with the bond sale would make it difficult for the town to borrow money for any other purpose.

"We're not tying up capital funds, we are using them for welldefined, identified and highly supported public projects," he said.

Council member Gene Pease said as a new council member he had struggled with balancing the town's long-term interests with its short-term needs before deciding he would vote for the bonds and moving ahead with the projects.

"I think they're all important to continuing to build and maintain Chapel Hill's long-term infrastructure," he said.

In other action Monday night, the council delayed consideration on a proposed inclusionary zoning ordinance until its June 21 meeting. The proposal would amend the town's Land Use Management

Ordinance to require that nearly all future developments include affordable housing.

The council's current policy requires developers seeking a change in zoning for a development to set aside 15 percent of the units for affordable housing. The new rules would apply that standard in most circumstances and sets up a system whereby developers could seek greater density in projects that provide additional affordable units.

The council also received a petition from its planning board asking for clarification on the standards and siting guidelines the board is reviewing for shelters. Members of the board and residents of neighborhoods near a proposed new Inter-Faith Council for Social Services shelter at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Homestead Road wanted to know if and how the new standards will apply to the proposed shelter.

Community

Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 10 Jeffery Beam at FRANK Gallery

- Beam will read from his book in progress Life of The Bee. The FRANK Gallery. 5-8pm

American Dance Festival

Launches 77th Season — African American Dance Ensemble June 10-12. Reynolds Industries Theater. americandancefestival.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 **Ellie Kinnaird to Receive Torch**

Bearer Award — Local supporters of the World Harmony Run from the Sri Chinmoy meditation center in Carrboro will present the World Harmony Run "Torch Bearer Award" to Sen. Ellie Kinnaird in recognition of her dedicated work from Mayor of Carrboro to State Senator. Weaver Street Market Lawn. 8:30am

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 Annual Urban Farm Tour

- Learn from several skill-shares including goat milking! Group-led bike tours will depart at 2pm and 4pm. A group-led walking tour will depart at 3pm. Potluck begins at 6:30pm. Bring your bike, a bike to share, some walking shoes, a local food dish, seeds/ seedlings to exchange and we'll do the rest! 2-8pm. carrborogreenspace.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Potluck in a Pasture — Enjoy music by Clyde Edgerton and Kickin' Grass, mingling with working artists, farm tour and homemade food. The Sustainable Agriculture Campus at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro. 4-7pm. chathamarts.org

The Greatest Garden Stories Ever Told — North Carolina

Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. An enrapturing performance of inspiring and heart-warming true garden stoeis, based on the book Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul and Greenprints - the Weeder's Digest by Pat Stone. Call to register: 962-0522. \$20

MONDAY, JUNE 14 Carrboro Branch Library

Summer Reading Program —The Reading Challenge for kids kicks off with special prizes and stickers awarded to all who present their reading log each week. Registration required. Free

A Journey to Peace — Iraq veterans Josh Stieber and Conor Curran, and Iraqi journalist Salam Hassan tell their stories of understanding, transformation and reconciliation. Carol Woods Assembly

Hall. Ipm **TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

American Dance Festival Debuts — Monica Bill Barnes and Company with Kate Weare Company make their debuts June 15-16. amercandancefestival.org

Vigil for Compassion —Mental health advocates will hold a candlelight vigil at the Dix campus of Central Regional Hospital in Raleigh to bring attention to the critical need for increased state funds for additional staff at state psychiatric facilities and for additional community hospital beds. 7:30pm. martha@ ncmentalhope.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 American Red Cross Blood

Drive — At Durham Regional in the Hospital Conference Room. 2-6pm. Appointments 470-6524, walk-ins

Political Prisoners' Birthdays in **June** — A letter writing night where birthday cards are sent to political prisoners. Let them know they are not forgotten. This month's letters will go to Sekou Odinga, Grant Barnes Delbert, Orr Africa, Abdul majid and Thomas Manning. Internationalist Books, 405 W. Franklin St. 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 17 Inbal Pinto and Avshalom Pol-

lak Dance Company at ADT-Durham Performing Arts Center. June 17-19. americandancefestival.org

Peg Bachenheimer and Lee Graham at Frank Gallery — The title of their talk is "Encaustic: Painting with Beeswax." Frank Gallery. 5-8pm. Free

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Contra Dance — Live music will be provided by The Donnybrook Lads with special guest, Piper, John McHugh There will be a newcomers workshop at 7:30, and dancing will begin at 8:00. Bring a partner or come without! Please carry a pair of clean shoes to change into at the dance. \$8 donation. csda-dance.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 Fresh Chef Competition at South Estes Farmers' Market -

Be one of four customer contestants battling skillet to skillet with local ingredients to make the freshest, tastiest entrees for our panel of judges: local chefs, food writers and fellow customers. Ist place prize: a professional knife set from Kitchenworks. Sign up for a chance to be a contestant or judge on June 12th. For more information visit: southestesfarmersmarket.com

Hand In Hand — "Hand in Hand" is a multi media exhibition featuring the work of 8 local artists who are lending their support to three local social action groups: the (UNC) Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC), also known as the Carrboro Free Clinic; TABLE, the children's weekend backpack feeding program; and the Orange County Literacy Council. During the exhibit there will be a free art workshop at the Orange County Literacy Council sponsored by the Carrboro Branch Library's Arts Program. 969-3006 to register for the workshop

Dance - Participatory Ballroom— Fourth and fifth

Thursdays, 7-9:30pm. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. \$2, 968-2070.

Carrboro DanceJam — Free-style dance. First Fridays, 8pm, Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W. Weaver St., upstairs. 968-8776.

Ballroom Dance — Second Saturday of every month, recorded music Triangle Stardusters, 8-11pm, \$7 StarDusters members and students, \$12 others. Couples and singles are welcome, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. 942-7232

Beginner class at 7pm, dance at 9pm. Free lesson first Monday of the month, 6pm. General Store Cafe.

Shag Dancing — Every Monday.

Tango — Learn and practice Tango with the Triangle Tango Society. Open Eye Cafe. 8pm

Ongoing

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

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

Wish Granting Volunteers

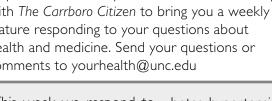
Needed — Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina needs Wish Granters to visit the family and help determine the wish of the child while explaining wish procedures and using their creative side to make the wish truly magical. Wish Granters see first-hand the impact a wish can make on a child with a life-threatening medical condition. For more information, contact Lisa at 919-821-7111 or lbrinkerhoff@eastncwish.org

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Support Group meets on tuesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 7:30-9pm. Free. DBSA-ChapelHill@nc.rr.com

Send your submissions to calendar@ carrborocitizen.com

HOUSE Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with The Carrboro Citizen to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



questions about chest pain and feeding tubes.

Dear HOUSE Calls, How do I know when chest pain is serious? Emergency rooms have such long waits. There must a way to know if chest pain is heart related or not.

That is a great question, not just for patients, but even for doctors! A couple of years ago, one of us was with our mother when she got chest pain. Like you, we knew that a trip to the emergency room would result in a 24-hour hospital stay and lots of testing. But we always want to be safe too, and all of us worry about whether chest pains come from our heart. It is useful to know that chest pain comes from many different sources, most of which are not dangerous. For instance, chest pain frequently occurs from reflux of acid, spasm of the esophagus, muscle strain or even anxiety. However, since heart attacks also cause chest pain, we recommend that you talk with your doctor to better understand your own risk of a heart attack. Do you have medical problems like dia-

This week we respond to betes, hypertension or cholesterol? Do you smoke? Do you have people in your family who have died from early heart attacks? These risk factors make us more concerned about the heart when chest pain occurs. Finally, regardless of risk, if you get chest pain unlike any pain you've ever had before, consider going to the ER or talking immediately to your doctor. When it comes to concern over heart attacks, it makes sense to err on the side of caution.

Dear HOUSE Calls,

My wife has been ill for many months after a stroke last year left her paralyzed and unable to communicate. She's been in the hospital five times for pneumonia, dehydration and infections. She's getting sicker and she cannot tell me what she wants. She's eating less and I'm wondering if she needs a feeding tube. What is your opinion?

This is really a difficult question. We know it is extremely hard to care for a loved one who cannot talk and is also getting sicker. In the best case, we would hope the two of you had directly discussed what your wife would want if she got

so frail and sick. Maybe you did not address this particular case, but you could infer what she would want from the way she responded to illness in others or by understanding her values. A feeding tube actually may not prolong her life, as research shows that for many people with advanced disease the process of dying has begun and feeding tubes do not reverse that process in most cases. You can talk about her quality of life with your physician. With five recent hospitalizations, we wonder if it is time to talk about hospice. Hospice can help families care for and support loved ones in the last few months of their life. Hospice does not mean no care. Rather, it means support, care, communication and compassion for patients and families. The answer to your question depends so much upon what you perceive to be your wife's values. Thank you for sharing your story.

House Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the **UNC** Department of Family Medicine.



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

"Wakeup Call?"

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — Lou

Lou is a 2-year-old grayand-orange domestic shorthair mix. She will give you the most adoring looks when she wants to be petted. She is very laid-back and gets along with all her cat friends here in Catroom 2. She likes to sleep in little cubby places and needs a house to run in, because she's getting a little thick around her center here – which might have something to do with her new love of salty things, like



hears the rustle of a bag of chips, she comes flying into the room to see what the humans are eating and hopefully sharing. She also has the cutest chirping meow to let everyone know where she is. Contact Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY **ANIMAL SERVICES** — Say hello to Lucy & **Abbie!** These adorable sisters

were part of a litter born at the shelter in April and sent into foster care with their mom. Now that they are old enough to leave mom and start

adventures of



their own, they've returned to search for the perfect new homes. They're both very sweet and love to lounge, play and cuddle. And since cats and kittens do so well in pairs, you can feel free to adopt one or both! Visit them at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road in Chapel Hill. You can also see them and other adoptable animals online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/ adoption.asp

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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Graduation (with apologies)

For those of you receiving diplomas from one of our fine high schools, let me first offer a hardy congratulation. Good job. You've earned it, I'm sure. The schools here are not easy places to coast through and undoubtedly you have learned a thing or two in the classrooms of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, East Chapel Hill and the Phoenix Academy.

You've grown up a good bit as well – at least that's the theory. It'll be up to you to prove that as you make that rather awkward transition from top of the heap in your hometown to lowly first-year student in some institution of higher learning.

Some of you will jump straight into the workforce, some will travel and most will be preparing to depart this community come fall.

We all hope that, if circumstances permit, you'll take a little time off to enjoy another idyllic Piedmont summer. I'd like to suggest you not waste it; because as you are probably well aware, the rest of us are going to need your help, plenty of it and plenty quick.

Ordinarily in an editorial before graduation, I would point out the various troubles and maladies you face as a result of the faults and follies of previous generations. Some less willing to take the blame like to call these your "challenges."

However, since your particular age set is entering its ascendency in a world featuring monumental catastrophes, the longest war in this country's history, economic collapse and as fractured a collection of humans as this planet has ever managed to host, I'll spare you the laundry list. Long story short, your predecessors have screwed up in a major way. History calls. Sorry about that. Turns out we're going to need your smarts, your drive and your spirit – every last bit – after all.

We're pulling for you. We're hoping you were inspired in Mr. Wartski's biology class, that Ms. Manning helped you find a sense of purpose, that Mr. Irwin showed you how to tap your creativity, that there will be more environmental scientists because of Mr. Greenberg and a new wave of journalists thanks to Ms. Colletti, and that you are stronger because you always knew that people like Ms. Eriksen cared.

You'll need all that and more. Most importantly, you'll need to have a greater engagement in civic life. The system we have now, if left unchecked, is not your friend, and if left unchanged could one day steal your future. Nowadays, less than a third of your age group votes. Speak up. They can't hear you.

Class of 2010, you're the hope of the world – bleak, smoldering, oil-soaked and shell-shocked as it is. Every now and again, a generation is called upon to step up. I'm afraid yours just won the lottery.

Have a good summer. Be sure to get some rest.

CORRECTION

In last week's story on WCOM we misspelled Jon Paul McClellan's first name.

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The standardized testing dilemma

CHRIS FITZSIMON

One of the most interesting parts of the recent House budget debate wasn't about the budget at all. It was about the state's standardized testing policy in public schools.

Republican Bryan Holloway, a substitute teacher, convinced his colleagues to abolish end-of-course tests in history, civics and physical science. A handful of Democrats joined with House Republicans to end the tests and nobody really defended them.

Opponents of Holloway's budget amendment said they agreed with his frustration with all the standardized tests now administered, but thought the House budget debate was not the proper place to make any changes.

Editorialists and pundits have generally agreed, some pointing to the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability established three years ago as evidence that needed changes are underway and deserve more consideration than a few minutes of discussion on the House floor.

That makes sense, but underestimates the backlash against the standardized testing craze that began in the late 1990s and reached its peak with the passage of No Child Left Behind, which added new tests and sanctions on top of the state's program.

Teachers and education advocates have long criticized basing everything from teacher pay to student promotions to the way schools are organized and funded on a test score.

The testing commission's 2008 report found that the state's standard-ized-testing regime, called the ABCs of education, did not ensure that stu-

dents are ready for college or the job market and that too much time was spent on standardized tests without useful feedback that teachers could use to help students.

Other findings were that the testing regime didn't improve high school graduation rates or reduce the remediation needed when students enter a university or community college.

That's quite an indictment of a standardized-testing program that began with much fanfare in 1995 as part of an effort to create more accountability for public schools. At its inception, the ABCs program was designed to use standardized tests to identify students who were struggling and provide additional services to help those students catch up.

Those services were never adequately funded and plans to use the tests as a condition for student promotion were never fully implemented. The tests have been changed repeatedly over the years, the passing scores adjusted and the difficulty manipulated.

More tests were added as part of the ABCs. Then came No Child Left Behind, prompting more protests from parents and teachers, who said that testing and preparing for tests was overwhelming classroom instruction.

Just a few years ago, the criticism of standardized tests was brushed aside by many Republicans as whining by teachers who didn't want to be held accountable for their performance.

Now Rep. Holloway says that the state should rely on teachers to assess students, not a standardized test. Judging by their votes, Holloway's Republican colleagues appear to agree.

State education officials weren't happy about the House vote, pointing out that the tests are needed to see how students are doing and to compare performance across the state. And that gets to the heart of the testing debate.

The issue isn't the tests themselves, but how they are used. When parents, students and teachers are told that everything rides on a handful of test scores, then the tests become the focus of the school year, not learning.

Students are taught not only what's on the test, but how to take a test. Pre-test pep rallies are held to make sure students know what is at stake. Everything comes down to that one number, and education suffers.

That doesn't mean all standardized tests should be abolished. It doesn't even mean the ones that Holloway doesn't like should end. It means that tests should be used as just one of many ways to evaluate students, to find out who needs extra help and to help understand what is working and what is not in the classroom.

There's good news in all this – that the standardized testing mania has subsided. It is a reminder that no magic bullet exists to improve public education. There are no shortcuts.

Instead, it takes a wide range of approaches that must include sustained and long-term investments in the schools and the teachers and, most importantly, in the students to turn things around.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

Health reform: A huge boon to N.C.

ADAM SEARING

North Carolinians stand to benefit from national health reform in many ways. Already, children under age 26 can stay on their parent's private health plans, small businesses are exploring the thousands of dollars in tax credits available if they provide health coverage and a new federal "high-risk pool" will start on July 1, offering coverage to those uninsured with pre-existing health conditions.

In addition, one of the most farreaching changes for North Caro-

lina won't go into effect until 2014, but it is already creating much comment and discussion. This is the expansion of the state's Medicaid program to adults earning less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$14,400 a year. This

includes nearly one million North Carolinians, many in some of our poorest and most rural counties.

To help explain the benefits and costs of this expansion, the respected Kaiser Family Foundation released estimates this week on what states can expect to spend on Medicaid between 2014 and 2019 as a part of the expansion of health reform. Kaiser gives a range of figures based on the expected participation rate in Medicaid.

According to this analysis, additional costs to the state will range between \$171 million and \$299 million each year, or between \$1.02 billion and \$1.8 billion from 2004 to 2019. Because the federal gov-

ernment picks up 93 percent to 95 percent of the total costs of the Medicaid expansion, the feds will invest \$21-\$25 billion in North Carolina, far outstripping state in-

But spending is not the only important measurement. The Kaiser report says 633,000 to 888,000 people in North Carolina will receive reliable health insurance as a result of reform. This means that hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians – all making less than \$14,400 a year – will go from being uninsured to having a good ba-

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sic health insurance package. The impact of this change is hard to understate, especially in the poorer counties in North Carolina. Thousands of people will find their lives changed for the better when they are able to get decent health coverage regardless of their job or financial situation.

Very conservatively, this spending also will have an enormous economic effect on North Carolina, creating more than 37,000 new jobs, \$3.9 billion in business activity and \$1.4 billion in new salaries and wages. Additional savings to the state as a result of expansion need to be counted too. For example, North Carolina provides

nearly \$50 million a year to UNC Hospitals to help pay for care for the uninsured. As the number of uninsured drops, so does this cost.

Finally, to put the cost of reform in perspective, North Carolina currently collects \$428 million each year from our expanded tobacco taxes and the 1999 tobacco settlement. Even if the state didn't want to devote tobacco dollars to insuring nearly a million North Carolinians, a 50 cent increase in North Carolina's low cigarette tax would raise \$210 million a year, likely paying for all, or at least a

majority, of the increased costs.

As a state with high numbers of low-income people, national reform's expansion of Medicaid will mean big changes in North Carolina: thousands of new jobs created, jumps in

business activity – especially in the more-rural and lower-income parts of our state – and security and stability for hundreds of thousands of lower-income workers. And all of this with the federal government picking up 93 percent to 95 percent of the costs!

The initial benefits of health reform are significant throughout the United States; but for North Carolinians, the coming changes will be even greater. For all of its imperfections and the controversy that surrounded its passage, health reform continues to look better and better.

Adam Searing is the director of the N.C. Health Access Coalition.

A new

ROBERT REICH

Friday's job report was awful. For most new high school and college grads, finding a job is harder than ever. Meanwhile, states are cutting summer jobs for disadvantaged young people. What to do with this army of young unemployed? Send them to the Gulf to clean up beaches and wetlands, and send the bill to BP.

Florida's panhandle beaches are already marred with sticky brown globs of oil. Workers with blue rubber gloves and plastic bags are already losing the battle to keep them clean. Pelicans and other wildlife coated in oil tar are dying by the droves.

It will get far worse. Most of the oil hasn't hit land yet. When it does, hundreds of thousands of workers will be needed to clean beaches, siphon off oil from wetlands and rescue stranded wildlife. Tens of thousands more will have to bring in new landfill, replace tarred sea walls and rebuild shoreline infrastructure.

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Yet we've got hundreds of thousands of young people sitting on their hands right now because they can't find jobs. Many are from affected coastal areas, where the tourist and fishing industries have been decimated by the spill.

The president should order BP to establish a \$5 billion clean-up fund, and immediately put America's army of unemployed young people to work saving the Gulf coast. Call it the new Civilian Conservation Corps.

(The old CCC – created by FDR at another time of massive unemployment and environmental stress – gave millions of young Americans jobs and training to reforest lands that had been degraded, provide emergency flood relief in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and build the infrastructure for our national parks.)

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BIRTH ANNOUNCMENT

Luke Frederic Murley, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born June 1, 2010 at Durham Regional Hospital to proud parents Jessica and Matt Murley of Carrboro. Little Luke's folks report that he's shown occasional frustration with either BP's failed top-kill procedure or the fact that he's no longer in the womb, but overall is healthy and happy.

OBITUARIES

Toy Cheek W. Toy Cheek, 81, of Chapel Hill, N.C. passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Toy was the son of the late Marvin M. and Mae Merritt Cheek. He retired after working for Long Meadow Dairy and Cheek's Dairy Service for over 40 years. He also was an avid farmer who raised beef cattle. He was a lifetime member of Bethel Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and caretaker of the cemetery. Toy was active with the Orange County Cattleman's Association and was on the Carrboro Planning Board for many years. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. He was a loving brother, uncle and good neighbor. Toy is survived by his wife of 63 years, Frances Bowden Cheek; two daughters, Becky Meadows and husband, Tommy, of Rougemont and Donna Quay and husband, John, of Chapel Hill; one brother, Milton Cheek and wife, Catherine, of Chapel Hill; one sister, Christine C. Lloyd of Chapel Hill; four grandchildren, Lisa Baird (Travis), Thomas Meadows (Sarah), Anthony Benson and Amy Keeter (Stephen); two great-grandchildren, Makala Marlow and Emmitt Keeter. He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 9326 Bethel-Hickory Grove Church Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Online condolences may be sent to walkersfu-

Anna Darden

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Anna Merenda Darden, 79, of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Anna was born in Salemville, Pa., the youngest of 11 children. She left Pennsylvania at age 18 and went to work in Baltimore, where she met her future husband, Thomas H. Darden. In the early 1950s, they settled in Chapel Hill, where she raised a family and lived the rest of her life. Anna had a strong fashion and design sense. For many years, she was involved in the retail clothing business and in the 1970s owned a small specialty women's clothing store in Durham. She had a great love of cooking and entertaining and was always happy to share that passion with close friends and family. She loved to travel and later in life took a special interest in learning more about her immigrant parents and their roots in Sicily. Most important to Anna was her family, and especially her grandchildren. She is survived by a sister, Jenny Mazzoni, of New Alexandria, Pa.; a brother, Joseph Merenda, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Gail Darden Burchfiel of Raleigh, N.C., and her husband, David Burchfiel; a son, Greg Darden of Pittsboro, N.C., and his wife, Cynthia Darden; and her two grandsons, Sean Gregory Darden and Evan Thomas Darden. The family would like to express their warmest thanks and appreciation to the UNC and Alamance hospice nurses and nursing assistants, whose kindness and compassion supported Anna and the family throughout her illness. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to UNC Hospice or Alamance Hospice House in Burlington, N.C. Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill is handling the arrangements for the Darden family.

ter a long battle with cancer.



ROSENBLUTH

FROM PAGE I

The 287(g) program - formally called the Agreements of Cooperation in Communities to Enhance Safety and Security (ICE ACCESS) - provides money to local law-enforcement agencies to help identify illegal immigrants and process them for deportation.

The Secure Communities program involves fingerprinting individuals picked up for offenses and checking them against FBI criminal history records and immigration records maintained by the Department of Homeland Security. According to a statement from ICE, if the

fingerprints match those of someone in the DHS's system, "the new automated process notifies ICE, enabling the agency to take appropriate action to ensure crimi-

nal aliens are not released back into communities. Top priority is given to individuals who pose a threat to public safety, such as those with prior convictions for major drug offenses, murder, rape, robbery and kidnapping."

But the overwhelming majority of cases the coalition takes on, Rosenbluth said, are people who were placed into deportation proceedings after being arrested for minor violations.

"Shoplifting is probably the most serious offense we see on a regular basis," Rosenbluth said. No driver's license, failure to yield, running a red light, expired tags or no registration are other typical offenses.

"We get a lot of people who get picked up for failure-to-appear violations because they're scared to go to court because they're afraid of being picked up due to 287(g)," he said. "So it's kind of like a cycle."

Lately, he said, they've seen a lot of people who were picked up at their probation appointments.

"So they go to meet with their probation officer, they're complying with the conditions of their parole, and ICE is waiting for them when they show up.

"Why would you want to have an intentional policy of discouraging people from showing up for their probation appointments?"

In addition to his work with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Rosenbluth is a member of the Orange County Human Relations Commission. Orange County does not participate in 287(g) but has been one of 21 North Carolina counties selected by the federal government for the Secure Communities program. A Secure Communities memorandum of understanding was signed at the state level and the counties were selected based on ICE's capacity (manpower and beds available in jails) to act on the information in that county.

Rosenbluth said that Sheriff Pendergrass isn't doing anything any differently under Secure Communities than he was previously: "All he's doing is fingerprinting detainees. That's the only active thing the sheriff does."

Almost every jail in the state has an automatic fingerprint identification system (AFIS). AFIS is connected to a central computer in Raleigh, which is in turn connected to ICE's database. "Once ICE has the ability to act on the information," Rosenbluth said, "the county is formally

enrolled in the Secure Communities program. "The only way Orange County could opt out of Secure Communities – since it's Orange County to AFIS to Washington, D.C. - is

if they stopped fingerprinting." "I don't know what would have happened if [Pendergrass] had said no. I don't think it would have had any effect, because the

computers are still connected.

law-enforcement officers to raise awareness about racial profiling. And the fourth was for a policy whereby the county commissioners would indicate to officers that they would prefer a consistent use of citations rather than arrests for minor offenses.

The recommendations were presented to the commissioners in January; no response has yet been received.

Commissioner Mike Nelson said the board asked the Human Relations Commission for input "because we wanted their unbiased opinion about whether or not these programs were being used to violate the civil rights of residents.

"I don't want to live in a com-

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rasses immigrants. I want our

government, federal and local,

to deal with immigration in a re-

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A particular concern Rosen-

bluth has about the Secure

Communities program is that it

presents what he sees as an "ac-

A positive step

Rosenbluth, Nelson said, has

jobs in deporting people who are here illegally. They're not looking at it from whether or not this is the intention of the 287(g) policy. They're looking at it as, 'Look; I've got this guy in my custody. He's sitting here in my office; he's basically admitted he's here illegally. You want me to let him go?' How is that possible?

Rosenbluth doesn't believe the ICE officials he met with in D.C. are being disingenuous about their perceptions of how things are playing out in the field: "I think they really don't have a clue about how things actually work outside the Beltline."

ICE's new memorandum of understanding for law-enforcement agencies reads: "The agen-

cy is expected to pursue to completion all criminal charges that caused the alien to be taken into custody and over which the agency has jurisdiction."

"They're encouragmunity that engages in racial or ing law enforcement to complete the state charges before someone passes into ICE custody, to make sure they are truly targeting criminal aliens," Rosenbluth said. "Those are really pretty words if you're sitting inside the Beltway. But in the field, they make no difference whatsoever, because that's not the way things happen."

Rosenbluth believes that ICE's own data shows that the 287(g) and Secure Communities programs are not working, that few criminal aliens are being deported.

"It's not a question of what the law is, it's how it's interpreted," he said. President Obama or Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano could say, "We are not taking people into deportation proceedings anymore unless they've been convicted of a felony,' and they could do that with the stroke of a pen. And that's really what it's going to take – a very clear policy directive."

Since his White House visit, Rosenbluth has returned to D.C. for a meeting with ICE and immigrant advocacy groups, keep-

ing the dialogue alive.

"I'm really glad they're listening," he said. "I'm really glad they're hearing; I'm really glad that they're trying to engage in the dialogue, and I think it's a really positive step.

"Is anything actually going to change? I guess that remains to be seen."

"The only way Orange County could opt out of Secure Communities is if they stopped fingerprinting."

"I guess Orange County could say, 'We refuse to participate and you can't come into our jails to pick these people up.' But then you're dealing with the right of the federal government to determine immigration policy."

Pendergrass was unavailable for comment.

Commission seeks help

The Orange County Board of Commissioners went to the Human Relations Commission to ask for help in dealing with the ramifications of Secure Communities.

"We decided to try to put safeguards in place to prevent people from getting caught up in Secure Communities unless they were truly dangerous criminal aliens," Rosenbluth said.

The first of their recommendations was a demand for accountability. They wanted hard data from ICE regarding, for example, who was being put into deportation proceedings, where they were from and what they had been charged with.

"We figured human rights violations occur best under the shadow of darkness," Rosenbluth said, "so if we had accountability, it would be very embarrassing for ICE if [the data] shows that everyone who was picked up through ICE was picked up for jaywalking and none of them was a dangerous criminal."

The second recommendation was for a complaint procedure. The third was training for local

countability vacuum": "Local law enforcement can say, 'We're not engaged in racial profiling; we're just picking

people up for driving without a license or littering. It's ICE's decision to put them into deportation proceedings.' "And ICE can say, 'We're not

engaging in racial profiling. We're sitting in a computer command center in Chicago and this data is coming in. We're just acting based on the information we receive." Rosenbluth said that unless

there's a clear policy directive from ICE not to put people who are picked up for minor offenses into deportation proceedings under 287(g) or Secure Communities, the overwhelming majority of people deported will be those with minor offenses.

"I'll say this on the record, even though a lot of immigration advocates would hate me for saying it," Rosenbluth said, "but ICE officials in the field are doing their

Nonprofit forms to feed the hungry

A new organization has formed to collect more food for the hungry in the community.

People Offering Relief for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Homes, or PORCH, incorporated in May to organize monthly neighborhood food drives to restock the shelves of the pantries at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, St. Joseph CME Church and TABLE.

Chapel Hill residents Christine Cotton, Debbie Horwitz and Susan Romaine collaborated to form PORCH about six months ago and have started collecting food with the help of 20 volunteer

neighborhood organizers. PORCH emails donors each

month with a list of items needed at local food pantries. Donors then put a bag with a few canned goods on their front porches on an appointed day and neighborhood organizers go porch-to-porch to collect the donations.

"We've been really strapped," said Bernice Harrison, who runs the food pantry at St. Joseph CME Church. "The carloads full of food from PORCH could not be coming at a better time."

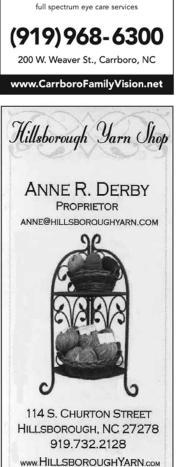
More than 200 residents in 15 neighborhoods throughout Car-

rboro and Chapel Hill already participate in the monthly food drives, with about \$2,000 in cash and food donations collected in May alone, but PORCH is still working to expand its network of neighbors. In addition, organizers hope to collect fresh produce from local farmers to supplement the food already distributed each month to refugee families from Burma.

For more information or to get involved, email info@porchnc.org or visit porchnc.org

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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Wake up call

The levels of propofol found on toxicology exam are similar to those found during general anesthesia for major surgery. - Selma Calmes, M.D., in the L.A. County coroner's autopsy report on Michael Jackson.

Briefs



Student artist recognized

East Chapel Hill High School senior Sasha Kanarski was honored on May 3 for her participation in the Fourth District Congressional High School Arts Competition. The U.S. House of Representatives and our local congressman, Rep. David Price, sponsor the event annually.

Kanarski received an award for her piece titled "Ready, Set, Fly" at a district-wide reception held at the Burwell School Historic Site in Hillsborough. Rep. Price was on hand to present the awards.

Glenwood show choir still the best

Glenwood Elementary's Gator Show Choir won its 14th consecutive Best Overall Award at the Carowinds Show Choir Festival. The festival was held over Memorial Day weekend in Charlotte.

The award placed the Gator Show Choir ahead of all competition from three states and from all divisions, including high school show choirs. The choir also was named Superior Winner of the Elementary Division.

Members of the choir are: Collins Alexander, Kyra Bixler, Flora Devonport, Evan Douglass, Zoe Dinkins, Cecilia Fang, Katie Fesperman, Lee Folger, Marcus Gear, Brater Gerber, Jacob Hart, Andrew Huan, Rachel Hotong, Jared Kirkpatrick, Daniela Marciano, Niya Mitchell, Hai-Yen Nguyen, Jules Tamers, Karlton Tate, Conrad Weiden, Sophie Wiener and Claire Yin.

The choir is directed by Carole Christoff Dolber. Annette Layman is the choreographer.

Area students excel in foreign-language exams

Students from four middle schools and two high schools earned gold medals on the National Latin Exam. Students from Chapel Hill High scored at or above the 95th percentile on the National German Exam, while students from across the district placed in the 95th percentile or higher on the National Spanish and French Exams.

Data managers honored

The CHCCS data managers have selected Jerilyn Wilson of Phillips Middle School and Geoff Gentry of McDougle Middle School as Data Managers of the Year.

Wilson and Gentry were selected by their peers for performing their duties with exceptional care and concern. The data manager's job is to maintain student information needed to achieve school, district and state objectives. Their colleagues noted that Wilson and Gentry provide strong support to other data managers in the district.

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Trees, students take center stage at Carrboro Elementary

BY KATE GRIESMANN Staff Writer

CARRBORO – As the sun started to set on a perfect June day, more than 100 first-graders jumped to

their feet and burst into song. A chorus to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad" filled the tree-lined amphitheater at Carrboro Elementary School, entertaining over 150 parents and siblings who sat on blankets, eating the last of their picnic dinners. The words to the familiar song, however, were changed to something a little more fitting for the occasion: "We've been learning about trees."

The students and their teachers and families gathered Tuesday night to celebrate the publication of The Trees of Carrboro Elementary, a guidebook containing poems, photographs and illustrations by the school's first-graders. The book highlights 40 trees that are scattered across the school's campus and around Carrboro.

First-grader Peyton Bivins flipped to the page dedicated to the Shagbark Hickory, which features a photo of her and a classmate under a tree. "There's one right over there!" she said, looking up and pointing across the clearing. Peyton is in one of the school's two dual-language firstgrade classes, and the poem on the Shagbrook Hickory page is written in Spanish.

Kitty Heller, a first-grade teacher who is retiring this year,

STUDENTS

FROM PAGE I

Despite such barriers to high-

Esperanza is one such student.

er education, some students are

able to attend college by winning

Having won a large academic

scholarship, she will enroll at a

private school next year. Had she

not received the scholarship, she

would not have been able to at-

Although Esperanza is one of

few undocumented students pro-

vided the opportunity to earn a

college degree, her citizenship status

trust," she said. "Before I told my

best friend, we had been friends

ing blackmailed by someone

aware of her immigration status –

something that had happened to

"You can't really come out,"

Only a handful of close friends

"Student-wise, it's only the

and teachers are aware of Esper-

people I trust the most," she

said. "My best friends. Some

of my teachers know; only the

anza's citizenship status.

"You never know who to

Esperanza said she feared be-

remains a closely guarded secret.

tend college.

for three years."

friends of hers.

she said. "Ever."

A daily secret



First graders at Carrboro Elementary School sing and dance to celebrate the publication of their guidebook, The Trees of Carrboro Elementary, in the amphitheatre at Carrboro Elementary on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

spearheaded the project, which was funded by an N.C. Beautiful Grant in collaboration with the Duke Energy Foundation. The project lasted most of the year, as students recorded seasonal changes in trees, wrote poems and created tree-identification signs to put up around campus.

Heller, who got to know all the schools in the district during her time as a substitute teacher, has always loved the campus of Carrboro Elementary. "This is by far, in my opinion, the most beautiful playground and campus," she said. When she learned about the N.C. Beautiful Grant, she saw an opportunity to celebrate the school's

them. "It just seemed like the perfect thing to do." Leif Gjestvang-Lucky, who attended the event with his fam-

about the nature that surrounds

ily, contributed to the Dogwood page. "The leaves on the bottom feel really different than they do on the top," he said, explaining that the tree only blooms in April, when the photograph included in the book was taken. "The best part was writing down about the trees and getting to feel the leaves," he said, though he added that seeing the final project was pretty exciting too.

Up on stage, two pint-sized

beauty while teaching her students emcees, Margaret Stoffregen and Leonardo Salazar, speaking English and Spanish, announced the performers and thanked the families and teachers for coming to the event. Selected students from all four classes recited their poems, shouting to make their voices heard without the help of a microphone.

After more singing, the families split into groups to go on a tree walk and look at the book that was the end product of months of hard work.

"The stars of tonight are your children," Heller told the assembled parents before the groups split up. "You will be so impressed by what they have done."

ones I trust the most."

East Chapel Hill High Spanish teacher Sandy Williamson has observed firsthand the weight of such a secret upon students.

"A lot of kids don't let you know," Williamson said. "They want to keep a low profile. They're more likely to be out with someone they have a close relationship with."

Esperanza said she occasionally overheard remarks about immigration issues at school but always hesitated to speak up.

"Every time the topic comes up, I feel like my ears start turning red," she said. "You can't help thinking, 'Do they know? Do they know because my face is turning red?' You never want to participate in those conversations because you don't want to expose yourself."

An unexpected motivation

For "Maria," an undocumented immigrant and a senior about to graduate from a high school in a neighboring county, her citizenship status has served as an academic motivator rather than a deterrent.

"College has been a topic of conversation within my family since before I started kindergarten," Maria said. "I've known since then that if an undocumented student wants to go to

college, the best bet would be [through scholarships] to top private schools to avoid both discrimination and the financial burden."

Her work during high school won her offers of a full ride to Harvard, Columbia and other top schools.

"If anything, my legal status has driven everything regarding my academic life," she said. "Since the beginning of my junior year, I have taken at least four extra classes per semester in the hopes that it would boost me up within the college application process. My current status as valedictorian of my school is also thanks to my drive as an undocumented student."

Maria was born in Mexico and was three months old when her parents moved to the U.S.

"I didn't choose to come into this country illegally," she said. "Sometimes it depresses me that I'm not like everyone else. Though they may not know it, I'm not American. I'm an alien with no claims to either the U.S. or Mexico."

Maria said her parents worked long hours in preparation for paying her college tuition.

'Seeing my dad's tired face makes me understand everything they want for me and it makes me understand that what I'm doing isn't just for me," she said. "It's for them. For my parents, for the people who die crossing the border every day, for the people who go to work every single day of their lives in the hopes that their children will accomplish more than they ever could.'

An issue still unresolved

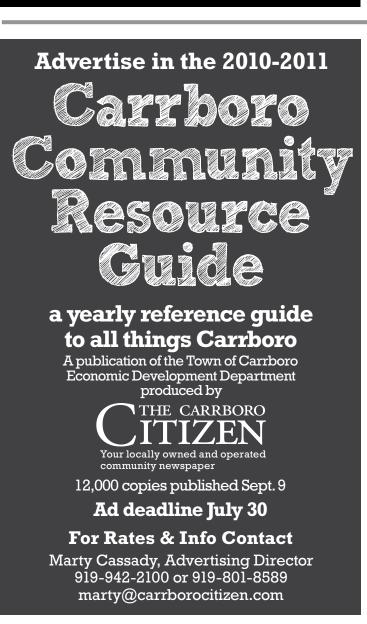
Undocumented and collegebound, Esperanza and Maria are exceptions to the rule. Aware of the difficulties of gaining admission to and paying for college, most undocumented high school students don't attempt to secure a post-high school education.

Esperanza is troubled by the plight of undocumented immigrant students in the U.S.

"A lot of the time, the only crime we're guilty of is being here and wanting a better life for ourselves," she said.

Maria agreed that undocumented students who came to the U.S. at a young age with their parents should not necessarily be held responsible for their undocumented status.

"Most of them had no say in their entry to this country," she said. "These are the students that have grown up with you, the ones that can accomplish great things, the ones that could change the world - but only if given the chance."







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Green Bean Salad (Makes 4 to 6 servings.)

From Sheri Castle of Creative Cooking with Sheri Castle

Ingredients

2 pounds small green beans

1/4 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar 2 medium shallots, diced

2 tablespoons fresh tarragon, chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper I small red bell pepper, seeded and sliced thinly

1/4 cup imported oil-cured black olives, pitted

Procedure

Trim and clean the beans. Blanche them in a pot of salted boiling water until tender, about 3 to 10 minutes, depending on the size of the beans. Transfer to a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking and set the bright color. Drain and pat dry. Whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, shallots and tarragon. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Put the beans, pepper strips and olives in a large bowl. Coat them with the vinaigrette and stir to coat. Let the salad sit for at least 30 minutes for the flavors to develop. You can make the salad up to 4 hours ahead. Store covered in the refrigerator, but return to room temperature before serving. Adjust the seasoning before serving, if necessary.

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The zebra swallowtail is one of many pollinators of Indian hemp.

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FLORA

FROM PAGE I

The reason I'm newly hooked on this plant is because of the diversity of flying and crawling critters it attracts. You can become mesmerized for long stretches of time. Though common along roadsides and fields everywhere, it's easiest to examine the large colonies of Indian hemp in the fields of Mason Farm, where weekly walks bring weekly discoveries.

Countless insects and sometimes birds explore and settle on the surface of leaves and clusters of tiny white flowers. Some of those critters are pollinators, some are laying eggs on the host plant to serve the appetites of hatching larva and some are lying in wait to make a meal of unsuspecting others.

I couldn't believe the beauty of the iridescent dogbane beetles, so plentiful a couple of weeks ago. There are a few still lingering. They hang around for only a couple of weeks, intent on mating and laying eggs on the undersides of the leaves. Hatching larvae bury into the ground and feed on the plant roots until emerging as adults next year. Beetle populations never seem too large to harm the plants.

The beautiful zebra swallowtail is frequently observed foraging on the short white flowers. They are obvious pollinators. Now I'm curious to observe which of all those other hovering critters may also be pollinators.

June 21-27 is National Pollinator Week. Celebrate the great diversity of pollinators with a walk to Mason Farm or some other field to check out all the action.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Paying it forward, 2010

arefully framing his shot, sixth-grader David Sanchez of Durham makes a photograph under the watchful eyes of UNC student mentors Windsor Thornton, left, and Rashonda Joplin, right. They are part of my summer session photo class that has been leading weekly photo lessons for a cohort of inner-city Durham urban youth. The results, both photographic and relational, have been wonderful to witness. Next week I'll post their best work online in our neighborhood lab newspaper, the Northeast Central Durham VOICE (durhamvoice.org). The public service initiative is an outreach program of the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication.



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