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Pollen on the back of a carpenter bee is carried from passion flower to passion flower.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Celebrating and helping pollinators

It's National Pollinator Week and the third annual National Pollinator Week Celebration at Chatham Market Place in Pittsboro is this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This family-friendly celebration with special activities for children includes a treasure hunt, story telling, beekeeping demonstrations and guided tours of the onsite pollinator garden (for more information, ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/ag/SustAg/workshops.html).

Awareness of pollinators gives us reason for celebration, and for concern.

An engaging description of the plight of pollinators is *Bee and Me*, written by Elle McGuinness and illustrated by Heather Brown. In this beautifully illustrated children's book, which should be required reading for adults, a bee, accidentally trapped inside a house, pleads, poetically, for release by the young boy inside:

We're good for much more
Than just honey, you see
We bees help the flowers,
The bushes and trees

We gather their pollen
And spread it around
The only way to keep them
Growing, we've found ...

If it weren't for us bees, why the plants would be gone
No more peaches, no cherries, no trees to climb on,

There'd be no more apples,
no flowers to smell
Still, you humans decide you don't like us that well.

The serious lesson for young and old alike is to treat the diversity of bees and wasps and other pollinating critters with the same wonder and respect we allow colorful butterflies. These critters, buzzing or not, are necessary pollinators, without which our world would be in serious trouble. They are much too busy working to worry about people unless they are threatened or trying to protect their hives or solitary nests.

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Finishing Touches

Artist Emily Weinstein is putting the final coating on her Rose Garden mural. Weinstein and friends rallied to do a new mural when the old one was painted over last year.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Carrboro champion skates against the grain

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

On the winner's podium, it was obvious. Get her talking and it's even more so. Amy Entwistle is not your typical figure skater, and her authenticity and unique approach have carried her to the top.

In late April, in Grand Rapids, Mich., Entwistle won the adult figure skating championship. It's the highest honor at the highest level for adults, and the 34-year-old Carrboro resident's African tribal dance-themed program was a wonder in the way traditional classically themed programs can't be.

Being an adult figure skater isn't the most common thing in the first place, and Entwistle often refers to the "kids" of the business, the ones who think they might one day make it to the Olympics.

"The kids' skating community is very different," Entwistle said. "They are very competitive, very focused on climbing the ladder and thinking about what sort of international fame they might achieve. Ultimately very, very few people have that type of success."

Entwistle did start skating as a 5-year-old, after having her attention captured by a local show in central Illinois.

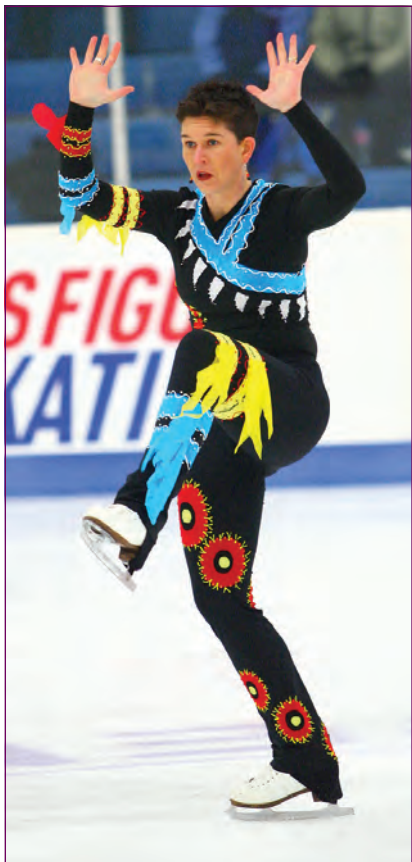


PHOTO BY QUICKSILVER SHOTS
Amy Entwistle performed her African tribal dance-themed program in April to win the adult figure skating championship.

The Illinois native skated until she was about 13 and then hung up the skates for team sports in middle and high school, going on to play softball in college.

She said she never had any real illusions of skating on the grandest stage, but that everyone in the ice skating community has that dream in mind at some point.

Entwistle wasn't the next Tara Lipinski or Nancy Kerrigan, but she said the skills she learned as a kid give her an advantage today.

She returned to skating, while attending graduate school at Tufts University, more for the exercise aspect than anything else.

Today she is a management consultant in the pharmaceutical industry, a job that allows her the flexibility to practice her routine (or program, as it's called in the figure skating world).

That program is not the type of graceful, flowing piece that Lipinski and Kerrigan are known for; it stands out, though, for its technical merits and emotional aspects. It's a program inspired by an African dance class Entwistle and her coach, Mary Jo Bullin, took at The ArtsCenter.

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Agencies helping those facing foreclosure seeing high demand for services

BY RICH FOWLER
Staff Writer

Unfortunately for Miles Wright, CEO of Triangle Family Services in Raleigh, business is booming these days. His agency is one of 26 statewide that try to help owners save their homes as part of North Carolina's Foreclosure Prevention Project.

"This is one of those bittersweet things," Wright said. "The program has been going well, and you'd like the program to die because of lack of

use. Our numbers are two to three times of what our projections are. It's going too well."

The Foreclosure Prevention Project is targeted at homeowners who took out subprime mortgages between 2005 and 2007. It's run by the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks (NCCOB), which works with counseling agencies and lenders to get homeowners in trouble to meet with a housing counselor to help renegotiate their loans and avoid foreclosure.

Communication is the problem

"Seven out of 10 people who are two payments behind on their loans are not involved in any kind of conversation with their mortgage company," said Mark Pearce, deputy commissioner of banks for the NCCOB. "A lot of people just give up before they get to the right person who could renegotiate their loan."

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A home not so far away from home

RECENTLY...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Something's going on in the Heritage Hills neighborhood that may be the wave of the future. Two years in the process, movement afoot indicates that perhaps the neighborhood will soon be welcoming residents of the first Charles House Association ElderCare home.

Since 1990, the Charles House Eldercare Center in Carrboro has provided daytime care for the elderly of our community who remain vital enough to get out (with assistance), but who, for whatever reason, require some degree of supervision to avoid injury or confusion. Charles House has provided many loving families the respite and peace of mind needed to keep their aging relatives living in the home, offering safe daytime stimulation and socialization.

It has long been the Charles House Association dream to provide a residence where elders could live together in a home that keeps them in a neighborhood rather than in an institutional setting; a place where staff members insure that nutritional, hygienic and social needs are met, but where elders can still remain within the multi-generational fabric of life.

The residents of Heritage Hills fully caught the significance of that vision. The collective residents' memory within the 30-something-year-old neighborhood of 220 homes has included losing aging homeowners who required a more conducive setting or of bringing aging relatives into their own homes to provide for them. A good number of these residents have appreciated the camaraderie offered at Charles House, so when the idea for the home was broached by Charles House board member and Heritage Hills resident Jerry Salak



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Jerry Salak sits in the living room window seat of the Heritage Hills home that may become the first Charles House ElderCare home.

in August 2007, he brought along Charles House executive director Paul Klever to lead the discussion.

"People asked lots of very good questions," said Salak, who works in UNC's School of Public Health.

There were concerns over property values, annexation and even the fear of opening the door to have to accept other types of group homes.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



PATRICK WOLF
Cat's Cradle
Friday June 26

THURSDAY JUNE 25
Arts Center: Summer Concert Series with Steve Jack Band. 300 East Main. 4:30pm
Blue Bayou: Andy Coats. 9pm
The Cave: EARLY: Davis Stillson. LATE: Salt To Bitters, Twilighter
General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck Trio. 7-9pm

Local 506: Black Hollies, Violet Vector and The Lovely Lovelies, The Huguenots. 9pm. \$6
FRIDAY JUNE 26
Arts Center: Johnny Winter with Cyril Lance. 8:30pm. \$36
Blue Bayou: Chalwa. 9:30pm
Caffe Driade: Drowning Lovers. 8pm



WOODEN BIRDS
Nightlight
Sunday June 28

Cat's Cradle: Patrick Wolf, Living Things, Plastiscines, Jaguar Love. 8pm. \$15
The Cave: EARLY AND LATE: Joe Romeo and The Orange County Volunteers. \$5
City Tap: LATE: Stratocruiser
General Store Cafe: Tommy Edwards and Friends. 8:30-11pm. \$5
Harry's Market: Lynn Blakey and Ecki Heins. 7-9pm
Local 506: Sunfold, Hammer No More The Fingers, On Photon, Thoughtspak. 9pm. \$8
Open Eye Cafe: Leif Sunde. 8pm



CONESHAFTER
Local 506
Sunday June 28



CHALWA
Blue Bayou
Friday June 26

Open Eye Cafe: Donna Hughes. 8pm
SUNDAY JUNE 28
Local 506: Conshafter, 100 Yorktown, The Groves. 9pm. \$8
Nightlight: Wooden Birds, Other Lives. \$8
Weaver Street Market: Magnolia Klezmer Band. 11-1pm
MONDAY JUNE 29
The Cave: LATE: Anniversary Club, Weekends, Christopher Jones. \$5
Local 506: Andi Morgan and Sudden Affair, Shawn Deena. 8:30pm. Free
Nightlight: The Pneurotics, Gift Horse, The Winter Sounds. 9:30pm

Local 506: Sunfold, Hammer No More The Fingers, On Photon, Thoughtspak. 9pm. \$8
Open Eye Cafe: Leif Sunde. 8pm
SATURDAY JUNE 27
Blue Bayou: Willie Painter Band. 9:30pm
Caffe Driade: Sawyer-Goldberg Ensemble. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Holsapple and Stamey, American Aquarium, Luego. 8pm. \$10/12
The Cave: EARLY: Rev. Brandon Hayes LATE: Mark Holland's Rhythm Force, The Houstons
City Tap: Sleepless Nights. 8-10pm
General Store Cafe: Rough Cut. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: Fake Problems, Kiss Kiss, Resist Not. 9:30pm. \$10
Open Eye Cafe: Donna Hughes. 8pm
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NO CHANGE IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE the week of Independence Day.

Please have your bins out by 7:00am!

The Orange County Landfill will be CLOSED Friday July 3rd. Landfill services including mulch sales and the Hazardous Waste Collection will also be closed. Normal hours of landfill operation will resume Saturday, July 4.

Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be OPEN Friday, July 3. They will be CLOSED Saturday, July 4. Normal hours of operation will resume Sunday, July 5.

Orange County Solid Waste Management (919) 968-2788 recycling@co.orange.nc.us

CAT'S CRADLE

SA 6/27 PETER HOLSAPPLE & CHRIS STAMEY

TH 8/13 KASEY CHAMBERS & SHANE NICHOLSON

TU 7/28 ATMOSPHERE

SA 8/22 BOWERBIRDS THE ARTSCENTER

SU 7/19 LOST IN THE TREES

FR 6/26 NYLON SUMMER MUSIC TOUR FEATURING PATRICK WOLF, LIVING THINGS, PLASTISCINES, JAGUAR LOVE(\$15)**

SA 6/27 PETER HOLSAPPLE & CHRIS STAMEY W/AMERICAN AQUARIUM AND LUEGO ALBUM RELEASE PARTY

FR 7/3 THE ORB HAS CANCELLED

FR 7/3 - SU 7/5: LESTAT: THE MUSICAL

FR 7/10 BOMBADIL HAS CANCELLED

SA 7/11 CLUB IS OPEN FESTIVAL: FILTHYBIRD, NATHAN OLIVER, THE FUTURE KINGS OF NOWHERE AND AMERICAN AQUARIUM

FR 7/17(\$18/\$20) NICE-N-SMOOTH 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT AND AFTERPARTY**

SA 7/18 GIRLS ROCK SHOWCASE

SU 7/19 LOST IN THE TREES(\$8)**

WE 7/22 - SA 7/25 XY SOLD OUT

SU 7/26 DREGG, RX BANDITS W/ ZECHS MARQUIS**

TU 7/28(\$22/\$25) ATMOSPHERE**

SA 8/1 COSMOPOLITANS W/MITCH EASTER, DON DIXON**

SA 8/8 DE LA SOUL 20 YEARS HIGH AND RISING TOUR(\$25/\$28)**

WE 8/12 AKRON/FAMILY(\$10/\$12)**

TH 8/13(\$20/\$23) KASEY CHAMBERS & SHANE NICHOLSON**

SA 8/15 AMY RAY W/VON IVA AND BELLAFAE(\$12/\$15)**

SU 8/16 THE SCRIPT W/PARACHUTE(\$12/\$15)**

WE 8/26 WEISS FAMILY (OF MEWITHOUTYOU) W/DAMIEN JURADO AND PSALTERS(\$13/\$15)**

TU 9/1 HOT TUNA ELECTRIC(\$25/\$28) W/OLD SCHOOL FREIGHT TRAIN**

FR 9/4 YO MAMA'S BIG FAT BOOTY BAND

SA 9/5 CAROLINA CHOCOLATE CROCHET(\$15)**

FR 9/11 OWL CITY W/KATE HAVNEVIK AND UNICORN KID(\$12/\$14)**

SU 9/13 SON VOLT **ON SALE SOON

WE 9/15 JOHN "JOJO" HERMANN OF WIDESPREAD PANIC W/SHERMAN EWING(\$18/\$22)**

FR 9/18 WHO'S BAD? TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON**

SA 9/19 ARROGANCE @40 BIRTHDAY BASH MANY SPECIAL GUESTS!

WE 7/30 RA RA RIOT W/MAPS & ATLASES AND PRINCETON(\$12/\$14)**

MO 10/26 KMFDM(\$20/\$23)**

TU 10/27 PINBACK(\$14/\$16)**

TH 11/5 THE JESUS LIZARD(\$20)**

ALSO PRESENTING NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)

SU 6/28 WOODEN BIRDS W/OTHER LIVES

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

MO 7/13 HANDSOME FURS

TH 7/16 REEVES GABRELS W/BENJOMATIC

TU 8/11 AUSTIN LUCAS W/TWO COW GARAGE, MIKE HALE

TH 8/8 THE DUKE AND THE KING

TH 8/13 THE LOW ANTHEM

MO 8/17 THE WARLOCKS W/THE MORNING AFTER GIRLS

TU 9/22 STILL FLYIN'

WE 9/23 ASOBI SEKUSU

MO 9/28 SCHOOL OF SEVEN BELLS

MEMORIAL HALL (UNC - CHAPEL HILL)

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News Briefs

Millhouse discussions postponed

County officials and residents of the Millhouse Road and Rogers Road neighborhood will have to wait a little longer to see whether the Town of Chapel Hill is willing to officially offer a parcel on Millhouse Road as a site for a waste transfer station.

The Chapel Hill Town Council opted not to take up a discussion of whether to offer the site, which Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy suggested as a potential transfer station location in May.

County commissioners voted 4-3 last week to further consider the site, but asked that the Town Council make an official offer before moving forward.

On Friday, Chapel Hill officials gave notice that the council won't review the matter until it returns from summer recess on Sept. 14.

Despite that, several citizens concerned about the Millhouse site spoke at the council meeting Monday night at Town Hall and asked that they not offer the site for the transfer station.

Positive rabies results

Two positive rabies results for foxes have been received by Orange County Animal Services from the North Carolina Rabies Laboratory.

On Tuesday, a woman was bitten by a fox in the vicinity of Weaver Dairy and Kingston roads in Chapel Hill. Later that day, in the immediate vicinity, another woman was bitten by what is believed to be the same fox. The fox was caught by an animal control officer that afternoon and was sent to the state rabies lab for testing.

The same day, residents in the vicinity of Old Turner and Crossroads Church Cemetery roads south of Hillsborough were walking with their two dogs when the dogs began to fight with a fox. The dogs were moved into the house and animal control was called to remove the fox.

The women who were bitten were referred to the Orange County Health Department and are undergoing treatment. Those with secondary exposure are being assessed before treatment decisions are made.

So far this year, there have been eight positive rabies cases in Orange County. Results include two raccoons, two bats, two foxes and one skunk.

Also on Tuesday, a fox bit a 4-year-old girl at the Westminster School for Young Children in Durham.

Roy Williams, author

Roy Williams, head coach of the University of North Carolina men's basketball team, is writing a book with Tim Crothers, former senior writer for *Sports Illustrated* and a UNC graduate, entitled *Hard Work: My Life On and Off the Court*.

The autobiography, which will include a foreword by John Grisham, will be published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill on Nov. 10, coinciding with the start of the 2009 basketball season.

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

Final, unanimous approval of the plan proved a bit anticlimatic, with representatives of town and gown offering little comment beyond their gratitude to negotiators and in some cases lingering amazement at how well the process played out.

The UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees is scheduled to take up the development agreement in a meeting today (Thursday).

The trustees must sign off on the latest version of the development agreement. They previously approved a plan

the build-out of the first phase of the campus and last year gave the go-ahead for construction of the 80,745-square-foot Innovation Center, the first building at the new campus. The center will be located near the Town of Chapel Hill's former public works facility near the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Piney Mountain Road.

In other action, the council:

- heard an update from Stancil on federal stimulus money. Stancil reported that the town has received about \$3.75 million in grants for public housing, transit and parks and recreation. The

town also has an application for \$144,000 in grants in process and is preparing additional requests for grants totaling \$584,000;

- approved a request from the Downtown Partnership that would allow for a "beer/wine garden" to be set up at partnership-sponsored events at the James C. Wallace parking deck;

• set a public forum for Oct. 12 on the town's long-range transportation plan and;

- authorized the use of federal grant funds to help create a regional bus service between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro to be operated by Chapel Hill Transit.

Eagle Scouts

Two Carrboro High School graduates have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Daniel Pierce and David Hare are both members of Troop 845 at Carrboro United Methodist Church.

For their combined Eagle Scout project, the two built a fitness area and climbing wall at Mary Scroggs Elementary School, with assistance from a Lowes "Toolbox Grant."

Pierce and Hare also traveled across America on a bicycle trip to raise \$18,000 for the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Pierce is the son of Susan and Michael Pierce of Chapel Hill and Hare is the son of Gill and Peter Hare, also of Chapel Hill.

DOWNTOWN LIFE IN CHAPEL HILL AND CARRBORO



Hive buzzing

The Beehive held its grand re-opening coinciding with 2ndFriday Artwalk. The hair salon has added space, chairs, sinks and product displays. They've also added art, and plenty of it.

In celebration of the re-opening, this month's art was lovingly made by those employed at the salon. The walls are lined with odd snapshots, paintings, photos, jewelry and masking tape sculptures — not a bad way to learn a little bit more about your local stylists.



Diane Koistinen models a masking tape animal hat from The Beehive's staff art show. PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Also, please note: The 'hive is still taking submissions for its annual Art Challenge. Last year, the subject was the beehive do itself. This year, the theme is "Mohawks and Mullets."

The rules are thus: "Any medium, any style, any size (well, it has to fit inside the Beehive Salon). All ages are encouraged to participate. The top seven winners will have their art work displayed inside the Beehive Salon for the month of August

and be part of the 2ndFriday Artwalk on August 14th."

Top prize is a \$100 gift certificate.

The deadline is Saturday, July 25th. (thebeehive-salon.com)

Deck rock

Maybe the James C. Wallace parking deck isn't such the dead zone described in a recent Big City column. Good turnout reported on the deck for Boomtown Live's party and

the Downtown Partnership's first Locally Grown concert of the season.

The partnership's next concert in the monthly series is Thursday, July 23 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The show is being presented by Music Makers Relief Foundation and features Big Ron Hunter with Boo Hanks. The August concert — presented by Local 506 — promises to be fairly big, with The Love Language (who are, as they say, blowin' up) and Lost in the Trees. That show's on Aug. 20. Word is that there will be a beer garden at both the July and August shows. The town council approved the idea at last Monday's meeting.

Big target date

Something called The Chocolate Door is coming to the spot next to the gravel lot on the corner of Graham and Franklin that used to be Lee's Chinese Take-Out. No specific date, just a sign that says "Opening Summer 2009." 'Bout 11 weeks left to hit that mark.

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Community Briefs

Blood Done Sign My Name

Farrington Village will present Mike Wiley's performance of *Blood Done Sign My Name*, a memoir by Tim Tyson, in the Farrington Barn on Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12.

Blood Done Sign My Name tells the story of the violent reprisals following the acquittal of three men for the murder of Henry "Dickie" Marrow in Oxford.

The production is offered as part of Chatham County's Community Read program. For information about the Community Read program, visit pittsborolibrarians.org/index.html

The July 11 showing is at 7 p.m. and is \$12 with a post-performance reception and question-and-answer session with playwright and actor Mike Wiley.

The July 12 showing is at 2 p.m. and is \$12 for adults, \$6 for students with valid student IDs and also includes a post-performance Q&A with Wiley.

Tickets are available for in-person sale at McIntyre's Books in Farrington Village or online at brownpapertickets.com/event/62753

Rabies vaccinations offered

Orange County's Animal Services Department is offering \$5 (cash only) rabies vaccination clinics June 26 to ensure that cats and dogs are current on their vaccinations. The clinics will be held at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. It's for one-year rabies vaccinations only. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers. Animals that may be nervous or unsettled should be kept in a vehicle for their vaccinations. Call 245-2075 for more information.

Solar panel project

The Town of Carrboro is inviting a school program to "go green" on Monday, June 29 at the Town Commons, located at 301 West Main Street. The building of solar panels at the commons will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town officials

have invited Communities In Schools of Orange County's (CISOC) "Green Awakening (TGA) Math and Science" summer camp to participate in the project.



Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Rogers Road Panel — A panel discussion will accompany the opening reception for "Documenting Neighborhood History in the Rogers Road Neighborhood of Chapel Hill" in Wilson Library's Special Collections Library at UNC. Reception at 5pm, program at 5:45pm. 962-1172 for more.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Healthcare and Diet Talk — Join the Orange County Campaign for Change and Organizing for America to learn about healthcare reform. Bring healthy non-perishable foods for donation to local food banks. 9am-12pm at the Carrboro Farmers' Market.

Carrboro Map Signing — Carrboro artist Richard Cloutd will sign numbered copies of his hand drawn Walk Carrboro maps at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. Some proceeds from the \$10 map will benefit the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service that feeds and shelters the homeless in Carrboro and Chapel Hill. 7am-12pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Magnolia Klezmer at Weaver St. — The Magnolia Klezmer Band will play the jazz brunch at Weaver St. Market. Bring chairs and blankets. Free, 11am-1pm.

Somay Ku Film Screening

— Join ChathamArts in the Barn for a film screening of "Somay Ku: A Ugandan war refugee's journey to play tennis in the United States, shot and directed by Durham filmmaker Rex Miller. Admission is \$5 (\$3 for students) For more, 542-0394 or www.chathamarts.org. Show starts at 7pm at McIntyre's Fine Books in Farrington Village.

Plague of Doves Book Talk

— The Contemporary Fiction Book Club will meet to discuss *The Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich. This book tackles the plight of

contemporary Native Americans and was a finalist for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St., 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Summer Safety — Kidzu Children's Museum will host a Summer Safety Event on June 28. 1:30-4pm, free. Located at 105 E. Franklin St., 933-1455 or kidzuchildrensmuseum.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Said and Done Reading — James Morrison will read from his volume of short stories *Said and Done* at McIntyre's Fine Books in Farrington Village. 542-3030, 2pm.

Ongoing

Cancer Support — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiainc.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, chapelhillctc.org

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

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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

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

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

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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, N.C. Botanical Garden. \$5 per family. Preregister 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody
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"Consequences"

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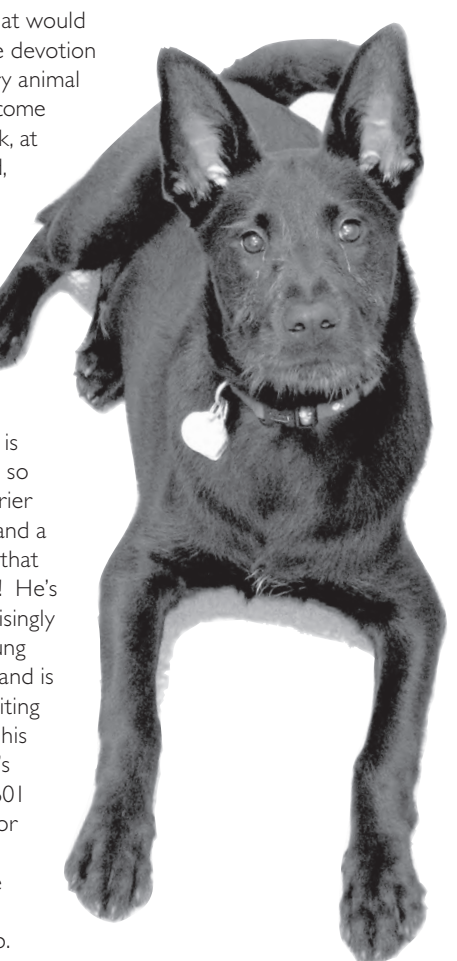
Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

PETS OF THE WEEK

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★

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TOO MUCH RAIN FOR CHERRIES, JUST ENOUGH FOR HONEYSUCKLE - CROOK'S CORNER

ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

RECENTLY FROM PAGE 1

During homeowners' association meetings and via the active neighborhood list-serve, all qualms were addressed and the idea was accepted and approved in November 2007, with the caveat that Heritage Hills residents who meet the guidelines for admittance be given preference.

Now a former resident has contacted Salak and offered to sell the Charles House Association her four-bedroom ranch-style home that abuts a 74-acre wooded piece of property. The house has been empty for a while and needs some work, but it's obvious that with a few modifications, including a kitchen-redo and converting the garage into a fifth bedroom,

this house with a fireplace and built-in bookcases will not only provide a great place for five or six elderly folks to live out their days, but will also be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood.

"People want to be at home, they don't want to feel isolated,"

It's the interactions. "The elderly, and especially people with dementia, respond to children and animals," he said. Additionally, teenagers needing to provide community service in order to graduate will be able to gain their service hours through yard work

ing by the state as a family care home and raising the funds to purchase it must be completed.

Optimistic best describes Klever's mood concerning the project.

"This community should have a good nonprofit organization

this generous community support a new paradigm for our elderly? The Charles House Association certainly has the knowledge to accomplish it in ways that will make it a model that could be repeated in neighborhoods of every socioeconomic stratum. In my years of covering Chapel Hill and Carrboro, one thing I've heard everywhere is, "this is such a great neighborhood."

Most of us would love to be able to stay "home" when the time comes that we can't be home alone. Here's our chance to help make it happen.

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providing options to care for old people," he said. "Of any community in North Carolina, it should be this one — trying innovations — not the tried and true institutional ways."

One question remains: Will

"This community should have a good nonprofit organization providing options to care for old people, of any community in North Carolina, it should be this one."

said Salak, who, along with his sister (who also owns a home in Heritage Hills), provided residence for their mother during the last six years of her life and witnessed the assets that living in a neighborhood afforded her.

and other duties at the elder care home. Adults who want to contribute can be trained to become volunteers in the home.

As of May, Charles House has a six-month option to buy the house, during which time licens-

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COLD CUCUMBER SOUP WITH HERBS (Serves 4)

From Sheri Castle

This soup is incredibly refreshing on hot, muggy days. You may use any type of cucumber you like, although the varieties with few seeds work best. Leaving some of the skin adds color, texture, and flavor to the soup.

Ingredients

- 1 pound small, firm cucumbers
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 cups whole-milk yogurt or sour cream
- 1/2 cup whole milk or buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons chopped dill, plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons chopped mint, plus more for garnish
- 1 to 2 cloves fresh garlic
- Salt and pepper

Procedure

Peel half of the cucumbers, but leave the skin on the rest. Halve all of the cucumbers lengthwise and scrape out and discard the seeds. Coarsely chop or grate the cucumbers and toss with the salt. Transfer to a sieve and let stand over a bowl for 30 minutes.

Transfer the drained cucumbers and 2 tablespoons of the liquid to a food processor or blender.

Add the sour cream, milk, garlic, dill, and mint. Purée until smooth. If the soup is too thick, add a little more of the reserved cucumber liquid.

Refrigerate until well chilled, at least one hour and up to one day.

Season to taste with additional salt and pepper.

Serve cold and garnished with additional herbs.



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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

Churchill understood that when you start taking shortcuts, over time, that compromises the character of a country - President Obama's 2008 press conference.

Hagan's challenge

About 16 years ago, the state of Florida passed health care reforms that promised universal coverage offering both public and private options. Pushing through those reforms, which were touted at the time as a possible model for national reform, was Gov. Lawton Chiles.

Chiles grew up in agri-industrial Polk County, Fla., and he knew that those who toiled in the phosphate mines, orange groves and processing plants were not getting a fair shake in many ways, and in particular in access to quality health care. He also was dealing with an aging population, exploding demand and soaring costs. Sound familiar? Like other states that passed similar changes, Chiles' efforts in Florida were seen as a precursor to much more sweeping reform at the national level.

Fast forward to now, and we're still waiting for that new-and-improved health care system. Meanwhile, the one we're forced to live with is eating us alive.

The sticking point at this moment in history is the so-called public option. This debate is not new. It has lasted generations. Harry Truman first proposed a public option on his watch, but it wasn't until Lyndon Johnson was able to pass Medicaid and Medicare over howling objections of "socialized medicine" that the promise started to become a reality.

As you may have noticed lately, the debate is hardly over, and if he were still around it might be interesting to hear from Walkin' Lawton his thoughts on how his niece, U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan, is handling the issue.

Reports from our nation's capital contend that Hagan is one of two Democratic senators on the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (that's right — HELP) blocking consideration of a public option in the latest health reform legislation. Blocking, as in the HELP committee's Democratic leadership is so worried that Hagan will vote against the public option in committee that they're reluctant to raise it and see it voted down.

The public option, as reported elsewhere on this page and in other media sources, is a check on the spiraling costs of the industry and a lower-cost option to help many of those now uninsured into a plan. In a replay of the battles from a generation ago, the scare tactics being employed warn that the latest attempt at health care reform is a government takeover of the industry and that rationing and scary, sterile waiting rooms with bureaucrats and ominous, foreboding music await us all.

Those tactics worked in the past and have prevented meaningful reform. Now, with 47 million Americans uninsured, costs spiraling out of sight and a broken, unequal system, the same old pitch is being heard. And that message is greased with millions in PAC cash.

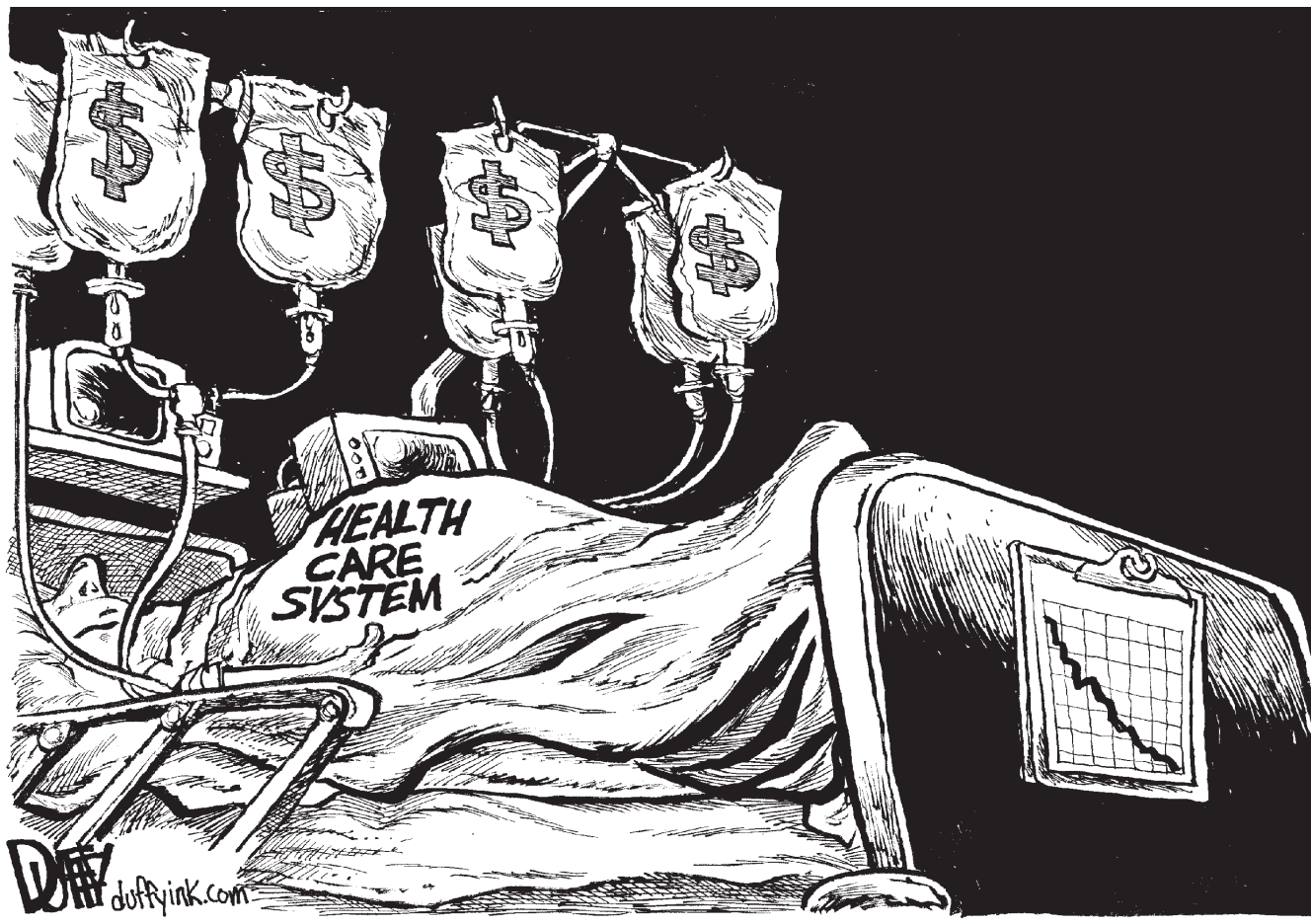
To Hagan's credit, she is not among the senators positively dripping in health care PAC money and reluctant to vote against the industry's wishes as a result. That's cold comfort though, as she does appear willing to vote with that industry and against the interests of the people who sent her to Washington.

Last year on the campaign trail, Hagan was unequivocal about the need for comprehensive change in our health care system. That helped win her the vote of 2,249,311 North Carolinians.

She was victorious in part because her views on health care appeared to differ dramatically from those of Sen. Elizabeth Dole. Now that real change is on the table, that difference is becoming harder to see. And daylight is growing more visible between Hagan and that son of the Florida heartland with whom she fondly claims kinship.

Clarification

Some readers have written us about a recent "A Thousand Words" photo column that referenced concerns about violence among black youth. The author did not intend to imply that concern should be applied to all black youth, or exclusively to black youth, and we could have done a better job of editing to make that clearer. We apologize to anyone who might have taken offense.



Memo to the president: What you must do to save universal health care

ROBERT REICH

Mr. President: Momentum for universal health care is slowing dramatically on Capitol Hill. Moderates are worried, Republicans are digging in and the medical-industrial complex is firing up its lobbying and propaganda machine.

But, as you know, the worst news came days ago when the Congressional Budget Office weighed in with awful projections about how much the leading health care plans would cost and how many Americans would still be left out in the cold. Yet these projections didn't include the savings that a public option would generate by negotiating lower drug prices, doctor fees and hospital costs and forcing private insurers to be more competitive. Projecting the future costs of universal health care without including the public option is like predicting the number of people who will get sunburns this summer if nobody is allowed to buy sun lotion. Of course, the costs of universal health care will be huge if the most important way of controlling them is left out of the calculation.

If you want to save universal health care, you must do several things, and soon:

1. Go to the nation. You must build public support by forcefully making the case for universal health care everywhere around the country. The latest *Wall Street Journal*/NBC poll shows that three out of four Americans want

universal health care. But the vast majority don't know what's happening on the Hill, don't know how much money the medical-industrial lobbies are spending to defeat it and have no idea how much demagoguery they're about to be exposed to. You must tell them. And don't be reluctant to take on those vested interests directly. Name names. They've decided to fight you. You must fight them.

2. Be LBJ. So far, Lyndon Johnson has been the only president to defeat the American Medical Association and the rest of the medical-industrial complex. He got Medicare and Medicaid enacted despite their cries of "socialized medicine" because he knocked heads on the Hill. He told Congress exactly what he wanted, cajoled and threatened those who resisted and counted noses every hour until he had the votes he needed. When you're not on the road, you need to be twisting congressional arms and drawing a line in the sand. Be tough.

3. Forget the Republicans. Forget bipartisanship. Universal health care can pass with 51 votes. You can get 51 votes if you give up on trying to persuade a handful of Republicans to cross over. Eight years ago, George W. Bush passed his huge tax cut, mostly for the wealthy, by wrapping it in an all-or-nothing reconciliation measure and daring Democrats to vote against it. You should do the same with health care.

4. Insist on a real public option. It's the lynchpin of universal health care.

Don't accept Kent Conrad's ersatz public option masquerading as a "health-care cooperative." Cooperatives won't have the authority, scale or leverage to negotiate low prices and keep private insurers honest.

5. Demand that taxes be raised on the wealthy to ensure that all Americans get affordable health care. At the rate health care costs are rising, not even a real public option will hold down costs enough to make health care affordable to most American families in years to come. So you'll need to tax the wealthy. Don't back down on your original proposal to limit their deductions. And support a cap on how much employee-provided health care can be provided tax free. (Yes, you opposed this during your campaign. But you have no choice but to reverse yourself on this.) These are the only two big pots of money.

6. Put everything else on hold. As important as they are, your other agenda items — financial reform, home mortgage mitigation, cap-and-trade legislation — pale in significance relative to universal health care. By pushing everything at once, you take the public's mind off the biggest goal, diffuse your energies, blur your public message and fuel the demagogues who say you're trying to take over the private sector.

You have to win this.

Robert Reich was the nation's 22nd secretary of labor and is a professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

The summer of our cynical discontent

CHRIS FITZSIMON

This still may end up as the year of change the majority of people in North Carolina and across the country voted for last November, but it feels like much of the optimism and hope are wilting in the Washington summer heat under pressure from the well-heeled lobbyists for business as usual.

Those are the folks armed with bags of campaign money and the made-for-cable-news-shows talking points supplied by the not-so-thinly disguised partisan think tanks funded by the people who don't want anything to change on Wall Street or in the health care industrial complex.

The housing crisis that triggered the national economic collapse rages on. One in eight mortgages is now delinquent or already in foreclosure. Congress refused to step in and change the bankruptcy laws to allow judges to modify mortgages on primary homes, bowing again to the wishes of the lending institutions that are using taxpayer money to lobby against the public interest.

Judges can still adjust the terms of a mortgage on a vacation home or a loan to buy a yacht, but middle-class families facing foreclosure are on their own. President Obama supported the change in bankruptcy law during last fall's campaign, but in May signed a housing bill without it.

Obama's proposal to overhaul the regulation of the financial industry released last week is drawing mixed reviews, with many consumer advocates disappointed that the administration chose to fine-tune the current regulatory scheme instead of redesigning it.

The New York Times reported that

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner called the proposal pragmatic, but not ideal. Presumably, it's pragmatic because that's all administration officials believe they can pass in a Congress the financial industry still dominates, despite its recent performance and loss of credibility with the public.

Then there's health care reform. Proposals from Obama and members of Congress that include a public option for consumers to consider are running into stiff opposition, and not just from the predictably anti-government crowd.

Some Democratic senators, though also elected by a mandate for change,

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don't like it either. The Greensboro News and Record reports that North Carolina Sen. Kay Hagan is hedging on a public health care option, responding to the lobbying offensive by insurance companies, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

BCBSNC CEO Bob Greczyn told an audience in Chapel Hill last week that nothing much will change in the health care system for the next five to 10 years. Greczyn and BCBSNC are doing all they can to make sure that's true, launching a campaign purporting to support reform but designed to defeat any proposal for a public health care option.

The rhetoric is only slightly toned down from ads that were leaked last month as they were being produced by a Raleigh marketing and PR firm whose CEO hosted a fundraiser for Obama last fall and was an adviser to his campaign.

Change as campaign rhetoric is one thing. It's quite another when it affects the corporate bottom line. That's the way things work in Raleigh, as well as in Washington.

State lawmakers are balking at expanding public financing of campaigns even as the investigation into the activities of former Gov. Mike Easley reveal again the cozy relationship between campaign donors and fundraisers and state officials who rely on the special-interest money with strings attached to get elected.

One of the few encouraging signs is the current battle between House and Senate leaders over a revenue package to protect public education and human services from the most damaging budget cuts.

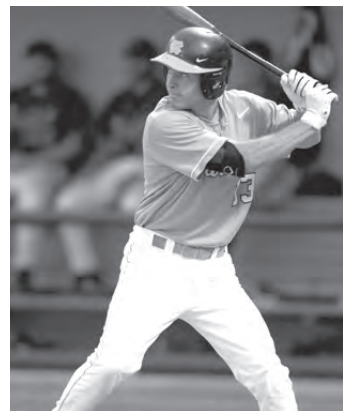
Both chambers' plans include asking corporations and the wealthy to pay more taxes. That's clear from the battalion of lobbyists working the legislative halls to modify the final plan. There is still hope for a reasonably progressive revenue package to come out of this General Assembly.

Maybe members of Congress will eventually get the message and start remembering that the voters didn't send them to Washington to do the bidding of the financial industry or insurance companies.

Maybe. But judging from the recent proclivity to water down the compromise that's proposed after a watered-down compromise is rejected for going too far, it is hard to believe that when it really matters the same people won't be calling most of the shots where the laws are made, making for a long, hot, cynical summer.

People may have voted for change they can believe in, but now they are ready for change they can see.

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Dustin Ackley at bat.
PHOTO BY JEFFREY CAMARATI

End of an era

BETH MECHUM

It's been a week since the UNC baseball team lost its elimination game in Omaha, and from all accounts the team is handling it well.

I'm not.

It can be said that this year's team was Dustin Ackley's. He was the number-two pick in the Major League Baseball draft and holds the record for most hits in the College World Series.

Not to mention his out-of-this-world batting average and his ACC Player of the Year honor.

Or maybe it's Garrett Gore's team. He has the distinction of most games played by any student-athlete in the College World Series and was one of the most experienced players on the team.

It could even be Mike McKee's, another senior. He doesn't play much, but was the spiritual leader of a team that's been reported to have more chemistry than the now-torn-down Venable Hall.

But I consider it my team.

My four years at UNC included four years of rooting on the Tar Heels while they each year reached Omaha, the mecca of college baseball.

Each year I was disappointed, as they failed to win it all.

I had a good feeling about this season. It all started Feb. 20, when my friend Bryan and I headed out to Boshamer for the first game of the season.

We got there about two hours early because I was concerned there wouldn't be enough seats.

Turns out, there were only a handful of us out there, and though we were excited, our cheers came through chattering teeth. The Tar Heels won the game, 13-3; but with a comfortable lead, my cold bones had to leave and find comfort of their own.

That chill stayed with me for days, but the euphoria a win brought lasted even longer.

Then there was the game against Miami in April that was as hot as February was cold. Bryan was there for that one too. The details are dim because the sun fried our brains. Months later, I still have the tan lines from hours of baking in the sun.

Another memorable one was the extra-inning game in the ACC Tournament. Bryan and I gave evil looks to the orange-and-purple-clad Clemson fan in front of us. He might have been only 5 years old, but he now knows not to mess with the Tar Heels. That kid got the last laugh in the end. But with the Heels having earned a number-four national seed heading to Omaha, I wasn't down for long.

The regionals and super regionals were barely a contest, with the bats carrying the Tar Heels to the World Series.

I could see it: national basketball champions and national baseball champions — this was going to be an amazing senior year.

But a 1-2 record by the valiant Heels last week in Omaha squelched that dream.

It's been a four-year run that will be hard to replicate. Ackley, Gore and McKee will be gone, and the road to Omaha just gets harder.

They've left their spike marks on the field, and I hope I left my own mark in the Bosh Pit student section.

It's the end of an era.

I'm working on getting over it. This trip down memory lane is helping the process.

It's been a great season and a great four years, nothing I'll soon forget.

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Amy Entwistle tools around in her garden on Elm Street, an activity she enjoys when she's not figure skating.

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"I had started thinking about some sort of tribal program because I like to do a lot of footwork, so I could imagine the rhythm of the drumming beat," Entwistle said. "So we started to work with that."

That meant instead of taking a break during the performance to glide around the ice, every turn of the skate was choreographed to a drumbeat.

This year was her second using the African program, and she said she and Bullin have worked constantly on it over the past two years.

"It takes that long to really get it in my body and to feel the movement and the amount of detailed movement that I want."

Judges and audience members didn't have to wait until she started skating or to hear the music over the speakers to

know it was something different. While most skaters wear skimpy and sequin-saturated costumes, Entwistle wore pants and a top with a tribal theme. Feather-like and teeth-like accessories adorned the outfit.

"When you are doing this in the adult sphere, you are doing this for yourself, so you need to be authentic," Entwistle said. "I would just never wear something because the judges would like it. I appreciate the judges being there, but ultimately that's not what it's about."

Staying true

For Amy, staying true to herself isn't all about figure skating, it's cycling around with her partner and biggest fan, Alyson Hyman, it's lounging around with her cats, it's pulling weeds in the garden, it's staying up all night to read the last Harry Potter book, it's walking down the street to the Farmers' Market and it's not

being afraid to pick something up again if she thinks it will make her happy. First it was figure skating, now it's joining a Carrboro softball team.

"My skating style in some ways reflects Carrboro," Entwistle said. "It's a creative place; it's a place where there's room for lots of kinds of expression."

Entwistle says she skates for herself and she skates for the camaraderie she finds in the world of adult figure skating. It's not the performance or competition she thrives on (though she's obviously good at both), it's the exercise and practice and the moment of connecting with the audience in such a way that they'll see the emotion in her work and feel the music like she does.

Bullin said while she knows Entwistle likes to compete, it's not the end-all.

"As a competitor, I don't find her worrying about whether she wins or loses, she's just enjoying it," Bullin said. "If she

doesn't win, it's not the end of the world. It's more about doing a good program and if the audience liked her."

In addition to the support of her local community and friends, Entwistle says the most satisfying thing she's gotten out of the experience is the positive feedback from the skating community on her different approach to skating.

Now she's in the early stages of finding new music and working on another routine for next year, though she said she's skating a little less than usual as a wind down from the competition season.

But before long, she'll be back at Triangle SportsPlex in Hillsborough, beating the Carrboro summer heat on the ice. Odds are, Entwistle will be easy to spot. She'll more than likely be the best one on the ice, but she has, and will continue to, stand out in more ways than one.

FORECLOSURE
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The NCCOB has set up a website, ncforeclosurehelp.org, and a 24-hour hotline, (888) 995-HOPE, to give homeowners in trouble the help they need. When homeowners call the hotline, they get matched up with one of 26 nonprofit counseling agencies across the state. The two counseling agencies that serve Orange County are Durham Regional Community Development Group (688-3381) and Triangle Family Services (821-0790). Over 9,400 North Carolinians have already called the hotline and over 2,800 of them have gone in for free financial counseling.

"Hopefully, by working with the counselor, they can come up with a strategy to address all of their debts and problems, and hopefully avoid the foreclosure," Pearce said. "The counselor can then work with the mortgage servicing company."

Once the counselor and the mortgage company start renegotiating the mortgage, the NCCOB can require the mortgage company to wait an extra 30 days before filing for foreclosure, allowing homeowners more time to negotiate.

Lenders have been receptive to the program.

"They know that we are reaching borrowers that they are not able to reach, and that if they can get those borrowers back to performing status, that helps their investors," Pearce said. Many lenders aren't set up to renegotiate mortgages in the volumes they're seeing.

"I know that there are a couple of mortgage lenders that have special numbers for the consumer credit counseling departments. They don't seem to work," Wright said. "When you call over and over again, and nobody ever calls you back, and you think, 'If this is the good service, I can't imagine how the bad service would even work.'"

In these cases, an NCCOB staff member facilitates contact with the lender.

Looking for illegal mortgages

As part of the program, the NCCOB checks subprime mortgages to make sure they don't violate North Carolina law. Homeowners are encouraged to bring their loan documents with them when they meet with their counselor, who will then pass the information on to the NCCOB.

To deal with the high numbers, students from law schools across the state and legal-aid attorneys have been trained to screen the loans for possible red

flags. Any suspicious loans are sent to Raleigh for a full check by NCCOB staff attorneys.

Blaine Schmidt, a second-year law student at UNC's School of Law, is a student volunteer. He's seen a lot of paperwork from unlicensed lenders and brokers making loans and doing business in North Carolina.

"It just kind of shocks you to see what kind of work was really done," he said. "It blew me away, just because you read about it in the paper, you see it on TV, and you think to yourself... this can't really be happening to the level that they're talking about. And yet 90 percent of what I worked on had issues."

Even if the lender broke the law, the remedies available vary a lot depending on which laws were broken.

"If there are problems, then we'll contact the homeowner, we'll contact the mortgage company, and say, 'We think there's a problem with the loan,' and hopefully that information will be helpful in resolving the situation," Pearce said. "Sometimes we are able to work the loans out informally without a lawyer, because our goal is to avoid the foreclosure, not necessarily to resolve any legal claims."

If the violation is serious, and the homeowner needs to hire a

lawyer, the NCCOB has a partnership with nonprofit legal-service providers across the state that can accept referrals.

Foreclosure filings down

Pearce says it's too early to tell if the overall program is a success.

"Since our program started, foreclosure starts are down 9 percent," he said. "That is due in some part to our program, but probably more so due to some big investors having foreclosure moratoria, which they started in late November, when they started cutting back on foreclosure filings."

What's the most important thing homeowners who are in trouble should do?

"Don't just wait for things to get worse," Pearce says. "Go ahead and take action as soon as you know you're going to have to struggle. Because it's a lot easier to work these out before you get significantly behind."

Pearce says that if you don't feel comfortable working with your mortgage company, or if your mortgage company doesn't give you a good response, don't give up.

"Go find a local housing counselor and try and schedule an appointment to talk about your situation," he said. "Getting someone to help you through that situation is important."



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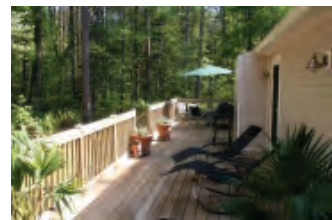
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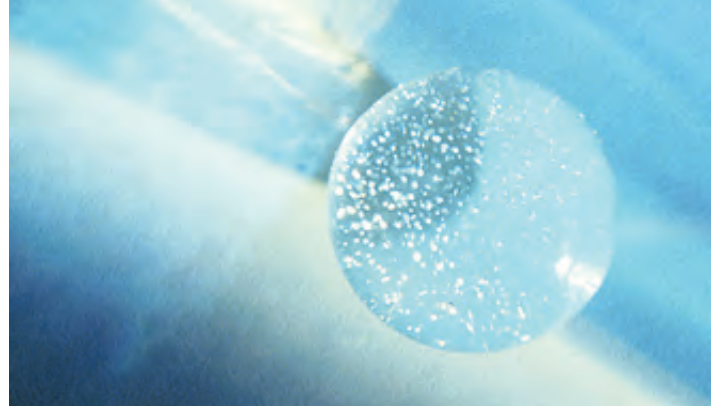
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Several years ago, I learned the “bee wave” from staff at the Schoolhouse of Wonder nature school and camp at West Point on the Eno in Durham. There, children learn that all flying and crawling critters are respected – i.e., neither stomped nor swatted. Using the bee wave – a slow, gentle waving of the hand in front of the face – is very effective in making any curious flying critter move safely away.

In addition to thoughtless swatting by humans, pollinators face other challenges. The decline of honey bees is widely publicized, but less known is the critical decline in populations of native bees, which account for 85 percent of pollination of large-scale food crops, home gardens and wild plants. This decline results from habitat loss, pesticide use and invasion of non-native plants.

Home owners and gardeners, whether on large rural properties or small suburban lots, can play a positive role. National and state organizations encourage gardening with pollinators in mind by eliminating pesticides, replacing



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Pete Schubert's southeast Durham wild garden is a Certified Pollinator Garden.

invasive exotic plants with natives and including a great diversity of species and habitats on home grounds.

My wild friend Pete, with a tiny half-acre residential vegetable and native-plant garden in Durham, is a *certified* pollinator gardener. He has a beautiful sign on his front yard to prove it! I'm getting ready to apply for one. You can too. Some great folks in Georgia, associated with the Environmental Educa-

tion Alliance of Georgia and the Georgia Native Plant Society, manage a Monarchs Across Georgia Pollinator Habitat Certification Program. (monarchacrossga.org/MAGCertification.php). North Carolina gardens are welcome to join the growing number of certified pollinator gardens around the country.

Enjoy the celebration in Pittsboro this Saturday, and do your part every day to encourage and protect pollinators.

POLLINATOR GARDENING RESOURCES:

Debbie Roos' Growing small farms website, ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/ag/SustAg/workshops.html; Monarchs Across Georgia website, monarchacrossga.org/MAGCertification.php;

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website, fws.gov;

The Forgotten Pollinators, Stephen L. Buchmann and Gary Paul Nabhan;

Insects and Gardens: In Pursuit of a Garden Ecology, Eric Grissell;

Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens, Douglas W. Tallamy.

Victory Garden, 1943

Back during “The Great War,” folks were encouraged to raise their own vegetables — “Victory Gardens,” they were called. James L. “Jim” Stallings, a retired professor of agricultural economics from Auburn and Michigan State, who now calls Carrboro home, sent in this wonderful image of his mom in their Victory Garden on the family farm in Posey County, Indiana ... but I should let Jim tell the story: “...It was taken in 1943. I don't know who took it. I believe it was one of the following: CCC, WPA or some other of Roosevelt's organizations. The person in the picture is my mother, Mayme Sarena Owens/Stallings. You can see some of our horses in the background and our lake. The lake had been built by the CCC in about 1937, and the REA found us with electricity in 1939. Of interest is a train passing through. That spur of the Illinois Central is now gone and the right-of-way is abandoned.” To that I can only add, “What is old is new again,” as any trip to the Carrboro Farmers' Market will prove.



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