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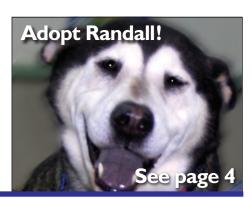


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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Looking down upon umbrella whorls of leaves of bigleaF magnoliar.

### Four-way race for Chapel Hill mayor

**BY KIRK ROSS** 

Staff Writer

The race to succeed outgoing Chapel Hill mayor Kevin Foy heated up this week.

With only a day and a half left to file for municipal and school board races, four candidates are vying for the mayor's job. Chapel Hill Board Transportation chair Augustus Cho and council member Matt Czajkowski were joined by Kevin Wolff, who filed late Friday, and council member Mark Kleinschmidt, who filed late Monday. Wolff ran unsuccessfully for the job in 2005 and 2007, losing to Foy by a wide margin in both contests.

The race for four seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council also got more

Pohlman, Jon Dehart and Gene Pease and incumbents Laurin Eastholm and Jim Merritt joined a race that at press time last week Penny Rich had all to herself.

Both Kleinschmidt and Rich have singed up to run under the town's new voter-owned election law, which created a public financing system. Under the law, candidates can opt in to the system but must reach certain contribution thresholds to qualify. For town council races, candidates must have at least 75 qualifying contributions that add up to \$750; and for mayor, at least 150 qualifying contributions that add up to \$1,500.

The contest for three seats up on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board of Education also turned more competitive, as challengers Matt competitive this week, with incum-

bent Gregory McElveen joining chal- Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens. lengers Michelle Brownstein, Gary Wallach, MaryAnne Gucciardi, J.M. (Joe) Green and Christine Lee.

By contrast, Carrboro races were under-populated, with Mark Chilton, who saw two challengers in 2007, so far running unopposed. And at the end of business Wednesday, Sammy Slade and incumbents Jacquie Gist and Randee Haven O'Donnell were the only candidates to file for the three seats up on the board of aldermen.

Also running unopposed so far is

Meanwhile, the race for two seats on the town's board of commissioners is shaping up to be a rematch of the 2007 election between incumbents Mike Gering and Frances Dancy and challenger Bryant Kelly Warren Jr.

Candidates have until noon on Friday to sign-up to run for town offices and school board races. The Orange County Board of Elections website will keep track of candidates as they file, at co.orange.nc.us/elect/ 2009CandidateFilings.asp

#### **CHAPEL HILL MAYOR'S RACE**

- **★** Augustus Cho **★ Matt Czajkowski**
- **★ Mark Kleinschmidt**
- **★ Kevin Wolff**

### FLORA BY KEN MOORE

#### Admiring bigleaf

ardening friends Sally Heiney and Bill Bracey live on opposite sides of Carrboro and both have bigleaf magnolias planted where they can enjoy them from above – Sally from her deck and Bill from his hillside patio. I have been unable to shake the dramatic image of bigleaf's summer foliage since sitting above them a week ago.

Colonial American botanist/ naturalist William Bartram must have been equally impressed with this deciduous magnolia when he first saw it in the late spring of 1776. He was not only an energetic and brave wilderness explorer, but a keen observer, gifted in narrative descriptive skills.

He dedicated a very long paragraph in his The Travels of William Bartram to bigleaf magnolia, Magnolia macrophylla. Following is a selection of his single-sentence verbal portrait of

"This tree ... rises eighteen to thirty feet in height, there are usually many stems from a root or source, which lean a little, or slightly diverge from each other, in this respect imitating the Magnolia tripetala; the crooked wreathing branches arising and subdividing from the main stem without order or uniformity, their extremities turn upwards, producing ... the center of a radius of very large leaves, which are of a singular figure, somewhat lanceolate, but broad towards their extremities, terminating with an acuminated point, and backwards they attenuate and become very narrow towards their bases, terminating that way with two long, narrow ears or lappets, one on each side of the insertion of the petiole; the leaves ... spread themselves after a regular order, like the spokes of a wheel, their margins touching or lightly lapping upon each other, form an expansive umbrella ...'

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Legislators may halt racial profiling at traffic stops.

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### Protesters visit BCBSNC to urge a public option

**BY TAYLOR SISK** 

Staff Writer

Fifty-plus passionate protesters gathered Wednesday morning in front of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina headquarters on U.S. 15-501 to protest the insurer's opposition to a publicly funded health care option. The public option is intended to provide a lower-cost alternative for quality health care and is a key plank in President Obama's health care reform platform.

In recognition of "We Can't Wait for Affordable Health Care" day, state employees and other concerned citizens turned out to hear several speakers, voice their own concerns and wave signs to the commiserating horns of passing motorists.

The event was sponsored by the State Employees Association of North Carolina in conjunction with the Service Employees International Union's "Change that Works" campaign. Blue Cross runs the state's health care plan for its employees and recently drew criticism after higher than expected costs for the plan led to higher premiums, copays and deductibles.

SEANC Executive Director Dana Cope exhorted those in favor of affordable health care in general, and a public option in particular, to band together" and be heard.

We need Blue Cross to stop using our premiums to prevent real health care reform and to stop standing in the way of a public option," said Adam Searing of the of the N.C. Justice Center's Health Access Coalition.

Searing was referring to advertisements Blue Cross has had produced, but that haven't aired, warning against the potential effects of a public option. Storyboards of those ads were published by The Washington Post. Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina has a 72.5 percent market share of individual and employer-provided health insurance in North Carolina.

In response to the protest, Blue Cross officials reiterated the company's position that while it supports many aspects of the reform



PHOTO BY TAYLOR SISK

Cheryl Moon and Jerry Thompson display the medical bills that have driven Thompson into bankruptcy at a rally for health care reform held in front of Blue Cross Blue Shield headquarters on Wednesday.

legislation, it opposes the public option because it would create an uneven playing field for insurance companies who would have to compete with a public plan.

At the protest, many were as angry with politicians as they were insurers.

"The people are ahead of the politicians on this one," said protester Lauri Hoyt of Carrboro. "Politicians need to start listening to what the people want and what they desperately need instead of to those who finance their campaigns."

"Nobody should work a lifetime and end up being in debt over medical bills," said Cheryl Moon, who was attending with her friend Jerry Thompson, both retired state employees. Thompson, who is a Vietnam veteran, suffers from an illness that has required 23 visits to Wake Medical Center in the past 20 months. Escalating medical costs have been a major factor in his decision to declare bankruptcy. Moon presented what she called a "box of bankruptcy," which contained bills Thompson has incurred for his treatments.

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PHOTO BY TAYLOR SISK

SEANC Executive Director Dana Cope holds up a photo of BCBSNC CEO Bob Greczyn as he exhorts health care reform advocates to "band together."

### Indie kids to dance

**BY BETH MECHUM** 

Staff Writer

Sarah Honer believes Merge with Motion will show viewers something they'd never expect to see - indie rock kids dancing.

"Indie rockers have the reputation of not dancing and standing still, but there will be a lot of movement with this," Honer, owner of Spira Pilates Studio in Carrboro, said.

Honer is co-producer and, as she puts it, "curator" of Merge with Motion, a dance performance that is part of Merge Record's 20th anniversary celebration.

In Merge in Motion, choreographers and the Triangle Youth Ballet will perform original contemporary ballet, rhythm tap and modern dance.

Honer said she thought of this melding of indie and dance while driving around listening to Merge artist Caribou. She talked to Merge Record owners Mac McCaughan and Laura Balance to share her idea, and it was well-received.

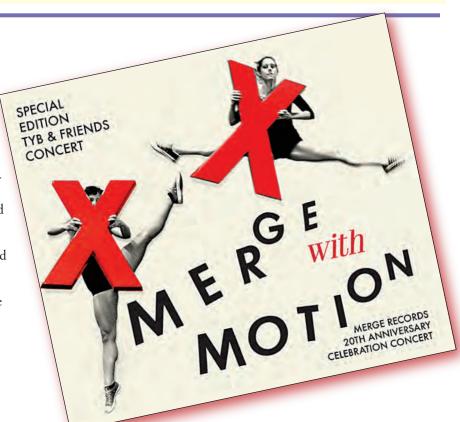
Next came the who, what, when and where details, most of which Honer said were done by e-mail.

She sent a mixed CD with Merge artists, that was compiled by former Merge employee and Orange County Social Club owner Tricia Mesigian, to choreographers she trusted and told them to pick something they liked.

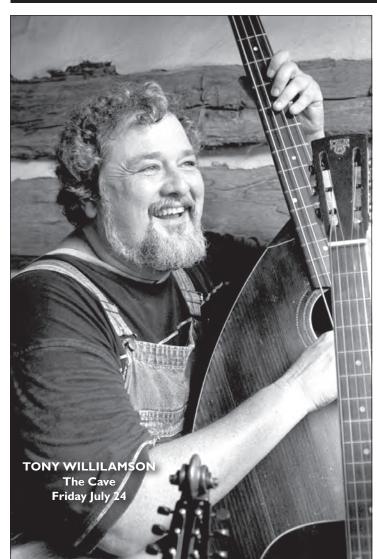
"I've thrown out a lot of boomerangs to choreographers that I trust and who the Triangle Youth Ballet trusts, and now that they're coming back to me I'm overwhelmed at how great the show will be," Honer said.

Honer said the time and effort that's gone into putting together a show that will only be performed once is incredible. That one show will be Saturday, July 18 at the Carolina Theater in Durham.

For more information, go to carolinatheatre.org/



#### MUSIC CALENDAR



**THURSDAY JULY 16** Blue Bayou: David Russell. 9pm.

The Cave: EARLY: Wannamaker LATE: Futurebirds, The Interns

General Store Cafe: Tony Gailani Band. 7pm

Local 506: Reeves Gabrels, Benjomatic. 9pm. \$10/12

**FRIDAY JULY 17** Blue Bayou: Janiva Magness.

9:30pm. \$16/18 Caffe Driade: Lastwatch. 8pm.

Cats Cradle: Nice-N-Smooth. \$18/20 The Cave: EARLY: Backyard Tea

LATE: Pipe, Tinstar City Tap: Club Boheme 5pm. The

Swang Brothers. 7pm General Store Cafe: Judy Wood-

all. 8:30pm Local 506: Connor Christian and

Southern Gothic. 9:30pm. \$8

**Reservoir:** Gray Young, Veelee. 10pm

Got anything for the music calendar? Send submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com





SATURDAY JULY 18 Blue Bayou: Dmitri Resnik Blues and Beyond. 9:30pm. \$6/8

Caffe Driade: Nikki Meets The Hibachi. 8pm

Captain John's Dockside: Chris Reynolds Swing 'N' Jazz Trio. 6pm Cats Cradle: Girls Rock NC

The Cave: EARLY: Star FK Radium

LATE: Dirty Little Heaters, Chrome Plated Apostles, The Needles City Tap: See No Weevil. 8pm General Store Cafe: Kikin Grass

Band. 8:30pm **Local 506:** Transportation, The

Toddlers. \$6 Open Eye Cafe: Luego. 8pm. \$5

**SUNDAY JULY 19** Cats Cradle: Lost In The Trees,

Kinsbury Manx, Hammer No More The Fingers. \$8 The Cave: EARLY: Spider Bags,

Estrogen Highs. \$5 City Tap: Steven Jack. 8pm

Local 506: Lions, Grappling Hook.

9:30pm. \$8 Southern Village: The David DiGiuseppe Trio. 7pm

**MONDAY JULY 20** The Cave: LATE: The Spines, Burning Rays, Esterhaazy. \$5 Local 506: Martin Bisi, The Cur-

tains of Night. 9pm. \$7 **TUESDAY JULY 21** 

The Cave: LATE: Illicitizen, Whiskey Kills The Butterflies, St. Philistines, Sara Shook

Local 506: Magnolia Electric Co, The Donkeys, Mt. Moriah. 9pm. \$10

**WEDNESDAY JULY 22** Caffe Driade: Chris Castle. 8pm Cats Cradle: XX Merge. Sold out.

The Cave: LATE: Mumu Tutu

Local 506: Trachtenberg Family Slideshow Players, Lady Blanche, Billy Sugarfix. 9pm. \$8/10

**THURSDAY JULY 23** Arts Center: 300 East Main Sum-

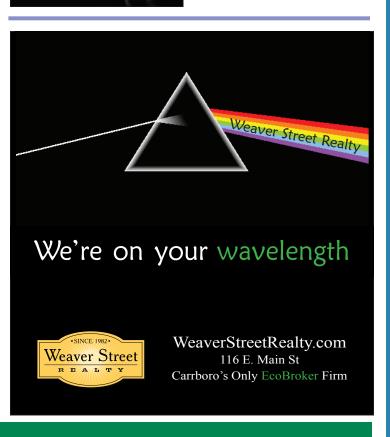
mer Concert Series. 4:30pm

Cats Cradle: XX Merge. Sold out. The Cave: LATE: Stars Explode, The Magic Babies

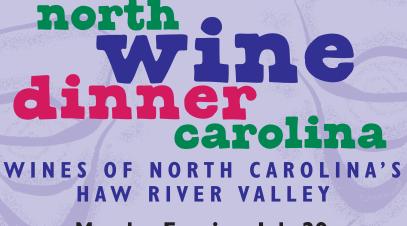
General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck Trio, 7pm

Local 506: Benji Hughes, Simeon.

Reservoir: This Piano Plays Itself.



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Southern Village: Tres Chicas. (Rain location Christ Church) 7pm. \$5

**FRIDAY JULY 24** Cats Cradle: XX Merge. Sold out. The Cave: EARLY: Tony Williamson Band. \$5 LATE: Richard Bacchus and The Luckiest Girls, The Dielectics, The Strange Attractors. \$5

City Tap: Butter. 7pm

General Store Cafe: |oe Bell and The Stinging Blades. 8:30pm

Harry's Market: Andi Morgan and Sudden Affair. 7pm

Local 506: Max Indian, Ryan Gustafson, The Tomahawks. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Loose Mood.

**SATURDAY JULY 25** Caffe Driade: Jay Manley. 8pm

Cats Cradle: XX Merge. Sold out. The Cave: EARLY: Gospel Years

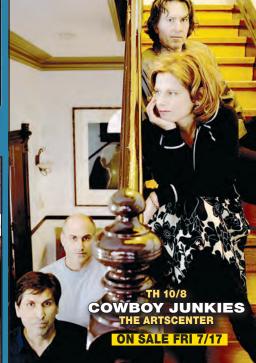
LATE: Puritan Rodeo, Justin Jones City Tap: Ann and Greg Humphreys. 8pm

**General Store Cafe:** Hot Tub of Grits. 8:30pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Debbie Liske.









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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

#### **UNC** trustees to meet

The UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday through Thursday of next week.

Items on the agenda include orientation for new trustees; a report on a cost diagnosstic of the university and its programs; finacial review of fiscal year 2008-09; a look at the budget for fiscal year 2009-10; review of a proposed South Road pedestrian bridge; expanson plans for the Ronald McDonald House; a review of the site plans for the Interfaith Council's proposed 16,000-square-foot Community House near Homestead Road; and review of new proposed policies on tenure.

Vist unc.edu/depts/trustees/ for more information and meeting times and locations.

#### **UNC** study warns about beach sand

Children and adults who build castles and dig in the sand at the beach are at greater risk of developing gastrointestinal diseases and diarrhea than people who only walk on the shore or swim in the surf, according to researchers from UNC and the Environmental Protection Agency.

People who playfully bury their bodies in the sand are at even greater risk, according to the study published online recently in the American Journal of Epidemiology.

#### Police ask for help in Food Lion case

The Chapel Hill Police Department is seeking help finding the individual responsible for a July 11 break-in at the Food Lion on Weaver Dairy Road. The suspect smashed the window, entered the store and filled a trash can with tobacco products. The suspect appears to be a black male, possibly bald, 6'2" -6"3" in height, wearing a green shirt, blue jeans and whiteand-black shoes and was driving a silver 1989 or 1990 Toyota Corolla four-door with possible damage above the front wheel well on the passenger side. Police believe the suspect may be responsible for three other Food Lion break-ins.

If you have information, please call either the CHPD at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515.

#### Lochbaum to head licensing group

Derek Lochbaum, director of trademarks and licensing at UNC, has been chosen as president for 2009-10 of the International Collegiate Licensing Association (ICLA).

The association offers educational and networking opportunities, espouses acceptable operating standards and ethics and seeks to boost understanding of collegiate licensing.

"ICLA has become such a large part of the licensing profession over the past few years," Lochbaum said. "It is an honor to be chosen to serve as its president."

UNC policies control the use of its trademark language and logos. When businesses receive UNC's approval to use these marks on items and apparel, the university shares in the proceeds through its trademark licensing program. At UNC, all net proceeds from the licensing program go toward scholarships.

#### DOWNTOWN IN CARRBORO AND CHAPEL LIFE



#### 'No, but that's next.'

That's how director/producer Donald Whittier of Banzai Entertainment answered when asked whether the film crew setting up next to Cliff's Meat Market was working on a biopic about Cliff Collins.

If you've been around the corner of Main and Greensboro streets this week, you may have noticed a camera crew setting up shots and a fellow in a tie with an ID tag around his neck hanging out in various spots. He's Charlotte actor Mark Scarboro, who plays Jackman, the title character in Whittier's new film.

Becky Stafford, who is helping Whittier out on the production, said the crew plans to film in spots all over town. A scene at

Johnny's was filmed last weekend. Other locations will include Southern Rail and Open Eye Café, Stafford said.

#### Locally grown

The Downtown Partnership is hoping to test out its recently approved beer garden at the next Locally Grown concert, which is Thursday, July 23 at 7 p.m. at the James C. Wallace parking deck.

Just before its summer recess, the Chapel Hill Town Council approved of having a roped-off area where concert goers could enjoy a cold one at the monthly concert series.

This month's show is being presented by Music Makers Relief Foundation and features Big Ron Hunter and Boo Hanks.

#### **Memories**

Delightful as it was to host the Bolshoi, we're wondering how long the posters are going to stay in place. A lot of spots have moved on, window display-wise, but there are still a few celebratory placards around the downtown, including a couple of forlorn looking spots in the empty storefronts at the old Schoolkids and the longabandoned southeast corner of Columbia and Franklin.



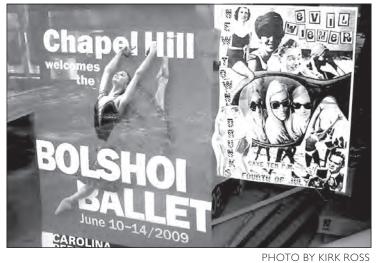
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The crew sets up a shot while actor Mark Scarboro prepares for a scene.

#### 'Mater Time

If there's anything emblematic of this part of summer, it's got to be our favorite member of the nightshade family. To celebrate our seedy little friends the Carrboro Farmers' Market is holding their annual tribute to the tomato on Saturday. Tomato Day 2009 features of dishes made from the more than 60 varieties now sold at the market as well as the annual tomato tasting. This is the best way to look for the variety that suits you. Our advice is to get there early. The market opens at 7 a.m. and often to a hungry crowd of devotees.

A reminder that Big City is also one of The Citizen's newest blogs. Visit www.carrborocitizen.com/BigCity if you're interested or bored or something like that. There's a lovely post up with a short video of a Norfolk Southern engine lumbering through town. Kids seem to dig it.



Extra credit: Compare and contrast these two acts.

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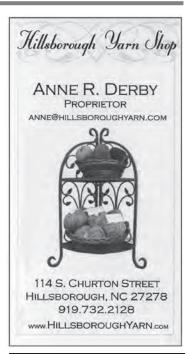
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# Community

### **Community Briefs**

#### **Deer-proof** your gardens

There will be a demonstration of how to build a deer-proof garden structure this Saturday at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. The structure is collapsible and can be turned into a greenhouse during the winter.

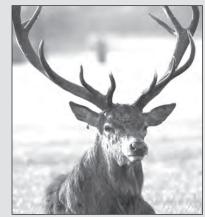
#### Storyteller

Storyteller Ron Jones will be at the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle Middle School Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m. The event is free and will include interactive story-creating, singing and dancing with the audience. For more information, call the Carrboro Branch Library at 969-3006.

#### **Dance**

The Payal Dance Academy is coming to

the Carrboro Century Center as part of the 2009 Summerdipity series Wednesday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. Payal Dance Academy will perform classical Indian dance style (both contemporary and traditional). Admission is \$3. For more information, contact Carrboro Recreation at 918-7364.





IAR Fundraiser — Independent Animal Rescue will host the 7th Annual Painted Chair and More Auction from 5:30-9:30pm at the American Legion Hall, 1714 Legion

### **Community Calendar** Road. Tickets are \$15 advance or

#### THURSDAY, JULY 16

**Author Talk** — Author Marisha Pessl and Ackland Educator Leslie Balkany will discuss Special Topics in Calamity Physics. This discussion is a part of the Art and Literature in the Galleries series and will focus on connections between Pessl's book and the Aldwyth exhibition on display. 3:30-5pm, free for high school and UNC students and Ackland members, \$5 general admission. ackland.org or 966-5736. Advanced registration required.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 17

**Contra Dance** — The Carolina Song and Dance Association hosts a dance with music by the New Hope String Band. Bring smooth-soled, clean shoes to dance in. Beginner's workshop at 7:30 pm, dance at 8pm. 967-9948 or csda-dance.org

France versus California Wine **Tasting** — It's been over 30 years since the famous Judgment of Paris Tasting when for the first time, a panel of blind tasters awarded the top honors to wines from California over the host country's submissions. Chapel Hill Wine Co. presents a repeat of the original tasting 5-7pm, free.

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 18**

\$20 at the door. Advance tickets can be bought at the Cat Hospital of Durham and Chapel Hill and IAR adoption events. animalrescue.net, 403-2221, or info@animalrescue.net

#### FRIDAY, JULY 24

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

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

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

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

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Computer Classes — A free series of introductory computer classes with topics including Introduction to Microsoft Word, Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint and Buying and Selling on Craig's List. Saturdays through July 25, 9-10am, Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle School. Advance registration required. 969-3006, lib. unc.edu/cws

#### Kids

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

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

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by Linda Thistle

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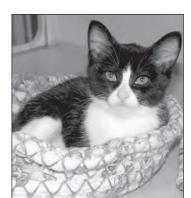


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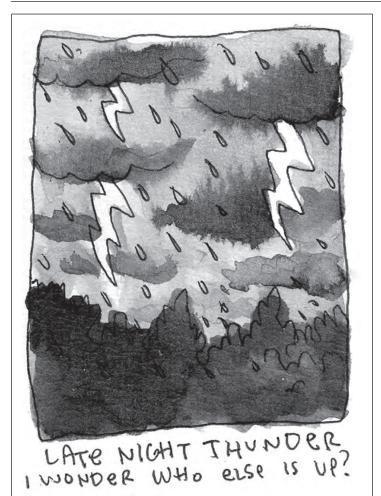


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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Antonio **Marimpietri**

Antonio Marimpietri of Chapel Hill died July 11, 2009. Mr. Marimpietri was born June 8, 1911 in San Panfilo d'Ocre, Italy. He traveled to the U.S. in 1929, served in World War II and made a successful and happy life for himself and his family. He moved to North Carolina in 1991, where he made new friends and soon was widely known as Grandpa Tony. His warm and generous spirit and ability to touch every person he met was a special gift he gave to all those who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Norma, in 2001.

Survivors include his sons, Michael and Anthony (Tony), Tony's wife, Deborah, and his two grandchildren, Sean and Craig.

#### Clyde Camp Jr.

Clyde Camp Jr., 76 years old, passed away after a difficult battle. Clyde was hospitalized at UNC Hospitals for three months and then sent to rehabilitation at Kin-

dred Hospital, where he passed after being there a month. He fought a hard battle with great dignity and constant concern for all his loved ones.

Clyde graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1953, where he was a cheerleader as well as being involved in numerous other activities. He was employed with Northen Blue Law Offices since April of 2003 and gained much joy from his friends and cohorts at the firm and in the courts systems. He served on the State Employees' Credit Union Board in Carrboro, through which he created many special relationships, not only through the board but within the banks themselves.

Clyde was predeceased by his beloved wife, Marilyn Greene Camp, and his beloved daughter, Paula Camp Freeman. He is survived by his daughter, Allyson Camp, and his grandchildren, Brittany Cooke, Holly Cooke, R. Dylan Hill, Caroline Freeman and Wyatt Freeman. He also is survived by his dearest friend, Anna Colson.

The memorial was held July 12 at 2 p.m. at Farrington Baptist Church in Chapel Hill. Flowers are acceptable or donations can be made in his honor to Farrington Baptist Church.

#### Paul Graham Kemp

On Saturday, June 27, friends and family of Paul Graham Kemp will celebrate his life at his Carrboro home, where he passed away peacefully on May 26, 2009, three days after his 51st birthday. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol, and two daughters, Makayla of the home and Cheryl of Burlington, and his father, Bernie, and two brothers, Steve of Chapel Hill and Sid of Boca Raton, Fla. Paul was a graduate of the Parkway Program of Philadelphia and of UNC-Chapel Hill. He was an accomplished auto mechanic and former president of the Mid-Atlantic Alpha-Romeo Club.

#### **Anne Marie Larkin Mclilton**

Feisty and fun, with a contagious joy of life, Anne Marie Larkin McJilton lived life to the fullest each day. Possessing an amazing stamina and energy, equal to someone half her age, Anne managed to pack in wonderful times, lots of laughter and last memories for family and friends during her life. Surrounded by family and friends, Anne died peacefully on June 30, 2009 after a 2 1/2 year battle with lung cancer. During the years following her diagnosis and before her death, Anne exhibited grace, generosity and courage that will serve as a model for all whose lives were touched by her.

With a touch of red in her hair, Anne, as a young child, exhibited the determination and straightforward demeanor that have characterized her throughout her life. She was born in Manhattan, NY on February 22, 1943 to the late Joseph and Margaret (Ryan) Larkin.

Anne married Roy McJilton in 1972. They lived in Franklin, Pa. for 12 years, where Anne focused her attention on their three children and running the household. In 1984, Anne, Roy and the children moved to Lumberton, NC, where Roy opened an ENT practice. During this time, with their two older children leaving for college, Anne returned to school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to get her masters in social work. Anne subsequently worked as a social worker and therapist for many years. In her later professional life, she served on several state boards.

In 2000, Anne and Roy moved to Chapel Hill to build their dream retirement home on some acreage just outside town. It was when Anne moved to North Carolina that she began her second love affair – with the North Carolina Tar Heels. Never one to do anything half way, Anne became a well-informed, vocal fan, always scouting the teams UNC would be playing and offering vocal encouragement while attending or watching every UNC game. In most recent years, Anne kept "office hours" at Fosters each morning and often reported sightings of her beloved Tar Heels.

Anne and Roy shared a love of laughter, books, travel, movies and the theater. Anne amazed all who knew her with her encyclopedic memory of books, authors, actors, movies; no detail was too small. Although an adopted Southerner, Anne never lost her love for New York City. She and Roy went a couple of times each year up to the big city to watch plays at night and catch a few movies during the day. They made their last trip this past winter and enjoyed it mightily.

After her diagnosis, Anne began working to turn her social game of bridge into a more polished scholarly game. She took lessons and studied the intricacies of bridge, and in the last year had started accumulating master's points.

Anne loved spending time with her three adult children and their families. She was particularly proud of her four grandchildren. She cherished the time she spent shopping, going to the movies, babysitting, attending track meets, plays, other sports events and band performances with the grandchildren. She kept her friends well informed of the latest accomplishments of all the family members.

Anne McJilton, wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, friend, social worker and therapist. She reveled in every role.

Anne is survived by her husband, Roy A. McJilton; their three children and five grandchildren, Mike Suvick and wife Kristen, of Pittsburgh and their children Graham, Kendyl and Paige; Brian Suvick and wife Laura of Hillsborough, NC and their child Hana; and Meagan Holcomb and husband Chris of Greenville, NC; a sister, Kathy Archambault, and husband Tom of Chester, Conn.; a nephew, Taylor Archambault, and wife Nicole of Hartford, Conn.; and Anne and Roy's beloved furry child, Daisy. She also leaves behind her an extended family of McJiltons and a group of adoring friends who will miss her. Anne's legacy lives on in her family and friends who have all benefited from her gifts. The family wishes to thank the UNC Oncology Department and UNC Hospice for the loving care given to Anne during her illness.

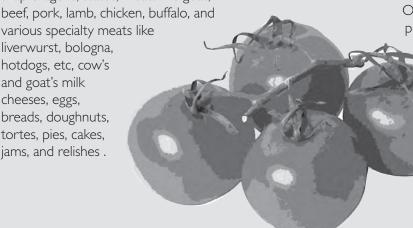
### **FARMERS' MARKET**

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various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, eggs, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes



### **Tomato Day!**

**SATURDAY, JULY 25TH % 7AM - NOON** 

Tomatoes are one of America's favorite fruits. There are about 7,500 varieties of tomatoes grown throughout the world and some of the rarest and tastiest of those varieties are grown by our farmers just outside of Carrboro! Ever heard of the variety Plum Crimson? Razzle Berry? Black Marble? How about Mortgage Lifters and Super Sonics? Visit Peregrine Farm and ask to try an Italian Ox Heart tomato. Alex and Betsy Hitt saved seed from t he tasty tomatoes they discovered on a trip to Italy and brought home to grow in NC soil.

When the Carrboro Farmers' Market started Tomato Day over 10 years ago, our farmers had 15 varieties of tomatoes. Today, you can find over 60 varieties of heirloom and backyard tomatoes every Saturday!

On Tomato Day rare, bizarre, backyard, and just plain tasty tomatoes will be incorporated into delicious tomato sauce, jam, juice, and gazpacho

for customers to taste as they shop. Our tomato MC will be hosting the event, sharing various tomato facts and trivia throughout the morning.

This year the Market is creating a keepsake "Totally Tomato" Booklet comprised of tomato-y recipes and personal tomato stories contributed by our wonderful customers and vendors. Come by and taste and celebrate!

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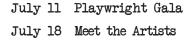
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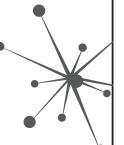
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#### FOR THE RECORD

#### Health care comes home

Conventional wisdom puts the political epicenter of the fight for health care reform somewhere near the marbled halls of the U.S. Senate, but in reality the shaking and quaking is a lot closer to the place we call home.

Most families are familiar with what a health care crisis looks like, and for them it does not resemble a worried lobbyist for a highly profitable drug or insurance company.

You have to believe that it's a bit confounding for those droning on in talking points inside the Beltway that attempts to water down the proposal or turn it into more business-asusual have been met with strong pushback from "ordinary" Americans, as evidenced by a Wednesday rally in front of Blue Cross Blue Shield headquarters (see page 1).

That's because when it comes to the health of our loved ones, nobody is ordinary. For many, this is a fight for their lives, and for many more this is a fight in the name of someone who the system did wrong.

One often-touted polling number is that roughly two-thirds of Americans are "satisfied" with the quality of their health care. What that number doesn't get at is that while the care itself may be satisfactory, an overwhelming majority think the system designed to deliver and pay for it is broken, abysmal and needs fixing.

The opposition — funded to the tune of \$1.4 million per day — wants us to worry about the cost or the bureaucracy rather than see the need and the value of a better system. Anyone who has tracked the rise in premiums or spent some time trying to get a rejected treatment approved or an overbilling on a procedure fixed has a right to wonder what planet these people are talking about.

States, towns, counties and businesses all over this country are caught in a cycle of never-ending rate hikes. As a result, benefits are dwindling just as co-payments and deductibles rise.

And competition, the very thing so many of those opposed say is threatened by reforms, is a straw dog if there ever was one.

The American Medical Association — traditionally not the biggest booster of reform — recently published a report on insurance coverage that shows a nationwide patchwork of near monopolies.

The time has come for a better system, and, at least for now, those offering only fear and loathing are having trouble getting traction outside those aforementioned marble halls. Calling it "Obamacare" and howling about socialism doesn't seem to be cutting it with the American people.

They've seen this trick before. Most have experienced firsthand the consequences of the failure to pass reforms in the mid-1990s. And they know there's something wrong and inherently unfair with a system that leaves nearly 40 million of us uninsured and tens of millions more underinsured.

As we've seen recently, politicians hedging on true reform — including a strong public option — have not been treated kindly. Those fed up and ready for change have shown a willingness to hold feet to fire.

On one side, there may be a lot of campaign cash and arm-twisting saying, "No, you can't." But it looks like they might just be outnumbered this time by millions, including so many literally fighting for their lives, shouting back, "Yes, we can."

#### So long, Papa

Antonio Marimpietri passed away this week. If you're from the Ironwoods neighborhood, you probably knew him as Papa Tony, and not many days have gone by in the past several years when he did not make his rounds through the neighborhood.

With an outgoing, congenial personality, Papa Tony made a lot of friends. Not all of them were bipeds.

Before going out on his walks, Papa Tony would stock up on doggie treats, handing them out as he strolled the neighborhood. It's said his progress could be tracked by a dog's sudden tail wagging.

He'll be missed by many, including those no doubt still peering out the window around Papa Tony's walking time, waiting for their friend.

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### Making sure checkpoints and traffic stops are fair to all state residents

#### SARAH PRESTON

In recent years, North Carolina has witnessed a number of unfortunate incidents in which law enforcement roadblocks and traffic stops have resulted in unfair or unjust treatment of persons of color, especially persons of Latino origin. Now the General Assembly may be doing something about it.

First, a little background:

In early 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina Legal Foundation sent public records requests to approximately 40 law enforcement agencies across North Carolina for information on roadblocks or checkpoints run by each agency. This came as a result of reports that in some areas of North Carolina checkpoints were regularly set up outside

Latino churches, flea markets or in predominantly African-American and Latino communities in the earlyevening rush hour.

Sadly, the results of this public records request have done little to put the organization at ease. In the boxes of documents received from

the State Highway Patrol, one thing in particular jumped out: checkpoints set up in and around Alamance County.

Starting in late 2007, the State Highway Patrol began setting up license checkpoints in Alamance County or on the border with Orange County. In 2007, the State Highway Patrol set up 173 such checkpoints, or approximately three license checkpoints per week. Of those 173 checkpoints, 30 were set up in exactly the same spot at the same time: Saturday or Sunday mornings outside Buckhorn market, a weekend flea market with a predominately Latino consumer base. Attendants at Buckhorn report that approximately 80 percent of those attending the market are people of color. On the weekend of June 23-24, 2007, a license

checkpoint was set up outside the market on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Current state law requires that checkpoint locations be selected randomly or be statistically indicated. It also directs law enforcement agencies to avoid placing checkpoints repeatedly in the same location or proximity. Unfortunately, as the events in Alamance demonstrate, something more has to be done to assure that innocent North Carolinians are not targeted for police searches merely because of their race or ethnic background.

This year, the General Assembly has a chance to address these concerns, with two bills intended to help monitor the use of checkpoints. One, Senate Bill 759, would add to the current law that requires checkpoints to be run according to written guidelines. It would require that law enforce-

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> ment agencies also have written "patterns of stop" prepared before the checkpoints begin. The bill would not prevent stopping a car when the officer has reasonable suspicion that the driver has done something illegal. It would mean, however, that state residents who have some concern about discrimination at a checkpoint could find out exactly what the pattern of stops at that checkpoint was supposed to be.

> A second measure, Senate Bill 464, would help identify (and hopefully discourage) racial profiling at traffic stops by requiring more frequent and detailed reporting by law enforcement agencies. The same bill would also provide important protections for the safety of children when their parents are arrested, as happened in an infamous Alamance County incident.

Never again should it be reported that children spent eight hours unsupervised on the side of the road waiting for a parent to arrive from out of state after their supervising parent is arrested following a traffic stop.

Unfortunately, a provision in the bill that would have required law enforcement agencies to report the race or ethnicity, approximate age and gender of every person stopped during a license or DWI checkpoint (as is already done for traffic stops) was removed from the bill in response to pressure from law enforcement.

One of the bedrock principles of our free society is the notion that justice is colorblind, that innocent people should not be subjected to harsher or more frequent interaction with law enforcement officials merely because of their race or ethnicity. As recent incidents in North Carolina

> demonstrate, however, we have a long way to go before this is achieved, particularly when it comes to police checkpoints and traffic stops. Most agencies don't engage in racial profiling, but it clearly remains a serious problem in our state.

At this point, the two bills described above have passed the Senate and await action in the House of Representatives. Let's hope that before they adjourn the 2009 session this summer, state lawmakers complete work on both. Though far from perfect, each represents a small but meaningful step toward assuring (and documenting) that law enforcement officials perform their important duties in a fair, just and nondiscriminatory fashion. Especially in this era of tough economic times and heightened tensions in our immigrant communities, both would provide a welcome salve to the wounds that help divide our communities.

Sarah Preston is legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina

### Overcoming the demagoguery about death and taking steps forward – barely

#### **CHRIS FITZSIMON**

The death penalty was front-andcenter at the General Assembly Tuesday, as lawmakers debated proposals to prohibit the execution of people with a severe mental illness and to provide safeguards to make it less likely that race will play a role in capital cases.

After a heated and emotional debate, the House passed the Racial Justice Act that would allow a defendant to present evidence that race was a significant factor in the decision to seek the death penalty or impose it.

House Minority Leader Paul Stam made a series of absurd claims during the debate, most offensively that lawmakers who supported the bill would somehow be responsible for murders committed because, according to Stam, the death penalty is a deterrent.

The debate also included exchanges on topics that had little to do with the proposal: the gruesome details of specific crimes, the exoneration of people wrongly convicted and sentenced to death, even the Holocaust.

The bill simply gives a capital defendant a specific opportunity to make the case that race was playing an improper role in his or her case. That's it. It is not an attempt to abolish the death penalty and it has nothing to do with past reforms of capital punishment or guilt or innocence.

People convicted of first-degree murder are either sentenced to death or life in prison without parole. Those are the only choices. You would think that adding a procedure to make sure that decision is made fairly wouldn't inspire such vigorous opposition. Thank goodness a narrow majority of the House understands that.

Tuesday morning, a House committee narrowly approved legislation to prevent the execution of people with a severe mental illness, which doesn't seem like such a radical idea either. But you'd never know it listening to the debate.

Stam told the committee that allowing attorneys for death row inmates to present evidence that a client was severely mentally ill at the time of the trial would costs millions of dollars and clog up the courts.

The Administrative Office of the Court disputes that, but even if it were true isn't that what courts are for, to determine the appropriate sentence for people convicted of crimes?

And as Rep. Pricey Harrison pointed out, if lawmakers believe that in the future the state should not execute people who have a serious mental disability, then the state shouldn't execute

people currently on death row with severe mental illness.

And just like defendants affected by the Racial Justice Act, inmates with a severe mental disability who are con-

victed of first-degree murder will not go free. They will spend the rest of their lives in prison. That seems lost on many of the oppo-

nents of both the Racial Justice Act and the proposal to prohibit the execution of people with a severe mental illness, as does the process that is used to decide if someone is sentenced to death. Sentences in capital cases are deter-

mined in separate court proceedings. That is because the system recognizes that a death sentence is not appropriate for everyone convicted of first-degree murder, only the "worst of the worst." The process is based on the assump-

tion that people should not be sentenced to death based on the color of their skin or the race of the victim. And that people who are mentally retarded or have a severe mental illness deserve additional consideration.

The whole process is ultimately based on fairness. The House took important steps Tuesday to get the capital punishment system to live up to that standard.

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

**Penny Rich** Penny Rich is participating in Voter Owned Elections not simply because she believes that campaign spending should be reigned in, but because she wants to help put government back into the hands of the public. Voter Owned Elections help to ensure that politicians are accountable to the voters and not to well-funded special interest groups that donate large sums to campaigns. Public campaign financing also ensures that marginalized groups such as women, minorities and low-income citizens who may not have access to special-interest funding or the ability to loan themselves large amounts of money still have an

LETTERS

**Support** 

Voter Owned Elections was approved overwhelmingly by the Town Council, and is supported by over 30 statewide organizations

opportunity to participate in

the electoral process.

Opponents of Voter Owned Elections point out that fundraising comes with the territory of running for office and that some people are uncomfortable with their tax dollars paying for the campaigns of candidates they do not support. Campaign reform involves questioning such assumptions. Public financing greatly reduces the amount of time candidates spend raising money, allowing them more time for serving the public through direct voter interaction. For candidates who are not independently wealthy or cannot afford to quit their day jobs in order to campaign, this can make running for office an option, and will serve to diversify the pool of candidates. As for the cost, Voter Owned Elections is expected to cost each Chapel Hill resident \$1.88 during its first four years, which covers two elections. The 2009 elections will cost each taxpayer 0.94 cents.

As a final note, the citizens of Chapel Hill should remember that Voter Owned Elections was approved overwhelmingly by the Town Council, and is supported by over 30 statewide organizations such as the League of Women Voters, the AARP, the N.C. Association of Educators, and the N.C. Council of Churches. Over a dozen cities and counties across the country have instituted public campaign financing and report overwhelmingly positive results.

BROOKS RAINEY PEARSON Campaign Manager The Campaign to Elect Penny Rich

#### **ENDORSEMENT** LETTERS

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#### **HEALTHCARE**

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"We want to let people know that just because you have medical care, you don't necessarily have adequate coverage," Moon said, adding that state employees need a public option.

Moon said she wanted Blue Cross to "recognize that their system's not working for the average person. We've got to see a change."

"I'm really energized," Searing said of Wednesday's turnout.

"Blue Cross seems so powerful. But to see so many people out shows that people are angry," he added, as a passing service van sounded its horn.

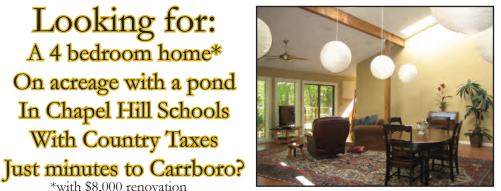


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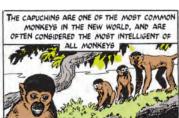
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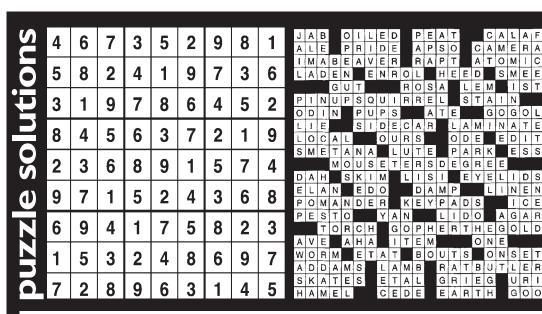
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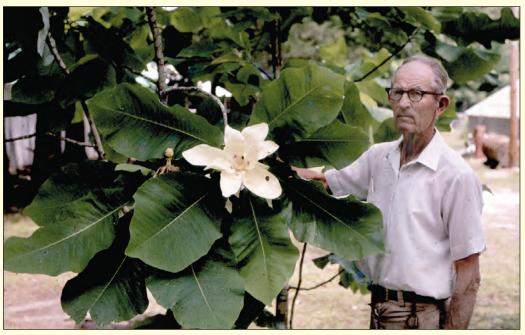
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#### **CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:**

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Fayetteville nurseryman Gordan Butler's pride in the bigleaf magnolia inspired him to grow and promote the tree more than 30 years ago.

#### **FLORA**

FROM PAGE I

This excerpt gives a vivid account of the tree's characteristic habit and the specifics of the leaves that are commonly more than two feet long. Whether looking down on them or peering up through the tree's tropical-like canopy, Magnolia macro (big) phyla (leaf) is impressive.

Bartram included many more lines in his verbal painting of the tree's flower. My favorite flower image is a '70s color slide of Gordon Butler, gently holding a flowering branch of the tree in the front yard of Butler's Nursery just

outside Fayetteville.

Way back before it was fashionable, Gordon Butler, first recipient, in 1972, of the North Carolina Nurseryman of the Year Award (D.S. Copeland Award) propagated, cultivated and promoted our native trees and shrubs for ornamental use in home and urban landscapes. Far out front and ahead of the times, was he!

Bigleaf, infrequently and widely scattered throughout the Southeast, is only seen in our area in cultivation. It's in cultivation at the Botanical Garden and the Coker Arboretum. Perhaps you have savvy garden friends like Sally

and Bill who have their own bigleaf. Even without a high vantage point, you should have one growing in your garden. Plan now to have one procured for you by your local nursery or garden center for fall or winter planting.

Early in his description, Bartram referred to the commoner Magnolia tripetala, umbrella magnolia; that's the one we see along stream banks in our local forests. The leaves are not as large as bigleaf's and the leaf bases do not have those distinctive ear lobes, but it is still a dramatic tree and worthy of your inquiries at local nurseries.



The JAGWIRE, Fall 2007

ast month when the purple-clad Carrboro High School senior class graduated, many pioneering student teams ended their groundbreaking two-year tenure at the new school. This week, I'm spotlighting one "team" that didn't get a lot of ink, but sure dispensed plenty of its own — the JAGWIRE staff. Back during the frenetic fall of '07, when newspaper adviser-extraordinaire Jan Gottschalk, aided by an intrepid staff, launched the new CHS newspaper from scratch, I shot this unposed moment that captures Jan, there at left, with some of her kids, toiling over a computer issue. In time and with practice, the fledgling staff bonded and began producing consistently outstanding editions of the JAGWIRE. The student-journalists (and their academic destinations) are, left to right, Emile Toscano, Naval Academy; Mariah Norris, Middle College High School at Durham Tech; startup editor Daniel Matchar, Northeastern University; Tony Powell, Livingstone College; and Lavanya Rao, NCSU. Hats off to them and to Jan, and all such high school newspaper advisers who have given so many future journalists their first chances.



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