

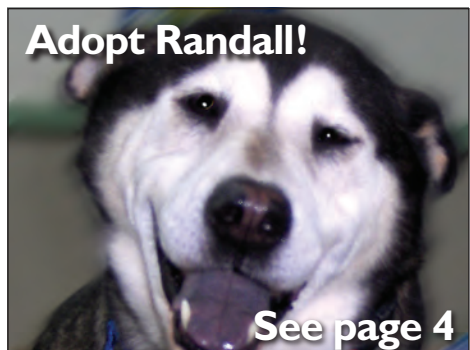
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Looking down upon umbrella whorls of leaves of bigleaf magnolia.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Admiring bigleaf

Gardening 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 the tree:

"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 acuminate 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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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 competitive, as challengers Matt

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 signed 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 this week, with incum-

bent Gregory McElveen joining challengers 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

Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens. 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

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, co-pays 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/

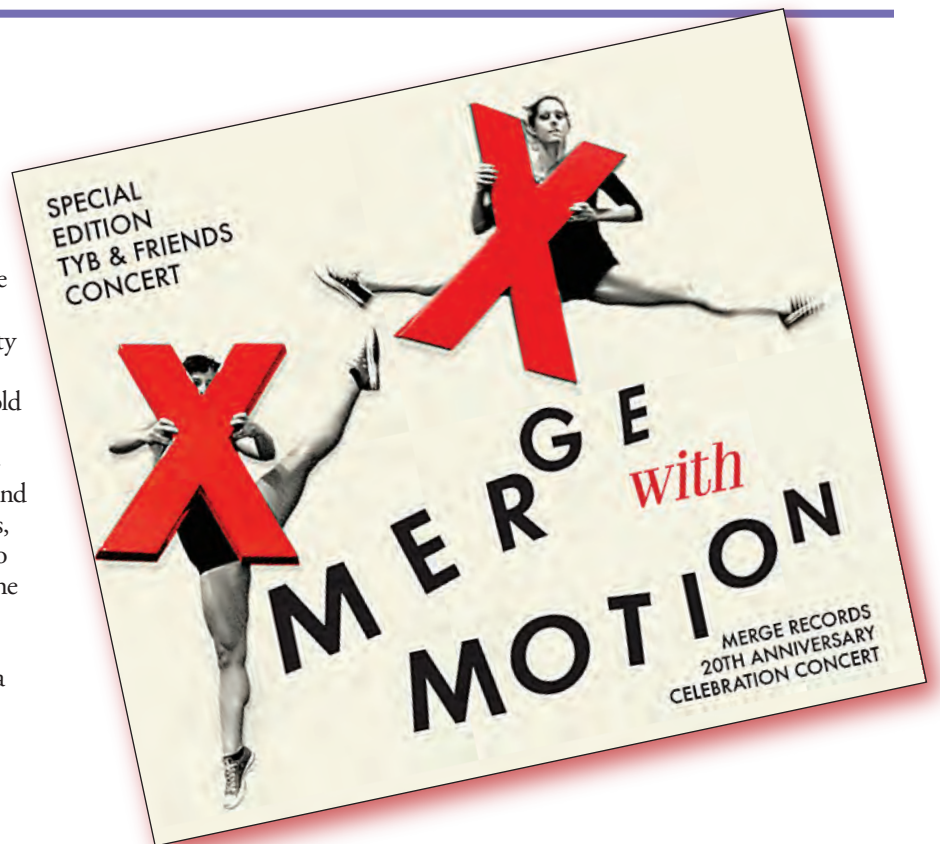
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Legislators may halt racial profiling at traffic stops.

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News Briefs

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 diagnostic of the university and its programs; financial review of fiscal year 2008-09; a look at the budget for fiscal year 2009-10; review of a proposed South Road pedestrian bridge; expansion 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 white-and-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 LIFE IN CARRBORO AND CHAPEL HILL



'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 long-abandoned southeast corner of Columbia and Franklin.



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

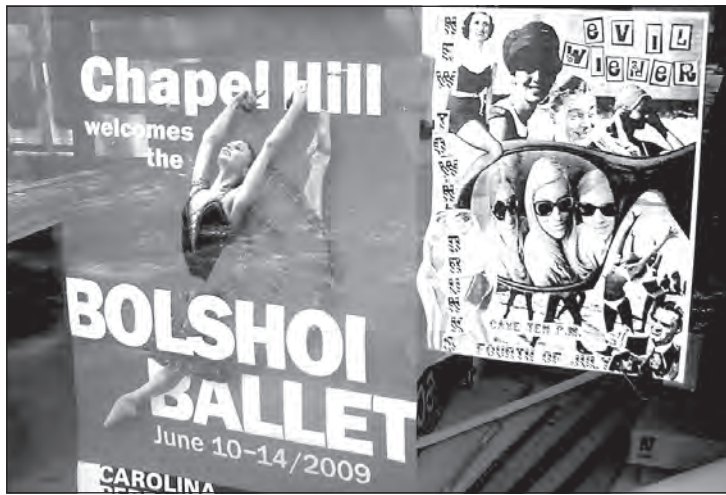


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Extra credit: Compare and contrast these two acts.

'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 Carboro 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.

BLOG

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.

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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 Northern 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 McJilton

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.

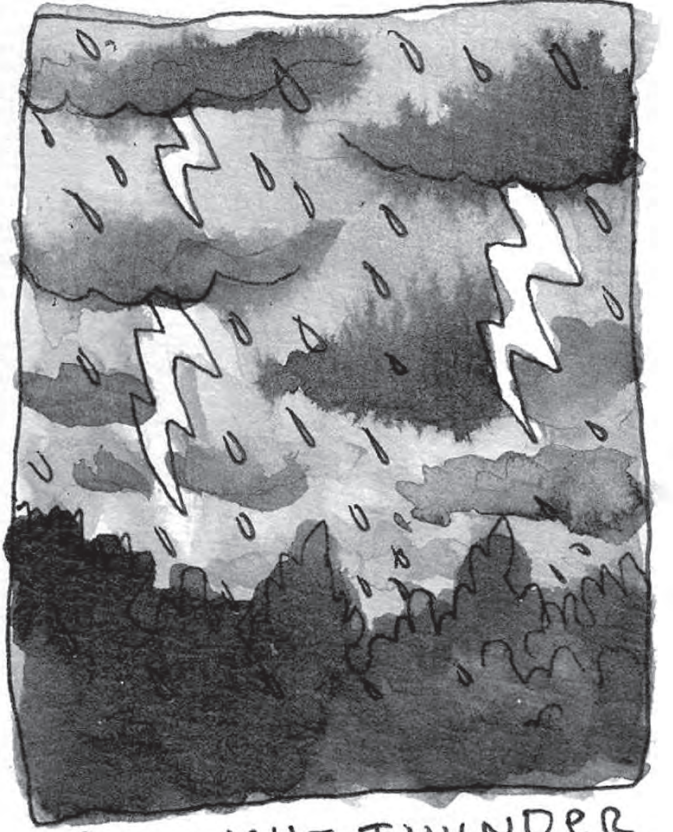
Anne and Roy shared a love of laughter, books, travel, movies and the theater. Anne amazed all who knew her with her encyclopedic memory of books, authors, actors, movies; no detail was too small. Although an adopted Southerner, Anne never lost her love for New York City. She and Roy went a couple of 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.



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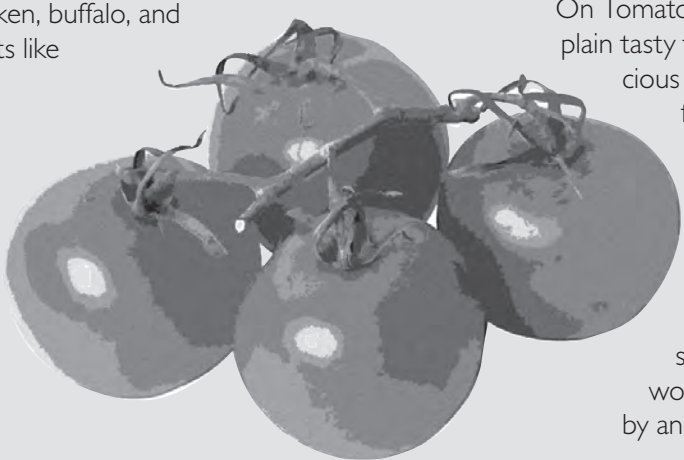
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When the Carrboro Farmers' Market started Tomato Day over 10 years ago, our farmers had 15 varieties of tomatoes. Today, you can find over 60 varieties of heirloom and backyard tomatoes every Saturday!

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.

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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.



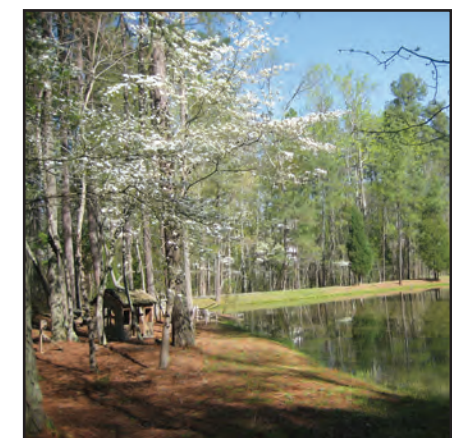
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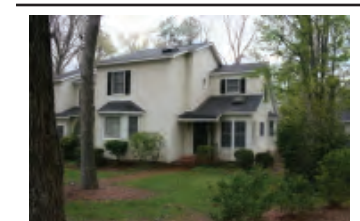
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:
Be content to give their confidence. George Washington



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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
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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.

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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

Last 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; start-up 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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