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Kids put on a hot show

RECENTLY... BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

The outdoor conditions fluctuated between steamy and stifling while parents and guests waited unaware through several delay-producing calamities before the children processed onto the stage erected on the brick patio.

This was the 2009 Mundo Pequeño Early Childhood Bilingual School graduation ceremony, during which children from ages 2 to 5 performed. Even before the delayed start, the list of 25 songs and poems (picked by the children) may have daunted some audience members. But the children proved so entertaining, the time quickly passed as they showed time and again how very much they had learned at such tender ages.

They performed in English, Spanish, French, Chinese and International Sign Language, each stepping to the front of the platform when taking the lead (which they volunteered to do), each child providing expressions that dissolved the crowd of adults into elated giggles.

Children at this age are just precious as well as being so very retentive, a fact that founding school director Claudia McLaughlin knows very well.

We are all products of our parents," McLaughlin said as she faced the audience at the onset. For the past few months, she has pushed herself harder than usual while battling Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

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PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Performance of Pinpon at the Mundo Pequeño School graduation ceremony. From left to right, Ori Moore, Mena Boggs, Caroline Allen, Jacob Kirshner, Anjali Kshirsagar, Ian O'Fallon, Alexander Kwok and Lillian Harper.

Pollitt receives Long Life Pine award

BY TAYLOR SISK Staff Writer

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

A close look at the composite flower head of Polymnia reveals that only the outer circle of ray flowers produces seed.

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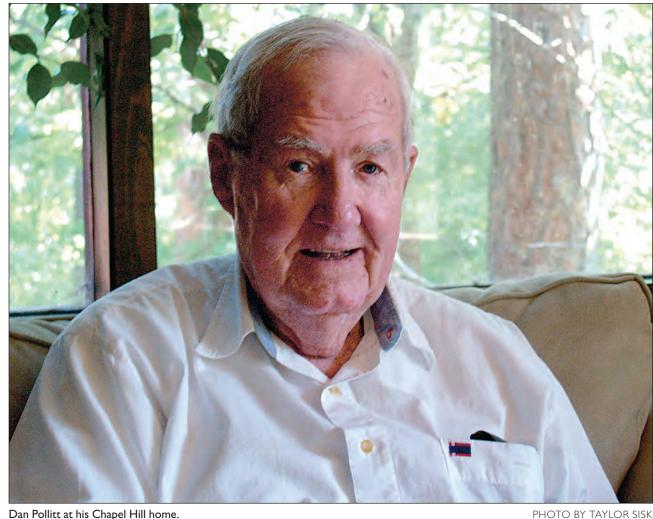
By whatever name, Polymnia makes a show

great place to see Polymnia, commonly called bearsfoot or leafcup, is along Bolin Creek Trail between the Chapel Hill Police Department and the community center. Walking along that trail last week, I was impressed with the multitude of miniature sunflower-like flowers of this wildflower, common everywhere along roadsides and

Gov. Beverly Perdue has awarded UNC Kenan Professor Emeritus and longtime civil-liberties and civil-rights advocate Dan Pollitt the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the state's highest honors.

Pollitt was nominated for the award by state Sen. Floyd McKissick Jr., whose father, Floyd McKissick Sr., worked with Pollitt on a number of civil-rights issues. But it was presented to Pollitt by Sen. Ellie Kinnaird - with whom he was wed on April 26, at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill – as she was introducing him for a talk he gave at Carol Woods Retirement Center on July 10.

The award was bestowed for a lifetime of "integrity, learning and zeal," and it came to Pollitt as somewhat of a surprise. He said that after receiving the award, he had his secretary look it up online and learned of the illustrious list of past winners, including Maya Angelou, Michael Jordan, Billy Graham and Bill Friday – "All good people who have done their thing very well," said Pollitt, "but none of them were anti-establishment."



forest edges, standing six feet tall or more along the length of the greenway.

Most trail frequenters jog, walk dogs or simply walk and talk too intently to take "a closer look" at the natural world about them. However, it is hard for even the most unobservant to miss the giant leaf images on the above-ground sewer manholes. These images, painted by local artist Michael Brown, identify some of the most common trees, and there are some really big ones, growing along the edge.

For the renewed botanical diversity along the trail, we can thank Bill Bracey and his crew of dedicated Bolin Creek volunteers, who for years, on the third Saturday mornings of September through May, have been removing invasive exotic plants like privet, silverberry, bittersweet and Japanese honeysuckle. As a result, Polymnia, as well as a number of other native plants, like spicebush, Lindera benzoin, host plant of spicebush swallowtails, are making a dramatic comeback.

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No such thing as fifth place **See opinion**

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Which Pollitt very decidedly has been.

He served as defense council in a number of historic civil-liberty trials. including those of Lillian Hellman and Arthur Miller before the House Un-American Activities Committee in the '50s, and has been active with numerous organizations associated with the left, including the ACLU, the National Sharecroppers Fund and Southerners for Economic Justice.

Dan Pollitt at his Chapel Hill home.

In 1955, Pollitt took a position at the University of Arkansas, which he held until being told that in order to keep his job he'd have to sign a disclaimer stating that he was not, and never had been, a member of any subversive organization, including the NAACP, with which he'd been active. He refused, and accepted a position at UNC.

Frank Porter Graham was president of the university at the time and was a champion of liberal causes.

"I came to Carolina for its record of academic freedom," Pollitt said. "I thought this would be a good place to be." The university administration seemed "receptive to my positions."

In the half century since, in addition to serving as a professor of law and chair of the UNC faculty, he's continued to stand against what he's perceived to be injustices within the university and the broader community. He vocally opposed the 1963 speaker ban and helped lead a successful protest to integrate a downtown Chapel Hill theater.

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Candidates for Chapel Hill mayor prepare for marathon

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — When Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy opted not to seek another term, he set off a predictable wave of speculation about who would replace him.

Since mayors run every two years, there are more opportunities for contested elections, but unlike elections for the eight-member town council, there are fewer chances of there being an open seat.

This year is one of those rare openseat years, and, as a result, a highly competitive race has started early and with a record four candidates vying for the job.

Foy's announcement, which came in late May, is one reason interest in the campaign started early, but that announcement also combined with other factors – including new rules for public financing, the conclusion of a long negotiation over Carolina North and a newly launched initiative to review growth and the future direction of the town - to elevate interest that much more.

More than any other time in the town's recent past, this election season opens with Chapel Hill at a crossroads and the leadership that will decide its direction in flux.

The mayor's race already has af-

fected the town council, with two of its members — Mark Kleinschmidt and Matt Czajkowski – running for mayor. Kleinschmidt's council term is up this cycle, and his decision to run for mayor creates an open seat in the council race, an election that features eight candidates — including three incumbents — running for four seats.

Should Czajkowski win, a fifth council member would have to be appointed to fill out the remaining two years of his term.

Changes in leadership are not just in store because of the elections. Bill Strom's resignation from the council last week, which came too late for his seat to be included on this year's ballot, means his former colleagues will have to nominate and select his replacement, who will serve out the remaining two years of his term.

Depending on how incumbents fare, the change in the mayor's office will be accompanied by no less than two new council members and possibly as many as six.

THE CANDIDATES

(in order of filing)

Augustus Cho

Augustus Cho was the first to sign on to the mayor's race. The 50-yearold writer and tae kwon do instructor said he is running because he believes it's the obligation of citizens to get involved.

"Public service is an integral part of living in a community," he said in a recent interview. "If the opportunity presents itself, we should all dedicate some time for our

fellow citizens." Cho has been in the public eye as a recent chair of the Orange County GOP, a columnist for The Chapel Hill News and as a member

of the town's Transportation Board, on which he serves as chair.

Cho expects the election to be important in deciding the direction of the town.

"Chapel Hill is at a turning point where the decisions that need to be made will impact our community for the foreseeable future," he said.

For his campaign, Cho plans to "go as green as possible and practice what I preach."

That, he said, means relying on the Internet "instead of phone calls and unsolicited emails." He said he also plans to get out and campaign and press the flesh" as well.

Matt Czajkowski

Two years ago Matt Czajkowski mounted a successful and well-funded campaign for town council and edged out incumbent Cam Hill in the vote totals. Given that in two years on the council he has often challenged his colleagues over past decisions and reasoning, his run for mayor was not unexpected.

Czajkowski, 60, said he decided to make the move this year in part because of Foy's decision, but also because he feels the time is right for a change.

He said he ran two years ago because he was concerned about the way the town was growing, the state of downtown and rising taxes.

"Here we are two years later," he said, "and we are close to a property tax revolt."

His elderly neighbors and others he's met who "are the very people who gave their all to Chapel Hill" now find taxes so high they have to consider moving elsewhere.

"Many people are anxious about the future," he said. "We're at the breaking point on taxes."

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Wooden Wand, Mount Moriah 9:30pm. \$10/12

8pm

SATURDAY AUG 15

Blue Bayou: Wheels of Fire.

Stephen Kellogg. 8:30pm

Humble Tripe. 9pm. \$12/15

Roby, Ian Thomas

Arms. 10pm. \$6

to Falco, Oblisk. 10pm

2nd Stage. 7:30pm

8:30-11pm

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The Arts Center: Dar Williams,

Cats Cradle: Amy Ray, Bellafea,

The Cave: EARLY: The Adrian

Outfit. LATE: Fuse Band, Kenny

Caffe Driade: Jon Dyer. 9pm

Local 506: Auxes, Impossible

General Store Cafe: Gravy Boys.

Nightlight: Nathan Oliver, Ghost

Open Eye Cafe: Puritan Rodeo.

Sacred Grounds Coffeehouse:

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9:30pm. \$6/8

General Store Cafe: Milltown and April Fools. 8:30-11pm

Harry's Market: Rootsie

Cat's Cradle

Doc Aquatic. \$5

9:30pm. \$8/10

9:30pm. \$10

7-9pm

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Local 506: Dark Meat, Whatever Brains. 10pm. \$8

Open Eye Cafe: Wylie Hunter. 8pm

SATURDAY AUG 8

Arts Center: Beausolell Avec Michael Doucet. 8pm \$23

Blue Bayou: Ape Foot Groove, Fat Bastard Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Cats Cradle: De la Soul, Rapper Big Pooh. 9:30pm. \$25/28

The Cave: EARLY: Happenstanza. LATE: Killer Filler, The Breaks

General Store Cafe: Lonesome Heart Band. 8:30pm. \$5

Local 506: Nomo, DJ Jason Perlmutter. 10pm. \$8/10

Nightlight: The Beginagains, The Manix, The Liarbirds. 10pm.

Open Eye Cafe: Vintage Freshness. 8pm

SUNDAY AUG 9 The Cave: NoStar

Local 506: The Tomahawks, Keegan Dewitt, Annie and The Beekeepers. 9pm. \$8

Nightlight: Franz Nicolar. \$8/10

Southern Village: Club Boheme. 7pm

Univeristy Mall: Chris Reynolds' Swing 'N'' Jazz Trio. 2-4pm

Weaver Street Market: The Hushpuppies. I lam

MONDAY AUG 10 **The Cave:** LATE: The Corduroy

Road, Thee Fine Lines. \$5

Local 506: Austin Lucas, Two Cow Garage, Mike Hale. 8:30pm. \$8

TUESDAY AUG II The Cave: LATE: 100 Yorktown, The Lows. \$5

Local 506: Future Islands, Lonnie Walker, Motor Skills. 10pm. \$5

Nightlight: Birds and Arrows, The Nat5ive Young, Where the Buffalo Roamed. 9:30pm. \$5

WEDNESDAY AUG 12 Blue Bayou: Didact. 8-10pm. Free Caffe Driade: Southern Routes. 8pm

The Cave: Greenland is Meltin, Oh! Geography, Billy Wallace. Robobilly. 9pm. \$5

Local 506: The Drowning Lovers

THURSDAY AUG 13

Blue Bayou: Half Baked Beans. 9:30pm. Free Cats Cradle: Kasey Chambers,

Shane Nicholson, Kim Tayor. 8:30pm,. \$20/23

The Cave: LATE: The Barefoot Movement, Keep Off The Grass. \$5

General Store Cafe: J. Freeman. Local 506: The Low Anthem. 8:45pm. \$8/10

Nightlight: Embarrassing Fruits, lason Dove. 9:30pm. \$5

Weaver Street Market: The Tim Stambaugh Band. 6-8pm

FRIDAY AUG 14 Blue Bayou: Martha Bassett Band.

9:30pm. \$8/10 Caffe Driade: Jimmy Robinson. 8pm

Cats Cradle: dub Addis, Mickey Mills and Steel, Give Thanks Band. 9pm. \$8/10

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Harry's Market: Hungry Heart

Local 506: Calico Haunts, Wild Wild Geese, John Howie Jr. 10pm.

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News Briefs

Castillo murder trial begins

The trial of Alvaro Rafael Castillo, 22, of Hillsborough started this week.

Castillo was arrested in Aug. 2006 after police said he opened fire at Orange High in Hillsborough. Castillo, 19 at the time, is charged with fatally shooting his father, Rafael Castillo, in their home in Hillsborough on Aug. 30, then driving to Orange High and opening fire.

Castillo has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to the charges, which include first-degree murder.

The trial is expected to last at least through this week.

Aldermen to hold closed session

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will hold a special meeting to discuss ongoing litigation in a closed session today at 7 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall, Room 100.

New bus service to Rogers Road

Chapel Hill Transit's HS bus route will be modified beginning on Aug. 24 to provide service to Rogers Road and Morris Grove Elementary School.

The expanded route will provide continuous service from 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Homestead Village stops will move to Seawell School Road and High School Road. EZ Rider and Feeder Service will continue to be available to residents in the Homestead Village area.

For complete information about the route and schedule changes, please contact a CHT customer service representative at chtransit@townofchapelhill.org or 969-4900.

Bolin Creek Trail maintenance

The Town of Chapel Hill's Bolin Creek Trail between Dickerson Court and Bolinwood Drive will be closed for tree work. Work will take place on Wednesdays with the trail closed each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The work will take about two months to complete.

In order to protect the public, dead trees will be removed and dead branches will be pruned. Only those trees that might be hazardous to trail users will be removed or treated.

For more information, contact Bill Webster at the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department at 968-2819 or bwebster@townofchapelhill.org

Chatham County seeks input

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners seeks public input on a proposed new ordinance to extend existing lighting requirements to un-zoned sections of the county. The new ordinance would apply to all parts of the county outside the towns' planning jurisdictions.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 17 as part of the regular board meeting at 6 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Pittsboro. Contact the Planning Division of the Sustainable Communities Development Department to obtain a printed or email copy or if you have questions, at 542-8204 or e-mail jason.sullivan@chathamnc.org



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Police say car break-in reports on the rise

BY BETH MECHUM Staff Writer

There have been a rash of car break-ins in Carrboro in the past couple of weeks, but it's nothing too out of the ordinary for this time of year.

Officer Walter Horton with the Carrboro Police Department said that with the summer coming to a close and students making a larger presence in town, the rate of car break-ins usually rises. But he hasn't seen a spike in residential break-ins.

A little R&R

and passersby.

all but live there.

side the plaza.

by the flower ladies and it's been

quite a while since we've seen the

local Hare Krishnas who used to

ticed a few folks hanging around

the entrance greeting folks and

handing out literature. A little

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ligious or political affiliation.

They're employees of R&R Grill,

which recently opened in the old

Club Havana/ Papagyos space in-

by father-son team Rob and Ross

Moll, features "traditional Ameri-

can flavors," which means, main-

ly, burgers and ribs and pizza.

The Molls say they put about \$1

million into renovating the space.

Menu and info at rnrgrill.com

R&R, owned and operated

Recently, you may have no-

"Thefts have been going up, but I think it's just the time of the year and the economy; people are just trying to get by," Horton said.

In Chapel Hill, Lt. Kevin Gunter said that there hasn't been an increase in car breakins recently, but that there were about twice as many break-ins the first half of this year as there were in the same time period last year.

Horton offers advice to ward off thefts.

"Keep valuables out of sight and take everything you can in with you, whether it is the workplace or the home," he said.

He said it's also a good idea to write down serial numbers for all your electronics, so if they do get stolen it'll be a lot easier to identify them if they show up in pawn shops.

Gunter added that parking in a well-lighted area is important.

"It's not always possible, but if you can you should park in there are no valuables in sight. an area that's not obscure and is

well traveled," Gunter said.

Also, though he said it sounds simple, just locking cars and keeping windows up is the best way to avoid break-ins. In many of the cases he's seen, the cars have been unlocked.

Horton and Gunter concurred that there are no areas of town with higher rates of theft than others, so residents everywhere need to take the time to ensure their cars are locked and

DOWNTOWN CARRBORO AND CHAPEL I I F F1 N



Rob Mull, manager of the newly opened R&R Grill on East Franklin St in Chapel Hill.

Beehive winners

The theme for this year's Beehive Art Challenge was "Mo-hawks and Mullets," and next Friday (Aug. 14), during the 2ndFriday Artwalk, you can see what clever bits the winners were able to put together on display.

Here are the winners announced this week by Queen Bee Diane Koistinen

1st place - Rachel Sorenson; 2nd place - Sam Causon; 3rd place - Robert Votta; 4th place - Herb Bresky; 5th place - Emily E. Weinstein; 6th place - Holly C. Wright; 7th place -Pat Phelps.

Do you feeeel like we do?

Get your TalkBox ready kids, 'cause we're not making this up. This note arrived via email this week:

"The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and the Chapel Hill Mayor's Office have initiated a special six-week pilot program called "Franklin Street Comes Alive!," in order to encourage more people to come downtown and support local businesses while enjoying a welcoming and musical environment along the way."

The partnership is hiring locals to play live music or perform entertainment at three spots along the sidewalk on Franklin Street on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. Performers get \$50 plus tips and will be working three locations — in front of the Bank of America on East Franklin and at The Bicycle Chain and UNC's "440" building on West Franklin.

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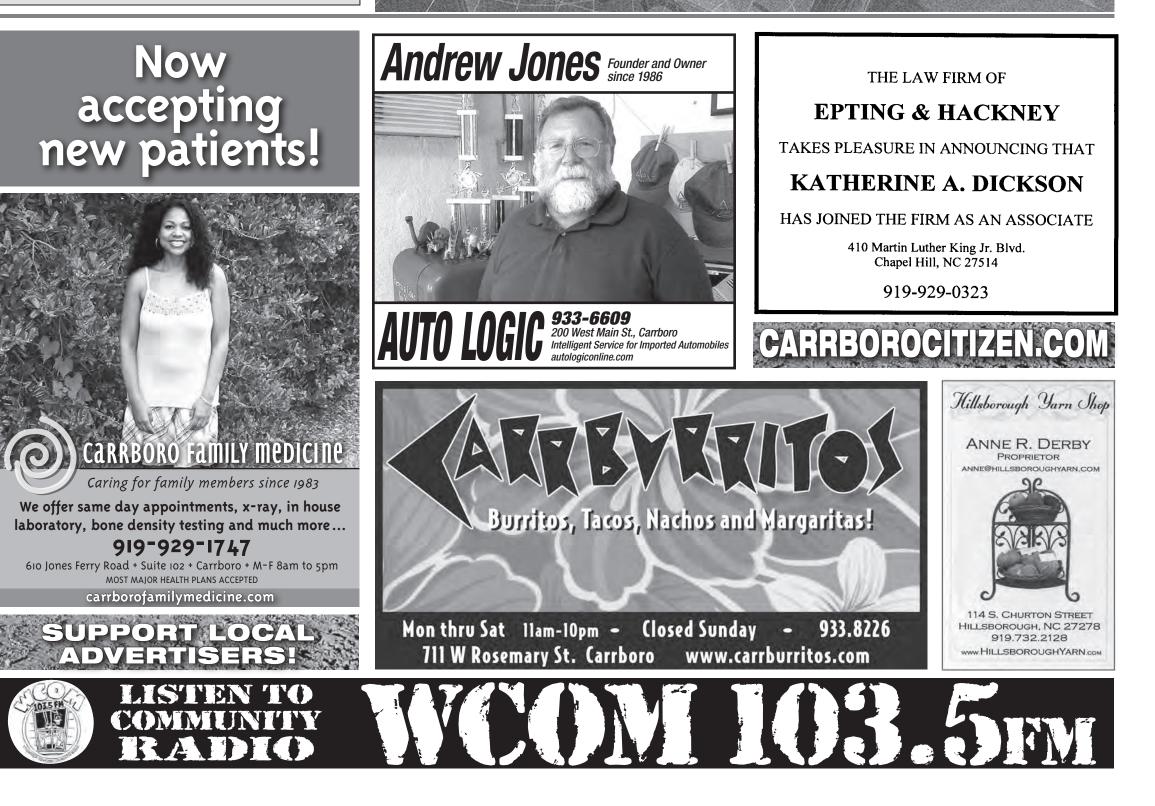
Contact Bobby Funk at the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership at 967-9440 or visit franklinstreetcomesalive.com to apply.

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Vote for the Farmers' Market

The Carrboro Farmers' Market is currently ranked number two in the country in the Love Your Farmers Market contest sponsored by Local Harvest. If they win, they receive \$5,000.

The contest is meant to raise awareness of local foods, family farms and community farmers' markets and to reward America's favorite farmers' market.

To vote, go to the Carrboro Farmers' Market website at carrborofarmersmarket.com and fill out the voting form on the homepage.

Seeking volunteer basketball coaches

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is accepting volunteer coach's applications for its 2009-10 Youth Basketball Program.

Coaches must demonstrate the ability to organize practices and communicate effectively with players, parents and rec department staff. They must also show the ability to teach proper playing skills, fundamentals and sportsmanship and provide an enjoyable atmosphere at practices and games.

Deadline for applications is Friday, Aug. 14. To receive a volunteer coach's application or additional information, contact the recreation department at 918-7364.

Pancake breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast at the Eno River Farmers' Market at East Margaret Lane in Hillsborough on Aug. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring your family and enjoy pancakes made from local free-range eggs, organic milk and pesticidefree blueberries. There also will be produce available from the vendors. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Percolators. For more information, visit enoriverfarmersmarket.com.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, AUG. 6 Literary Open Mic Night

- McIntyre's at Fearrington Village presents a Literary Open Mic Night. Poetry, short stories, chapter from a novel, all are welcome. Call 542-3030 for details or to sign up. 7-9pm

Carolina Brewery Anniversary

- Carolina Brewery & Grill in Pittsboro will celebrate its second anniversary with a family-friendly event. Free brewery tours, live music by Greg Humphreys (Hobex, Dillon Fence) and more from 5-8pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Pet Food Drive — Carrboro Plaza Vet will host the grand finale of its second annual Pet Food Drive. Pet food may be donated any time during business hours and will be delivered to a local shelter. 12-1pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 Prompt Writing Workshop

– Join Nancy Peacock, author of **A** Broom of One's Own for a free writing class. No registration needed, just bring paper and pen. 10:00am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel Hill Library Conference Room. For more info, visit www.nancypeacockbooks.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 **Nuclear Weapons Discussion**

— Programs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days include excerpts from

YELLOW TOMATO GAZPACHO from Sheri Castle (makes 2 quarts)

2 1/2 pounds yellow tomatoes 2 yellow or orange bell peppers I jalapeño pepper 3 Persian cucumbers or I English cucumber I medium red onion

I 1/2 cups of crusty bread cut into 1-inch pieces 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar (preferably reserve quality), divided 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil (preferably Spanish oil), divided 2 garlic cloves 3 teaspoon kosher or sea salt I teaspoon ground black pepper I/2 teaspoon sweet Spanish paprika I teaspoon ground cumin I teaspoon sugar

I. Core the tomatoes and cut them into large chunks, collecting the juices, and place them in a large bowl. Core the bell peppers. Finely dice I of the peppers and set it aside in a medium bowl. Coarsely chop the other pepper. Add it to the tomatoes. Trim the stem end from the jalapeño. To reduce the heat, cut it in half lengthwise and trim away the seeds and inner membranes; otherwise, leave them in. Coarsely chop the jalapeño and add it to the tomatoes. Peel the cucumbers. Finely dice I cup of cucumber and add it to the diced bell pepper. Coarsely chop the remaining cucumbers and add them to the tomatoes. Finely dice 1/2 cup of onion and add it to the finely diced pepper and cucumber. Coarsely chop the rest of the onion and add it to the tomatoes. Place the bread in a small bowl and cover with cold water. Let it sit for I minute, then drain off the water, squeeze the bread dry and add it to the tomatoes. Transfer half of the tomato mixture into a blender. Add I tablespoon of the vinegar, 2 tablespoons of the oil, garlic, salt, pepper, paprika, cumin and sugar. Blend on the lowest speed to finely chop the vegetables. Increase the speed to high and blend until very smooth, at least 1 minute. Pour the purée into a fine-mesh sieve set over a large bowl. Repeat with the remaining tomato mixture, I tablespoon of vinegar and 2 tablespoons of oil. Use a rubber spatula to push the purée into the bowl, extracting as much liquid as possible. Discard the solids. If the vegetables were sufficiently puréed, there should be little more than seeds and little bits of tomato skin. Taste the gazpacho to check the seasoning. Stir in the finely diced vegetables. Cover and refrigerate until well



Hiroshima Peace Cultural Center's

followed by a talk by UNC epidemi-

ologist Steve Wing. 2-4pm, Chapel

Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive

(off Estes Drive). Sponsored by the

Orange County Peace Coalition. For

more info, call 419-1261 or 851-5596.

Contra Dance—Contra dance

Dancers with live music by Steam

Shovel. Please bring clean soft-soled

shoes, no partner needed. Carrboro

presented by Triangle Country

Century Center. Intro lesson at

7:30pm, dance 8-11pm.

Friday, August 14

DVDs of survivors' testimonies

Ongoing

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

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

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

Kids

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

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

Express Yourself! — Art

program for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am,

RECENTLY FROM PAGE I

"I felt like I was dying," she said as she shared her darkest moments, during which she ruminated on her parents. "My parents put a lot of education into me and told me I could do whatever I wanted to do."

When she became an orphan and political refugee, she remembered their words and used her education to open the school in Chapel Hill, which grew from a home daycare started 25 years ago in one home in the Greenwood neighborhood to the hiring of other foreign-born women as teachers working from two adjacent houses, imparting their languages and other knowledge to children who ranged from a month old to almost 6 years.

Sean and Devon Allen were presumably attending their last graduation at Mundo Pequeno, as their second daughter, Caroline, was graduating into kindergarten. Sean sat down with a bouquet of flowers to give his youngest child.

11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Garden Story Time — Children ages 3-5 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

Volunteers

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program

 Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/ RSVPindex.asp

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

Orange County Literacy

adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151

Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

here from Texas five years ago, Caroline was 11 months and her sister Maddie was 3.

We chose this school because it was multilingual, had a five-star rating and met our other criteria," Devon said.

While waiting for the show to begin, some of the many chickens and a rooster in a pen behind the stage put on a little performance of their own, creating a good deal of racket. Devon smiled and said, "Where else can you have a rooster, a goat, multi-languages and organic food for your children?" Not to mention rabbits, ducks and yoga.

Maybe it was nerves, but from over 300 photos taken during the program it was apparent that the younger the child, the fewer the smiles, with some never caught smiling.

Still, each of the children stayed on the stage for 45 minutes without crying in front of adults. When the graduates received their diplomas, each produced award-winning smiles, having demonstrated that they've learned far more than how

FARMERS' MARKET

Thursdays at Southern Village 3:30-6:30pm

New Item this week:

grapes, apples, peaches, plums, eggplant,

shiitake mushrooms, melons, corn, heirloom and various varieties of tomatoes, basil, beans, tomatillos, okra, peaches, blueberries, carrots, snow peas, parsley, bell peppers, zucchini, fava beans, cucumbers, summer squash, new potatoes, kohlrabi, lettuce, chard, onions, flour, onions, garlic, beets, cabbage, radishes, collards, fresh herbs, kale, mustard greens, salad greens, sweet potatoes, turnips, squashes, pecans, herb and vegetable starters,

flowers such as zinnias, sunflowers, lilies, gladiolas, snap dragons, status, meats like goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna

Saturdays 7am-Noon • Wednesdays 3:30-6:30pm

Check out what's at the Market!

BUTTERNUT SQUASH, concord

hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, eggs, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes.

chilled, at least 2 hours and up to overnight. Whisk the gazpacho and taste it again to check the seasoning just before serving.

"I can't believe she's growing up," he said with a slight crack in his voice. When they moved to turn their lips upward.

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com

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For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two 0's, Y for the two W's, etc Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.
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Citizen**Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: * * *

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging *** HOO BOY! © 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.

PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER – Meet Junior! A 12-yr-old orange tabby, Junior is just FULL of PERSONALITY. Junior loves people food and will try to steal it from you if you let him. He is very loving and laid back and has a great purring motor. Junior's the adventurous type and that is



probably why he ended up as a stray at 10 or so years old. We joke that Junior may have been a jazz musician in his former life. He also is a friend of canines, and is not afraid to rub up against and be social with dogs. He also loves to explore the great outdoors and so a home that has a safe place for him both indoors and outdoors would be divine. Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet Marco!

This bright-eyed black-and-white persian is around 4 years old and looking for a new place to call home! He came in as a stray, so we don't know much about his history, but if you like persians, you will love him! He's so soft you'll want to pet him for hours — and he will let you too!! He loves people and should make an easy adjustment into a lucky family's home and life. Visit him today at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see him online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp







Tack on the TRAIL comes easy.

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ELECTION FROM PAGE I

Czajkowski, a former investment banker who has managed financial services for local biotech and energy companies, has stressed "fiscal sustainability" while on the council and finds the need to rein in spending even more acute. He plans a vigorous campaign, and while he expects to campaign through traditional means, he's been studying alternative ways to get his message out.

"We're going to look for every other way possible to communicate directly with voters," he said.

Kevin Wolff

The past two mayors of Chapel Hill were elected after losing in their first try. Of the four candidates, Kevin Wolff is the only one to have made a previous attempt; in fact, two of them. Wolff lost to Foy in 2007 and 2005, gaining 29 percent and 21 percent of the votes cast, respectively.

This time out Wolff, 50, said he is running because he is concerned that "a moderate voice is not adequately heard on the current board."

"I want to be that voice for the people of Chapel Hill," he wrote in an email response to The Citizen.

He was not specific in how he plans to get his message out to voters, saying he hopes to run a "citizens-based campaign."

Mark Kleinschmidt

With his second four-year term on the council coming to a close, Mark Kleinschmidt said he believes he has the experience the town needs in a mayor as it faces the challenges ahead.

"I've worked on eight budgets and have knowledge about the way the town operates," he said. "I've also worked hard at including citizens in the process."

"Seeing the challenges ahead convinced me I need to put my hat in the ring," he said.

Kleinschmidt, a lawyer who is executive director of the Fair Trial Initiative, said he is excited about the opportunity to participate in the town's Voter Owned Elections process, which provides public funding for mayoral candidates who opt in to spending rules and receive at least 150 contributions that add up to \$1,500. Of the four mayoral candidates, he is the only one to apply for the funding, although the others can still opt if they qualify.

Kleinschmidt said he is worried about the influence of money on municipal races. He hopes that once he has qualified for the funding he won't have to spend his time raising money to run.

OBITUARIES

Johnnie Melvin Ellis Jr.

Johnnie Melvin Ellis Jr., age 50, of Carrboro, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at his residence.

He was a graduate of East Carolina University and was currently employed by the UNC Healthcare System. Johnnie was a kind and gentle person who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Johnnie is survived by his wife, Ellen Thomas Ellis, of the home; his mother, Patricia Dean Ellis, of Ocean Isle, N.C.; brother, Scott Ellis, and wife, Ruth Ann of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; sister, Wendy Oleson, and husband, Alan, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; niece, Sydney Oleson; nephew, Ty Bellamy and wife, Harmony; great-nephew, Ethan Bellamy; maternal grandmother, Pearl Duncan Dean, of Raleigh; and many extended relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Melvin Ellis Sr.

Joseph Ferriola

Joseph Ferriola (Joe "Stretch") of Durham, NC died July 21, 2009 at Duke Medical Center after an unexpected and brief illness. He was 86 years old.

Joe was born in Passaic, N.J. in 1922 to Salvatrice (Kate) and Nicolo Ferriolo of Italy, and was the youngest of seven children. Joe changed his name from Ferriolo to Ferriola as a young man because he "thought it sounded better."

He trained as a printer and apprenticed in the U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington, DC from 1942-43 before serving in the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion from 1943-45. In 1950, he married Laurelie Helmick of Queens, N.Y. They lived on Long Island and in upstate New York before moving to North Carolina in 1994.

He made many cherished friends in both the Five Oaks community of Durham, N.C., where he lived since 2003, and at Treyburn Country Club, where he worked for fourteen years before retiring in May 2009.

He is survived by daughters Jeralie Andrews of Bennett, N.C. and Patrice Ferriola of Chapel Hill, N.C., and grandchildren Jene Kapela, Kailyn Andrews and Zach, Kate and Emma Ferriola-Bruckenstein. He will be missed by his son-in-laws David Bruckenstein and Robert An-

drews. He is predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Laurelie, and siblings Vincent, Frankie, Tony, Fran, Vee and Chris.

Joe was devoted to his family and cherished his friendships, some extending back for more than 60 years. With a love for life and fun, Joe never missed an opportunity to tell a joke, sing a song or take to the dance floor. Joe will be remembered by all as a kind and gentle man. A celebration of his life will take place on August 15, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Five Oaks Clubhouse (off of Pinecone Drive) in Durham, N.C. Call 919-929-5802 for more information.

Bennie Bryant Hewett

Bennie Bryant Hewett, 69, of Chapel Hill, passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 following a freak accident at his home.

Mr. Hewett worked hard all of his life. He farmed as a young man and then later went to work for his brother in ceramic tile. In 1986, when his brother retired, he became owner of Hewett's Ceramic Tile. Mr. Hewett was forced to retire in April of 2007 due to full knee replacement surgery.

Mr. Hewett was well known in his community as a helpful and hardworking neighbor. He was al-ways willing to lend a hand, give friendly advice, maintain the road, mow the grass, cut and remove trees or take firewood to neighbors in need. He helped so many people in many different ways. He was a giver not a taker, and never expected anything in return. He was one of the best tile setters ever.

He was a loyal husband, daddy, grandpa, brother and friend to all. He never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.J.B. and Scottie Carlisle Hewett of Ash, N.C., five sisters and four brothers.

Bennie is survived by his wife, Shelby O'Neal Hewett, of the home; daughter, Sondra Ray Edmunds, and husband, Charles, of Chapel Hill; sisters, Velma Maggard of Supply and Loretta Fowler and husband, R.D., of Shallotte; grandsons, Stephen Hans Brinitzer and wife, Krystalin, of Bremerton, Wash., Julian Lenn and Collin Bryant Ray, both of Chapel Hill; great grandsons, Anthony Hans Brinitzer of Goldston and Landon Makai Brinitzer of Bremerton, Wash., and many nieces and nephews.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CARRBORO?

We know many of you consider yourselves pretty knowledgeable about Carrboro, so we assembled some tough questions for you to tackle. Pass this quiz and you might just win a Carrboro Citizen mug and T-shirt and tickets for two to an upcoming show at The ArtsCenter (see details below). Please note that not all of these answers can be found on the Internet. (Editor's Note: Thanks to readers who pointed out a couple of typos in the quiz. We've extended the deadline and fixed the questions. Entries sent in last week will still be elligible for the drawing.)

1. What alderman said that merging Chapel Hill and Carrboro would be all right "as long as we call it Carrboro"? a. John Smith b. Jackie Gist c. Frances Shetley d. Hilliard Caldwell 2. Whose portraits are on display in the office of Fitch Lumber Company? a. Ed Fitch and Jack Huggins b. Bernice, A.B. and Miles Fitch c. Thelma and John Fitch d. Bernice, R.B. and Mac Fitch

3. Who was Uncle Tony Strayhorn married to? a. Aunt Jane b. Miss Sallie c. Aunt Nellie d. Junie May 4. What is Cliff's last name? a. Collins b. Kupcheck c. Hinton d. Roberson

a. Main Street b. Lloyd Street c. Pine Street d. Bim Street a. mechanical bull b. train engine c. music club d. hosiery mill a. Building Number 9 b. Building Number 7 c. Building Number 5 d. Building Number 2 Carr's real rank?

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12. In 1985, the future editor of this newspaper bought a Schwinn bicycle at what East Main Street hardware and toy store? a. Western Auto b. Roses c. Fitch d. Pope & Sons 13. In the song "Freight Train," what does Elizabeth Cotten implore the listener to not do? a. let her grave be overgrown with weeds b. let anyone know what train she has taken c. be forgotten d. repeat the name of her secret

14. Name the most wellknown resident of Hogan farm. a. Billy Sunday

- b. Cat Baby c. Edgar "Flash" Hogan
- d. Rameses
- Bonus Question: What kind of a doctor was John Mason?

Send your answers to The Carrboro Citizen, Box 248 Carrboro, NC, 27510 or email them to editor@carrborocitizen. com Entries must be received by



"Constant skepticism, is the hallmark of a democratic society. That's my motto."

POLLITT FROM PAGE I

Of a lifelong radical winning the Long Leaf Pine award, Pollitt said, "I think it means we've come a very long distance. Though I'm not sure the governor knows who I am." Nonetheless, said Kinnaird, "He was ab-

solutely delighted. He said it probably meant more than any award he's ever received."

Pollitt remains an active resister, including opposition to the death penalty, and still keeps steady hours in his law school office. "Constant skepticism," he said, "is the hallmark of a democratic society. That's my motto."

In an interview some 10 years ago, Pollitt re-

7. On what street is the Carrboro Civic Club located? 8. What was the Alberta? 9. Carr Mill Mall is in what Mill building number? 5. Who was Grady Sturdivant? a. longtime Carrboro fire chief 10. What was General Julian b. owner of Sturdivant's Tire c. Weaver Street founder a. Vice President b. Captain 6. What did UNC President c. Private d. Major 11. The name of the hardware store at S. Greensboro and Roberson streets was: a. Andrews-Riggsbee b. Riggsbee-Hoffer c. Andrews-Huggins d. Yarnel-Hoffman

Wolff, a patent lawyer, singled out Czajkowski, saying that although he supported his run for council, Czajkowski would be a "lame duck" mayor from the outset "with the first act of a contemptuous council being the filling of Matt's council seat with one of their own, perhaps Mark Kleinschmidt or Cam Hill," he wrote. "From then on, he will be unlikely to ever have any council member give him a second on any meaningful motion."

Wolff said if he were to win the mayor's race, he would have at least one other "moderate voice" in Czajkowski on the council to work with.

"I can put aside fundraising and spend with people," he said.

He plans to campaign "in the typical way - wearing out the shoe leather" and by setting up meet-ups and visits around town to get together with voters in small groups and one-onone.

"People have a clear choice," he said of the field of candidates. "I know if I work hard I will win this race."

a. History b. Zoology c. English Literature d. Chemistry

d. The Friendly Barber

chosen by drawing from the top scorers and announced - along with the answers - in the Aug. 13 issue of The Citizen

vealed another of his credos. In the course of relating advice he'd once given to his daughter, Phoebe, who'd been arrested for an act of civil disobedience, he said that he wrote to her: "You know I carry in my wallet, for easy observation, a card with the words 'Illegitimis non carborundum': Don't let the bastards [grind] you down."

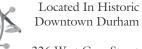


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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Misplaced priorities

Look, a lot of us love Carolina, really and truly. And we know that among those who hold it near and dear are folks in positions of power and influence.

I have witnessed ordinarily composed gentlemen in high office get choked up with eyes all teary at the thought that one child deserving of a chance to attend UNC might be deprived of that life-changing opportunity.

And though for many, success on the field of play has reinforced that love, its roots are deeper even than Roy's bench after a couple of solid years of recruiting — you know, light on the hill, lux libertas and so on.

So with all that, I'm wondering why so many of these powerful Carolina patriots can't see what's wrong with wielding their clout to maintain a special provision that amounts to a \$12 million per year gift to athletic booster clubs at state institutions.

Carolina, N.C. State and ECU see the biggest chunk of this money, which they mainly use to cover the costs of out-of-state tuition for scholarship athletes. Without the supplement, that tab would likely have to be picked up by various well-to-do Rams, Wolves and Pirates.

Plenty of elected officials, many of whom are equally fervent in their love of their schools, can see that this is one multimillion dollar break the state can do without. But the Carolina fans in the General Assembly, mainly in the Senate, have thwarted attempts to do away with the supplement.

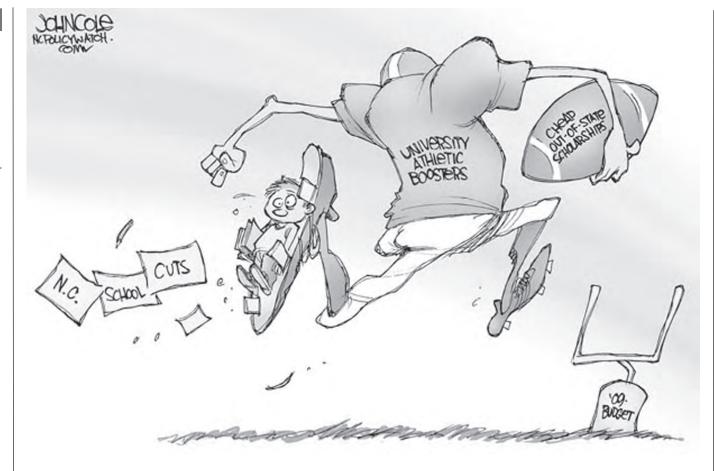
Since it was written into a budget bill in 2005, several attempts to introduce legislation to repeal the provision have fallen short. This year, it looked like a huge budget shortfall would finally break the impasse, as tax increases and major program cuts in critical areas hit the table. But again, despite major cuts elsewhere, the idea never made it to the budget negotiators' table.

It doesn't take long to glance through the final state budget to get an idea of what \$12 million gets you. The elimination of all 200 of the state-funded literacy coaches came in right around that mark. The "savings" from cutting 350 positions at the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services came in slightly higher at \$12.8 million annually.

I'm not sure what the rest of you learned up at the university; but to me, making either of those cuts while maintaining a break for booster clubs doesn't seem very Carolina.

ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

The Carrboro Citizen welcomes letters of endorsement for candidates in the 2009 municipal and school ard electi



There's no such thing as fifth place

DAMON SEILS AND BRAD HAMMILL

The resignation of Bill Strom from the Chapel Hill Town Council has touched off a discussion about the appropriate process for filling the vacancy. In the upcoming municipal elections, eight candidates are vying for four council seats. The town charter requires the additional fifth seat vacated by Strom to be filled by appointment. The charter offers little guidance on the appointment, stating only that the town council must accept applications for the position. It gives no instructions and no deadline for choosing among the applicants.

Perhaps the most seductive proposal is to appoint the so-called fifth-place

finisher in the upcoming election. This option seems to offer a simple way for the council to make the appointment while respecting the will of the voters. At least two current council members have publicly supported this approach.

But this seemingly simple approach is the wrong one. There is no such thing as fifth place in a pick-four election.

Imagine a town council election in which candidates A, B and C are running for a single seat. Candidate A receives 4,000 votes, Candidate B receives 3,000 votes and Candidate C receives 6,000 votes. Candidate C wins the election. Now imagine that a second seat became available during the campaign season because of a resignation and must be filled by appointment. Some people might argue that Candidate A should be appointed because she came in "second place." However, in a pick-one election, receiving the second highest number of votes is not the same as "second place." Why? Because we don't know how the 6,000 people who voted for Candidate C and the 3,000 people who voted for Candidate B would have voted in an election for two open seats.

What if we had known voters' rankordered preferences for all the candidates on our imaginary ballot? It is possible the preferences would have looked like this: 4,000 votes for candidates A then B then C; 3,000 votes for B then C then A; and 6,000 votes for C then B then A. In this example, Candidate B is the most preferred, C is the second most preferred and A is the least preferred. It would make sense to appoint candidate B to the vacant second seat, because candidates B and C would have won a pick-two election.

Our elections do not allow voters to indicate their rank-ordered preferences for all the candidates on the ballot.

> This scenario could easily happen in an election in which two candidates (such as B and C) hold similar views and split the ballots of like-minded voters. In a pick-one election, voters would choose either candidate; in a pick-two election,

A similar situation arose in Carrboro several years ago. Two sitting aldermen faced each other in the 2005 mayoral race. Whoever won would leave a vacant seat on the Board of Aldermen. In the same election, six candidates ran for three other seats on the board. When the time came to appoint someone to the new mayor's unexpired term as alderman, some people argued that the candidate who received the fourth highest number of votes in the pick-three alderman race was entitled to the seat.

Given the dynamics of that pick-three race and the positions of the candidates, it is not at all clear that the candidate

with the fourth highest number of votes was the fourth most preferred candidate in the eyes of the voters. As in our imaginary pick-one election, we had no information about the voters' preferences for every candidate on the ballot. The board ultimately

appointed another community member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council will have a variety of ideas about what criteria they should use in selecting an applicant for Strom's unexpired term. Some may insist on appointing the fifthhighest vote-getter. Others may attempt to identify an applicant they believe the broader community will prefer, or who will work well on the council, or who will share their own policy positions, and so on. In any case, it is worth remembering that the council members were elected to make these kinds of decisions on behalf of the community. Their best bet is to avoid the trap of looking for a fifth place that doesn't exist.

LETTERS

Water becoming unaffordable

The vicious cycle of annual OWASA residential rate increases many times the rate of inflation is rapidly making water unaffordable. These exorbitant increases are unwarranted, reflective of poor management decisions. OWASA has set-up a vicious cycle of rate increases leading to reduction of water usage, which leads to further rate increases, leading to further usage reduction, ad infinitum. This system is not sustainable.

In 2008, a rate increase of 17 percent was put in effect in response to reduced water usage due to restrictions and voluntary reductions because of drought. In the Aug. 2008, OWASA newsletter, a commitment was made to "continue to aggressively pursue efficiency and savings opportunities as we adapt to our changing environment." In 2009, a further 9.75 percent increase is being forced upon the public, not due to drought, but now supposedly due to economic conditions. Water rates have increased by 27 percent over the past two years and OWASA predicts a further 19.5 percent increase for 2010 and 2011. By 2011, water rates will have increased by almost 50 percent in four years during a period of low inflation and slow growth. I do not see this as adaptation to a changing environment but simply continuing OWASA "business as usual" and passing the bill on to the consumer. This is an unjustifiable rate of increase and cannot be attributed to temporary drought conditions, a poor economic environment or major capital expansion.

The decisions made by OWASA management on past capital expenditures and inaccurate system-utilization planning have placed the public in a very difficult situation. The residential customer is being asked to make up for poor planning and the unwillingness by management to make hard decisions during trying economic times. OWASA does not appear to be making meaningful attempts to adjust its costs to the realities of reduced capacity utilization. They have resisted necessary cut-backs in staffing and salaries, deferral or cancellation of non-vital capital expenditures and other means for cost reduction. As a monopoly, OWASA is in a position of forcing rate increases upon its customer base without risk of customer defections. As residential consumers, our only option is to attempt to further reduce our usage of water as rates spiral upward. Of course, reduction in usage is rewarded with even higher rates for a lower level of service. The public cannot sustain continued annual rate increases averaging in double digits. This burden falls most heavily on residents of modest means and those on fixed incomes. I urge OWASA customers to voice their concern over this unsustainable situation by contacting OWASA, the Chapel Hill and Carrboro town councils and the Orange County board of commissioners. It is in everyone's best interests to keep our community affordable.

We ask that you keep letters in support of individual candidates to 325 words and multiple candidates to 375 words.

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they would choose both.

Our elections do not allow voters to indicate their rank-ordered preferences for all the candidates on the ballot. In our imaginary election, we would have no way of knowing who were the first and second most preferred candidates. In other words, there is no second place in a pick-one election.

Likewise, in Chapel Hill's upcoming pick-four election, there will be no fifth place. We will have no information about who is the fifth most preferred candidate. We will simply end up with candidates who win first, second, third and fourth places — and everyone else.

Damon Seils lives in Carrboro. Brad Hammill lives near Chapel Hill.

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Carrboro greenways: Today and tomorrow

DAVE OTTO

Greenways serve many important functions in the community, including: linking neighborhoods, schools and parks; providing off-road transportation corridors; providing recreational opportunities; providing opportunities for environmental education; and encouraging healthy living.

Carrboro has been creating greenways for many years in bits and pieces. New developments are required to build greenway segments and, as undeveloped land vanishes, these segments are now forming a cohesive system. Plans for new greenways along Bolin and Morgan creeks are rapidly taking shape. In order to help

the community visualize the emerging greenway system and to appreciate the natural beauty, historic significance and recreational and educational value of the proposed greenways, I have created an exhibit that is on display at the Carrboro Town Hall. The exhibit includes about 120 photographs, many maps and related narratives. Several bikeways (Frances Lloyd Shetley, Libba Cotten and Roberson), which function much like greenways, also are included.

Although there are many types of greenways, a linear, off-road park through woodlands or along waterways is the most common type in

Carrboro. The town has established a growing network of greenways and trails. This network results, in part, from open-space dedication and trail development as new neighborhoods are built. For example, Lake Hogan Farms, Winmore and Claremont have paved greenways that will be connected when Carolina Commons is built in northern Carrboro.

bikeways to experience the beauty and joy of walking, jogging, biking and meeting kindred spirits who inhabit them.

> A variety of maps are included in the exhibit to help viewers locate existing bikeways and planned greenways. Maps include: Proposed Trail Facility Types (which serves as a rough Carrboro Greenways Master Plan), Bolin Creek Greenway Trail Alignment Alternatives (prepared by Greenways Inc.) and Morgan Creek Greenway; Opportunities and Constraints (prepared by Coulter, Jewell, Thames). GWI and CJT are designing the Bolin and Morgan Creek greenways, respectively. Other maps are included to indicate where Carrboro greenways will connect with similar

Maps are essential tools in locating these places, but you need to visit the greenways and bikeways to experience the beauty and joy of walking, jogging, biking and meeting kindred spirits who inhabit them. The exhibit is designed to take

amenities in Chapel Hill, Carolina

North and Orange County.

people on a visual tour of proposed greenways and existing bikeways. Pictures in the exhibit are arranged in sequence, proceeding upstream along Bolin Creek from Estes Drive to Lake Hogan Farms (west hallway) and Morgan Creek from Frank Porter Graham School to University Lake (east hallway). The exhibit is open Mon.-Fri.

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit also will be on the next 2ndFriday Artwalk, Aug. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. A special treat at this event will be the showing of a video prepared by Steve Campbell, which will take viewers on a walk along Bolin Creek from Estes Drive to Homestead Road. The video will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the reception. Please join us this month, especially on Aug. 14, for an enjoyable and informative journey along Carrboro greenways and bikeways!

Dave Otto is vice chair of the Carrboro Greenways Commission.

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Tryouts and practices got underway this week for all local high schools with football programs. But it's not just the guys in pads that are sacrificing days by the pool to get themselves in shape for the season: Cheerleaders are doing the same. Carrboro High School cheerleading coach Mackensie Malkemes makes sure the girls get in plenty of stretching and breaks, so as not to overdo it the first official week back.

PHOTOS BY AVA BARLOW

At top, Carrboro High School cheerleaders practice drills on Monday at Cheerleading Camp, held in the school cafeteria as other fall sports teams began their practices. From left are Stephanie Skalos, a senior, and Laura Castro and Krista McRae, both juniors.

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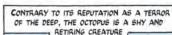
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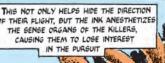
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Almanac



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Tall stems of Polymnia stretch out to invite a closer look surrounding the Bolin Creek Trail entrance sign.

FLORA FROM PAGE I

I've always been fascinated with the relatively large leaves of Polymnia; the coarsely toothed, three-to five-lobed leaves somewhat resemble, with a stretch of the imagination, a paw print of a bear, thus the common name bearsfoot.

You'll have to stretch the imagination even further for the other common name, leafcup. Where the petioles of those leaves are attached to the stem, opposite one another, there is a hint of a cup-like reservoir at the point of attachment. I will be happy to know of a more obvious explanation for this name.

am content to simply

call it Polymnia, the scientific name I learned years ago. That name supposedly honors Polyhymnia, the Greek muse of sacred song and oratory. The species epithet, *uvedalia*, honors Robert Uvedale, an English school teacher and botanist who grew this American native in his English garden more than 200 years ago.

As happens frequently when I check myself on botanical names, I discovered that Polymnia uvedalia is no longer botanically correct. It has been reclassified, Smallanthus uvedalius, for those of you who wish to be taxonomically current. I don't have to pass any more tests, so I will continue to call it *Polymnia*!

Whatever name you prefer, wherever you hap-

pen upon this tall, flowering perennial of the aster (composite) family, take "a closer look" at the various stages of buds, flowers and seed heads. Find one that has a complete circle of ray flowers surrounding the center of tube flowers, and with a keen eye you will discover that only those outer ray flowers are producing seed. The seed is not unlike the typical seed of sunflowers, and you should not be surprised to see goldfinches and other birds flying away from the seed heads as you approach.

And while you're examining the plant, what do you think of those leaves? Perhaps you can come up with a more descriptive common name.

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The giving tree

s I watched the magnificent 180-year-old American elm beside Old East being taken down last week, I couldn't help but think of Shel Silverstein's classic parable of selfless generosity, The Giving Tree. Like Silverstein's tree who gave her all for the boy she loved, my stately campus elm had shaded Tar Heels since it sprouted in 1829. But when she leafed out with just a puny showing of foliage this spring, I realized her time had come. The old elm had "aged out," a saddened UNC forest manager Tom Bythell told me. Beyond just old age, the elm had been weakened by a host of insect damage and diseases, which Bythell says he and his crews have been fighting for years. Bythell confirmed my worst fears: The old tree, with so many dead and dying limbs, had become a danger to pedestrians. So down she came — for this tree-hugger, a sad thing to witness. But there's a silver lining: Bythell says he plans to replace my elm with as big a blight-resistant Princeton elm as they can tote in there. And what did my Giving Tree give as her last gift? A world of mulch to nurture many new giving trees. To see The Giving Tree, narrated by author Shel Silverstein in 1973, go to youtube. com/watch?v=ITZCP6OqRIE



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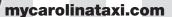


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Village Carolina Meadows/Café Tarantini

MEADOWMONT AREA

UNC Wellness Center Brixx Pizza **Cafe Carolina** The Cedars Young Simpson Underwood Friday Center Park & Ride

Market Square

FEARRINGTON AREA

Fearrington House Inn **Galloway Ridge**

Center Lowes Foods / outside box

HILLSBOROUGH

Orange County Senior Center Orange County Public Library

Daniel Boone Shopping Center

Durham Tech/student lounge

Cup a Joe / outside box

UNC Family Medicine

PITTSBORO

Pittsboro General Store

Suntrust Bank (outside)

Chatham Marketplace

Torrero's Restaurant

Pittsboro Public Library

Carolina Brewery Pittsboro Family Medicine

CHATHAM CROSSING

Chatham Crossing Medical

Weaver Street Market

Andy's Maple View Farms

Visitors Center

Sportsplex

Courtyard Marriott Amanté Pizza – Falconbridge SOUTHERN VILLAGE

La Vita Dolce Park & Ride bus stop

McIntyre's Books