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This trout lily was spied along Bolin Creek three weeks ago.

PHOTO BY DAVE OTTO

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Spring has sprung!

Spring has sprung, and André Michaux is coming to town!

Three weeks ago local woods walker and photographer Dave Otto shared his image of trout lily, *Erythronium umbilicatum*, flowering down along Bolin Creek. Now trout lilies are carpeting forest floors everywhere. This is unusually early. That same week Dave found blue-flowered *Hepatica americana*, another early spring ephemeral.

This past weekend windflowers and spring beauties were also seen carpeting forest floors, and the painted buckeyes were already showing their flower buds tucked down inside emerging finger-like compound leaves. Those slowly emerging buds seem to be aware that frosty nights are not over.

Unlike the exotic flowering winter annuals like henbits and speedwells, covering yards since January and continuing for quite a while, these harbinger-of-spring native ephemerals will have flowered, set fruit and, in the case of the trout lily, be out of sight, dormant, in a couple of weeks.

They are called spring ephemerals because they emerge in chilly late winter to flower, fruit, disperse seed and return to dormancy in a fleetingly brief period, taking advantage of sunlight before deep shade from the leafy canopy returns the second week of April. So make haste to get outdoors now if you want to see them.

So how does this relate to André Michaux? It just so happens that the renowned French botanist observed these same seasonal wonders more than 200 years ago, and our state is saturated with the heritage of his travels.

Sometimes accompanied by his son François André, Michaux made nine botanical explorations

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Council embraces Shortbread

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – In a unanimous decision, the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday approved Shortbread Lofts, a seven-story, 85-unit apartment building with ground-floor retail planned for 333 W. Rosemary St.

Council member Donna Bell was absent and council member Laurin Easthom recused herself from the vote because her husband's law firm is working with the developers on the project.

The 144,290-square-foot project is planned for 1.4 acres located across from Breadmen's Restaurant and includes a rooftop track, pavilion and community garden; 121 parking spaces; and 37 bicycle parking spaces. Developers said rental rates would average

\$724 a bedroom, including utilities. Managing partner Larry Short also developed Warehouse Apartments on West Rosemary, which opened in 1999.

A number of West Franklin Street property and business owners had expressed concern about the closure of the Dawson Place right-of-way that the development will require, as it merges the properties on either side. However, developers agreed to maintain access to the West Franklin properties at all times during construction, and the council approved the closure of the right-of-way.

A number of residents spoke in favor of the development, citing a need for dense student housing close to campus.

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A rendering of the approved Shortbread Lofts project depicting the view down West Rosemary Street toward Carrboro. RENDERING COURTESY OF MHAWORKS



Diali Cissikho plays the kora for the crowd at the Pauli Murray Human Relations Award Ceremony on Sunday. The annual event features the presentation of the Pauli Murray Awards, which are presented to an Orange County youth, adult and business that have served the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice and human rights for all residents. This year's awards went to Maggie West, Joseph DeVito and Chapel Hill Rehabilitation and Healthcare. For more photos of the event, including the winners, see page 2.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPEL

Charter school decision today

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

In anticipation of today's decision by the N.C. State Board of Education to approve or reject the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School, board members of the proposed school held two public information sessions over the past week about their plans.

"Wherever you are on the issue, we want what is best for our kids," said Angela Lee, the lead applicant for the school.

The state board of education's leadership and innovation committee met Wednesday, and after little discussion decided to recommend to the state board approval of the school's application.

While turnout at the first information session on Feb. 23, at Maple View Agricultural Educational Center, was low, the majority of those who attended were not parents of prospective students, but opponents of the school.

Since first submitting its application to the state, the charter school has been the subject of intense scrutiny and opposition, not just from the public but also from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education and the local chapter of the NAACP.

Both the NAACP and the school board have expressed concerns with the possibility of the charter school

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BOA talks Triangle Transit

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – Would Carrboro residents use Triangle Transit to commute to Durham and Raleigh? The Carrboro Board of Aldermen thinks so, and on Tuesday considered just where a Triangle Transit stop might be located in Carrboro.

Transportation planner Jeff Brubaker discussed the feasibility of a Triangle Transit stop on West Weaver Street, near the town's municipal parking lot.

Triangle Transit provides regional bus service as far east as Zebulon and as far west as Chapel Hill.

Triangle Transit had a stop at Carrboro Plaza in the 1990s, but service was discontinued, with the closest stop to Carrboro now at Carolina Coffee Shop on East Franklin Street in Chapel Hill.

Brubaker said that 16.3 percent of Carrboro residents who commute to work use public transit, compared with 10.3 in Chapel Hill, 1.7 percent in the Triangle and 1 percent statewide,

according to the American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau. Within a half-mile of the Weaver Street municipal lot are 712 residential addresses and more than 1,200 residents older than 18, and within 2 miles, 7,984 residential addresses and more than 12,000 residents over 18. In addition, Brubaker said that the municipal lot, which has a capacity of 33 cars, is only one-third full at peak usage and could potentially be

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Residents, BOCC confused by Eno plans

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

Plans to rezone the Eno Economic Development District left both area residents and the Orange County Board of Commissioners confused and concerned on Monday, prompt-

ing commissioners to defer a public hearing on the plans until May.

"I found it very confusing," Commissioner Barry Jacobs told Craig Benedict, the county's planning director. "If I can't understand the maps you distributed, then how is a resident supposed to?"

Benedict presented the commissioners with a plan at Monday night's quarterly public hearing that would modify land use classifications of 493.5 acres in the eastern part of Orange County located near the I-85/U.S. 70 interchange, known as the Eno Economic Development District

Residents from the area packed the meeting room and expressed their discontent with the proposed changes, voicing concerns over the area losing its rural character and possibly being annexed by the City of Durham.

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Heels travel a long, sometimes strange journey

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

"Sometimes the light's all shining on me
Other times I can barely see
Lately it occurs to me
What a long strange trip it's been." – "Truckin'," by the Grateful Dead

North Carolina's journey this season has been awkward at times and often rigorous, but now one game separates the Tar Heels from first place in the final Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season standings.

Sixth-ranked Carolina will play fourth-ranked Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday at 7 p.m. to determine how those standings will forever appear.



Eddy Landreth

To get to this point, the Tar Heels had to toughen their attitudes and their bodies and create a team bond to enable them to overcome whatever obstacle stands in the way.

Picked number one in the nation in the preseason, Carolina played more to its actual level of experience than its talent for the first two-and-a-

half months of the season.

Since then, there have been three critical moments in this team's jelling.

The first came in a humiliating 90-57 loss to Florida State in Tallahassee. Carolina had to be more concerned with trying to win the next game than the final regular-season standings when that game ended.

"If we were breathing we were better than we were down there," coach Roy Williams said. "We are more attentive to the details now. We are more focused. We're more attentive to the intensity level you have to have, mentally and physically."

The next critical moment came in an 83-74 come-from-behind victory

at Maryland. UNC survived a roaring, taunting crowd and a Terrapin team playing with all its heart.

"It shows that we can be tough enough in the end to make the plays and get the stops we need," senior forward Tyler Zeller said afterward. "There are a few things we want to fix down the stretch, but it's nice to fix that now instead of in the NCAA Tournament, when it's life or death."

Yet in the very next game, Carolina received its most important and painful lesson of the season. Duke came to Chapel Hill and surmounted a 10-point deficit at the Smith Center with 2 minutes and 38

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Betsy Armstrong, McDougle Middle School's media assistant, stands by one of her favorite photographs of the "In the Spirit" exhibit. The photo, taken by David Otto, features the McDougle marching band at the Christmas parade. She says the pictures with large groups of people speak to her, because they express the true spirit of Carrboro. PHOTO BY KAELYN MALKOSKI

Photography exhibit explores spirit of Carrboro

BY KAELYN MALKOSKI
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

It all stems from a simple question: What moves you?

To many, the answer is spiritual – a homily, a hymnal, a call to prayer. But is spiritual expression confined to religion?

To Nerys Levy, chair of the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library Art Committee, the answer is no.

"What deeply moves the local community?" the Carrboro resident asks. "The answer comes from people; what they do, poignant moments in their lives, what moves their spirits."

A Christmas parade, a Martin Luther King Jr. Day rally, a Habitat for Humanity project, the Occupy Carrboro movement can all stir one's spirit, says Levy, a native of North Wales. It's a beautiful balance of religious and secular activities, she continues.

Photographer Dave Otto agrees.

After Levy approached him last summer to pioneer an art exhibition on spiritual gatherings, the two knew they had to redefine the word "spiritual" if they were going to truly tap into the human emotion of Carrboro.

Otto, a 16-year Carrboro resident, was at a camera club meet-

ing recruiting volunteers to help with the exhibit when he had an epiphany.

"It was a divine sort of intervention, if you will," he says. "I thought, 'How about in the spirit?'"

His sudden realization redirected the project, lured photographer Sheldon Becker to join the exhibit and provided the title for the exhibit, "In the Spirit."

Otto, Becker, Levy and Carrboro Branch Library's art committee, which decides the theme of the art exhibitions at the library, started work on "In the Spirit" in June 2011.

Funded by the Orange County Arts Commission and the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library Art Committee, the show provides high impact at a low cost, Levy says, with all of the photos printed at Costco and Staples.

"We wanted to make a statement to the community about the power of people through images," says Levy. "You can document something and show it without masses of money."

The exhibit, which opened on Jan. 20, is displayed at the Carrboro Branch Library – which also serves as the McDougle Media Center – on Old Fayetteville Road.

Inside the library, intimate photographs reminiscent of *National Geographic* line the perimeter of the room. Most feature groups of people and organizations throughout the community, including the St. Joseph Foundation's Hayti Heritage Center and North Carolina Arts in Action workshops.

Otto's favorite picture, however, doesn't feature a single face. The picture, named "Eid Prayer Ending Ramadan," shows a group of bodies hunched over performing a Muslim prayer.

"It catches a group of people doing something together – that's community, that's spirit," says Otto.

Betsy Armstrong, McDougle Middle School's media assistant, says her favorite photographs are those featuring large groups of people. The library has displayed photo exhibits since the media center opened, but Armstrong says this is her favorite.

"We've always had local artists, but this is different because the subject matter is local," she adds.

Armstrong, who has worked for the shared library for 11 years, says the library hosts about six exhibits every year. Levy adds that "every child who has been through middle and elementary school has had a proper art exhibit to look at."

The exhibit, which has been successful, ends March 12.

But Levy, who works at FRANK on Franklin Street, says she hopes the artwork will also be showcased at local art galleries, religious organizations and college campuses, like UNC.

Carrboro Branch librarian Anne Pusey says the community-centered exhibit engages local children, who can visit the exhibit and pick out people they recognize from the photographs.

"It's hard not to recognize a familiar face or place," says Pusey. "Everyone shares the Carrboro spirit."

Levy says the next show will keep with the theme by exploring outer space, or what she calls the "spiritual space above us." The exhibition, set to start in April, includes paintings by McDougle students and a scheduled rocket launch on May 7.

"We want to showcase the universe that exists above Carrboro."

Kaelyn Malkoski is a UNC student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

PAULI MURRAY AWARDS

The Orange County Human Relations Commission hosted the Pauli Murray Human Relations Awards Ceremony on Sunday at the Central Orange Senior Center Ballroom in Hillsborough. This year's ceremony featured musical entertainment, poetic recitals by the Sacrificial Poets, the winners of the Human Rights Student Essay Contest reading their winning essays and recognition of the recipients of the Pauli Murray Human Relations Award.

PHOTOS BY ALICIA STEMPER



Maggie West, (left) received the Pauli Murray individual award for her work with support circles for homeless people transitioning to sustainable housing. Joseph DeVito (center) won the youth award for his countless hours of service through the Appalachian Service Project. Turner Prickett (right) accepted the award on behalf of Chapel Hill Rehabilitation and Healthcare, which was recognized for its transformation into a healthy, vibrant residence for seniors with a dynamic activities program.



Julia McKeown, a member of the Sacrificial Poets, offers her composition for the consideration of an appreciative audience.



Elizabeth Siegling, one of the middle school essay contest winners, reads to the audience as Orange County Commissioner Alice Gordon listens. Siegling attends Smith Middle School.

MOVIE LISTINGS

We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.

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Spring Break transit schedule

Chapel Hill Transit will operate on its Spring Break schedule March 3-10.

The CM, CW, D, J and NU routes will end earlier in the evenings during the week, and on Saturday and Sunday the U and NU routes will not run.

Safe Rides will operate Thursday, March 8 through Saturday, March 10 and EZ Rider services will end at 10:35 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All buses will resume regular service on March 11. For more information, visit chtransit.org or call 969-4900.

Chapel Hill accepting food truck apps

The Town of Chapel Hill begins accepting applications today (Thursday) for food trucks to operate on private property in the town's commercial districts.

Both the food truck vendor and the owner of the property where the food truck will operate must submit applications and the food truck vendor must have a business license to operate in Chapel Hill. Food truck vendors must pay an annual fee of \$718, while property owners must pay an annual fee of \$118.

To apply, visit the Permit Center on the third floor of Chapel Hill Town Hall at 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. or call 968-5066. For additional information, visit townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1682

OWASA water may taste of chlorine

For the month of March, OWASA will use chlorine to disinfect water instead of the chloramines normally used. Because of this temporary change, OWASA customers may notice a chlorine odor and taste to their water during March and early April.

While OWASA typically uses chloramines for disinfection because they improve the taste, odor and quality of drinking water, the state requires the authority to use chlorine for disinfection one month every year.

Northside/Pine Knolls development info

The Town of Chapel Hill will hold two public information meetings on Wednesday about new zoning regulations for the Northside and Pine Knolls Neighborhood Conservation Districts. The meetings will be held at the Hargraves Community Center from noon to 2 p.m. and at the Lincoln Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information about new regulations for the Northside Neighborhood Conservation District, visit townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=571

For more information about new regulations for the Pine Knolls Neighborhood Conservation District, visit townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=574

Carrboro named Tree City USA

Carrboro has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to urban forestry.

In order to become a Tree City USA community, Carrboro had to meet four standards, including having a tree board or department and a community forestry program that spends at least \$2 per capita annually.

This is the 27th time Carrboro has been named a Tree City USA community.

Chatham seeks input on transit plan

Chatham County is in the early stages of developing a 30-year plan that will outline needed improvements to transportation in the county and is requesting citizen input.

All Chatham County residents are encouraged to complete a transportation survey by March 15. To request a print survey, call Melissa Guilbeau at 545-8337 or email Melissa.guilbeau@chathamnc.org. To take the survey online or to receive more information, visit www.chathamnc.org/index.aspx?page=1294

CPAC rejects website recommendation

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Following the Chapel Hill Town Council's suggestion of use of an input website to collect information regarding events surrounding the Nov. 13 raid of the former Yates Motor Co. building, the Community Policing Advisory Committee on Monday informed the council that committee members had voted to reject the recommendation.

The committee considered the website at its Feb. 15 meeting and concluded that information collected through it could not be tested for credibility or accuracy, especially when provided anonymously.

"It was a helpful and con-

structive conversation, and at the end of our conversation it was the consensus of the members of our committee that the creation of an input website would not meaningfully assist our committee," Chair Ron Bogle said.

In February, the council opted not to pursue an independent investigation of the incidents and instead voted to have town staff collect information from those with first-hand knowledge of the events via an input website, to be referred to the CPAC for review. The CPAC had petitioned the council requesting the assistance of an independent investigator, with members saying that they felt they needed the assistance of an outside investigator to adequately review the incident, noting the extensive time involved

in interviewing involved parties.

Bogle said the committee had received "random-source" information from public comments at council meetings, police Chief Chris Blue's responses to committee questions, news reports and other direct contact with the community, and that committee members felt the website would simply provide another medium for random-source information and further delay the review process.

Concerns have been raised about the police's response to the occupation of the building, which began the night of Nov. 12 – led, reportedly, by attendees of the Carrboro Anarchist Bookfair – and resulted in a dramatic encounter with police the afternoon of Nov. 13, with eight

arrests.

Residents have questioned the police's failure to communicate with those inside the building prior to the raid, in which a police Special Emergency Response Team brandished long-range rifles and detained those on the sidewalk outside the entrance of the building, including two journalists, before rushing inside.

Bogle said committee members felt their role going forward would be to use the information they had to deal with issues of policy related to the incident and make recommendations accordingly.

The council referred the CPAC's petition regarding the website decision to staff and wished the committee luck in their review.

Primary filing deadline passes

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

With the filing deadline having passed at noon yesterday, four candidates will be vying for three seats on the Orange County Schools Board of Education.

Incumbents Steve Halkiotis and Tony McKnight have been joined in the nonpartisan race, to be decided on the May 8 North Carolina primary ballot, by challengers Tommy McNeill and Lawrence Sanders.

Jason Chambers was the only person to file in this final week for any office serving Orange County, entering the Republican primary for the N.C. House of Representatives District 50 seat, where he will square off with Rod Chaney, W. Lewis Hannah Jr. and Thomas Samuel Wright.

Orange County Commissioner Valerie Foushee and Travis Phelps will challenge each other in the District 50 Democratic primary.

The primary winners will then face off in November for the seat now held by Democrat Bill Faison, who is running for governor.

Redistricting plans call for District 50 to include portions of Orange and Durham counties.

For the District 56 seat, which includes Carrboro and Chapel Hill, Rep. Verla Insko will be unchallenged in the Democratic primary in her bid to win reelection. She will face Republican Karrie Mead in November. Mead is likewise unchallenged in her primary bid.

In state Senate District 23, which includes Orange County, Democrat Sen. Ellie Kinnaird will run, unopposed in the primary, for a ninth term. Republican Dave Carter will challenge her in November.

In Orange County Board of Commissioners races, incumbent Pam Hemminger will go up against Chapel Hill Town Council member Penny Rich and former Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Mark Dorosin in the Democratic primary

for two seats in District 1.

No one filed to run in the Republican primary for the seat.

Incumbent Steve Yuhasz and Renee Price are running in the Democratic primary for one District 2 seat. Chris Weaver will represent the Republicans for that seat, with no one having filed to challenge him in the primary.

Incumbent Democrat Bernadette Pelissier is unchallenged in her primary for an at-large seat. Republican Mary Carter is also unchallenged in her bid for the seat.

Chatham County

In the state House District 54 race, Republican Cathy Wright is unopposed in the primary, and will challenge either Chatham County Board of Education member Deb McManus or Jeff Starkweather, who will face off in the Democratic primary.

The District 54 seat, which under redistricting represents all of Chatham County and a portion of Lee County, is now held by Joe Hackney, who will not run for reelection.

Democrat incumbent Sally Kost will face Republican Sam Shriver in November for the District 1 seat on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Both are unopposed in their primaries.

Democrat incumbent Mike Cross will seek reelection to his District 2 seat, unchallenged in the primary. He will face Republican Bill Crawford, who filed this week, in November.

David Hamm filed for reelection, unopposed, to his District 2 seat in the nonpartisan Chatham County Board of Education race. Karen Howard filed the District 1 seat, and is also unchallenged.

Chatham County Register of Deeds Treva Seagroves, a Democrat, received no challengers in her bid for reelection.

CHARTER SCHOOL

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taking away minority students from the public school system and lowering diversity rates.

"Our minority numbers are not huge, and if this comes to fruition it could significantly decrease our numbers as far as minority students," Superintendent Tom Forcella said at a recent school board meeting.

The school board has also written letters to the state board disputing claims and data used in the charter school's application regarding overcrowding and progress made in closing the achievement gap.

Lee said that while she and the charter school board members are longtime members of the community who understand that the district schools are capable of producing excellent students, they believe parents should have a choice in educating their kids.

"We want to be able to provide a second option for parents who think their kids would succeed better in a charter school," Lee said.

School board Chair Mia Burroughs attended the Feb. 23 information session and asked Lee a number of questions, including who would be allowed to attend and where the school would be located.

Lee said the school would accept applications from any student but would focus on attracting children who were falling behind in the district school system.

"We will be targeting students who are underachieving,

but we will help all students, even those who come in doing quite well," Lee said. "We hope to capture students from all learning backgrounds."

If approved, the charter school would open in August 2012 for 480 students in grades K-5 and would eventually expand to K-8, serving more than 700 students.

As far as the location of the school, Lee declined to give an exact address.

Another contentious point is the charter school management company Lee has decided to partner with.

National Heritage Academies (NHA) is a for-profit charter management group based in Michigan that manages five charter schools in North Carolina.

Stephanie Perry, a board member for the Lee Scholars Charter School, said although NHA is a for-profit management company, the charter school itself is nonprofit and has a 501(c)(3) classification.

Representatives from NHA were present at the information meeting along with Michael Stack, principal at PreEminent Charter School in Raleigh, managed by NHA.

Stacks touted NHA's support of its schools, saying, "Never ... has there been any issue for me to get the supplies needed to support my kids."

NHA representatives said they would provide \$7 million for building costs along with \$500,000 annually until the school broke even.

"The reality is we are held accountable for the students success, and if we do not do what we said we would, then our charter gets taken away," Lee said.

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Community Briefs

Chapel Hill scientist honored



Chapel Hill resident Walter Rogan was named an honorary fellow by the American Academy of Pediatrics for his service with the organization's council on environmental health.

Rogan is head of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences group, which studies children's health. Rogan is widely recognized as one of the field's leading scientists with regard to the environment and human growth and development.

Rogan will officially be presented with the award at the May 21 AAP meeting in Washington, D.C.

Chatham launches foster care campaign

The Chatham County Department of Social Services is launching the Campaign for Chatham's Children to highlight the urgent need for foster families and work to build community support for foster families and children.

According to Jamie Bazemore with DSS placement services, 23 percent of foster care children in Chatham have been placed out of county or with private agencies because of the county's lack of foster families. The campaign will recruit foster families and raise community support related to becoming a foster parent, including asking community members to join the Chatham DSS Recruiter's Network or FACES of Chatham, a local nonprofit. Email jamie.bazemore@chathamnc.org for more information.

OWASA representative needed

The Orange County Board of Commissioners is seeking a volunteer to represent Orange County on the OWASA board of directors.

The board is made up of nine members. The Chapel Hill Town Council appoints five, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen appoints two and the Orange County Board of Commissioners appoints two.

The OWASA board adopts the authority's annual budgets through set rates, fees and charges based on cost-of-service principles. They also approve bond issues to fund capital projects.

To apply, visit co.orange.nc.us/boards.

2020 tavern talks tonight

Chapel Hill 2020 will host tavern talks geared toward the younger population today (Thursday) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Jack Sprat on East Franklin Street and WXYC Lounge at East 54.

The meetings are aimed at encouraging involvement in the planning process for Chapel Hill 2020, the community-wide effort to create a new comprehensive plan for the future of Chapel Hill. The tavern talks are informal meetings where people can provide input and discuss topics while learning more about the comprehensive plan.

Board of Equalization needs members

The Orange County Board of Commissioners seeks applicants for the Orange County Board of Equalization and Review, which hears appeals from residents protesting assessed property values.

The board is charged with ensuring all taxable property is appraised according to the standards required by state General Statutes. The board meets for three hours up to three days per week from April to June.

Members are paid for every meeting attended. Visit co.orange.nc.us/boards to apply.

Botanical explorers program

A program to celebrate the contributions of past botanical explorers will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the N.C. Botanical Garden's Reeves Auditorium.

"Bartram and Michaux - Stories of Botanists and Explorers" is an entertaining account of the history of botanical exploration in the Southeast. Scientists currently engaged in botanical research will headline the program.

Register by emailing laurende@email.unc.edu or by calling 962-

0522. Registration is \$10.

Animal services board needs members

The Orange County Board of Commissioners seeks a volunteer for the Orange County Animal Services Advisory Board, specifically an individual with professional experience as an animal handler, trainer or technician.

ASAB members provide input and advice to the staff of the Animal Services Department.

To apply for the position visit co.orange.nc.us/boards. For more information call Donna Baker at 245-2130 or Jeanette Jones at 245-2125.

Apply for Hillsborough tourism grants

The Hillsborough Tourism Board is requesting proposal applications from nonprofit agencies and civic groups to establish programs that promote and support tourism within Hillsborough.

Applications for grants are due on April 2 by 3 p.m. to Town Clerk Donna Armbrister at donna.armbrister@hillsboroughnc.org with the subject line "Tourism Grant Application." Two hard copies must also be submitted to the town clerk at Hillsborough Town Hall, 101 E. Orange St.

Home-improvement grants available

Chapel Hill WISE is a program designed to help homeowners save energy and money by making simple improvements and is offering grants to homeowners to improve energy consumption over the summer.

Chapel Hill residents in owner-occupied, single-family detached structures may qualify for grants up to \$1,500 to help pay for energy assessments and improvements that will lower utility bills. Improvements may include envelope air sealing, insulation improvements and duct sealing.

To learn more visit townofchapelhill.org/wise.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY MARCH 1

Food Trucks — The Town of Chapel Hill begins accepting applications for food trucks on private property in commercial districts. 968-5066

Bird Club — Monthly membership meeting of the New Hope Audubon Society, with speaker Rachel Grindstaff. N.C. Botanical Garden, 7pm Free

Film Showing — *The Loving Story* examines the drama, history and current state of interracial marriage and tolerance in the United States. Varsity Theatre, 7pm \$4

FRIDAY MARCH 2

Mental Health Conference — "Healing Toward Wholeness: Our Faith Communities & Mental Illness," for clergy, individuals and professionals. Keynote addresses will be provided by Rev. Dr. Craig Rennebohm and Dr. Michael Fuller. St Thomas More Church, \$20 faithconnection-sonmentalillness.org

Book Sale — Sponsored by The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library, University Mall near A Southern Season, 3-6pm Continues through March 4 968-2780

SATURDAY MARCH 3

Juan Flores — To present "The Top 20 Things You Need To Know About Social Security Disability." Orange County Main Library, 1pm Free 245-2537

Steamwatch — New Hope Creek Steamwatch monitoring led by John Kent. 9am jnkent25@gmail.com

SUNDAY MARCH 4

Film Showing — The Environmental Film Series presents *Dirt*, inspired by William Bryant Logan's book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*. Carrboro Century Center Activity Room,

4:30pm Free, donations accepted

Bolin Forest — Walk through Northern Bolin Forest led by Salli Benedict. Meet at entrance at the end of Tripp Farm Road, 1pm bolin-creek.org

Irish Dance — Carrboro Recreation & Parks presents the Inis Cairde School of Irish Dance. Carrboro Century Center, 2:30pm \$3 918-7364

MONDAY MARCH 5

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest Laura VanSant of Main Street Partners. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

TUESDAY MARCH 6

Parenting Class — "Six easier ways to give birth," the first of seven classes at UNC Family Medicine. 590 Manning Drive, 6-7:30pm Free lbiggs@unch.unc.edu

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7

Botanical Explorers — A celebration of the role of botanical explorers with "Bartram and Michaux - Stories of Botanists and Explorers." N.C. Botanical Gardens, 7pm \$10 962-0522

Flow Circus — Paul Miller, self-taught juggler, to perform as part of the Lollipop Series for Young Children. Carrboro Century Center, 10:30am \$3

THURSDAY MARCH 8

Third Sector Alliance meeting — Chapel Hill 2020 seeks input from the nonprofit sector. The Third Sector Alliance is a coalition of nonprofit agencies that receive funding from Chapel Hill, Carrboro or Orange County and serves as a collective voice for the nonprofit community. El Centro Hispano, Carrboro Plaza, 10-11:30am

FRIDAY MARCH 9

Art Reception — For FRANK Galery's 2nd Annual Member Spotlight. FRANK, 109 E. Franklin St. 6-9pm

Art Reception — Duncan Hoge's "American Landscapes" exhibit opening reception at Fleet Feet corporate offices. 406 E. Main Street, 6-9pm as part of the 2nd Friday Artwalk

SATURDAY MARCH 10

Parenting Workshop — Suzanne Robinson will facilitate a training session of "Bullying Awareness and Prevention," for parents of special needs children. Sponsored by the Family Advocacy Network. Freedom House Recovery Center, 102 New Stateside Drive, 9:30-11:30am Free

ONGOING

Cancer Support — Support groups at Comucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org 401-9333

Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. undineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

Free Tax Preparation — For low-to-moderate incomes, prepared by IRS-Trained and Certified volunteers. For appointments at The Seymour Center or Central Orange Senior Center in Hillsborough call 968-2086; appointments at the Women's Center in Chapel Hill call 968-4610; appointments at Pittsboro Senior Center call 542-4512

HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about stress tests and fingernails.

Dear HOUSE Calls, My cardiologist scheduled me for a nuclear stress test. What is the difference between this and a regular stress test?

There are two different components to a stress test: the stress and the heart evaluation of response to the stress. We prefer to use exercise for stress. This might be on a treadmill or a bicycle and is usually done according to a protocol or until development of symptoms, EKG changes, blood pressure changes or near-maximal exercise capacity. If a patient cannot exercise, we can use a medicine to increase the heart rate and workload of the heart. This might be an important option for someone with severe arthritis, deconditioning or underlying heart or lung disease. The evaluation part of the test requires gauging how the heart is responding to the stress. This

can be done with EKG monitoring, nuclear images or ultrasound images, which each have pluses and minuses. The nuclear images and the ultrasound are somewhat more accurate but a lot more expensive than EKG monitoring. In the end, none of these studies is perfect, and they are used to risk stratify a patient and determine if a cardiac catheterization is warranted. Your doctor will recommend which test is best for you based on your symptoms and your risk of coronary disease. During the nuclear test, the patient receives an injection of a nuclear tracer that will be attracted to heart muscle during exercise. Images are taken of the heart at rest, then the heart is stressed (either by exercise or medicine) and the images are taken again. Areas showing poor blood flow may be affected by coronary disease.

Dear HOUSE Calls, My nails are brittle and they tend to get white spots. Does this mean that

I am vitamin deficient? Is there something I can do to make my nails stronger?

That is tough to determine without touching and feeling your nails and skin. We would also like to know more about your general health. White spots are often a sign of minor trauma or hitting your nails. Both white spots and brittle nails can be caused by deficiency in trace minerals. There are a variety of other issues that may cause these nail changes, including genetic conditions, metabolic conditions, fungal nail infections and picking at your nails. Psoriasis can also cause similar symptoms. If this is new, see your doctor sooner rather than later. If it has been going on for a while, you can probably ask at your next yearly exam.

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

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School Briefs

TRU celebration

Youth from Orange County Tobacco, Reality, Unfiltered. (TRU) joined more than 300 youth tobacco-use prevention advocates in Raleigh last month to celebrate successes in reducing youth tobacco use over the past decade. Youth advocates met their legislators, heard from experts in the field of tobacco-use prevention and observed legislative sessions in the N.C. House and Senate.

Valentines for the elderly

This year, students at Frank Porter Graham Elementary had the opportunity to reach out to local elderly residents with handmade valentines. Six FPG classes partnered with local nonprofit A Helping Hand in the organization's annual effort to deliver more than 3,800 valentines to residents of rest homes, nursing homes and assisted-living facilities who might not otherwise receive cards. FPG students made more than 250 cards.

Pre-K Round-Up

The CHCCS Pre-K/Head Start Program will begin accepting applications for the 2012-13 school year during its mass registration event, Pre-K Round-Up, which will take place next week. Eligible children should be 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 31 and live in the CHCCS district. For more information, call 918-2153 or visit tinyurl.com/6qolaw5, where the application can be downloaded.

Positive intervention honorees

Twelve Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools were recently recognized by the Exceptional Children Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction at the annual Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Initiative Workshop and Recognition.

Morris Grove Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, McDougale Elementary, Mary Scroggs Elementary and Smith Middle received Exemplar Recognition. McDougale Middle, Carrboro Elementary and Ephesus Elementary received Model Recognition. Frank Porter Graham Elementary, Estes Hills Elementary, Rashkis Elementary and Seawell Elementary received Green Ribbon Recognition.

Summer camp opportunities

CHCCS offers summer camp programs for rising first- through sixth-graders from across the district at Estes Hills Elementary, Morris Grove Elementary and Mary Scroggs Elementary schools. Community Schools Summer Camp is a full-day camp with six one-week sessions. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/6tvoseo or call 967-8211, ext. 28266.

There is also a Summer Youth Enrichment Program that offers rising first- through 12th-graders a variety of half-day courses in areas including arts, creative writing, science, crafts, cooking, sports, music and technology. Visit tinyurl.com/89yvcbk for more information.

School on garden tour

The Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour will be

held April 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will visit eight diverse gardens, including the N.C. Botanical Garden and the Mary Scroggs Elementary School Student Garden in Southern Village.

Tickets go on sale March 15 and cost \$25 in advance at chapelhillgardentour.net or \$30 on tour days at all tour gardens. Students 16 and under get in free with a ticketed adult.

Phillips student awarded

Grace Morris, a student at Phillips Middle School, received a Certificate of Excellence in the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, placing her in the top 10 percent of all N.C. applicants. She also received a Presidential Volunteer Service Award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of time to serve their communities. She received another certificate and a letter from President Obama.

Phillips student wins essay contest

Phillips Middle School sixth-grader Quentin Sieredzki won first place in the Sallie Markham Michie Trust Essay Competition. He will receive a letter, a certificate of award and a check. Awards range in value by grade level, with a total of \$15,500 awarded. The contest solicited entries from 48 schools and presented 35 awards.

Middle school jazz honors

Two CHCCS middle school jazz bands were recognized for their participation in last Friday's Elon Jazz Festival. The Culbreth Jazz Band I received a Superior rating in the competition. McDougale Middle School's Jazz Band received an Excellent rating, and had three students receive Outstanding Soloist Certificates — Zac Wiess, Hayden Loeb and Rick Davis. The competition featured several high school and middle school jazz bands from across the state.

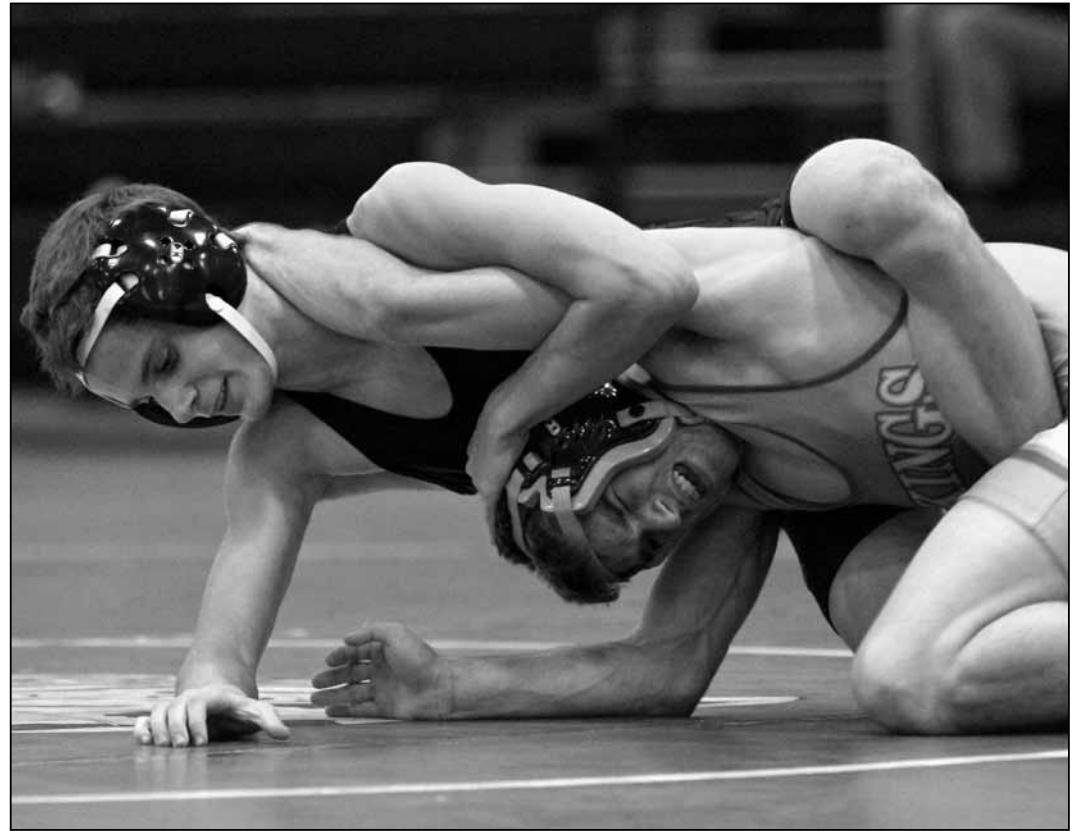
Mentor shares expertise

Graig Meyer, coordinator of the CHCCS Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate (BRMA) program, will help attendees at the 2012 School Improvement Innovation Summit design plans to overcome the persistent and widening achievement gap in schools.

The summit will be held July 16-17 in Salt Lake City, and will feature significant keynote addresses from educational experts and leaders from across the nation. This past year Meyer was honored with the University Diversity Award from UNC for his work on closing the achievement gap.

BRMA is a comprehensive support program for CHCCS students that provides mentoring, tutoring, leadership training and college scholarships. One hundred percent of program graduates move on to post-secondary education, entering the program in fourth grade and staying involved throughout high school. For information about becoming a mentor or mentee, visit blueribbonmentors.org.

FAUR PLACES FOURTH AT STATES



Carrboro High School wrestler George Faur placed fourth in the NCHSAA State 2A Wrestling Championship last week. Faur, who wrestles in the 113-pound weight class, is the first Carrboro High wrestler to place in the state tournament. Faur was All-Conference in the Carolina 12 conference and placed second in the regional finals.

PHOTOS BY TED SPAULDING

School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY 3/2

Elementary: Chicken Nuggets, Turkey Corn Dog, Garden Salad, California Vegetable Blend, Tater Tots, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Apples
Middle and High School: Baked Ziti, Garlic Bread, Herbed Broccoli & Cauliflower; Baked Turkey Corn Dog w/Baked Beans

MONDAY 3/5

Elementary: Crunchy Beef Tacos w/Lettuce & Tomato, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Caesar Salad, Black Bean & Corn Salsa, Turnip Greens, Fresh Apple, Raisins
Middle and High School: Pulled BBQ Pork, Texas Toast, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Turnip Greens,

Broccoli & Cheese Stuffed Baked Potato w/Beef Chili

TUESDAY 3/6

Elementary: Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll, Ham & Cheese Sub, Spinach Salad, Baked Sweet Potato, Seasoned Green Peas, Chilled Pears, Chilled Peaches
Middle and High School: Buffalo Chicken Poppers w/Tater Tots, Chicken Fajitas on a Tortilla w/ Grilled Peppers & Onions, Corn Cobettes

WEDNESDAY 3/7

Elementary: Meatloaf w/Wheat Roll, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa, Mashed Potatoes,

Green Bean Salad, Apple Crumble, Orange Smiles

Middle and High School: Bacon Cheeseburger w/Oven Fries, Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Mustard Dressing, Apple Crumble, Green Beans, Wheat Roll

THURSDAY 3/8

Elementary: Baked Ziti w/Garlic Bread, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots, Wild Greens Salad, Fruited Jell-o, Banana

Middle and High School: Toasted Ham & Cheese w/Homemade Tomato Soup, Chicken Teriyaki Stir Fry, Brown Rice, Steamed Cabbage

SUPER CROSSWORD WHO NEEDS IT?

ACROSS	1 Pay hike?	2 Billings or Motel	3 Neighbor of Miss	4 "Blade" ('96 film)	5 Leans	6 It's taken by nurses	7 Sharp taste	8 Skater	9 Midori	10 Wine choice	11 Nabokov novel	12 Kukla's colleague	13 Part 3 of remark	14 Fail to mention	15 Tedious	16 Sues or Shepard	17 Boathouse item	18 Objectives	19 Takes on remark	20 Partridges	21 Like many gyms	22 Cornfield cry	23 Calcium oxide	24 Non-stereo	25 Peaceful	26 Chemist	27 Remsen	28 Singer Joey	29 Part 4 of remark	30 Grenobles river	31 Weapon	32 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"	33 NCO	34 It may be major	35 Skat	36 Fatheads	37 — bloomer	38 "Yuck!"	39 Mehta and Muti	40 Iraqi city	41 Homeric work	42 Base stuff?	43 Bream of baseball	44 Actress	45 Graff	46 "Angel" ('60 smash)	47 "Pshaw!"	48 "Peer Gyn" composer	49 No-	50 Stand-	51 Like Mus-	52 sorsgry's mountain	53 Garfield's	54 Actor	55 Guitness	56 Tie the knot	57 Fluctuate	58 Telescope view	59 Responsi-	60 Wired	61 — Plaines, IL	62 Decree	63 Step — (hurry)	64 Nick of "The Deep"	65 Party animal?	66 Guy Fri.	67 author	68 stadium	69 Raoul of Geller	70 — Pauto, Brazil	71 Uncouth	72 Boca —, FL	73 Ward of	74 Morley of	75 Peite	76 pooch	77 Ballyache	78 Journalist	79 Ernie	80 Mime	81 Yarnell	82 Picnic crasher?	83 Devastation	84 Trick	85 Fashionable event	86 Like Mus-	87 sorsgry's mountain	88 Garfield's	89 Actor	90 Guitness	91 Tie the knot	92 Fluctuate	93 Telescope view	94 Responsi-	95 Wired	96 — Plaines, IL	97 Decree	98 Step — (hurry)	99 Nick of "The Deep"	100 Party animal?	101 Guy Fri.	102 author	103 stadium	104 Raoul of Geller	105 — Pauto, Brazil	106 Uncouth	107 Boca —, FL	108 Ward of	109 Morley of	110 Peite	111 pooch	112 Ballyache	113 Journalist	114 Ernie	115 Mime	116 Yarnell	117 Picnic crasher?	118 Devastation	119 Trick	120 Fashionable event	121 Like Mus-	122 sorsgry's mountain	123 Garfield's	124 Actor	125 Guitness	126 Tie the knot	127 Fluctuate	128 Telescope view	129 Responsi-	130 Wired
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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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

His or Ours?

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

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: ★ ★ ★

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Chapel Hill 2020 flawed

After attending a recent "Future Focus" workshop as part of the continuing Chapel Hill 2020 process, I find myself in the company of so many who are both disheartened and outraged by a progression of events completely and blatantly slanted toward accommodating certain developers and their big-box projects. Throughout this whole 2020 process, the pro-development agenda shamelessly marches along as if all the citizen-participants and stakeholders have agreed this is the best path for the town. At the same time, environmental and neighborhood concerns don't make it past the theme groups into the more significant reports beyond useless generalities that will have little impact on the new comprehensive plan itself. Citizens with environmental concerns get white boards full of broad environmental goals; the pro-development juggernaut gets five sites already earmarked as best for development. It's patently absurd how obvious a farce this process is. It's clearly designed to swiftly trash any environmental protections for the southern area found in the current comprehensive plan in order to expedite getting the bulldozers gassed up and out to Obey Creek as soon as possible. The "just ignore the environmental and neighborhood concerns as if they had never been voiced" strategy is working so well, they barely try to even hide it anymore. I'd laugh at what a joke this process is if not for the fact that it probably means the destruction of the environmentally sensitive area that is Obey Creek, as well as demolishing the quality of life in the small neighborhoods surrounding it. Considering this, the deliberate agenda being pushed in CH 2020 isn't funny, not by a long shot.

JOE BUONFIGLIO
Chapel Hill

Our pathway to tragedy

The United States is a country often shaped by Supreme Court cases that have been at once remarkable pieces of jurisprudence only to fall in the mud at the next session. The first of the "mud falls" came in 1857 when Judge Taney decided that blacks were less than human and, via the Dred Scott decision, assured the Civil War. Last fall, the heirs of Judge Taney gave us the Citizens United decision, 5-4, which heaped tons of money onto the American political scene and pulverized our once-sacred democratic values.

That black-cloaked majority is surprised that their decision has nearly destroyed our tenuous voting system. But they have, somehow, been able to withstand the current disgrace where bags of dollars have become the elective norm! The Republicans, for example, had by the end of 2011 slurped up a half-billion dollars for their political antics. The Supreme Court's money gift is now used to make nasty films about political opponents while supporting thousands of billboards that tell as many lies that even the Court majority may be ashamed, if only for a minute or two!

But what does this pile of political dollars look like to the unemployed worker and his family? The math is easy. If he could get a job at, say, \$60,000 a year, he could support a family of four. If you matched worker needs against the Republicans 2011 grab-bag of \$500 million, it would mean that 1,000 families – 4,000 men, women and children – could survive for the next five years! But it's only a dream.

Sheldon Adelson is tossing millions to help whoever he thinks might win. In fact Adelson met with the Koch boys recently in the high-priced isolation of Palm Springs to coordinate their limitless spending. But not surprisingly their first toast with imported wine went to five members of the Supreme Court. The unemployed worker and his family weren't invited.

Thus we move closer to a linkage between the Dred Scott decision, which brought on the Civil War, and the Citizens United decision, which has all but destroyed our democratic election system by handing it over to those who have the most money to fund their favored political candidates. In time this decision could induce another, more subtle war – one that may have already begun!

BILL SOMMERS
Pittsboro

Let's be honest with one another

JUDITH BLAU

The meals you enjoy at restaurants are no doubt made by Latinos. Your home was largely constructed by Latino workers. Most landscaping around town was done by Latino workers. We know the reason why we do not celebrate their contributions: They are caught in the jaws of a broken immigration system, for which many are to blame.

The federal government is to blame for not providing pathways to citizenship. Employers are to blame for recruiting and enticing workers from Mexico, Guatemala, Paraguay, Honduras and El Salvador. During boom times in America, the government – from the very top to the very local – just winked. To be frank, Americans themselves do not want to engage in the strenuous, hard work done by Latinos. ("Our grandparents did that; why should we?")

Few Americans, with the exception of many blacks and Native Americans, are as badly affected by the recent economic recession as undocumented Latinos are. According to a recent national survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, undocumented Latinos – compared with both resident Latinos and Latinos who are citizens – are the most dispirited. The Pew

surveyors did not ask why, but our experiences at the corner of Jones Ferry and Davie roads – where many day laborers gather to find work – over the last several years helps us to understand that it is joblessness and wage theft that are responsible. (Interestingly, it is this group in the Pew Survey for whom having access to jobs is ranked as most important.)

What is "wage theft?" It is when employers willingly do not pay workers, and the focus here is on day laborers. Our conservative estimate is that one in every seven day laborers experiences wage theft during any two-week period.

This must stop. It must stop because it is inconsistent with prevailing values in our community; it is exploitative; and, importantly, it is degrading to people who have skills and experience and are eager to work. In most cases they have family responsibilities.

Let's be honest with one another, and that includes being honest with the men who stand at the corner.

Judith Blau is the director of the Human Rights Center of Chapel Hill & Carrboro and a sociology professor at UNC.

Time to retune our affordable-housing strategy

You measure the success of any public policy not on what happens on paper, but on what actually happens.

Decades ago the various boards of local government struggled to adopt affordable-housing policies that made sense for this area. The challenge then was pretty much the same as now: In an expensive and appreciating market, how do you maintain a diverse stock of housing?

Maintaining a housing supply that allows the people who work here to live here and be a part of the life of the towns has been a long-established value in this community. In the mid-1990s the effort took off after a shift in policy in which elected boards began to leverage their decision-making power in zoning changes to require affordable units. The shift coincided with a major, sustained housing boom.

There are now 191 properties in the inventory of the Community Home Trust, the organization that evolved out of efforts to manage the strategy and its results. There are more on the way, including 17 units in the Ballentine subdivision in Carrboro and 18 condos at 140 West in Chapel Hill. Almost half of the homeowners work at either the university or UNC Health Care or teach in our schools.

As successful as it's been, in the wake of the Great Recession, the home trust and affordable-housing proponents are faced with an increasingly difficult task. Changes in the housing and financial markets, reductions in federal housing money and affordable-housing rules in Chapel Hill and Carrboro are squeezing resources and narrowing participation.

Since the home trust's inception, the rules for affordable housing, some dictated by federal requirements, and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro housing market have combined to greatly limit potential participants. To qualify, you have to make 80 percent of the median household income or less (this year that's \$38,500 for a single person and \$54,950 for a family of four) and you have to be able to make that income work in this market.

In a recent conversation, Community Home Trust executive director Robert Dowling talked about how that plays out. A single teacher with five years of experience and making about \$36,000 qualifies, but a two-teacher couple or a similarly compensated couple of young professionals doesn't. In a market where the bottom is around \$200,000, that couple is more likely to head to Durham or Chatham.

And since the local housing market has produced more

and more condominiums and townhomes, it's been harder to appeal to the small families that policymakers want to see use the program.

I doubt anyone would purposefully design a public policy that sends young professionals and new families packing, but that's the effect.

This is the demographic that tends to shop more, go out to eat more and so on.

At the same time, home ownership, even with significant subsidies, is now off the table for a larger number of people, thanks to tighter credit requirements and the impact of the economic downturn.

Dowling said one of the public policy decisions looming is consideration of an affordable rentals program to address the changes. With "the bloom off the rose" of homeownership and most of new develop-

ment focused in rental housing, he said, it's time to take a hard look at finding a way to incorporate rentals in the overall strategy.

The urgency to do something about the changes in housing types, financial realities and consumer preferences is growing.

Federal support is dwindling rapidly. Housing money is a typical target when discretionary spending is cut, and it's been hit in the past two years to the tune of 15 percent in 2011 and 38 percent this year.

That threatens the home trust's main sources for subsidies. That exacerbates the organization's long-running need for an increase in cash to keep up with property maintenance, upgrades and other costs as its supply of housing rises.

Over the past decade the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Chapel Hill Town Council have tried to fine-tune a payment-in-lieu policy that would allow the trust to take cash instead of housing units. But both governing bodies have shown reluctance to free up rules on payments-in-lieu, preferring to increase the stock of housing in the trust. In light of the federal cuts, that needs to change.

Taken together, all of these issues in affordable housing add up to a big need to rethink the strategy and revise the rules. As Dowling pointed out, the current set of ordinances were designed amid a much different housing market. I don't know anyone who thinks the housing market will ever resemble the one we saw seven or eight years ago. Our affordable-housing policies shouldn't either.



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don't need a
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ROBERT REICH

The Obama administration is proposing to lower corporate taxes from the current 35 percent to 28 percent for most companies and to 25 percent for manufacturers.

The move is supposed to be "revenue neutral" – meaning the administration is also proposing to close assorted corporate tax loopholes to offset the lost revenues. One such loophole allows corporations to park their earnings overseas where taxes are lower.

Why isn't the White House just proposing to close the loopholes without reducing overall corporate tax rates? That would generate more tax revenue that could be used for, say, public schools.

It's not as if corporations are hurting; quite the contrary. American companies are booking higher profits than ever. They're sitting on \$2 trillion they don't know what to do with.

And it's not as if corporate taxes are high. In fact, corporate tax receipts as a share of profits is now at its lowest level in at least 40 years. According to the Congressional Budget Office, corporate federal taxes paid last year dropped to 12.1 percent of profits earned from activities within the United States. That's a gigantic drop from the 25.6 percent, on average, that corporations paid from 1987 to 2008.

And it's not that corporations are paying an inordinate share of federal tax revenues. Here again, the reality is just the opposite. Corporate taxes have plummeted as a share of total federal revenues. In 1953, under President Dwight Eisenhower, a Republican, corporate taxes accounted for 32 percent of total federal tax revenues. Now they're only 10 percent.

But now the federal budget deficit is ballooning, and in less than a year major cuts are scheduled to slice everything from prenatal care to Medicare. So this would seem to be the ideal time to raise corporate taxes – or at the very least close corporate tax loopholes without lowering corporate rates.

The average American is not exactly enamored with American corporations. Polls show most of the public doesn't trust them. (A recent national poll by the University of Massachusetts at Lowell found 71 percent with an unfavorable impression of big business – about the same as those expressing an unfavorable view of Washington.)

The administration's initiative doesn't even make sense as a bargaining maneuver.

Republicans will just accept the administration's lower corporate tax rate without closing any tax loopholes. House Republicans have already made it clear that, to them, closing a tax loophole is tantamount to raising taxes. And corporate lobbyists in Washington know better than anyone how to hold tight to loopholes they've already got.

Big business will fight to keep their foreign tax shelters. After all, it's almost impossible to distinguish between their foreign and domestic earnings, which is why the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business lobbies have spent the past three years trying to make it even easier for companies to defer U.S. taxes on income they supposedly earn outside the country.

Rep. David Camp, a Michigan Republican who heads the House Ways and Means Committee, has already proposed a 25 percent corporate top rate and changes that would let companies avoid paying U.S. taxes on even more of the income they say they earn outside America.

Nothing is going to be enacted this year, anyway, so it would have made more sense for the administration to support a hike in corporate taxes – and use it to highlight the difference between the president and his likely Republican challenger.

Mitt Romney wants to reduce the corporate tax rate to 25 percent before eliminating any tax loopholes. Rick Santorum wants to cut the rate to 17.5 percent and eliminate corporate taxes for manufacturers. Newt Gingrich wants to cut the rate to 12.5 percent and let companies write off all capital investments immediately.

It's discouraging. The president gives a rousing speech, as he did on Dec. 6 in Kansas. Then he misses an opportunity to put his campaign where his mouth is.

Robert Reich is Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley.

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"We believe Shortbread Lofts is exactly the type of project that downtown needs," said Jim Norton, director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership.

"We also think this relieves some of the pressure to try to convert some of the single-family dwellings in the Northside community," he continued.

Robert Humphreys, owner of the property at 422 W. Franklin St., adjacent to the project, said he felt the project would increase the residential density of downtown, thereby increasing the customer base of downtown businesses.

"Unlike some of the other new residential projects down-

town, Shortbread Lofts is being built primarily as student-based rental housing," he said. "It will open full, and it will stay that way for years to come."

Alexander Stephens, associate director for the Northside-based Jackson Center for Saving and Making History, said he had concerns regarding the affordability of the development for both families and students.

"It's still not going to draw those students away from those houses when they have much cheaper options in single-family residences in the neighborhood," he said.

Council members said they felt the project would add to the overall development of downtown.

"A lot of the council's movement through this decade ...

has been to populate downtown with full-time residents," council member Ed Harrison said, adding that while he felt they should think about limiting the number of high-rise projects downtown, "I don't think we have hit the limit on this one."

Council member Penny Rich said she felt the project would be good for downtown, regardless of its focus on student housing.

"I really don't want to judge it on the merit of whether it's going to be student housing or not, or whether it's going to take people out of Northside," council member Penny Rich said. "We need to judge it on whether it's a good project. ... Overall, I think it's a really good project."

Developers said construction is planned to start in June.

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seconds remaining. Blue Devils freshman Austin Rivers hit a deep 3-pointer at the buzzer to stun UNC and its fans.

UNC had acquired a bad habit of losing its concentration with a lead. That changed after the Duke nightmare.

"One thing we haven't done this year is when we get teams down, we haven't stepped on their necks," sophomore point guard Kendall Marshall said. "Long Beach State, we got a sizable lead, but they hung around. Georgia Tech, I think

we got it up to 25, but they got it down to 12.

"We have to learn to step on teams' necks when we get them down, not give them that hope down the stretch that they can win the game."

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"It helps to remain calm,"

Zeller said. "You get down and you know you still have a chance until the end. You just have to keep chipping away until the end.

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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: His or Ours?

There is a much larger puzzle in the puzzle solutions section. The answer to the cryptoquote is: "His or Ours?"

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FLORA
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crisscrossing eastern North America from Canada to Florida and the Bahamas during the period of 1787-96. Much of that exploration included the Carolina wilderness; travel was treacherous and encounters with Native Americans and Europeans alike were sometimes nearly fatal.

Officially searching the new world for worthy trees and plants to replenish the devastated forests of France, Michaux established two centers of operation with gardens and nurseries in New Jersey and Charleston for propagating and cultivating American plants to be sent for testing and cultivation in France.

His botanical collections and notes are legendary. He is credited with observing and identifying 26 genera and 283 species of plants native to the Carolinas. Wildflowers, like mountain spring beauty *Claytonia caroliniana*, were named by him, and our official state wildflower, the Carolina lily, *Lilium michauxii*, is one of many plants named in honor of him.

Various editions of Michaux's *The North American Sylva*, describing 156 species of native trees, illustrated by paintings of the team of Pierre J. Redoute, his brother Henri-Joseph and colleague Pancrea Bessa, are botanical treasures in rare book col-



This beautifully illustrated sassafras from Michaux's *The North American Sylva* is accompanied with detailed description of its natural distribution, medicinal and culinary merits and recommendations for cultivation. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

lections. André Michaux will be visiting our region next week! Michaux is brought to life by Michaux scholar, retired librarian Charlie Williams, who, in original French garb and accent, will describe some of Michaux's travels, ordeals and discoveries.

This special event at the N.C. Botanical Garden on March 7 at 7 p.m. is a fundraiser for the UNC Herbarium, a unit of the Botanical Garden. There is a modest fee and pre-registration is required (962-0522). A special presentation

before André's arrival by Garden Director Peter White will describe early American botanists, including legendary William Bartram of Philadelphia.

Spring has sprung and André Michaux will be here to celebrate with us!

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at [The Annotated Flora \(carrborocitizen.com/flora\)](http://TheAnnotatedFlora.com).

TRANSIT STOP
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used as a park-and-ride lot for commuters.

"What I like about this proposal is that it does try to identify a place that can be a park-and-ride for Triangle Transit in downtown Carrboro," board member Lydia Lavelle said, adding that the Chapel Hill stop doesn't serve commuters as a park-and-ride.

Lavelle, who lives in Fox Meadow in northern Carrboro,

said she would like to see a transit route that goes from the northern part of Carrboro to downtown Durham, noting the large number of people who use the Eubanks Road park-and-ride to commute to Raleigh.

Brubaker said 27 percent of Carrboro commuters work in Durham.

Mayor Mark Chilton said he would like to also explore the possibility of using the parking lot at Wilson Park as a park-and-ride lot for a Triangle Transit stop, since much of the parking lot is unused

much of the time.

Board member Jacquie Gist cautioned that the lot at West Weaver, which now has a two-hour parking limit, might fill up with cars of residents commuting to UNC, rather than to Durham or Raleigh, if it were opened up for use as a park-and-ride.

Town staff will look into several locations as possible park-and-ride locations for a Triangle Transit stop and report back to the board on how best to make a proposal to Triangle Transit officials.

ENO DISTRICT
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One resident asked the commissioners if rumors of a proposed development for the area were influencing zoning changes, but Benedict assured him that was not the case.

Instead, Benedict said, the rezoning is being proposed so that Orange County can align its land-use plan and zoning classifications with the City of Durham's Urban Growth Boundary, which the land in question falls into. By aligning the plans, Durham would be able to extend utility services to the area, allowing the City of Durham to potentially annex the area in the future.

In the plan, approximately

280 acres currently zoned rural residential (R-1) would be rezoned to either Economic Development Eno Lower Intensity (EDE-1) or Economic Development Eno Higher Intensity (EDE-2).

Zoning an area EDE-1 allows smaller businesses like banks to be built, while an EDE-2 zoning allows bigger industries like retail and wholesale trade and manufacturing to be built.

Resident Chris Kelsey told commissioners he is worried that rezoning the area will ruin the rural feel and compromise the area's natural environment.

"I moved out in Orange County to live in a rural environment," Kelsey said. "A potential for light industry, I think, will totally take away from the rural character."

"This has negative impacts both for the environment and for the residents that currently live there," he added.

Commissioner Jacobs agreed with Kelsey, saying he was worried the planning department didn't adequately look into the environmental impacts.

"I have said it before when we do economic development, which I do support – to rush to do something without doing it fully is a mistake," Jacobs said.

The commissioners voted 5-1 to defer the public hearing regarding the zoning changes to the Eno Economic Development District until May.

Commissioner Steve Yuhaz cast the dissenting vote, stating, "I think it would be shortsighted for us to not move forward at this point."



Eve Carson, March 5, 2008

Deep in a leafy glade, just beyond the sweet-breath-of-spring bush in UNC's Coker Arboretum, there lies a heart-shaped stone bearing a heartfelt memorial to Eve Carson. This week marks the fourth anniversary of the murder of UNC's beloved student body president, cut down before her time by two teens from Durham. Though I never met Eve, I am forever changed because of her: Her death and how it happened demanded a response. Along with colleagues from N.C. Central University, and with encouragement and inspiration from folks at the UNC Center for Public Service, two years ago we launched the Northeast Central Durham Community VOICE (durhamvoice.org), a community newspaper that aims to get teens off the streets and into a creative, nurturing and mentoring newsroom – a place where a kid can get a sense of accomplishment and positive life vision while picking up valuable professional skills. Last week, while wandering through "the Arb," I made a point of stopping by Eve's memorial, as I often do, but this time I was surprised and then moved to see how someone had carefully arranged fresh Camilla blossoms on her marker.



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