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PHOTO BY JERRY REYNOLDS

You will have to explore a coastal pine savannah to find the beautiful sunbonnet.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Exploring natural gardens

Though spring is late this year, I'm already on visual overload. In our joy, bordering on lust, for beautiful urban and residential garden-making, we humans have managed to achieve so much color, so much effect from massive plantings and so many collections of horticultural selections that I often feel the senses simply cannot absorb it all.

It takes a simple stroll through Carrboro's downtown residential area to admire creative gardens, right out along the street front, for all to celebrate and enjoy. The upcoming Chapel Hill Garden Club Spring Garden Tour provides more opportunity to view unbelievable gardening achievements.

How one selects to see and enjoy a garden is, of course, a personal taste.

I find myself so blinded by the borders and masses of color and brilliant accents of specimen plants that I seek respite along a shady forested streamside path. While enjoying the brilliance of human-created gardens we must remember to take the time to seek out the subtle beauty of natural gardens near and far.

It was a relief to abandon urban landscapes this past Saturday to enjoy discovering the subtle beauties of the trails through the forests surrounding Rock Cliff Farm, the retirement homestead of B.W. Wells now protected within the Falls Lake State Recreation Area. Way back in 1932, Dr. Wells (*The Natural Gardens of North Carolina*) described our state's plant communities as a progression of beautiful natural gardens reaching from the coastal dune communities all the way to "Christmas tree land" on the Carolina mountaintops.

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Chatham County Courthouse gutted by fire

Commissioners say they'll rebuild

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

PITTSBORO — The Chatham County Courthouse, built in 1881 and, since, Pittsboro's most distinguished landmark, caught fire around 4:30 p.m. last Thursday afternoon, and within two hours was a smoldering skeleton of its former self.

At a special session this Thursday morning, though, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners received reports of the building's present condition and the determination that the exterior walls can be saved, and then voted unanimously to rebuild.

"The exact nature of the restoration will be determined later," said commission vice chair George Lucier in a news release. "We will form a task force and involve the community, Pittsboro, and court personnel to help us make the best decisions. Our goal is that the fire of 2010 will be part of the history of the courthouse, not the end of it."



Chatham County commissioners say courthouse will be restored.

PHOTO BY TAYLOR SISK

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PHOTO BY JACKIE HELVEY, CARRBORO.COM

Children prepare to hunt for more than 10,000 eggs at the annual Community Egg Hunt hosted by the towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill and Orange County. More than 1,000 children attended the event at Hank Anderson Park on Saturday, which featured crafts, games and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Oohlala, Paris loves Carrboro

City of Light gives us a shout-out for trying

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

PARIS, FRANCE — In acknowledgment of Carrboro's near-constant effort to identify with Paris, the French capital's government plans to tip its hat to its tiny Piedmont cousin in honor of Carrboro Day and the town's upcoming centennial.

In a meeting Monday night at City Hall, the Council of Paris approved a motion on its consent agenda by 4th Arrondissement representative Jacques Aularité to

allow for a voluntary celebration of the Town of Carrboro on May 2 and to temporarily change the city's slogan from the hours of 5 to 7 a.m. to Carrboro on the Seine.

"It's great," Aularité said in an email response to *The Citizen*. "They have tried so hard with the music, the art, the food, the walking."

The council member, who discovered the repeated references to Paris of the Piedmont in a Google search, said the two towns could be twins except for a large river, a famous tower, about 2.1 million

people, another 35 square miles and 700 years of French culture. His proclamation is titled "*Accusé des Efforts de Carrboro*."

Town officials say they hope to receive a version of the official, signed proclamation in portable document format (pdf) sometime this week. Assistant town official Hugh Joe King said once the pdf is received, it will be printed and framed. The decision on where to hang it will require approval by the board of aldermen. A public hearing on the matter has been set for June 7.

Deal close on Smith Level

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — State Department of Transportation engineers and the Town of Carrboro have reached a tentative agreement on a downscaled Smith Level Road widening project, ending more than a decade of disagreement over the configuration of the road.

Mike Mills, Division 7 engineer, said the main difference from previous designs is the reduction of the number of travel lanes from four to two, with a grassy divided median along the stretch from the Morgan Creek bridge to BPW Club Road. The two-lane plan includes shoulders for bike lanes and sidewalks along both sides, placed on the other side of the ditches.

The rest of the project, Mills said, is closer to what was previously proposed. From BPW Club Road to Culbreth Road, the plan calls for two lanes with a third center-turn lane. Heading south, the road drops down to two lanes and includes bike lanes and sidewalks up to a roundabout at Rock Haven Road.

The plan, Mills said, got a favorable review during a meeting two weeks ago between Carrboro and DOT officials. Last week, the board of aldermen scheduled a public information session on the widening project for April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The information session will be followed by a public hearing on the project at 7:30.

Jeff Brubaker, transportation planner with the Town of Carrboro, said links to the plans and descriptions will be posted on the town's website this week.

(*The Citizen* will post links from town and DOT sources when they become available.)

The turnaround comes almost a year after Carrboro's last formal rejection of a widening plan. In April 2009, the board of aldermen voted 6-to-1 to turn down the plan, citing citizen concerns about the number of traffic lanes.

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County report says most property values lowered on appeal

Some property owners still dissatisfied

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

Orange County received a record number of property revaluation appeals in 2009, and in most cases the appeals paid off, according to the 2009 Orange County Revaluation Report released by the county last week.

The county received 5,026 informal appeals for property values, with 3,073 adjusted — more than 60 percent. However, some property owners felt the reduced property values were still unreasonably high.

Marc Pons, owner of Chapel Hill

Tire, saw an 84 percent and a 49 percent increase for his two Franklin Street locations during last year's revaluation. He filed an appeal with the county and the assessed value

Pona chose not to file additional appeals because of the amount of time and money the process requires. He hired an appraiser to help him with the initial appeal and provided

of his properties.

"It's hard to believe that in the worst recession in however many years that the county would still be hitting us that hard," he said.

Hundreds of county residents formed the Orange County Tax Revolt last year in protest of the county's assessed property values, claiming the values were inaccurate and calling on the Orange County Board of Commissioners to repeal the revaluation. Overall, the average property value increased 22 percent in the 2009 revaluation.

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was then lowered "a tiny bit."

"There's still dissatisfaction and there's still a major increase," he said, adding that he didn't know the specific amount the assessed value was reduced, but that it was a "token reduction."

the county with information regarding his and surrounding properties. Pons suspects that a nearby parking lot purchased at peak prices by former Courtyard owner Spencer Young may have driven up the assessed value

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY, APR 1
Registration for Performing Arts Camps and Workshops
Youth Performing Arts Conservatory Teen Summer Camps and Workshops at The ArtsCenter.

SATURDAY, APR 3
Wine Tasting at Weaver Street Market
To benefit the Cooperative Community Fund. Weaver Street Market in Carrboro. 1-5pm. \$5

SUNDAY, APR 4
First Sunday in Pittsboro
Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the shops and galleries of Historic Pittsboro. Music provided by Flatt Tyred. 12-4pm

MONDAY, APR 5
Discussion of Proposed Community House
HEAR about Community House's new and innovative program model - LEARN about the status of Community House and other IFC projects - SHARE your thoughts about the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. location 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. 7-9pm

TUESDAY, APR 6
Chapel Hill Public Library's Movie Nite
"The Queen" Library meeting room. 6:45pm

WEDNESDAY, APR 7
Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche
To speak at United Church of Chapel Hill on Keeping an Open Heart in Difficult Times. 85-year old Khenpo is one of the few living Tibetan meditation masters who trained in Tibet and escaped from the Chinese. 7:30-9pm

QUILTS by the African-American Quilt Circle
"Music in My Sole." Pacifica Soft Art Gallery. Through May 2

SATURDAY, APR 10
Wachovia Tar Heel 10 Mile Race
To support cancer research. Information at Fleet Feet Sports

WOMEN'S CHORUS Silent Action
The Briar Club. 7-10pm. \$15. Info: wvcinfo@yahoo.com

ONGOING
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ArtsCenter launches \$350k campaign

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — Over the past 35 years, The ArtsCenter has become a mainstay in Carrboro, offering programs, services and classes that can't be found elsewhere in the area. But the recession has taken its toll, and the longtime local favorite needs funding.

On Monday, The ArtsCenter will kick off a \$350,000 fundraising campaign, Keeping Arts Centered, that will continue through July 1.

The ArtsCenter purchased its building in 1996 and has no plans to leave its Main Street location, but the facilities are starting to show their age. Over the past seven months, ArtsCenter staff compiled a long list of needs.

"What we're looking for are things that are related to our customer service delivery or program delivery," Executive Director Ed Camp said.

Top priorities are a new sound system for the theater and a new HVAC system, as well as repairs to the building's sprinkler system, he said.

"We've got a dance floor that has holes in it. We've got bathrooms that really need some attention," Camp said, adding that The ArtsCenter kitchen needs updating as well.

In addition, he hopes to establish an ArtsCenter endowment, increase the scholarship fund and pay down ArtsCenter debt.

A list of all ArtsCenter needs will be available at the box office on Monday, and

those who want to donate can dedicate their donation to a specific project.

The ArtsCenter covers about 80 percent of its budget through the programs and services it offers. The rest comes from donations, grants and fundraising efforts.

As is the case with most nonprofits, The ArtsCenter has seen a drop in donations, but also in program attendance and enrollment. Donations are down about \$35,000 this year, but overall income has declined by about \$100,000, Camp said.

"We have programs that haven't achieved as much as they have in the past," he said.

Despite the drop in fundraising, Camp said, The ArtsCenter will continue to offer the same programs.

"We'll continue doing what we have been doing. We have no plans at this point to change any programs," he said. "The reality of the situation is these programs do cost money and that money has to come from somewhere."

On May 8, The ArtsCenter will host Cirque des Artes, a 35th-anniversary celebration and fundraising event. The event will feature an outdoor festival with street theater, music and family fun from noon to 4 p.m., as well as an evening cocktail party with music by the Triangle Jazz Band and a silent auction from 8 to 11 p.m. The outdoor festival will be pay-as-you-go, while tickets for the evening party are \$50 per person or \$75 per couple.

For tickets or more information, visit ArtsCenterLive.org or call 929-2787, ext. 201.

Community Briefs

IFC hosting discussion on shelter

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service will host two community discussion sessions on the proposed new Community House on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and other IFC projects.

The sessions are Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 13. All three meetings will be held in the "AB" room at the Southern Human Services building from 7 to 9 p.m.

Information on the projects is available on the IFC blog at marchonpoverty.blogspot.com

Good Friday, Easter Sunday closings

The following changes to office and service hours will be in effect this weekend in observance of the Good Friday and Easter holidays:

- Town of Carrboro offices will be closed Friday;
the Orange County Landfill will be closed Friday;
there will be no garbage collection in Carrboro or Chapel Hill on Friday, while curbside recycling will operate on a regular schedule;
Orange County Solid Waste Convenience centers will be closed Friday and Sunday;
Orange County Solid Waste administrative offices will be closed Friday;
OWASA offices will be closed Friday (call 968-4421 to report emergency water and sewer needs);
University Lake will be closed Friday;
Chapel Hill Transit will operate on a Saturday schedule on Friday, without the Saturday U and NU routes. The U and NU

routes will not operate on Saturday and will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday;

- the Chapel Hill Parking office will be closed Friday;
Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation administrative offices will be closed Friday;
the Chapel Hill Office of Maintenance and Division will be closed (call 968-2855 for emergencies); and
the Chapel Hill Public Library will be closed Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunts

Carrboro United Methodist Church will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday at 4 p.m. on the church grounds. The public is invited to come hunt for more than 1,000 eggs and enjoy a cookout. Egg hunt participants should bring their own baskets.

The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Horace Williams House. Kids of all ages are invited to find eggs hidden around the house and play outdoor games. The event is free and open to the public.

Greenleaf Vineyard Church will host an urban Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. on Sunday on top of the Wallace Parking Deck in downtown Chapel Hill. The egg hunt is open to the public and is geared toward elementary-age children and their families. Children will look for eggs in the plaza's grass and trees, but also in the corners of brick columns and concrete footpaths. The youngest children will be given a head start. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Free parking will be available in the parking deck.

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Glenwood Conservation District enters phase two

BY RICH FOWLER
Staff Writer

The Glen Lennox Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) process officially entered phase two at the March 22 Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, when council members unanimously approved a resolution to set up a committee to come up with some guidelines for a Glen Lennox NCD.

The 17-member committee will consist of: two planning board members, who will serve as co-chairs; three Glen Lennox tenants; three property owners of homes on Flemington Road, Hayes Road, Rogerson Drive and Flemington Drive; three representatives of Grubb Properties; three at-large members; one commercial tenant of Glen Lennox; one representative of the Church of the Holy Family; and one representative from an existing Chapel Hill NCD.

The task force will start meeting in June and will report back to the council in June 2011. To apply for a seat on the committee, download an application at townofchapelhill.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=2623 and email it to clerk@townofchapelhill.org or fax it to 967-8406. For more detailed instructions, visit townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=117 and follow the link marked "Glen Lennox NCD Development Cmte."

To guarantee consideration for a spot on the committee, applications must be received by noon on April 19. The council will continue to receive applications until April 26, but there is no guarantee that they will be considered for the May 10 meeting because town staff has to verify each applicant's eligibility.

News Briefs

Lawyers allege police beat Atwater

Federal defense lawyers allege in court documents filed Monday that Demario Atwater, one of two suspects charged with the March 2008 slaying of UNC Student Body President Eve Carson, was beaten by Durham police on the day he was arrested.

Atwater's lawyers are requesting the suppression of Atwater's statements following the arrest, claiming he feared further beatings. They say photographs taken of Atwater on the day of his arrest show an abrasion on his cheek.

Both Orange County and federal authorities have announced they will seek the death penalty against Atwater, 23. They cannot seek the death penalty against suspect Laurence Alvin Lovette because he was 17 at the time of the murder.

Police officer to serve as interim chief

Hillsborough police officer Davis Trimmer will serve as interim police chief after Chief Clarence Birkhead steps down on Friday, the Town of Hillsborough announced Tuesday.

Trimmer serves as commander of the Criminal Investigation Division for the Hillsborough Police Department. He will assume command of the department until a permanent replacement is hired. Birkhead, who served as police chief for nearly five years, announced

last week that he would step down in order to run in the Democratic primary for Orange County sheriff.

Trimmer joined the Hillsborough Police Department in 2006. "I am honored to be chosen to lead the department through this transition period," Trimmer said. "Naturally, I am sorry to see Chief Birkhead go and I wish him the best in his campaign for sheriff. Working for him has been a tremendous learning experience for me."

Pittsboro joins Google race

The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners voted last week to support the town's application to Google's Fiber for Communities experimental program, placing Pittsboro in the running to receive funding for 1-gigabit-per-second, fiber-to-the-home Internet connections — more than 100 times faster than most Internet access across the country.

Google plans to build experimental, ultra high-speed broadband networks to reach at least 50,000 and as many as 500,000 people in communities across the country. Chapel Hill and Cary have also submitted applications to the program.

Overall, hundreds of communities and hundreds of thousands of individuals have applied to the program, according to Google. The company plans to select communities for the program by the end of the year.

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However, according to an analysis of the 1,326 property sales in the county last year, the average assessed value was 98.8 percent of

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the sale price, indicating that properties sold for slightly more than the tax value assessed by the county. By comparison, data from the 1,201 Multiple Listing Service sales showed that properties sold for slightly less than the tax value assessed by the county, with the average assessed value 100.4 percent of the sale price.

"From our standpoint, the good news was our sales ratios in comparison to the values set. We had a good percent ratio," Orange County tax assessor Jo Roberson said. "The bad news is over a year out from a normal revaluation ... we should be sitting at 95 percent."

Roberson said in a year with strong growth and sales, the ratio of assessed value to sale price would be about 95 to 96 percent.

However, she added, the percentage indicated that overall, sales prices were not declining, which is good news, given the economic climate.

ther to the Board of Equalization and Review.

During the formal hearing process, the county received 1,656 formal appeals, with 992 property values adjusted. Of the property values adjusted upon formal appeal, 99 percent of those moved downward in appraisal value.

After receiving results from the Board of Equalization and Review, appellants could appeal further to the North Carolina Property Tax Commission. Orange County has 182 properties still under appeal with the commission.

Roberson said property owners have the right to appeal the assessed values every year — not just during revaluation years — and encouraged those who wanted to appeal to exercise that right.

Suspect in '97 murder gets 27 years for soliciting child

A former Carrboro resident suspected in the 1997 disappearance of a Carrboro woman was sentenced to nearly 27 years in federal prison on Friday for attempting to seduce underage girls in an Internet chat room.

Andrew Douglas Dalzell, 33, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to solicitation of a child by computer after he initiated explicit chats with an undercover officer posing as an 11-year-old girl and drove from Gastonia to the Asheville area to meet her in February 2009.

Dalzell confessed to the 1997 slaying of Deborah Key in 2004, but the confession was thrown out after a judge

ruled that police fabricated documents prompting the confession.

According to police, Dalzell was last seen with Key at a Carrboro bar. Police never found Key's body, but prompted a confession from Dalzell by showing him a fake arrest warrant charging him with murder and a fake letter from the district attorney's office threatening the death penalty if he did not confess.

The murder charges were dropped, but Judge Martin Reidinger ruled that he had to take Dalzell's murder confession into account in the sentencing last week.

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The Orange County Landfill will be CLOSED, Friday, April 2

Normal hours of operation will resume Saturday April 3.

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PANELISTS: Hayden Bosworth, Ph.D.; Alfiee Breland-Noble, Ph.D.; Cedric Bright, MD
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SMITH LEVEL
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Mayor Mark Chilton said the two-lane plan addresses the major point of contention with the project.

"The DOT has come a really, really long way toward what the community said it wanted," Chilton said Tuesday.

The project, he said, will go a long way to improve safety at BPW Club Road for residents of nearby apartment and senior-care facilities.

"People will finally be able to walk to where they're going on a sidewalk instead of a path," Chilton said.

Mills, who has been part of the Smith Level Road discussions since signing on as District 7 engineer in 1999, said he was glad to see the project moving ahead.

"I think it's a good example of the DOT listening to the community and trying to accommodate what they say," he said.

Mills said the reduction of the travel lanes would lower the cost of the project. The DOT still plans to acquire enough right-of-way for a four-lane configuration to one day be built, he said.

"It's cheaper for us to do that now," Mills said. He emphasized that any effort to widen the road to four lanes would have to start with the town.

"That is the town's decision," he said.

Chilton said one section of the plan the town will want to take a hard look at is how the divided road will affect traffic circulation in the Berryhill neighborhood. The intersection at Willow Oak Lane and Smith Level will convert to right in/right out only, which is likely to increase the use of the neighborhoods entrance on BPW Club Road.

Should the town agree to the DOT's plan, Mills said right-of-way acquisition could start in six to seven months, with construction beginning about two years after that.

The use of Smith Level as a major entryway has been in the town's transportation planning strategy since 1980. In 1992, DOT presented a plan for a project that would widen the road from the Morgan Creek bridge to the Chatham County line at Starpoint.

With concerns raised about the impact on the University Lake watershed, the scope of the project was reduced in 1997 to include the stretch from the bridge to Damascus Church Road and dropped back to Rock Haven Road in 1998, when DOT proposed a five-lane plan. After further revisions, aldermen and the DOT presented the plan to residents in 2001, but it was rejected over concerns that it was too wide. Subsequent efforts to reach agreement in 2002, 2005 and last year also failed to find a compromise.

OBITUARIES



Alan Bibb

Alan Curtis Bibb died peacefully at Meadowlands Hospice on March 20, 2010 after a lengthy illness. To the end of his life, Alan remained a courageous bright spirit, a dear son and brother and a true friend. His passion for living inspired many. His gospel faith was central to his life. He loved God, golf and jazz music. Born March 9, 1959 in Pensacola, Fla. to Barbara Nettles-Carlson and the late Tisdale Wyatt Bibb, Alan spent his early childhood in Pensacola and Brigham City, Utah before moving to Chapel Hill, N.C. with his family in 1964. He graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1977 and then served his country as a sonar specialist in the U.S. Navy for four years, having many adventures during a Mediterranean tour of duty aboard the aircraft carrier J.F. Kennedy. Returning to Chapel Hill, he joined the U.S. Postal Service, making many new friends on his walking mail route. Alan felt called to become a lay minister in his Christian faith community, serving until his health prevented him from doing that work. Despite his disability,

Alan continued his education and graduated from North Carolina Central University summa cum laude in 1991. He then worked as an accountant in Hillsborough, N.C. and Kissimmee and Orlando, Fla. until he became unable to work and returned to Chapel Hill in 2007. Survivors are Alan's mother, Barbara, and his stepfather, Curtis McLaughlin, of Chapel Hill; brothers, William Wyatt Bibb of Carrboro, N.C. and David Bruce Bibb of Chapel Hill; sister, Vikki Bibb Lee and her husband, Roddy, of Asheville, N.C.; nieces, Kristen Lee Bermudez (Eduardo) of Montgomery Village, Md. and Chelsea Lee Smith (Zafar and grandnephew, Zorion) of Porirua, New Zealand; and his four McLaughlin step-siblings and five step-nieces and nephews. Also surviving are aunts Margaret Nettles O'Reilly and Vicky Nettles Eby and cousins Brian and Eric Nelson and Andy and Steve O'Reilly and their families.

A service of worship celebrating Alan's life was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, at Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, followed by a family graveside service and burial at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery on Legion Road. Binkley friends, family and Alan's local meeting friends gathered for a potluck fellowship meal at 8823 Drew Lane, Chapel Hill. Memorial donations may be sent to Duke Home Care & Hospice, 4321 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101, Durham, NC, 27704, or to NAMI North Carolina, 309 W. Millbrook Road, Suite 121, Raleigh, NC, 27609. Arrangements are by Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill.

BASKETBALL NOTES FRANK HEATH

Heels advance to NIT title game

The Tar Heels are in the finals! On Tuesday night, North Carolina punched its ticket into the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament by fighting past the Rhode Island Rams, 68-67, in overtime, in a game that is being described as "ugly." And ugly it was, as the teams combined for 33 turnovers and made just a shade better than 36 percent of their total shots.

What gave Carolina this win was a combination of the Tar Heels' hard work on the backboards and their newfound ability to counterpunch against opponents' runs and to make key plays at crunch time. UNC finished with a 53-39 rebounding advantage and had three double-figure rebounders (Deon Thompson with 13; John Henson, 11; and Marcus Ginyard, 10). And when the Heels faced a 59-54 deficit following a made free-throw by the Rams' Ben Eades with 1:47 remaining, Carolina point guard Larry Drew II calmly and confidently stepped up to score five points in 35 seconds, knotting the score and sending the game to overtime.

Will Graves (14 points) then kicked off the overtime by burying a three-pointer and Tyler Zeller later completed a three-point play off a good pass from Drew; the boost those two plays gave Carolina proved to be just enough to lift the Heels to a one-point win.

So the Tar Heels will take their ugly win and set their sights on Thursday's championship-game opponent, Dayton, which topped Ole Miss on Tuesday night in another ugly semifinal.

Most pundits will tell you that in post-season tournament play, a win is a win; neither of these finalists would have preferred to have played well and lost.

And make no mistake about it, Carolina should want to win Thursday's game and the 2010 NIT title. Yes, it is still just the



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NIT, but a bit of history should convince the Tar Heels of the significance of finishing the season strong, now that they've made it this far.

A quick look at the last three NIT championship games shows that among the participants in those finals were three schools — Baylor, Ohio State and West Virginia — that made impressive runs in this season's NCAA Tournament. And West Virginia, the 2007 NIT winner, is of course still alive in the NCAA Final Four.

Coincidence? Maybe. But looking further back, there have

been some interesting correlations between NIT winners and finalists, and those teams' future successes in the Bigger Dance. In 1985, the Indiana Hoosiers reached the NIT final, losing to UCLA, and the next season the Hoosiers won the NCAA Tournament. And in 1979, the Hoosiers won the NIT championship, then won the NCAA Tournament in 1981. Virginia captured the NIT in 1980, then reached the NCAA Final Four in 1981. Kentucky won the NIT in 1976, then took the bigger title in 1978; and of course, there's UNC, which reached the

NCAA Final Four in 1972, after winning the NIT title in 1971.

So it may not feel like a big deal to be playing in New York City on a Thursday night in early April, when the real action begins in Indianapolis on Saturday. But the impact of how these Tar Heels finish up their NIT run could very well spill over into next season and beyond.

And even if it does not, it has been obvious that the team has finally, over the past four games, been having fun. Which in and of itself should be something on which to hang one's hat.

COURTHOUSE
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Chatham County Fire Marshall Thomas Bender reported Tuesday that the fire was started by a construction worker using a soldering iron on the building's gutters. The exterior of the building had been undergoing renovations and was surrounded with scaffolding, and construction was under way at the time of the fire. Flames then spread to the clock tower and the east side of the roof. No one was injured.

On the evening of the fire, though, prospects of saving the courthouse appeared dim. Flames quickly engulfed the clock tower and top floor. As news helicopters hovered overhead and sirens wailed, a thin blanket of smoke, redolent of a massive campfire, wafted up Hillsboro Street, and locals gathered and watched and collectively shook their heads in mourning.

For Pittsboro, said Mayor Randy Voller, "This is the disaster of disasters. Even Sher-

man didn't do this."

Firefighters continued to extinguish sparks into Friday. The clock tower and upper floors collapsed in the night.

"The western half of the building sustained less damage, and the Chatham Historical Association and probation offices were able to recover many artifacts and documents," Public Works Director David Hughes told the commission on Thursday. "The eastern half of the building is severely damaged and at this point still not safe to enter and do a full assessment." He said he was confident that all exterior walls of the structure are sound.

Commission chair Sally Kost said that county officials were working with recovery workers to ensure that historically significant items were being sorted out. Kost said the historical association, which was housed on the first floor of the building, will work to restore as many damaged items as possible. At press time, court records continued to be retrieved.

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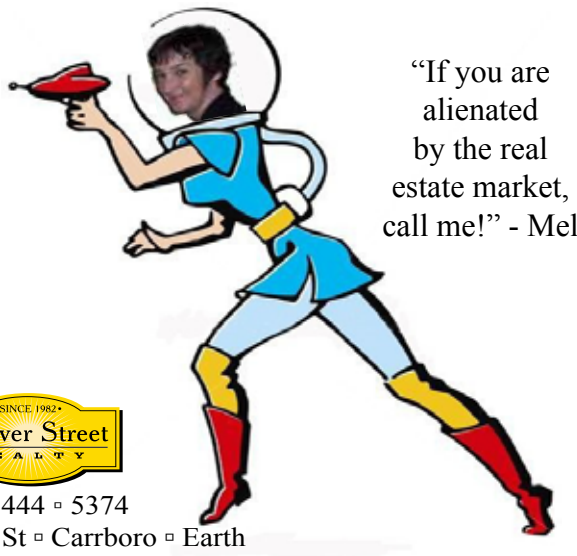


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Spinach Coconut Soup
Provided by Market Shopper: Megan Cornog
¼ pound spinach, chopped**
¼ white or yellow onion chopped
2 tablespoons curry spice blend
(or you can make your own spice blend)
4 cups of vegetable stock
3 medium potatoes, cleaned and chopped
1 cup coconut milk
1 cup peas (fresh or frozen)
Sauté the curry spices with the onion in olive oil over medium heat. Set aside. Heat about 4 cups of vegetable or chicken stock in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the potatoes and spices to stock and cook until tender. Reduce heat to medium-low and add the spinach and peas to the stock. Cook for about 5 minutes. Add a cup of coconut milk. Using an emulsifier, blend the ingredients together. Add salt and pepper to taste.



Public Notice

County of Orange Five Year Consolidated Plan Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held by Orange County to receive citizen comments on the development of the FY 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and 2010-2011 Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan consists of a community profile of the housing market needs, homeless needs, non-housing community development needs, and a five-year strategy to address identified needs. The plan also contains a FY 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan that describes the actions the County expects to undertake in the next fiscal year to begin implementation of the five-year strategy.

The Orange County HOME Consortium application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding from the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and the Town of Chapel Hill application for Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are a part of the Annual Plan. The County must submit a complete Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan to HUD by May 15, 2010.

Public meetings will be held on the following dates at the following locations:
TUESDAY, April 6, 2010 Southern Human Services Center
WEDNESDAY, April 7, 2010 Orange County Public Library
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All meetings begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Individuals who are unable to attend may submit written comments concerning the Consolidated Plan to:

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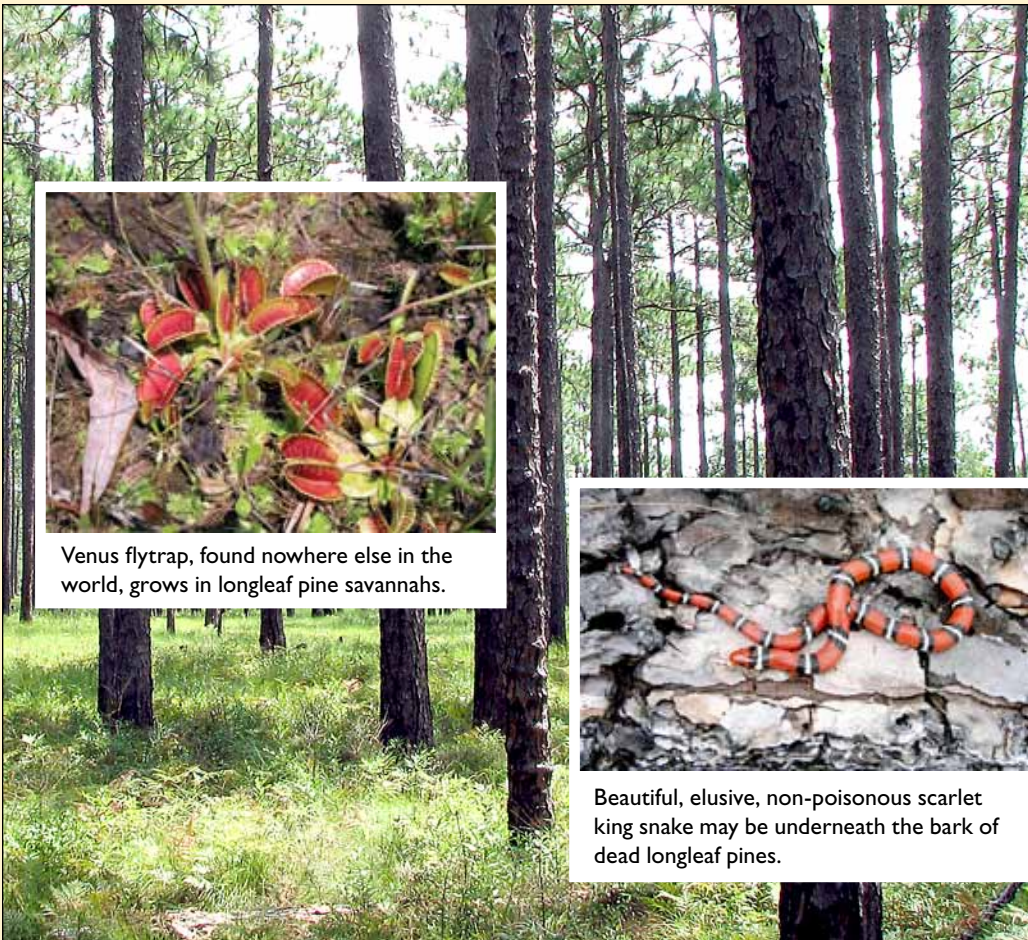
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Good to be the winner

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Longleaf pine savannahs are habitats for numerous unusual species such as Venus flytrap and scarlet king snake.

FLORA
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There are dozens of these natural gardens scattered in and around our local communities; the best way to gain access is to participate in the numerous seasonal wildflower and ecology walks sponsored by local conservation organizations such as Triangle Land Conservancy, the Eno River Association and Friends of Bolin Creek. In addition, institutions like the N.C. Botanical Garden and Duke Gardens offer field trips to natural areas in other regions of the state.

You may want to note that the Museum of Natural Sciences (naturalsciences.org) is repeating an exciting weekend field study trip on April 23-25. Following in the footsteps of B.W. Wells, the journey to the coast

will visit some of the special sites that he studied during his botany career. Along the fast-traveled highways, participants will stop to discover distinctive plant communities, including Carolina bays and pocosins, sand ridges with elfin oak forests and towering longleaf pine savannahs, home of the famous Venus flytrap, pitcher plants, sunbonnets, the rare red-cockaded woodpecker and the beautiful scarlet king snake, which is easily spotted if you know where to look.

So, in addition to enjoying easily accessible urban gardens, make the effort to support and stay in touch with the numerous conservation groups in the area and across the state to gain access and a first-hand appreciation of North Carolina's natural gardens.



Bolin Creek Greenway Option?

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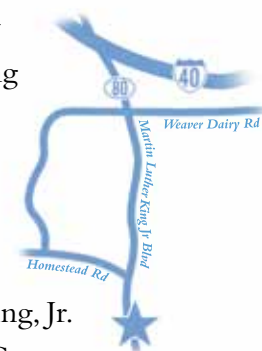


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