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Atamasco lilies are one of our most beautiful wildflowers.

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Atamasco lily meadows now a rarity

William L. Hunt (1906-1996) introduced me to botany and horticulture

when I began a master's program in English here at UNC in 1962. Billy, as many of his contemporaries affectionately called him, grew up in his uncle's Greensboro nursery. He was already an accomplished gardener when he arrived in Chapel Hill with a truckload of irises and other plants in 1927 to pursue a botany degree under W.C. Coker and Roland Totten.

He remained here for the rest of his life, growing native and exotic plants, lecturing throughout the Southeast and writing a weekly garden column. Though he was well known as a horticulturist, his real love was the study and growing of our native flora.

I vividly remember a late-April day in 1968 when Mr. Hunt took me to view an atamasco lily meadow north of town. I've never seen such a field since. He said that Eastgate Shopping Center and other low-lying developments were once lily-filled wet meadows.

Recently, while surveying some of Mr. Hunt's archives, I discovered a copy of the January-February-March 1938 issue of *The Gardener*, published at Pocha's Horticultural Press, Poona, India, for the avid-gardening public of that faraway land.

In that little publication was a short article, "Atamasco Lilies," by William L. Hunt, which I want to share with you. A black-and-white photograph of one of our local lily fields filled half the page.

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Atwater pleads guilty in federal court

State likely to hold hearing next week

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

Following Demario Atwater's guilty plea in federal court, Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall said the state would likely hold a hearing next week to answer questions regarding the state's case against Atwater.

Atwater, one of two suspects in the slaying of UNC Student Body President Eve Carson, pleaded guilty on Monday to federal carjacking, kidnapping and firearms charges in exchange

for life in prison without parole.

Carson, an Athens, Ga. native who came to UNC as a Morehead-Cain scholar, was shot and killed in a robbery during the early-morning hours of March 5, 2008.

The plea bargain comes two weeks before Atwater's federal trial was set to begin in Greensboro. Both federal and Orange County authorities had announced that they would seek the death penalty against Atwater.

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Council mulls options for deer control

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — After three hours of hearing a wide range of opinions from citizens and a lengthy discussion of the alternatives before them, the Chapel Hill Town Council decided on Monday night that further research was necessary before making a decision on ways to control the town's burgeoning deer population.

The council convened a public hearing on controlling the population at Town Hall, driven in part by petitions from the Lake Ellen and

Mount Bolus neighborhoods to allow for an urban bow hunt to reduce the herds munching in their yards.

Much of the testimony from the public on Monday night came from individuals concerned about tick-borne illnesses, the increase of which they blamed on the rising deer population.

The council also heard from representatives of the state Wildlife Commission describing the rules for urban bow hunts, which have been on the

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PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

Leslie Heintzman, owner of Sari Sari Sweets, serves pastries to UNC students at the farmers' market at Polk Place on the UNC campus on Tuesday. The student group Fair Local Organic sponsored the market, which featured farmers and other food vendors from the Carrboro Farmers' Market and the surrounding area, as part of campus Earth Week celebrations.

Art project calls on locals for exhibition

BY CATHERINE RIERSON
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

In Carrboro, a town teeming with creative folks, the Town of Carrboro Arts Committee is offering another opportunity to showcase local art. But it's no highbrow art exhibition — it's a show open to all.

The first annual Carrboro Community Art Project will display Carrboro-themed artwork created by anyone connected to the town, beginning May 14, following closely behind Carrboro Day on May 1 and coinciding with the 101st 2ndFriday Artwalk.

"It'll be like a month-long celebration of Carrboro and Carrboro arts," said Chris Beachem, a member of the arts committee.

The artwork will be on display in the Carrboro Century Center and Carrboro Town Hall until the end of June.

Beachem said the Community Art

Project, coupled with other similar events, will allow artists more opportunities to exhibit their work and share it with the town, stimulating a dynamic relationship between the community and the arts.

"Art should really play a part in the community, so we're constantly trying to better integrate it in the Carrboro community," Beachem said.

The town is hosting a party of sorts for the opening reception. There'll be a band playing at Town Hall and Carrboro's newly elected poet laureate, Jay Bryan, is scheduled to read one of his poems.

Bryan has teamed up with the arts committee to expand the role of poetry and literature in the community. He said they're exploring ways to better market and distribute poetry to those residents — including children, the elderly and minorities — who may not typically encounter it. Ideas include posting a poem in every bus — "public transportation poetry" — or in a smattering of other common spots, like coffee shops and churches, making the art of verse accessible to anyone.

Making the arts more readily available is the Community Art Project's objective too. There's no judging and anyone can participate, provided their piece meets the requirements listed on the project's website, carrboro.com/CAP/

Work must be submitted on April 24 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Century Center at 100 N. Greensboro St. Participants can price and sell their pieces, but those exchanges are between the buyer and seller. Otherwise, Beachem is encouraging artists to donate any earnings to local charities.

Catherine Rierson 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.

Ready, set, life

RECENTLY...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

What would entice high school students to sign up for something called Scene & Heard, requiring them to meet for workshops led by an English teacher every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.?

The answer: Michael Irwin.

Irwin, in his 12th year of teaching, has earned a reputation, not only at Chapel Hill High School, but through his participation with young people around town, as a free-thinker who helps teens use their minds and creative expression in pursuit of answers to life's dilemmas. A show demonstrating the "Roots of Reflection" will be performed in three scenes that in-

corporate puppetry, acting, poetry, music, dance, visual art and filmmaking on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Southern Village green. In between scenes, the stunning Sacrificial Poets (pioneered in Irwin's classroom) will perform. Starting at 6:30 p.m., a ukulele orchestra will delight the arriving audience members settling into their seating on the lawn.

"It's a variety show," Irwin said.

And it's open experimentation. The students will perform with no script having been written.

In a rehearsal two weeks ago, the 17 teens of Scene & Heard were instructed to play for five minutes.



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

These Scene & Heard members are pretending to be from different planets, each with a unique sound and movement of expression. Their director, Chapel Hill High School English teacher Michael Irwin, gave them 20 seconds to evolve into commonality.

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Club Nova faces challenge

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Briefs

Bowles decries Perdue budget

UNC President Erskine Bowles had little praise for the state budget proposal released this week by Gov. Beverly Perdue.

The governor's budget calls for further reductions at the university of 3.9 percent, a move Bowles said would result in serious reductions in the campuses' teaching mission.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Bowles said he was pleased to see the governor siding with university officials rather than legislators on campus tuition increases, but Bowles, who plans to step down this year, said proposed reductions of more than \$100 million for the system could result in the loss of 1,200 positions.

"The budget reductions reluctantly recommended by the Governor will do permanent and substantial damage to the university's Academic Core and will start us on a path to mediocrity, something North Carolinians have never been willing to settle for in their institutions of higher learning," Bowles said.

Board reviews lighting rules

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved changes to the town's lighting standards Tuesday night. At a meeting at town hall, the board agreed to an update of the proposal setting new height requirements for light poles, shielding for spotlights and security lighting and requiring more efficient lighting uses.

Students to protest Tancredo

Tom Tancredo's visit to campus last April caused a ruckus leading to the cancellation of a speech by the former Republican congressman and presidential candidate and the arrest of several protesters.

Now Tancredo has been invited back, and students opposed to his vehemently anti-immigration views are preparing to again protest his visit.

Tancredo, scheduled to speak at UNC on April 26, recently drew criticism for suggesting that the President Barack Obama "go back to Kenya."

CHHS student released on bond

Chapel Hill High student Aaron Small was released on bail from Orange County Jail on Saturday after allegedly firing a gun on a school bus last Thursday morning.

According to police, Small, 18, was taken into custody on Thursday after allegedly firing a .22 caliber revolver in his pocket. No one was injured during the incident, which resulted in a lockdown at the high school and nearby Smith Middle and Seawell Elementary schools.

Small was released on \$15,000 bond later that day and taken back into custody on Friday after his bail was raised to \$30,000. He was released again on Saturday after posting the remaining \$15,000. He has been charged with possession of a weapon on school property and discharging a weapon on school property.

The bail was raised after officials realized Small had failed to appear on hit-and-run charges in Wake County in January. A judge ordered Small to stay away from Chapel Hill High and three students who attend the school.

Hillsborough reports police

Hillsborough Town Manager Eric Peterson announced last week that his office is completing an investigation into the backdating of the police department's compliance records with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, a standards organization that certifies that law-enforcement agencies are keeping up with training, crime tracking, off-duty employment records and several other areas.

Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens said he and members of the town board have been briefed during the investigation.

"What we feel is enormously distressed," Stevens said, "and we're going to do what we need to do to get back on track."

The town's former police chief, Clarence Birkhead, recently resigned, saying he wanted to concentrate on his effort to unseat Orange County Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass. Birkhead said last week that his stepping down had nothing to do with the compliance issue.

County funds Cedar Falls soccer field

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve a partnership with Chapel Hill that would allocate county soccer funds for the construction of an artificial-turf soccer field at Cedar Falls Park.

Orange County voters approved a Parks and Open Space Bond in 2001 that included funding for the location and construction of new soccer fields in the county. In 2005, the board appropriated \$650,000 of the funds for soccer fields at Twin Creeks Park north of Carrboro, but due to high construction costs the allocation was insufficient and the county chose not to pursue the soccer project at the park.

About \$620,000 remains in the soccer fund, which will support improvements to a large field at Cedar Falls Park, located off Weaver Dairy Road near East Chapel Hill High School.

Butch Kisiah, director of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation, said the field is used for a variety of sports, including soccer, lacrosse and rugby.

"It's loved to death, and that's our problem," Kisiah said. "We literally wear it out."

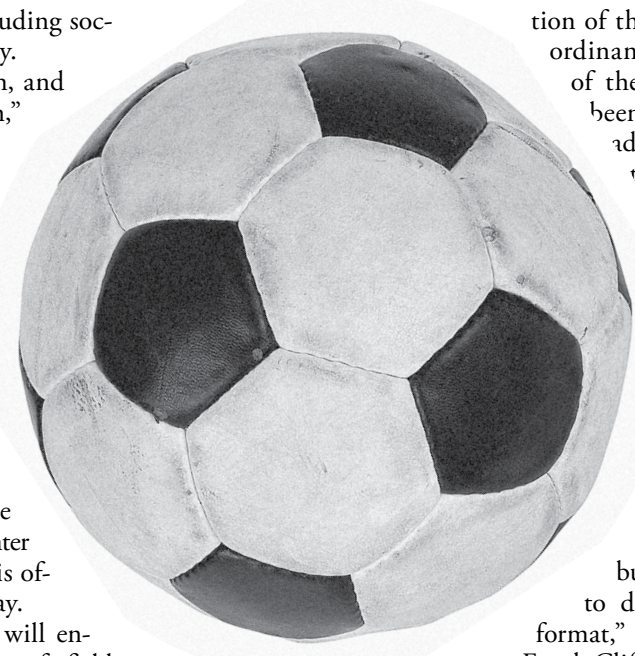
With the artificial turf, the field's life will be extended to four times that of a traditional grass field. The field will include enough space for two full-sized soccer pitches and will be available for use during winter months, when grass is often unsuitable for play.

The funding also will enable the installation of field lighting, parking improvements and renovations to the park's restroom facility.

Board members said they supported the proposed project.

"It does put use to county

funds that we probably wouldn't be able to do much



In other county business, the board approved revisions to the reduction in force (RIF) section of the county's personnel ordinance. The RIF section of the ordinance had not been revised since its adoption in 1985, and the revisions update the language to reflect changes in the law and provide a system for implementing a reduction in force, should one become necessary.

"It's my hope we never have to do a reduction in force, but if we do, we want to do it in a structured format," county manager Frank Clifton said.

The board voted earlier this month to eliminate 21 vacant positions, and officials have warned that further reductions in staffing may become necessary.

Club Nova awaits direction on its future

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

When state Secretary of Health and Human Services Lanier Cansler addressed the 32nd annual Legislative Breakfast for Mental Health held last Saturday at the Friday Center, he reiterated his belief that mental health care reform, which state government embarked on in 2001, has failed and that an entirely new system must be built.

Karen Dunn, executive director of Carrboro's Club Nova, agrees in principle. But the devil, she knows, is in the details. This proposed new system is only now beginning to take shape, subject to approval by the federal government, and Dunn is hopeful it will be flexible enough to encompass a full range of critical services, including those her organization provides.

"I think we are on the right track," Cansler told Saturday morning's audience. "Not for mental health reform. As far as I'm concerned, mental health reform is done and over."

Rather, he said, his department is building the foundation for a system built on a new classification of organizations — critical access behavioral health agencies, or CABHAs — that will provide a comprehensive suite of services, in every region of the state, with strict medical oversight.

"We are working now to try to make certain that we have the right kind of accountability, the right kind of oversight to make sure that those organizations not only provide the necessary clinical services, but do, in fact,

refer to other services, where appropriate, to make sure people receive the broad array of services that they need," Cansler said.

It's accommodation of those "other services" that has Dunn concerned — such as those provided at Club Nova.

The primary service Club Nova offers is psychosocial rehabilitation, which helps individuals diagnosed with mental illness live better, more productive lives within their communities, providing basic, essential coping skills.

Club Nova has no ambition of trying to meet the require-

"take us, philosophically, away from who we are as a clubhouse model."

"Your diagnosis is what gets you in — the diagnosis that you have a very serious mental illness," Dunn said. "Beyond that, when people come into Club Nova as members we look at their strengths, talents, skills and gifts. We don't look at the diagnosis."

"It's just a very different way of working with people." Staff members interact with members as colleagues, "and that's a very different relationship from if, say, you have a psychiatrist or

because the reimbursement rate is so low for psychosocial rehabilitation, have helped Club Nova stay in business.

"Without a community support team, it's within the realm of possibility that we could continue to operate, but it would be very hard," Dunn said.

She said that leadership at the Department of Health and Human Services has expressed its support for an increase in the clubhouse reimbursement rate, but nothing is in writing.

Cansler's department last month submitted four amendments to its CABHA proposal to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (which must approve the proposal or the state will lose Medicaid funding), one of which was to allow smaller providers to subcontract with CAB-

HAs to provide specific services. Cansler has indicated that he would be open to allowing clubhouses to operate as subcontractors. That could be the answer for Club Nova.

North Carolina Speaker of the House Joe Hackney and Rep. Verla Insko, who co-chairs a legislative oversight committee on mental health, both spoke at Saturday's legislative breakfast. Both represent Orange County, and both have expressed their support for Club Nova.

"Ultimately, we want to operate the best clubhouse we can for the citizens of Orange County," Dunn said, "and we want to be able to assure our members, their families and our other stakeholders that this will remain a very high-quality program."

She now awaits word from the government.

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ments that would allow it to become a CABHA. "I can't make that leap," Dunn said. "It's just not feasible."

CABHAs must provide four core services — case management for those with mental illness or a substance-abuse problem, comprehensive clinical assessment, medication management and outpatient therapy — and at least two additional services from a list that includes psychosocial rehabilitation.

Setting up the infrastructure to provide all those services is beyond Club Nova's means. It would have to hire a part-time medical director to oversee the services and full-time clinical and quality management/training directors.

But beyond the costs, Dunn said, is that reshaping itself to provide all those services would

someone who's coming in from the medical model and providing oversight for the clubhouse. It just doesn't work."

It creates a new dynamic within the clubhouse. "They begin to suggest therapies," Dunn said. And while some club members may benefit from therapy, the clubhouse is not designed as an environment in which therapy is delivered.

Dunn is thus asking how much accommodation will be made for smaller providers, such as Club Nova, that focus on a non-medical service. Club Nova would be allowed to continue to provide psychosocial rehabilitation without becoming a CABHA, but it would no longer be allowed to provide community support team services. These services are complementary to psychosocial rehabilitation and,

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Editors Note: It does a certain something to a man to see his elected officials – local, state and federal – stand and sing, in unison, and approximately on key, the union anthem “Solidarity Forever” (“Greater than the might of armies, (magnified a thousand-fold/ We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old/For the Union makes us strong/Solidarity forever!...”). It gives rise to a genuine frisson.

There they were, more than a few of them, at the Friday Center on Sunday, along with 300-some others – academicians, activists, organizers and more lawyers than one hopes to ever again see in one assemblage – doing just that. And who could have occasioned such an outburst but the man in whose honor we were gathered: Daniel Hubbard Pollitt (July 6, 1921-March 5, 2010)? No one; no doubt.

A great many very lovely words were said at Sunday’s celebration of Pollitt’s life. We share with you below a tribute delivered by his friend Gene Nichol. – Taylor Sisk

In memory of Dan Pollitt

I never expected, when I moved to North Carolina in middle age, to come to know a friend, a mentor, a lodestar, a hero, who was, himself, of somewhat more advanced age, a law professor of all things, in theory retired, from whom I’d hang on every word, ask of every lesson, drink deeply of every story and learn so much of living life – as a lawyer, as an activist, as engaged academic, as constitutionalist, as a father, as a friend, as a Tar Heel, as a man, as a believer in hope. That’s more than one has a right to expect. Not all surprises are trouble. Some are magic. Like Dan Pollitt.

He could, on the surface, seem of contradiction. The Marine so powerfully committed to peace. The opposite of Dick Cheney and George Bush. Not chickenhawk, but battle-tested dove. The man of ideas and surpassing intellect, wholly committed to action. The most formidable of adversaries – relentless, bold, stunningly courageous. But the most gentlemanly of opponents. The raised voice was not his hallmark. It was, instead, the twinkling eye. Not the tea party type.

A constitutional historian who would deploy every turn of a 500-year history in the protection of civil rights – in order to carve a better future. The legal philosopher who could out-lawyer anyone. The only one of us who could write gracefully enough to be published in *Esquire* or *Harpers*. The most distinguished of the Carolina law school’s scholars, who cared not a whit for distinction. No one ever accomplished more and spoke of it less. If I had done even one-third of the things Dan Pollitt pulled off in his career, I guarantee you everybody in this room would know it.

No one was ever more elite in attainment and more democratic in temperament – kindly to all he encountered. The law school staff loved Dan, but maybe not as much as he loved them. And nobody ever knew so much more than his students could possibly comprehend, but still believed so entirely in their promise.

I said, on the surface, these could seem like contradictions. But not to those who knew him. Not contradiction, but transcendence. For as great as was his intellect, his passion, his commitment, his learning, his determination, they all took second seat to his heart. This room would be chocked full, as it is, to mark and pay tribute to Pollitt’s singular record – literally, of doing what Daniel Webster called “the great work of humans on earth, achieving justice.” But there wouldn’t be the tears, the unrelenting sadness, the grief that lingers, born in the straightforward fact that we miss him so badly – we mourn his un-

bounded heart.

It is near impossible to talk about Dan’s career in an encompassing way – too much, it’s too varied, too crucial. And, for me, an amateur student of the civil rights era, it’s too marvelous, too multifaceted. Every time I’d become obsessed with some new aspect, I’d eventually talk to Dan about it. He’d usually say, “Oh yeah; I remember that.” And of course, he’d played some untrumpeted role.

A few years ago, I became focused on Fannie Lou Hamer of Ruleville, Miss. – who was famously “sick and tired of being sick and tired.” And after I’d read two biographies and everything I could find about her, I mentioned her to Dan. He said, “Oh yeah; I represented her when she tried to unseat the Mississippi delegation in Atlantic City.” I said, “Dan, why didn’t you tell me? What was she like?” He said, “She was short.”

Actually, the most accurate description of Dan, for me, comes from thinking about Paul Wellstone’s constant refrain: “We cannot separate the lives we lead from the words we speak.” Dan met that challenge better than anyone I’ve ever known.

My favorite mental picture of him – one that I keep in my head – is of Dan sitting on the sidewalk a half-century ago – with just a couple of teenage black students – picketing segregation at the Varsity Theatre on Franklin Street. Constant, fearless, egoless commitment to the words we speak in the life we lead – even if others disagreed, or hated it, or even if he was alone. If he thought it was right, it didn’t matter if it was popular. Maybe it would become popular eventually. But if it was wrong, even if it was popular, it wasn’t ever going to become right.

Mrs. Hamer didn’t do an opinion poll before she started the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Rosa Parks didn’t conduct a focus group before she sat down for freedom...

A life spent passionately, untiringly, unendingly in the cause of human freedom. For Dan, the happy struggle. I love the poet’s line: “Should my frail craft prove too slight, for waves that sweep those billows o’er, I’d rather go down in the stirring fight, than drowse to death at the sheltered shore.” Dan Pollitt’s craft – no matter how many ways you might define that term – Dan’s craft was never frail or slight. And it lifted us all.

Gene Nichol is a professor of law and director of UNC’s Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity.

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PHOTO BY ROBERT DICKSON

A groundbreaking celebration was held on Tuesday to kick off exterior renovations to University Mall and the installation of a U.S. 15-501 access road. Those participating were, from left to right, Michael Barefoot, owner of A Southern Season; Paul Harnett, senior vice president of Madison Marquette; Jeffrey Goodrum, vice president of South Estes Farmers’ Market; Dwight Bassett, economic development officer for the Town of Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Town Council Member Ed Harrison; Chapel Hill Town Council Member Matt Czajkowski; Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce; and Peter de Leon, general manager of University Mall.

OBITUARIES

Andrew John Miketa

Andrew Miketa died unexpectedly while undergoing emergency surgery at Buttersville Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Andrew was born in Girard, Ohio to immigrant parents, Andrew and Anna (Tomsco) Miketa. The family moved to Baden, Pa., where Andrew attended Ambridge High School. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a football scholarship, playing for the Tar Heels throughout his college career. He served two years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He joined the Detroit Lions football team as their starting center in 1953, playing two seasons snapping the ball to Bobby Layne and winning the NFL Championship game in 1953. After leaving football, he entered dental school at the University of North Carolina. He opened and maintained a private practice in Chapel Hill, performing dentistry with his trademark sense of humor. In 1953, he married his one true love, the lovely Mary Louise Monk. They had seven children.

Andrew was one of those rare humans that really would give you the “shirt off his back,” only to be left wondering why he was shirtless. He showed his love of life by giving to all, sometimes to his own detriment. He wanted to create spaces for young people to gather, to play sports or to simply hang-out and be happy together, much to the aggravation of many city officials. Andrew walked to the beat of a different drummer, making him all the more lovable to those who walked to the same beat. No

one was a stranger to Andrew. All were welcome at his dining table, whether it was at home or a restaurant.

Andrew loved his family above all. He was preceded in death by his daughters Mary Jane Monk and Suzi Miketa Wagner; brothers Ernest, James and Edward; and sister Helen. He is survived by his daughter Sally Miketa Stern; his sons Andrew Miketa Jr., Bill Miketa, Mike Miketa and John Miketa, his son-in-law, Bud Matthews; sisters-in-law, Nan McCabe, Mid, Dolly, Janice and Marion; brothers Eugene, Donald and George; sister Dorothy Kelly; grandchildren Myles, Madison, Melissa, Matthew and Elliot; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Jen and her staff at the Hadley Center for their kindness and patience while dealing with our father’s forgetfulness, along with Rob, Dr. Kokx and their staff at Memorial Medical Center, Ludington, Mich. for their actions and attitudes while attempting to save our father’s life. You gave it all you had to help him fight the good fight. We will always remember how you brought out his sense

of humor even as he lay dying. We could not have endured this without you all.

Mass for family and close friends will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday April 17 in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception Church, Durham, N.C. A celebration of Andrew’s life will be held at Time-Out Sports Bar and Restaurant, Fordham Blvd., Chapel Hill from 4 to 7 p.m. the same day.

Tanya Terzis

Tanya Marie Terzis, born June 24, 1948, lost her brave fight against cancer on Sunday, April 18, surrounded by loved ones. She was a loving mother and a dear friend. All who had the pleasure of knowing her are aware of her extreme generosity, vivacious character and humorous personality.

Tanya was preceded in death by her parents, Eleni and Ivan, and her sister, Cassie. She is survived by son Nikos, 24, and daughter Eleni, 22, of Chapel Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Fire Fighter Eleni Fund at the Chapel Hill Fire Fighter Association, 403 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC, 27514.

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"You've all been children before," Irwin began the exercise. "You've all been free to play. Where did you used to play? What did you do?"

The answers gave some suggestions. "Play for five minutes. No; play for three total minutes - but that's it - no playing after three minutes." Someone protested, saying she wanted to play more. "How long?" Irwin inquired.

"Five minutes," was the answer.

"Okay; play for five minutes." Irwin had demonstrated how to get what one wants by suggesting, then removing the suggestion.

"Whatever you do, keep moving, keep playing," and he jumped right in with them and played along as they used the squishy, fat, long, fabric "roots" they had made as jump ropes, among other forms of play, that spread their faces with smiles, while a student offered up drumming as musical energy.

Even in the classroom, Irwin, 35, has never been traditional in his teaching style.

"I decided that I wanted to spend my life interacting with youth and trying to provide some creative outlets for them" he said. In his classroom, reading a book is the beginning of learning. Students then use their choice of creative form to present the book's essence. "Being an English major is not at the core of it," he said.

In 2002, seeking more community engagement and spiritual fulfillment, Irwin and Charlie Butchart began Wilderness Excursions, taking students on backpack trips on long weekends through the school year and 10-day or two-week trips over the summer. He started Scene & Heard four years ago.

Lizzy Orton, a senior at Carrboro High School, has known Irwin since she was 8 and a student at Community Independent School. She often saw Irwin visiting Butchart, now education director at a private school in northern Chatham

County. Lizzy took a Wilderness Excursion her freshman year (the only year she was at CHHS), and after learning on that trip how to exercise her creativity in the ways Irwin stimulates, she eagerly dedicated her Saturdays for the next three years to Scene & Heard.

"For me, it is something that is simply 100 percent worth it," Lizzy said. "I always came home with all these different subjects like nonviolence and human rights on my mind." She said she learned a new vocabulary. "In my history and social studies classes, I could offer things that weren't in the textbook. He wasn't teaching us; it was group discussion."

Soon, her friends were intrigued.

Hannah Miller, also a senior at Carrboro High School, gave it a try. "It sounded like an interesting group of people with a creative energy I like to be around," she said. As for the show, she finds it equally exciting and terrifying. "It can be challenging when it's two weeks before the show and we're not really sure what we'll be doing yet. Everyone's a part of the storyboarding process. The ideas kind of fuse and form something really cool. But it can be terrifying to realize you have no concrete plan," she said.

"I think what he really strives to do is to provide kids with a really real and authentic experience within the public school system," Butchart said of his longtime friend. "He's easily one of the most dedicated educators I've met in my life." He couldn't say how many hundreds of students or parents give the same answer when asked who had been their favorite teacher, who had brought out the most in themselves or their child. "It's consistently him. He's an amazing big-ideas person. I've never seen anyone give so much to make his ideas happen with youth," Butchart said.

A \$5 donation is suggested for this free show. The rain date is April 30.

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COUNCIL
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rise as municipalities try to deal with growing deer populations. The council also heard from Duke Forest managers about their efforts to cull the herd in the forest. Faced with what forest managers called a potential devastation of the forests herbeaceous plants by the deer, Duke two years ago authorized the first hunt in the forest in its 75-year history.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said the issue has passionate supporters on both sides. Although the council earlier this year decided to put in an application for an in-town bow hunt before the state's April 1 deadline, several members of the council are strongly opposed to the idea.

Residents were as divided as the council has been on how best to proceed.

Laura Fleck said if the council wanted to shoot deer, they could

find 20 or 30 in her yard almost any afternoon. She asked the council to act.

"Anything you can do to get rid of them I applaud," she said.

Martha Collins said she was opposed to a hunt and urged the council to look for other solutions. Once the town starts culling deer, it would likely have to do it every year, Collins said.

Laura Fleck said if the council wanted to shoot deer, they could find 20 or 30 in her yard almost any afternoon.

"I don't think culling is the answer," Collins said.

The council approved a motion to ask Town Manager Roger Stancil to draw up a set of proposals on how a deer census would be conducted, the impact of the deer on natural vegetation in the town and the alternatives for reducing the population, including a possible bow hunt.

The motion was approved by a vote of 8-1, with council member Laurin Easthom saying she could neither support a proposal for bow hunting in the city limits nor could she support any plan that would close down the Carolina North property while a hunt was conducted.

In other action Monday night, the council approved a

ing units, outreach building and a retreat center.

The council also continued a public hearing on the Bridgeport project, a mixed-use development proposed for Homestead Road near the railroad crossing.

The project includes 77,567 square feet of floor area for two mixed-use, non-residential buildings and 23 to 32 townhouses on 9.2 acres.

Stancil said the project presents a challenge for town planners since it is in an area identified as an environmentally sensitive area as well as one listed as having potential for commercial development.

Kleinschmidt and others worried about the viability of the commercial space.

"I think one of the worst things that could happen in this part of town is to build commercial space that's going to end up being ghostland," he said. "It's worse than having nothing."

The council continued the public hearing until May 24.

ATWATER
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Atwater, 23, pleaded guilty to charges of carjacking resulting in death, kidnapping resulting in death, carrying and using firearms during and in relation to carjacking and kidnapping resulting in death, possession of firearms by a convicted felon and possession of a short-barreled shotgun without proper registration.



Demario Atwater

"Eve Carson's murder was a senseless, random act of violence. Today's plea spares Ms. Carson's family and friends the uncertainty and pain of a drawn-out trial and endless appeals," U.S. Attorney Anna Wagoner said in a statement. "We hope this resolution will help the Carson family put this horrendous act behind them, as best they can, and move on with their lives."

In exchange for a guilty plea, federal authorities agreed to drop the death penalty, though Atwater could still be sentenced to death in state court. The state cannot seek the death penalty against suspect Laurence Alvin Lovette because he was 17 at the time of the murder. An Orange County jury has not sentenced anyone to death since 1973 and no one

has been executed for crimes committed in Orange County since 1948.

Woodall announced in 2008 that the state would seek the death penalty against Atwater, alleging three aggravating factors: that the murder was committed during the commission of an armed robbery, burglary or kidnapping; was committed for monetary gain; and was heinous, atrocious and cruel.

Woodall said the federal plea bargain did not have a direct bearing on the state's case. "They're separate cases. They're actually different charges," he said, adding that

the state has tentatively scheduled a hearing on the case for April 30 at 2 p.m. in Hillsborough.

"I think a lot of questions about our case and how it's going to proceed will be answered at that hearing," Woodall said.

Carson's parents released a statement following the federal plea: "While we deplore the evil and negligence that led to Eve's death, we agree with the U.S. Attorney's decision to accept the plea agreement. We are very grateful for the dedication and hard work that have gone into the investigation and prosecution of this crime."

Atwater is scheduled for sentencing on Sept. 23.

DOT
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In a recent interview with *The Citizen*, DOT engineer Mike Mills said a future increase in the number of lanes would only be planned if the town requested it. He said acquiring more right-of-way would also make the addition of the sidewalks and bikeways easier to accomplish.

Town representatives, including Mayor Mark Chilton and transportation board chair Charlie Hileman, have been cautiously optimistic that the new design will pass muster.

According to the DOT, the new plan also calls for widening Smith Level Road to a two-lane road divided by a grass median with eight-foot shoulders from the bridge crossing Morgan Creek to the BPW Club Road. The proposed design for other sections of Smith Level Road includes:

- widening Smith Level Road from just south of Rock Haven Road to Culbreth Road to three lanes;
- constructing a roundabout near Carrboro High School at the intersection of Smith Level and Rock Haven roads; and
- building a three-lane section between Culbreth and BPW Club roads.

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Briefs



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Jackie Cope walks with twin Jersey calves Breis and Fryer, born last year at Chapel Hill Creamery, one of the favorite local stops on the farm tour.

Farm tour this weekend

The 15th annual Piedmont Farm Tour takes place this Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. This year, 40 farms are on the tour, which benefits the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association.

You can buy a tour button for \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of the event at any Weaver Street Market, the Durham Farmers' Market, Chatham Marketplace and Harmony Farms in Raleigh. You can also buy one online at carolinafarmstewards.org, where you'll also find downloadable maps and more information.

New farms on the tour this year include Keenan McDonald's Duck River Farm in Chatham County and Jack and Sandy Pleasant's Sunset Ridge Buffalo Farm in Roxboro.

Forgotten grasslands

Philip Juras, artist and landscape architect, gives us a vision of what the open, old-growth grassy woodlands of the southeastern Piedmont were like when European explorers first arrived in the annual Sims Lecture at the N.C. Botanical Garden Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The lecture opens Juras' exhibit, "A Vision of Grasslands in the Southeast – landscapes in oil."

HOPE Garden dedication

A ribbon-cutting event for HOPE Gardens, a new community garden at 2200 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill, is set for Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A joint project of the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department and the Homeless Outreach Poverty Eradication committee, the garden and education center also serves as a transitional-employment program for homeless participants. The event features workshops from 11 a.m. to noon on sustainable agriculture, food forests and garden art, along with fresh food and tours.

Seedling event

The Carrboro Farmers' Market is holding its annual tomato-seedling giveaway for kids, beginning Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

For the last six weeks, the market's farmers have grown the plants especially for young gardeners. To help the seedlings get a good start, Fifth Season Gardening Company is providing the organic potting soil and advice. Adding to the fun, Kidzu Children's Museum will have a seedling-themed kids' activity area behind the gazebo.

Earth Day on campus

UNC's Earth Week celebration continues with several events scheduled for Earth Day, which this year falls on Thursday, including an Earth Day Fair on Polk Place starting at 10 a.m., a walking tour of campus trees with Michael Durr at 3:30 p.m. and a showing and discussion of the documentary *Food Fight* from 7 to 9 p.m. Details of these and other events are at carolinagreen.unc.edu

Market to take cards, foods stamps

Starting May 1, the Carrboro Farmers' Market will start taking credit and debit cards and charges to food stamp accounts.

The market is also setting up a new program for food stamp recipients called Market Match, which will allow participants to double their buying power at the market.

Read about the innovative new programs in next week's issue of *The Citizen*.



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In Bloom



COLUMBINE (AQUILEGIA CANADENSIS)

"... showy red flowers, nodding; petals prominently spurred, the spurs with slightly enlarged tips; stamens numerous; lead-blades three divided; the leaflets 3-lobed" — B. W. Wells.

In the garden

Daffodils and other spring bulbs need their foliage to produce energy for next year. Resist the urge to remove the foliage before it starts turning yellow. Some gardeners tie the foliage into a bundle for neatness. This also cuts down on the energy the bulb can collect for the next year, although it isn't as bad as cutting the foliage away entirely.

Root crops such as beets, carrots and onions must be thinned no matter how ruthless it seems. Remove weaker-looking plants until you can get at least three fingers between the remaining healthy ones.

Tips for In the Garden are provided by the Orange County Master Gardeners. The gardeners hold clinics in Hillsborough Monday–Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and at the N.C. Botanical Garden Wednesday and Friday, noon to 2 p.m. For information, email ocmgardeners@gmail.com



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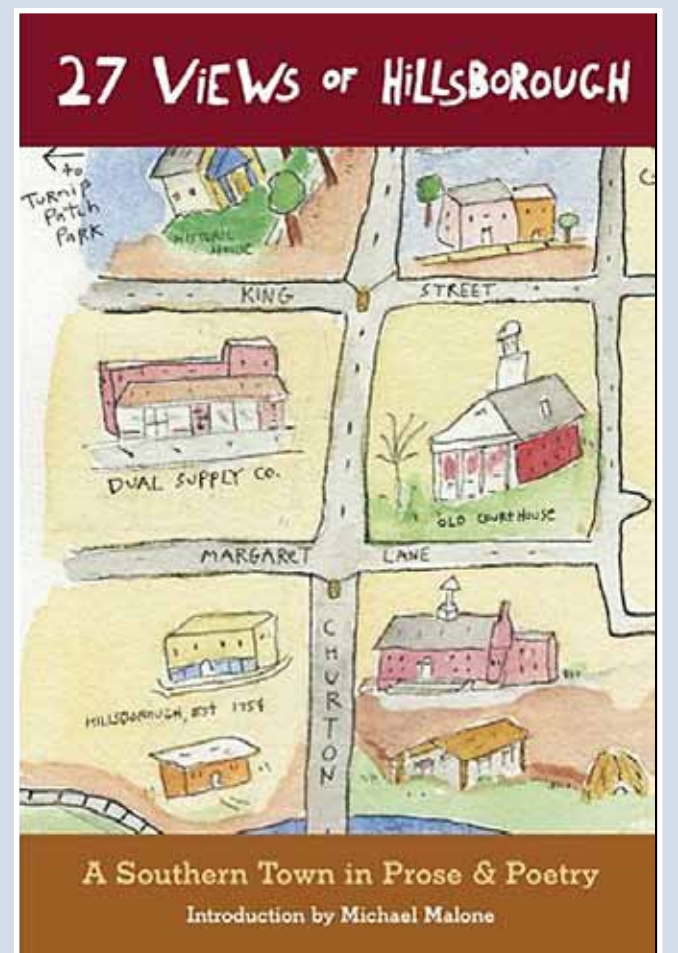
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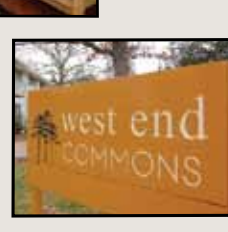
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Atamasco lily meadows are a rare sight these days.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

"One of the truly breath-taking sights in the Piedmont and Coastal regions from Virginia south, is to be found in certain meadows where the 'Atamasco Lilies,' *Zephyranthes atamasca*, abound. These members of the Amaryllis family are very easily cultivated, and will grow, quite accommodatingly, even under conditions somewhat different from their natural habitat of swamp of 'Crawfish Land'..."

"They seem to put up with almost any conditions, so long as their requirements of moisture in Spring and a somewhat rich diet are supplied. The wettish parts of gardens suit them best of all.

"The last week in April finds them in full flower in North Carolina. Each clump of bulbs sends up from five to 10 flowers, one after the other, in rapid succession, and a whole meadow of them is worth going many a mile to see."

Sadly, nowadays we see only remnants of those extensive former meadows, a plant or two still surviving in shady, wet woodlands and forest edges.

Surprisingly, atamasco lily is the N.C. Botanical Garden's Wildflower of the Year for this year. You can get a free packet of seed from the garden. Better yet, visit the garden's plant sales to get one or more plants grown from seed. It takes a lot of seeds

to provide for Wild-flower of the Year, and the garden staff is indebted to a generous local family for sharing seeds from their horse-pasture meadow of thousands of atamasco lilies – a lingering, living heritage of an earlier time, when such lily fields were a common sight. Horses and deer won't eat atamasco lilies!

This lily field, now a rarity in our area, is approaching peak flowering, and I'm going out to view it. You're welcome to join me if you're willing to carpool. Meet me at the rear of the Eubanks Road Park-and-Ride Lot at 10 a.m. this Saturday. As Mr. Hunt said, "a whole meadow of them is worth going many a mile to see."



Horses (and deer) won't eat atamasco lilies.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Jubilee, 1964

I bet I'm not alone in this: Many of my fondest college memories from the '60s center around a thing called JUBILEE. Time was, every spring at UNC, we'd grab our baby and our blanket and gather on the grass at McCorkle Place to listen to the sounds of Charlie Byrd, the Temptations, Spanky and Our Gang, the Association – or, as seen in this murky photo from my freshman darkroom fumbblings – a folk group called the Serendipity Singers, complete with big-haired girl singers and guitar-playing guys wearing skinny ties and cardigans. Ah, those were the days.

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BY JOCK LAUTERER



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