



FRIDAY
20% Chance of Rain
92/67



SATURDAY
20% Chance of Rain
85/58



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
77/59

C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Neil Diamond Allstars

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Bigleaf magnolia flower appears first in upright urn-shape vase form.

PHOTO BY BETSY GREEN MOYER

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Bigleaf again

described bigleaf Magnolia, *Magnolia macrophylla*, last year (Flora, 7/16/09). The large leaves, arranged umbrella-like at the ends of the branches, create a tropical feeling in the forest landscape. There is a mature planted specimen overhanging Bill Bracey's hillside patio in the heart of Chapel Hill. Bill's inspired placement of that tree is such that you can enjoy looking up through the whorls of giant leaves or down upon them from his hillside vantage point.

Viewing that tree this past week in full flower was another of those "oh wow" experiences. All in one plane was a three-day flowering sequence of about-to-open bud, a flower in early urn-shape phase and a third, wide-open flower. What a show!

A good place to view bigleaf is in the northern section of Coker Arboretum near the grove of big cypress trees. It still has flowers opening way up high. At the N.C. Botanical Garden, you will find a nice specimen in the woodland garden behind the Totten Center. It still has buds and flowers lower down, offering a closer view.

This native magnolia has a curious distribution across the Southeastern states, from southern Ohio and southwestern Virginia down through eastern Tennessee, the central Carolinas, western Georgia and extending to Alabama, Mississippi, northern Louisiana and finally southeastern Arkansas. You are most likely never going to see it in the wild, though occurrences continue to be documented by botanists.

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Town budgets tap savings, hold line on taxes

Health initiative, park fixes and bonuses among major costs in Chapel Hill

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Town Manager Roger Stancil released his proposed 2010-11 budget on Monday, noting that a hefty fund balance and savings built up after another year of belt tightening would help the town move ahead on some initiatives while avoiding a tax increase.

Stancil said that like the past two years, most unfilled vacancies would remain open and major equipment purchases would be delayed to save funds.

Savings from this year's target of

6 percent of the total budget has yielded about \$3 million. Stancil wants to use that and about \$2 million of the town's fund balance to cover costs ranging from a hike in health care premiums to a state-mandated jump in payments to the state pension plan. The \$2 million represents the amount of the town's fund balance in excess of 15 percent of the overall budget. Ken Pennoyer, the town's director of business management, said that would still keep the fund balance healthy enough to maintain the town's Triple A bond rating.

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Carrboro aims to maintain services, jobs and benefits

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — While acknowledging signs of an upturn in the economy, Carrboro Town Manager Steve Stewart presented his proposed 2010-11 budget at Tuesday night's Board of Aldermen meeting at Town Hall as one that reflects the reality of lagging property tax and sales receipts.

Stewart's proposed \$18, 525,685 budget represents a \$549,749 decrease from this year's budget.

Like this year's budget, Stewart said the proposal avoids a tax-rate increase, while attempting to maintain the current level of services and continue planned capital projects.

The manager said property taxes grew by less than 1 percent this year, while sales taxes are showing a 4.1 percent decrease over a seven-month period as compared with the same time period in 2008-09. The town also is awaiting word on the county and state budgets, which could necessitate further belt tightening.

"Understanding the limited growth of town revenues, a word of caution is needed in understanding that the interests of maintaining town services and employee benefits without increasing the tax rate in this recommended budget will require the Town to pay

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Graduates hold signs thanking their mothers during the 2010 UNC commencement ceremony last Sunday.

Ike Andrews, statesman, dies at 84

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Former U.S. Congressman Ike Andrews, who served six terms as the representative from North Carolina's 4th Congressional District, died Monday in an assisted-living facility at the age of 84.

Born in Bonlee in Chatham County in 1925, Andrews is known for his work on the House Education and Labor Committee, where he served as chair of its human-services subcommittee. He held the seat Rep. David Price now holds from 1973 until his 1985 defeat by Republican Bill Cobey.

"Ike Andrews was a mentor and friend to me for many years and his death is a great personal loss to me and many others in our shared home of Chatham County," House Speaker Joe Hackney said in a statement. "He gave me my start in politics and perhaps more than anyone convinced me to pursue a life of public service."

Hackney, Andrews' former son-

in-law, once served as Andrews' campaign manager.

On Tuesday, Price addressed the House and led a moment of silence for Andrews.

"Ike Andrews rose from humble beginnings in the small town of Bonlee in Chatham County, North Carolina to the halls of Congress," Price said. "His work in North Carolina was an opening act to a congressional career particularly devoted to the cause of education. Education changed his life, and he wanted to make sure that other people of modest means would have the same opportunities."

"Today, as I think of his work in this body, I look back with appreciation that it helped shape North Carolina's Triangle region as we know it today — a vibrant place of learning and research and innovation."

Prior to serving in Congress, Andrews practiced law in Chatham County. During World War II, he served from 1943 to 1945 as a field artillery forward observer in the U.S. Army.

He was elected to the North Carolina State Senate in 1959 and then to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1961, where he served until his 1972 election to Congress. After leaving Congress, Andrews returned to his law practice.

"He was devoted to improving the education of our children and to creating equal opportunity for all of them, a belief he carried out by helping to end segregation in our schools. Our state and nation are better today because of his work," Hackney said. "I will miss my friend and the wisdom and values that he shared with me. I will miss his good-humored annual celebration of Groundhog Day, his kindness and his spirit and I send my deep regrets to his family during this time of mourning."

Andrews is survived by his wife, JoAnn Johnson Andrews; daughter, Alice Joyce, and her husband, Bob Joyce; granddaughter, Laura Joyce; and grandson, Kevin Joyce.

The funeral will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Bonlee Baptist Church. The burial will follow at Hope Cemetery in Bonlee.

Truck Bucks rolling

Carrboro Farmers' Market new programs off to big start

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The signs are everywhere. Everywhere at the Carrboro Farmers' Market that is.

That's where the Truck Bucks logo is on display at 47 stands nestled alongside cheeses, flowers, vegetables and just about everything else the market has on hand.

Truck Bucks are wooden tokens, and are both literally and figuratively the currency of a new set of programs aimed at increasing sales for farmers and encouraging participants in the federal SNAP program (you may know the program as food stamps) to take advantage of the market's offerings. So far, \$3,250 in market sales have come via the tokens.

Last Saturday, under a warm sun, the Truck Bucks were flowing. Vol-

unteer Marian Sadler stayed busy at the currency exchange set up at the market's booth swiping credit, debit and EBT cards and handing out the small, wooden "truckies." (EBT stands for electronic benefit transfer, for those with federal benefits.)

After several hours and at least one run back to the bank to replenish the Truck Bucks in circulation, Sadler, a school of public health graduate working with the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, turned to market manager Sarah Blacklin and reported a distinct jump in SNAP participants.

"It's more than double last week," she said to Blacklin.

Sadler said that after only two weeks into the program, she's been impressed with the way the tokens have taken off.

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Chapel Hill Creamery's Barbara Taylor said she received quite a number of Truck Bucks at last Saturday's Farmers' Market.

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OWASA warns council of rate increase

BY RICH FOWLER
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — In a report presented at Monday night's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, OWASA warned the council that its next budget will require a 9.25 percent rate increase. OWASA will begin public hearings about its budget on May 27.

The council also approved a measure that will take \$259,000 in interest from sidewalk and street bonds sold in 2004 and 2006 and add the money to the town's sidewalk budget. The increase in local money will make more federal matching funds available for improvement projects. Town staff will revise the sidewalk project priority list and bring it back to the council by June.

In other council action Monday:

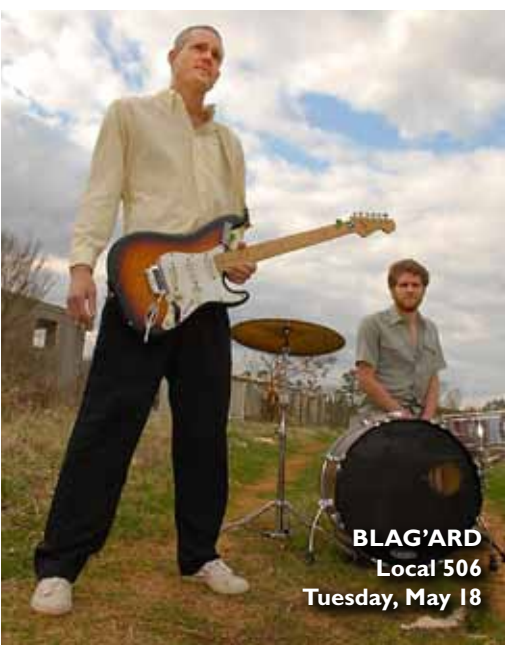
The next step in the neighborhood conservation district (NCD) process for the Glen Lennox area was taken when the council made appointments to the Glen Lennox NCD Development Committee.

Jamie Rohe presented the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness' annual report to the council. In the second year of their 10-year plan, the partnership already has created 12 of 40 units of permanent supportive housing. Given that many of the chronic homeless it's trying to help have problems with alcohol or drug addiction, the housing includes around-the-clock support to help them fight these addictions.

Jon Stone presented a petition on behalf of some 40 residents in the St. James Place neighborhood asking the council to stop construction at St. Thomas More Catholic School until the school

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MUSIC CALENDAR



BLAG'ARD
Local 506
Tuesday, May 18

THURSDAY MAY 13

BaDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm

Blue Bayou: Rodie Ray. 9pm

The Cave: EARLY: Anniversary Club. LATE: Sinful Savage Tiger, Charlie the Horse. \$5

City Tap: Marc Brown. 7-9pm

General Store Cafe: Bourbon Street Jazz. 7-9pm

Local 506: Dow Jones

FRIDAY MAY 14

Blue Bayou: The Backbeat. 9:30pm

Bynum Front Porch: Rye Mountain Boys. 7-9pm

Cafe Driade: Nightsound Studios Artist Showcase. 8pm

Cats Cradle: Neil Diamond Allstars, New Town Drunks. 10pm. \$10

The Cave: EARLY: The Venables LATE: The Breaks, Multiples

City Tap: Tracy Wiebeck, 5-7pm. Joe Bell and The Stinging Blades. 7-10pm

General Store Cafe: Earl Pickens and Family. 8-10:30pm. \$5

Harry's Market: ShackTown. 7pm

Local 506: Fan Tan, Free Electric State. Cited. 10pm. \$8

Open Eye Cafe: Scott Dameron and Jay Ladd. 8pm

SATURDAY MAY 15

Blue Bayou: Da Muthas. 9:30pm

Cats Cradle: Lost in The Trees, Old Bricks, The Strugglers. 9pm. \$10

Cafe Driade: Ian McFeron. 8pm

The Cave: EARLY: Ashley Atkins Band LATE: Schooner, The Tomahawks, Wages

City Tap: Dexter Romweber. 8pm

General Store Cafe: Molasses Creek. 8-10:30pm. \$5

Harry's Market: Gregory Blaine and Rootsie. 7-9pm

Milltown: DJ Nasty Boots. 10pm

Nightlight: Caltrop, Pontiak, Arbo-ureturn. 10pm. \$7

Open Eye Cafe: Is That A Warus. 8pm

The Flying Burrito: See No Weevil. 8:30pm-12am

SUNDAY MAY 16

Cats Cradle: Eluvium, Julianna Barwick. 9pm \$10/12

The Cave: LATE: Nightmare River Band

Local 506: Everybody Was In The French Resistance...Now! Jews and Catholics. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Southern Village: Claudia Schmidt. 7pm. \$5

Weaver Street market: Earl Pickens and Family. 11am-1pm

MONDAY MAY 17

Local 506: Nick and The Babes, Anna Vaughn. 9:30pm. \$3

TUESDAY MAY 18

The Cave: EARLY: Nohow On LATE: NoStar

La Residence: Vintage Blue Band. 5:30pm

Local 506: Pride Parade, Blag'ard, Embarrassing Fruits.

WEDNESDAY MAY 19

Cafe Driade: Stoll Vaughan. 8pm

The Cave: LATE: The Migrant, Glasgow

Local 506: Howe Gelb, Jeff Crawford. 9pm. \$10

Nightlight: Pistil, Panda Riot, Up and Down Escalator. 9:30pm. \$5

THURSDAY MAY 20

East 54: Joe Romeo. 5:40pm. Free

Blue Bayou: Soulless Doggs. 9:30pm

Cats Cradle: Thee Silver Mt. Zion Memorial Orchestra. 9pm. \$13/15

The Cave: EARLY: Ballroom Event featuring North Columbia. LATE: Tisch Brain Tumor Center Benefit featuring Front Porch Sofa. \$5

City Tap: Jack Maverick and His Wild Rebels. 7-9pm

General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7-9pm

Local 506: Black Shkies, Music Hates You, Make. 9:30pm. \$5

Nightlight: Andrew Marino, Andrew Weathers. 9:30pm. \$5

The Reservoir: Beloved Binge, Actual Persons Living or Dead, Ponchos From Peru

FRIDAY MAY 21

Blue Bayou: Will McFarlane Band. 9:30pm

Cafe Driade: Chris Wimberley. 8pm

Cats Cradle: Superchunk. 9pm. \$14

The Cave: EARLY: Have Gun Will Travel LATE: Blotter Benefit with Puritan Rodeo, Gasoline Stove

City Tap: Shawn Deena. 5-7pm. The Breaks 7-10pm

General Store Cafe: Decatur Street Beat Dixieland. 8-10:30pm

Harry's Market: West Trinity. 7pm

Local 506: Carlie Mars, Matt Mackelcan. 9:30pm. \$12

Nightlight: Mr. Coffee and the Creamers. 9:30pm. \$5

SATURDAY MAY 22

Cafe Driade: Daniel Sean, Nic Croucher. 8pm

City Tap: The Kinksmen, Mannish Boys. 8-10pm

Cats Cradle: Railroad Earth, The Infamous Stringdusters. 9pm. \$20/23

The Cave: EARLY: Tripp, Stella LATE: Money

General Store Cafe: Hot Tub of Grits. 8-10:30pm. \$5

Harry's Market: Durham Ukelele Orchestra. 7-9pm

Local 506: Matt Pond Pa, Bobby Long. 9pm. \$10/12

SPOTLIGHT: NEIL DIAMOND ALL-STARS



The Neil Diamond Allstars will perform on Friday, May 14 at 10 p.m. at Cat's Cradle.

The Allstars, a Neil Diamond tribute band, are celebrating their 15th anniversary this year. The group – which includes Jack Whitebread, Laura King, Sue Elliot, Jeff Clarke, Jenni Snyder, Sonar Strange, Stevie Murtaugh, Shannon Windsor and Joe Don Eason – will perform Diamond's classics, including some new additions to the Allstars' set list.

The New Town Drunks will open the show.

Tickets are \$10. Ten percent of the proceeds will benefit the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service. Doors open at 9 p.m.

MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

The CAROLINA THEATRE
Durham's Historic Movie Palace
Film Schedule Friday, May 14 - Thursday, May 20

AKIRA KUROSAWA
100th ANNIVERSARY RETROSPECTIVE
Seven Samurai, Throne of Blood, The Hidden Fortress & Stray Dog
Schedule: <http://festivals.carolinatheatre.org/kurosawa/>

Babies
Nightly at 7 & 9pm
Sat & Sun Matinees at 2 & 4pm
309 West Morgan St. Downtown Durham
www.carolinatheatre.org | 919.560.3030

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W Morgan St., 560-3030

Babies, nightly at 7:15 & 9:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 & 4 p.m.; Greenberg, nightly at 7 p.m.; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, nightly at 9:10 p.m. Akira Kurosawa 100th Anniversary Retrospective: Seven Samurai, Throne of Blood, The Hidden Fortress and Stray Dog (festivals.carolinatheatre.org/kurosawa for schedule).

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

Babies, nightly at 7 & 9 p.m.; City Island, nightly at 7:10 and 9:20 p.m.; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, nightly at 7:20 p.m.

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

Iron Man 2; The Back-up Plan; Date Night; A Nightmare on Elm Street; Furry Vengeance. Coming May 14: Robin Hood; Letters to Juliet.

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

A Nightmare on Elm Street, 1:40, 4:30, & 7:40 p.m.; Date Night, 1:15 & 4:35 p.m.; Furry Vengeance, 1:15 & 4:10 p.m.; How to Train Your Dragon, 1:35, 4:20, & 7:05 p.m.; Iron Man 2, daily at 1, 4, & 7 p.m.; The Losers, 1:25, 4:25, & 7:25 p.m.

THE VARSITY

123 East Franklin St., 967-8865

This Is Spinal Tap, nightly at 7:15 & 9:15 p.m.; Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, nightly at 7 p.m.

CAT'S CRADLE

TH 5/20
THEE SILVER MT. ZION MEMORIAL ORCHESTRA

FR 6/25
THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS
MEMORIAL HALL - UNC

FR 5/14
NEIL DIAMOND ALLSTARS

SU 5/30
SHE WANTS REVENGE

FR 5/21
SUPERCHUNK

TH 5/27
THE RESCUES
LOCAL 506

TU 6/15
THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART

WE 6/2
OF MONTREAL

SA 5/29
CONVERGE

WE 5/19
HOWE GELB
LOCAL 506

FR 5/14 NEIL DIAMOND ALL STARS
W/NEW TOWN DRUNKS**(\$10)

SA 5/15 LOST IN THE TREES
W/OLD BRICKS AND THE STRUGGLERS**(\$10/\$12)

SU 5/16 ELUVIUM(\$10/\$12)**
W/JULIANNA BARWICK

TU 5/18 JAKOB DYLAN IS CANCELLED

TH 5/20 THE SILVER MT. ZION MEMORIAL ORCHESTRA(\$13/\$15)**

FR 5/21 SUPERCHUNK
W/RYAN GUSTAFSON**(\$14)

SA 5/22 RAILROAD EARTH
W/THE INFAMOUS STRINGDUSTERS**(\$20/\$23)

SU 5/23 MURS(\$13/\$15)**
W/SICK JACKEN AND NOCANDO

MO 5/24(\$12/\$14)**
DEVIN THE DUDE
W/COUGHEE BROTHAZ

TU 5/25 WYATT EASTERLING
W/APPLESAUCE**(\$12)

TH 5/27 ZANE LAMPREY
W/STEVE MCKENNA AND MARK RYAN**(\$18/\$20)

FR 5/28 THANK YOU, FRIEND: A TRIBUTE TO ALEX CHILTON
FREE SHOW DONATIONS ENCOURAGED

SA 5/29 CONVERGE
W/GAZA, LEWD ACTS, BLACK BREATH**(\$15)
HARVEY MILK HAS CANCELLED

SU 5/30 SHE WANTS REVENGE
W/THE LIGHT PINES**(\$15/\$17)

WE 6/2 OF MONTREAL
W/NOOT D'NOOT**(\$22)

TH 6/3 REVEREND HORTON HEAT, CRACKER
W/LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS**(\$20/\$22)

FR 6/4 WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL BENEFIT
W/ROBERT SLEDGE & THE FLASHLIGHT ASSEMBLY, MORE . . .

MO 6/7(\$18/\$20)**
DIANE BIRCH
W/AM

WE 6/9 LANGHORNE SLIM
W/HARPER SIMON**(\$13/\$15)

FR 6/11 ABBEY ROAD LIVE!*

SA 6/12(\$15/\$18)**
DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND

TU 6/15 THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART
W/SURFER BLOOD AND HOORAY FOR EARTH**(\$12/\$14)

TH 6/17 BENEFIT FOR EASTERN NC CHAPTER / MS SOCIETY
LAST OF THE GREAT SIDESHOW FREAKS
W/WHISKEY SMUGGLERS**

FR 6/18 IRIS DEMENT(\$28/\$30)**

MO 6/21 SAGE FRANCIS
(W/BAND) W/FREE MORAL AGENTS, B DOLAN**(\$18/\$20)

WE 6/23 DEAS VAIL / O'BROTHER(\$8/\$10)**

FR 6/25 DAR WILLIAMS
W/SARA WATKINS (OF NICKEL CREEK)**(\$25/\$27)

SA 6/26 MC CHRIS
W/MC LARS AND MATH THE BAND**(\$13/\$15)

TU 6/29 THRICE
W/KEVIN DEVINE, BAD VEINS AND THE DIG**(\$19/\$22) ON SALE 5/17

SU 7/4 VICTOR WOOTEN(\$20/\$25)**

MO 7/5 DELTA SPIRIT(\$10/\$12)**

FR 7/9 HEARTLESS BASTARDS
W/THE BUILDERS AND THE BUTCHERS AND PETER WOLF CRIER**

SA 7/10 CD RELEASE PARTY
CHATHAM COUNTY LINE
W/BIRDS AND ARROWS**(\$12/\$15)

SU 7/11 UNREST / TEEN-BEAT 26TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCES
W/TRUE LOVE ALWAYS, BOSSANOVA AND MC: PATRICK BRYANT (SOMMERVILLE SPEAKOUT)**(\$15)

TU 7/13 RASPUTINA(\$15/\$17)**

FR 7/16 EDWARD SHARPE & THE MAGNETIC ZEROS(\$15/\$17)**

TU 6/29 MATT KEARNEY
**(\$20) ON SALE 5/14

ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
WE 5/19 HOWE GELB
W/JEFF CRAWFORD

SA 5/22 MATT POND PA
W/BOBBY LONG

TH 5/27 THE RESCUES
W/GARRISON STARR

FR 6/4 WAKY WAKY / HARPER BLYNN

TU 6/8 NATIVE, THIS TOWN NEEDS GUNS, BRONZED CHORUS

SA 6/11 AMY COOK

FR 6/18 THAO AND MIRAH
WITH THE MOST OF ALL

ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)
SA 6/19 **THE HANDSOME FAMILY**

MEMORIAL HALL (UNC)
FR 6/25 **THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS**
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Briefs

Nicholson files runoff request for school board

Orange County Board of Education candidate Laura Nicholson on Wednesday filed a request for a runoff with the county Board of Elections.

Nicholson will face incumbent Anne Medenblik for the runoff on June 22 at the same time as the U.S. Senate runoff.

During the May 4 election, Medenblik received 2,565 votes, or 12.2 percent, compared with Nicholson's 2,500, or 11.9 percent. Candidates Debbie Piscitelli, Donna Dean Coffey and Brenda Stephens were the top three vote-getters.

Electricity rates likely to decrease

Progress Energy plans to ask the N.C. Utilities Commission in June to lower electricity rates to reflect the falling cost of coal, natural gas and other fuels used in power plants.

The reduced rates would go into effect Dec. 1. Last week, the company filed a request to lower the fuel rate while increasing energy efficiency and management costs in South Carolina that would result in monthly savings of \$1.64 for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours a month.

The company has not announced the amount it plans to lower rates in North Carolina.

South Columbia Street lanes closed

Two of the three lanes of South Columbia Street between South Road and Cameron Avenue closed on Monday and will remain closed through Aug. 13.

The lanes were closed because of work on the replacement of the steam tunnel serving UNC. The closures are expected to cause traffic congestion and delays and all motorists traveling northbound on South Columbia Street are advised to plan accordingly and use alternate routes when possible. In addition, the block of South Columbia Street between Cameron Avenue and Franklin Street will be resurfaced during the summer months, requiring the closure of two lanes. The work will be performed during evening and overnight hours.

For more information and a map of the affected area, visit dps.unc.edu

Carrboro police conducting crosswalk safety operations

Officers from the Carrboro Police Department's Community Services Division are conducting daily pedestrian decoy operations at various crosswalks in Carrboro this week through Friday.

Plain-clothes police officers in highly visible clothing will enter crosswalks as pedestrians and other officers monitor the crosswalks for violations. The decoy pedestrian will enter the crosswalk when an approaching vehicle in the opposite lane reaches a pre-determined location on the roadway. The pre-determined location is determined by the total stopping distance for a car traveling the speed limit plus 10 miles per hour, ensuring that every driver has ample time to see the pedestrian and safely come to a stop before reaching the crosswalk.

Through the operations, police hope to educate the public, enforce violations and reduce the number of incidents between pedestrians and vehicles in crosswalks. Motorists are encouraged to be mindful of pedestrians in marked crosswalks and at unmarked crosswalks in intersections.

County commissioners meet tonight

The Orange County Board of Commissioners meets today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Link Government Services Center on South Cameron Street in Hillsborough.

Items on the agenda include:

- a review of the county's draft Social Justice Goal;
- a review of a Triangle Transit Regional Half-Cent Sales Tax, Vehicle Registration Fee and County Transit Plans; and
- an update on the Orange County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Woman dies in county jail

A 58-year-old woman who had been arrested for trespassing died in the Orange County Jail on Saturday.

Margaret Duke Kersey was arrested by Orange County deputies just before midnight on Friday after officers were dispatched to a county residence where they found Kersey to be intoxicated and fighting with her sister, according to police. She was taken to the Orange County Jail, where officials found her unresponsive in her cell less than 15 minutes after she arrived. Staff was unable to revive her with CPR and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

The N.C. Medical Examiner performed an autopsy and determined that Kersey died of natural causes.

Woman who died at nursing home had toxic levels of morphine

Medical examiners have determined that an 84-year-old woman who died at Britthaven nursing home in February had toxic levels of morphine in her system. They did not determine whether the woman's death was a homicide or accidental.

According to officials, the Alzheimer's patient, Rachel Holliday, was not prescribed any kind of painkiller. Other patients in the Chapel Hill nursing home's Alzheimer's unit also tested positive for opiates, a controlled substance often used as a painkiller.

The State Bureau of Investigation has been investigating the nursing home and Britthaven employees have been tested for drug use, with negative results.

Low-cost rabies vaccination clinic

Orange County's Animal Services Department will host a \$5 rabies vaccination clinic on Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Animal Services Center at 1601 Eubanks Road.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers. The Orange County Animal Services clinic uses public education, outreach, investigations and rabies enforcement to address the epidemic of Eastern raccoon rabies.

In Orange County in 2009, there were 12 confirmed cases of rabies, compared with 20 in 2008.



Laura Nicholson

County establishes capital reserve fund, holds off on closing projects

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to establish a capital reserve fund for future county projects, but hesitated on closing out capital projects that have had limited activity in order to use those funds for other projects.

The reserve fund would allow the county to allocate funding for individual projects when needed. The county already has a capital reserve fund for schools projects.

Commissioners said they needed more information on some of the active capital projects before reallocating their funding. They did vote 6-1 to close out projects that have either been completed or never had any activity. Commissioner Alice Gordon cast the dissenting vote, saying she would like more information about all of the projects before closing them.

Remaining funding for closed projects – about \$245,000 for 26

projects – will be transferred to the county capital project fund and reallocated. Projects have to be officially closed in order to reallocate funding, and in the past the county has rarely closed completed projects.

Board members chose to delay closing out projects that have had limited activity. Capital projects include those established to construct or acquire a capital asset as well as those acting as a reserve to fund other projects.

"Before we reallocate these funds to another capital project, I would like to have the opportunity to visit what these activities were and why they were funded so that we can put things into a context," Commissioner Barry Jacobs said.

The projects board members delayed closing involve the historic courthouse, the Dickson House, parks operations, animal services deconstruction, the Cates property, the New Hope Creek Preserve, emergency power, solid-waste collection centers,

parking lot repairs, capital repairs reserve, facilities-art reserve and the library task force. About \$740,000 remains allocated for these projects.

County Manager Frank Clifton said the county is paying interest on bond funds allocated for certain projects and the county would be better served to reallocate those funds to pay down debt on other projects.

"It just doesn't make financial sense," he said. "The reality of it is, we've got several bond funds like that ... but at the same time, we're drawing down the general fund, taxing the public or using general-fund revenues to pay the tax and interest."

County finance director Clarence Grier said the county should have been reviewing projects and reallocating funding every year.

"This is the cumulative effect of that process not happening," he said.

County staff said they would return to the board with more information regarding limited activity projects.

Two to challenge Chatham commissioners in November

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

Brian Bock and Walter Petty won Republican primaries for seats on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and will now face incumbents in the November general election.

Bock, a financial analyst and planner and chair of the Chatham County Republican Party, tallied 1,678 votes, or 55.45 percent, to defeat Cadle Cooper, who gathered 1,348 votes (44.55 percent), to earn the Republican nomination for the District 3 seat. He will now face Democratic incumbent Commissioner George Lucier.

Petty, a Chatham County native who owns and operates Atlantic Power Solutions in Siler City, received 1,938 votes (66.85 percent) to Kim Beal's 961 (33.15 percent) in the race for the Republican nomination for the District 5 seat.

Democratic incumbent Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck was unopposed in his bid for re-election to the District 4 seat. He will face Pam Stewart, who works for PSNC Energy, who was unopposed in the Republican primary.

Of 41,832 registered voters in Chatham County, 7,057, or 16.87 percent, turned out on Election Day. That's slightly better than the statewide average of 14.92.

In the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate, Elaine Marshall, who won 36.35 percent of the statewide vote and will now face

Cal Cunningham in a June runoff, received 41.37 percent (1,567 votes) in Chatham. Cunningham won 27.24 percent of the vote statewide and 40.26 percent in Chatham.

On the GOP side, incumbent Sen. Richard Burr breezed to victory with 80.11 percent of the statewide vote, gathering 84.01 percent (2,516 votes) in Chatham County.

In the race for U.S. House of Representatives District 2, Republican Renee Ellmers won 55.11 percent of the statewide vote and 49.22 percent in Chatham, and will now face incumbent Bob Etheridge, who was unopposed.

In House District 4, Republican B.J. Lawson won his primary with 45.99 percent of the vote statewide, but was bested in Chatham County by Frank Roche, who picked up 61.39 percent of the vote (951) to Lawson's 28.66 percent (444). Lawson will now face incumbent Rep. David Price in a rematch of their 2008 contest.

Chatham County voters also will go to the polls in November to fill seats on the school board. In non-partisan races, Tina Ford, Jeff Johnson, Martin Pinnock and Del Turner will run in District 3, and Ilana Dubester, Elizabeth Haddix, Gary Leonard and Deb McManus will run for two seats in District 4.

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Briefs

Strawberry Jamboree

Local chef and author Sheri Castle will prepare strawberry recipes at the Carrboro Farmers' Market on Saturday in honor of the market's first Strawberry Jamboree.

Castle will prepare strawberries in new and unusual ways. The event will feature music, berries and fun for the whole family, and is part of a series of May events at the market. On May 26, the market will host a quiche recipe contest and cook-off with C'est ci Bon! Cooking School students. To enter the contest, visit cestci-bon.net/teen-chefs

Swim for Smiles triathlon on Sunday

The all-kids triathlon Swim for Smiles will be held at the Chapel Hill Country Club on Sunday to benefit the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

Kids aged 6 to 18 will compete in two different races, depending on skill level, in swimming, biking and running. In its fourth year, the event has expanded to include more than 550 competitors. The goal is to raise more than \$30,000 this year.

Swim for Smiles has become one of the largest triathlons in the nation. For more information, visit swimforsmiles.org

FAN hosts seminar

The Family Advocacy Network, part of the Mental Health Association of Orange County, will host "Building Family Strengths with DBT Skills" on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Orange United Methodist Church, 1220 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

This free seminar for parents of children with special needs will be led by psychotherapist John Mader. To register, call Julie Bailey at 942-8083, ext. 2, or visit fan-mhaorangeco.org/newsandevents.html

Chapel Hill Youth Council holds first summit

The Chapel Hill Youth Council will hold its first annual Youth Summit at Carrboro High School on May 22, enabling members of the youth community to voice their opinions on a variety of local issues.

The council strives to give the community's youth a chance to practice true democracy and make a difference in the community. In turn, youth will learn how to be more responsible and active citizens.

The theme of the event is "Speak Up, Speak out."

Writing and visual arts workshops in Hillsborough

Writing and visual arts workshops will be held at the Hillsborough Moorefields Estate on weekends throughout May.

Instructors include Sue Anderson, John Bemis, Zelda Lockhart, Jennifer E. Miller and Anthony Ulinski. Sign up at hillsboroughartsandwriting.org

Trail to open June 5

A 4.7-mile section of the American Tobacco Trail will open in Chatham County on June 5.

The ATT is a 22-mile "rails-to-trails" recreation and commuter project extending from Durham near the Durham Bulls Athletic Park to the New Hill community in western Wake County. The Chatham County section of the trail – from just south of the Durham line to New Hope Church Road – is a combination of asphalt and compacted screening.

Parking at the trailhead is available at the trailhead on White Oak Church Road, just over the Chatham County line in Wake County, and in a small gravel

lot at the end of Pittard Sears Road. Parking along O'Kelly Chapel Road will be hazardous until improvements are made to accommodate parking.

Shred-a-thons draw record crowds

More than 500 people helped recycle 35,000 pounds of confidential papers at two Shred-a-thon events hosted by the Orange County Solid Waste Department on April 22 and May 1.

The Chapel Hill Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Department assisted with the events, while the State Attorney General's office distributed information on preventing identity theft.

The shred-a-thons are intended to help people safely and securely dispose of confidential paper to prevent identity theft. The next shred-a-thon is scheduled for Oct. 6 at University Mall.

Bike month activities throughout May

The Town of Chapel Hill will host several events throughout May in honor of Bike Month.

- They include:
- Bus and Bike workshops, including information on how to load a bike onto a bus and rules of the road, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to noon at University Mall and the Carrboro Town Commons;
 - bicycle workshops with bicycle inspections and small repairs, Monday, 7 to 10 a.m. at the parking lot next to the Open Eye Cafe;
 - free inspections at Cycle 9, The Bicycle Chain, Back Alley Bikes, Performance Bike and Clean Machine, all day Tuesday; and
 - Bike Chapel Hill-Carrboro, an eight-mile cycling event, May 21, 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Len Cone at lccone@townof-chapelhill.org or 969-5065.



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Chapel Hill restaurant Sandwhich has moved to 407 West Franklin St. The change in scenery has brought with it changes in hours, menu offerings and more. The restaurant is now closed Mondays but is open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday brunch, which means new menu items – though it still boasts a wide variety of homemade sandwiches. Parking options have increased, with a number of parking spaces adjacent to the building. For more information and complete hours, visit sandwhich.biz. Pictured above are co-owners Hich Elbetri and Janet Elbetri

Musical by Chapel Hill composer comes to Triangle

Chapel Hill composer Pali L'Yriel Delevitt's *Ester: A New Musical* will be shown in three concert versions around the Triangle May 21-23.

The musical, which takes on an ancient biblical story using modern themes, will be shown May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the UNC Friday Center in the Grumman Auditorium; May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the PSI Theater, 120 Morris St., Durham; and May 23 at 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3313 Wade Ave., Raleigh.

Magician to perform at Carrboro library

Carrboro Parks and Recreation Entertainment Adventures

will present magician Gary Blankenship on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougale School.

Blankenship will use ropes, rings, silk handkerchiefs and everyday items to delight the audience with magic and mystery.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department at 918-7364 or the Carrboro Branch Library at 969-3006.

Museum to come to Century Center

The N.C. Museum of Life and Science will come to the Carrboro Century Center on Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Participants will be able to get up close to some of the museum's wildest friends while learning

what makes each animal special by comparing body coverings, habitats and diets.

Admission is \$3. For more information, contact the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department at 918-7364.

Senior center to host workshop series

The Central Orange Senior Center will host an informational series of workshops throughout the month of May.

Workshops include: Long Term Care Financial Planning, May 17, and What You Need to Know to Manage your Medications, May 23.

Presentations will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Central Orange Senior Center at 103 Meadowland Drive in Hillsborough. To reserve a seat, call 245-2015.

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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.

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by Linda Thistle

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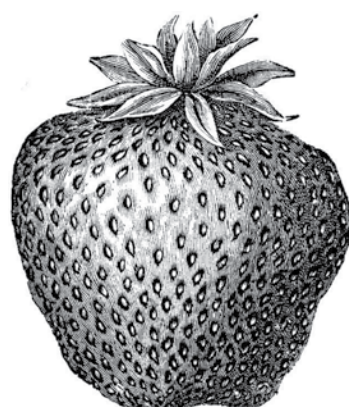


Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 13
"Eurydice" at ArtsCenter — A story of infinite whimsy and magic, Eurydice by Sarah Ruhl is a play for sighing and crying, singing out loud and dancing with abandon. May 13-16, 20-23. www.artscenterlive.org

FRIDAY, MAY 14
Second Friday Artwalk — The East End Gallery features a series of works titled "Temporary Locality of Existence" by Geneva Sophia. Her photographs tell a personal story of travel and memory from around the world. The Center Gallery presents the 2010 Annual Community Photography Contest.

SATURDAY, MAY 15



Strawberry Jamboree — Join local chef and author, Sheri Castle for some special strawberry recipes. Carrboro Farmers' Market

Understand Bladder Cancer — Health care professionals who specialize in bladder cancer will give a complete overview of the disease. Friday Center for Continuing Education. 9:30am-2:30pm. Preregister by phone: 888.901.BCAN or online: www.bcan.org

Bike-on-Bus Demonstration — Learn how to load your bike on the front rack of a bus. Look for the Chapel Hill Transit bus at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. 8:30am-noon

Hen-side the Beltline Tour — A first-hand look at keeping chickens in an urban environment. 10am-4pm, rain or shine. hensidethebeltline.blogspot.com

SUNDAY, MAY 16
Swim for Smiles Foundation Fundraiser — 4th annual Youth Triathlon features participants aged 6-18 swimming, biking and running to benefit North Carolina Children's Hospital. Info and registration: http://www.swimforsmiles.org/events.html

Gary Blankenship at McDougale Middle School — Mr. Blankenship is back with his rip-roaring comedy magic show! With the use of ropes, rings, silk handkerchiefs and everyday common things he will delight his audience with magic and mystery that appeals to all who have the heart and humor of a kid. 3-4pm

TUESDAY, MAY 18
Bike Week Breakfast — Celebrate Bike to Work Week with free basic bike maintenance, free food and coffee, giveaways and more. Municipal parking lot on the corner of S. Greensboro St and Roberson St. 7-10am

THURSDAY, MAY 20
Carrboro Rec Talent Show Auditions — Ages 13-18. Whether you can rap, sing, dance or read a poem, come and show off your talent for your friends and family! Contestants must register for an audition which will be held in the Century Hall. 4:30-9pm

FRIDAY, MAY 21
Contra Dance — Lessons at 7:30pm. Dance at 8pm. George Segebade, Lu Gamble, Buz Lloyd, et al. \$8 www.csdance-dance.org/

Bike to Work Day — Enjoy an evening bike ride through Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Wallace Parking Deck, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 22
CHS Football Fundraiser — A triple threat fundraiser (car wash/tag sale silent auction) to be held. Donations are being accepted for the yard sale or you can purchase a space for \$10 and make some money for yourself! We will help you unload, set up and have unsold items taken to the PTA Thrift Store. Please contact Mae at promisemle@msn.com for more information

Chapel Hill Youth Summit — Rising eighth to 11th graders are invited to talk about the things that concern them at the Chapel Hill Youth Summit to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Carrboro High School, 201 Rock Haven Road

Pittsboro Relay For Life — The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Fight Back Against Cancer. Entertainment through midnight will be provided by Big Time Party Band, Pizzwheel, Lane Snipes, Purple Passion and others. A Luminary Ceremony begins at dark to remember loved ones lost to cancer and honor those who continue the fight. Info: www.relayforlife.org/pittsboro

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

Carrboro Chess Club — A casual meeting for people who like to play chess. All skill levels are welcome. Every Saturday. Jessee's Coffee and Bar. 3pm

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

Yoga for Everyone — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from 11am - 12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday at Weaver St Market in Carrboro. 9:15am. Information: Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn (932-1411)

Saludamos Group Walks — Every Saturday. Front of El Futuro. 9am

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 9:30-11am

Breastfeeding Cafe — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from 1-2pm at The Red Hen. A La Leche representative will provide information and answer questions.

Tutoring — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's

K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-2441, ext 26 to register

Wish Granting Volunteers Needed — Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina needs Wish Granters to visit the family and help determine the wish of the child while explaining wish procedures and using their creative side to make the wish truly magical. Wish Granters see first-hand the impact a wish can make on a child with a life-threatening medical condition. For more information, contact Lisa at 919-821-7111 or lbrinkerhoff@eastncwish.org

Carrboro Branch Library — Storytime, Saturdays at 10:30am; Toddler Time, Thursdays, 4pm; Entertainment Adventures with family fun programs featuring dancing, song, animals, and sometimes magic, third Sunday of every month at 3pm

Chapel Hill Public Library — Story Time, for ages 3-6; Junior Book Club, for readers grades 1-3; Time for Toddlers, for stories, songs and activities; Baby Time, for children between 6 and 18 months; Teen Book Club, for teens in grades 6 and up; Bookworms Club, for grades 3-6, each month children in this program read and discuss different novels from a list of titles nominated for the N.C. Children's Book Award. Dates and times vary

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Support Group — meets on tuesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 7:30-9pm. Free. DBSACHapelHill@ncrr.com

Orange County Main Library Brick Paver — Phase two of the popular brick paver campaign has begun. Pavers ordered before July 1, 2010 will be added to those already in place at the main entrance. Proceeds will enhance the new facility and its programs. Pavers are \$100 each and tax-deductible as allowed by law. Info: email bricksforbooks@gmail.com

Dance - Participatory Ballroom — Fourth and fifth Thursdays, 7-9:30pm. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. \$2, 968-2070.

Carrboro DanceJam — Freestyle dance. First Fridays, 8pm, Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W. Weaver St., upstairs. 968-8776.

Ballroom Dance — Second Saturday of every month, recorded music Triangle Stardusters, 8-11pm, \$7 StarDusters members and students, \$12 others. Couples and singles are welcome, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. 942-7232

Square Dance — NC Squares presents a square dance with live music by fiddler Wayne Martin and the Happy Valley Pals, caller Aaron Ratcliffe. May 8, Pleasant Green Community Center, \$8/\$6 student, ncsquares.com.

Shag Dancing — Every Monday. Beginner class at 7pm, dance at 9pm. Free lesson first Monday of the month, 6pm. General Store Cafe.

Tango — Learn and practice Tango with the Triangle Tango Society. Open Eye Cafe. 8pm

Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

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



House Calls
 Physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine's *Your Health* media bring you weekly information in response to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to YOURHEALTH@unc.edu

Dear House Calls: *I've got Raynaud's, which is usually pretty manageable but not lately. At times it feels like needles poking my toes. They're swollen most of the time, which means I can pretty much only wear my very attractive Danskos. They ache a lot and if I happen to knock one of them, the pain is excruciating. I get these problems pretty much every winter, but it seems to be getting worse. Do you know who I could see that could possibly offer me some help? Would that be you, or someone who specializes in circulation issues? What I'm doing right now just isn't keeping the problem to a manageable level.*

This is really a difficult problem made worse by cold weather. Raynaud's phenomenon is a condition where people have an exaggerated response in their blood ves-

sels to cold temperatures and sometimes stress. The fingers and sometimes toes will turn purple and white. This reduced circulation is usually painful. Sometimes this is an isolated phenomenon, but it can be related to an underlying medical problem like lupus or scleroderma. Our advice is to see a doctor who knows about Raynaud's; this might be your family doctor or a rheumatologist. Your doctor can help make sure there is no serious underlying condition. Try to avoid triggers to cold by wearing gloves and good socks. Wool sometimes can be more insulating than cotton, particularly if cotton gets wet and sweaty. Some patients find hand warmers and feet warmers effective as well as space heaters. Some commonly used medicines can also trigger Raynaud's events. One of the most potent triggers is nicotine; so if you smoke, it is critical that you stop. You can also explore with your doctor potential medications that can reduce that spasm of the blood vessels. We do hope that you see a doctor and that your symptoms get better soon.

Dear House Calls: Sometimes one of my eyes twitches uncontrollably for several minutes. It doesn't hurt and my vision doesn't change. I try to rub it to make it stop, but that doesn't seem to do much. Finally, it just goes away. Is this something I should be worried about and is there anything I can do to stop it?
 We too have had that condition, and it can be a nuisance or even a bit alarming. Like so many things related to health, this often comes on when we are not taking good care of ourselves. Lack of sleep is a common trigger, and may be too much caffeine from coffee, tea and soft drinks. Also, dry eyes, stress and too much screen time can trigger eye twitching. If you have any other symptoms, like tingling, numbness or vision changes, definitely talk to your doctor about it, because it could be a symptom of something more serious.

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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One forgotten area of reform

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It will be impossible for state lawmakers to ignore the calls for tougher ethics reforms when the General Assembly summer session convenes at noon Wednesday. Gov. Beverly Perdue has proposed a package of reforms that are worth considering, though they don't go far enough. And as the *News & Observer* reported this week, they are a scaled-down version of ideas considered by Perdue's own staff earlier this year.

Lawmakers have also been working to put a package together, which seems the least they can do as public confidence in state officials has again been shaken by the still-unfolding investigations into the activities of former-Gov. Mike Easley and his political allies.

There are calls from the reform community for a wide range of important changes, including limiting the amount of money political parties can contribute to campaigns and requiring appointees to key boards and commissions to disclose their fundraising activities for the politicians who appointed them.

Neither of those are part of Perdue's plan, but both are essential to make it easier to track the flow of special-interest money by making the system more transparent, which is one of the most common words used by reformers and politicians alike.

Campaigns and the processes of government ought to be transparent. The public has the right to know who is giving politicians money and who is raising it for them. People also deserve access to the deliberations of the lawmakers they elect to make decisions on their behalf, most importantly on how they decide to spend \$20 billion of public money.

But calls for transparency in the legislative budget process are conspicuously absent from reform proposals from Perdue and legislative leaders. And they are long overdue.

Just look at the budget schedule this session. Senate Appropriations chair Linda Garrou has announced that the Senate will pass its budget May 20, just eight days after the session convenes.

Bill deadlines established for the session call for senators to introduce legislation affecting the budget by May 25, five days after the budget will have passed the Senate.

That's a perfect example of the absurd way the budget is put together in the General Assembly, particularly in the Senate. Everyone in Raleigh knows that key Senate leaders are writing the budget now in a corner room in the Legislative Office Building. The public is not invited and most senators aren't either.

Soon after the session convenes, the Senate budget will be unveiled and reviewed briefly in a budget committee meeting with tight restrictions on amendments to change it. And even the Senate floor debate about how to spend \$20 billion will be short.

Senate debate in recent years has been ended by a parliamentary procedure to make sure no troubling amendments are offered.

A few years ago, a Republican senator pointed out to Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight that not only did Republican senators have no input into the budget, but that many Democrats not part of the inner circle had no chance to influence it either.

Basnight's response was that the claim was not true, that senators did have input into the budget if they came by his office and told him what they would like to see funded. That's a long way from transparency.

There have been significant improvements in the budget process in the House in recent years. There is at least usually thorough debate in public and a chance for lawmakers to offer their amendments in a committee and on the House floor.

But House Speaker Joe Hackney has been unable to convince Senate leaders to refrain from slipping policy provisions into the budget, most of which have not gone through the usual legislative process, and meetings of the conference committee that reconciles the differences in the two budgets are not always open and are rarely announced.

If Gov. Perdue and legislative leaders are serious about restoring public confidence in the political system and the way government works, they need to go beyond more disclosure of contributions and fundraising.

They need to get the budget writers out of that corner room and into the sunshine.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

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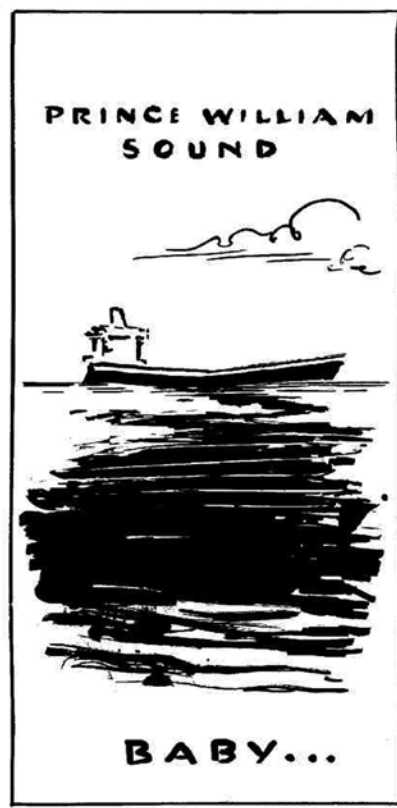
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The need to better regulate homeowner associations

CARLEY RUFF

If you purchase a new home, there is a high likelihood that you are joining a community governed by some sort of community association, such as a homeowner association or condo association. You may have chosen to live in such a community because of the amenities it provides: common green space, a pool or a playground for your children. Or you may have just chosen a new home that happened to be part of such an arrangement without giving much thought to the matter. Whatever your reason, however, you may be getting more (or, in some cases, less) than you bargained for.

According to the Community Associations Institute, one in six Americans lives in some sort of common-interest development. In North Carolina alone, there are an estimated 18,000 homeowner associations. In effect, these entities function as a third form of government, often performing many of the duties that would otherwise be taken care of by a municipality: erecting street lights, maintaining streets and keeping up common spaces. Homeowner associations are governed by a volunteer board elected by fellow homeowners in the community. This board is responsible for the association's general management, including levying and collecting fees and assessments. These boards also have the power to place a lien or foreclose on a home for unpaid assessments and fees.

This massive transfer of authority to an unpaid and untrained volunteer, however, can sometimes lead to serious challenges. Because of this knowledge gap, some boards opt to hire a management company and others depend

heavily on hired lawyers, whose steep costs are passed on to community members.

While this system works for some, particularly lawyers, developers and management companies, it can often have very negative effects on the homeowners it was created to serve. In North Carolina, there have been many cases of the misuse, mismanagement and embezzlement of association funds, violations of open meeting laws and improper election of board members. There have also been cases in which the same lawyer represents multiple related entities, developers associations and management companies and/or benefits from collection activity.

Most alarming is that homeowner associations can actually foreclose on homeowners who have fallen behind on assessments or fees, even if they are current on their mortgage payments. Some associations will move to foreclosure over small amounts owed and will not offer payment plans to homeowners. This has particularly hit homeowners with low to moderate incomes as well as first time homebuyers.

Under current law, there is little recourse that homeowners can take if they feel that illegal activity regarding their homeowner association has taken place. There is no state agency that governs or oversees these associations. The only course of action you can take is to hire an attorney to represent your interests. For most homeowners, this option is far too expensive. Frustrated homeowners either give up the fight or choose to sell their home and leave the development.

Clearly, there needs to be a way to ensure that the laws governing homeowner associations are followed. Laws

and regulations do no good unless there is some way to enforce them.

One sensible course of action would be to create a division within an existing state agency dedicated to representing homeowners in instances where illegal activity has occurred. This organization could be funded through a minimal annual fee on homeowner associations. It could also require associations to register on a yearly basis and provide certain information regarding the community and its financials.

There also should be minimum protections in place to better protect homeowners from abusive association practices. Such protections could include adopting minimum accounting standards; significantly limiting the use of foreclosure in the collection of debts; provisions against the selective, arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement of covenants; and provisions to ensure fair elections and open meetings, just to name a few.

At the General Assembly this spring, the House of Representatives created a "Select Committee on Homeowner Associations" in order to investigate the challenges surrounding these communities and develop a set of recommendations for consideration when the legislature returns in May.

Let's hope this group puts together a strong list. Homeowner associations can be an efficient and useful way for communities to come together to accomplish important common goals. The law should provide affordable and consumer-friendly ways to make sure they don't stray from this mission.

Carley Ruff is the policy and outreach coordinator for the N.C. Housing Coalition.

Find a Voice

The following is excerpted from John Grisham's 2010 UNC commencement address, delivered last Sunday.

Students of creative writing are constantly urged, find the voice, find the voice in which to tell the story, and to do so they are taught to try different techniques, different narrations, different points of view – all in an effort to find the voice.

When a writer finds the voice, the words flow freely, the sentences become paragraphs and pages and chapters and the story is told, the writer is heard and the reader is rewarded.

In this respect, writing is a lot like life itself. In life, a voice is much more than the sound we make when we talk. Infants and preschoolers have voices and can make a lot of noise, but a voice is more than sound.

The voice of change, the voice of compassion, the voice of the future, the voice of his generation, the voice of her people. We hear this all the time. Voices, not words...

A voice has three essential elements. The first is clarity. When I was in high school, I discovered the nov-

els of John Steinbeck. He was and is my favorite writer. *The Grapes of Wrath* is a book I've read more than all others. I admire his talent for telling a story, his compassion for the underdog, but what I really admire is his ability to write so clearly. His sentences are often rich in detail and complex, but they flow with a clarity that I still envy. His characters are flawed and tragic, often complicated, but you understand them because they have been so clearly presented.

In life, we tend to ignore those who talk in circles, saying much but saying nothing. We listen to and follow those whose words and ideas and thoughts and intentions are clear.

The second element is authenticity. Few things I like better in life than getting lost in a good book written by an author who is in full command of his subject matter, either because he has lived the story, or so thoroughly researched it. I read a lot of books written by other lawyers – legal thrillers, as they are called – I read them because I enjoy them; also I have to keep an eye on the competition. I can

usually tell by page three if the author has actually been in a fight in a courtroom, or whether he's simply watched too much television.

In life, we tend to discredit those who claim to be what they are not. We respect those who know their subject matter. We long for, and respect, credibility...

The third element is veracity. In the past few years, the publishing industry has been scandalized by a handful of writers who wrote very compelling stories of their real-life adventures. These were good stories, they were well written, the voices were clear and seemingly authentic. They sold for big money, they were marketed aggressively, they were reviewed favorably, and then they were exposed for being what they really were – frauds, fabrications, lies. The real-life adventures never happened. The books were pulled from the shelves. The publishers were embarrassed. Lawsuits were filed to retrieve the advances. And the writers' voices have been forever silenced.

In life, finding a voice is speaking and living the truth.

LETTERS

Thanks to the voters

Thank you to the voters of Orange County for their gratifying support in the recent Democratic primary for county commissioner at-large. Serving as your commissioner these past years has been an honor and a privilege, and I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of our community.

Now that the electoral cycle is over, candidates and our supporters are conscientiously taking down

campaign signs around the county. If you see any of my signs lingering along the roadside, please let me know at barry.j@mindspring.com or at 732-4384.

BARRY JACOBS
Hillsborough

Carrboro Day thanks

I was fortunate enough to have been invited to attend your Carrboro Day Festival on May 1. I thoroughly enjoyed the music, food and

activities.

I want to express my extreme pleasure in the actions of your high school football team members. The boys were friendly, polite and confident – a rarity these days.

Thank you, parents and teachers of Carrboro, for raising such gentlemen.

I will be happy to return to your fair city.

KELLY HANSEN
Shallotte

Demanding better immigration solutions

SARAH PRESTON

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General released a report at the end of March detailing the failings of the so-called 287(g) program – the program that allows local law-enforcement agencies to partner with the federal government to enforce immigration laws. The report raises several important questions about the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.

For North Carolinians, this comes as little surprise since the inspector general's report comes on the heels of a UNC study on the costs and consequences of the program in North Carolina that raised many similar concerns.

In order to participate in the 287(g) program, local governments must sign an agreement with the federal government. North Carolina has nine of the 67 agreements that have been signed across the country, the most of any state. As a result, much of the testing of the efficacy of the program is going on right here in North Carolina. Unfortunately, the results are far from supportive of the use of the programs.

Instead, the UNC study, titled "The 287(g) Program: The Costs and Consequences of Local Immigration Enforcement in North Carolina Communities," reports that the vast majority of the people being detained under the 287(g) program are only ever charged with misdemeanors – often traffic offenses such as driving without a license. Rather than rounding up serious criminals who pose a genuine threat to the community, the program is mostly capturing average, hardworking folks because of minor offenses. Is this really where North Carolina wants to be deploying its limited law-enforcement resources?

To make matters worse, the study found no evidence that increased immigration into a geographic area increases the crime rates in that area. In fact, the statistical analysis performed for the study indicated that focusing on immigration law enforcement in order to reduce crime rates likely only distracts from other factors that have a greater potential for reducing crime.

The UNC report went on to show that the 287(g) program in Mecklenburg County has cost taxpayers \$5.3 million dollars a year, while the program in Alamance has cost \$4.8 million in salaries for staff, training and detention of unauthorized immigrants in the county jail. The Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's report showed that funding from the federal government has spiked, going from \$5 million to \$68 million in just four years. Here in North Carolina, the General Assembly has appropriated \$1.5 million dollars over the last three years for local enforcement of immigration law.

Yet neither report demonstrates a return on that taxpayer investment – no reduction in crime rates and certainly no real improvement to the broken immigration system. Instead, the reports indicate rampant abuses of the program, decreased reporting of crimes by the immigrant and Latino communities and racial profiling by poorly trained law-enforcement officers.

The bottom line is this: The immigration system is broken – there is no doubt about that. But ramped up enforcement by local law enforcement with lackluster training is no way to fix it. Instead, the North Carolina General Assembly and Congress ought to focus on creating a fair and efficient system that makes it possible for much larger numbers of immigrants to come and stay legally. As long as our system requires good and hardworking families to wait for decades before they can begin to build new lives for themselves in America, the 287(g) program will remain a costly, inefficient and harmful waste of taxpayer dollars.

Sarah Preston is legislative counsel for the ACLU of North Carolina.



Spinning the arts

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Potter Karla Nagy displays her talents for visitors to The ArtsCenter's Cirque des Artes last Saturday. The event was a celebration of The ArtsCenter's 35th anniversary and a part of its ongoing fundraising drive.

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for short and long-term commitments in the future that can only be covered through growth in the revenue stream and/or future tax increases," Stewart said in a memo to the board.

The majority of the decrease in the recommended budget is a \$367,861 reduction in reserves transferred from the capital reserve fund. Last year, \$544,806 of the fund was used to cover the cost of street resurfacing. This year Stewart proposed using \$176,945 to help offset the increase in debt service for the new fire station and finance replacement vehicles.

Stewart hopes that by tightening operating expenditures, the town will be able to continue with Weaver Street reconstruction, the sidewalk and greenways bond initiatives, the opening of

the new fire station and replacement of essential vehicles.

The recommended budget calls for a \$141,378 increase in personnel costs. It continues a hiring freeze and delays for a second year an already approved pay-for-performance plan. Each employee will receive a one-time bonus of approximately \$455, which totaled is equivalent to 1 percent of the town's payroll. Part-time employees will receive a pro-rated bonus.

The major capital outlay in the budget is \$560,000 in vehicle and equipment replacements, including \$154,000 for a new boom truck for rock collection and \$160,000 for a fire-suppression truck. The capital budget delays bathroom replacement at Wilson Park and the Adams Tract pedestrian bridge.

The board will continue its review of the budget during a work session on May 25.

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The budget proposal arrives ahead of county and state budgets, which could affect the town's finances as well.

Stancil said town officials are keeping a close eye on how state and county budgets are resolved. "Whenever they sneeze," he said, "we have a cold."

One major initiative Stancil said he wants to move forward with is a partnership with UNC Health Care on a possible on-site health center for town employees and improved wellness programs.

Pointing to last year's 17 percent jump in health insurance costs and this year's 13.9 percent increase, Stancil said the town

could see solid savings down the road if it could reduce the number of claims from employees. A healthier workforce and reduced accidents would give the town added bargain power with insurers or make self-insurance more feasible. He said Hillsborough and Burlington had benefited from similar programs.

The start-up cost of the initiative is \$340,000, and an additional \$200,000 capital cost is projected should the town decide to open its own small health center.

That health center would likely be located at the Town Operations Center on Millhouse Road. Using a UNC site is also a possibility, he said, depending on how negotiations go with UNC Health Care officials. UNC, Stancil said, is interested in work-

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"It's going surprisingly well," she said. "People already know them as Truck Bucks."

Chapel Hill Creamery's Barbara Taylor noticed the jump in the use of tokens as well. "I've quite a few today," she said late in the market day on Saturday. "It's definitely picked up this week."

Sabrina Lopez, who is coordinating the program along with Blacklin, said it's gratifying to see the program start off so well.

In addition to her role as coordinator on market days, Lopez is preparing to get the word out about the program to more SNAP participants. "We're going to be doing a lot of outreach, including the Latino and Karen community," she said.

Blacklin said the program, funded by a \$17,000 grant from Pittsboro-based Rural Advancement Fund International and administered through the Leaflight foundation, a Chapel Hill nonprofit, proved a logistical challenge since it's aimed at a variety of customers.

Part of the program, she said, is intended to fill the market's long-running need to allow customers to use credit and debit cards. It has been a cash-only market.

"We still want customers to use cash as much as possible," she said. "The idea is that this will help folks who want to buy more."

Since the credit and debit transactions cost a fee, the farmers will only see about 96 cents on the dollar with the rest to cover the cost of the transaction. Blacklin said one of the logistical challenges in setting up the program was to create ways to track the use of the tokens and be able to prove they are increasing sales and not just replacing cash with credit.

After getting a chance to tally the numbers, Blacklin said in an interview Wednesday that the market saw one of its busiest Saturdays, with 4,700 visitors. The market prior to Mother's Day is always big, Blacklin said, but the Truck Bucks certainly played a part. The market saw \$1,245 in credit card and debit card use, about the same as the Saturday before. The increase in overall use of the tokens came from a rise in SNAP sales from \$90 to \$210.

"The word is getting out," she said. "We had someone call from Fayetteville to see if the program was up and running. She was pretty excited about coming up and shopping at the market."

Another incentive for SNAP participants is the new Market Match program, which matches \$20 in purchases with another \$20 in Trucks at New. It's similar to programs at Buck's Orleans' Crescent City Farmers' Market and the DuPont Circle Farmers' Market in Washington, D.C., both of which have been successful in recruiting SNAP customers.

Carrboro's match is paid for by using \$2,000 of the grant money and will be offered until the money runs out. After that, Blacklin said, the market will likely seek additional grants to keep Market Match going.

The logistics of working within the federal food-program guidelines and effectively creating a marketing and circulating a new form of currency has been a challenge, Blacklin said. But the experience in Carrboro may provide other markets with a template for how to set up a similar program.

"Other places will have to have different ups," she said. "Our goal is to figure out what works, refine it and work with other markets as they develop their systems."

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and neighbors can settle a conflict over landscape buffers. Stone contends that the original standard-use permit required that the school provide a 35-foot buffer between Carmichael Road and the neighborhood; but due to a 30-foot OWASA easement, the school can only provide a five-foot buffer.

Residents are asking for quick action because they believe the school is rushing this part of the project to completion. Once changes to the road are finished, they worry the town will be less likely to ask for changes. The council accepted the petition and agreed to have town staff look into the matter as quickly as possible.

The council also agreed to have Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos draft a town council code of ethics.

- \$100,000 for the town's action because they believe the school is rushing this part of the project to completion.

- roughly \$400,000 in maintenance and improvements to town parks and greenways; and
- \$108,800 for the installation of in-car police cameras.

The council was scheduled to review the proposal at a work session on Wednesday that included a briefing on proposed route changes for Chapel Hill Transit. In addition to some changes in key campus routes, transit officials are considering the elimination of the M route, which serves the Chapel Hill Public Library.

The council will hold a public hearing followed by another work session on the budget proposal May 19 and could vote on the budget as early as June 7.

SPOTLIGHT: PIEDMONT WILDLIFE BENEFIT



The Piedmont Wildlife Center, a nonprofit located in Durham, will host its third annual Festival for Wildlife on May 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy food, displays, activities and live critters. Entry is \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens and free for children ages 12 and under.

This year's festival features over 20 exhibitors, including the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher, displaying marine invertebrates; Carolina Reptile Rescue and Education Center, leading an activity aimed at teaching people how to distinguish between venomous and non-venomous snakes; the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission offering two 30-minute hikes during the festival; and the Orange County Beekeepers Association, with an observation hive to showcase the bees in action.

Local bands will provide live music.

Piedmont Wildlife Center is located at 364 Leigh Farm Road in Durham. For more information, visit piedmontwildlifecenter.org or call 489-0900.

OBITUARY

Elsie Riggsbee

Elsie Williams Riggsbee, 87, died April 19, 2010 at UNC Hospitals. Elsie was a native of Orange County, N.C. and lived in Carrboro and Chapel Hill most of her life. Most recently, she was a resident of Britthaven in Chapel Hill, where she moved from Carolina Beach, N.C.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Riggsbee, and her parents, Lizzie and John Williams. She is survived by four daughters, Jackie Weaver of Carolina Beach, Jean Turner (Skip) of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., Robin Johnston (Fred) of Wrightsville

Beach, N.C. and Cheri Boyce (David) of Chapel Hill. Also surviving are two sons, Charles Riggsbee (Doris) of Oak Island, N.C. and John Riggsbee (Kathy) of Western North Carolina, and her brother, Leroy Williams (Erna) of Tucson, Ariz. Elsie was adored by her seven grandchildren, Chad and Jake Riggsbee, Wendy Johnston Wood, Jami Turner Horton, Christopher and Jennifer Boyce and Katie Riggsbee. She delighted in visits from her seven great-grandchildren.

Elsie was a happy, witty, dear person and will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

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The proposed 2010-11 budget for the Town of Carrboro will be presented to the Board of Aldermen on May 11, 2010. The budget will be available for inspection in the Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays beginning May 12, 2010. There will be a public hearing on May 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room to receive citizen comments on the budget. Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments. Comments may be emailed to: swilliamson@townofcarrboro.org. The entire budget document will be viewed on the Town's website at www.townofcarrboro.org beginning May 12, 2010. Sarah C. Williamson, Town Clerk

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Briefs

Teachers of the year chosen

Faculties across the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district have selected their Teachers of the Year to represent the best in teaching at each school.

Elementary teachers who have been elected to the honor include Tate Little, Carrboro; Takiyah Baptist, Ephesus; Steven Simmons, Estes Hills; Denise Shaw, Frank Porter Graham; Candace White, Glenwood; Amy Brande, McDougle; Crystal Epps, Morris Grove; Meg Johnson, Rashkis; Tamara Edmonds, Scroggs; and Meredith Berry, Seawell.

At the middle school level, the selections were Rebecca Von Hoene, Culbreth; Cissy O'Neal, McDougle; Angela Short, Phillips; and Greta Moseley, Smith.

From the high schools, Sara Clay, Carrboro; Eric Stoffregen, Chapel Hill; and Hans Hiemstra, East Chapel Hill were chosen.

All of these teachers will be honored May 21 at Carrboro High School at the district's annual recognition reception, where they will be presented with items donated by local businesses. The District Teacher of the Year and two honor teachers will be announced that evening. The district also will recognize staff members who are retiring, as well as staff awards, teaching chairs and years of service.

Carrboro second-grader wins dance award

Rizvan Sneed, a second-grader at Carrboro Elementary, placed third in the primary dance category of the North Carolina PTA Reflections Contest.

Sneed will be honored at the Reflections Reception on Saturday, May 22 at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. A video of her dance performance will be played at the event.

NFL players inspire area students

Students and staff members at McDougle and Rashkis elementary schools had some special visitors last week for an end-of-grade pep rally.

Two former NFL players, Keith Davis and Devin Wyman, visited the schools to share the message of hard work and the importance of education.

Davis was an academic scholar and played for the New York Giants and Wyman played for the New England Patriots. The players had lunch with Superintendent Neil Pedersen and the members of the Brothers in Learning Group at McDougle. The students talked about their dreams of going to college and the impact of the boys group.

At Rashkis, students in third- through fifth-grade were encouraged to always strive for excellence and push toward their dreams and goals. They were given autographed football cards and were able to speak with the players following the presentation.

Culbreth honored by Apple Computers

Janice Adams of Apple Computers attended last night's board of education meeting to announce Culbreth Middle School's selection as an Apple Distinguished School. The award recognizes schools that demonstrate excellence in best practices in 21st cen-

tury learning. Only 53 schools in the nation were selected for the award. Adams cited leadership and ongoing professional development as key components in the school's selection.

New principal approved for FPG

Last week, the board of education approved the hiring of a new principal for Frank Porter Graham Elementary. Dr. Rita Bongarten will join the Lion Family on July 1.

Bongarten comes to FPG from Parkwood Elementary School in Durham, where she served as principal since 2007. Prior to coming to North Carolina, Bongarten served assistant superintendent of the Stratford Public Schools in Connecticut. She has previous experience as a language-arts curriculum leader and literacy staff developer. She spent nine years as a classroom teacher both in the U.S. and in Hong Kong.

Bongarten holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology/education from Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill. She holds a master's degree in science curriculum and instruction from Western Connecticut State University and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut.

Dual-language students win Chinese writing contest

Students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro dual-language program swept the Under 13 native speakers category of N.C. State's Confucius Institute 2010 N.C. Chinese Writing Contest. Claire Yin of Glenwood Elementary won first prize. Wendi Su of McDougle Middle and Alyssa Wang of Glenwood Elementary won second prize. Third prize went to Jennifer Qian of Glenwood and Dalton Xue of McDougle Middle.

In the non-heritage category, Morgan Alderman of McDougle Middle received first prize. Second prize went to Haiyen Nguyen of Glenwood and third prize went to Conrad Weiden of Glenwood.

Glenwood Elementary will receive 100 books as the prize for winning the Organization Award.

Local students' art honored

Alexandra Kanarski, a senior at East Chapel Hill High School, and Maryanna Holmes Parker, a sophomore at Orange High School, were honored as participants from Orange County in the Fourth District Congressional High School Arts Competition, sponsored annually by the U.S. House of Representatives and implemented locally through Fourth District U.S. Congressman David Price's office.

Each spring, members of the U.S. House of Representatives join together to recognize the creative spirit of American high

school students in a nationwide art competition. The Congressional High School Arts Competition features paintings, drawings, prints, collage, mixed media, computer-generated art and photography. Each representative brings a winning entry back to Washington, D.C. to be displayed in the corridor of the U.S. Capitol. Launched in 1982, this nationwide event has produced thousands of local competitions, yielding more than 500,000 high school winners.

Alexandra is the daughter of Natalia Kanarski of Chapel Hill. Maryanna is the daughter of Mary and Wayne Parker of Rougemont.

Golf-o-Rama at Chapel Hill High

The work of Chapel Hill High School honors geometry students will be on display May 13 at Golf-o-Rama. Eighteen holes of mini-golf, designed and built by the Honors Geometry students of CHHS, will be open from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the school gym. Families and community members are invited to try their hand at the student-created course. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students; proceeds from the event benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill.

UNC student named Phillips Ambassador

Tiffany Yonts, daughter of Kimberlee and Richard Yonts of Carrboro, has been awarded a Phillips Ambassadors scholarship for study in Asia. Tiffany, a linguistics and Asian studies double major at UNC, will study in Japan during the 2010-11 school year. She will attend Kwansei Gakuin University in Nishinomiya, Japan. The Phillips Ambassadors is a scholarship program for UNC undergraduates designed to broaden awareness of Asia on and off campus. The scholarship combines an award for study in Asia with an academic course that puts the experience in greater global context and challenges students to share their experiences of Asia upon their return.

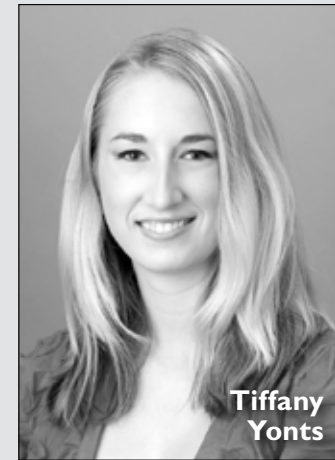
In accepting the scholarship, students agree to submit an article about their studies in Asia for a campus or hometown publication. They also give an outreach presentation about their experiences in Asia to a school in their hometown and other local schools around North Carolina, introducing more young people to Asia.

Phillips Ambassadors are chosen twice a year and receive up to \$7,500 each for a semester or year-long program and up to \$5,000 each for a summer program. Scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic achievements and commitment to activities, service and leadership roles in the classroom and community.

Yonts was one of 22 undergraduates and one graduate student selected as Phillips Ambassadors for 2010 study-abroad programs in Asia.



Rita Bongarten



Tiffany Yonts

Alumni association awards distinguished service medals

UNC News Services

UNC — The UNC General Alumni Association honored a key administrator and three alumni last Saturday for outstanding service to the university and the association.

Recipients of the 2010 Distinguished Service Medals are Brenda W. Kirby, secretary of the university; Barbara Rosser Hyde, vice chair of the board of trustees; Karol V. Mason, former vice chair of the trustees; and Roy A. Williams, men's head basketball coach.

The medals were awarded at the association's annual alumni luncheon during its spring reunion weekend. The association has awarded the medals since 1978 to Carolina alumni and others.

Kirby, of Chapel Hill, has worked in the chancellor's office for three decades, arriving in 1980 with Christopher Fordham when he was chosen chancellor while he was medical school dean. She had worked for Fordham and a previous medical school dean and was an aide to campus Air Force ROTC commanders. She also is assistant secretary to the UNC Board of Trustees. In 1996, Kirby received the C.

Knox Massey Award, given to university employees to recognize exceptional service.

Hyde, of Memphis, Tenn., is a 1983 UNC graduate and began her career in the university's development office, serving as executive director of the Arts and Sciences Foundation from 1987 to 1992. She co-chaired the Women's Leadership Council on campus and was on the Carolina First Campaign Steering Committee. She has been a major supporter of UNC's Institute for the Arts and Humanities and is on its external advisory board. She is the president of J.R. Hyde III Family Foundation and director of the J.R. Hyde Sr. Foundation.

Mason, of Washington, D.C., is a 1979 UNC graduate and served on the board of trustees from 2001 to 2009. Previously, she was on the university's Board of Visitors and the Arts and Sciences Foundation board of directors as well as search committees for chancellor and medical school dean. In 1991, she received the alumni association's Distinguished Young Alumna Award. Mason has been active with the Black Alumni Reunion, the association's largest affinity group (a

group identified by subject rather than graduating class). The Amityville, N.Y., native was a partner with the Alston & Bird law firm in Atlanta before being appointed deputy associate U.S. attorney general in the Obama administration in 2009.

Williams, of Chapel Hill, earned two UNC degrees, a bachelor's degree in education in 1972 and a master's degree in teaching in 1973. He was an assistant coach for Dean Smith and returned to UNC in 2003 after 15 years as head coach at the University of Kansas. He coached UNC teams to national championships in 2005 and 2009 and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007. The Asheville native has been a major supporter of a number of programs, including the Carolina Covenant, which enables students from low-income families to graduate from Carolina debt-free through aid packages of grants and work study, but not loans. Williams also has supported the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and UNC Children's Hospital. He received an Alumni Achievement Award from the School of Education in 2007.

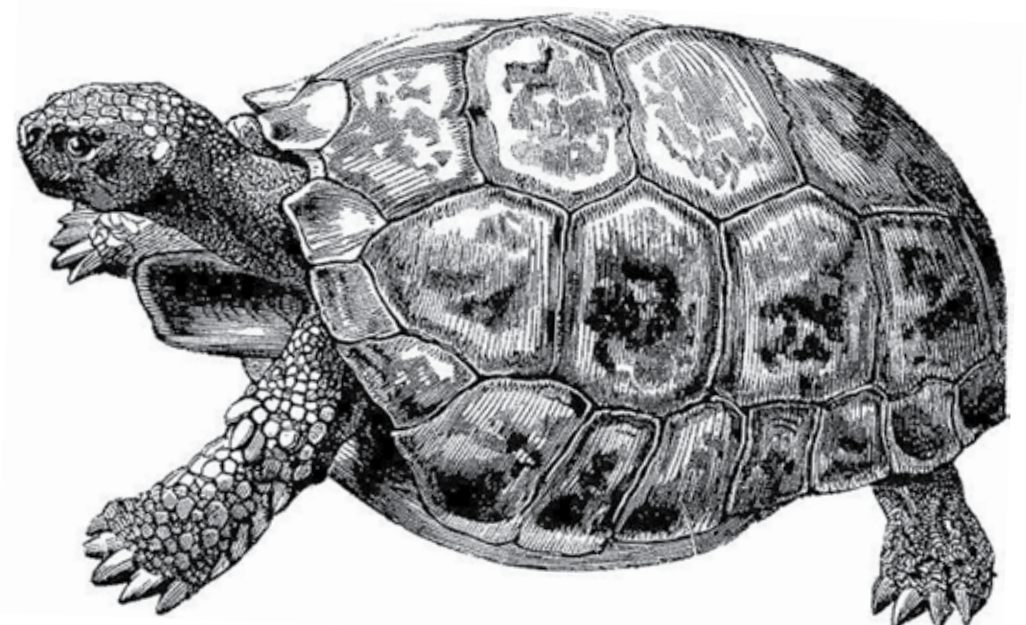
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101st 2ndFriday Artwalk showcases local artists

Instead of hanging her artwork on the family refrigerator, as so many 13-year-olds do, Audrey Gillen will have her geometric art displayed at DeWitt Law as part of the 2ndFriday Artwalk.

"I have always enjoyed art class, but I was never really good at drawing things like animals or people. But then in fifth-grade, we started drawing more geometric stuff like buildings, and I really enjoyed it," Gillen said. "So ever since then, I've been drawing lines on paper in such a way to create never-seen-before designs."

Gillen is one of the youngest to ever have her art displayed at the exhibit.

The 101st 2ndFriday Artwalk is being held in various venues around Carrboro on Friday, May 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. to showcase a number of local artists. Venues include Ackland Art Museum, The ArtsCenter, the Beehive Salon, Caffe Driade and more.

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FROM PAGE 1

Every time I see Bill's bigleaf magnolia, I realize I have let another year pass without planting one of my own.

Fortunately, keen plantmen keep propagating this magnificent tree, so it is sometimes available in nurseries and garden centers. Camellia Forest Nursery west of Carrboro still has some small ones, good sizes for successful planting this time of year. If your favorite nursery doesn't have bigleaf, ask them to get some.

While admiring bigleaf, I reflect on how the magnolia is a very primitive plant family; it's been moving around on this land for a long, long time.

Then I reflect on its close relative, the common tulip tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera*, also flowering now, with its small green and yellow tulip-shaped flowers so high on the tree we usually miss seeing them, unless finding fallen ones underfoot.

And then I think of Davie Poplar, that ancient tulip-tree, under

the shade of which legend describes the university's founding fathers making their decision to site the future university right here more than 200 years ago.

And then I am reminded of that fine exhibit "Noble Trees, Traveled Paths: The Carolina Landscape since 1793" in Wilson Library's Carolina Collection Gallery through May 31.

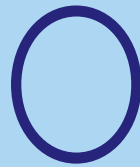
With most of the students on summer leave, now is a good time to find access to this exhibit. It's more than pictures of old trees. Exhibit curators Linda Jacobson and Bill Burk have weaved a memorable story of the rich natural and human heritage of this place we call home. It is sad the exhibit cannot remain permanently. It deserves publication as a small guide to campus heritage. Don't miss seeing it!

And don't miss seeing bigleaf in flower, and planting one of your own.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Jessie Gouger's Mexican program, 1953



Out of an old book, a 57-year-old newspaper clipping falls. It is from the dear old *Chapel Hill Weekly*, probably taken by my mentor, Bill Prouty. Onstage at Franklin Street Elementary School, kids from the late Jessie Gouger's third-grade class pose after their Mexican studies program: (front row, left to right) Peggy Umstead, Mary Jane Hunt, Winborne Shaffer, Brenda Womble, Beth Marley, Ann Cleaveland, Alex London, Johnny Allcott, Judy Cook, Linda Upchurch, Linda Faye Briles, Jay Watters and Joe Sitterson; (second row) Barbara Herrin, Barrett Graham, Wanda Jones, Hal Winters, John Skinner, Charles Smith and Mark Pendergraft; (third row) Tommy Sparrow, Hope Campbell, Dennis Morgan, Cary Pickett (burrow), Johnny Hinson, Linda Newell, Paula Sturdevant (burrow), April White, Andy Todd, Bobby Poston and Ray Sparrow. I wonder if an iPad will be able to do that?

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