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from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 8, during the 2ndFriday Art Walk. Photography started for Otto, 66, at age 8, when, growing up in a blue-collar family outside of Boston, his mother gave him a Brownie “box” camera that someone had given her. “I started taking pictures of pets,” Otto said. Now, beyond beautiful images of the flowing creek and the wildflowers and creatures

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their steps to their car. The Chens, who have been married for 30 years, combed the parking lot, becoming more and more nervous as the minutes passed. They knew that if the ring was in the parking lot, it was likely they would never find it. While they were searching for the ring, Latta returned to the parking lot. He noticed the couple, and he knew when he saw them that they were looking for something important. “I approached them and asked if they lost something,” said Latta, who has been a security officer at Carr Mill Mall for

that inhabit the area, he has captured abstract versions — the kinds of images one can find while staring into a pool of water or watching water dance over rocks. The show will contain 50 giclée prints that translate his love of the creek both literally and abstractly. “Sometimes I go beyond the literal definition of nature,” Otto said. “Looking down at the reflections is sometimes like looking into the universe.” *Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com.*

about eight months. The Chens told Latta that the diamond engagement ring Mr. Chen had given his wife more than 30 years ago was missing. Latta asked them to describe the ring before reaching in his pocket and handing Mrs. Chen’s ring to Mr. Chen. “I said, ‘Sir, take this ring and propose to her like you did 30 years ago,’” Latta said. “She must have hugged me five or six times, and he shook my hand. “I had no idea what the value was,” Latta said of the ring, which Lau said was valued at \$10,000. “I looked at it in terms of what I’d want if it happened to me. “I just thought it was the right thing to do.”

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company is aware that it has many loyal customers in the state and continues to look for opportunites around the country for places to open up new locations. County officials meanwhile said they could offer no confirmation about Cabela’s. In an email response to *The Citizen*, Barry Jacobs, chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, wrote that at this point the developer of the project has not asked for economic incentives nor are there ongoing economic incentive discussions between the developer and the county. Cabela’s practice of selling itself as a “destination” retailer and requesting incentives makes up a chapter of the recently released book *Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense (and Stick You with the Bill)* by David Cay Johnston. Johnston argues that many of the company’s promises don’t play out as well as local governments hoped.

Edwards calls an end to presidential run

By Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards ended his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday, telling supporters at a rally in New Orleans to continue to fight for a more just and equitable society. Edwards ended his campaign where it began in the city’s still devastated Ninth Ward. “Do not turn away from these great struggles before us. Do not give up on the causes ‘that we have fought for. Do not walk away from what’s possible, because it’s time for all of us, all of us together, to make the two Americas one,” he told supporters.


Cause of water main break a mystery

Orange Water and Sewer Authority officials are sill not sure what caused a major water main break on a chilly morning last week that led to the loss of about 500,000 gallons or roughly 7 percent of the utility’s daily water consumption. Officials said the break in an 8 inch diameter water main near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and North Street happened at about 1:20 a.m. OWASA crews responded and shut off water in the area at about 3:30 a.m. and closed the street. About 100 OWASA customers in the North Street-Cobb

Edwards said he also spoke with senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama who are locked in a tight race for the nomination. He said both candidates assured him that ending poverty, a key theme in Edwards’ campaign, would be a high priority should either of them succeed in winning the presidency. Jerry Meek, chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party praised Edwards, the party’s vice presidential candidate in 2004, for the way he conducted his campaign. “John Edwards ran an honorable campaign, one that all North Carolinians can be proud of. Senator Edwards is a fiery champion for the middle class and shifted public debate to

real and serious questions facing American families such as how we’re going to educate our children and pay for health care when illness strikes,” Meek said in a statement released by the party. Edwards did not indicate what his immediate plans were but many observers said it is likely he’ll have a role to play at the convention and, possibly, in a future Democratic administration should the party prevail in November. The full text of Edwards’ speech as well as video from the event is available on the campaign’s web site at www.johnedwards.com

earlier this week after tree root damage led to a water main break near Cameron Avenue and Roberson Street. —*Kirk Ross*



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