

News Briefs

The Prep School Negro to be shown

The Prep School Negro, a documentary about a young black man's experiences while attending a prestigious, mostly white preparatory school, will be screened this Thursday at UNC. Director André Robert Lee, who made the autobiographical film, and executive producer and UNC alumna Barb Lee, will answer questions and discuss the film afterward. The free public program will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium of the FedEx Global Education Center on the corner of McCauley and Pittsboro streets.

Hillsborough State of the Town address

Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens will give a State of the Town address on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Central Orange Senior Center. This fourth-annual event is open to the public. As in previous addresses, the mayor will outline major accomplishments of the last year, where the town is headed and how citizens can get involved.

UNC accepting donations for TABLE

Throughout the month of February, the UNC Visitors' Center will serve as a contribution drop-off site for TABLE, a nonprofit organization that brings college students and community volunteers together to help feed hungry children in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area. Participating children receive loaner backpacks on Fridays containing a variety of healthy food for the weekend. Receiving food in backpacks, not grocery bags, allows children a sense of privacy. Empty backpacks are returned on Mondays to school or after-school programs for pick-up by TABLE volunteers. Those who wish to make donations are asked to bring nutritious, nonperishable food items, such as canned vegetables, juice boxes, breakfast food and snack packs, to the UNC Visitors' Center.

UNC faculty member wins award

Jenny Huq received the Civic Engagement Professional of the Year Award, presented on Feb. 10 at Elon University. Huq is the associate director of the Carolina Center for Public Service and director of the APPLIES service learning program at UNC. The Civic Engagement Professional of the Year Award recognizes a staff person at a North Carolina Campus Compact member campus who has worked toward the institutionalization of service, created and strived toward a vision of service on campus, supported faculty and students and formed innovative campus-community partnerships. Huq's work includes fostering the engagement of faculty, students and community organizations across the curriculum by offering more than 100 service-learning courses annually, nurturing and empowering student leadership that fulfills the organization's mission and managing program participation that is five times what it was in 2002.

Sheriff files, District 2 race heats up

BY KIRK ROSS
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Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass, who first took office in 1982, has filed for another four-year term. Pendergrass, who makes his home in Chapel Hill, will face Hillsborough Police Chief Clarence Birkhead in the May 5 Democratic primary. "Our success over these years has been achieved through a coordinated effort of the citizens and the enthusiastic effort of the hardworking members of the Sheriff's Office. This office belongs to not one but all citizens of Orange County," Pendergrass said in a statement released shortly after he filed. "It is my intent and whole-hearted commitment to continue to provide each citizen who resides in Orange County with professional law enforcement service." Filing to run in the Orange County Board of Commissioners race was Renee Price of Hillsborough. Price, vice-chair

of the county's Commission for the Environment and a former member of the county planning board, filed to run in District 2. She joins Rougemont farmer Earl McKee, who filed last week for the Democratic primary. Filing in the District 2 Republican primary is Greg Andrews, 40, of Efland. Andrews owns a commercial and residential construction company based in Efland. Under the district election plan approved by Orange County voters in a 2006 referendum, only residents of the district may vote in their party's primary. In the November general election, all county voters may vote on the district candidates. The field of candidates also increased for the Orange County Board of Education, which also will be held on May 5. Former board vice-chair Brenda Stephens, who opted not to seek re-election in 2006, filed for a chance to return to the board. Stephens retired from her position as director of the county's

library system in 2008. She joins Will Atherton of Hillsborough and incumbent board member Debbie Piscitelli in the race for four seats on the board. Making it official this week was North Carolina House Speaker Joe Hackney. Hackney represents House District 54, which includes all of Chatham County and parts of Moore and Orange counties. "I have been fortunate in my legislative career to represent a district with people who care deeply about the success of our state," Hackney said in a statement issued last week. "They support environmental stewardship, strong agriculture programs and continued investment in education, and that's what I have worked for during my legislative career." Hackney is serving his 15th term in the House. He was elected speaker in 2007 and just finished a term as president of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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North Carolina law requires motorists to stop when pedestrians are in a crosswalk. In other action Tuesday night, the board:

- amended the town's parking code to prohibit parking along an additional stretch along the south side of Roberson Street near the town's recently leased parking lot;
- set a public hearing for March 23 on clarifications to the town's land-use management ordinances related to stream buffers and natural constraints and the notification of the public on public hearings;
- set its agenda for the board's annual planning retreat, which has been rescheduled due to snow and ice to Sunday, Feb. 28 at noon at the OWASA Community Room.

The agenda includes a preliminary outlook for the fiscal year 2010-11 budget and an overview and discussion of the town's Vision 2020 plan.

COUNCIL
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"The university's top priority now is the 54 corridor," she said, citing the slowdown in development of Carolina North as making Martin Luther Boulevard more a long-term priority. Efland said the university supported the draft resolution to refer all comments to staff. In response to Efland's comments, council member Laurin Easthom asked for more transparency from the university. "We had an idea what Carolina North was going to do from years of work, but we don't have

a plan or plans yet that have come to us about what's going to go out there on 54," she said. "So for us to just jump and say let's re-direct our efforts to 54, my question is why." Residents Glenn Waters and Julie McClintock, a former town council member, expressed their concerns about pedestrian and bicycle pathways finding a place in the town's transit plan. "If bike connections are not incorporated into the short-range transit plan, we won't have them," McClintock said. The board resolved to receive all public comments and refer them to the town manager. Council member Jim Ward advised the council and members of the public to remember that

plans such as these are full of assumptions. "You have to be able to move ahead with imperfect knowledge," he said. It was announced that there will be a public workshop at the Friday Center on Feb. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. to look at planning for the N.C. 54/I-40 corridor. The council also received public comments about the proposed land-use management ordinance text amendment that would incorporate

the minimum requirements of the Jordan Nutrient Strategy Rule for riparian buffer protection. The town also received public comment on changing the rules of the riparian buffer program to comply with the Jordan Rules, as mandated by the state. McClintock suggested that these buffers avoid pavement at all costs. The town recessed the hearing and will continue it Sept. 20.



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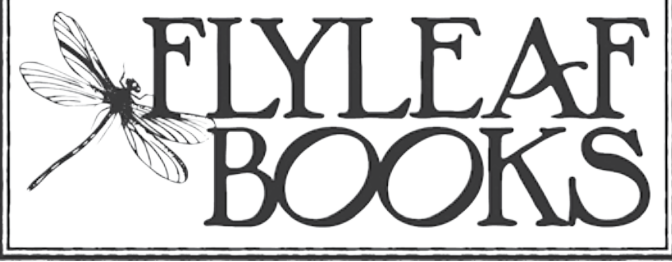
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Sat 2/21, 2pm: Joanna Catherine Scott "How An English Aussie Came To Be A Southern Novelist"

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WANTED:

SUGGESTIONS FOR CARRBORO COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BEGINNING JULY 1

The budget process for reviewing community needs is underway. A public hearing to receive feedback from residents will be held on February 23, 2010. The Town Manager plans to submit a recommended budget to the Board of Aldermen on May 4, 2010. A public hearing to receive comments on the recommended budget will also be held on May 25, 2010.

The Board of Aldermen and the Town Manager welcome feedback from Town residents throughout the budget process. The final budget is planned for adoption on June 15, 2010. Carrboro residents may email written suggestions to the Town Clerk on the Town's website at williamson@townofcarrboro.org

Residents may write or fax in suggestions. You may write to the Town Clerk at 301 West Main Street, Carrboro, N.C. 27510, or fax comments to her at 918-4456.






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