

# Lillian Braun keeps series going Library to host "Opera Night" Feb. 11

*Southern Cross* by Patricia Cornwell is one you've been asking for. Cornwell takes a look at the inner workings of the Richmond police department through the eyes of the former police chief of Charlotte, whose assignment in Virginia is to "clean up" the force. Local resentment and escalating crime make the job an uphill battle.

In *Danger's Path*, a Marine Corps novel by W.E.B. Griffin, takes place during World War II when FDR sends Fleming Pickering to the Pacific to change the competition among MacArthur, Nimitz, and Donovan to cooperation. Accomplishing this and more requires the help of a group of Marines that has become his loyal coterie.

Lillian Jackson Braun fans can rejoice. The latest, *The Cat Who Saw Stars*, is the twenty-first in the popular series. Quilleran's relaxing vacation at his cabin on the lake becomes a busman's holiday when a missing backpacker washes up on the shore. Koko never fails to point out the clues, though, and his stargazing gets Quill on the right path. Another addition to the collection, *The Cat Who... Companion* contains summaries of each book, maps of Pickax and Moose County, a cast of characters, a dining guide, and more.

Jonathan Kellerman has written *Billy Straight*, the story of a twelve-year-old who has fled an abusive home to live on



Rosalie Boyd

the streets of L.A., where he witnesses the violent murder of a prominent person. Running for his life, Billy flees both those who would help him and those who would hurt him. Psychologist Alex Delaware makes an appearance in the book.

"*Strength Through Struggle*" is subtitled *The Chronological and Historical Record of the African-American Community in Wilmington, North Carolina 1865-1950*. Wilmington historian William M. Reaves gathered information from family papers and old newspaper reports which document the thriving black community that grew up after the Civil War and flourished until Jim Crow laws were passed. By then, though, quite a few institutions were already established and many survived the dark days of segregation.

Born Anthony Dominick Benedetto in Astoria, Queens, but known to us all as Tony Bennett, the popular New York-born singer has been in the limelight for fifty years. In *The Good Life*, Bennett relates his

life's ups and downs, his love of painting, and his perseverance through rock and roll to new popularity.

Help with historic preservation can be found in four new books: *Walls and Moldings*, *Lighting for Historic Buildings*, *Floor Coverings for Historic Buildings*, *Wallpapers for Historic Buildings*, and *Fabrics for Historic Buildings*. Each book describes what is appropriate for different periods and styles and includes sources for reproductions.

New tapes: Audio recordings are *Chasing Cezanne* by Peter Mayle, *Great Minds of Business* from *Forbes Magazine*, and the *Lottery and 7 Other Stories* by Shirley Jackson. A PBS video, *Edgar Allan Poe's Terror of the Soul*, is a biography of the author whose life and writings are characterized by tragedy and mystery.

February Calendar

• Feb. 11: Opera Night at the Library starts at 7 p.m. Enjoy hearing and discussing a recording of *La Somnambula* sung by opera greats Luciano Pavarotti and Joan Sutherland, hosted by Bob Bruce.

• Feb. 18: Book Club at 3:30 p.m.; discussion of Toni Morrison's *Beloved*.

• Feb. 20: Black History Program at 11 a.m. with W.C. Witherspoon and Cader Harris, founders of Elizabeth City's Hope Group.

• Feb. 25: UNC-CH Professor and NC historian William Powell at 5:30 p.m. at the Barker House.

Everybody deserves a night at the opera.

But if you can't hail a cab to whisk you uptown to the Met, board the Underground for a quick trip to Covent Garden, or have similar access to other houses, great opera is not an easy pleasure to enjoy.

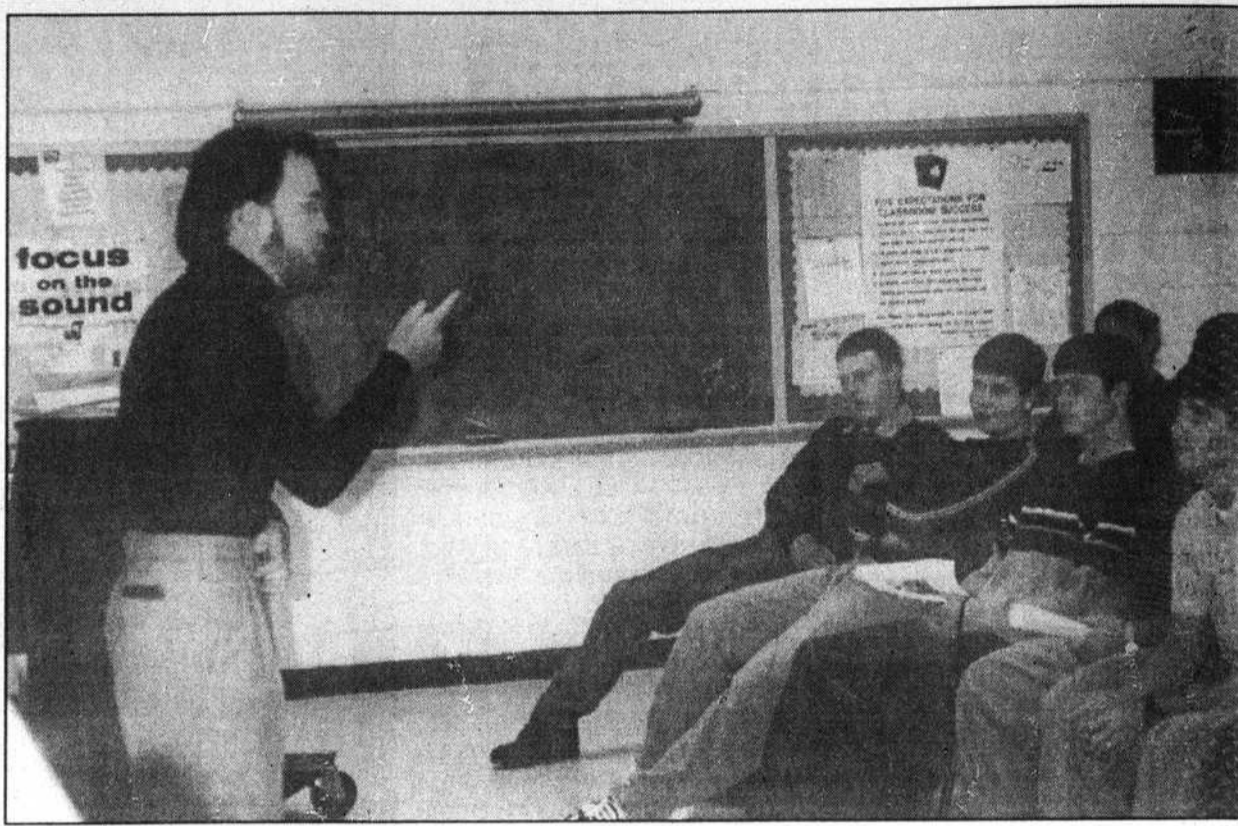
So beginning February 11, Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will inaugurate "Opera Night at the Library", a series of evenings designed to bring the stories and sounds of great opera to Edenton.

Each "Opera Night" will feature a full-length audio recording of a favorite from the repertory, with between-the-acts activities designed to delight even the most sophisticated opera palate.

"Opera Night at the Library" is open to everyone. The curtain goes up February 11 promptly at 7 p.m.

will open with Vincenzo Bellini's belcanto masterpiece "La somnambula." The superstar cast for this melodic saga of sleep gone wrong is headed by Joan Sutherland, Luciano Pavarotti and Nicolai Ghiaurov.

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### FAMILIAR TERRITORY

Kevin Strother, who is currently completing work on his doctorate in vocal performance from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., was a visiting clinician with the John A. Holmes Concert Choir recently. Kevin is the son of Otis and Shelby Strother of Edenton. The choir is under the direction of Anna Kay Laughton. (Submitted photo)

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## Perry: Community support made MLK event possible

When more than 200 local residents crowded into Swain Auditorium earlier this month, they were gathered to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The chairman of the MLK Day Committee, Jerald Perry, said that the event went off without a hitch on Jan. 18 as a result of a community-wide effort to make the hour-long ceremony entertaining and enlightening.

"On behalf of the organizational committee for last this month's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration held at Swain Auditorium," Perry said. "I would like to thank all of the participants in guests in making the event a pleasurable success for all involved."

The audience was treated to a moving speech from state

Director of Personnel Ron Penny. Perry commended Penny for giving a heartfelt address to Edenton and Chowan County residents.

But Perry, who also serves on the Edenton Town Council and is a pastor at an Edenton church, said that the entertainment for this year's event also signified a spirit of togetherness in the local community.

"Special thanks goes to Loretta Glenn and Verlon Jones, and the mass choir participants - they were fantastic," said Perry. "Thanks also goes to Sambo Dixon for all of his work with the MLK Committee."

"Also, thanks goes out to the Chowan Arts Council staff for preparing such good and wholesome refreshments which were served after the program."

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## ECSU names Director of Health Sciences

Janice Washington-Fleming has been named Director of Health Services at Elizabeth City State University.

Prior to coming to ECSU,

Washington-Fleming was the Area Manager of Managed Home Health Care where she coordinated operations for three branch offices and deliv-

ered home health services to 11 counties in northern North Carolina. She has an extensive background in health care management and nursing.

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