

Carrboro nonprofit offers co-op living

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For those who make \$31,960 annually or \$15.37 an hour and work 40 hours a week, owning property in Orange County might be affordable.

If not, an organization like the Weaver Community Housing Association could be helpful.

The WCHA, a nonprofit organization in Carrboro devoted to providing affordable housing, recently purchased two one-story brick buildings at the corner of Pleasant Drive and Crest Street in Carrboro that it will rent out starting in January.

Along with the low-cost housing the organization already operates at the Cedar Rock Cooperative and the Hillsborough Road Cooperative, both in Carrboro, the Pleasant Drive Cooperative will provide an opportunity for people with income below the county median to own property and earn equity.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the estimated annual median income for Orange County is \$69,800.

Karen Archia, executive director of WCHA, said residents of the cooperatives have to make about \$29,316 per year, or about 50 percent less than the area's median income.

"We want to target people who provide services in the community and work hard but who can't afford housing," Archia said. "Just because you make less money doesn't mean you should have less control over

where you live."

Archia said WCHA cooperatives allow residents to buy housing at below-market rates and still earn equity, which renters cannot.

"It's really expensive," Archia said of property in the county. "Not everything has to be open to market forces."

Tara Fikes, director of housing and community development for the county, said a single person living in the county would have to work 119 hours at minimum wage to afford housing at fair market rent.

"The community needs affordable housing," Fikes said. "People like (the WCHA) are definitely welcome."

The Pleasant Drive properties were purchased in August for \$535,000, Archia said, and will be opened as 10 two-bedroom apartments early next year.

Archia said the apartments will have similar lease rates to the other cooperatives.

The Cedar Rock apartments on North Greensboro Street go for between \$250 and \$300 a month, and the Hillsborough Road apartments are between \$240 and \$330.

Archia said the group, which has been helping to provide affordable housing for three years, does not actively seek new properties but is always open to suggestion.

"We hope we can make an impact long-term in housing," she said.

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Larceny leads to murder arrest

Investigation opens up new leads

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Carrboro police were able to make headway last week in an almost seven-year-old murder investigation through the suspect's link to larceny from a hobby store.

According to court documents, Andrew Douglas Dalzell, the prime suspect in the 1997 disappearance and presumed death of Carrboro resident Deborah Leigh Key, was wanted for committing several acts of larceny from a hobby store where he worked.

Dalzell became a prime suspect in the case shortly after Key was reported missing Dec. 1, 1997. Key was last seen socializing with Dalzell at a local bar and then afterward in a parking lot, but police could not find enough evidence to arrest Dalzell after questioning him and searching his vehicle, reports state.

When Dalzell was connected to

several stolen items, police were able to make a break in their dormant investigation and charged Dalzell on Sept. 9 with second-degree murder.

According to a search warrant application obtained Sept. 1 by Corp. Anthony Westbrook II of the Carrboro Police Department, Dalzell requested an officer's assistance Aug. 31 to move items from his Royal Park apartment.

Westbrook met Dalzell at Apt. B-4 at 501 N.C. 54 after Dalzell requested that an officer assist him for security reasons while he removed personal property from his residence, the

application states.

While inside the apartment, Westbrook noticed small black jars of various colored paints, hand-painted human figurines, model airplanes, model tanks, handbooks on Dungeons and Dragons role-playing games and other hobby items scattered throughout the living and dining room. Dalzell was packing some of the items, the application states.

When questioned, Dalzell replied that he worked at Hungate's Arts, Crafts & Hobbies at University Mall in Chapel Hill, the report states.

Westbrook spoke with the manager at Hungate's on Sept. 1, according to the application. The manager told Westbrook that Dalzell had worked at the hobby store for less than two months and was fired for taking money from the safe. The manager also suspected Dalzell of taking items from the store without paying for them, the warrant application states.

Westbrook informed the man-

ager that Dalzell had various items located in his apartment, and the manager said he would file a larceny report, the application states.

After a warrant was issued, a search was executed Sept. 2 at Dalzell's Royal Park apartment.

Police seized several hobby items that include paint supplies, figurines, models, a chess set and a magnifying glass. Police also seized six miscellaneous documents from the living room and a black leather jacket from a closet, according to court documents.

Information that developed from the seized evidence led officials to seek arrest and search warrants on Dalzell in connection with Key's disappearance, reports state.

Dalzell remains under a \$60,000 bond, according to District Attorney Carl Fox. He is set to appear in Hillsborough County Superior Court on Sept. 23.

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52nd could send 5,000 troops to Afghanistan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT BRAGG — As many as 5,000 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division will be sent to Afghanistan — many for a second tour — as part of the Army's rotation of troops, commanders said Monday.

Soldiers are expected to start leaving their North Carolina post in the spring and will be gone about

a year. The paratroopers will be assigned with troops from the Italy-based 173rd Airborne Brigade and replace soldiers from the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division.

The deployment will begin with about 3,000 soldiers and could total about 5,000 once all the needs are known and more orders are issued, Army officials said.

Some 65 percent of the soldiers have been previously deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and will bring valuable experience to this mission, said Col. Patrick Donahue, who will command the Fort Bragg soldiers.

The core of Donahue's unit comes from two battalions of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment that will deploy as the 1st Brigade

Combat Team after artillery and support units are added.

"Our paratroopers and our families know firsthand that we are a nation at war," Donahue said at a news conference Monday to announce the deployment.

Donahue said his soldiers are training for conditions they will encounter in Afghanistan, but do not plan to be overly reliant on lessons learned in previous deployments.

Other units deploying to Afghanistan include the 3rd Battalion of the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, the 307th Forward Support Battalion, airborne engineers, military intelligence and headquarters troops, said Col. Michael Ferriter, assistant 82nd commander for operations.

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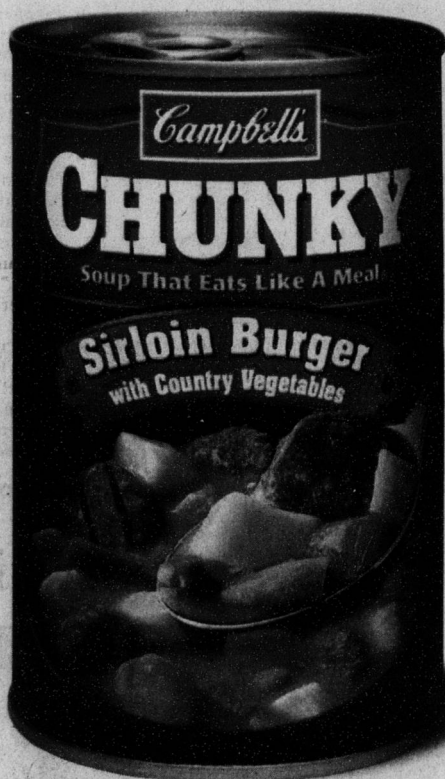
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