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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

Carrboro Citizen Announces Expansion

'You could see the pride on people's faces'

Obama sworn in as community, world bear witness

BY KIRK ROSS, SUSAN DICKSON, TAYLORSISK, MARGOT LESTER AND JASMINA NOGO Staff Writers

Barack Obama took the oath of office Tuesday morning before a crowd on the National Mall estimated at more than two million and with many thousands here in the community watching on TVs and computers.

At noon, Obama, who won more than 72 percent of the vote in Orange County, became the 44th president of the United States and the first African-American to win the office.

For those who made the trip to Washington D.C. and

those here who tuned in at home or crowded around televisions in downtown businesses, the historical importance of the moment was clear.

Eugene Farrar, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the NAACP, was on a rise on the mall near the Washington Monument. Farrar boarded a bus to the event right after services at First Baptist Church in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. ended on Monday. On Wednesday morning, after a long bus ride home, he was exhausted and inspired.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS After speeches and songs Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, marchers head up Franklin Street to services at First Baptist Church. Many of those who attended then boarded buses to Washington D.C. for the inaugural.



PHOTO BY ROBERT DICKSON Pat Garavaglia from Balloons and Tunes delivers one of several red, white and blue bundles on a chilly, snowy Tuesday morning.



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

The 200-year-old persimmon tree on UNC Polk Place is well worth a hug.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

UNC's noble trees

Most folks are familiar with the 200-plus-year-old tulip poplar, Liriodendron tuliperifera, affectionately known as "Davie Poplar."

It's still in the center of UNC's McCorkle Place, the campus quad between Franklin Street and South Building. Beneath this tree, in 1793, legend credits the founding fathers with having determined that the state's university would be sited on this hilltop.

When horticultural columnist and lecturer William Lanier Hunt began his annual winter walk of the campus landscape 20 years ago, it began a growing appreciation of many more noble specimens on the university grounds. "Billy" Hunt was a UNC alumnus, founder of the Botanical Garden Foundation and donor of the Botanical Garden's Hunt Arboretum Morgan Creek natural area. In addition to Chapel Hill's surrounding forests, he loved the campus and enjoyed describing its botanical and horticultural treasures.

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Big snow shuts down services, schools

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

As two inches of snow blanketed Carrboro and Chapel Hill on Tuesday, schools, offices and businesses closed and local officials urged residents to stay off the roads.

The snow started late Monday night and continued until around lunchtime Tuesday, creating a playground for those with sleds but treacherous conditions for drivers on the roads.

Carrboro Police reported several traffic accidents on Tuesday, while Chapel Hill Police responded to 16 traffic accidents in which motorists lost control of their vehicles. Both Chapel Hill and Carrboro public works departments worked diligently around the clock to clear the roads and make them safe for driving.

By the time The Citizen went to press Wednesday night, most local services were scheduled to operate on a regular schedule on Thursday.

In Carrboro, Town of Carrboro offices closed early on Tuesday, reopening at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Police, fire and public works operated on a normal schedule.

Carrboro Public Works was unable to complete Monday and Tuesday's trash collection as scheduled on Tuesday. According to the town, Monday and Tuesday's trash collection was completed on Wednesday or will be completed on Thursday, and residents should leave trash out until collected.

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PHOTO BY BUDDY KELLY

Stafford and Bridget Kelly make their way back up a hill at Southern Community Park after a toboggan run on Tuesday.

How not to lay off employees

BY MARGOT C. LESTER Staff Writer

Editor's Note: These stories are the final installments in our series about jobs and the local economy. The entire series can be read on our website: www.carrborocitizen.com/main/

Outlasting the traditional shotgun blasts that rang out the old year here in the South was the din of business owners and managers wondering out loud about the fate of their enterprises and employees. Though layoff statistics for 2008 won't be available till later this month, thousands of employers across the nation and in our own backyard are closing up shop or cutting head counts, putting many more people out of work. Yet some business owners are managing to avoid such dramatic actions. Which begs the question, how?

A study by H.R. Chally looked at the history of recessions and the differences between winners and losers coming out of them.

"To net it out at the highest level, losers tend to knee-jerk react," says Dave Roberts, adjunct assistant professor of sales discipline at the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School. "They go very tactical and tend to make rapid reactionary decisions which are not always the right things to do."

The key, Roberts says, is to remain strategic, even though every



Robbie Hardy works on a business plan.

bone in your business body may be telling you otherwise. That means:

Tend to core business: According to the research, losers typically react to bad economic times by slashing expenses and employees. But winners, it turns out, do the exact opposite. They look for opportunities to

increase business strategically. "Now is the time to be objective and think through what your growth strategy should be. You need to get brutal about prioritizing activities," Roberts asserts. "Ask yourself what you're in business to do - what's at your core - and find ways to maintain or de-

velop your ability to deliver around that core. Where are the customers or markets that are most promising? What products and services will you rely on to serve them? And how can you efficiently get them to market?

Identify money wasters: To find better ways of cutting costs, dig into internal systems and identify cost "sinks" - places where economies and efficiencies can be improved, suggests Robbie Hardy, a Chapel Hill-based serial entrepreneur who's had to lay employees off herself. "Look at your numbers every day and ask employees how to reduce costs and increase margins. Make them a part of the solution," says Hardy.

For example, when investment brokerage Charles Schwab was in turnaround, it created a team of insiders to look for cost-cutting opportunities that would improve operations and service. The result? Costs were shaved by \$600 million.

Right-size clients and offerings: Instead of chasing any potential client with a pulse, prune your prospects and customers down to those who are truly valuable to your core business, Roberts advises. And rather than slashing prices to increase sales volume, consider this tidbit: The Chally study shows that companies who survive bad economies best actually raise prices during tough times.

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MUSIC CALENDAR

WHEN COUSINS MARRY
General Store Cafe
January 24

THURSDAY JAN 22
Blue Bayou: T.A.B. Band. 9pm
The Cave: EARLY: TBA. LATE: John Harrison, The Good Graces, Anna Bullard. \$5
General Store Cafe: Jazz with Marie Vanderbeck. 7-9pm
Local 506: The New Familiars, Holy Ghost Tent Revival. 9:30pm, \$8
Nightlight: Gray Young, Bot-terockets, Goodbye Titan. 9:30pm
Reveoir: The Wading Girl, Jokes&Jokes&Jokes.

FRIDAY JAN 23
Blue Bayou: Hard Travelin' with Danny Cowan. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: The Gourds, Ramsay Midwood. 9:30pm, \$8-12
The Cave: EARLY: Pegan Hellcats. LATE: Mystery Road with Puritan Rodeo.
General Store Cafe: Lost Country 35. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: The Virgins, Lissey Tru-lie, Anya Marina. 9:30pm, \$10

SATURDAY JAN 24
The Arts Center: Alina Simone and The Fells. 8:30pm, \$14
Blue Bayou: The Lids. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: The Rosebuds, Megafaun, The Love Language. 9pm, \$10-12
The Cave: EARLY & LATE: Killer Filler with Hot Rooster
General Store Cafe: When Cousins Marry. 8:30-11pm



STRATOCRUISER
Local 506
January 25



DAR WILLIAMS
Cat's Cradle
January 28

Local 506: David Karsten Daniels, Bright Young Things, The Prayers & Tears of Arthur Digby Sellers. 10pm, \$7
SUNDAY JAN 25
Local 506: Dolourmusic, Stratocruiser. 9:30pm, \$8
Deep Dish Theater: Singer-songwriters Tom Maxwell, Greg Humphreys and Sara Bell, perform and discuss their songs, 8pm
MONDAY JAN 26
The Cave: Paper Scissors Rocketpack!
TUESDAY JAN 27
Cat's Cradle: Jon McLaughlin. 9pm, \$10-12
The Cave: EARLY: Comedy open-Mic with Johnny Cook. LATE: Lobster Newberg with TBA

Local 506: Joe Coffee, Richard Bacchus, The Ghost of Saturday Nite. 9pm
WEDNESDAY JAN 28
Cat's Cradle: Dar Williams, Joshua Radin, Jesse Harris. 8pm, \$22-\$25
The Cave: EARLY: TBA LATE: The Naked Hearts, Pinche Gringo, Pneurotics
THURSDAY JAN 29
Cat's Cradle: Corey Smith, Rayen Belchere. 9pm, \$15-20
The Cave: EARLY: Graham featuring Graham. LATE: Dexter Romweber & Stu Cole. \$5
General Store Cafe: Jazz with Marie Vanderbeck. 7-9pm
Local 506: Max Indian, Modern Skirts. \$7

Memorial Hall -UNC: Orchestra of St.Luke's with Xian Zhang
Reveoir: Lollipop Factory, The Virgo 9, Aminal
FRIDAY JAN 30
Blue Bayou: Wheels of Fire. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: The Last Waltz Ensemble playing the music of Bob Dylan and The Band. 9pm, \$10-12
The Cave: EARLY: Comedy night with Johnny Cook. LATE: CD Release party Sleepsound, Tripp, Transmission Fields
General Store Cafe: The Piedmont Perennials. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: Vinyl Records CD Release Show. 8:30pm, Free. Lake Inferior, Apollo, Lafacadio. 11:30pm, \$5

SATURDAY JAN 31
Blue Bayou: The Nighthawks. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Annuals, Jessica Lea Mayfield, What Laura Says. 8:30pm, \$10-12
The Cave: EARLY: Ashley Atkins Band, \$5. LATE: Nikki Meets The Hibachi with Doug Davis
General Store Cafe: Oscar Begat opening with the Water Callers. 8:30pm
Local 506: Transportation, Fan Tan, The Travesties. 10pm, \$6
Nightlight: Clang Quartet, Odist, Douglas Ferguson, Boat Burning. 10pm

SPOTLIGHT



MONSTERS AND PRODIGIES: THE HISTORY OF THE CASTRATI

Mexico City's Teatro de Ciertos Habitantes brings *Monsters and Prodigies: The History of the Castrati*, a mise-en-scene recounting the history of castrated male sopranos, to Memorial Hall this Saturday.

The show satirizes the bizarre musical sensation that persisted for three centuries, from the Baroque to the beginnings of the technological 20th Century, featuring vocal, violin and harpichord performances.

Saturday, January 24 8 PM - Memorial Hall/UNC
Tickets are \$40/\$35/\$25 and \$10 for UNC Students. In Spanish with English supertitles.



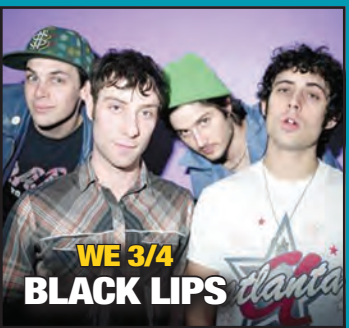
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SU 2/8
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SA 3/7
ANATHALLO



WE 2/18
SON VOLT
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FR 1/23 THE GOURDS
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TU 1/27 JON MCLAUGHLIN
W/PARACHUTE VA**(\$10/\$12)
WE 1/28 DAR WILLIAMS
W/JOSHUA RADIN AND JESSE HARRIS**(\$22/\$25)
TH 1/29 COREY SMITH
W/RAYEN BELCHERE**(\$15/\$20)
FR 1/30(\$10/\$12)**
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SA 1/31 ANNUALS(\$10/\$12)**
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SU 2/1 NO COVER!
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GIANT SCREEN!
TH 2/5 BRETT DENNEN
W/ANGEL TAYLOR**(\$15)
FR 2/6(\$12/\$14)**
TOUBAB KREWE
SA 2/7 BOB MARLEY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!
W/MICKY MILLS AND STEEL + MORE

SU 2/8(\$10/\$12) MONTE MONTGOMERY**
TU 2/10 PARLOIR MOB(\$6/\$8)**
FR 2/13 CARBON LEAF(\$14/\$16)**
SA 2/14 CD RELEASE PARTY(\$10)**
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W/SPECIAL GUEST ROMAN CANDLE
SU 2/15 GORILLA BAND SHOWCASE
FR 2/20 FUJIYA & MIYAGA
W/PROJECT JENNY, PROJECT JAN**(\$12/\$14)
SA 2/21 D S I COMEDY FESTIVAL:
DEATH BY ROO ROO, BEATBOX, MC CHRIS (COMEDY AND CONCERT SETS)
SU 2/22 DAVE BARNES(\$14)**
WE 2/25 AND YOU WILL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF DEAD**
TH 2/26 PICO VS. ISLAND TREES**
FR 2/27 RAILROAD EARTH W/OLD SCHOOL FREIGHT TRAIN**
SU 3/1 BEN KWELLER
W/WATSON TWINS**(\$16/\$18)
MO 3/2 TAPES 'N TAPES
W/WILD LIGHT**(\$10/\$12)
WE 3/4 PRESENTED BY MYSPACE MUSIC
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W/THE DAVE SPENCER BAND
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TH 3/12(\$12/\$14)-ON SALE 1/23**
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TH 3/19 AC NEWMAN
W/THE BROKEN WEST**(\$15/\$14)
SA 3/21
THE TING TINGS
**(\$15) ON SALE 1/23
TU 3/24 CUT COPY(\$16/\$18)**
W/MATT & KIM, DJ KNIGHTLIFE
WE 3/25(\$10/\$12)**
GLASVEGAS
W/IDA MARIA
TU 3/31 THE PRESETS(\$15/\$17)**
WE 4/1 LANGHORNE SLIM(\$12/\$14)**
TU 4/7(\$15) ON SALE 1/23**
BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE
FR 5/1 REVEREND HORTON HEAT**
WE 5/6(\$13/\$15) ON SALE 1/24**
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WE 1/21 VIC CHESNUTT
W/ELF POWER
FR 2/27 HARVEY MILK
W/BLACK SKIES
SA 2/28 TIM BARRY (AVAIL)
/ AUSTIN LUCAS / JOSH SMALL
SU 3/1 THRIVING IVORY
TU 3/10 LYDIA
FR 3/13 THE AIRBORNE TOXIC
EVENT W/ALBERTA GROSS AND HENRY CLAY PEOPLE
LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)
WE 2/18 SON VOLT
THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)
WE 2/11 EARLY SHOW 7:30PM!
FROM THE JAYHAWKS
GARY LOURIS & MARK OLSON
SU 3/8 AND MO 3/9 TWO SHOWS!
RICHARD THOMPSON
ON SALE 1/23 10AM
WE 3/11 KATHLEEN EDWARDS
W/CLARE BURSON
CAROLINA THEATRE (DUR)
SA 2/28 JOAN BAEZ
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News Briefs

Board of Commissioners

The Orange County Board of Commissioners meets tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Orange Central Senior Center adjoining the Triangle Sportsplex on Meadowlands Drive in Hillsborough.

The board will consider a proposal for the creation of a Hwy. 54 Transfer Station Community Advisory Group to provide an update regarding progress on evaluation of the two potential transfer station sites and to provide follow-up on other information requested by the board at the Dec. 11 meeting.

Other items on the agenda include:

- the transition of the Orange County Farmers' Market at the Public Market House;
- capital project funding;
- changing the start time for board meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the remainder of the calendar year starting March 1; and

- a public hearing on proposed deviations from the proposed 2008-09 secondary road construction program for Orange County.

For a complete agenda, visit www.co.orange.nc.us and click on "Meeting Agendas."

Chapel Hill Town Council

The Chapel Hill Town Council held a public hearing Wednesday to hear comment on several proposed developments in Chapel Hill and other items.

Items on the agenda included:

- a land-use management amendment on the non-commercial keeping of female chickens in residential zoning districts;
- a proposed development at 1609 E. Franklin St.;
- the concept plan for a proposed hotel in the business district of Southern Village; and
- the concept plan on Chapel of the Cross renovations.

For more information, visit www.townofchapelhill.org. *The Citizen* will post an update regarding the hearings online on Friday.

County to institute Secure Communities program

BY MARGOT LESTER
Staff Writer

Orange County Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass announced this week his decision to participate in the Secure Communities program, part of the Department of Homeland Security's controversial Immigration and Customs Enforcement program. The ICE

program has come under fire for using local police and sheriff's departments to enforce federal immigration law and policy.

Recently, Chatham County commissioners passed a resolution opposing participation in ICE, following on a similar resolution passed last year by their Orange County counterparts. The Orange County Bill

of Rights Defense Committee, which monitors immigrants' rights, met to discuss the issue Wednesday night and the sheriff will attend Thursday's Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting to address commissioners' and citizen's concerns.

Pendergrass' decision to participate in the Safe Communities program does not signify partici-

pation in ICE itself. Pendergrass signed up for the initiative because it allows faster identification of individuals through fingerprints and can verify a person's true identity, aliases and outstanding warrants from anywhere in the country. Pendergrass said he does not plan to use any immigration-status data that may be available through the system.

SNOW FROM PAGE 1

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen canceled their meeting on Tuesday night. The items on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting will be rescheduled for future meetings.

In Chapel Hill, all Town of Chapel Hill services had returned to their normal schedules on Wednesday except for Parks and Recreation facilities, which were slightly delayed in opening.

Garbage collection was canceled on Tuesday and rescheduled for Thursday. Yard waste collection was canceled this week.

Chapel Hill Transit buses continued to operate on Tuesday at the highest level possible, according to the Town of Chapel Hill, and operated on a regular schedule on Wednesday.

Both Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Orange County Schools were closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, with an optional teacher workday for faculty. As *The Citizen* went to press Wednesday night, the schools had not yet announced whether they would operate on a normal schedule on Thursday.

Both school systems had scheduled a teacher workday for Tuesday, so they did not need to schedule a make-up day for



A Carrboro snowman flashes the peace sign.

those classes. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools announced that Wednesday's school day would be made up on Feb. 27, which was originally scheduled

as a teacher workday. UNC remained open on Tuesday and Wednesday, though some classes were canceled.

OBITUARY

Nancy Bates Boone

Nancy Bates Boone, 79, of Chapel Hill, died Monday, January 12 at UNC Memorial Hospital.

She was a native of Buncombe County, daughter of the late General Jasper and Lou Eva Pritchette Bates and wife of 52 years to the late Samuel Moyle Boone. She was retired from UNC-Chapel Hill Academic Affairs Library as a librarian after 30 years of service.

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Nancy Anne Boone, and partner, Julie O'Neill, of Chapel Hill; and brother, Jasper "Jack" Dean Bates, of Las Vegas, NV. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Walker's Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Jamie Eubanks.

Flowers are acceptable or memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Academic Affairs Library at Campus Box 3900, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.walkersfuneralservice.com

Jeanne Peck

Jeanne Peck, founding chair of the Komen NC Triangle Race for the Cure, died peacefully at home of lymphoma on January 18. She was 52.

In 1997, Jeanne's determination and leadership brought to the Triangle its first Komen Race for the Cure. A breast cancer survivor, she passionately wanted to help others touched by this disease while celebrating her 10 years

of survivorship. The Triangle Race has grown from 2,600 to 24,000 participants and the money raised has grown from \$100,000 to \$2 million.

Throughout her lifetime, Jeanne was known for her warmth, caring and compassionate desire to help others achieve their best. Growing up in Chapel Hill, she developed a lifelong affinity for swimming. As a lifeguard and swim coach, she taught and mentored many children in Chapel Hill. At the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Jeanne excelled at competitive swimming, setting university records in several events. She continued mentoring by managing the women's softball team and offering guidance to the team's young coach, who remained a close friend for the rest of her life.

Through her 25 year career at North Carolina State University as a database administrator in Administrative Computing Services and later as Assistant Director in Enterprise Application Services, Jeanne was well-liked and highly respected by her peers and colleagues. She often went the extra mile to help and mentor co-workers. It was common for her to spend hours searching for the perfect appreciation gifts for her staff.

Jeanne remained an avid and passionate volunteer with Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, always eager to do whatever necessary, while urging her fellow volunteers to stay true to the original grassroots, inclusive Komen spirit. She was named BMW Drive for the Cure Local Hero, and was the recipient of the Jane Mosley Keep Up the Fight Award and the Maureen

Thomas Jordan Spirit of Survivorship Award. Coach Kay Yow, while in the midst of her own battle with breast cancer, awarded Jeanne her special Angel of Courage pin.

Jeanne's extensive curiosity led her to explore and develop many different interests. Among other things, she enjoyed traveling, reading, gardening, music, snorkeling and bird-watching. She had a unique ability to reach out to all, with particular tenderness for animals and small children, and this gentle spirit shines clearly through her photography.

Jeanne is survived by her longtime companions Kathy Scharl and Dolores Leonard. Also surviving are her parents, Robert and Elizabeth Peck; brother Richard Peck and sister-in-law Barbara; nieces Cathy Powell, Nancy Bowling and Jody McClurg and their husbands; two great-nieces and two great-nephews. She also leaves behind an extensive family of friends who will miss her deeply.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22 at Walker's Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill. Phone: 919-942-3861.

A celebration of Jeanne's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23 at The Barn at Fearington, 2000 Village Way, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure NC Triangle Affiliate, 133 Fayetteville Street, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27601 or www.komennctriangle.org; or Piedmont Wildlife Center, 304 Leigh Farm Road, Durham, NC 27707.



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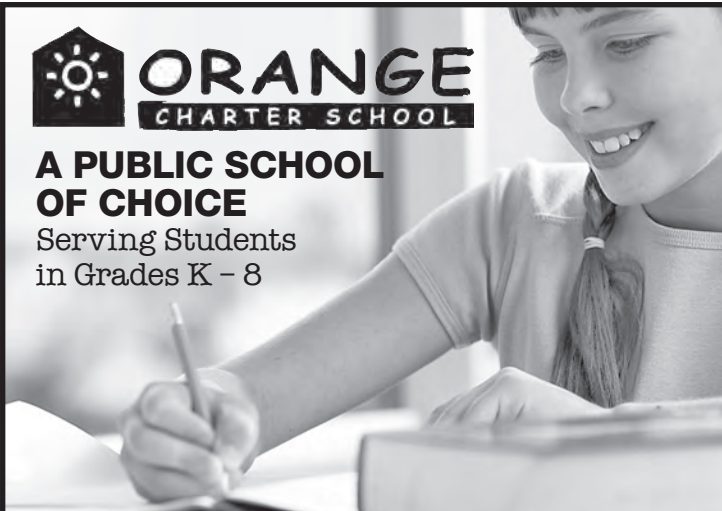
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Carolina Center for Educational Excellence (CCEE), Room 100,
9201 Seawell School Road, Chapel Hill, NC

Contact Ramona Cox, Coordinator of Teacher Recruitment and Retention, if you have questions about the information session at 919-843-3482 or rdcox@email.unc.edu.



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Community Briefs



Kids' photos on display

A photo exhibit on view at the East Cornwallis Community House features the work of children from the East Cornwallis neighborhood in Pittsboro.

The show includes the photos of 10 children from the neighborhood who recently spread out into their community to capture it on film. The project was led by Anna Schmalz, community-development coordinator for Chatham Habitat for Humanity. Half of the homes in the East Cornwallis neighborhood were built in partnership with Chatham Habitat for Humanity.

The photographers are Edward Austin, Carlos Carmona, Enrique Carmona, Guadalupe Catalan, Samaria Chance, Ayanna Johnson, DaShawn Matthews, J.T. Matthews, Trinity Ross and Eboni Watson.

The show is open to the public on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A sampling of the photos can be seen online at chathamhabitat.org

"Writers for Readers" slated

The Orange County Literacy Council annual benefit luncheon, "Writers for Readers," will be held Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carolina Inn.

The luncheon will feature five speakers, including authors John Grisham, Lisa Alther, Dan Ariely, Robert Olen Butler and Jonathan Miles.

Tickets are \$50 and proceeds benefit the Orange County Literacy Council. The council is a Chapel Hill-based charitable organization that provides free one-on-one and small-group tutoring in reading, writing, math and English for speakers of other languages.

To purchase tickets, call 933-2151. For more information, visit orangeliteracy.org

Music show, workshop planned

The Orange Charter School will receive an Arts in Education Grant from the Orange County Arts Commission to celebrate Black History Month and support the living legacy of African-American musicians from the old-time string band and blues traditions in Orange County.

The two-part program, called "Roots & Strings," will feature the Piedmont Blues on Feb. 6, as performed by John Dee Holeman, and the Old Time Fiddle on Feb. 11, as performed by Carolina Chocolate Drops member Rhiannon Giddens.

Both programs will have a hands-on workshop component for students studying stringed instruments, followed by a performance for all middle school students.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JAN 22

Reading — James Protzman reads from his new book *Jesus Swept*, Market Street Book, Southern Village, 7pm

Lunchbox Concert — Starfish and Coffee play at noon at the Century Center, free.

Rights Discussion — The Orange County Bill of Rights Defense Committee will discuss Orange County's decision to participate in the Secure Communities program. 7pm, OVASA meeting room, 400 Jones Ferry Road.

FRIDAY, JAN 23

Play — *Jesus — The Teen Years*, a comedy presented by Perihelion Theater Co. Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 31. Unitarian Universalist Community Church, \$15, \$12 periheliontheater@nc.rr.com

SATURDAY, JAN 24

Citizen Kane — Century Center Cinema presents the film that revolutionized filmmaking, 7pm, Carrboro Century Center, \$4, popcorn and sodas are free.

Community Dance — Contra Dance and potluck sponsored by Triangle Country Dancers with live music by Paul Mitchell and friends, and callers Shari Miller and Ruth Pershing. Potluck 5:30 to 6:30pm, dance 6:30-9pm, Binkley Baptist Church, \$4, \$10 per family, all ages welcome, 967-9917, TCDancers.org

Exploring the Morgan Creek Valley

— Guided exploration of Morgan Creek, from its headwaters on the far side of Maple View Farm to the swamps of Mason Farm Biological Reserve. Sponsored by the NC Botanical Garden, 1-4pm, Fee, 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

SUNDAY, JAN 25

Power of the People: Environmental Justice in Orange County — Jan. 25, 3-5pm. Carrboro Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. Talk by Omega Wilson of the West End Revitalization Association, Inc. A celebratory dance performance will be given by East Baile Latino from East Chapel Hill High School. Free. For more information, call 960-3875.

Opera at the Library — Musicologist Barbara Norton will speak on "Charming Potions and Potent Charms in Bel Canto Opera." 3pm, Chapel Hill Public Library meeting room

SUNDAY, JAN 25

Zen Meditation Workshop — Instruction will include walking meditation, awareness of the breath and how to practice with the mind,



Women's Voices Chorus

Chapel Hill Zen Center, 5322 Highway 86, 9:30am to 12pm. Suggested donation \$20, \$10 for students, 967-0861, intrex.net/chz

La Cenerentola — The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library will present a free preview of the opera by the Opera Company of North Carolina, 3pm, Seymour Center, 968-2780.

Habana Blues — CHICLE presents a film about musicians in Cuba. Spanish with English subtitles, 5pm, 101 E Weaver St. Suite G-1 (3rd floor over Weaver Street Market), 933-0398, chi-cle.com

MONDAY, JAN 26

Poet William La Riche reads "To the House of Collateral Damage: Centuries of the Civilian Dead," Internationalist Books & Community Center, 7-8:30pm, 405 W Franklin St., 942-1740.

Chapel Hill Bird Club — Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m., Binkley Baptist Church, Chapel Hill at the corner of Willow Drive and Hwy. 15-501 bypass.

Chapel Hill Bird Club — Doug Pratt, research curator of birds at the N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences discusses "From Triumph to Tragedy in Kauai's Lost World." 7:30pm, Binkley Baptist Church

TUESDAY, JAN 27

Pearl Diver — ChathamArts' 100 Mile Film Series airs the award winning film followed by a Q&A with filmmaker, Sidney Ryan King. 7pm, Fearrington Village Barn

WEDNESDAY, JAN 28

Book Reading — Dr. Christopher Gaffney will read from *Temples of the Earthbound Gods: Stadiums in the Cultural Landscapes of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires*. Bull's Head Bookshop, 3:30pm

THURSDAY, JAN 29

Author Reading — Sarah Dessen will read from *Along for the Ride*, her newest work, to be published in summer 2009, Wilson Library, reception at 5pm, reading to

follow, 962-4207, lib.unc.edu/spotlight/2009/sarah_dessen.html

Southern Secrets — Chapel Hill author Kate Betterton will read from her award-winning novel *Where the Lake Becomes the River*, 4pm, Bull's Head Bookshop

FRIDAY, JAN 30

Opening reception for "Winter Light," a themed show by 17 artists. 6-9pm, Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 121 N. Churton St., Hillsborough. 732-5001, hillsboroughgallery.com

SATURDAY, JAN 31

Songs of Zion — Winter concert by Women's Voices Chorus with music inspired by Jewish texts and composers as well as a wide variety of Yiddish and Hebrew folksongs. The show features the world premiere of a new composition by Duke graduate Caroline Mallonée. 7:30pm, Duke Chapel, \$15 adults, \$5 students, 684-3855, womensvoiceschorus.org

Winter Walk — Ken Moore leads a "Winter Walk in the Footsteps of William Lanier Hunt," a tour of campus landscapes and plants. Sponsored by the NC Botanical Garden, 2pm, 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Ongoing Advent Lutheran — 10:25am worship service

The View and Realization of the Foundational Path — Wednesday nights in January and February, 7:30 to 9pm at Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center at 109 Jones Creek Place near Homestead Road and Old 86 in Carrboro. Call 968-9426 for information or visit piedmontktc.org

Buddhist Teachings and Meditation — Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm. The Kosala Mahayana Buddhist center teaches traditional Kadampa Buddhist practice. 711 W. Rosemary St. 619-5736, meditationinchapelhill.org

Cancer Support — Weekly support free of charge for cancer patients and family. cornucopia-house.org

The Compassionate Friends

— Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221, chapelhillcf.org

DivorceCare — Mondays, 7pm. A support group for those separated or divorced. Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Kids

Toddler Time — Thursdays, 4pm. Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Preschool Story Time — Saturdays, 10:30am. Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Express Yourself! — Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon. Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2, 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Literary

Books Sandwiched — First Wednesday of most months, 11am. Conference room of the Chapel Hill Public Library. 968-2780

Volunteers

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program — Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and over who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. RSVP places volunteers with more than 100 nonprofit agencies in Orange County. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. 942-2948

English as a Second Language Conversation Club — Seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students Fridays from noon-2pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. 967-1448, harwellja@bellsouth.net

VITA Tax Service — Free tax service by trained and certified volunteers. Monday through Saturday, Feb. 2-April 15 at several sites in Orange and Chatham counties. co.orange.nc.us/vita.asp

Upcoming NaMI Family-to-Family Education Program — 12 weekly classes for close relatives of individuals suffering from a mental illness. Starts Feb. 3, 6:30-9pm, Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road, free, 967-5403, gbelder@bellsouth.net

SUPER CROSSWORD RECREATION PROCLAMATION

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYPLM 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.

"Too Smart?"

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 Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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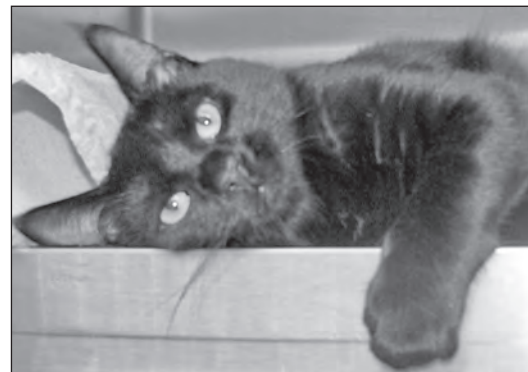
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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — Hello, my name is **Sapphie!** I was a great mama whose babies have all been adopted. I am still a baby myself and want to be spoiled. I am super affectionate with people and wouldn't mind being the only cat, even though I coexist with other cats now successfully. Come see me at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet **Wallie!** This handsome and charming boy is around a year old and is waiting patiently at the shelter to find a new family of his own. Despite being one of the most cuddly cats in the shelter and a staff favorite, nobody has fallen in love with Wallie just yet. He knows black kitties have a harder time getting adopted from shelters,



but he isn't giving up hope! Are you the perfect person for this nearly perfect kitty? Find out at Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill or call 967-7383. You can also see him online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp

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IN SEASON



ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

Land & Table Briefs

Real food conference

The Real Food Real Medicine Conference will be held Feb. 27 to March 1 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. The conference will focus on educating and raising awareness about health, food supply and sustainable farming practices for environmental preservation. The event is sponsored by UNC FLO Foods and the North Carolina Association of Naturopathic Physicians and will benefit the Breeze Incubator Farm, an Orange County farm used for teaching sustainable farming methods. For more information or to register, visit www.realfoodrealmedicine.com or call 932-6262, ext. 10.

Cohn named coordinator

Organic Valley announced on Tuesday that Carrboro resident Gerry Cohn will serve as southeast region farmer coordinator to support 12 Organic Valley member farmers in the area: nine dairy farmers and three feed farmers. Organic Valley is a farmer-owned cooperative of more than 1,300 organic family farmers.



Cohn has served as the southeast states director at American Farmland Trust, where he worked with landowners, communities and policymakers in preserving productive farmland and helping communities plan for an agricultural future. In addition, he serves as chair of the Alamance County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council.

Cardboard recycling

A reminder that cardboard will be banned from residential refuse cans as of March 1. The county recycling program has added cardboard to its curbside recycling program. Corrugated cardboard has three layers with a wavy inner layer. To be recycled from curbside, the cardboard must be empty, flattened and cut or folded into pieces no larger than three-feet-by-three-feet. There is a maximum of 10 pieces per collection day. Cardboard should be placed between two recycling bins, under one bin or inside the recycling bin devoted to "all paper." Larger pieces must be taken to a recycling drop-off site or solid-waste convenience center. Cardboard contaminated with paint, oil, food or other substances should be placed in the trash.

The Eater

Six pack salute

Last week, we brought you a few ideas for inaugural foods, so this week we offer a few suggestions for inaugural libation, because, well, some people don't want to stop celebrating just yet. After consulting our friends at the Carrboro Beverage Shop on Main Street and sampling what they had to offer, we'd like to recommend a couple of celebratory brews. For sheer audacity, not much can beat Presidente — a lighter, quite drinkable lager from the Dominican Republic. If you're looking for something a little more toned down, like a nice pale ale with a flag motif, Stoudts American Pale Ale is a lovely choice. (The Eater notes that our new president along with the rest of us would appreciate it if you would drink responsibly.)

Warm regards

If you are in need of a stimulus package, we'd like to recommend a trip to one of the Joe Van Gogh and/or Cup a Joe locations, where they've come up with a new blend and roast to celebrate the change in administrations. Inauguration Blend 2009 is a combination of Kenya AA and Kauai Estate Reserve — two coffees that master coffee roaster Robbie Roberts says work quite well together. The blend is brewing in each of Joe Van Gogh's coffee houses this week and is also available for purchase in bulk in their stores or on their website for \$12.09 per pound. Joe Van Gogh operates the Cup A Joe coffeehouses in Chapel Hill and downtown Hillsborough, as well as Joe Van Gogh coffeehouses in Durham. On the web at JoeVanGogh.com

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Recipes of the week

LIGURIAN SALAD OVER WALNUT PESTO'S SPINACH LINGUINI

Recipe by Dorette Snover, C'est Si Bon! Cooking School

Salad Ingredients:
1 clove garlic* 2 spring onions* 1 handful black olives
2 anchovies 2 cups young salad greens, both sharp and sweet*
Salt and pepper to taste Olive oil Red wine vinegar
1 hard-boiled egg*

Procedure:
Rub the insides of the salad bowl with the clove of garlic. Thinly slice the onions and greens. Put everything in the bowl and add the olives and cleaned anchovies. Dress with oil and vinegar (1 part vinegar to 3 parts oil.) Add salt and pepper to taste. If you like, add a hard-boiled egg chopped in eighths. Mix well and let stand at least 10 minutes before serving over:

Walnut Pesto Pasta Ingredients
1 package linguine - spinach, whole wheat or plain
2 cups packed baby spinach leaves*
2 cups fresh Italian parsley 1/3-1/2 cup toasted walnuts
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar 2 cloves garlic*
Salt & pepper to taste

Procedure:
Cook pasta to al dente. Combine spinach, parsley, walnuts, vinegar, garlic and salt & pepper in food processor. Pulse until finely minced. Then with processor on, slowly drizzle in olive oil. Toss with pasta. Serve under salad. *Available at Market

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FOR THE RECORD

Following is an excerpt from the inaugural speech of Barack Obama delivered from the steps of the U.S. Capitol following his swearing in as the 44th president of the United States of America.

He is the first African-American to be elected to the presidency. In the 2008 election he received the votes of more than 66,882,000 citizens.

"... Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends — hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism — these things are old. These things are true. They have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history. What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world; duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.

This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed — why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall, and why a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath.

This is the price and the promise of citizenship.

This is the source of our confidence — the knowledge that God calls on us to shape an uncertain destiny.

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So let us mark this day with remembrance, of who we are and how far we have traveled. In the year of America's birth, in the coldest of months, a small band of patriots huddled by dying campfires on the shores of an icy river. The capital was abandoned. The enemy was advancing. The snow was stained with blood. At a moment when the outcome of our revolution was most in doubt, the father of our nation ordered these words be read to the people:

'Let it be told to the future world ... that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive... that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet [it].'

America, in the face of our common dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested, we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back, nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations."

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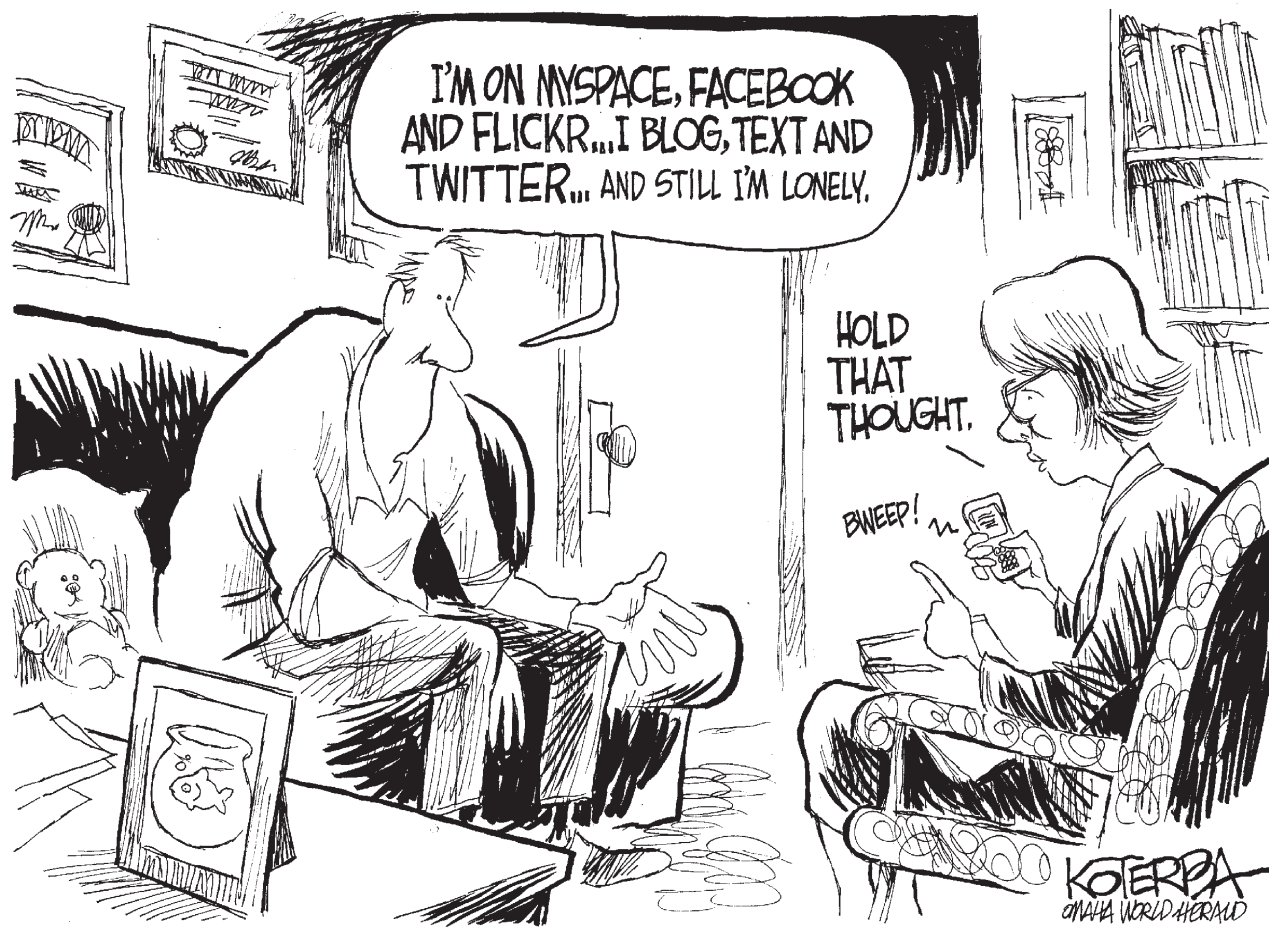
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LETTERS

Site sets precedent

Locating a waste transfer station anywhere in Bingham Township, on rural, agriculturally zoned land, would set a dangerous precedent: countryside lost to industrial/commercial use is lost forever. We would be left with permanent, grievous damage to our air quality, watersheds and quality of life.

The commissioners have been informed about resources in the private sector that can provide waste transfer services immediately and indefinitely. Utilizing these resources would allow time to pursue sustainable alternatives to waste disposal instead of pouring 10 million of our tax dollars into a "temporary" solution. As taxes continue to climb, our money should be spent wisely.

I urge the county commissioners to defer purchase of the Howell Property to allow time to solicit proposals from vendors who use existing waste stations for interim disposal services; use community input to search for alternative sites for progressive facilities with industrial/commercial zoning near major highways, namely, I-40 or I-85, within a 15-mile radius of the trash centroid; and engage in strategic discussion with neighboring municipalities and counties for economically sound, sustainable waste management, such as privatizing and waste-to-energy solutions.

We need our commissioners to make socially, economically and environmentally sound decisions about waste disposal.

KATE TOZZOLINA
Hillsborough

Disagree with site

I disagree with the headlong dash to locate the waste transfer station in rural Orange County for the following reasons:

This is an industrial-type facility, it should be located in an industrial or

commercial zoned area. If I, as a private citizen, wanted to build this type of facility in rural Orange County, there is no way I would get approval from the county to do this. It would be a violation of zoning ordinances. The costs to purchase this outrageously large property with no infrastructure (i.e., water, sewer, etc.), build the facility, make road and truck improvements and haul water and operate it with unpredictable fuel costs and landfill fees -- is far beyond what it would cost to pay private contractors.

I want my tax money spent more wisely. The chosen sites are located too far from major highways. The criteria used to pick a site should be modified to allow industrial sites a few miles farther from the "centroid." Waste-to-energy should be more seriously considered as a long-term solution.

PAUL ROCKWELL
Bingham Township

Hazards of infill

A high-density housing development, Colleton Crossing, is being proposed behind our neighborhood, the Highlands. This new development is to be built in an area of land recommended for preservation in the town's Upper Bolin Creek Conservation Map adopted by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen in 2005. All of our current elected officials were endorsed by the Sierra Club in their election campaigns, so it is unclear why any of these officials would support developing this very beautiful and fragile tract of land. Additionally, the area in question does not have access to convenient public transportation, so residents will be using their cars to exit the new development. One of the proposed exits brings this vehicular traffic through Claymore Road, which, without shoulders or sidewalks, is not equipped to handle high volumes of traffic. We are fortunate that many peo-

ple, including children, take advantage of our community by walking, running and biking on our streets.

The additional car traffic would be a safety hazard for pedestrians and would discourage residents from walking and biking and encourage even more car travel, even for short distances. Are we the only ones who think destroying wildlife habitats and encouraging more vehicular traffic isn't "green"? Is this what the citizens of Carrboro really want?

MIKE AND DEBORAH ADLER
Carrboro

Housing important

In reference to the story in your January 15 issue, "University, town hashing out differences on Carolina North":

1. Congratulations to all concerned for their decision to use RDU airport for medical air service instead of Horace Williams airport. It also improves better utilization of facilities in RDU.

2. There was a proposal to utilize the airport space for biotech research. It is better use and allied to educational activities and should be pursued to the end.

3. Council member Jim Ward said that the space should be utilized for housing for the employees. It is a welcome suggestion. The benefits are a) employee satisfaction and as an employee welfare measure; b) employees need not use a car, [thereby] adding to pollution and traffic jams; c) it is a national savings of gas and expenditures on pollution control.

However, the houses must be given on a rental basis to be occupied for as long as [the renters] are employees and have to then be vacated to make room for incoming employees.

The real demand for rental houses has to be assessed before taking up this scheme.

MAHALINGAM LAXMAN
Chapel Hill

Animal research is vital to human health

DR. CAM PATTERSON

Editor's note: This article is a response to a letter to the editor in The Citizen arguing against the expansion of a UNC research lab in southwestern Orange County.

As a medical doctor and heart researcher, I think it is important that the community has the facts about how vital animal models are to the medical research we do at the university to improve human health. We are concerned with the welfare of animals and do not use animal models when better alternatives exist. But we still can't adequately treat the most common diseases that afflict our society, and some of the studies required for experimental research require animal models. The idea that stem cells or other stem systems can mimic the wonderful complexities of a living human or animal body is unrealistic for now and in the immediate future.

One of the very first diseases for which animal testing resulted in treatment and diagnostics was hemophilia, research that was begun at UNC in the 1940s with pigs and dogs especially bred to exactly mimic humans who have that devastating disorder. It literally took scientists decades of animal research to develop these therapies. Without that work, individuals with hemophilia would be suffering bleeding disorders and premature death. Now even a gene therapy cure for hemophilia is not that far off with continued use of animal models developed here in Chapel Hill.



Animals are also essential to the development of vaccines. One requirement of vaccine research is the activation of the immunologic response, and the only way that can be done is with an animal. The development of the arthritis drug Vioxx would have benefited from more animal testing, not less, because additional animal studies would have enabled researchers to detect the cardiovascular complications that caused the drug to be pulled from the market. Cellular studies would not have revealed the complicated interactions between the blood cells and the blood vessel walls that lead to the cardiac toxicity of Vioxx. I know that's true because I have been at work for at least a decade trying to do that myself, and no one has yet made this sort of thing, nor are we likely to any time soon.

As valuable as our animal models are, we carefully consider each study case by case and use viable alternatives

whenever we can. Animal research is expensive, takes longer and requires reams of paperwork that scientists would rather avoid. When we do use an animal model, it is out of necessity and a passion to cure the diseases that we study.

Every proposed use of animals in research at UNC is carefully reviewed by a team of scientists and community members. No project is approved unless the reviewers are satisfied that the use of animals is justified in conjunction with the proposed research. When the study is in progress, specially trained veterinarians — not the research scientists — monitor the treatment of the animals, ensuring that they are healthy, free of suffering and humanely treated. We are also monitored by outside agencies such as the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Far from being outdated, animal research has become more valuable than ever as advances in fields such as genetics, proteomics and imaging are enabling researchers to get more information out of the studies. Animal models play a vital role in current, leading-edge research to improve human health. We owe a debt of gratitude to the scientists who, through animal studies, have learned so much and helped so many of our patients.

Cam Patterson is chief of cardiology for the UNC-CH School of Medicine, UNC Hospitals and the UNC Health Care System.

Property tax relief needed

ELAINE MEJIA

This month, property owners in Orange County are receiving notices in the mail telling them how much the county's tax assessors think their homes are worth. According to the county's tax office, property values in Orange County increased by 22 percent over the last four years.

Orange County is not alone. Other counties in the relatively prosperous and fast-growing Triangle area have seen large increases in property values in recent years. In 2007, Wake County found that values had increased 43 percent since the previous revaluation in 2000. Next up is Chatham County, which is slated to revalue its properties in 2009.

While knowing their homes are increasing in value may reassure homeowners, many worry their tax bills will go up as quickly as their homes' values. In most instances, that doesn't happen. Counties typically lower their tax rates when they revalue properties so that the amount of revenue collected is the same as, or only slightly higher than, what the county was collecting before.

The circuit breaker kicks in when a person's income is below a certain threshold — say, \$40,000.

But certain homeowners will see substantial tax increases as a result of a revaluation. If the value of your home goes up considerably more than the average countywide increase, you will likely pay more even if the county cuts the tax rate. At a time when some 360,000 North Carolinians are unemployed, this can be a tough pill to swallow for a family struggling in today's economy.

North Carolina can act to protect the assets of low-income families who find themselves facing dramatically higher property tax bills. The state currently allows low-income senior citizens to exempt a portion of their property from tax or, if they qualify, defer a portion of their property taxes so the bill will ultimately be paid when the property is sold or transferred to another owner. It's time to extend assistance to people who are under the age of 65.

The best way to do this — and one that is employed by several other states — is called a property tax "circuit breaker."

The circuit breaker kicks in when a person's income is below a certain threshold — say, \$40,000 — and his tax bill exceeds a certain percentage of that income — say, 5 percent. The property tax he pays above that 5 percent would be refunded to him through the state income tax.

So let's say this taxpayer earns \$40,000 and owns a \$250,000 home taxed at a rate of 90 cents for every \$100 of home value. His property tax bill would be \$2,250, but 5 percent of his income is \$2,000, so he would receive a refund of \$250 through his income tax.

The state is facing a budget crisis, but helping families stay in their homes is too important a priority to not address this year. The good news is North Carolina's property taxes are low compared to most other states, so there is room to increase the property taxes of higher-income homeowners.

By establishing a property tax circuit breaker the state could make taxes fairer to low-income working families and people living on fixed incomes, help struggling families to stay in their homes and keep communities diverse and vibrant. That's a lot of benefits for one simple policy change — a change that's long overdue.

Elaine Mejia is the director of the N.C. Budget and Tax Center.

Biz Briefs

Realtor earns elite designation

Kara Hart, a real estate agent with Carrboro's Terra Nova Global Properties, recently graduated from the National Association of REALTORS' e-PRO certification course. The program prepares real estate professionals to identify, evaluate and implement new Internet business models. Though more than 80 percent of home buyers and sellers use the web, only 1 percent of the nation's REALTORS has completed the e-PRO course.

Nominations sought for Pauli Murray Awards

Know a local business that's working for social justice in our community and beyond? Nominate them for the Orange County Human Relations Commission's Pauli Murray Human Relations Awards. The honor is presented annually to an Orange County business that has served the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice and human rights for all citizens. (Awards also are given to an individual adult and youth.) Nominations are due Jan. 23. For applications or more information, visit www.co.orange.nc.us/hrr/events.asp or call 960-3875. The awards will be made during the Annual Pauli Murray Awards Ceremony on Feb. 22.

Company to co-develop ALS therapy

Chapel Hill's Asklepios BioPharmaceutical, Inc., and ALS Therapy Development Institute will collaborate to create a panel of viral vectors that could be deployed to deliver treatments that will slow or stop amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Researchers believe that this kind of gene therapeutic is the best way to address complex diseases like ALS. The project is financed through a three-year, \$18-million funding and scientific collaboration between ALS TDI and with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). AskBio's intellectual property portfolio was created with more than \$35 million in grants and other funding, and is based on the scientific work of R. Jude Samulski and his colleagues at UNC.

Registration open for CED program

The Council for Entrepreneurial Development opened registration for its next FastTrac® TechVenture™ class. The class will run Tuesday evenings from Feb. 3 to April 14. The application deadline is Friday. Online application is available at www.cednc.org/fasttrac. In the program, start-up entrepreneurs work with local experts to create a business plan — from refining the business concept to writing the business plan. After completing the class, participants possess a detailed business plan and executive summary presentation, as well as a strong understanding of how to finance a company.

Chamber annual meeting

The Chamber will host its 2009 Annual Meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Carolina Club. Registration and networking will begin at 11 a.m., and the program will begin promptly at 11:30. The Carolina Club is located at the corner of Stadium Drive and Ridge Road on the UNC campus. Parking is available in the Rams Head Parking Deck on Ridge Road. Click here to register, or visit www.carolinachamber.org/annualmeeting for more information.

Inaugural Ball

Due to Tuesday's inclement weather, the Inaugural Ball scheduled for Tuesday at the Siena Hotel has been rescheduled for Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available for the event. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the Siena Hotel at 929-4000.

Doing more to keep your job

BY MARGOT C. LESTER
Staff Writer

Misery may love company, but griping with your colleagues isn't the most effective way to deal with the threat of layoffs.

"While it is human nature to participate in water cooler discussions, you need to stay focused on the job at hand," says David Hemmer, president and COO of Career Partners International, an international counseling service based in Chapel Hill. "How you handle this difficult time will reflect on your supervisors' view of you."

With pink slips as common as candy wrappers, kvetching is the easy way out — and I do mean out. Instead of complaining or worrying about your status, take control of it. Contrary to what you may think, there are ways to reduce your chances of getting laid off — and improve the odds of getting a good recommendation if you do. Here's how:

Cultivate on-the-job relationships: "Be the kind of help to your boss that you would like to have from someone working for you," counsels

Jim Weinstein, a Washington D.C.-based life consultant. "To be clear, I am *not* talking about brown-nosing here — I'm talking about making genuine contributions rather than appearing to make them, or taking credit for contributions that are not yours, which will probably infuriate those around you and create ill will that you certainly don't need at this precarious time. Be a contributor to the superior functioning of your team or department. A team member who smoothly interacts with others is a lot less trouble, and therefore more valuable, than someone who has prickly relationships with his co-workers."

Focus on your value: The biggest mistake many people make is assuming they're a top performer already, according to Linda Conklin, manager of alumni career services at UNC. "People get complacent in their jobs — not so much in what they're doing, but in making sure their managers know what they're doing. Know what you do to add value and tell your boss." Regularly ask yourself (and then tell your boss): What are your ac-

complishments? What needs to be done and how can you do it? Are you in alignment with what your boss wants?

Choke back the bile: Your attitude toward your work will have a direct impact on your output, and therefore your value. "Most employees are being asked by their firms to do more, often for less compensation. And this, quite naturally, can foster bitterness and anger," Weinstein notes. "Nonetheless, it is crucial to make consistent efforts to rid yourself of these emotions. Easier said than done? Yes, absolutely. But don't for a minute think you can't influence your state of mind towards your employer. Take an inventory of your resentments and what you perceive to be unfair at work. Then notice how much time you spend focusing on *this* inventory as opposed to another you need to take: what are all of the good things about your job. By remaining vigilant throughout the day for the tendency to focus on the half-empty, rather than the half-full, glass, you can start to shift the balance in a direction that will not only foster

less anger, but will also bring you greater job satisfaction."

Continue to develop yourself: Staying current with your certifications and adding to your knowledge and skills bases can help you increase your value to the organization. Read industry journals, stay up on trends affecting customers, attend classes offered by trade groups or other organizations. All this allows you to be "the primary expert in some area of the company's work or operation," says John Challenger, CEO of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, the Chicago-based international jobs expert. "Ask yourself this: 'Will your work still be done if you're not there? If the answer's no, if there's no back-up, it'd be awfully hard for them to let you go.'"

Each of these ideas requires some degree of extra work and time, but in today's shaky job market it is well worth making that investment.

"Consistently working on them, or at least keeping them in mind, will most certainly raise your value at work, and consequently increase your job security," Weinstein says.

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Cut pay, not jobs: "Sometimes if you can reduce everyone's salaries, you can avoid a layoff completely or do a smaller one," Hardy says. That's what Hewlett-Packard did back in the 1980s. Instead of laying folks off, everyone took a 10 percent pay cut for about six months. This enabled the tech giant to cut costs without losing talent or totally killing morale. It's also a good idea to give as much notice of the cuts as possible, Hardy adds. "Tell them to start being frugal now, before the cuts come." Unfortunately, even if you follow this advice, you may still have to bite the bullet and hand out some pink slips. In that case, it's crucial to be communicative and honest, says Hugh O'Neill,



Hugh O'Neill

Edward M. O'Herron, Jr. Distinguished Scholar and professor of strategy and entrepreneurship at UNC Kenan-Flagler. "As obvious as it may seem that layoffs are necessary, they are often a surprise to the workforce. Some corporations do try to avoid giv-

ing people bad news so they don't say anything about what might be coming. When they do, it's a shock."

Instead of withholding the bad news, talk about it. This means providing information on corporate performance, benchmarks and timeframes for making decisions as often as possible. Management should indicate things they're trying to do to take steps other than layoffs to solve problems," O'Neill adds. The information helps employees see the reality, and it keeps those productivity-killing rumors to a minimum.

And when the cuts do come, communicate with feeling.

"Frequently corporations don't communicate anything that indicates a sense of empathy for the laid off," O'Neill says. This tactic not only is hurtful to those who are laid off, but is damaging

to those who remain. "They feel a guilt that leads to a set of cultural issues. And the level of the guilt is a direct function of explanations managers use to justify layoffs, and the perceived equity workers feel. It's manifested by low morale, increased absences, lack of willingness to do extra work. There's also a fair amount of lost time due to people consoling each other."

There's no way to completely avoid the impact of a bad economy, but it's definitely possible to mitigate negative consequences. Companies that do that tend to come out of turbulent times in good shape — and you want to be one of them.

"They have more market share and motivated employees, and they generate more revenue and margin," Roberts says. "So being strategic and thoughtful seems to suggest success."

Carrboro Citizen announces expansion

The Carrboro Citizen plans to increase its circulation by 20 percent by the end of the first quarter of 2009 and will expand editorial coverage in Chapel Hill, the company announced Thursday.

Publisher Robert Dickson said adding rack and news-box locations in Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Pittsboro already has accommodated a 10 percent increase in circulation for the free newspaper, from 5,000 to 5,500. The newspaper plans to add additional distribution points to bring that number to 6,000.

"We are slowly but surely growing our reach," Dickson said. "The important thing is that reader demand for the news-

paper is driving the circulation jump."

The Citizen currently distributes 2,225 papers in Carrboro, 2,400 in Chapel Hill, 525 in Hillsborough and 350 in Chatham County at more than 130 locations.

Dickson said reader interest is also driving an increase in coverage. This month, The Citizen began weekly coverage of Chapel Hill town government. Editor Kirk Ross, who covered the town and UNC for the Chapel Hill News for several years, will be the chief reporter on the Chapel Hill beat.

"A lot of people have urged us to include more coverage of Chapel Hill," Ross said. "This is going to be an important year for the town, with Carolina North negotiations,

concerns about the budget and the local economy, major construction in the works downtown and a municipal election."

The Citizen also has recently expanded its coverage of business and the local economy, signing on veteran writer Margot Carmichael Lester to write for both the paper and a new blog called Orange County Housing & Commerce. The blog's address is carrborocitizen.com/housing.

In addition to the business blog, The Citizen is also adding several new contributors to its MILL blog. MILL's address is carrborocitizen.com/mill

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Biz Blog . . . Hankering for a local angle on breaking business news? *The Citizen* has started the Orange County Housing & Economy blog (carrborocitizen.com/housing) to sate your jones. In addition to late-breaking news, the blog also features personnel and business announcements. Got something you'd like us to post? For consideration send it to: **Margot Lester: margot@carrborocitizen.com**

Human Relations Month Events

KICK-OFF EVENT

Sunday, January 25, 2009 • 3 pm - 5 pm

PLACE: Carrboro Century Center — 100 North Greensboro Street, Carrboro

THEME: "Power Of The People: Race And The Environment In Orange County"

SPEAKER: Mr. Omega R. Wilson — President, West End Revitalization Association

PERFORMANCE: East Baile Latino

PAULI MURRAY

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Sunday, February 22, 2009 • 2 pm - 5 pm

PLACE: The Little Theater, New Hope Elementary School Auditorium

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MONDAY — Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Beef Tacos w/Salsa, Cheese Lettuce & Tomato; Spanish Rice; Sweet Yellow Corn; Fresh Apple Halves

TUESDAY — Pork Egg Roll w/Wheat Roll; Chicken Tetrazzini; Fun on the Run; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Apricots

WEDNESDAY — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Chicken Salad w/Lettuce, Tomato & Crackers; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Steamed Broccoli; Fresh Bananas

THURSDAY — Ham & Cheese Sub w/Lettuce & Tomato; Chicken Fajitas; Fun on the Run; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Peas

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FRIDAY — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Corn on the Cob; Vanilla Pudding

MONDAY — Double Cheeseburger w/Lettuce & Tomato; Chicken Caesar Salad w/Garlic Bread; Seasoned Baked Potato Wedges; Peas & Carrots; Chilled Peaches

TUESDAY — Cheese Ravioli w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Tacos w/Salsa, Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato; Seasoned Pinto Beans; Mexicali Corn; Fresh Oranges

WEDNESDAY — Chicken Patty Sandwich; Beef & Macaroni w/Wheat Roll; Green Beans; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Fruit Cocktail

THURSDAY — Herb Baked Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa; Mashed Potatoes; Turnip Greens; Mandarin Oranges

An eco-friendly effort to plant seeds of sustainability at Chapel Hill High School

BY JASMINA NOGO
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — On the cold morning of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a group of roughly 10 students showed up at Chapel Hill High School for a Fight the Weeds workday to help clean up the school's greenhouse. The effort is part of the Chapel Hill High School Green Tiger campaign, a student-led organization that promotes environmental awareness.

"Our goal is to convert it to a community garden to provide free food," said high school science teacher and club advisor Matthew Jessee.

According to freshman Kristen Powers, president of the Green Tiger campaign, the greenhouse hasn't been used in over a decade. The group plans to plant the community garden in the spring.

"We're trying to make our school more sustainable," said sophomore Daniel Woldorff, head of the greenhouse committee.



PHOTO BY JASMINA NOGO

Sophomore Daniel Woldorff (left), sophomore Marissa Ramirez (center) and parent volunteer Connie Woldorff (right) help clean up the greenhouse at Chapel Hill High School during the "Fight the Weeds" workday on Monday.

The Fight the Weeds cleanup is the Green Tigers' first big project, Woldorff said. The club was started by Powers in the fall of 2008 as the Greener School Campaign, said Jessee. Powers submitted grant proposals to get funding

for the club and then collaborated with Jessee to initiate the effort.

"The club is student directed and student led," Jessee said. "I put in my two cents, but it's mostly up to the students."

Woldorff said the goal is to

plant the seeds for a garden that students can maintain in the years to come and to help make the school more eco-friendly in general.

"Our environmental goals are to reduce the carbon footprint of our school and improve the environmental situation," said Jessee. He said the garden will provide free food for the school community. Any surplus will be donated to homeless shelters.

Although the Fight the Weeds workday is the club's first project, several others are being planned. Jessee said the Green Tigers are brainstorming ways to replace Styrofoam cups that are used in the cafeteria. They are also initiating a school compost effort.

"We are building compost bins and placing them throughout the school," Jessee said.

"We want to lead by example and become a model of sustainability for the other students," said Woldorff.

School Briefs

ECHHS tour

East Chapel Hill High School will hold an information meeting and tour on Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. for private school students in the district interested in attending East Chapel Hill High. Students will receive course and registration information.

The meeting will be held in the East Chapel Hill High auditorium. To attend, RSVP with Wynter Tolliver at 969-2482, ext. 397.

Kindergarten registration

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will begin accepting registrations for kindergarten for fall 2009 on Feb. 2.

Kindergartners must turn 5 years old on or before Aug. 31. All students entering kindergarten must have a physical exam

any time during the year prior to the first day of school. To register, the following is required: proof of district residency (current Orange County property tax bill, settlement statement, lease or rental agreement, unpaid Duke Power bill, OWASA or Public Service Gas bill); an original or certified birth certificate for the child; photo ID of parent or guardian; immunization record; the child's Social Security number (if applicable); name and complete mailing address of previous school; most recent report card and/or official withdrawal form; and any custody arrangement documentation (if applicable).

Registration forms are available at the Lincoln Center or online at www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/registration. In addition, parents or legal guardians may receive a registration packet by mail

by calling the registrar, Marlen Orio, at 967-8211, ext. 268. Registration forms should be returned in person to the registrar at the Lincoln Center Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

School board meeting

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meets tonight (Thursday) at 7 in the boardroom at the Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road. Items on the agenda include:

- guiding principles for budget development;
- graduation requirements;
- update on elementary school 11; and
- a policy on student sex offenders.

For the full agenda, visit www.chccs.k12.nc.us and click on "Board Agendas."

ECHHS cookbook

The East Chapel Hill High School food and nutrition classes have created a cookbook that is available for sale.

Most of the recipes in the cookbook were contributed by East Chapel Hill students and staff members.

The cookbook is available for \$10. To purchase it, contact food and nutrition teacher Gisele Washington at East Chapel Hill High.

Teen drinking forum

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools PTAs will host the fifth annual parent forum, "Should We Drink with Our Teens?" on Feb. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the East Chapel Hill High School Auditorium.

The event will feature an hour of expert panelist presentations followed by an hour of Q&A.

Panelists will discuss the latest research and data on teenage drinking, brain development, lowering the drinking age, the "European Myth," family counseling, the law and crisis counseling.

The event is co-sponsored by the PTSA organizations of Carrboro, East Chapel Hill and Chapel Hill high schools and is free and open to the public.

Laughing Turtle donates to PSF


The Laughing Turtle on Franklin Street will donate a portion of its income each day during the month of January to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation.

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SPORTS

Field Hockey League

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor a Youth Field Hockey League for girls in fifth through eighth grade (as of the 2008-09 school year). The fee is \$52 for Orange County residents and \$91 for non-Orange County residents. Registration forms must be signed by a parent/guardian and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 918-7364.

Field Hockey Coaching

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is accepting volunteer coach applications for the 2009 Youth Field Hockey League. Coaches must exhibit the ability to organize team practices and communicate effectively with players, parents and recreation department staff. They must

Varsity Boys Basketball

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Joe Thompson, who has been honored for keeping alive black string music traditions, said he was honored to play an inaugural celebration Sunday at the Century Center. His rendition of "I Shall Not Be Moved" was one of the highlights of the evening. Thompson turned 93 in December.



The crowd at the Orange County Social Club at noon on Tuesday — the moment it was announced that although he hadn't been sworn in yet, Barack Obama became the 44th president of the United States of America



Complimentary commemorative cupcakes were on hand at Neal's Deli.

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OBAMA
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"In my 65 years, I've never seen anything like that — the magnitude of it," he said.

Farrar, who volunteered last February with the Obama campaign in the early and critical South Carolina primary, said he was confident then that Obama would be elected, but didn't know that he himself would be at the inauguration. The bus ride up and back and seeing the millions assembled have left him charged and ready to continue the work, he said.

"If we're willing and able to stand up for change, then change will come," Farrar said.

A few hundred yards from Farrar's vantage point, at the top steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, his wife, Quaker Harmon, and their two sons, Alex and Samuel, also witnessed the event.

Chilton said getting around was a lot easier than portrayed in media reports. Though they were at first reluctant to go, watching his sons experience the enthusiasm of the moment and seeing them understand the importance of it was a special joy, he said.

Especially among the African-Americans in the crowd, Chilton said, "you could see this was a very emotional moment. You could see the pride on people's faces."

Fourth District U.S. Congressman David Price had a close-up view of the proceedings, seated along with other members of Congress on the steps of the Capitol.

"We were cold, but we were also very excited," he said. "This was a huge watershed event in our history."

Looking out over the crowd, Price said, it was obvious that this was a once-in-a-lifetime moment. "It was not just the view," he said, "but the echoes coming from the far reaches of the crowd."

Obama's inauguration speech marked more than the passing of the torch to a new generation, Price said, but also was clearly meant to signal the new president's intention to make a "sharp break from the past."

Price, who recently introduced legislation to close the detention center at Guantanamo as well as revamp interrogation procedures, said he has hopes the new administration will act quickly in those areas.

Here at home, with an overnight snowstorm leading to all kinds of changes in plans, the moment was equally powerful.

"The snow made sure we were all at home watching together," said Moses Carey, who served on the Orange County Board of Commissioners for two decades and was recently named head of the state's Employment Security Commission.

Carey took in the changing of the country's leadership with his wife, Peggy Richmond, and two grandchildren.

"I was able to talk about it with my grandchildren and it gave me an opportunity to talk with them about the future of our nation and their future," he said. "The significant thing for me was that he asked us all to be responsible

again as a nation and as people."

Thomas Mills, a Carrboro-based political consultant and a Democrat, watched the inauguration at home with his wife and two little ones. The semi-steady fall of snow sealed the excuse to just sit put and savor this historic moment with family.

Asked to describe his thoughts on the day, Mills responded, "I was thinking that the change Barack Obama embodies is truly remarkable. An African-American man with a very short political resume has captured the imagination of the American people by describing a very different country than the one we've been living in."

Having his younger kids bouncing about the house, clearly feeding on their folks' energy — and thrilled, of course, with the snow, new snow suits, snow angels and hot chocolate — made this moment more special still.

"My wife and I both felt a renewed sense of patriotism," Mills said, "something we haven't felt in a long time. My 19-year-old daughter was raised hearing me complain about the misguided actions of our government. I hope my 3-year-old and 9-month-old can be proud of what our country is doing and where it's headed, not just what it's done in the past."

Of Obama's speech, Mills said he felt that it "repudiated the failures of the Bush administration while outlining Obama's vision for the future," which embodies "leading by example, not force, and reclaiming our moral authority in the world."

Stephen Murtaugh, of the band Transportation, watched at his Chatham County home with wife, Emily.

"It's great to finally say the words I almost feared to speak because I'm superstitious and didn't want to jinx it: 'President Obama,'" he said. "I thought he gave a great speech, and struck the right tone for the occasion, optimistic but with a clear sense of the challenge."

"I particularly dug the Valley Forge reference. It really brought home the historic nature of this day, to compare it to that time."

Murtaugh also said the snow helped make the day special.

"Being snowed in really made it that much more special, a bonus day off with snow angels and snowball fights and just hanging out around the house. I think I will remember this day for a long time."

Eliza Liptzin DuBose of Carrboro celebrated with family and friends: "One person felt it was easier and cleaner to breathe. One felt like they had to keep checking their reality perimeter. Another felt relieved. Many cried. I put on my Mardi Gras mask and walked up to the Weave to do my volunteer hours and buy champagne."

Those not at home set up televisions and tuned in radios at work or made their way out to the clubs, restaurants and other spots to watch the ceremony.

Hundreds of UNC students bustled into the student union between classes to pack the Great Hall, where a large screen was set up for viewing the inauguration.

Outside the hall in the entry-

way to the union, more students — many of them first-time voters — crowded around a small television to get a glimpse of the new president's address, and hushed one another as the ceremony began.

The atmosphere was overwhelmingly celebratory, and cheers echoed throughout the union as Obama and Vice President Joe Biden took their oaths of office. When the crowd at the ceremony was directed to stand, the students in the union stood with them; and when Rev. Rick Warren over-enunciated Obama's daughters' names — Malia and Sasha — the union erupted with laughter.

Sophomore Sally Turner ducked out of the snow into the union between her classes to watch the president's address.

"It's the first election I could vote in," she said. "I'm excited."

When asked what excited her about Obama, Turner replied, "The idea of change and hope."

"It's just so historic."

Tuesday's weather didn't deter many students; and though some classes had been canceled, many came to campus just to watch the inauguration.

Kita Blackmon, a freshman, said she felt the inauguration was a turning point for America.

"This is a step for change. This is the beginning," she said.

Blackmon made it to campus to watch the inauguration with her fellow students, despite the cancellation of all of her classes.

"I just think it shows how far America has come," freshman Miranda Patterson said, adding

that she had called her grandmother that morning, who was "so excited."

"I just think it's amazing," Patterson said.

Disha Gandhi, a junior, said that with Obama being the first person of color to be elected president of the United States, "Now you know kids have hope."

In downtown Carrboro, the Orange County Social Club was packed and broke into cheers at noon when CNN announced that even though the swearing in had not taken place, Obama was officially president. Other huzzahs went out for the new president's pledge to not compromise the country's values in the name of security, and for Aretha Franklin's hat.

Down the street in Chapel Hill, people huddled at the plastic benches of the Italian Pizzeria III on Franklin Street drinking beers and staring eagerly at the two big-screen TVs projecting the ceremony.

When Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States, the bar erupted in a pandemonium of cheers. Beer glasses were raised in toasts and congratulations.

"Progress. He is a symbol of the progress our country has made over the years and the progress that will be made," said Jennifer Elander of Durham.

Others saw the speech as a call to continue the efforts.

"I think this event will also open our eyes to the changes that still need to be made to embrace our country's diversity," said Elyse Keefe of Asheville.

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The noble post oak near Person Hall was once a state champion.

FLORA FROM PAGE 1

He began his winter walks acknowledging the UNC campus as the best landscape in the Southeast for display of Southern broadleaf evergreens, like magnolias and American hollies, providing winter interest beneath the noble deciduous canopy.

I am honored to follow in Bill Hunt's footsteps, on Jan. 31, to revisit some of the trees and special landscape features that he cherished during his lifetime. (Call the Botanical Garden at 962-0522 for information on this annual walk.)

In the meantime, take a brief campus walk yourself and see if you can find some of these specimens.

From Morehead Planetarium, walk across the forested green of McCorkle

Place to the giant double-trunked American holly, *Ilex opaca*, on the far side. This holly, a contemporary of Davie Poplar, is a male and still provides the pollen for the berry production of all the nearby female hollies.

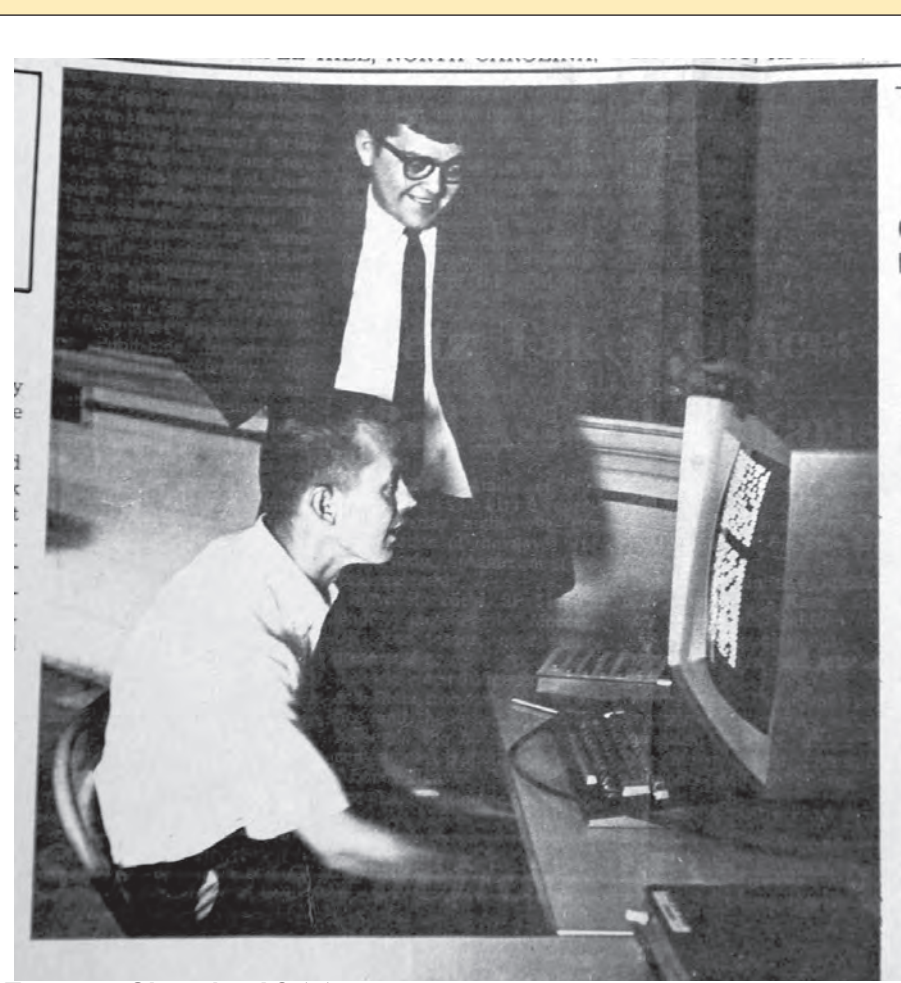
Now continue south along the walkway until you pass Person Hall, and on the right you'll see another noble tree, a really big post oak, *Quercus stellata*, most likely another Davie Poplar contemporary. This giant was once considered the state champion post oak, until a few years ago someone, somewhere, found one a bit larger.

Before crossing Cameron Avenue, look back across the 19th-century informal forest landscape of McCorkle Place. Compare it to the open park-like 20th-century style landscape of Polk Place, the quad between South

Building and Wilson Library. In the early 20th century, the native forest here was cleared for the southward expansion of the campus and the opened ground was planted with double rows of willow oaks, *Quercus phellos*, and white oaks, *Quercus alba*, bordering an open green, a real contrast to McCorkle Place.

Looking across the green toward Wilson Library, you may notice an odd tree standing outside that double row of oaks. Walk down and take a closer look at the deep-grooved bark of that tree; look straight up into its crown, and give it a hug. Really; go ahead. People are watching, but it's a new time and it's okay to hug a 200-year-old persimmon tree, *Diospyros virginiana*! The local workers clearing the forest way back then knew better than to cut a grand old persimmon tree, so that tree was left as a standalone forest remnant in the 20th-century landscape.

There are lots more trees to note and lots more stories to relate. This spring, the university will be releasing a guide, *The Noble Grove: A Walking Tour of Campus Trees*, which describes 100 notable trees scattered about the campus. But don't wait for that guide; make opportunities to walk the campus on your own and take time to contemplate the big trees and imagine the stories they have to tell.



Future Shock, 1966

Writers of a Certain Age will get this one. You know who you are if you still have an anvil-weight black manual Royal or Underwood in your attic or you took "Typing" in high school. Back in the day, the typewriter's staccato din energized every newsroom in the land. Back in the '60s, who but a mad scientist could imagine words silently flitting on a TV screen? Certainly not News Editor Don Campbell of the *Daily*

Tar Heel, as he drops his jaw during a April 1966 demonstration of an IBM "2250 Graphical Display Device." The caption explains: "When news copy appears in the screen, you point the light gun at a mistake, press a button and a pedal and the mistake disappears."

So now the future is here. But you can still tell old newsies by they way they beat the bejabbers out of their computer keyboards. Guilty as charged.

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