

This Weekend

- Friday  
Sunny and Clear  
38/24
- Saturday  
20% Chance of Rain  
47/30
- Sunday  
Partly Cloudy  
54/32

THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

News

Fight has high school looking for answers



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE  
American Beech leaves glistening gold everywhere.

Robert Frost moments in the Adams Tract

FLORA

By Ken Moore

A small group of us were rewarded with some beautiful and dramatic surprises during our woods walk on the Adams Tract this past Saturday afternoon. It was very cold, the rain began to fall, and it was two hours before the Tar Heel basketball game. It’s hard to believe that a small group of 11 adults and two lively youngsters would set off into the woods at the edge of Wilson Park at such a moment. But we did, and we were rewarded.

At the beginning of our adventure, I asked the two youngsters, Flora and Jasper, to serve as junior naturalists and lead us forward. Flora immediately initiated a game called “Find that Tree.” She beat us all to the base of the biggest of several sycamores and explained that she could find it because of the bark. We all admired the brilliant white upper trunks of the big trees brightening the dark gray day.

We left the big white trees behind down on the low ground as Flora ran ahead up hill into the piney woods to find leaves of different trees to show us. Young Jasper was proud to find a cone of one of the three different common pines, and that discovery was so important that it did not matter what pine it was.

As we walked from the top of the gently sloped pine forest to the steeper slopes of older deciduous trees, the sight of a distant lone sycamore down on Bolin Creek made us pause. A few steps beyond, we were stopped in our tracks by a thicket of young American Beech trees. They characteristically hold onto their leaves through the winter season. I don’t believe any of us were properly prepared for the Lilliputian forest of copper brown leaves glistening gold everywhere at eye level. A memorable moment, indeed.

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Town’s taco trucks in jeopardy

Property owners asked to evict taquerias after anonymous complaint

By Kirk Ross  
Staff Writer

After receiving an anonymous complaint, Carrboro officials notified three property owners that so-called “taco trucks” parked on their properties are not in compliance with local zoning rules and will need to cease operations.

The owners of Fitch Lumber, Cliff’s Meat Market and Johnny’s Sporting Goods were notified by letter last week that allowing the trucks to operate on their property puts them in violation of the town’s zoning ordinances. They were given seven days to shut down the trucks or face action from the town. The letter, dated January 17, stated that the businesses could appeal the decision through the town’s board of adjustment, a process that requires a \$250 filing fee.

Marty Roupe, the town’s development review administrator, said typically investigations of zoning compliance are driven by complaints from the public. Recently, he said, the town received a voice message complaining about the trucks, which offer a range of traditional taqueria fare such as tacos, tamales, sopas and enchiladas along with some more exotic specialties such as beef tongue. The trucks, which operate mainly on weekend evenings, have grown in popularity and have won the praises of food writers for their authenticity.

Roupe said it was unfortunate that the person who called in the complain did not leave a number where they could be reached, but that since it was a formal complaint the town was required to follow up on it. Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton said he only recently became aware of the complaint with the trucks and the request by the town that they be shut down. He said he hoped that a solution could be found to keep them thriving.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS  
Closed for the winter, it’s quiet around Univerity Lake these days. Though not nearly as drawn down as Cane Creek Reservoir, Assistant Lake Warden Robert Glosson says “you could harvest a lot of hay around here.”

OWASA to hold water supply forum

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority will hold a public forum tonight (Thursday) regarding “The State of Our Local Water Supply,” to provide information and receive customers’ questions and feedback.

The forum will be held at 7 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Town Hall and will be televised live on local cable channel 18.

The forum will cover local water supply and demand and weather forecasts for coming months along with the short and long-term financial impli-

cations and the options, costs and timetable for addressing the worst-case drought scenario. At the forum there will also be a review of proposed changes in OWASA’s water conservation standards and ordinances to further limit outdoor irrigation in Stage Two and Stage Three water shortages.

Stage Two restrictions are now in effect. The proposed changes would generally prohibit irrigation with hand-held hoses, soaker hoses, drip irrigation and micro-spray systems

in Stage Two and prohibit all irrigation with OWASA drinking water in Stage Three. Stage Three restrictions have previously allowed outdoor watering with hand-carried watering cans or buckets.

Under the changes, Stage Two restrictions would mandate that OWASA-supplied potable water could only be used outdoors for irrigation purposes only by hand-carried watering cans or buckets, limited to a maximum of one-half inch of water applied to plant material in any given week.

New downtown project said to be short on parking

By Kirk Ross  
Staff Writer

A new five-story mixed-use development slated for the site of the old Andrews-Riggsbee hardware store won’t provide enough parking and will exacerbate a growing downtown parking crunch, residents and business owners told the Carrboro Board of Aldermen Tuesday night.

The comments came as the board opened a public hearing on the proposed Roberson Square project on North Greensboro Street that would span the block between Carr, Roberson and Maple streets. The project includes two floors of commercial space, with the ground level dedicated to retail and restaurants and the second floor office space, and three floors of residential space with 18 condominiums.

With the restaurants included in the plan, town rules require the development to include 104 parking spaces, but the design provides for a 65-space underground garage and eight on-street parking spaces.

Architect David Ripperton, the project’s designer, has asked the town to consider a number of factors that could reduce the amount of parking required.

Ripperton said that one reason there is less parking is that the developers decided not to jam everything together and

provide an open-air courtyard that would serve the space similar to the way the Weaver Street Market lawn serves Carr Mill Mall.

He asked that the board take that concept into consideration when looking at the parking issue. He also said that the rules for the restaurants could be crafted so that they could be more along the deli and sandwich shop variety, with fewer tables and less sit-down service.

Ripperton also said that in looking at traffic impacts, the board should consider that people living at Roberson Square are more likely to run errands on foot since drugstores, grocery stores and other destinations are nearby. It is also more likely that people living in the complex will use public transportation and bicycles, he said.

Representatives of town advisory boards said that while the project seems to match the vision for downtown, it should include more parking.

Daniel Amoni, speaking for the town’s Transportation Advisory Board, said he would like to see the developer add seven more on-street spaces that were originally considered for the project, but not on the final plan.

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Leaders committed to providing the extra help needed

By Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

Ten years ago, Bishop Gene Hatley started thinking about a program run through the church to help educate the members of the African-American community.

The program would reach out to children and adults who needed help with reading, math or other skills.

Although Hatley – who serves as pastor of Barbee’s Chapel Missionary Baptist Church – tried to launch such a program several years ago, it was too small to succeed. But about a year ago, Hatley and other volunteers started work on a new program, Barbee’s

Chapel Harvest Word Community Resource and Enrichment Centers, which will launch next month.

On Monday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Hatley invited community members to the church to learn about the program.

“I’m just so excited,” Hatley said. “I’m trying to contain myself.”

Hatley announced the launch of the program at a meeting of school and community leaders earlier this month, where Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance leaders called for changed and improved achievement for black students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools.

Prior to the meeting, the groups distributed a report card to school officials outlining failures in 11 categories, including eliminating the minority achievement gap, decreasing the dropout rate of black students and more.

According to Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, about 44 percent of black elementary school students passed both reading and math End of Grade tests, compared with 93 percent of white elementary school students.

Closing the minority achievement gap has been a repeated goal of school board members,

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS  
After a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day tour of Barbee’s Chapel’s new education assistance center, Rev. Gene Hatley reflected on the need to do something within the community to address the achievement gap.

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Friends hope to see a freestanding library for Carrboro

RECENTLY...

By Valerie Schwartz

Having a library within walking distance of my childhood home fed my growing mind and kept me out of trouble. It even provided a safe place to break up with my first serious boyfriend. Throughout life, my local library was the place to go when bored or needing a lift — where there’s always something new waiting to be found.

Members of Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library know such facts about libraries. They knew it 20 years ago when they first started petitioning for one and have kept the knowledge fresh through the years since 1995, when the Carrboro Branch Library opened up inside McDougle Middle School.

They have been grateful for the library there, but they will not be satisfied until Carrboro lives down the statistic of being

the largest town in North Carolina without a freestanding library.

“Our books are locked up and un-useable most of the week,” said Nerys Levy. The library at McDougle is shared by the schools there, so patron hours begin after school lets out: from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. It’s closed on Fridays. Making it even harder to use, parking is difficult on school days — and on any day, it’s quite a walk for people with limited physical abilities.

The mailing list of Friends of the Carrboro Library contains about 140 names, but the heavy lifting has fallen mostly to a core group: Levy, Martha Tyson, Dolores Triantafillou, Linda Browner, Barbara Dewey, Heidi Perry, Catherine Devine and Karla Reed, who, despite discouragement from town and county politicians, continue to fight for money and a space to build a library where the people of Carrboro can

“There’s hope, but people need to come forward and be a part of it.”

— Nerys Levy, on the possibility of a freestanding library in Carrboro

easily gather seven days a week to open their minds, do homework, use a computer, enjoy community.

“As a retired teacher, I see it as a meeting place for all ages, from pre-school to senior citizens,” said Triantafillou. “I see it as a

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This Week: January 25, 2008 — January 31, 2008

Friday

The Hillsborough Gallery of Arts will host a reception from 6-9 p.m. for its new show, “**Winter Blues.**”

Saturday

Alex Caton performs at the General Store Cafe with his string band.

Sunday

The murderous musical “**Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**” is at The ArtsCenter this week and next.

Monday

The “**Presidents, Politics & Power: American Presidents Who Shaped the 20th Century**” starts today. A series of film viewings and discussions guided by Dr. David Zonderman. From 9-11 a.m.

Tuesday


**Super Furry Animals, Fiery Furnaces** and **Holy F** perform at Cat’s Cradle. The show is \$15, doors at 8.


Wednesday


Musicians **Julie Loyd** and **Steph Taylor** play the Open Eye Cafe at 8 p.m.


Thursday

At Playmakers are new performances of **Doubt** and **Topdog/Underdog**. See playmakersrep. org for tickets.









Arts Calendar



Works by Pop artist and Andy Warhol contemporary Rob Lichtenstein can be found at the Animation and Fine Art Galleries in Chapel Hill. **ABOVE:** *Still Life With Crystal Bowl*, 1976.

Carrboro

“**Are we friends?**” **Photography by Joanna Welborn & Mark Pettit.** – Jan 3-30, Center Gallery, The ArtsCenter. 300-G E Main St. 929-2737, www.artscenter-live.org.

**Earth Drawings and Soft Sculpture by Jyoti Duwadi** – Jan 3-30, East End Gallery, The ArtsCenter. 300-G E Main St. 929-2737, www.artscenterlive.org.

**Works by Sondra Dorn** – Through Jan 30, Nested. 118-B E Main St. 338-8023.

**Paintings by Lynne Clarke, featuring portraits and still lifes** – Through Jan 31, The Beehive Salon. 102 E Weaver St. 932-4483, thebeehive-salon.com.

“**Under the Big Blue Sky**” by self-taught artist **Valerie Tan** – Century Center. 100 N Greensboro St. 918-7385, townofcarrboro.com/rp/cc.htm.

**Photographs by Natasha Johnson** – Carrboro Town Hall. 301 W Main St. 942-8451, townofcarrboro.com.

**Acrylics by Douglas Clark, focusing on landscapes and automotive** – Through Jan 31, De-Witt Law. 118 E Main St. 338-8200, dewitt-law.com.

**Paintings by Deborah Russell** – Through Feb 1, Fleet Feet Gallery. 406 W Main St. 942-3102.

“**Watercolor Reflections**” by **Kathleen Gwinnett** – Through Jan 31, NC Crafts Gallery. 212 W Main St. 942-4048.

**Paintings by David Sovero and mixed media by Duncan Morgan** – Through Jan 31, Open Eye Café. 101 S Greensboro St. 968-9410.

Chapel Hill

“**Sumi-e, Chinese Brush Painting**” by **Jinxiu Alice Zhao & Charlie Dillingham** – Through Feb 28, Totten Center, North Carolina Botanical Gardens. Call 962-0522.

“**Picturing the World,**” **Carolina’s celebrated photojournalists** – Through Apr 6, Ackland Art Museum. S Columbia St at Franklin St. 966-5736.



Works demonstrating Japanese brush techniques by Jinxiu Alice Zhao and Charlie Dillingham are on display at the Botanical Garden. **ABOVE:** *Seeking by Jinxiu Alice Zhao*.

“**Theme and Variation,**” **print sequences from ornament to abstraction** – Through Feb 24, Ackland Art Museum. S Columbia St at Franklin St. 966-5736.

“**Shapes, Colors, Dots and Pop**” by **Roy Lichtenstein** – Animation and Fine Art, University Mall. 968-8008.

**Impressionist Art Show – Oils on Canvas by Vieni Sue Pawloski.** Through Feb. Dead Mule Club. 303 W Franklin St. Open daily from 4pm-2am. 240-4084.

Hillsborough

“**Winter Blues,**” a show of work by members of the **Hillsborough Gallery of Arts** – Opening reception Fri, Jan 25, 6-9pm. Through Feb 3, Hillsborough Gallery of Arts. 121 N Churton St, I-D. Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. 732-5001, www.hillsboroughgallery.com.

Pittsboro

**Photography by ChathamArts Gallery member photographers and the Chatham Camera Club** – Through Jan 31, Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm. ChathamArts Gallery, 115 Hillsboro St. 542-4144, chathamarts.org.

“**Darkness – Nurtured & Dreamed**” – Works by various artists. Through Jan 31, Thu, 2-6pm, Fri & Sat, 10am-6pm. The Joyful Jewel Studio & Gallery. 45 West St. 545-6836.

Send your calendar events to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

Music Calendar



Welsh rockers Super Furry Animals play Cat’s Cradle on Tuesday.

THURSDAY JAN 24

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Bill West. 10pm

**Cat’s Cradle:** Virginia Coalition, Brooks Wood Band. 8:30pm. \$12

**The Cave:** Left On Cates, Modena, Expire.

**General Store Café:** Bo Lanke-nau & Friends. 8pm

**Local 506:** Max Indian, Jeff Crawford, Brother Henry. 9:30pm. \$6

FRIDAY JAN 25

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Rose Verhoveven. 10pm

**Cat’s Cradle:** Dirty5Thirty, Transportation.

**The Cave:** Late: Simple, Prabir & the Substitutes, Jen Richelson.

**General Store Café:** Untravelled Road. 8:30pm

**Nightlight:** All The Saints; Cantwell, Gomez, and Jordan; Calabi Yau. 10pm

**Open Eye Café:** Far Beyond Frail. 8pm

SATURDAY JAN 26

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Puritan Radio. 10pm

**Cat’s Cradle:** Perpetal Groove. 9pm. \$15

**The Cave:** Early: Highway 54. Late: Fin Fang Foom, Caltrop.

**General Store Café:** Alex Caton. 8:30pm

**Local 506:** Red Collar, I Was Totally Destroying It, Megafaun. 10pm. \$6

**Nightlight:** ill Eagle, AKA Al Burian; I, Crime; Weather Machine, Bells (Jon Mackey). 9:30pm

SUNDAY JAN 27

**Cat’s Cradle:** Knitting Lessons, Run Granny Run. 7:30pm. \$6

**Local 506:** Ships, The Nothing Noise. 9:30pm. Free.

MONDAY JAN 28

**Local 506:** Fujiyama Roll, Triple Overhead Cam. 9:30pm. Free.

TUESDAY JAN 29

**Cat’s Cradle:** Super Furry Animals, Fiery Furnaces, Holy F. 8pm. \$15

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Fabio Consani & Friends. 10pm

**Local 506:** Kevin Devine, Dave Elkins, Jealous Girlfriends. 9pm. \$12

**Open Eye Café:** Russell Howard. 8pm

WEDNESDAY JAN 30

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Jule Brown. 9pm

**Cat’s Cradle:** Corey Smith, Joal Rush. 8:30pm. \$18

**The Cave:** Late: Heypenny.

**Local 506:** The Whigs, The Sammies, Bull City. 9pm. \$8

**Nightlight:** Marpessa Dawn, Hiss Golden Messenger, Sound of Singles, The Hem of His Garment, DJ Lady Factual. 9pm. \$6

**Open Eye Café:** Julie Loyd & Steph Taylor. 8pm

THURSDAY JAN 31

**Blue Horn Lounge:** Pete Waggoner. 10pm

**The Cave:** Early: Garrett Moore. Late: Somebody Sam, Lam Lam, Resist Not.

**General Sore Café:** Dave Youngman Quartet. 8pm


**Reservoir:** The Moon and Bad Times, Noncanon. 10pm.


UPCOMING

Friday, February 15: Abbey Road Live! at Cat’s Cradle.

Tuesday, February 19: Relay for Life benefit with The Honored Guests, The Sammies and The Future Kings of Nowhere at Cat’s Cradle.

CAT’S CRADLE





TU 1/29

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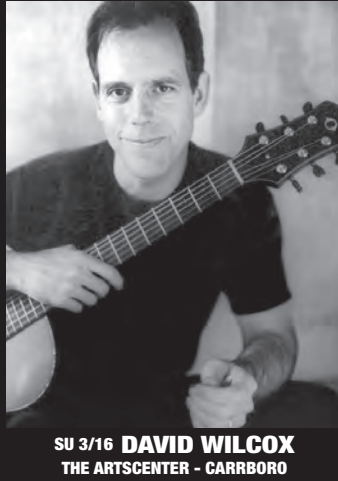
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SU 3/16

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SIX ORGANS

OF ADMITTANCE W/BOYZONE

TU 1/29 - (\$10/\$12)

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(OF MAE) W/JEALOUS GIRLFRIENDS

TH 2/6 - MARAH SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED

SU 3/16 - (\$10)

BLACK LIPS, QUINTRON,

MISS PUSSYCAT, GONDOLIERS

MO 3/17 - (\$12)

TILLY AND THE WALL

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THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)

SU 3/16 - (\$20/\$23)

DAVID WILCOX

SA 3/22 - (\$28/\$30)

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News Briefs

Dog rescued from pipe

Carrboro Police, Carrboro Fire-Rescue and Chapel Hill Fire Department officials rescued a dog trapped in a storm water drain pipe near Lake Hogan Farms on Friday.

The Carrboro Police Department's animal control officer was alerted to a dog trapped in the pipe Friday morning after the dog's owner was unable to coax it out. Police requested the assistance of Carrboro Fire-Rescue after the animal control officer ran out of options, and officials decided to dig down to the dog, about 10 feet.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department was then requested for their expertise in urban search and rescue and to use their land search infrared camera. In addition, the nearest backhoe, owned by J.V. Brockwell Trucking Company at Calvander, was called to the scene.

After several minutes of the backhoe banging the pipe and people calling from the opposite end of the pipe, the dog appeared and was able to be lifted to safety.

The dog did not seem to suffer any ill effects.

Tax review board needs applicants

The Board of County Commissioners seeks applicants for the Orange County Board of Equalization and Review.

The Board of Equalization and Review examines and reviews tax lists of the county for the current year with the intent that all taxable property shall be listed on the abstracts and tax records of Orange County and appraised according to the standards required by the General Statutes of North Carolina.

The board will meet up to three days per week, for approximately three to four hours at a time, for up to three consecutive months, starting in April. Members will be paid for all meetings attended.

All interested county citizens are encouraged to apply. For more information or to fill out an application, visit [www.co.orange.nc.us](http://www.co.orange.nc.us) or contact the clerk to the board at 245-2145 or [athompson-rockett@co.orange.nc.us](mailto:athompson-rockett@co.orange.nc.us).

Carolina North public hearing held

At press time on Wednesday, the Chapel Hill Town Council held a public hearing at which UNC-Chapel Hill staff presented a Carolina North Master Use Plan to Mayor Kevin Foy, council members and Chapel Hill residents. Also on the agenda for the 7 p.m. public hearing: a presentation about the Concept Plan for the Innovation Center at Carolina North, a public hearing regarding Millennium Commercial Properties, LLC and Orange County Habitat for Humanity's request for approval of the 63-lot Bradley Ridge Preliminary Plat Cluster Subdivision and a public hearing regarding a request for approval of a preliminary plat for the Estates at Oxford subdivision, a 4-lot subdivision near Smith Level Road and Dogwood Acres.

For more information about the Jan. 23 public hearing and other meetings, visit [www.townofchapelhill.org](http://www.townofchapelhill.org). The Chapel Hill Town Council's next business meeting will be held at the Chapel Hill Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Jan. 28.


New Chatham park

At its meeting on January 22, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved two major grant applications and an initial concept design plan to begin development of the new Northeast District Park on Big Woods Road.

Chatham County operates ballfields in Bynum and recently completed the major phase of Southwest Park in Bear Creek, but other parks have not yet been developed. Last fall, the Board of Commissioners purchased nearly 67 acres on Big Woods Road for the Northeast District Park. Recreation fees paid by developers when land is subdivided paid for the purchase of the land.

The first phase of Northeast District Park is expected to include a baseball field, multi-purpose field, walking trail, natural areas and a playground. It also will include a building with concession stand, restrooms and covered eating area.

Water Report - January 23, 2008	
LAKE LEVELS	
University Lake	6 feet, 5 in. below full
Cane Creek	15 ft., 1.5 in. below full
Total Availability Supply	40.9% of capacity
PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH	
Jones Ferry Rd. Treatment Plant	1.15 in.
Cane Creek Reservoir	1.24 in.
Normal rainfall for Jan.	4.24"
CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND	
7-Day Average	7.405 million gallons
30-Day Average	6.835 million gallons
Estimated days of water remaining	212 (based on average demand, assuming no further rainfall.
Source: OWASA	



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Fight has high school looking for answers

By Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

Students and teachers were left saddened and bewildered after racially-charged comments led to a fight among three students at Carrboro High School last Thursday.

According to Principal Jeff Thomas, the fight broke out after a white student made racially charged comments to a black student. After faculty members broke up the fight, one of the students had to be taken to the hospital for injuries and was released later that evening.

According to a police report, the fight involved three offenders, including a 16-year-old black student, a 17-year old white student and a 15-year old black student. According to the report,

two of the students fought while the third student struck one of the other students repeatedly.

The students have not yet been charged, according to Carrboro Police Captain J.G. Booker. Possible charges include assault as well as ethnic intimidation.

"We certainly don't sanction any hatred language, any ethnic intimidation, and we certainly don't sanction violence in response to that language," Thomas said.

"[The fight] has given people in the community the perception that we have a race relation issue," he added. "I would say, yes we do. I don't know any high schools that don't have race relation issues."

According to Thomas, the incident may have been related to a previous incident in Decem-

ber, in which the white student involved in the fight used a racial slur toward a black student, who was not involved in Thursday's fight.

The school then enlisted the help of the Dispute Settlement Center to resolve the issues between the black student and the white student.

"There is a large group of African-American students who are pretty angry with this student," Thomas said. "That in large part is what really motivated the fight last week."

Thomas said many of the students at the school don't understand why the fight happened.

"I think there's a feeling of sadness [among the students]," Thomas said. "A group came to me after school Thursday wanting to talk.

"Their statements to me were, 'We don't understand ... Why is this happening in our school? We're all friends.'"

Thomas said the school has brought in additional security and counselors since the fight. In addition, the school is forming a committee of students, staff and parents to create a plan to deal with race issues at the school.

Disciplinary action against the students is pending, Thomas said.

"Racial conflict is obviously not something that's occurred overnight, and it's not going to go away overnight," Thomas said. "We have an opportunity here to make a tremendous difference in our students' race relations."

"These issues are at all high schools, and they probably don't get talked about enough."

County board reviews transfer site complaint

Rogers Road complaint to EPA alleges discrimination

By Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

Orange County and the Board of County Commissioners are reviewing an administrative complaint against the county and others filed with the Environmental Protection Agency last summer.

According to a letter from the EPA to the county dated January 8, the agency received an administrative complaint in October "alleging that the Orange County, North Carolina Board of County Commissioners has violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ... and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations."

The complaint, filed by Rev. Robert Campbell on behalf of members of the Rogers Road community, states that the agencies and municipalities listed in the complaint "have a record of historical and ongoing discrimination" against the Rogers Road community.

According to the complaint, the earliest discrimination occurred in 1972, the year the county landfill was established on Eubanks Road, with the most recent discrimination ongoing.

The commissioners voted in November to reopen the search for a waste transfer station site, citing social justice reasons and outcry from the community. Commissioners had voted in March to locate the transfer station on Eubanks Road, near the site of the county's 35-year-old landfill, which is expected to reach capacity in 2011.

The complaint states that the "residents of the predominantly African-American and low-income ... communities have made repeated requests and petitions before" to the towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough, as well as the county, "to seek solutions to ... the disproportionate and adverse impact of the siting and operation of the Orange County, NC landfill on the complainants," and the "disproportionate and adverse impact of the current plans to approve a permit for and siting of a regional solid waste transfer station on the complainants without the meaningful public participation, input or compensation of the complainants," and the "[c]omplainants concerns about the public health risks and health related quality of life effects."

The complaint also cites pos-

sible groundwater contamination, a lack of basic amenities in the complainants' communities and the siting of the transfer station.

Board Chair Barry Jacobs said the board had referred the complaint to the county attorney, and would not comment on the matter.

County attorney Geoff Gledhill could not be reached for comment.

The complaint lists several agencies, departments and municipalities that committed the discrimination, including: Orange County, the Board of County Commissioners, Orange County Solid Waste Management, Orange County Environmental Health Services, the Town

of Chapel Hill, the Town of Carrboro, the Town of Hillsborough, Orange Water and Sewer Authority, the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, the North Carolina Division of Waste Management and the North Carolina Division of Water Quality.


The county has now officially started the new search and has contracted with a private firm to do so. Members of the Rogers Road community have asked the board to officially remove the Eubanks Road site from consideration, but the county has not yet taken such an action.

Mayor Mark Chilton said the town of Carrboro had not yet reviewed the complaint and would not comment on it.




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gathering place where education occurs in many ways, with art programs, musical presentations, readings and cultural interaction.”

Right now, the thing they most need is an infusion of community energy. Each quarter, they hold a book sale, where they sell books worthy of any library — not just to raise money — but because the purchase of current books pushes older books out of the limited space in the branch location.

“We’re constantly cleaning out our shelves to make more room,” Browner said. “It breaks my heart, but it’s necessary to meet the needs.” Part of that need is being with the school library, which forever needs more space for students.

At each sale, especially on Carrboro Day held at the Town Commons, they hear people exclaiming that they didn’t know Carrboro had a library.

“It’s a transient community,” Triantafyllou said. “Just when we think everyone knows, and we’re feeling good about it, a new group moves in. It makes a difference when we have a lot of Friends.”

“There are 1.75 full-time employees at the library,” Tyson said. “Friends have stepped in and done so much, providing the appearance that it’s doing great.” She said that whenever a poll is taken asking what Carrboro needs, a library always tops the list.

The Friends have taken a new tack. Rather than requesting a freestanding library for Carr-

boro, they are asking for a Southwest Regional Orange County Branch, which, after years of begging, has been provided (on paper) about \$3 million. They of course hope to find a site for it in Carrboro.

They’ve heard the arguments about the proximity of Carrboro to the Chapel Hill Public Library and campus libraries, where parking is an issue at each. “But there are no children or senior programs at campus libraries,” Tyson reminds.

Grateful, discouraged, yet steadfast, they more than anything need to hear from the people of Carrboro — and southwest Orange County. Not only do they need volunteers with strong backs to help them lift books during sale preparations, they need more voices backing them up.

If you care at all, call the Carrboro Branch Library and leave a message with your contact information. If you can help with sales, call 929-7954 and offer your strength.

Imagine it — a building near the heart of Carrboro where children and adults can walk, ride the bus or a bicycle (or drive), and enter a place that can take their minds on a journey and provide all comers access to computers, printers and copiers. Certainly, if you know of an available site, let these diligent women know about it. They want the infrastructure of future Carrboro to include its own library.

“There’s hope,” Levy said, “but people need to come forward and be a part of it.”

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com.

Community Calendar

Got an event you'd like to see in our calendars?

email us at: calendar@carrborocitizen.com or drop us a line: P.O. Box 248, Carrboro NC 27510. Please send calendar items no later than one week prior to publication.

Special Events

**Join members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and Iraq Veterans Against the War** and VVAW National Coordinator Barry Romo as he talks about the upcoming historic event— **Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan**. Fri, Jan 25, 6pm. Carrboro Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. Free. Visit [www.vvaw.org/events](http://www.vvaw.org/events) for more info.

**Conservation of Freshwater Habitats of the Southeast** — Robert Sutter, regional scientist for The Nature Conservancy's Southern U.S. Conservation Region, will lead a presentation and discussion about threats to aquatic habitats in the Southeast. Sat, Jan 26, 2-4pm. \$10. North Carolina Botanical Garden. Call 962-0522 to pre-register.

**Focus the Nation: Climate Change Awareness Days** will be hosted by UNC in the Great Hall of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union. Activities will include dinner; a political panel on global warming and showing of “The 2% Solution” on Wed, Jan 30, beginning at 6pm; and a carnival with environmental speakers, info booths and entertainment on Thu, Jan 31, 8am-5pm. Call 252-916-2794 or visit [focus.thenation.org](http://focus.thenation.org) for more info.

**First Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball** to Benefit Chatham and New Orleans, complete with Big Easy-style fun. Guests are invited to collaborate and participate in an auction for a group service trip to New Orleans to benefit the Musicians' Village, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Sat, Feb 2, 7pm. Chatham Mills, 280 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; \$2 discount for ChathamArts members. Proceeds go to the Abundance Foundation, ChathamArts and Katrina relief efforts. Call 542-0394 or visit [www.chathamarts.org](http://www.chathamarts.org) for more info.

**Ethical Sex**, a presentation led by Kate Lovelady, leader of the Ethical Society of St. Louis, will be held on Sun, Feb 3 at 11am. The discussion will cover topics such as who should have sex, when, how, with whom and under what circumstances. The ArtsCenter: 300 E Main St. Free & open to the public. Hosted by the North Carolina Society for Ethical Culture.

**“A Chocolate Affaire” 2008**, a live auction benefiting Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, will be held Sun, Feb 10 from 2-5pm. Tickets are \$40 and include wine, coffee, cheeses, fruit and chocolate desserts. The Carolina Club, George Watts Hill Alumni Center, UNC Campus. Call 401-9333 for tickets.

**Fieldwork on Mexican Migration in Tijuana and North Carolina**, a presentation by UNC-Chapel Hill post-doctoral scholar Sergio Chavez, will be given Sun, Feb 10 at 5pm. The presentation will include photographs and find-

ings from Chavez’s research in Mexico and North Carolina and an overview of day laborers in North Carolina. At the Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education. 101 E Weaver St, 3rd Floor. Visit [www.chi-cle.com](http://www.chi-cle.com) for more info.

**Celebration of Earth and Sky**, with keynote speaker Aaron Nelson. Sun, Feb 10, 2-6pm. Sponsored by Chapel Hill High School S.U.R.G.E. and The Foundation for a Sustainable Community. \$2 donation. Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St.

**The Vagina Monologues**, presented by V-Day Chapel Hill/Carrboro 2008. Fri, Feb 8, 8pm. \$12 general public, \$10 ArtsCenter friends, \$7 students. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St. Call 929-2787 or visit [www.artscenterlive.org](http://www.artscenterlive.org) for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and the Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County.

Kids

**Toddler Time** — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. For more info, call 969-3006.

**Preschool Story Time** — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

**ComedySportz 4 Kidz** — Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-11, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, [www.dsicomedytheater.com](http://www.dsicomedytheater.com).

**Express Yourself!** — Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths; registration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children’s Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, [www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org).

Volunteers

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

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**Orange County Literacy Council** is looking for Adult Basic Education/GED tutors. To become a tutor, volunteers must attend one orientation and one training session. Orientations: Fri, Jan 25, 10am to noon; Mon, Jan 28, 6-8pm; or Wed, Jan 30, 1-3pm. Training sessions: Fri, Feb 8, 9:30am-1pm; Mon, Feb 11, 5:30-9pm. Call 933-2151 or 732-0868 for more details.

**English as a Second Language Conversation Club** seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students on Fridays (beginning Jan 25). 11:30am to 1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. Call 967-1448 or email [harwellja@bellsouth.net](mailto:harwellja@bellsouth.net).

**Health & Wellness Community Grief Support Group**, offered by UNC Hospitals’ Bereavement Support Services. Group will focus on sharing and moving toward healing in a safe, supportive setting. Mondays, Jan 28-Mar 10, 6:30-8pm. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Free and open to anyone, regardless of faith background. To enroll, contact Heidi Gessner at 966-0716 or [hgessner@unch.unc.edu](mailto:hgessner@unch.unc.edu).

**Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer** — A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, [www.cornucopiahouse.org](http://www.cornucopiahouse.org).

**NAMI Family-To-Family Education Program** will host a series of 12 weekly classes for people who have family members with a serious mental illness. Classes offered in Chapel Hill & Hillsborough. In Chapel Hill, contact Gove Elder, 967-5403. Classes begin Mar 4. In Hillsborough, contact Bill or Sandy Moyer, 382-7408. Classes begin Feb 2. Registration required. Email confidential inquiries to [gbelder@bellsouth.net](mailto:gbelder@bellsouth.net).

**The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child**. Free and open to any adult grieving the loss of a child or sibling. 3rd Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 11098 Highway 15-501.

**Feelings: What’s Appropriate and When to Say It**, hosted by Charlie Bernacchio, professor of counseling and psychology. Thu, Jan 31, 5:30-7pm. Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W Main St. Call 942-5602 or email [peerconnections@yahoo.com](mailto:peerconnections@yahoo.com). This meeting is part of the Peer Connections Be Well! Be Fit! program.

**Museums Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows** — Science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit [www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org).

**A Nursery of Patriotism: The University at War, 1861-1945**. Exhibit on war’s historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manuscripts Dept (4th floor), Wilson Library, UNC Campus, through Feb. [www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html](http://www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html).

Dance

**Havana Nights** — Cuban Salsa. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, [www.mansion462.net](http://www.mansion462.net).

**Salsa/Mambo** — 3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, [salsa\\_4u2@yahoo.com](mailto:salsa_4u2@yahoo.com). Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough).

**Ballroom** — Dancing. 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.

**Literary Discussion/ Open Mic** — For poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays at 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Village, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill, 933-5111, [www.marketstreetbooks.com](http://www.marketstreetbooks.com).

**Pulitzer Prize winner Edwin Yoder** will read from his new book *Lions at Lamb House*. Thu, Jan 24, 3:30pm. Bull’s Head Bookshop. Student Stores, UNC Campus.

**Warren Rochelle** will read from his novel *Harvest of Changelings*. Thu, Feb 7, 3:30pm. Donovan Lounge, Greenlaw Hall, UNC Campus.

Films

**Film Screening:** “Durham: A Self-Portrait”, a film about the city’s dynamics following the Duke Lacrosse incident. Screening will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Steve Channing. Mon, Jan 28, 6:30pm. Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. 150 South Road. UNC Campus. Free and open to the public.

**Century Center Cinema presents** “The Gold Rush”, Charlie Chaplin’s 1925 silent classic about life on the Alaskan frontier. With live piano accompaniment by Erich Lieth. Sat, Jan 26, 7pm. Century Hall, Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. \$4, free popcorn and soft drinks. [www.centurycentercinema.com](http://www.centurycentercinema.com).

Other

**VITA**, a free tax assistance program for low- to middle-income clients, begins Feb 1. For enrollment requirements and more info visit [www.co.orange.nc.us/aging/VITA.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/aging/VITA.asp).

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**Recipe of the week**

**Treat the root like a potato:**

Some people use turnip as a lower carb/calorie substitute for the potato, but, to be honest, there is no real substitute for the potato. It is exactly its high calorie content and starchy, carbohydrate richness that makes the potato so good. Rather, I think the turnip should be judged on its own merit. While it often behaves a lot like a potato in its preparation in the kitchen, it delivers an altogether different experience on the plate. Turnips can be cubed and roasted alone or along with your other root vegetables. They can also be boiled and mashed with butter and milk – just like a potato. They have an earthier and sometimes even slightly spicy flavor (like a radish), which makes for a distinctive and pleasantly unique flavor.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Remove greens and tip of root and scrub turnips well.

Cube (use slightly larger chunks if roasting with other root vegetables as turnips cook faster than most).

Toss with olive oil garlic and spices.

Spread evenly across the bottom of your roasting pan.

Roast for about 30 minutes or until they begin to brown around the edges. Know that turnips won't crisp up like potatoes because of their high water content.

**Ingredients:**

- ★ 1 bunch of turnips
- ★ 6 cloves of garlic (unpeeled with bottoms cut off)
- ★ olive oil
- ★ salt and pepper to taste
- ★ fresh herbs if available

\* Don't throw out the greens – They can be a great side dish and can be cooked down in a skillet just like collards ]

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**FLORA**  
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We followed the trail down to the creek past big trunks of Tulip Poplars, White, Black, Northern Red and Southern Red Oaks, each with distinctive identifying bark, Flora and Jasper picking up different oak leaves along the way. By this time, the rain had turned to sleet. And as we stood along the creek's edge, eagerly anticipating snow flakes, our various conversations were abruptly halted by a Red-shouldered Hawk swooping past us and settling not far away on a tree branch at eye level for easy viewing. The group was reverently silenced immediately

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until all had a good look before the hawk took flight again.

The continued silence was broken only by the crisp sounds of sleet striking tree limbs and the forest floor. Among the woods walkers was my gardening friend Sally, who described how wonderful it would be if we could remain silent long enough to hear the sleet change to snow. Walking out of the woods, the sleet did become quieter and quieter as it slowly turned to snow.

That was definitely a Robert Frost "Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening" moment: *"The only other sound's the sweep Of easy wind and downy flake."*

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Parents and students get a first hand look at new computers and equipment installed upstairs at Barbee Chapel Church as part of the church's effort to provide after school support with lessons. The new program was initiated after concerns about progress on closing the achievement gap.

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School Briefs

PAGE meeting

PAGE-CHCCS, a parent advocacy group for academically gifted students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, will meet January 24 at 7 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

The group plans to discuss gifted education, advanced classes and other AG issues in the school district. Carol Horne, the district's coordinator of Gifted Programs, will make a brief presentation and receive parent feedback. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Dabney Grinnan at dabneygrinnan@nc.rr.com.

Healthy teen forum

The Parent-Teacher-Student Associations of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high schools will sponsor a Parenting Healthy Teenag-

ers Forum on February 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chapel Hill High School Hanes Auditorium.

The forum will feature a panel of experts who will present information and answer questions regarding alcohol, drugs, obesity, toxic foods, anorexia and health screening.

The forum is open to the public.

Mini College night

Carrboro High School will hold a Mini College Night on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. Participating colleges include High Point University, Western Carolina University, UNC-Charlotte, East Carolina University, Appalachian State University, North Carolina Central University, Salem College and others.

The event will be held in the Carrboro High Café Commons.

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administrators and teachers alike. According to Superintendent Neil Pedersen, who has served in his current position for 8 years, the district has made slow progress, but rescaling of test scoring has made that progress less apparent.

"We're not talking about a problem that's unique to Chapel Hill — it's all over the nation," Hatley said. "In most every school district, the problem is exactly the same."

To remedy that problem, Hatley says the program will start with reading skills.

"Number one is going to be dealing with their reading skills," he said. "That is key. That's basic."

The program will be run entirely by volunteers, including several former teachers.

"We are people who have been successful in teaching kids," said Hatley, a former teacher.

He added that the support from the community has been a huge help in starting the program.

"We have people calling every day to volunteer," Hatley said.

According to Brother Robert Muhammad, one of the program's coordinators, volunteers will first assess each student in order to determine his or her needs and to "chart them on a course, our course."

At first, the program will have just one class a week on Saturdays, but eventually it will expand to several classes a week, at several locations throughout the area, so that the program can serve more children and adults.

For adults and children, the program will offer computer classes, which will teach participants not only how to use computers and fix problems, but to build computers from scratch.

"We must do everything that we can to bring the community together," Muhammad said.

Parents of children in the program will be required to be involved, and will help to serve as a link between the program and the child's school, in order to better determine how best to teach the child.

"[The schools] cannot require parents to participate in a child's education and learning," Hatley said. "They can ask, but they cannot require it. We can."

To enable parents to be more involved, program classes will be recorded and streamed on the church's website. If a student can't make it to class, he or she can participate online, according to Muhammad.

"We're trying to cut out the excuses now," he said, adding that the program will offer transportation for its students as well.

"We want to catapult our community to another level, and I think this is the way to do it," Muhammad said.

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A dose of reality

By Frank Heath  
Sports Columnist

Maryland dealt UNC a dose of reality this past weekend, aggressively wrangling an 82-80 win over the Tar Heels at the Smith Center. For Carolina, this ended dreams of an undefeated season and bumped the Heels from the No. 1 spot in the country down to No 5, right behind hated rival Duke, in the latest AP basketball poll.

Perhaps more importantly, UNC also now trails the Blue Devils in the ACC standings, which could ultimately determine who gets to play in North Carolina throughout the NCAA Regional play. There is a lot of time to rectify this situation, but recent close outcomes against conference rivals Clemson and Georgia Tech have shown the Tar Heels to be vulnerable to more potential losses.

So what now?  
A patient fan asks: What, if anything, could be the matter with Carolina basketball, and can it be fixed?

Some of Carolina's issues have been circumstantial. Given the fact that UNC had four decent shots at the end of the game to tie or win, the Tar Heels could just as easily have emerged victorious Saturday and held onto their No. 1 ranking, and there would probably be articles out now about how great clutch performers these guys are. The Tar Heels did maintain their poise down the stretch against Maryland - so there isn't a big question about their ability to handle the pressure of tight situations — at least not yet. In this case, the ball just didn't bounce into the basket. You're not going to win all the tight games, as the Virginia football team found out in their bowl game.

What is more troubling for UNC is that league opponents seem to have figured out some things about the Heels — namely, that they may be able to out push Carolina, be more aggressive than the Tar Heels and even out run this team now that Bobby Frasor is not available as a capable backup for both Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington.

Carolina is still going to be able to blow some people out and win a majority of its games just by having more offensive weapons and better rebounders than most opponents. But when the Tar Heels have encountered opposition that is playing well, and fearlessly, and "leaving it all on the floor" as they say, the Heels are finding themselves in a vulnerable spot. The three ACC teams that have played Carolina tight have all used more bench players for more minutes than UNC has and all three have been very physical with multiple defenders on Tyler Hansbrough.

This way of attacking the Tar Heels presents a difficulty for North Carolina when it gets into a tight second-half game, because Carolina's domination this season has depended heavily on a couple of things: Hansbrough's unrelenting will to out work opponents and the ability of Lawson and the UNC break to beat opponents down the floor for easy, momentum-shifting baskets.

If either of these angles gets compromised in the course of a game, Carolina's advantage over decent opposition can become significantly reduced. And when opponents are running three physical guys at (and over) Tyler all night on both ends of the court, and fast-breaking effectively right back at UNC, there

is danger for both of these situations to crop up.

The UNC half-court offense is just not as dominating a force as last season, when we had Brandon Wright also on the court. And Carolina's defense shows the effects of using a pair of guards out front who are expected to play most of the game and who also have to carry a large weight on offense.

So there are weaknesses evident in the façade. Carolina did not defend well enough against Maryland's dribble penetration, and that became a deciding factor down the stretch, as Greivis Vasquez took over the game on Maryland's final possessions with his driving ability.

Now it is time for the Heels to react. Roy's teams bounced back well the past two seasons after other league teams "figured them out," making adjustments that seemed to take the legs out of some of the main things their opponents tried to do.

During this now half-done season, one simple way for Carolina to improve and to recapture its on-the-court dominance is for the second-tier players to step up, allowing Ty, Tyler and Ellington a bit more confidence that they can go all out while they are in the game and not see their efforts go to waste when they check out for a three-minute breather.

Player fatigue has become a more obvious concern since the Frasor injury cut into Carolina's depth; but some recent developments have made this Tar Heel fan hopeful that it may not be a permanent and fatal weakness for this team.

That said, three things I'd be happy to see during the next stretch of games — which, incidentally, are not going to be easy for UNC — are:

(1) Marcus Ginyard taking, and making, a few three-pointers. The junior wing player made two treys on Saturday, his first two of the year, and looked a lot more confident once that first one fell.

(2) Alex Stepheson becoming more of an equal rotating partner with Hansbrough and Deon Thompson in the post. Stepheson looked really comfortable in the game Saturday and did some good things on defense, and Tyler really could use as much help as possible absorbing some of the banging down low and running lanes on the break.

And (3) Quentin Thomas getting to be a reliable cog in the guard rotation, at least during the first half. The senior playmaker has shown signs the past few games that he may be out of an earlier turnover funk, and his athleticism on defense and sometimes-ability to create scoring opportunities for himself and teammates could become highly valuable resources for UNC, especially if it allows Roy to rest, and push, Lawson and Ellington a bit more.

Q.T. is a tough case to figure. But with confidence-building performances in his past two or three games, this could be the right moment for the senior to break through and really play some of that basketball Tar Heel fans know he's capable of.

If just two of these three things happen over the next few weeks, look for Carolina to move upwards and onwards. The main thing these Tar Heels need is a boost of energy and aggressiveness on defense and on the fast break, and more participation and ownership from Thomas, Ginyard and Stepheson could be a key to making both of these things happen.



photo by Kirk Ross

Undaunted by UNC's first loss of the season to Maryland on Saturday, James McCleary of the Shrunken Head boutique hangs a Tar Heels banner. The Tar Heels lost 82-80 to the Terrapins.



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Haley Hegedus (25) of the Carrboro varsity Lady Jaguars releases a shot during the game against Northwood on Friday, Jan. 18 in Carrboro. Northwood won, 56-34.

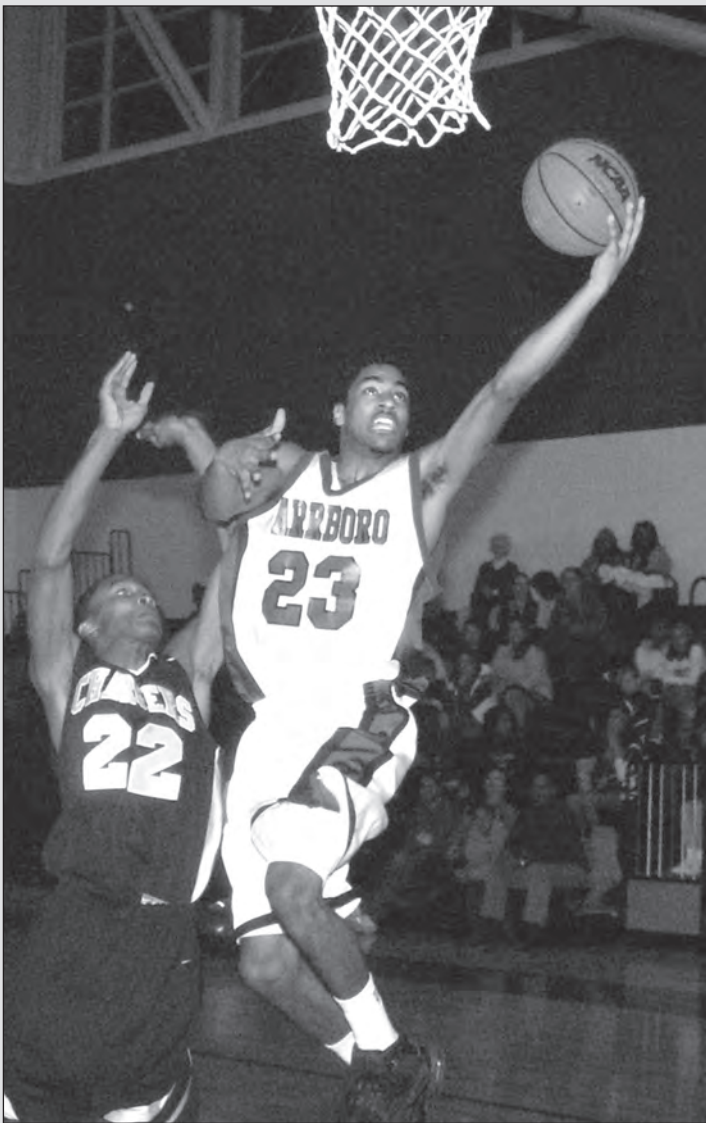


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David Brooks (23) of the Carrboro varsity Jaguars reaches for the basket during the matchup against the Northwood Tigers on Friday, Jan. 18 in Carrboro. Brooks led the Jaguar scoring with 32 points, including four 3-point buckets. The Jaguars lost the game 62-73.

Scoreboard

CARRBORO HIGH MENS' BASKETBALL

Friday, January 18  
(via Georg Tudryn)  
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David Brooks was the top scorer for the carrboro Jaguars, shooting 32 points including four 3-point buckets. Brad Dimac scored eight points for the Jaguars.

CARRBORO HIGH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday, January 18  
(via Georg Tudryn)  
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Layne Mishoe led the scoring for the Carrboro Lady Jaguars, hitting two 2-point baskets and making seven of 12 free throws. Allison Ropp contributed 10 points on two 2-point baskets and six free throws.

Next home game: Cummings, Friday January 25. Women at 6, men at 7:30.

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by Linda Thistle

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In Brief

Coaches wanted

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is accepting volunteer coach's applications for the 2008 Youth Baseball Program and for the 2008 Youth Girls Volleyball Program. Coaches must be able to organize practices and communicate effectively with players (ages 6-15 years old), parents and Recreation Department staff. They must also be able to teach proper playing skills, fundamentals, sportsmanship and provide an enjoyable atmosphere at practices and games. To receive a volunteer coach's application or additional information, please

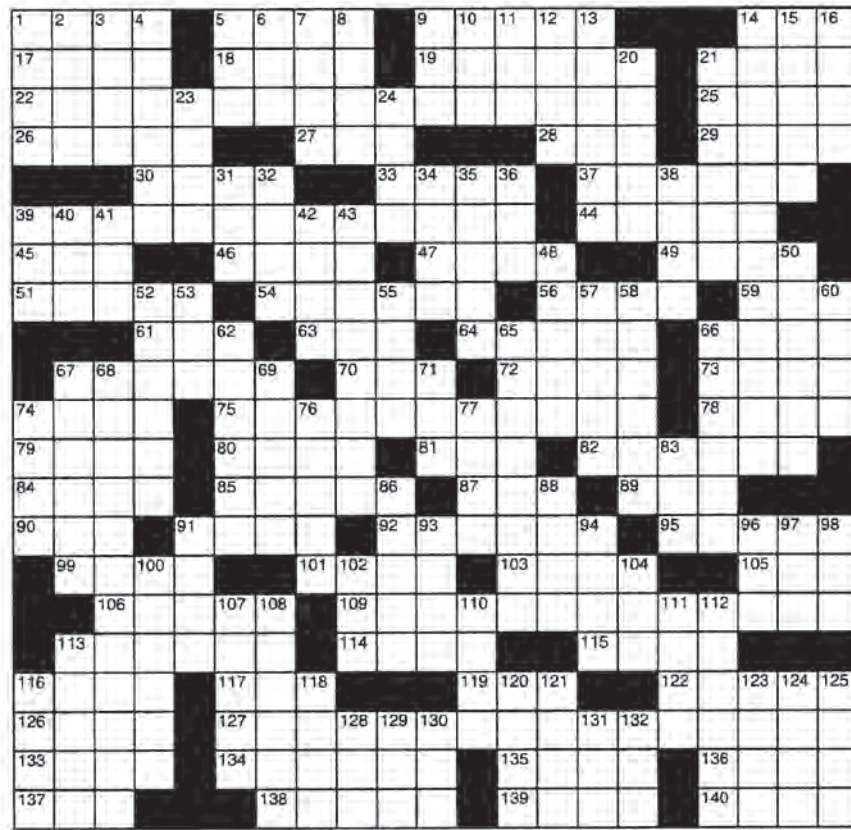
contact the Recreation Department at 918-7364.

Basketball Challenge

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a Basketball Challenge on Sunday, February 10th. This event has players competing against one another in a variety of basketball skill events. Age group categories include 9-10 and 11-12 male and female. The fee is \$12 per player. Registration is being accepted at the Recreation Department, 100 N. Greensboro St., Carrboro. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 918-7364.

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“We like the project and we think it would be an asset to the downtown. We didn’t think seven spaces would be too onerous,” he said.

Planning Board chair James Carnahan said there is still a need to make sure there is adequate parking available. He suggested that the developer find off-site parking for employees.

Speaking personally, Carnahan said that while the long-term goal is to reduce reliance on the automobile, the town was not there yet and should require the additional parking.

Jennifer McMillan, owner of Nested and one of several downtown merchants who have raised concerns about the parking, said the Roberson Square project’s impact on parking needs to be considered in context with other major developments downtown that will also have a large impact on the available spaces downtown. Having less parking and fewer people using cars is a “nice idea,” she said, but added: “It’s a nice idea that doesn’t work for businesses.”

The key to downtown Carrboro’s success, she said, was that there was ample, free parking. The town will need to very quickly address the paring crunch since spaces will continue to dwindle as the new developments come on line.

“Parking continues to go away,” she said. “I’m very alarmed that I don’t see anything coming down the road that would address or fix this.”

Last year, the board of aldermen approved The Alberta, a 46,360 square foot residential and retail center that will be built on Roberson Street and Sweet Bay Place on part of an existing lot that provided employee and overflow parking for Carr Mill Mall. One block east, a lot on the corner of Main Street and Roberson Street currently leased by the town will be dedicated to parking for the recently approved first phase of the large 300 East Main Street development.

The hearing was continued until the board of aldermen’s meeting on February 26. Between now and then, board members said they would like to see several points clarified, including how the parking would be divided among residences and businesses.

The board is also scheduled to review the downtown parking issue at its annual planning retreat next week. One item under study is whether developers would be able to provide a payment in lieu to the town instead of the full complement of parking required under the ordinances. The town could then use the funds to provide its own parking facilities. Currently, the town leases much of its downtown parking from private property owners.

CORRECTION

We mixed up the photos on Flora last week. For easy comparison, here are the Sweet Gum and the Winged Elm with the correct captions. Photos by Ken Moore.



Flat corky Winged Elm branch



Irregular corky growth on Sweet Gum branch

TACO TRUCKS  
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“I think the taco trucks are a great local business that a lot of people like and benefit from,” Chilton wrote in an email response to an inquiry by *The Citizen*. “I want to find a way that they can sell their tacos and comply with the town’s ordinances.”

Board of Aldermen member Jacquie Gist said she was unhappy to see the action taken on the basis of an anonymous complaint, saying it makes it hard to understand why the complaint was filed and what its motivation was.

“I am very worried by the real possibility that hard working entrepreneurs who are adding to our community could be put out of business and have their livelihood threatened. It is un-American and certainly un-Carrboro. If Carrboro can not offer a welcoming home to immigrants trying to achieve the American Dream then maybe I don’t know Carrboro as well as I think I do,” she wrote in an email response to *The Citizen*, adding that she had confidence that the town would find a workable solution.

Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff’s Meat Market, said he would likely file an appeal if necessary to keep the trucks in operation.

“I guess I understand both sides,” he said. “I don’t want to hurt anybody’s business. But I

really think these trucks are an asset to our downtown.”

Collins said the trucks operate mainly at night and stay open later than most food establishments, adding to the vitality of the nightlife.

Mac Fitch said he has never had any complaints or known of any trouble with the truck that’s parked at Fitch Lumber for about a year. “I’ve had absolutely no problem,” he said, adding that he doesn’t understand why the town sent him the letter. “I don’t know why they’re dragging me into it.” Fitch said the gentleman who runs the truck dropped by Fitch Lumber Wednesday and was given a copy of the letter. He said he has heard that the taco truck was quite popular and hoped that any dispute with the town is worked out.

The trucks are permitted to sell food by the Orange County Health Department as long as they are working in conjunction with an approved and inspected commissary, according to Tom Konsler, Orange County’s Environmental Health Supervisor.



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