

This Weekend

FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
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Watercress has deeply lobed leaves typical of the mustard family.

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Way over there in the watercress patch

Last week down in Saxapahaw during the 30th anniversary celebration of the Haw River Assembly, local musician and songwriter Tim Stambaugh excitedly said to me, “It’s watercress time again.” Tim, an enthusiastic explorer of our local nature, has been an annual visitor to a watercress patch in Battle Forest in the center of Chapel Hill.

Watercress, *Nasturtium officinale*, requires clear running water, something unusual these days. Though watercress is fairly common in parts of Virginia and north, it is only occasionally encountered throughout our state. I’ve seen it in the wild very few times.

Hearing about that watercress patch hidden away at the bottom of one of those Battle Forest slopes set me off searching for it with walking buddies Brian and Tony.

What a treasure to have nearby the 93-acre Battle Park with trails managed by the N.C. Botanical Garden as part of UNC. The forest of Battle Park is further extended via the Chapel Hill Greenway Battle Branch Trail connecting it to the Community Center on Estes Drive. That’s the easiest parking access to the park during weekdays, and that’s where we began our search.

It’s a 10-15 minute easy walk from there through impressive thickets of invasive exotics to arrive at one of the Garden’s helpful information kiosks where Copperhead Curve Trail crosses Battle Branch Creek.

Other entry-point interpretive kiosks are located at the Forest Theater, at the intersection of Gimghoul Road and Glandon Drive and along Park Place.

With interpretive guide and map in hand, it’s easy to marvel

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Landfill closure confirmed

Transfer station site rejected

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

In a unanimous decision on Tuesday, the Orange County Board of Commissioners set June 30, 2013, as the date to close the county landfill, giving the county and its municipalities 16 months to determine what to do with their trash.

The decision was met with loud cheers and applause from the standing-room-only crowd at the commissioners’ meeting.

The county commissioners decided in October 2011 not to pursue an option that could extend the life of the landfill, thereby ensuring its closure in 2013. But to make it official, they had to pick a date.

The next step for the county is to determine what to do with its trash.

Also on Tuesday, the board voted unanimously to take a proposed site at the northwest corner of the intersection of I-40 and N.C. 86 off the table for consideration as a waste transfer station site.

“It is clear to me and clear to the board that Orange County needs to have a real discussion about what happens with Orange County’s solid waste,” Commissioner Valerie Foushee said.

“We need to engage with the towns and the university and talk about where our trash goes,” she said.

At the assembly of governments meeting in January, commissioners told the Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Carrboro governing boards of their intention to begin trucking the county’s trash to the Durham waste transfer station as a temporary solu-

tion.

This suggestion was met with fervent opposition from both Chapel Hill and Carrboro, while Hillsborough was in favor of the idea.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton came to the meeting with his own proposal, and asked commissioners to look at siting a waste transfer station in Orange County at the I-40/N.C. 86 site.

Before the commissioners voted to look into this site, they heard from numerous residents voicing their opposition to Chilton’s plan.

“I was shocked to hear Mayor Chilton offering up a site outside of his jurisdiction and in the rural buffer,” Marilee McTigue told the board on Tuesday.

“The rural parts of our county are not vacant lands waiting for the municipalities to come break

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TRACKING TRASH

With the Orange County landfill now officially set to close in June 2013, the Orange County Board of Commissioners has chosen to truck the county’s trash to a waste transfer station in Durham.

Although billed as a temporary solution, Carrboro and Chapel Hill officials are unhappy with the decision, expressing concern about having no control over where the trash is dumped after leaving Durham. The municipalities have not yet decided whether they too will contract with Durham.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Penny Rich said she is concerned that trash trucked outside county lines could be dumped in someone else’s backyard, creating environmental and health hazards Orange

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Yarn bombing hits Carrboro

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

The term “yarn bombing” invokes images of brightly colored balls of yarn falling from the sky, unraveling over buildings and sidewalks, covering the metal, cement and glass structures of a town in a cozy, comfy knit.

In reality, this is a pretty accurate description.

Yarn bombing, also known as guerrilla knitting or graffiti knitting, is the art of taking objects in public spaces, from trees to bike racks, and covering them in knitted yarn creations.

While this is an international movement – Magda Sayeg of Houston is said to have been the founder, in 2005, and June 11 of last year marked the first international yarn bombing day – it has only just now found its way to Carrboro on a large scale.

Carrboro residents woke up Saturday morning to find a bit more color and yarn around town, encasing water fountains, pillars at Carrboro Town Hall and even a knitted sign on a bench proclaiming, “I love knitting.”

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Yarn bombs took over downtown Carrboro on Saturday, with colorful creations covering everything from benches and columns to water fountains and handrails. Here, yarn bombs dress up a crepe myrtle and a sculpture near the intersection of Greensboro and Weaver streets.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

CH to consider cell phone law

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Furthering its consideration of a ban on cell phone use while driving, the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday voted 7-2 to schedule possible action for March 12.

Council members Matt Czajkowski and Gene Pease cast the dissenting votes, expressing concerns about preemption and the enforceability of such an ordinance.

The ordinance, which was drafted by Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos, would prohibit the use of cell phones or any additional technology, like cameras or music players, while operating a car. The ordinance proposes a \$25 fine for violation.

Under the ordinance as drafted, a driver could not be cited for violating the ordinance unless an officer had cause to stop the driver for a violation of another law. For example, a driver could not be stopped simply for using

a cell phone while driving, but a driver who ran a stop sign while using a cell phone could be cited for both the traffic violation and using a phone while driving.

The ordinance would not apply to drivers using a phone to communicate with emergency officials in an emergency situation or to drivers communicating with their parents, children, legal guardians or spouses.

Karpinos said he included the exceptions in the proposed ordinance because he felt they would give it a better chance of being upheld if challenged. At issue is whether the ordinance could be preempted by state law, Karpinos said, adding that he felt he could make a reasonable argument against preemption.

Karen Turner, an Asheville resident whose brother was killed in an accident involving a driver who was texting, traveled to Chapel Hill to

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Aldermen, Friends spar over library site

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – Discussion grew heated Tuesday night between members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library as the groups squared off on criteria for siting a library in Carrboro.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners have asked the board of aldermen to review criteria for siting a southwest Orange County library in Carrboro. Carrboro has a county library within the McDougle School, but community members have long advocated for a freestanding library, citing concerns with the visibility of the library and limited hours of operation.

Members of the board of aldermen have said their top priorities for a library site are accessibility via public transit, walkability and bikeability, and that they would like to solicit community input earlier in the process than proposed by the county.

The county’s proposed criteria stipulate that proposed library sites go through three phases of screening to ensure selection of the best possible site. Phase one considers visibility, long-term functionality and accessibility; phase two, centrality/direct benefits, site conditions/sustainability and reasonable cost; and phase three, critique of the site by stakeholders, lease vs. purchase and the possibility of partnerships.

Alex Brown, president of the Friends, said that too many changes to the county’s proposed criteria could be seen as obstructive to the process and urged the board to move quickly.

“This will be a county project paid for by county taxpayers, but you will have plenty of input,” she said. “If you want the county to build a library in Carrboro, please, tell them you’re fine with their criteria.”

Mayor Mark Chilton said he strongly disagreed with what the

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Increased need, decreased support

RECENTLY ...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

According to the N.C. Center for Nonprofits, Chapel Hill and Carrboro support 75 nonprofit agencies. A few of them are foundations that provide funding, and some are entertainment-based, but many were established to meet serious needs that might otherwise go unmet.

Those agencies rely heavily upon state and federal

funding to keep their doors open. With the recession, funding has been cut as the need for services has increased.

Among the 500,000-plus government jobs cut since the recession began in 2007 are grant managers who handle the money that goes to nonprofits. Many agencies are paid on a reimbursement plan, where they are promised money to be used for specific needs after they submit paperwork proving proper usage. But the remaining grant managers are overburdened. Executive directors calling to inquire about late compensa-

tion are frequently and repeatedly told their report has been lost and asked to resubmit.

Some funders have developed roadblocks to payment in the form of excessive oversight, including site visits, monthly and quarterly reports, mandatory trainings throughout the year for staff and the board of directors, required audits and a full review of an agency’s accounting files. There are also demands for collaboration with other agencies.

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MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY FEB 23
Cat's Cradle: Corey Smith, The Piedmont Boys. 9pm. \$15/20
The Cave: EARLY: Jonny Gilmore LATE: Mangosteen, Mandy and The Bandits
Century Center: Joe Woodson, Paul Rosenberg. 12pm. Free
City Tap: Constellation. 8:30pm
The Depot: Shamu Garcon. 8pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 8:30pm
Local 506: A Haunted Mantra, Polygons, Naomi Wise. 9pm. \$5
Nightlight: The Ends, Sunshine Riot. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio, Underhill Rose
UNC Student Union: Carolina Jazz Festival . 9am. Free
FRIDAY FEB 24
ArtsCenter: John McCutcheon. 8:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Saul Williams, CX Kidtronik. 8pm. \$15/17
The Cave: EARLY: Fairest Flower, Some Clowns LATE: LUD, Midway Charmers
City Tap: Tommy Edwards. 9pm
The Depot: Be The Moon. 8:30pm
Kenan Music Building: Carolina Jazz Festival. 4pm Free
The Kraken: Sentenza. 9pm
Local 506: Other Lives, Wim. 9pm. \$10/12
Memorial Hall: Christian McBride and Inside Straight. 8pm. \$15
Nightlight: Synergy, T-Buck, Symbiotik, AudioRush, Shatta. 9:30pm. \$10
Open Eye Cafe: Kri and Hettie. 8pm
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

United Church of Chapel Hill: Organ Concert with Alexander Anderson. 7:30pm. Donation requested
SATURDAY FEB 25
Cat's Cradle: Martin Sexton, Rayland Baxter. 8pm. \$20/23
The Cave: EARLY: Too Much Fun LATE: Climb Jacobs Ladder
CH Underground: Country Bears, Swordmaster of Ginaz, Flesh Wounds. 9:30pm
City Tap: Mysti Mayhem. 9pm
The Depot: Justin Johnson. 8:30pm
Hill Hall: Carolina Jazz Festival. 8pm. Free
Internationalist Books: Shambhala, Completely Off Balance, Massive Malfunction. 8pm
Kenan Music Building: Carolina Jazz Festival. 2pm. Free
The Kraken: Long Haired Kid. 9pm
Local 506: Big Pooh, King Mez, Drique London. 10pm. \$10
Nightlight: Bitter Resolve, Thorlock, Systems, Grohg. 9:30pm. \$5
Open Eye Cafe: Chris Wimberley. 8pm
Southern Rail: Mr. Billy. 7pm
SUNDAY FEB 26
The Cave: LATE: Gina Holsopple, Leland Sundries
Chapel In The Pines: Avante. 4pm
Hill Hall: Timothy Sparks, tenor; and Thomas Otten, piano. 3pm. Free
Local 506: Soul Khan, Jswiss, Brody and Choch. 9pm. \$10
Nightlight: Tristen. 9pm. \$6/8
Southern Rail: Mahalo Jazz. 5pm
TUESDAY FEB 28
The Cave: EARLY: Parafilm LATE:

Blackfoot Gypsies
Nightlight: Zee Avi, Curtis Eller. 9pm. \$10
Southern Rail: Michael Rank, Marck E Smith. 9:30pm
WEDNESDAY FEB 29
The Cave: LATE: George Washington's Horse
Nightlight: Lil Iffy. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Gmish Klezmer Band. 7pm; Unwind Rebirth. 10pm
THURSDAY MARCH 1
Cat's Cradle: Heartless Bastards, The Fling, Flesh Wounds. 9pm. \$14/16
The Cave: LATE: Drunken Prayer, Turchi
The Depot: Dawn Michelle Williams.
The FRANK: Danielle Koppel. 6:30pm
Hill Hall: Richard Luby, violin, and Clara Yang, piano. 7:30pm. Free
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 8:30pm
Local 506: Tripp, Virgins, Morning Brigade. 9pm. \$5
Nightlight: Allies Emerge, Black Ashleys. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Titanium Rex. 11pm
FRIDAY MARCH 2
Cat's Cradle: Wild Kingdom Rave. 8pm \$10/20 party packs
The Cave: EARLY: Turntable Graveyard LATE: Twilighter, New Town Drunks
The Depot: Blue52. 8pm
The Flowjo: Crystal Bright and The Silver Hands
The Kraken: Drunken Prayer, Rootzie. 8:30pm
Local 506: Dexter Romwebber Duo, Orbo and The Longshots. 9:30pm. \$7/9

SPOTLIGHT: UNDERHILL ROSE



The all-female trio from Asheville Underhill Rose will mark Carrboro with their remarkable bluegrass ballads tonight (Thursday), Feb. 23, at The Station. The band's unique sound melts together country roots and an Americana flair to leave listeners' ears truly soothed. Underhill Rose blends heartaching vocals and the best banjo-picking to create a must-see performance. Come out to support some of Asheville's finest artists. Underhill Rose goes on at 10 p.m., preceded by the Brad Maiani Trio at 7.

Nightlight: Butterflies, Vibrant Green, Phil Cook and His Feat. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm; Keaton Lange and the Quite Fantastics.10pm; Tommy Gunz 11:45pm
SATURDAY MARCH 3
Cat's Cradle: Fun, Sleeper Agent. 9pm. \$17/19
The Depot: Country Bob and The Ruckus. 8:30pm
The Flowjo: Crystal Bright and The Silver Hands
Local 506: Craig Finn, Marcellus Hall. 8:30pm. \$12/14
Nightlight: Unholy Tongues, Monoslang. 10pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Windy City Slim and the Sunny Land Rhythm Kings. 6pm



UNC CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH PRESENTS:
THE LOVING STORY
FILM SCREENING, PANEL DISCUSSION AND SYMPOSIUM.
THURSDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 1 & 2
FILM SCREENING/PANEL DISCUSSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 1 AT THE VARSITY THEATER, CHAPEL HILL.
FREE FOR UNC STUDENTS. \$4 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC.
7 PM – SCREENING OF THE LOVING STORY, a documentary that examines the drama, history, and current state of interracial marriage and tolerance in the United States. Short-listed for an Academy Award for best documentary film. Part of the Ackland Museum Film Forum and the Center's Southern Film Series.
8:30 PM – PANEL DISCUSSION. Moderator - Gene Nichol, UNC Professor of Law and director of the Center on Poverty, Work & Opportunity. Panelists: Edward Ayers, president of the University of Richmond and distinguished historian, and Mark Anthony Neal, professor of African and African-American Studies, Duke University.
SYMPOSIUM
FRIDAY, MARCH 2 AT HYDE HALL, UNC INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES. Registration required: please call 962-5665 or register online at uncsouth.org. Scholars and filmmakers will discuss the film from historical, legal, and cultural perspectives.
9:30-10:30 AM - HISTORY'S SHADOW: SLAVERY AND STATUS
Moderator: Anna Krome-Lukens, Ph.D. candidate in history, UNC. Panelists: Edward Ayers, president of the University of Richmond and distinguished historian, Grace Hale, professor of history, University of Virginia, and Shannon Eaves, Ph.D. candidate in history, UNC.
10:45-11:45 AM - LAW AND THE COLOR LINE
Moderator: David Palmer, lecturer in history, UNC. Panelists: George La Noue, professor of political science and public policy, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Robin Lenhardt, professor of law, Fordham University, and Eric Muller, UNC Distinguished Professor of Law.
12 NOON -1 PM - LUNCH
Filmmakers Nancy Buirski and Elisabeth James will speak about making the film.
1:00-2:00 PM - LOVING AND SURVIVAL: EXILE AND PLACE
Moderator: Ali Neff, Ph.D. candidate in communication studies, UNC. Panelists: Tom Rankin, director of the Duke University Center for Documentary Studies, William Andrews, UNC senior associate dean and professor of English, and Juan Logan, UNC professor of art.

THE CAROLINA THEATRE DOWNTOWN DURHAM
FILM SCHEDULE FEB 24 - MAR 1
Fri, Feb 24 only - RETROFANTASMA FILM SERIES: CHILD'S PLAY & IT'S ALIVE starting at 7:00
THE ARTIST
Nightly 7 & 9:15 | Sat & Sun Mats 2 & 4:15
OSCAR SHORTS: Animation
Nightly 7:15 Sat & Sun Mats 1:45 & 3:15
OSCAR SHORTS: Live Action
Nightly 9:00 | Sat & Sun Mats 4:45
carolinatheatre.org

MOVIE LISTINGS We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.
CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
Child's Play (Friday only); It's Alive (Friday only); Oscar Shorts: Animation; Oscar Shorts: Live Action; The Artist
CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
A Dangerous Method; The Artist; Pina
THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
The Artist; Safe House; This Means War; The Vow; Wanderlust
REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
Act of Valor; Ghost Rider: Spirit of

CAT'S CRADLE
TH 3/1 HEARTLESS BASTARDS
SU 3/4 CULTS
SU 2/26 SOUL KHAN LOCAL 506 (CH)
TH 2/23 COREY SMITH W/THE PIEDMONT BOYS**(\$15/\$20)
FR 2/24 SAUL WILLIAMS W/CX KIDRONIK**(\$15/\$17)
SA 2/25 MARTIN SEXTON W/RAYLAND BAXTER**(\$20/\$23)
TH 3/1 HEARTLESS BASTARDS W/THE FLING AND FLESH WOUNDS**(\$14/\$16)
FR 3/2 CYNAMATIK 03 WILD KINGDOM RAVE!
SA 3/3 FUN. SOLD OUT! W/SLEEPER AGENT
SU 3/4 CULTS**(\$15/\$17) W/MRS. MAGICIAN
TU 3/6**(\$20/\$23)
BOYCE AVENUE W/SECONDHAND SERENADE
FR 3/9 FANFARLO **(\$15) W/YOUNG MAN
SA 3/10**(\$12/\$14)
GOOD OLD WAR W/BELLE BRIGADE, FAMILY OF THE YEAR AND WILLY MASON
TU 3/13**(\$20/\$25; \$10 FOR KIDS) CLUB BELLYDANCE
WE 3/14 YELLOW DUBMARINE**(\$10/\$12)
TH 3/15**(\$20/\$23) GOMEZ W/HEY ROSETTA!
FR 3/16 THE DEVIL MAKES THREE W/PHILLIP ROEBUCK**(\$14/\$16)
SA 3/17**(\$12/\$14) BOWERBIRDS W/MANDOLIN ORANGE
TU 3/20 THE INFAMOUS STRINGDUSTERS W/LEVI LOWREY**(\$12/\$15)
WED 3/21 NEON INDIAN W/PURITY RING**(\$12/\$14)
FR 3/23 YOUTH LAGOON W/DANA BUOY**(\$13/\$15)
SA 3/24 CALTROP (CD RELEASE) W/PIPE, BLACK SKIES, DAVE HEUMANN (OF ARBORETUM)**(\$5/\$7)
SU 3/25 JOHN MARK MCMILLAN W/SONGS OF WATER, JUDE MOSES**(\$12/\$15)
TU 3/27**(\$15)
DOM KENNEDY
FR 3/30 TOUBAB KREWE W/MARCO BENEVENTO**(\$15)
SA 3/31 ORQUESTA GARDEL**(\$10/\$12)
SU 4/1 THE NAKED AND FAMOUS W/VACATIONER AND NOW NOW**(\$15)
TU 4/3 DELTA SPIRIT W/WATERS**(\$12/\$14)
WE 4/4 OF MONTREAL W/LONEY DEAR AND KISHI BASHI**(\$17)
TH 4/5 BREATHE CAROLINA and THE READY SET W/ASHLAND HIGH, MATT TOKA, ROMANCE ON A ROCKETSHIP**(\$15/\$18)
FR 4/6 ALABAMA SHAKES**(\$12/\$15) ON SALE FRI 2/24
SA 4/7 DOUBLE ALBUM RELEASE! MIDTOWN DICKENS & KAIRABA**(\$5)
MO 4/9**(\$20) THE BUDOS BAND AND CHARLES BRADLEY & HIS EXTRAORDINAIRES
WE 4/11 AND TH 4/12 TWO SHOWS! THE MAGNETIC FIELDS**(\$25/\$28) W/DEVOTCHKA (ACOUSTIC)
FRI 4/13 LIVE SHOW CO-CREATOR! LIZZ WINSTEAD**(\$22/\$25)
SA 4/14 CD RELEASE! MIPSO TRIO **(\$10; INCLUDES CD!)
SU 4/15 "SERIOUSLY TRIPPING TOUR" DEVIN THE DUDE W/COUGHIE BROTHAZ **(\$13/\$15) ON SALE FRI 2/24
TU 4/17 MICKEY HART BAND**(\$29/\$32)
WE 4/18 KINA GRANNIS **(\$15/\$17)
TH 4/19 DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS**(\$25/\$28)
FR 4/20 ALBUM RELEASE PARTY! LOST IN THE TREES**(\$15)
SA 4/21 SAY ANYTHING, KEVIN DEVINE, & MORE**(\$17/\$20)
SU 4/22 DREW HOLCOMB **(\$12/\$15)
TU 4/24 TRAMPLED BY TURTLES W/WILLIAM ELLIOTT WHITMORE**(\$18/\$20)
FR 4/27 THE OLD CEREMONY**(\$10/\$12)
MO 4/30 GROUPOLOVE W/COMPANY OF THIEVES **(\$15/\$18) ON SALE FRI 2/24
FR 5/4 BEATS ANTIQUE W/LAURA LOW (DJ LAURA)**(\$15/\$18)
SA 5/5 BEACH HOUSE**(\$20)
TU 5/8 ACTIVE CHILD/ BALAM ACAB**(\$10/\$12) W/SUPERHUMANIDS
FR 5/11**(\$15)
THE GOURDS
SA 5/12 SPIRITUALIZED **(\$18/\$21)
FR 5/18 THRICE, ANIMALS AS LEADERS**(\$19/\$22) ON SALE THU 3/1 @ NOON
WE 5/23 ST. VINCENT **(\$17/\$20)
FR 5/25 YANN TIENSEN W/PIANO CHAT**(\$18/\$20)
MO 6/11 TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB W/CLAP YOUR HANDS SAY YEAH AND BAD VEINS**(\$21.50/\$24)
ALSO PRESENTING
LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
FR 2/24 OTHER LIVES W/WIM
SU 2/26 SOUL KHAN W/J SWISS AND BRODY & CHOCH
SA 3/3 CRAIG FINN W/MARCELLUS HALL & THE HOSTAGES
SU 3/25 FRONTIER RUCKUS AND HOOTS & HELLMOUTH
FR 3/30 JOHN WESLEY HARDING, RICK MOODY AND JOE PERNICE
SU 4/1 WHEELER BROTHERS / BOHEME
SA 5/26 ROCKY VOTOLATO W/CALLmeKAT
SU 5/27 PARLOTONES HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAXAPAWHAW)
FR 5/11 ARCHERS OF LOAF W/PIPE
PAGE AUDITORIUM (DUKE UNIVERSITY)
TU 5/15 M WARD W/LEE RANALDO
TICKETS @ PAGE AUD BOX OFFICE
THE CASBAH (DURHAM)
FR 4/20 ELEANOR FRIEDBERGER W/HOSPITALITY
SA 4/21 AMY RAY W/KAIA WILSON
LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)
FR 3/9 THE WAR ON DRUGS AND WHITE RABBITS
PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH HOPSCOTCH
KINGS (RALEIGH)
SA 2/25 JUSTIN ROBINSON AND THE MARY ANNETTES CD RELEASE SHOW W/BIRDS & ARROWS
TH 5/3 BLACK JOE LEWIS & THE HONEYBEARS
NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)
SU 2/26 TRISTEN
TU 2/28 ZEE AVI W/CURTIS ELLER
SA 3/17 ROSIE THOMAS W/BHI BHIMAN
WE 3/21 MINIATURE TIGERS, GEOGRAPHER, THE CHAIN GANG OF 1974, PRETTY & NICE.
THE ARTSCENTER (CARR)
TU 4/3 KIMYA DAWSON W/PALEFACE AND YOUR HEART BREAKS
NEIGHBORHOOD THEATER (CHARLOTTE)
FR 4/6 WE WERE PROMISED JETPACKS W/BAD VEINS FOR TICKET INFO: NEIGHBORHOODTHEATRE.COM
MOTORCO (DURHAM)
SA 4/7 WE WERE PROMISED JETPACKS
SA 4/14 LAMBCHOP
WE 4/18 !!! AND SHABAZZ PALACES
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (RALEIGH)
TH 5/3 FEIST W/TIMBER TIMBRE TIX VIA TICKETMASTER & MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM BOX OFFICE

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PET OF THE WEEK
ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — If you want a sweet and beautiful addition to your home, look no further! Melvin is a gorgeous orange cat who is around 3 years old and just adorable in every way. This laid back boy is friendly, but not pushy. And has the most beautiful pale-green eyes you've ever seen. You won't find another this great for some time! Visit him today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see him and other adoptable animals online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp

Briefs

Charter school community meetings

The board of the Howard & Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School, a charter school proposed for Chapel Hill-Carrboro, will hold community information meetings today (Thursday) and Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Maple View Agricultural Education Center.

The board is looking into the possibility of opening a public charter elementary school in the area, and the State Board of Education is set to make a decision on the school on Wednesday. For more information, call (866) 642-3676.

Chapel Hill 2020 meeting today

Chapel Hill 2020 will host a community-planning meeting today (Thursday) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Estes Hills Elementary School.

The community is urged to attend in order to participate in the development of a new comprehensive plan that will guide the town's future. Meeting materials are available at chapelhill2020.org.

OWASA blood drive

OWASA will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday in the Community Room of the OWASA Administration Building

Donors must be in general good health, have photo identification, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old or 16 years old with parental consent.

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org.

Carrboro loose-leaf collection ends

Carrboro's residential loose-leaf collection service will end on March 2.

Leaves may be bagged as of March 5 and placed at the curbside for pickup according to residents' normal waste-collection schedule. The town will pick up no more than eight plastic bags or an unlimited number of paper bags filled with leaves per household.

CASA celebrates anniversary

CASA, a nonprofit housing development and property management company, will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Friday at the Carrboro Century Center.

The mission of CASA is to create affordable housing and opportunities for successful living, focusing on housing persons of low wealth and those with disabilities. In the organization's 20 years of operation, CASA has built or renovated nearly 300 housing units in Orange, Durham and Wake counties.

The event, also a celebration of CASA's recent purchase of the Club Nova apartments in Carrboro, will run from 9:45-11 a.m.

Seven-story project proposed for MLK

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A new plan is in the works for a seven-story student-housing development at 602 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., the current site of Central Park Apartments.

The Chapel Hill Town Council heard preliminary plans for the project during a concept plan review Monday night. Trinitas Multi-Family Development, a company based in Lafayette, Ind., that specializes in student-housing development, proposes about 428,000 square feet of floor area in four seven-story buildings on 9.1 acres. The proposal includes 319 two- to four-bedroom apartments, 200 parking spaces and amenities including a pool and fitness center.

If the project is approved, the three Central Park Apartments buildings, formerly known as Northampton Terrace Apartments, built in the 1960s, would be torn down.

A number of neighbors of the site expressed concern about the proposed height of the project, the

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—Gene Pease

lack of parking provided and the number of students that the project would house.

"I have a sense that what's going to happen is going to affect rather negatively the way we live ... by the appearance suddenly of four or five hundred more students," said Arthur Finn, who lives on the corner of North and Hillsborough streets. "Is it right for anyone to erect another off-campus dormitory?"

Council members urged the developers to be sensitive to the historic district neighboring the site on Hillsborough Street.

"It just seems like an awful lot of mass, and I don't like the 90-foot heights," council member Gene Pease said. "I like the idea of the project, and we need more student housing close to campus, but I think this is just too much."

Council member Lee Storrow said he felt the project could fit well into the surrounding area.

"Those buildings don't strike me as inconsistent with the things around them," he said.

Several council members also said they were concerned about the amount of parking proposed.

Travis Vencel, a developer with Trinitas, said his company has used the limited-parking model in similar developments in other college towns. Residents would be required to either lease a parking spot at the development, show proof of a lease for a parking spot elsewhere or sign an agreement that they would not bring a car into Orange County, facing possible eviction for violating that agreement.

Dorosin, Rich enter commissioner race

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

Three more candidates filed this week to run for four seats on the Orange County Board of Commissioners in the May 8 primaries.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Penny Rich and former Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Mark Dorosin will be running against incumbent Pam Hemminger, who filed last week, for two seats in District 1. All three are Democrats. Mary Carter, a Republican, filed to run for an at-large seat.

Incumbent Democrat Bernadette Pelissier had previously filed to run for an at-large seat. Incumbent Steve Yuhasz and Renee Price are running in the Democratic primary for one District 2 seat, and Chris Weaver

will run for the same seat in the Republican primary.

In state Senate District 23, which includes Orange County, Republican Dave Carter has filed to run. Democrat Sen. Ellie Kinnaird had previously announced her intention to run for a ninth term.

In the N.C. House of Representatives District 50 race, Democrat Travis Phelps filed to run against Orange County Commissioner Valerie Foushee, who announced last week her intention to run for the seat.

Under redistricting plans, District 50 will include portions of Orange and Durham counties. That seat is now held by Bill Faison, who announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for governor.

Thomas Samuel Wright filed to run for the Republican nomi-

nation for the District 50 seat, joining Rod Chaney and W. Lewis Hannah Jr., who both filed last week, in that race.

In District 56, which includes Carrboro and Chapel Hill, Republican Karrie Mead announced she will run for the seat held by Rep. Verla Insko. Insko, a Democrat, announced last week that she would run for reelection.

Chatham County

In House District 54, Republican Cathy Wright and Democrats Deb McManus, a member of the Chatham County Board of Education, and Jeff Starkweather will seek election to the seat held by Joe Hackney, who announced he will not run for reelection. The newly drawn District 54 includes all of Chatham County and a portion of

Lee County.

Republican Sam Shriver filed to run for the District 1 seat on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. Democrat Sally Kost announced last week she will seek reelection to that seat. Mike Cross had previously filed to run for reelection to his District 2 seat, and remains unchallenged.

David Hamm will seek reelection to his District 2 seat on the Chatham County Board of Education. Karen Howard filed last week to run for the District 1 seat. The board of education races are nonpartisan.

Chatham County Register of Deeds Treva Seagroves, a Democrat, also filed to run for reelection.

The deadline for filing for all offices is noon on Feb. 29.

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Heels work to heighten focus

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer



If North Carolina finishes with any part of first place in the final regular-season Atlantic Coast Conference standings, the Tar Heels will surely have earned it.

The seventh-ranked Tar Heels entered this week 23-4, 10-2 in the ACC. They had to travel to N.C. State on Tuesday night.

Saturday they will travel to Virginia, which is never an easy place for UNC to play. Then they finish the season against Maryland at home and at Cameron Indoor Stadium against Duke.

Coach Roy Williams said one of the keys to success in such a difficult stretch is not to consider the standings or what is happening with anyone else.

"I told our guys, 'Let's take care of our own business,'" Williams said, "and not worry or be concerned about what everybody else is doing."

"I don't want our guys looking ahead and then all of a sudden you skip somebody and it comes back to bite you."

This means "do not think ahead to the tournaments that lay just ahead."

"All we can do is take care of the teams in front of us," point guard Kendall Marshall said. "If we take care of those, we're going to be in pretty good seeding."

Marshall was talking about seeding for the ACC Tournament, which will be held in Atlanta this year. The more important seeding will be where Carolina starts in the NCAA Tournament. Given the number of good teams this season as compared to the recent past, Carolina needs every win it can get.

To get there, the Tar Heels will need to shoot the ball a little better and continue to improve in the two areas that have carried this team.

"We've been a good defensive team and a good rebounding team, and I'd like for us to become a very good defensive team and a very good rebounding team," Williams said.

The Tar Heels have gotten better and better at grabbing rebounds. They led the nation coming into this week with a rebounding margin against opponents of 11.6 per game.

They have been especially effective at grabbing offensive rebounds, which has been vital because this team has not shot the ball particularly well. The fact that they are second in the nation in scoring at 82.8 points per game and first in the ACC shows how well they have hit the offensive boards.

In a recent victory at Miami, the Tar Heels outrebounded the Hurricanes 46-40, but 24 of UNC's rebounds came on the offensive end.

Carolina shot the ball better in a 74-52 victory against Clemson, so there were not as many rebounds to get. Nonetheless, they still grabbed 11 offensive boards, and 16 of their points came off those rebounds.

Williams would not mind seeing that become a pattern – having his team shoot a better percentage so it will not have to put back so many shots to score.

"There is no question I would like for us to shoot it better from the outside and get better balance," Williams said. "But the biggest thing is we have to get healthier and stay healthy."

"You never make a good run at the end of the year unless you're healthy. For us, we're shortening our practices to give the guys fresh legs and maybe do it for them mentally as well."

Community Briefs

Human relations awards Sunday

The Orange County Human Relations Commission will host the annual Pauli Murray Human Relations Awards Ceremony on Sunday at the Central Orange Senior Center Ballroom in Hillsborough from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Pauli Murray Award is presented to an Orange County youth, adult and business that have served the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice and human rights for all residents.

The ceremony will include musical entertainment and poetic recitals by the Sacrificial Poets. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Monthly gardening classes

Monthly gardening classes will be taught by Maria Hitt at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park community garden, 1120 Hillsborough Road, beginning Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The class will cover soil preparation, bed-building tips and planting peas, onions and other early spring crops. A donation of \$10 per class is requested and all proceeds will go to the Growing Healthy Kids Community Garden.

Register by today (Thursday) at 967-9091 or email cbrooks@orang-smartstart.org.

Spay Neuter Day set for Tuesday

Orange County Animal Services will celebrate "Spay Neuter Day" on Tuesday as part of its effort to combat pet overpopulation in Orange County.

The department has partnered with Pet Overpopulation Patrols of N.C. to offer no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to up to 30 pets of residents that receive services from the Orange County Department of Social Services.

In addition the department has partnered with programs such as "The \$20 Fix" to offer low-cost and no-cost spay and neuter surgeries to pets of qualifying households in Orange County.

For more information contact Sarah Fallin at 942-7387.

Black History Month film screening

ChathamArts' Sustainable Cinema Series will honor Black History Month on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Fearington Barn with a special screening of two films – *The Loving Story* and *Wolf Call*.

Director Nancy Buirski's *The Loving Story*, short-listed for this year's Academy Awards, is a short film that examines Loving v. Virginia, a watershed civil rights case in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared Virginia's anti-miscegenation statute unconstitutional in 1967.

Director Rob Underhill's *Wolf Call* is a 12-minute short taking viewers back to 1956, a year after 14-year old Emmett Till had been brutally murdered. The film examines an interview with the men charged with the boy's murder.

Admission is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Proceeds benefit ChathamArts and its arts and education programs.

Youth baseball coaches needed

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department is accepting volunteer coach's applications for the 2012 Youth Baseball Program, which runs from mid-April into mid-June.

Coaches must exhibit the ability to organize practices and communicate with 13- to 14-year-old players, parents and recreation staff. They are required to teach proper playing skills and sportsmanship and provide an enjoyable atmosphere at practices and games.

For an application or more information, contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 942-8541.

CH police dept. honors employees

The Chapel Hill Police Department held its annual award ceremony for 2011 on Jan. 31.

The following employees were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the police department and community: Robert Reynolds and Officer Stephen Slagle, Employee and Officer of the Year; Officer Preston Oppegard, Meritorious Conduct Award; Officer Erin Dallin, Life Saving Award; Officer Terrence Fearington, Medal of Valor; Officer Preston Oppegard, Medal of Honor; and John French and Officer Kenny Lennon, The Herman Stone award.

OBITUARY

John Huntley Sheer

John (Jack) Huntley Sheer, 99, died Feb. 16, 2012, with his family by his side in Southern Pines, N.C. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m. at the St Thomas Episcopal Church, 312 N. Steele St., Sanford, N.C., followed by a reception at the same location.

He was born Oct. 27, 1912, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Louis and Ann Sheer. His mother, Ann, passed away when he was 2, and he was raised mostly by his Aunt (Betty). Jack graduated from Erasmus High School in New York. He went to work on Wall Street as an office boy and began playing the guitar and banjo. He escaped the 1929 economic crash by moving and enrolling in the University of Alabama to study dentistry. He supported himself by playing guitar in a restaurant near

campus. He returned to New York and began his music career playing various jobs in New York and Pittsburgh, Pa. He later formed a 10-piece big band and began playing at the Maryland Club Gardens outside Washington, D.C. At 30 he was drafted into the military, transferred to officer's school and ended up studying electronics at Yale University, where he graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant. He served primarily in Africa and India during World War II. After the war Jack met Josephine (Jo) Sheer. They were married three months later and remained married for 63 years. Jack then joined the military reserves, was drafted into the Korean conflict, became a captain and served in Seoul, Korea.

After the wars he went to work in Washington, D.C., and then moved to Sanford, N.C., to become sales manager for the San-

ford Furniture Company. He later started Lee Crafts Furniture in Sanford and became a Board Member for the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association. Later he became a sales and marketing consultant for numerous furniture manufacturers while playing guitar at the Country Club of North Carolina.

Mr. Sheer is survived by wife, Jo Sheer; son Jeff and his wife, Linda; son Joel Sheer; granddaughter, Catherine Sheer; sister, Kitty Tepper; and half-sister, Marion Hurwitz. He was preceded in death by his brother, Albert Sheer. In lieu of flowers please make any donations to the church's St. Thomas Memorial Fund.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY FEB 23
Lunchbox Series — Presents Joe Woodson. Carrboro Century Center, 12pm Free
OCDW Meeting — OCDW celebrates Black History Month with a program about Fairview, a historically black community in Hillsborough. Orange County Head Start Training Center, Hillsborough, 7pm 593-1904
Shani Watson — To present a play adaptation of the film and book *Imitation of Life*. Continues through Feb. 26. Swain Hall, Studio Six 7pm Free imitationoflife.weebly.com
Shawn Rocco — To discuss his work in "Cellular Obscura — The Cell Phone Photographs of Shawn Rocco." Ackland Museum Store, 7pm 962-0216
Friends of Downtown — Steven Norton, editor; will speak on the 119th anniversary of *The Daily Tar Heel*. Franklin Hotel, 10am Free

FRIDAY FEB 24
Organ Concert — Alexander Anderson presents Buxtehude, Bach and Liszt. United Church of Chapel Hill, 7:30pm Donation requested
Last Friday's Artwalk — Historic Downtown Hillsborough, 6-9pm lastfridaysartwalk.org

David Gold — To speak about the different types of memory, changes in memory and strategies to improve memory. Celebration Assembly of God Church, 114 Weaver Dairy Road, 11am

Art Reception — For "Ebb and Flow," new artwork by 22 local artists. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 121 N. Churton St., 6-9pm hillsborough-gallery.com

The Vagina Monologues — This production is a part of a V-Day initiative to stop violence against women and girls, with proceeds benefiting the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. Continues through Feb. 26. Hanes Art Center, 7pm unc.edu/company

Wayne Pacelle — The President and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States to discuss his book, *The Bond: Our Kinship with Animals, Our Call to Defend Them*. Flyleaf Books, 5:30pm flyleafbooks.com

Kid's Night Out — Carrboro Recreation & Parks staff provide an evening of games, crafts and pizza for ages 7-12. Carrboro Century Center, 6-9pm \$15

Art Opening — Opening reception for Dorothy Whitmore's "Personally Yours: Portraits and Cottagescapes," sponsored by the Hillsborough Arts Council Gallery.

220-B S. Churton St., 6-9pm hillsboroughartscouncil.org
Totems and Talismans — Opening reception for the work of eleven artists that evoke a spiritual meaning. Eno Gallery, 6-9pm enogallery.net

SATURDAY FEB 25
Legal Conference — UNC School of Law's 16th Annual Conference on Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity to present a critical analysis of the role of class in the United States. UNC Law School Rotunda, 9am Free studentorgs.law.unc.edu/crcge

Dance Revue — The Second Annual NC Percussive Dance Revue, with the Cane Creek Cloggers, Footnotes Tap Ensemble, STANCE, the NC Youth Tap Ensemble and the Inis Cairde School of Irish Dance. The ArtsCenter, 8pm artscenterlive.org

Dance Festival For AIDS — The Triangle Dance Festival for AIDS benefits global and local HIV initiatives. Memorial Hall, 7pm \$5 suggested donation 843-3333

Invasive Plants — Opening of "Plant This, Not That — Alternatives to Invasives," an educational exhibit. N.C. Botanical Garden, 1pm 962-0522

SUNDAY FEB 26
Howard Machtinger — To speak about his work on an anthology of Vietnamese writings during and since the Vietnam War. Chiclé Language Institute, 5pm chi-cle.com

Race to Nowhere — The documentary film investigates the increasing demands on students to perform and the possible negative consequences. Carrboro High School, 6:30pm \$10

Jazz Concert — Ryan Hanseler to perform for the Jazz Parlor Concert, hosted by the Hillsborough Arts Council. 4pm \$18 hillsboroughartscouncil.org/Concerts

MONDAY FEB 27
Time Management Seminar — Lori Bruhns to hold workshop on time management. Orange County Main Library, 6pm Free 245-2537

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and Guest Dr. Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent of Orange County Schools. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

Bird Club — Francis Ferrell will speak about monitoring bald eagles on Jordan and Falls Lakes. Binkley Baptist Church, 7:30pm Free

Spring Renewal — Free workshop, sponsored by the Health Center of Hillsborough, on cleansing body, mind, and spirit. 5pm 241-5032

TUESDAY FEB 28
Shared Tables — The first of a two-day conference, exploring issues related to food and sustainability from a global perspective. Hyde Hall, 8am-5pm sharedtablesymp.wordpress.com/registration/
Panel Discussion — Taylor Branch, William Friday and Charles Clotfelter to discuss "Big-Time College Sports: What Needs to Change?" Sonja Haynes Stone Center Theatre, 5:30pm Free 548-1203

WEDNESDAY FEB 29
Scar Tissue and Klutz — Two new short plays by Gabriel Rivas Gomez with director Jorge Huerta. Continues through March 1. Kenan Theatre, 7:30pm Free

Howard Craft — Teaches a workshop in "Stories in the Air: Writing radio drama." Hitchcock Multipurpose Room, Sonya Haynes Stone Center, 6:30pm 962-9001

FRIDAY MARCH 2
Book Sale — Sponsored by The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library. Continues through March 4. University Mall, 3-6pm 968-2780

SATURDAY MARCH 3
Juan Flores — To present "The Top 20 Things You Need To Know About Social Security Disability." Orange County Main Library, 1pm Free 245-2537

ONGOING
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HOUSE Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with *The Carrboro Citizen* to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



This week we respond to questions about syphilis and blood types.

Dear HOUSE Calls, My brother was recently diagnosed with syphilis. He was treated at a free clinic and got a prescription but did not get any better. He went back and had to get another prescription. Is there any difference in the quality of care given at a free clinic versus a private practice?

We generally feel that the level of care given at free clinics is excellent. They often have an impressive staff of volunteers to help with pharmacy needs, care management and other types of therapy. The clinicians usually work in private practice or are retired from private practice and are generally very skilled. There are some downsides to free clinics. Because they are staffed by a rotation of fill-in doctors, it's very hard to develop a relationship with a primary-care physician. They sometimes are not well set up for continuity care but

offer excellent acute and episodic care. They may not have a full range of resources, such as medicines, and might have to settle for a second choice for a condition. The alternative might be filling a prescription at a drugstore, which many clients at a free clinic cannot afford. Specific to your brother's condition, syphilis has different stages, and in later stages can be harder to treat. It is usually best treated with injectable penicillin, and the number of injections varies with the stage. The free clinic might not have had the injectable penicillin, or perhaps your brother is allergic to it. If things don't seem right, the health department is another excellent resource for communicable diseases.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I give blood regularly. I'm told that I'm type O negative and the Red Cross loves it. What does that mean?

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means you are a universal donor. Basically, anybody can accept your blood. Most people have to be cross-matched to a specific blood type to receive blood, but your blood can be received by anyone, and in an emergency we'll use O negative to transfuse somebody we don't have time to type. The bad news about your blood type is that you are the most restrictive receiver of blood. You can only get blood from other people with O negative blood. We should say that blood is needed from people with all types of blood. Consider giving blood if you are in good health. Your body will build that blood back up in no time, and you may be saving a life. Check with your local American Red Cross for upcoming blood drives.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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by Linda Thistle

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Context needed on Greensboro/Weaver

Lies obviously pollute discourse; fortunately this tends to make their damage self-limiting. More insidious are claims that are truthful only when considered in the strictest isolation. In *The Citizen's* Feb. 16 "Letters," statements were made regarding the northwest corner of Greensboro and Weaver that demand context.

Steven Schrenzel complains "Weaver Street Market ... did nothing with it." Well, not for lack of trying. While they owned it, WSM (of which I am

a member) repeatedly worked with the community to develop the south part of the block so as to benefit both Carrboro and WSM. Their efforts were repeatedly rebuffed by many of the same folks currently opposing downtown Carrboro development, particularly the "Center Street Preservation Trust" (CSPT). Eventually WSM sold to service debt once the current recession hit.

That is a matter of public record; for details, one could probably consult the folks at the Village Project, who facilitated much of the public process. Evidence regarding the next matter is less well documented, so I'm forced to rely on hearsay, and on the extent to which those accounts are consistent with public statements and behavior. Do your own research, and feel free to rebut.

The developers to whom WSM sold (initially Mark Pantlin of Raleigh, a CVS associate) attempted to assemble the entire block bounded by Center, Short, Greensboro and Weaver. They were able to buy everything except 102 Center St. (better known as the Curl Up & Dye salon, aka Orange County PIN 9778862651), the owners of which are the core of the CSPT (notably, Jane Hamborsky). Whether the latter held out to block development or just to get a better deal, I don't know. But it thus seems more than a bit misleading for Michele Rivest and John Alderson to object that Curl Up & Dye will be "like an island in the midst of the proposed commercial development." Especially given their characterization of Curl Up & Dye, a business with its own large parking lot, as "a residential home with office space."

There are legitimate, or at least reasonable, objections to downtown Carrboro developments, particularly Greensboro & Weaver. But given the conduct of development opponents (notably the CSPT) over the past decade, to complain that WSM "did nothing with" that corner, or that Curl Up & Dye will be "like an island" on it, is rather like demanding mercy as an orphan after killing one's parents.

TOM ROCHE
Carrboro

RENCI offers valuable learning

Girl Scout Troop 3064 would like to send a special note of thanks to Jason Coposky and everyone else at the Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) in Chapel Hill. Our troop was very fortunate to visit RENCi and learn about their visualization group. We were able to experience first-hand a number of really cool scientific applications that the group has created. Among the many RENCi creations that we explored are: a Social Computing Room filled with panoramic images of the bodies of the solar system, a view of London from the very top of St. Paul's Cathedral and high-resolution cancer images, taken from multiple viewpoints; a 3-D Room filled with "magic" recreations of an F3 tornado, two colliding galaxie, and a journey to the black hole at the center of the Milky Way; and a "4-D" Dome in which we "immersed" ("immersion" being the take-home word of the day) ourselves in simulations of high-speed driving, the inner anatomy of the human body and an entertaining cartoon on visual illusions related to size, mass and distance.

Our visit to RENCi was a fantastic learning experience for our girls, as well as a wonderful opportunity for them to consider what is possible for their future.

Thank you, Jason and RENCi.

KARA FECHO AND KRISTEN ZUCO
Girl Scout Troop 3064

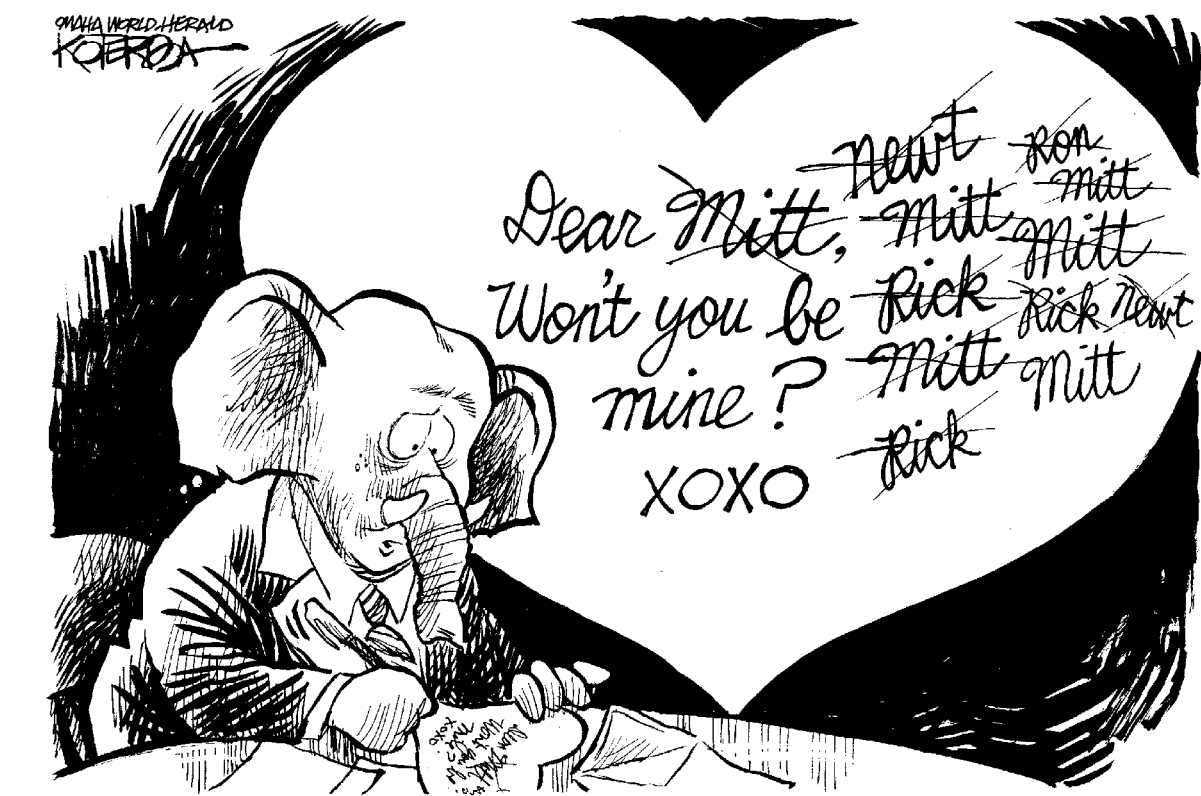
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JFK and the proposed marriage amendment

LYDIA LAVELLE

In the pulpit recently, Catholics were urged by a letter from the bishops of Raleigh and Charlotte "to protect traditional marriage" by voting in favor of the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Constitution on May 8, 2012. The bishops said more information would be forthcoming, and that they wanted to "engage the debate in a manner that never diminishes the inherent dignity of any person." They said their position was "a principled one based on eternal and divine truth."

I felt a sense of sadness when I read this letter. I spent the greater part of my young life attending St. Paul's Catholic Church in Athens, Ohio, where, growing up, I methodically marched my way through the sacraments (baptism, confession, communion and confirmation). Sadly, however, I knew the next step in the church – marriage – was one I would never be allowed to take. I was also sad because although I respect the Catholic Church and appreciate the manner in which church leaders pledged to engage in this debate, I strongly disagree with their support of this amendment.

I now attend a church that opposes the amendment. Like many other faith communities, my church advises that our faith calls us not to judge one another but to love one another. But my personal opposition to the amendment is further informed by my professional life, where I study principles of federalism, and state and local law and policy. The proposed amendment seems to put little stock in the constitutional principle of the separation of church and state. And yet, as evidenced by the need for churches to state their positions – both for and against the amendment – in 2012, we seem not to be able to separate church and state.

We have no proof about how John F. Kennedy, the nation's first and only Catholic president, would feel about this amendment that would influence the legal rights of gay and lesbian citizens. We do, however, have his own words (from a 1960 address to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association) to remind us of what he said in an era when people

in this country were concerned about having a Catholic as our commander-in-chief, and I believe those words provide some indication as to what his opinion might be. He said:

"I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute; where no Catholic prelate would tell the president (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote; where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference; and where no man is denied public office merely because his religion differs from the president who might appoint him or the people who might elect him.

"I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish; where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source; where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials; and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all.

"I believe in an America where religious intolerance will someday end; where all men and all churches are treated as equals; where every man has the same right to attend or not to attend the church of his choice; where there is no Catholic vote, no anti-Catholic vote, no bloc voting of any kind; and where Catholics, Protestants and Jews, at both the lay and pastoral level, will refrain from those attitudes of disdain and division which have so often marred their works in the past, and promote instead the American ideal of brotherhood. ... That is the kind of America in which I believe."

President Kennedy, this is the kind of America I believe in, too.

Lydia Lavelle is an assistant professor at N.C. Central University School of Law and a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Top 10 Tillis tales

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It has been a little more than a year since the Republican majority elected Thom Tillis speaker of the House, making him the most public face of the first Republican-led General Assembly in North Carolina in 140 years.

Tillis began the 2011 General Assembly session promising to focus on creating jobs and touting his business consulting background, leading some in Raleigh to predict a more conservative, but not a radical, legislative session.

The predictions were wrong. Tillis has presided over a House that has passed some of the most extreme, far-right social legislation in the country, not to mention the draconian budget cuts to education, human services and environmental protections.

And Tillis himself has become an issue. His behavior as speaker and a series of troubling statements he has made in town hall appearances make last year's hopes for thoughtfully conservative leadership seem hopelessly naïve in retrospect.

Here are 10 tales from Tillis' first year as speaker. Not the dreadful legislation he engineered – that's another disturbing list – but his remarks, decisions and actions that set the tone for the radical legislation the General Assembly approved and continues to consider. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

1. The divider and conqueror of the poor – Here's what Tillis told a group of Republicans in Madison County in October:

"What we have to do is find a way to divide and conquer the people who are on assistance. We have to show respect for that woman who has cerebral palsy and had no choice in her condition that needs help and we should help. And we need to get those folks to look down at these people who choose to get into a condition that makes them dependent on the government."

2. The unannounced midnight session – Tillis and his fellow members of the House leadership convened a special session after midnight Jan. 5 to override Gov. Beverly Perdue's veto of legislation that banned teachers from paying their NCAE dues by payroll deduction. The midnight session prompted widespread criticism across the state. Even Republican gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory has condemned it.

3. Vengeance on an open microphone – Tillis told the Republican House caucus in June that he was targeting the NCAE because of their opposition to the Republican budget. The microphones in the meeting room were left on and his comments were inadvertently broadcast to the pressroom on the legislative sound system.

4. The double standard for citizens in the Legislative

Building – Members of Tillis' staff called the General Assembly police to disperse a group of peaceful protestors gathered on the second floor of the building before last Thursday's special session, citing an obscure law that is rarely enforced. Lobbyists were allowed to remain. Video has surfaced showing Tillis addressing Tea Party protestors in exactly the same spot in the building in March of last year.

5. The end of public schools – Tillis admitted in a town hall meeting in Asheboro earlier this month that his top lieutenant, House Majority Leader Paul Stam, wants to eliminate public schools in North Carolina.

6. Admittedly making it harder for people with disabilities to vote – Tillis said at a town hall meeting he had been willing to compromise on voter ID legislation because people in the disability community brought "legitimate" concerns about the impact of the bill on people with a disability who try to vote. But when the compromise negotiations with Democrats fell apart, Tillis rammed the extreme voter ID bill through the House, ignoring the concerns he admits are real.

7. Boasting about targeting a state agency – Also in his remarks to Madison County Republicans, Tillis gleefully described how Republican Rep. Mitch Gillespie has a target on his window aligned with the building that houses the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

8. Admitting that Republicans let 1,200 jobs go to South Carolina – The House and Senate refused to go along with an industrial recruitment package to lure Continental Tire to build a facility in southeastern North Carolina that would have meant more than 1,200 jobs for the region.

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger and Tillis implied that lawmakers did not approve the package because Democrats owned the land the company would use for the plant. Tillis later admitted the land issue had nothing to do with it. The jobs went to South Carolina.

9. Refusing to disavow the extremists in his own party – Tillis has remained silent when members of his own caucus have made offensive remarks or proposed extremist legislation. Tillis said nothing when Rep. Larry Brown made homophobic remarks last year or when Rep. Larry Pittman said in a recent email that doctors who perform abortion services should be executed by public hanging.

10. It's all the media's fault – Tillis routinely complains about coverage in the mainstream media, at one point comparing the *Charlotte Observer* to road kill for its coverage of the midnight session. Dozens of editorial pages across the state, liberal and conservative, also blasted legislative leaders for holding the session.

It has been quite a year. Stay tuned for more.

Chris Fitzsimon is the executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

A statement of principles for athletics at UNC

The following statement was developed by an informal group of faculty members at UNC regarding the future of athletics at UNC, and has been endorsed by 112 faculty members.

At a time when both the emphasis on Division I athletics and the scandals that are associated with the athletics enterprise have presented new challenges to many universities across the country, we the undersigned faculty at UNC encourage the Board of Trustees, the chancellor, the athletic director and the entire UNC community to join with us in working to ensure that the athletics program operates in ways that enhance and complement the University's core mission:

"The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the nation's first public university, serves North Carolina, the United States, and the world through teaching, research, and public service. We embrace an unwavering commitment to excellence as one of the world's great research universities.

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With *lux, libertas* – light and liberty – as its founding principles, the University has charted a bold course of leading change to improve society and to help solve the world's greatest problems."

(Approved by the UNC Board of Governors, November 2009)

Sports are worthwhile activities in themselves, and a robust athletics program underscores the University's commitment to excellence across the spectrum of human endeavor. Fielding competitive teams can help build community cohesion among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and all who have interests in the University. We are justly proud of UNC's record of integrity and success in intellectual and athletic life. In light of recent developments, however, we insist that the pursuit of athletic excellence at UNC-Chapel Hill must rest on a foundation of academic integrity and should always reflect the following three principles:

1. Institutional Openness: The University should confront openly the many conflicts created by its commitment to winning in the athletic arena. The University must commit itself to honest, open, regular conversation about the divergent imperatives, and competing values, that drive athletic and academic success. All data needed to understand the athletics department, and to address the issues raised by its operations, should be readily available.

2. Educational Responsibility: The University should commit itself to providing a rigorous and meaningful education to every student. All students should be integrated fully into the life of the campus, and they should be well prepared for life after college. All students – those who participate in sports and those who do not – should be permitted and encouraged to take full advantage of the rich menu of educational opportunities available at UNC.

3. Mission Consistency: Athletics must be integrated into the common enterprise of the University. Faculty committees and administration must be empowered to oversee athletics and ensure that it supports and remains in alignment with the University's core missions. In times of hardship, the University must consistently work to preserve these core missions, even if such preservation comes at the expense of athletic success.

For a list of the 112 faculty members endorsing this statement, visit carrborocitizen.com

Someone, please, make it stop



BY KIRK ROSS

Let me disabuse you of a notion floating around that somehow something called The Media wants to see a long drawn-out slugfest in the Republican presidential primary.

- First, a few definitions:
- “Notion” is a word people who learned how to keyboard on typewriters use for “meme,” which in less than two short decades has become one of the most overused words in puffery.
 - “The Media” is a non-existent entity used by people who cannot discern the differences

between a television, a newspaper and a person who operates one of those Twitter machines. Nor can they tell the difference between the many variations among these various publishing mediums.

• A “slugfest” in this case means the process by which delegates are gathered to determine a candidate. Depending on the year and the way in which the process evolves, the alternative term for this is “horserace.”

You may have heard this notion about the monolithic media rubbing its hands with glee and laughing maniacally about a big, messy primary process. That’s because conspiracy theories abound in presidential election years are much easier to use to explain something than reason, which

tends to require some kind of basis in fact.

Reporters who spend every waking minute covering campaigns have always looked for ways to make them seem far more interesting than they are, preferring to cover the horserace rather than the horses and what comes out of them.

This year, with the nomination process drawn out a little longer than usual, gaming out scenarios, speculating on a late entry in the race and the fascination with fluctuations of various poll numbers have drowned out much of the reporting on the views of the candidates.

Such behavior is detrimental. As we progress toward choosing a president, a few other things

– like, say, the candidates’ ideas and the intentions of various billionaires playing with our political system – probably ought to be the focus.

After weeks of hearing essentially the same speech several times a day for weeks, reporters might become numb to what candidates are actually saying. But most of the rest of us aren’t numb to it at all and find some of what’s being kicked around downright frightening.

Candidates now appear willing to say almost anything to appear more conservative. And the more over the top, the better the coverage.

That may seem like just part of the game, but in the process some dangerous ideas are being

put into wide circulation. With the focus on who is up and who is down, too many of these ideas are going unquestioned and unchecked. This has allowed all sorts of truly awful things candidates are tossing out to remain in the public dialogue long enough to do real damage. You have to wonder how many young women aren’t going to get an HPV vaccine or how many state legislators will base a vote on the false assertions that pre-natal care causes abortion or abortion causes breast cancer simply because a candidate said these things and no one called them on it (or if they did call them on it, treated the issue in an “on-the-one-hand/on-the-other-hand” fashion).

Politics has always been an

ugly business, but these days it is so rife with lies that the dialogue has become dangerous. We can’t just throw our hands up and say everybody does it or let the liars off with a wink because they are just playing to their base.

Like most folks with a pundit license, I think once the primary season is over there will be a move to the center and away from appeals to ultra-conservatives. But the damage from ideas based on getting their votes and not based in reality will linger for years to come.

Most of the people in the news business have pretty good BS detectors. But fewer and fewer seem to know what to do when the alarm goes off.



A yarn bomb hits a sculpture near the intersection of Greensboro and Weaver Streets. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

YARN BOMB

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Typically yarn bombing happens without the knowledge or consent of the town being “bombed.” But Laura Korch, a member of the Carrboro Arts Committee who came up with the idea, went before the Carrboro Board of Alderman in June to get approval.

“When I first got on the arts committee I was thinking about what kind of project I would like to propose,” Korch said.

“Everyone already spends a lot

of time outside in Carrboro walking or riding bikes, so I thought that an outdoor art installation would be perfect.”

Korch said she chose yarn bombing because the material was cheap and colorful.

After the town approved the project, Korch worked on recruiting knitters, ending up with a group of 12, and getting supplies donated.

“It was about brightening spaces and adding color,” Korch said. “People find it kind of funny and playful.”

The yarn decorations are expected to be up for four weeks.

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LANDFILL

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them apart and use them,” she added.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs also expressed his frustration and said he thought a transfer station should be sited closer to the largest trash contributors.

“Personally I am really tired of municipal problems being solved by putting it in rural areas,” Jacobs said. “I would urge Mayor Chilton to come back with a site in Carrboro, and Mayor Kleinschmidt with a site in Chapel Hill.”

The board on Tuesday voted to move forward with negotiating a contract with the Durham waste transfer station as a temporary solution.

In other business Tuesday evening, the board nominated commissioners Pam Hemminger and Foushee to the Historic Rogers Road Task Force and voted to move the county to single-stream recycling using current recycling bins instead of purchasing new roller carts.

LIBRARY

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Friends said, adding that he felt that Carrboro’s input was critical.

“I think it would be a huge mistake for our library to be built in some suburban location where it is only accessible to people having motor vehicles or who have the privilege of living nearby,” he said, adding that the library should be located “where it is accessible to as many families living in poverty as possible.”

“I’d really rather that they not spend \$5 million at all than that they spend the money ... and make the lives of some wealthy, predominantly white people in a suburban area more convenient,” he continued.

“I don’t think anybody on the Friends ... is talking about a suburban library site where no one can get to it,” said Friends member and former alderman Joal Hall Broun. “I think what they’re saying ... is that you need to be realistic” about what the county will spend on a parcel of land.

The board will revisit the criteria at their meeting on March 6.

CELL PHONES

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express her support for the ordinance.

“We wish that no other family would have to endure such a tragic loss,” she said. “My brother was a good man. ... He deserved better. It was an accident that shouldn’t have happened. It was an accident that happened because of a text message that could’ve waited and should’ve waited.”

“Attention needs to be on the road, not a telephone call or text message,” she continued.

Several council members said that while the issue is really a state or national concern, Chapel Hill should take the lead.

“We’ll just see what rules the day over time, and I think it will be determined to be the right thing to do for the state of North Carolina, eventually,” council member Jim Ward said, adding that he would support increasing the fine for violating the ordinance to \$100.

Council member Lee Storrow said he didn’t understand the exceptions for drivers phoning family members.

“I don’t think it becomes any

less dangerous if someone is talking to their children or talking to their parent,” he said.

Czajkowski said that while he agreed that cell phone use by drivers is dangerous, he didn’t believe Chapel Hill had the authority to enact such a ban, citing an advisory letter from an assistant state attorney general indicating this. He also questioned the enforceability of the ordinance.

“Someone can only be cited for using a cell phone if they are stopped for already breaking the law ... which means that someone could literally be on their cell phone waving hello to a policeman who could do nothing about it unless they were violating some other element of the law.”

Last June, Krista Slough, a UNC student who was seriously injured in a car accident last year, and Joe Capowski, a resident who witnessed the accident, petitioned the council to consider the ban. Capowski alleged that the driver of the car that hit Slough was talking on her cell phone at the time of the accident.

Texting while driving and the use of cell phones by drivers under 18 are both already illegal in North Carolina.

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Charter school decision set for next week

BY JEREMY GERLACH
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Raleigh had its education lottery debate, Wake County had its neighborhood schools dilemma – now Chapel Hill-Carrboro is getting its moment in the spotlight of educational controversy. Though the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School could open its doors this August – pending a decision next week by the State Board of Education – for now those doors seem more like floodgates. The torrent of debates over the school has divided the public on both fiscal and racial issues.

Angela Lee, the charter school’s main proponent and lead applicant, is leading a team of reformers hoping to narrow the achievement gaps between white, black and Latino students, according to Lee’s application to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Lee’s report states that in the 2009-10 school year, white students within Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools scored at least 35 percentage points higher on average than their black and Latino counterparts.

According to Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education Chair Mia Burroughs, the issues are complicated, and a charter school isn’t the best way to get at those issues.

“We want to serve the greatest number of kids in the greatest way,” she says. “The rest of the [school board] and I don’t believe a charter school is needed to help us get to that goal.”

To alleviate crowding at the elementary school level and better serve students, a new elementary school is already on the way, scheduled to open its doors in the Northside neighborhood in

“We want to serve the greatest number of kids in the greatest way. The rest of the [school board] and I don’t believe a charter school is needed to help us get to that goal.”

— Mia Burroughs

August 2013.

While Lee could not be reached for comment, her colleague on the charter school’s board of directors, Stephanie Perry, says the new school would focus more on the achievement gap – an issue she says cannot be addressed by just adding another public school.

“One size does not fit all,” she says. “We can’t keep approaching [the achievement gap] in the same way, expecting different results.”

Perry, a mother of two children in the CHCCS system – one in high school and another in elementary school – argues the charter school is not an attempt to corporatize education.

“This project has been carefully thought out, and it’s been a long time in the making,” she says. “I became involved with this project over a year ago because I felt that [the community] was just waiting to fix the problem – now, let’s just fix it.”

Stephanie Knott, assistant superintendent for community relations for CHCCS, says the data the charter school’s board is using is too narrow.

“They only used one year, 2009-10, in their report,” she says. “When the school board looked at the data over three years, they found that the gap was already decreasing significantly.”

In contrast to Lee’s stark 35 percent gap, Knott’s office found

that from 2008-11, this gap decreased to 32.5 percent in reading proficiency and 12.3 percent in math scores.

Burroughs adds that the controversy over the charter school is racially tinged, and goes beyond the numbers. She says that Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP President Robert Campbell has even stepped in to write a letter to the state board of education opposing the proposed charter school.

Burroughs says she agrees with the sentiments of Campbell’s letter, which argues that the children of Chapel Hill and Carrboro carry the legacy of slavery and Jim Crow segregation that lasted well into the 1970s. Her worry is that the charter school would siphon off minority students from the rest of the system.

“Our community fought so hard to desegregate in the ‘60s,” she says. “I can’t think why we would want to undo that work.”

Burroughs says the CHCCS board has already voted to send a letter to the state board of education and will await the results of the state’s meeting next Wednesday.

Jeremy Gerlach is a UNC student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer’s Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

School Briefs



The Smith MathCounts Team won their MathCounts Chapter Competition on Feb. 11. From left: coach Boyd Blackburn, Sarah Wu, Ashley Yang, Lizzie Yang, Andrew Zhang, Kelly Zhang, Veronica Kim, Vijay Dey, Jennifer Zou, Matthew Dai and Stas Kuzmenko. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYD BLACKBURN

Smith MathCounts heads to finals

Earlier this month, the Smith Middle School MathCounts Team won their MathCounts Chapter Competition at Athens Drive High in Raleigh, coming in first out of 28 teams. The win qualified the Smith team for the state finals, to be held at the N.C. School of Science and Math in Durham on March 16. Smith had more than 70 students participate in the MathCounts program this year, and while it has consistently fielded strong teams, this is the first time the team has won its chapter competition.

Children’s art exhibit

A Young Children’s Art Opening will be held at The ArtsCenter on Sunday from 2-3 p.m., sponsored by the Orange County Partnership for Young Children.

Seven CHCCS students have been selected to have their art displayed. Gracie Vollins was selected from Carrboro Elementary. Addison Gilner and Sam Snider were selected from Morris Grove Elementary. Jayden Brady, Alesia Eiland, Trey Frasier and Anna French were selected from Rashkis Elementary.

Nominations for Teacher of the Year

CHCCS is now accepting nominations for the 2012-13 Teacher of the Year, due to the school’s principal’s office by March 1. For a nomination form, contact the school’s main office or the district’s human resources office or visit tinyurl.com/725gd98.

Essay contest winners

Two freshmen at Chapel Hill High School placed in the 2012 Orange County Human Relations Commission’s Student Essay Contest. Elijah Moore won first place and will receive \$100, while Natalee Atwater won third and will receive \$25. Both students will read their essays at the Pauli Murray Human Relations Award Ceremony on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the ballroom of the Central Orange Senior Center in Hillsborough.

This year’s prompt asked students to describe a significant moment or experience in their life that illustrates their understanding of what social justice means.

5K for Education

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation is teaming up with Fleet Feet Sports Carrboro to get teachers and school employees moving in preparation for the foundation’s first-ever 5K for Education on April 28. The foundation will offer employees a six-week training program beginning March 12.

Parents and staff interested in serving as mentors at their school can register online and attend a training session on Monday at the Lincoln Center, while anyone interested in running can register online for the race. Visit publicschoolfoundation.org and click the 5K for Fitness banner to register or for more information.

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Middle and High School: Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll & Tartar Sauce, Ranch Potato Wedges, Penne Pasta w/Italian Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Steamed Broccoli

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Executive directors of some of our venerable local agencies meet regularly for support and collaboration.

“Like many organizations, we have seen pockets of funding dry up all while managing an ever-increasing case load,” said Shamecca Bryant of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. “Our services for Spanish-speakers increased by 74 percent last fiscal year and is still growing. We are the only local agency providing support group-based healing services for survivors of sexual violence and this program has also seen an increase. Like many agencies in the commu-

nity, we carry a waitlist for individual therapy services.”

But there also seems to be a waitlist for reimbursement.

“A lot of times when we’re promised funding, it’s coming late. Funding was promised in July, but we didn’t receive reimbursements until November,” Bryant said.

Some agencies have had to worry about making payroll for staff.

“Generally, we wait five to seven months to receive grant money from one of our contracts,” said Ann Gerhardt of The Women’s Center. During that period staff salaries must still be paid so the programs are delivered to the community. “No other business would operate like this. We are expected to

‘coast’ and pay for our expenses while the state holds us fiscally accountable, yet the state’s fiscal responsibility to nonprofits does not seem to match our fiscal integrity to them.”

The Women’s Center recently announced its merger with the Family Violence Prevention Center, with which it has collaborated for more than a decade.

“From 1982 until 2009, Volunteers for Youth ran a mentoring program that received Governor’s One-on-One Volunteer funding from the state of North Carolina,” said Susan Worley of Volunteers for Youth. “This program provided hundreds of local kids with caring adult mentors.”

But in the summer of 2009, the state legislature eliminated funding for all those programs.

Two full-time staff positions were lost, and the mentoring program has been kept afloat through volunteers, interns and any funding available.

“Sadly, judges, court counselors, attorneys, mental health professionals and others who work with delinquent youth are constantly pointing out the need so many of these kids have for a positive adult role model,” Worley said. “It’s hugely frustrating to know that we have the tools and knowledge to provide mentors to at-risk kids but are limited by a lack of resources from doing all that needs to be done.”

Freedom House treats people with addictions and mental health issues. Its state funding is further complicated because it comes from the mental health

division of human services, which is undergoing radical changes.

“We’ve got a system that’s been in some level of disarray, in great part due to the recession,” said Trish Hussey, executive director of Freedom House. “We’re having to manage reduced funds to try to provide as many services as we can. But we’re seeing an increase for the needs, not a decrease.”

She said that in fiscal year 2008 Freedom House served 6,048 clients; by last year it had increased to 9,962.

The state has forced a reduction in the Freedom House six-month halfway house program to three months, which has drastically reduced its success rate from around 80 percent to

20 percent (part of which can be blamed on the lack of jobs, which clients need in order to establish themselves in the community).

“Almost all nonprofits are sitting on a financial line now that’s very different from where we were five or six years ago,” Hussey said. “We’re all having to struggle to sustain the good work we do, but we’re impassioned and committed to the missions of our agencies. We’re all people who don’t blink an eye over working 60 hours a week at what we are doing.”

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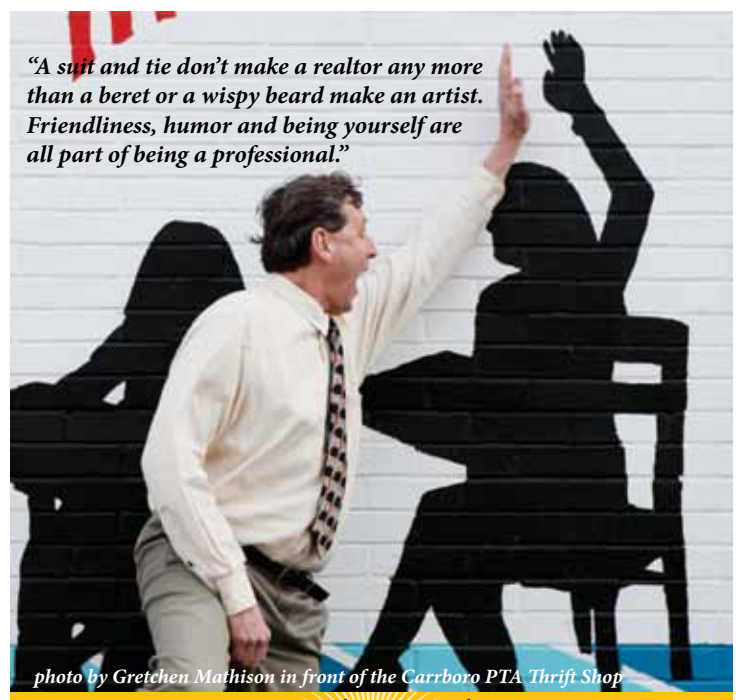
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at the history and legend of specific points of interest throughout the forest. Having never been clear-cut, the forest contains monarch oaks, tulip poplars and American beech dating back to European settlement in 1740.

Not far from one of the dense areas of invading privet, honeysuckle and even red-berried nandina, we three were ecstatic to find that patch of emerald-green watercress. Watercress, a perennial in the mustard family, is dependent on having its succulent stems and roots in the moving water. The watercress was nestled down in a stream close to where moving water magically emerged from beneath one of those giant trees.

We enjoyed tasting some of the tender new leaves, being careful not to disturb the base of the plants that seemed barely anchored in the streambed. The taste is distinctively spicy, unlike anything else.

My medicinal and edible-plant guru, Dr. James Duke, describes enjoying watercress up in Maryland almost all year long. He does lament, however, the reality of pollution in most streams and thus cautions about eating watercress without first cooking it. Though its spicy uncooked flavor is hard to beat, a few nights ago I really enjoyed the sweet taste of quickly sautéed watercress.

I am happy we found the watercress. Chapel Hillian Diana Steele reports



Bright-green watercress patch sparkles on the winter forest floor. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

knowing about that "down-in-the-woods" watercress as a youngster some years ago. Since that patch has been there for a while, I'm most proud that we three woodswalkers pulled out all the invasive Chinese privet from where, poised along stream-

side, it would eventually have displaced that watercress. In addition, we lingered long enough to extract a few of those encroaching nandinas.

You'll find watercress easy to discover on Saturday mornings at the Carrboro Farmers' Market, where at

least one of the local farmers has it for observant patrons!

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at [The Annotated Flora \(carrborocitizen.com/flora\)](#).



Troop 39, 1959-60

With this year marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of Chapel Hill Boy Scout Troop 39, many old campers are planning festivities this spring. Back in the day when I was a Troop 39er, our scoutmaster was Ed Johnson, who made this goofy shot in 1959 or 1960. The human pyramid is made up of (bottom row, from left): the 1k Word guy, Robert Crook and Joe Moore; (second row) Tim Hubbard and David Radford; and Johnny Allcott on top. Allcott, one of my best childhood chums and a longtime Eugene, Ore., doctor of internal medicine, and I have exchanged Christmas cards faithfully for 44 years. Former Scoutmaster Ed Johnson, who shot this photo using Kodak slide film, lives out off Buckhorn Road and turns 79 this spring. I hear a big reunion is planned for Memorial Day weekend. Even though I bet the elder scouts attending won't be doing any gymnastics, some of us still can tie a square knot in the dark – left over right; right over left.



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County would have no way to fix.

"To close the landfill and send it somewhere else, creating another Rogers Road, just shows we didn't learn our lesson," Rich said.

However, while many elected officials have voiced their concerns about where the trash would go from Durham, many don't seem to know exactly where it would go, or even if it would be staying in North Carolina.

As it turns out, that trash does stay in state and does more good than officials might anticipate. From Durham's waste transfer station, trash is trucked to Montgomery County, N.C., to the Uwharrie Regional Landfill, managed by Republic Services Inc., a private waste disposal company.

According to Matthew Woodard, interim county manager for Montgomery County, the land the landfill occupies is deeded to Republic by the county and then split into quadrants, which are filled with trash. The county gets \$2.36 per ton of garbage taken to the landfill, which goes to funding county operations.

"I guess people would think you would never say you're fortunate to have a landfill, but we are," Woodard said.

Montgomery County was once filled with textile mills that employed a large percentage of the county's population, but when the mills started moving overseas, Woodard said, having the landfill in the county helped keep them afloat.

Woodard estimates that around 25 percent of the county is currently unemployed, with 12.8 percent collecting unemployment benefits.

"We would have been in dire straits if it had not been for that landfill," Woodard said.

Opened in October 2006, the Uwharrie Regional Landfill accepts trash from Greensboro, Durham and, on occasion, Chatham County. Even with the addition of Orange County's trash to Durham's load, Woodard said the landfill is projected to stay open for 15 more years.

While environmental issues are a concern for the county, especially since most of the land in Montgomery County belongs to the Uwharrie National Forest, Woodard said it is a risk the county has to take.

"We are very sensitive to the environment, but at the same time we have to recognize we have to meet the needs of the citizens," he said.

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