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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Male pollen-bearing, cone-like structures are now visible on red cedars.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

What's wrong with the red cedars?

This is the time in our changing seasons when we might become alarmed that some of our red cedar trees are diseased or otherwise sickly. And no wonder, as we observe many of the common red cedars, *Juniperus virginiana*, covered with what appears to be some kind of reddish-colored fungus or outright dead foliage.

Take a sigh of relief in knowing these reddish specimens are merely the male plants in full spring-flowering mode. You see, like holly trees, the cedars come to us as separate male and female plants. What we are seeing now, appearing like reddish foliage, is the bursting forth of countless tiny, male pollen-bearing, cone-like structures. They are so plentiful on some trees that they cover the entire leafy surface. Many of the ones I've observed closely during the past week have already dispersed their clouds of fine pollen and, amazingly, those little empty cones still cling to the trees following recent torrential rains.

In contrast, the female trees, some of them still bearing mature bluish juniper berries, retain a healthy green appearance. Even with a hand lens, the miniscule female flowers, waiting for windborne pollen from the males, are barely discernible. Once pollinated those tiny flowers, lacking petals, develop green berries that slowly mature to become visible in the fall.

A little later in the spring, another alarming-looking phenomenon, cedar apple rust, appears on the cedars. During wet, warmish days, some of the cedars bearing 1- to 2-inch round, hardened galls, become ornamented with bizarre bright-orange, jelly-like horns, which

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CVS neighbors file protest petition

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

In a move that could make it more difficult for CVS Caremark to win approval for a two-story project it has proposed for the corner of North Greensboro and Weaver streets, a group of property owners has filed a protest petition against the company's rezoning application.

Under state law, when a protest

petition signed by owners of at least 5 percent of the property within 100 feet of a proposed rezoning is filed, approval by three-quarters of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen is required, rather than by a simple majority. Carrboro planning director Trish McGuire said Tuesday that the petition had been verified.

CVS Caremark has filed for a conditional-use permit and a rezoning to allow it to build a two-story,

24,000-square-foot building with a 24-hour CVS on the ground floor, office space above it and a 64-space parking lot on land occupied by the former WCOM building, two homes on Center Street and the offices of dentist Debra Seaton.

CVS' plans to develop the property have drawn fire from nearby residents, who say the development is not appropriate for the space and would increase traffic on an already burdened area.

CVS has applied to zone all of the properties included in the parcel as B-1(c), or town center business. While the properties at 201 and 203 N. Greensboro St. and 101 Short St. are already zoned B-1(c), the other properties are zoned R-7.5, residential, or B-2, fringe commercial. The properties along North Greensboro and Short streets are also included in the

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SINGING SEUSS

First-grader Gracie Kolat belts out a tune with the Seuss Singers as she helps celebrate a successful Read-a-thon at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School last Friday, the birthday of Seuss creator Theodor Geisel and Read Across America Day. From Jan. 20 to Feb. 3, FPG students were asked to read as much as they could to reach a collective goal of 680,000 minutes read. Students surpassed the goal, logging more than 942,000 minutes of reading, an average of more than 31 hours per student.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

Local charter school approved

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

Despite district backlash, the State Board of Education unanimously approved the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School last Thursday.

The charter school was one of nine charter schools across North Carolina the board approved, setting in motion their plans to open by August 2012.

"We are very excited about moving forward," Lee Charter School board member Stephanie Perry said. "We definitely have to schedule some more community meetings to foster conversation and speak to our values."

The school has been the subject of controversy since its application was first submitted to the state, receiving criticism from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP. Both organizations have raised concerns about the school's for-profit management company, National Heritage Academies, and say the school targets minority students, which would lower diversity rates in district schools.

The Lee Scholars Charter School application states that its purpose is to provide "high-quality K-8 education that closes achievement gaps and places each student on the path to college readiness."

Despite the school's approval, Robert Campbell, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP, said his organization still opposes the school.

"We are concerned about the quality of education for all of our children," Campbell said, "not just singling out those who appear to be failing, and not just singling out minorities."

Campbell also said he still has questions regarding transportation to the school, where it will be located, if it will provide food to students and how school officials will work with the district.

"So far there has been no transparency," Campbell said. "There has been no cohesive collaboration, and there needs to be a dialogue not only with the school board but also through some type of community forum."

Perry said the board is currently

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Carrboro OKs library siting criteria

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — Taking another step toward a long-awaited freestanding southwest Orange County library in Carrboro, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday voted unanimously to approve criteria recommended to the county for siting a library in town.

Despite previous disagreements regarding the criteria, board members and members of the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library appeared to have mostly resolved their issues and come together on the criteria in order to move forward.

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.

Nerys Levy, a member of the Friends and longtime library advocate, stressed the importance of having a library with ample parking, given that a considerable number of senior citizens will be patronizing the library.

"Cycling is not what a lot of them will be doing," she said, also noting the importance of access to information.

"These are economic times when a lot of people really can't afford to pay for computer access," she said. "With all the technologies in the world, libraries are places that not only have access to books ... but access to information is really a key component in new libraries."

Mayor Mark Chilton said that while he understood the need for patrons to be able to drive to the library, he felt that both the Orange County Main Library in Hillsborough and the Chapel Hill Public Library served that need.

"To me it seems like the real issue is [access for] people who don't have cars and can't drive — people who are under 16, people who are not wealthy enough to own a motor vehicle or people who just choose not to have a motor vehicle," he said.

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Walmart submits plans for northern Chatham

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

Following months of rumors about Walmart locating in northern Chatham County, the company submitted a site plan last week for a location in Chatham just south of the Orange County line along U.S. 15-501.

According to a statement issued by Chatham County officials, Walmart plans to develop 20 acres of a 63-acre site along 15-501. The portion of the site proposed for development is already zoned for business use, which

means the project won't require a rezoning or approval by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, according to County Manager Charlie Horne.

The move could bring development to a site that has been the subject of debate for a number of years. In 2005, Chatham commissioners approved a plan for the site that included a Lowes Home Improvement store in the interior of the property and three outparcels along 15-501, but the proposal was later successfully challenged in court by a group of neighbors in the

area.

The 148,400-square-foot Walmart planned for northern Chatham would be part of the company's Building Sustainable Value Network, in which Walmart builds more energy-efficient and water-efficient stores, according to a statement from the company. Plans include a full-service store with a range of merchandise and groceries, including fresh local produce, as well as a pharmacy and garden center, staffing about 300 workers.

Implications for Orange

To the north, some say the retailer's plans highlight the need for Chapel Hill to revisit its Small Area Plan for the southern part of town, which was developed 20 years ago. The plan created zoning and development parameters balancing a planned urban development — Southern Village — with the preservation of surrounding environmentally sensitive areas and open space.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY MAR 8

City Tap: Gmish. 8:30pm
The Depot: Lise Uyanik. 8pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 7:30pm
Local 506: Milagres, The Big Sleep, Baobab. 9pm. \$8/10
Nightlight: Monsonia, Me You Us Them, Grass is Green. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio. 7pm. Sinful Savage Tigers. 10pm

FRIDAY MAR 9

Cat's Cradle: Fanfarlo, Young Man. 9pm. \$15
The Cave: EARLY: The Ugly Club, Mercies. \$5 LATE: Stimulus Package, Steph and The Boyfriends
City Tap: The Zinc Kings. 9pm
The Depot: Ironing Board Sam. 8:30pm
The Kraken: Jurassic Heat, Hen-brain. 9pm. Free
Local 506: Tennis, Hospitality. 9:30pm. \$9/11
Nightlight: White Cascade, Fan-Tan, Dead Leaf Echo. 10pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY MAR 10

Cat's Cradle: Good Old War, Belle Briagde, Family of the Year, Willy Mason. 7:30pm. \$12/14
The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Minor Stars, The Wicked Tomorrow, Courtesy Tier, The Private Pageant
City Tap: Sarah Shook and The Devil. 9pm
Community Church of C.H.: Music She Wrote. 7pm. \$20 suggested donation
The Depot: Spring Recital with Aviva Enoch. 2pm North Columbia. 8:30pm
Local 506: Born Gold, Kuhrye-oo, Machines of Maybe. 9:30pm. \$8/9
Nightlight: Lonnie Walker, Daytona, Joe Norkus. 9:30pm. \$5
Open Eye: Felicia Rose. 8pm
Southern Rail: STAG. 9pm

SUNDAY MAR 11

The Cave: LATE: Continental
Nightlight: The Fooligans, Those Manic Seas, Bamfs. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Mahalo Jazz. 5:30pm

MONDAY MAR 12

Local 506: Narrows, All Pigs Must Die. 9pm. \$10

TUESDAY MAR 13

Carolina Student Union: Tribute to Son House with Rory Block, John Mooney, Joe Beard. 7:30pm \$15
Local 506: Leslie and The Ly's, Pennyhawk, Ramona and The Swimsuits. 9pm. \$10/12
Memorial Hall: Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and Choir. 7:30pm
Nightlight: Carolina Creates Music Showcase. 9:30pm. \$3

WEDNESDAY MAR 14

Cat's Cradle: Yellow Dubmarine. 8:30pm. \$10/12
The Cave: EARLY: Don and Brian LATE: Blackwood and Wormy's Open Jam for the Peeps
Memorial Hall: Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and Choir. 7:30pm

THURSDAY MAR 15

ArtsCenter: Scythian. 8:30pm. \$25/27
Cat's Cradle: Gomez, Hey Rosetta. 8pm. \$20/23
The Cave: LATE: The Usuals. \$5

City Tap: Liz Moudy. 8:30pm
The Depot: Ellerbee Creek Band. 7:30pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 8:30pm
Local 506: The Dirty Guv'nahs, Crowfield. 9pm. \$10/12
Memorial Hall: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. 7:30pm
Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio. 7pm

FRIDAY MAR 16

ArtsCenter: The Boxcars, The Hillbenders. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: The Devil Makes Three, Phillip Roebuck. 9pm. \$14/16
City Tap: Patrick Dyer Wolf and the Miniature Donkeys. 9pm
The Kraken: Honeychile. 9pm
Local 506: Kenny Roby, Gasoline Stove, Jule Brown. 9:30pm. \$7
Nightlight: Corn and the Colonels, The Lucky Strikes, Jordan and the Sphinx, Steve Kruger. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY MAR 17

ArtsCenter: Mountain Heart. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Bowerbirds, Mandolin Orange. 9:30pm. \$12/14
The Cave: EARLY: Mary Johnson Rockers and The Spark LATE: R. Mutt, Epiphisis Foundation, Vikingmoses
City Tap: Thunder and Spice, Cortete. 7pm
The Depot: Saludos Compay. 8:30pm
The Kraken: Be the Moon, Ayr Mountaineers. 9pm
Nightlight: Rosie Thomas. 9pm. \$8/10
Open Eye: Laura Thurston. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT: LESLIE AND THE LY'S



Expect the unexpected at the original performance that Leslie and the LY's will orchestrate Tuesday, March 12 at Local 506.

The band has a sound that can be described as pop-hop — a combination of pop and hip hop. The night will be full of random hilarity, constant dance and, of course, one-of-a-kind vocals. Leslie will most likely become your hero after the first song, conjuring memories of David Bowie. Mark your calendar and grab your glitter jumpsuit.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and the show starts at 9. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

FARMERS' MARKET

WINTER MARKET HOURS
Saturdays 9am-Noon

What's at Market?

MEAT: prosciutto, pork sausage, brats, various other cuts of pork, lamb, various cuts of beef and more
VEGGIES: arugula, watercress, cilantro, spinach, spring onions, greenhouse tomatoes, rhubarb, cabbage, green garlic, parsley, plant starters, Brussels sprouts, radishes, carrots, turnips, beets, fennel, potatoes, lettuces, kale, bok choy, Swiss chard, collard greens, kale, mustard greens, spinach, fresh herbs, mixed greens, white and purple sweet potatoes, dried tomatoes and more
CHEESES: an assortment of goat and cow cheeses
FLOWERS: paperwhites, tulips, hyacinths
SPECIALTY ITEMS: kombucha, wine, breads including bread crumbs, pies, cakes, tortes, jams, jellies, pickles, local hotdogs, fermented foods, vegan and gluten-free options and more

THE CAROLINA THEATRE DOWNTOWN DURHAM
FILM SCHEDULE MARCH 9-15

Winner! Best Foreign Language Film
A SEPARATION
Nightly 7:00 & 9:30
Sat & Sun Mats 2:00 & 4:30

FRIENDS WITH KIDS
Nightly 7:10 & 9:20
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MOVIE LISTINGS

We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
A Separation; Friends With Kids

CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
Friends With Kids; The Artist; A Separation

THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
John Carter; Dr. Seuss's The Lorax; Project X; The Artist; Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
John Carter 3D; Dr. Seuss's The Lorax 3D; Project X; Act of Valor;

Tyler Perry's Good Deeds; Safe House

THE VARSITY
123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close; The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo; We Bought a Zoo; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; The Descendants

CAT'S CRADLE

SA 3/24 **CALTROP** CD RELEASE!

TU 3/20 **THE INFAMOUS STRINGDUSTERS**

WE 4/18 **KINA GRANNIS**

SA 4/21 **AMY RAY THE CASBAH (DUR)**

SA 3/17 **BOWERBIRDS** RECORD RELEASE!

TH 3/15 **GOMEZ**

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 BELLDANCE**
WE 3/14 **YELLOW DUBMARINE****(\$10/\$12) RAGGAE BEATLES TRIBUTE
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) RECORD RELEASE SHOW! **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 LAAGOON** 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)
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 DAILY 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/COUGHEE BROTHAZ **(\$13/\$15)
MO 4/16 **WASHED OUT** **(\$14/\$16)
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**(\$12/\$15) **DREW HOLCOMB AND THE NEIGHBORS**
TU 4/24 **TRAMPLED BY TURTLES** W/WILLIAM ELLIOTT WHITMORE**(\$18/\$20)
FR 4/27 **THE OLD CEREMONY****(\$10/\$12)
SA 4/28 **GRANDMOTHERS OF INVENTION****(\$20/\$25)
MO 4/30 **GROUPLOVE** W/COMPANY OF THIEVES **(\$15/\$18)
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/SUPERHUMANOIDS
FR 5/11**(\$15) **THE GOURDS**
SA 5/12 **SPIRITUALIZED** **(\$18/\$21)
FR 5/18 **THRICE, ANIMALS AS LEADERS****(\$19/\$22)
WE 5/23 **ST. VINCENT** W/SHEARWATER**(\$17/\$20)
FR 5/25 **YANN TIERSEN** W/PIANO CHAT**(\$18/\$20)
MO 6/11 **TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB** W/CLAP YOUR HANDS AND SAY YEAH AND BAD VEINS**(\$21.50/\$24)
TH 6/14 **DAWES** W/SPECIAL GUEST SARA WATKINS**
FR 7/13 **BEST COAST** W/THOSE DARLINS **(\$17/\$19) ON SALE FRI 3/9

ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
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 (CASSIDY FROM ANTIGONE RISING)**
SU 4/15 **THE FRONT BOTTOMS**
WE 4/18 **CHEYENNE MARIE MIZE AND HOOTS & HELLMOUTH**
SA 5/26 **ROCKY VOTOLATO** W/CALLmeKAT
SU 5/27 **PARLOTONES**
HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAXAPAWHAW)
FR 5/11 **ARCHERS OF LOAF** W/PIPE AND FAN MODINE
PAGE AUDITORIUM (DUKE UNIVERSITY)
TU 5/15 **M WARD** W/LEE RANALDO
TICKETS @ PAGE BOX OFFICE
THE CASBAH (DURHAM)
FR 4/20 **ELEANOR FRIEDBERGER** W/HOSPITALITY
SA 4/21 **AMY RAY** W/KAIA WILSON
FR 5/11 **MIKE DOUGHTY, THE BOOK OF DRUGS: READING, CONCERT, Q&A** LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)
FR 3/9 **THE WAR ON DRUGS AND WHITE RABBITS** PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH HOPSCOTCH
KINGS (RALEIGH)
TH 5/3 **BLACK JOE LEWIS & THE HONEYBEARS** W/PRESERVATION
TH 5/10 **BEN SOLLEE**
NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)
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** W/CROOKED FINGERS
WE 4/18 !!! AND **SHABAZZ PALACES**
FLETCHER OPERA THEATRE (RALEIGH)
WE 5/2 **NICK LOWE AND HIS BAND** TIX VIA TICKETMASTER AND VENUE BOX OFFICE
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (RALEIGH)
TH 5/3 **FEIST** W/TIMBER TIMBRE TIX VIA TICKETMASTER AND VENUE BOX OFFICE

If you see Louise this week, be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday!

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PET OF THE WEEK

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES —Meet **Chloe!** This 10-month-old black-and-white kitty is amazingly sweet and so soft you'll never want to leave her side! She's used to being indoors only and has been around other animals and children. She is mellow and well rounded and will make an excellent addition to a lucky family! If you have room for two kitties, consider her buddy, Mouse, who has grown up with her. Visit them today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see them and other adoptable animals online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp

Briefs

Bassett resigns from econ. post

Dwight Bassett, the economic development officer for the Town of Chapel Hill, announced his resignation on Monday.

After working as Chapel Hill's economic development officer for five years, Bassett has accepted a position with the city of Raleigh as economic development manager and will start in that position on March 26.

Greenbridge foreclosed

With \$29 million left remaining on a Bank of America loan, Greenbridge was foreclosed on March 1.

Developers of the 217,000-square-foot condominium building borrowed \$43.5 million from the bank and then requested a loan increase when the economy tanked and construction costs rose. When the overruns continued, the bank requested a \$1.6 million equity deposit, which the developers failed to pay, and the bank began the foreclosure process.

So far, 37 of the 97 residential units have been sold.

Temporary bus stop closure

Beginning Monday, the Carr Mill Mall and Fitch Lumber bus stops will be temporarily closed due to lane closures.

Passengers using these stops may board the F bus at alternate stops on Weaver Street at Weaver Street Market and at the Carrboro Century Center.

Rabid skunk found in Hillsborough

Orange County Animal Services received its third positive rabies test of 2012 on March 1.

Hillsborough residents near Baldwin Road and St. Mary's Road found a dead skunk inside their dog's pen and called Animal Control, which removed the skunk that later tested positive for rabies.

The dog was currently vaccinated against rabies and will receive the necessary booster shot in accordance with North Carolina law.

Passport fair on Saturday

The Carrboro Post Office will celebrate Passport Day in the USA 2012 with a Passport Fair on Saturday.

Passports cost \$135 for adults and \$105 for children younger than 16. Both parents must be present to process a passport for minors. Applicants are encouraged to print a passport application found online at usps.com/passport and complete it, leaving it unsigned before going to the post office.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Carrboro Post Office at 1500 W. Main St. For more information, contact the Carrboro Post Office at 968-4573.

Proposed math courses draw concern

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

As the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools prepare to switch to the new Common Core Curriculum for fall 2012, many are concerned with how the curriculum's math standards will impact both struggling and excelling students.

At their Thursday meeting, members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education heard from 30 parents whose children excel at math and are worried the new standards will inhibit their ability to learn at an advanced pace.

Parents shared stories about how their children were apathetic at a young age and "bored to tears" because they easily grasped concepts in their grade-

level math classes, but were then moved up to a harder class and became fully engaged in learning.

"There are 500 kids currently benefiting from accelerated math," parent Jay Brenman told the board. "The best series of classes my eighth-grader has taken is the accelerated math series."

Superintendent Tom Forcella, while acknowledging parents' concerns, reminded the board that the new common core is at a more rigorous level than the district's current curriculum.

"The common core is something that is, nationwide, increasing the rigor — and even more so in the state of North Carolina," Forcella said.

Forcella also admitted that the middle school math curriculum is weak because classes are

spending too much time reviewing concepts learned in elementary school. He added, though, that compared to other districts in North Carolina, the CHCCS math curriculum is advanced.

Math and science coordinator Priscilla Dennison shared a presentation with the board on how CHCCS will be implementing the new math curriculum, saying, "For the first time, we are weaving a much more intricate web for mathematic proficiency."

While Dennison's presentation included options for both traditional students and those in LEAP, a self-contained accelerated program, there were no options for accelerated students outside the LEAP program.

Board Chair Mia Burroughs said she was confused as to why a third option for accelerated stu-

dents outside of LEAP could not be created.

"If something has to be created for the LEAP kids anyway, then we should use it for these [gifted] students as well," Burroughs said.

Board members also brought up concerns with how the new math curriculum will negatively impact students who are performing below average in math.

The board decided to table the issue until their next meeting on March 15.

A resolution was also made by Vice Chair Michelle Brownstein to send a letter to the state asking if the curriculum could be implemented more slowly. The resolution passed 7-0.

CHARTER SCHOOL

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working on community building and outreach and plans to start a massive marketing and community-relations plan soon.

"Our main focus is definitely opening up that space where we can meet parents and form relationships," Perry said.

Darrell Allison, president of Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina, said regardless of the community's initial perceptions, he believes the charter school will have a positive impact in the county.

"It creates a win-win for our children and for our families. Regardless of what school they choose, the chances are that the quality of education will be significantly increased," Allison said.

In addition to moving forward with community outreach and internal organization, Perry said the school is narrowing down location options and figuring out how to intermingle

future students with the district students.

The school will be accepting 480 students in grades K-5 for next year, with plans to eventually expand to K-8 to serve more than 700 students.

While students would have the option to attend the charter school for elementary and middle school, they would then return to the traditional district public schools for high school.

"It is not like we will be taking away children to our school from the district," Perry said. "We will be turning them right back into the district for high school."

Allison said he hopes the initial criticism will dissipate so the district can instead focus on collaboration efforts.

"My hope is that we, the community, do not begin to alienate the families and children that choose this as an option," he said.

"When we look at the state of education, whether it is in Orange County or any of the other 99 counties in North Carolina, we have a lot of work to do."

LIBRARY

FROM PAGE 1

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.

The board of aldermen recommended criteria that include soliciting community input earlier in the process than proposed by the county.

Board member Lydia Lavelle said she would like for the county to solicit site suggestions from property owners who want their property to be considered as a library site.

"We all know that there are people who keep calling us, keep approaching us, keep talking to us about ideas," she said. "The county's the one that's going to

end up deciding 'here's the one we want to put forward for the community to look at.'"

The board also heard from town planning director Trish McGuire regarding the possibility of expanding Carrboro Town Hall for library use. McGuire said the site could present a number of issues, including structural issues with loading that library usage would require, a parking shortage and others.

In other action Tuesday night, the board heard a report on the Oak-Poplar neighborhood traffic circulation study and the West Main Street lane reduction. Possible solutions to identified traffic issues include modifying pavement markings on West Main Street to reduce travel lanes from four to two plus a center turn lane, making Oak Avenue one-way, traffic calming on Oak Avenue and Shelton Street, reconstructing the Shelton/Hillsborough Road/West Main intersection, mid-block pedestrian crossings on West Main and others.

The report will be referred to the Transportation Advisory Board for review.

WALMART

FROM PAGE 1

"Since [the development of the Small Area Plan], we've looked at other parts of town," like the N.C. 54 corridor and the northern part of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said. "We've come up with plans that would encourage development along those corridors that would still be respectful of other community interests. Now I think we need to do that in the southern part of town as well."

Southern Chapel Hill has changed significantly in the past 20 years, he added, noting that despite changes, "there are still some environmentally sensitive

properties that need to be protected."

Through the Chapel Hill 2020 visioning process, Kleinschmidt said he hopes the town will develop a better idea of just what the community would like to see in southern Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce CEO Aaron Nelson said Chapel Hill should reconsider Obey Creek, a large development proposed for the 120-acre site across from Southern Village — part of the Small Area Plan identified for preservation — with a major retail and residential center. The project was reviewed by the council in 2010, and it is likely to come back to it at some point this year.

"The possibility with an Obey Creek is that you would capture

some of that sales-tax leakage," Nelson said, noting that Orange County residents spend about \$1.5 billion on retail every year, \$500 million of which is spent out of county.

The local development process has encouraged developers hoping to capitalize on Orange County to site their developments just outside county borders in other communities, Nelson said.

"They get the revenue; we get the traffic," he said. "Orange County residents are going to drive out of the county to shop."

However, Nelson said the sales-tax funds that the new Walmart store could bring Chatham County could improve services and schools in Chatham, thus enhancing the ability of

some Orange County employers to recruit and retain more-qualified employees, since many of those who work in Orange live in Chatham.

And as for Orange County retailers, Nelson said he believes the impact will be mixed.

"We have great local brands and we have a loyal shopping group and our citizens care a lot about buying local, and I think because of that our local retailers will hold up better against the competition than in other communities," he said.

However, Nelson said, the Walmart could have a more significant impact on nearby national retailers, especially grocery stores.

"I think it's a big draw for the convenience shopper."

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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 IUDs and tanning.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have been considering an IUD for birth control but I have heard that it can be painful to get them inserted and that they can fall out. How common are these problems?

An IUD is an intrauterine device for birth control. There are two types in common use in the U.S. The Mirena emits progesterone locally and lasts for five years. The ParaGard is made of copper and lasts for 10 years. These can be inserted during a simple office procedure by your family physician. There is some cramping with insertion, and we advise women to take 800 mg of ibuprofen 30 minutes before the procedure. Most women tolerate this insertion very well. It is sometimes a little more painful for women who have not had babies and for women with scarring over the birth canal from previous procedures. Falling out is really quite uncommon. It may be a little more common if the IUD is put in right after delivery of

a baby. If it does fall out, we can just about guarantee that it was easy to put in, and we can simply insert another one. You can check after menstrual periods to see if the device is in place; your doctor will show you how to check the strings. It is a really great birth-control option without hormonal side effects and no worries about remembering to take something every day, week or month.

Dear HOUSE Calls, When I went to the tanning bed, they had signs saying that tanning was good for vitamin D levels. Is this true?

It is true, but let's get real here: We have an industry that has been promoting cancer-causing ultraviolet radiation for years, and now they want to sell us tanning beds for the health benefit? Tanning beds give off UVA radiation, while the type of radiation that comes from the sun and causes burns is UVB radiation. Through this radiation, tanning beds can cause skin cancer. Both types are dangerous, and tanning beds give off 10 times

the amount of radiation that one would get from sun exposure. Vitamin D is quite trendy right now. There is research showing many benefits to your health from having enough vitamin D, including reducing cancer risks, boosting immunity, improving metabolism and preventing osteoporosis. There is little research to show that taking vitamin D actually improves your health. You can get enough vitamin D from a small amount of sun exposure (15 minutes three times per week on the hands and face) or a supplement, and true clinical deficiency is uncommon. When you go to a tanning bed, you actually get way more than you need and with a lot of associated risk! It is alarming that the tanning bed industry is promoting vitamin D as a reason to use these cancer-causing products

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.

Briefs

Party against Amendment One

Orange County Social Club will host a dance party Saturday to raise both awareness of and money against the Amendment One marriage act.

Attendees will be able to register to vote, watch a short video about Amendment One and participate in a "compliment booth."

A \$5 suggested donation at the door gets you in, and any additional money you donate will get you a raffle ticket to be eligible to win prizes from local businesses like Back Alley Bikes, Carrburritos and many more. Cash is appreciated.

The party starts around 9:30 p.m., and the money raised will benefit organizations fighting against Amendment One, including The Coalition to Protect North Carolina Families.

Girl Scouts celebrate history

Girl Scouts from Orange and Durham counties will gather on Saturday at University Mall to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scout history.

Both current and former Girl Scouts will be on hand to perform and provide information and activities for the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Carrboro WISE grants available

The Town of Carrboro is administering an energy-efficiency revolving-loan fund for small businesses and homeowners looking to partici-

pate in the WISE program.

The town recently expanded its town-wide energy-efficiency program to include subsidies for energy improvements for single-family homeowners. A multifamily residential pilot program is also being introduced.

Carrboro, in conjunction with the Town of Chapel Hill and Clean Energy Solutions, has developed a network of contractors who will provide support with energy assessments and improvements for eligible homeowners and businesses.

Visit ci.carrboro.nc.us/ecd/EERLF.htm for more information.

Library launches online tutoring

The Chapel Hill Public Library launched a program on March 1 that offers online tutoring to students of all ages.

Any community member with a library card can access the new online service from the library or at home. The K-12 Student Center, College Center and Adult Center at Tutor.com include live, one-on-one tutoring and many tutorials in various subjects.

The new service was made possible through the generous support of the Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation.

To access the service visit chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

Community Calendar

THURSDAY MARCH 8

Third Sector Alliance Meeting — Chapel Hill 2020 seeks input from the nonprofit sector: El Centro Hispano, Carrboro Plaza, 10-11:30am

FRIDAY MARCH 9

Art Reception — Duncan Hoge's "American Landscapes" photo exhibit opens. Fleet Feet corporate offices, 406 E. Main St., 6-9pm

SATURDAY MARCH 10

Parenting Workshop — Suzanne Robinson will facilitate a training session of "Bullying Awareness and Prevention" for parents of special-needs children. Freedom House Recovery Center, 102 New Stateside Drive, 9:30-11:30am Free

Michael McNamara — To discuss "The Moseley Manuscript Map of North Carolina of 1737." Wilson Special Collections Library, 10am

SUNDAY MARCH 11

Art Reception — "Opening the Future," by Eduardo Lapetina. Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist, 1-3pm

MONDAY MARCH 12

Pain Reduction Workshop — Work with a partner to learn how to reduce pain, sponsored by Health Center of Hillsborough. 6pm Free 251-5032

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest Frank Stasio of WUNC radio. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

Meet the Author Tea — Jane Tesh to read from her latest book, *Stolen Hearts*. Deep Dish Theater, 4pm

TUESDAY MARCH 13

Aging Plan Meeting — The Master Aging Plan for Orange County is available for review and comment. Seymour Center, 10am co.orange.nc.us/aging

Son House Tribute — Lecture and panel discussion in tribute to the blues musician. Wilson Special Collections Library. 5:30pm Free

Drug War Discussion — Robert Childs and Gail Phares to discuss the negative impact of the war on drugs on taxpayers, law enforcement, North Carolinians, minorities and foreign nations. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14

Composting — Muriel Williman to teach a workshop in basic composting skills. Carolina Campus Community Garden, 3pm Free clorch@email.unc.edu

Symposium — Thomas Cech to speak on "Crawling out of the RNA world: ribozymes, telomerase and other non-coding RNAs" at The Second Annual Oliver Smithies Nobel Symposium. Medical Biomolecular Research Building Auditorium 2204, UNC, 3pm Free

Letter Writing — Monthly event to write cards and letters to political prisoners whose birthdays are in March. Internationalist Books, 7pm

THURSDAY MARCH 15

Cornucopia Benefit — "Purchase for a Purpose," a fashion and jewelry trunk show to benefit Cornucopia Cancer Support Center. 5517 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 1000, 6-8:30pm 401-9333

Film Showing — *The Pipe*, a film following three members of a small Ireland community. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

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by Linda Thistle

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Kylie Tawney rockets the ball past a Franklin Academy defender in the Jaguars' win over Franklin Academy on Tuesday. The Carrboro High School women's varsity soccer team opened its conference schedule defeating Franklin, 7-0, with goals scored by Tawney (1), Caroline Houser (1), Erin Bishop (1), Leah Simon (1) and co-captain Samantha Burch (3). PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY 3/9

Elementary: Chicken Nuggets, Bagel w/Yogurt & Peanut Butter, Cheeseburger, Crunchy Veggie Sticks w/Dip, Ranch Potato Wedges, Pineapple Cup, Applesauce
Middle and High School: Veggie or Meat Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Locally Grown Steamed Broccoli, Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll & Tartar Sauce w/Ranch Potato Wedges

MONDAY 3/12

Elementary: Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta, BBQ Pork Sandwich, Fruit & Cheese Plate w/Yogurt, Seasoned Corn, Steamed Broccoli, Chilled Pears, Raisins

Middle and High School: Cheesy Nachos w/Beef, Corn, Black Beans, Spanish Rice, Broccoli & Cheese Stuffed Baked Potato w/Beef Chili

TUESDAY 3/13

Elementary: Roast Turkey w/Gravy & Roll, PB&J, Chicken Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Turnip Greens, Orange Smiles, Apple Crumble

Middle and High School: Enchilada Pie, Brown Rice, Cheesy Refried Beans, Buffalo Chicken Poppers w/Tater Tots

WEDNESDAY 3/14

Elementary: Chicken Fajitas, Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll, Turkey Chef

Salad, Seasoned Black Beans, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Fruited Jell-o, Banana

Middle and High School: Roast Turkey w/Gravy, Wheat Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Crumble, Bacon Cheeseburger w/Oven Fries

THURSDAY 3/15

Elementary: Chicken Filet Sandwich, Cheesy Nachos w/Beans or Beef, Lettuce & Tomato, Ranch Potato Wedges, Fresh Apple, Chilled Peaches

Middle and High School: Sweet & Sour Chicken, Oriental Brown Rice, Green Peas, Toasted Ham & Cheese w/Tomato Soup

School Briefs

East presents Universal Robots

East Chapel Hill High School presents Mac Roger's science fiction thriller *Universal Robots* Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. The first act runs about one hour and 15 minutes, and the second act runs about one hour, with a 15-minute intermission in between. There will be no late seating. Tickets cost \$8 and are available online at eastreservations.org or at the door. Please note: This show contains content about genocide and sexual reproduction and is not recommended for anyone under 13.

CHHS dance/auction

The 16th annual Chapel Hill High School Swing Dance and Silent Auction will be held Saturday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the CHHS main gym. There will be music by the CHHS Swing Band, professional swing dance instruction and food, with proceeds benefitting the CHHS band program. Tickets may be purchased in advance at chapelhillband.org or from any band member for \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

Reflections winners

Five CHCCS students have been named District 5 winners in the PTA Reflections contest, an annual event that invites students to submit various artistic representations of a common theme. This year's theme was "Diversity means..."

Elizabeth Kuhlman of Morris Grove Elementary School and Sara Meredith-Andrews of Carrboro Elementary School were winners in the literature category. Sarah Heckel of Morris Grove was a winner in the photography category. Adrian Dominic Aquino of Ephesus Elementary School and Thomas Roberts of Morris Grove were winners in the visual arts category. Their entries will move on to the state competition, with winners announced later this month.

Student wins Shakespeare contest

Carrboro High School student Carina Guerra won first runner-up in the English Speaking Union's Triangle Branch Shakespeare Competition last month after previously winning first place in the CHS school competition. As the branch's second-place winner, she won \$100 and is the alternate if the first-place winner cannot attend the National ESU's Shakespeare Competition.

Rising ninth-graders info meeting

CHCCS staff will hold a rising ninth-grade information night for Spanish-speaking families

today (Thursday) from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Thomas More in the Friends and Family Hall. Middle school and high school counselors will present information about the transition to high school, graduation requirements and establishing good communication with high school staff.

Art teacher honored

Annie Cramer, Seawell Elementary School's National Board Certified art teacher, was selected again this year for the N.C. Museum of Art's Art of the Auction. She will exhibit a watercolor called "Fire Portal Through Tree."

The artist's preview is March 30 in the East Building of the museum at 5:30 p.m. with free admission, and the work will be on display through the night of the auction, April 14. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/7mmua6y

Black History Bowl winners

Carol Centeno, Maria Portillo, Krissy Richardson, Erica Tate and Sam McCrimmon of Phillips Middle School won the fourth annual Black History Knowledge Bowl Competition last month. Four teams from CHCCS middle school AVID classes competed in the event, sponsored by the Mu Omicron Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. This victory marked the third consecutive year a Phillips Middle School team has won the competition.

German Day winners

Students from all three CHCCS high schools placed in last week's German Day competition at Wake Forest University. More than 500 students from across North Carolina took part in the event.

Winners from Carrboro High were: Chad Lynn, first place in photography; Marie Samek, second place in art; Jacob Warshauer, honorable mention in poster design; and the team of Nathan Andress, Nick Clemens, Jake Samuels, Camila Portocarrero, Marshall Lynn, Simon Beery, Will Pierson and Jacob Warshauer, honorable mention in the level 1 and 2 skit contest.

Pre-K family fun night

The CHCCS Pre-K Department will host Homemade Literacy, a Family Fun Night, on March 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Glenwood Elementary School for all Pre-K families. A light pizza dinner will be provided. Families interested in an evening of learning and fun should RSVP by March 15 by contacting the Willow Drive Office at 918-2153, ext. 20293.

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- April 12: The Science and Technology of Sport Concussion, Kevin Guskiewicz, 6-7:30 pm
- April 19: Is Consciousness Merely Neurological?, William Lycan, 7-9 pm
- April 26: Reaching the Brain through Music, Elizabeth Fawcett, 7-9 pm
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CHRIS FITZSIMON

Candidate filing closed at noon last Wednesday, ending weeks of political gossip and speculation about who was running and who wasn't.

If you had any doubts about the extent of the Republicans' masterful job of gerrymandering legislative districts, the final slate of candidates ought to remove them.

There is no partisan competition in 19 of the 50 Senate districts, more than in both 2008 and 2010. Several have Republican or Democratic primaries, but in terms of which party will represent the district, the decision has already been made. That is true in 51 of the House districts.

That means that more than 40 percent of the total seats in the House and Senate have already been won by one political party, with Republicans enjoying a significant advantage before a single vote is cast. Earlier in the filing period, it looked like even more legislative races would not have a Democratic candidate, but a late flurry of filings narrowed the gap some with the Republicans.

Still, these are maps drawn by a Republican majority to preserve a Republican majority. The courts are still considering their constitutionality, but regardless of what the courts decide, the maps and the filings they inspired are compelling evidence for why we need an independent redistricting process.

That's an idea that Republicans championed for years before they got the power to draw the maps to help themselves.

The only drama left in the governor's race this week was the rumor that former U.S. Rep. Bobby Etheridge was having second thoughts about running. But Etheridge filed Wednesday morning, joining Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton and Rep. Bill Faison as the major candidates who will battle for the Democratic nomination to face former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory, who faces only token opposition in the Republican primary.

It also seems fitting that the filing period ended the day before a legislative committee will consider a proposal by Republicans to privatize the state's preschool program and sharply reduce eligibility, denying tens of thousands of at-risk 4-year-olds any hope of gaining access to the nationally recognized program.

It is an issue that ought to make the choices for voters clear, at least in legislative races. Republicans slashed funding last summer for Smart Start and N.C. Pre-K, formerly known as More at Four, and they have refused proposals since from Gov. Beverly Perdue to shift funds to restore some of the cuts and allow more children to enroll.

They have also ignored a judge's ruling that access to pre-k programs for at-risk kids is part of the sound, basic education they are guaranteed in the state constitution.

The Republicans response instead is to make preschool and early-childhood services available to fewer children and to turn much of the program over to the for-profit sector with little accountability. Perdue and most of her fellow Democrats oppose both of those ideas.

It is a clear philosophical divide in the General Assembly.

Now we need to know where the candidates for governor stand on issues like access to N.C. Pre-K and slashing eligibility so families of four that earn \$23,000 a year can no longer benefit from the program.

The filing period is over. No need to guess anymore about who wants to be governor. It's time to demand they tell us specifically what they will do if they are elected.

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Redrawn districts
complicate the primary

If you're not registered to vote and you should be, go get registered and then come back and read this column.

This is the year of the watershed primary in North Carolina. And the year this state will decide whether to enshrine intolerance in our state constitution. You need to show up.

The May 8 ballot comes during a presidential cycle and after redistricting shook up the legislative races — state and national — in a big way. It's full of firsts.

This is the first ballot since 1980 without the name Joe Hackney on it. Sen. Bob Atwater's out, too. And Rep. Bill Faison is making a hard push for governor, so his seat is open.

The personalities aren't the only thing changing. Our local House districts now cover vastly different territories, and this is the first time we'll vote in the new districts. Given there's a couple of lawsuits and other challenges to the way the redistricting was done, it could be the first and the last election cycle for these particular lines.

But for now at least, the changes are law, and they're significant. The southern part of southern Orange County is no longer joined with Chatham County in what was Hackney's old district. Instead, Orange County is carved up into two House districts — the 56th and 50th — with the 56th, currently represented by Verla Insko, comprising most of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and a notch that runs up the N.C. 86 corridor and takes in the center of Hillsborough. Think Idaho, only more lanky.

From a local's point of view, the districts don't make sense. But then if we'd drawn them, we wouldn't have been intent on double-bunking two veteran Democrats and peeling off Chatham County.

The narrow notch up to Hillsborough is narrower than 4 miles wide in most places. It's western edge runs almost due north, bisects the Dairyland region and cuts through communities all the way north. Once you've crossed the big valley on N.C. 54 just outside of Carrboro, you've switched representation.

It doesn't make much more sense further north, with the 50th district boxing in Hillsborough. The eastern side of the

district boundary is much more jagged and meandering below Hillsborough running along Ephesus Church Road, the uppermost bank of Eastwood Lake and right up Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard just north of Horace Williams Airport.

There ought to be a law against such shenanigans, or at least some shame in it.

On the state Senate side the shift was a little more predictable, probably due to court rulings over past redistrictings that upheld the state constitution's "whole county" provision. The new Senate District 23 rejoins Chatham and Orange, which are represented by Atwater and Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, respectively, into one district. The easternmost edge of the 23rd district runs along the Orange-Durham boundary, which means the folks in the Durham portion of Chapel Hill will share a senator with the folks in Person and Caswell counties.

The change in the boundaries may not seem to matter much right now, but over time, especially if the maps hold for a full decade, they'll shape how we're represented and who represents us. The House districts seem to have a distinct urban/rural split, and the center of gravity of the Senate district is now the U.S. 15-501 corridor.

The reason things like this are important is that we are very likely to come out of this election with a very closely divided legislature.

Right now the smart money is on the Senate remaining in GOP control but more evenly divided. It's possible high turnout and low ratings could flip the House back to Democratic control. Either way, votes on legislation and veto overrides will tighten. When margins are close and each individual legislator's vote is more critical, our clout as citizens and our ability to influence legislation increases. If you caught any of what happened in the last session, it's pretty clear this is a time to be engaged.

In the weeks ahead this column will review the local ballot and the dynamics in the primaries as well as that awful referendum. If you want to register to vote or find out what district you're in, pay a visit to the Orange County Board of Elections website at www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/

Cancer survivor's firing highlights
need for better workplace policies

SABINE SCHOENBACH

No one should have to choose between health and a paycheck. Donna Sotomayor didn't even have that choice.

After being diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer two years ago, Donna took leave from her job to undergo surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments. The Raleigh teacher's assistant suffered through a year of illnesses and infections, missing work in the process.

Unfortunately, because she fell just short of the number of work hours needed to qualify for protection under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) — a federal law that entitles eligible employees to take unpaid leave for medical reasons and still keep their jobs — Donna was eventually fired, punished for an illness she had no control over.

It seems unfathomable that a person should suffer through such a terrible illness only to find that he or she has been stripped of their livelihood as well. Yet situations similar to Donna's are all too common in modern North Carolina.

It doesn't have to be this way. Such situations could be avoided if our current system was adequately designed for today's workers, many of whom will face long-term illnesses or need to take time off to care for a sick family member. Their lack of options highlights the need to expand the number of workers to whom the FMLA applies. It also makes clear the need to enact laws that will provide for the option of paid leave through family leave insurance. As policies currently stand, however, many workers will be left suffering long after they have battled a life-threatening illness.

In Donna's case, the problem was especially vexing, in that she lacked a mere 50 work hours to qualify for medical leave under the FMLA. Unfortunately, many workers like Donna don't qualify for protection under the FMLA, which requires employees to have worked for at least 1,250 hours in the preceding year (and, in the private sector, is limited to employers

with 50 or more employees).

Of course, for many sick workers, even the FMLA is inadequate because it only guarantees unpaid leave; even if workers are able to take leave and keep their jobs, many can't afford to take unpaid time off.

According to a recent study, nearly 80 percent of workers who need and are eligible for FMLA don't take unpaid leave due to financial challenges.

Paid family and medical leave is rare in this country — a fact that makes the United States an outlier among developed countries. In the South Atlantic region in which North Carolina is located, only 11 percent of private-sector workers have access to paid leave of this kind.

Some states, however, such as New Jersey and California, have made strides to implement paid family-leave insurance programs. The programs are funded by an employee payroll tax and don't impose any direct costs on employers.

Paid leave is not only critical for workers' economic security, it also has a minimal effect on business operations and can, in fact, save costs in the long run, as more workers are able to stay at their jobs for longer, leading to reduced employee turnover rates. In short, it's a cost-effective way to support working families by accommodating life's everyday struggles and ensuring workers' long-term employment.

High unemployment continues to plague North Carolina and threaten the economic security of working families across the state. Paid leave is a proven job-retention strategy, and combined with expanded Family Medical Leave could make a huge difference for working families that are facing unforeseen illnesses and medical issues.

It clearly would have made a world of difference for Donna Sotomayor, who's now out of work and out of options.

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pie: The
challenge
of the
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revolution

ROBERT REICH

Here's the good news. The economy is growing again. Growth in the fourth quarter last year hit 3 percent on an annualized rate. That's respectable — although still way too slow to get us back on track given how far we plunged.

Here's the bad news. The share of that growth going to American workers is at a record low.

That's largely because far fewer Americans are working. Although the nation is now producing more goods and services than it did before the slump began in 2007, we're doing it with six million fewer people.

Why? Credit technology. Computers, software applications and the Internet are letting us produce more with fewer people.

In theory, this is a huge plus. We can live better and have more time off.

But as Tonto asked the Lone Ranger, "Who's 'we,' kemosabe?"

The challenge at the heart of the productivity revolution — and it is a revolution — is how to distribute the gains. So far, we've been failing miserably to meet that challenge.

True, some of the gains are widely spread in the form of lower prices and higher value. My 3-year-old granddaughter gets more out of an iPhone in five minutes than my 98-year-old father ever got out of reading the daily paper (putting to one side their relative capacities to process the information).

But many of the gains are distributed narrowly in the form of profits to owners and fat compensation packages to the "talent."

The share of the gains going to everyone else in the form of wages and salaries has been shrinking. It's now the smallest since the government began keeping track in 1947.

If the trend continues, inequality will become ever more extreme.

We'll also face chronically insufficient demand for all the goods and services the productivity revolution can generate. That's because the rich save more of their earnings than everyone else, while middle- and lower-income families — with fewer jobs or lower wages — no longer have the purchasing power to keep the economy going at full tilt. (Before 2008 they kept up their buying by sinking deep into debt. This proved to be an unsustainable strategy.)

Insufficient demand — as everyone but regressive supply-siders now recognize — is a big reason why the current recovery has been so anemic and the pie isn't growing faster.

So while the productivity revolution is indubitably good, the task ahead is to figure out how to distribute more of its gains to more of our people.

One possibility: higher taxes on the rich that go into wage subsidies for lower-income workers, combined with job sharing.

We also need better schools (from early childhood through young adulthood, followed by systems of lifelong learning) so everyone has a fair shot at a larger share of the gains.

Finally, the benefits of the productivity revolution should be turned into more abundant public goods — cleaner air and water, better parks and recreation, improved public health and better public transit.

Regressive right-wingers want Americans to believe we've been living beyond our means and can no longer afford it.

The truth is just the reverse. Most Americans' means haven't kept up with what the economy could provide — if the fruits of the productivity revolution were more widely shared.

Regressives growl about America's borrowing and tut-tut about future federal budget deficits. The reality is the world is willing to lend us vast amounts of money because we're so productive. And the productivity revolution is making us ever more so.

Get it? The pie is growing again but most people aren't getting much of a slice. That's bad even for those getting the biggest pieces. They'd do better with smaller slices of a pie that grew much faster.

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Tar Heels look to move ahead

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer



Eddy Landreth

Between now and the beginning of the NCAA Tournament, Carolina must find a way to put aside its grand finish to end the regular season, fight off the lure of satisfaction and move ahead with a determination to accomplish more.

The fourth-ranked Tar Heels (27-4, 14-2 in the ACC) hammered then-No. 4 Duke (26-5, 13-3), 88-70, at Cameron Indoor Stadium on senior night to finish in first place in the ACC regular-season standings.

The Tar Heels put together a game for the ages, leading by 24

points at the half. "It's been a fantastic run for our club," Williams said. "Now we get to go see what can happen for a four-day period down in Atlanta, and we are excited about that."

In the ACC Tournament, the top-seeded Tar Heels will play the winner of today's noon Maryland-Wake Forest game at noon on Friday.

Last year the Tar Heels were the first seed, but they fell behind

and got UNC going again. The conference tournament has been a mixed bag.

The good news is both times the Tar Heels won the national title under Williams, they failed to win the ACC Tournament. Zeller said the players realize they have to put Duke behind them and move ahead if they wish to realize their ultimate goals. "We have to bounce back," Zeller said. "We can't be happy with what we have done in the past. We have to look at the future."

Zeller, John Henson and Harrison Barnes were named first-team All-ACC earlier in the week. Point guard Kendall Marshall was

named to the second team. Marshall had a spectacular game against Duke. He scored 20 points, dished out 10 assists to four turnovers and also had four rebounds and a steal. "Marshall was sensational," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "What a performance by that kid. He has just had a magical year for them. He stirs the drink real well."

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Krzyzewski had just as much praise for the entire Carolina team, which drilled the Blue Devils from the very outset. Everyone playing for Carolina performed with more confidence than they have shown as a group throughout this entire season.

"They were terrific," Krzyzewski said. "We were overwhelmed in the first half. They played just beautiful basketball and were so efficient. ... They're a great team: They are not a good team - they're a great team. They played like it tonight. They played like it for most of the season."

Now the time has arrived to see if the Tar Heels are a genuinely great team, one that can stand the test of time and the rigors of tournament play. The biggest thing is to stay healthy, and next is to recapture, as much as possible, the passion and determination with which they played in Durham.

Their ultimate fate will be determined by these factors.

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Female flowers (circled in red) are barely discernible on red cedar. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

produce spores that infect nearby apple trees. In return, the apple tree responds with fungal spores that re-infect the red cedar to produce new galls. Cedar trees are not harmed, but the apple tree is often defoliated and the fruit rendered worthless.

Folks with apple trees, especially those with apple orchards, strive to eliminate cedar trees from apple tree proximity to insure tasty, good-looking apples.

Otherwise, common red cedar is very valuable. Not only is it a fine native tree that can thrive on bare dry soils, but it is valuable as a commercial wood, with old-timey cedar chests and long-lasting fence posts coming quickly to mind. Cedar chips for alternative indoor moth protection are a weekly commodity at the Carrboro Farmers' Market, and many Native American-style flutes



Male flowering red cedar (left) looks diseased next to a female tree (right). PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

are made of cedar wood.

In addition, the evergreen habit provides important shelter and nesting for birds, and the berries are valuable nourishment for many animal species. It is the single host tree for the lovely Juniper Hairstreak butterfly.

Red cedar is sacred in Native-American culture. Cherokees only burned the wood on ceremonial occasions, believing the smoke expelled evil spirits. Medicinal uses of all parts of the tree for all types of ailments are well documented.

It is hard to resist passing a cedar tree without smelling the scale-like leaves and tasting a berry or two. And it's comforting to know the dramatic spring appearances are normal in nature's seasonal cycles.

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Street theater, 1970

Here's a revealing look back in time submitted by Dr. Bill Burlingame, a resident of Orange County for 40 years and retired faculty member from the UNC Department of Psychology. Along with his photo, he sends this narrative: "The story is of high school student activism and street theater in Chapel Hill in the tumultuous days of 1970. The production was staged on blocked-off Henderson Street in front of The Record Bar ... the mainstay for audio for at least 15 years in Chapel Hill. The play was a student creation that railed against racism, the Vietnam War and the evils of the military industrial complex. See the banner in the front window of The Record Bar and the T-shirts with their iconography speaking to corporate greed and American jingoism ... it was an original drama created by students, but I have no idea whether it emanated from a class at the high school or a club or whatever. Representing the voices of youth, 14-year-old Lynn Vandiviere stands on the white street line. Lynn graduated from Chapel Hill High School and UNC, but is recently deceased ..." When he made this photo, Bill was a 31-year-old clinical assistant professor of psychology and avid photographer. A friend of the Vandiviere family, he made this photo using a Minolta SRT 101.



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downtown neighborhood protection overlay zone, meaning they are subject to special height, setback and design requirements.

Board of alderman member Dan Coleman said Tuesday that he had decided to vote against the rezoning; one additional dissenting vote would mean the rezoning application is rejected.

"Based on the materials I've seen, based on the comments from the planning board, which I've read, I have a lot of concerns based on the rezoning, and plan to vote against it," he said.

In comments regarding the project, the Carrboro Planning Board stated that the mix of the Downtown Neighborhood Protection District overlay along Greensboro Street and the residential and commercial zones on the east side of Center Street appropriately reflect the importance of scale to the residential properties on the west side of the street.

"Basically, the way they put it was that the current mix of zonings better protects the historical character and the residential character of Center Street, and I agree with that conclusion," Coleman said.

"I would have expected an applicant for a project on that property to do much more work up front before even developing a concept plan, in terms of speaking to the neighbors and really looking at the history," he continued.

Coleman said he hoped that other members of the board shared his concerns about the project.

"It's certainly not what I'm looking for for the town moving forward," he said.

CVS Caremark development representative Leigh Polzella said Tuesday that she had not yet seen the petition and thus could not comment on it.

Property owners who signed the petition include board of aldermen member Michelle Johnson, who lives on Center Street and is likely to recuse herself from the rezoning vote; the majority of other Center Street residents; owners of the property housing Curl Up & Dye at 102 Center St.; owners of the office building at 200 W. Weaver St.; Carr Mill Mall Limited Partnership; and others.

A public hearing on the project will be held April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

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