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## Major dorm project looms large on Short Street

## BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — For those trying to build a four-story residence for 140 students at the corner of Rosemary and Church streets, the third time is a charm. Those opposed to it say they don't feel so lucky.

A site along the south side of Rosemary Street now occupied by three small buildings is the third site the Wesley Foundation has proposed as home to a residence hall it has been trying to locate in downtown Chapel Hill for several years.

A previous proposal near the foundation's center on Pittsboro Street was met with opposition by its neighbors and town council

members and a proposal to swap the Pittsboro Street center for university-owned property on East Franklin Street was turned down by UNC officials.

An initial concept plan for Wesley House, reviewed by the town council in November, calls for a four-story, 79,770-square-foot building with about 5,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor. Initial parking plans were for 35 spaces under the building.

According to Nick Didow, Wesley Foundation board member and point person for the project, the new site has great potential for being an integral part of downtown.

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Chip and Emma Hoppin in their Short Street backyard, which will border the proposed new building.

## A lifetime of civility



## Council seeks help on vacancies

PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

## **BY KIRK ROSS** Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — When members of the Chapel Hill Town Council sit down to discuss issues with the local legislative delegation this morning, they'll bring an addi-

tional request beyond the usual fiscal and planning matters. Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt reminded the council at its meeting Monday night that trying to find a better way to select replacements for council vacancies is among the items under consideration.

During the closing days of the 2009 municipal election and in several meetings afterward, the council struggled with the rules in filling a seat left vacant after Bill Strom resigned on Aug. 1. Strom's timing meant that seat could not be added to the ballot, and, under rules adopted in 1995 after a previous vacancy, the decision was left up to the council during an election season with an open seat for mayor and the potential for a large change in the composition of the council. Kleinschmidt said he and his opponent in the mayor's race, council member Matt Czajkowski, had a recent conversation about coming up with a new set of rules. The two had differed before and after the election over whom to appoint and why. "Matt and I both agree that that's not something the town deserves to have to go through again," Kleinschmidt said, "and if there is a way we can provide a system to allow the community to get through the filling of a vacancy in a way they feel good about, then we should try to find that way." The mayor said that in addition to consulting with the legislative delegation, he would like to see the town gather together some options for how best to make the changes.

### PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Grand old oak across from Town Hall most likely witnessed the naming of Carrboro.

## FLORA by KEN MOORE

## Trees have rights

he rights of trees were important to geologian Thomas Berry (1915-2009), who described his thinking about hu-

man activity on Earth in his book The Great Work. Recently, the Center for Ecozoic Studies (ecozoicstudies.org) convened a gathering in Chapel Hill of over 100 people to learn more about Berry's works and philosophy. What a comfort to be in the midst of kindred beings so in touch with the nature of the Earth we all share.

Berry's view of our current reality is stark. "The most basic and most disturbing commitment of th

original European settlers was to conquer this continent and reduce it to human use.... Just now we seem to be expecting some wonderworld to be attained through an ever-greater dedication to our science, technologies, and commercial projects. In the process, however, we are causing immense ruin to the world around us."

The continuation of human "business-as-usual" activities will rapidly lead, in Berry's estimation, to a cataclysmic change on Earth not experienced since the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. He sees us now approaching the end of the intervening Cenozoic Era and destroying in only a couple hundred years much of the magnificent biodiversity that evolved during that 65-million-year period.

Being positive, he also sees the possibility of a new period, "an Ecozoic Era, a period when humans become a mutually beneficial presence on the Earth. That future can only exist when we understand the universe is composed of subjects to be communed with, not as objects to be exploited."

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Dan Pollitt in August 2009

## **BY TAYLOR SISK** Staff Writer

There was mischief in the man - in his voice and eves - the expression of a quenchless appreciation for the wonders of this world, absurdities and all. He was once called "a combination of Don Ouixote and one of the best legal minds we'll ever have." He spoke up for the little guy and in the face of the Man, any place and any time he perceived injustice.

UNC Kenan Professor Emeritus Dan Pollitt died last Friday at the age of 88 after a brief period of declining health, characteristically gracious and kind through it all, reassuring his caretakers and warmly greeting the tide of friends and family who gathered at his side.

"He was just kind and gentle and warm to everyone," said state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, whom he married last year, "but that was his whole life."

Make no mistake: Dan Pollitt was a force, a guy you wanted on your side. He was a winner, but always a congenial one. He carried it all off with élan.

"He was a soldier for what was right," Kinnaird said, "and always respectful of the other side."

He left the world a better place.

### An 'Idea Man'

Pollitt was born on July 6, 1921 in Washington, D.C. His father, Basil, a lawyer, helped implement the New Deal in Franklin Roosevelt's Department of Justice. His parents divorced, and his mother, Mima, then earned a law degree and went to work for the Department of Justice, then the Department of the Interior, focusing on Indian rights.

Pollitt served in the Pacific with the 2nd Marine Division during World War II, suffering two slight wounds. He was in Nagasaki less than a month after the atomic bomb was dropped.

PHOTO BY TAYLOR SISK

In 1951, he married Jean Ann Rutledge, daughter of Supreme Court Justice Wiley Rutledge. The Pollitts were married for 55 years and raised three children, Daniel, Phoebe and Susan. Jean died in 2006.

He became a lawyer, and then a teacher, and was there on the front lines of every social justice battle of his time. While working in the office of prominent civil-rights and civilliberties lawyer Joseph L. Rauh, he helped defend Lillian Hellman and Arthur Miller against Joe McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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## Affordable-housing changes studied

## **BY KIRK ROSS** Staff Writer

CARRBORO — Affordable-housing rules changes being studied in Chapel Hill could lead to similar changes for rules in Carrboro.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen, in a meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, agreed to look at Chapel Hill's effort to enact inclusionary zoning and consider whether such a method might work in Carrboro

Inclusionary zoning is a planning tool that requires developers to include low- and moderate-income housing in projects. Under present rules in both towns, a developer seeking a change in zoning for a project is required to include a percentage of affordable housing.

Chapel Hill's planning board recently signed off on a proposal

for inclusionary zoning, and the Chapel Hill Town Council is expected to take up the matter later this spring.

Alderman Dan Coleman said the idea is worth study and may offer a way to get a greater diversity of housing than the current affordable-housing system allows.

Coleman suggested that the board invite Chapel Hill officials over for a briefing on the proposal.

Mayor Mark Chilton agreed it would be a good idea to hear more about the plan. Chilton, a former director of EmPOWERment Inc., which advocates for more affordable-housing options, said Chapel Hill has done a better job at getting a broad mix of affordable housing.

"Our system as it is currently constituted treats all affordable housing the same," he said. A developer creating affordable rentals for people on Social Security disability or transitioning out of the homeless shelter and one building homes for people making 80 percent of the median income are treated the same. Chilton and board member Jacquie Gist said the current system needs improvement, particularly in how payments in lieu are handled.

"I would want to be really careful and maybe use theirs as a jumping off point," Gist said.

Board member Joal Hall Broun said she is interested in the proposal, but cautioned board members against seeing it as a panacea for affordable-housing concerns.

"I don't have a problem with that approach, but I don't think that's going to be the only approach to work," Broun said.

Donna Bell, who was appointed to fill the empty seat, said it will always be difficult to draw the line on vacancies close to an election.

She said the town should look at allowing voters to express their preferences through prioritized voting, where they could express the order of their choices.

"One of the things that might have made the process easier is if there was some true sense of how folks were elected," she said.

Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos said the town may have some flexibility in changing the triggering dates under the current rules without going to the legislature, but that any major change to the town's rules on elections would likely require approval by the General Assembly.

In other action, the council reviewed plans for a new Walgreens at the corner of Estes Drive and Franklin Street and approved a special-use permit to allow for construction of a two-story building on the corner.

## MUSIC CALENDAR



### **THURSDAY MAR II**

Cat's Cradle: Circa Survive, Good Old War, The Christmas Lights. 7:30pm. \$16

The Cave: EARLY: Lindsey Collins. LATE: Spirit Family Reunion, Whiskey Smugglers. \$6

General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau. 7-9pm

Local 506: Danielson, Ortolan, Ben and Vesper. 8pm. \$10/12 The Station at Southern Rail:

The Sundowners. 10pm

### **FRIDAY MARCH 12**

Arts Center: Terrance Simien and The Zydeco Experience. 8:30pm. \$17

Cat's Cradle: Kickin Grass Band, Adrienne Young. 9pm. \$10/12

**The Cave:** EARLY: Weatherkings LATE: Pierced Arrows, Shit Horse. \$10

**DPAC:** Gary Allan. 8pm. \$35/45 General Store Cafe: The Swang

Brothers. 8-10:30pm Harry's Market: Durham Ukalele

Orchestra. 7-9pm Local 506: The Morning Benders, Miniature Tigers, Acrylics. 9:30pm.

\$10

**Nightlight:** Women in Hip-Hop Sohipotome Open Eye Cafe: The Carrbros.

### **SATURDAY MAR 13**

8pm

Arts Center: Over The Rhine. 9pm

Blue Bayou: Gasoline Stove. 9:30pm. \$5

Cat's Cradle: The Low Anthem, Lissie, Annie and The Beekeepers. 9pm. \$12/14

The Cave: EARLY: Alex Wilkins, Worst Case Ontario LATE: Jerry Leger, Kenny Roby

General Store Cafe: Applesauce. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: Suckers, Miles Benjamin Anthony Robinson, Shilpa Ray and Her Happy Hookers. 9pm. \$8

Nightlight: Benefit for Haiti: Scientific Superstar, Anamanaguichi, Sabre Pulse, Henry Home Sweet, Starscream, Virgo 9, Barron.

Barn at Valhalla: Duffy Gilligan presents K. Sridhar. 7:30pm.

## **SUNDAY MAR 14**

Arts Center: Patrick Street. 7pm. \$25/23

Local 506: Here We Go Magic, Lake Inferior. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Memorial Hall: Gilberto Gil. 7:30pm. \$75/55/40/30

## **MONDAY MAR 15**

The Cave: LATE: Psychic Saviors, Million Dollar Party

Local 506: | Was Totally Destroying It, Mobley, En Seranade. 9pm. \$5 **TUESDAY MAR 16** 

## Cat's Cradle: Kool Keith, Juan

Huevos. 9:30pm. \$15/17 The Cave: EARLY: North Colum-

bia LATE: Dext Romweber Local 506: Rock for Change/ Habitat for Humanity Thailand with

Vintage Fresh and DJ Back2scratch. 8pm. \$7/9

The Station at Southern Rail: Jaafar. 10pm

### WEDNESDAY MAR 17

The Cave: Randy Whitt's Celtric Celebration

General Store Cafe: Pratie Heads. 5:30-7:30pm, Shamrockers 7:30-9:30pm

Harry's Market: Celtic Not. 7-9pm

Local 506: Fruit Bats, Blue Giant,

## SPOTLIGHT: K. SRIDHAR



Sarod master K. Sridar will perfom **Saturday, March** 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barn at Valhalla off N.C. 54 near White Cross.

Sridar is a unique instrumentalist — one who is grounded in both north and south Indian traditions.

At the age of 12, K. Sridhar became the youngest member ever of Ravi Shankar's orchestral group and started performing solo at an early age. At 25, he was granted the honorary title of Sur Mani (Sky Jewel) at the famous Kal-Ke-Kalakar festival in Bombay.

At present, he is the senior-most performing disciple of Z.M. Dagar and the only one regularly performing in the West today. Deeply influenced by Ali Akar Khan as well as Ravi Shankar, K. Sridhar has woven together from all these influences a universally appealing sound.

He will be accompanied on tabla by Sandeep Hattangady.

Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$10 with a student ID. Doors open at 7 p.m.

## MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

### CHELSEA THEATER Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver

Dairy Road, 968-3005 The Last Station; Crazy Heart; The

## **CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM**

309 W Morgan St., 560-3030 Fish Tank, nightly at 7 p.m. and Sat/ Sun matinees at 2 and 4:20 p.m.; Crazy Heart, nightly at 7:15 & 9:30 p.m., Sat/Sun matinees at 2 & 4:20 p.m.; The White Ribbon, nightly at 9:20 p.m.

### LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

Cop Out; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief; Valentine's Day; Up in the Air; Alice in Wonderland; Blind Side; The Hurt Locker

### **REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6** 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Cop Out; Shutter Island; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief; Alice in Wonderland; The Crazies; Valentine's Day

### VARSITY THEATER 123 East Franklin St., 967-8865

Fast Times at Ridgemont High; Raiders of the Lost Ark







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ilm Schedule Friday, March 12 - Thursday, March 1 Fish Tank (Digitally projected) Nightly @ 7 PM; Sat & Sun Mat. @ 2 & 4:20 PM The White Ribbon Nightly @ 9:20 PM Crazv Heart Nightly @ 7:15 & 9:30 PM Sat & Śun Matinees @ 2:15 & 4:30 рм TEXT: Movies to 313131 (Standard messaging rates apply) 309 West Morgan St. Downtown Durham www.carolinatheatre.org | 919.560.3030

## and Peggy Lynn Duggan. 8-10:30pm Harry's Market: Raymond Ward.

**Local 506:** The Mercury Program, Fin Fang Foom, Antarctic. 10pm. \$8

### **SATURDAY MAR 20**

The Singleman Affair. 8:45pm.

Memorial Hall: Eileen Ivers. 7:30pm. \$75/55/40/30

THURSDAY MAR 18 Arts Center: Battlefield Band.

Cat's Cradle: Black Lips, Box

The Cave: LATE: Tauri Wind. \$5 General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani

Local 506: Guybrarian DJ Nigh.

The Station at Southern Rail:

Cat's Cradle: Cuntry Kings. 10pm.

The Cave: EARLY: Jaafar. \$5 LATE;

General Store Cafe: Trilogy, Dan

The Station at Southern Rail:

\$10/12

Rude Troll. 9pm

8:30pm. \$25/23

Band. 7-9pm

9pm, Free

\$8/10

7-9pm

Elders. 9pm. \$10/12

The Toddlers. 10pm

FRIDAY MAR 19

Bitter Resolve, Tantastico

Arts Center: Solas. 8:30pm.

Cat's Cradle: The Rosebuds, Mount Weather: 9pm. \$10/12

**The Cave:** EARLY: Carrbros LATE: The Brand New Life, Dashvara



White Ribbon

General Store Cafe: Lonesome Heart Band. 8-10:30pm Local 506: Athens Boys Choir, 8 Inch Betsy, Pink Flag, Pariah Piranha. 9:30pm. \$7

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SU 3/14 HERE WE GO MAGIC LOCAL 506	SA EXAMPLE THE LOW ANTHEM	SA 3/20 THE ROSEBUDS	TU 4/6 ARCTIC MONKEYS DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH)	TH 3/11 CIRCA SURVIVE
TH 3/11 CIRCA SURVIVE W/GOOD OLD WAR AND THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**(\$15) FR 3/12 KICKIN GRASS	TU 3/30 MAJOR LAZER W/RUSKO**(\$15/\$17) TH 4/1 CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS**(\$15)	SA 4/17 WXYC 80s DANCE WE 4/20**(\$10/\$12) NEW MASTERSOUNDS W/SALVADOR SANTANA	TU 5/11 SHARON JONES & THE DAP KINGS**(\$25)       WE 5/12 CARIBOU       W/TORO & MOI**(\$12/\$15)	LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL) WE 3/3 TIM BARRY (OF AVAIL)
BAND AND ADRIENNE YOUNG**(\$10/\$12) SA 3/13 THE LOW ANTHEM W/LISSIE AND ANNIE AND THE	FR 4/2 THE BIG PINK W/A PLACE TO BURY STRANGERS**(\$13/\$15) SA 4/3 MIDLAKE	WE 4/21 JAY CLIFFORD**(\$12/\$15) TH 4/22**(\$15/\$18)	ON SALE FRIDAY 3/12 FR 5/14 NEIL DIAMOND ALL STARS W/NEW TOWN DRUNKS**	W/NINJA GUN AND JASON KUTCHMA SA 3/6 JENNY OWEN YOUNGS, BESS ROGERS,
BEEKEEPERS**(\$10/\$12) TU 3/16 KOOL KEITH W/JUAN HUEVOS**(\$15/\$17) TH 3/18 THE BLACK LIPS	W/JOHN GRANT**(\$12/\$14) SU 4/4 YEASAYER W/JAVELIN**(\$14/\$16) M0 4/5 TED LEO AND THE	NEEDTOBREATHE W/WILL HOGE AND MATT HIRES FR 4/23 THE OLD	SA 5/15 LOST IN THE TREES W/OLD BRICKS **(\$10/\$12) ON SALE FRI 3/12 SU 5/16 ELUVIUM**(\$10/\$12)	ALLISON WEISS WE 3/10 STARS OF TRACK AND FIELD SU 3/14 HERE WE GO MAGIC W/LAKE INFERIOR
W/BOX ELDERS**(\$10/\$12) FR 3/19 CUNTRY KINGS**(\$8/\$10) SA 3/20 THE ROSEBUDS W/MOUNT WEATHER**(\$10/\$12)	PHARMACISTS W/SCREAMING FEMALES AND PINK FLAG**(\$13/\$15) TU 4/6 WIZ KHALIFA	CEREMONY**(\$10/\$12) SA 4/25 EDWARD MCCAIN**(\$15/\$20) SU 4/25 FRIGHTENED	SU 5/16 ELOVIOM**(\$10/\$12)     W/JULIANNA BARWICK     TH 5/20 THEE SILVER     MT. ZION MEMORIAL     ORCHESTRA**(\$13/\$15)	W/LAKE INFERIOR WE 3/17 FRUIT BATS W/BLUE GIANT (EX-VIVA VOCE) TH 3/25 SHEARWATER W/WYE OAK AND HOSPITAL SHIPS
SU 3/21 DEERHUNTER W/SCHOONER**(\$14/\$16) TU 3/23 RX BANDITS W/THE BUILDERS AND THE	W/YELAWOLF**(\$12/\$14) WE 4/7 MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA W/THE FEATURES, BIFFY CLYRO	RABBIT** M0 4/26 QUASI W/LET'S WRESTLE**(\$10/\$12) TU 4/27 [CANCELLED: GOSSIP]	FR 5/21 [CANCELLED: ENGLISH BEAT] SA 5/22 RAILROAD EARTH W/THE INFAMOUS	THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO) SA 3/13 OVER THE RHINE CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM) TH 3/25 JOANNA NEWSOM
BUTCHERS AND ZECHS MARQUISE**(\$14/\$16) SOLD OUT TH 3/25 THE XX W/jj AND NOSAJ THING	AND O'BROTHER**(\$14/\$17) TH 4/8 TEMPER TRAP W/KISSAWAY TRAIL**(\$12/\$14)	FR 4/30 KAKI KING W/AN HORSE**(\$15) SA 5/1 BEACH HOUSE W/WASHED OUT**(\$12/\$14)	STRINGDUSTERS**(\$20/\$23) SA 5/29 CONVERGE, HARVEY MILK W/GAZA, LEWD ACTS,	W/JENS HANNEMANN TU 5/11 JOSH RITTER & THE ROYAL CITY BAND
FR 3/26 THE SOFT PACK W/NODZZZ ANDBEATERS**(\$10) SA 3/27**(\$10)	FR 4/9 BOWERBIRDS W/MIDTOWN DICKENS AND VEELEE**(\$12) SA 4/10 COREY SMITH	M0 5/3 DAVE BARNES W/BEN RECTOR**(\$15) WE 5/5 THE ALBUM LEAF	BLACK BREATH**(\$15) WE 6/2 OF MONTREAL W/NOOT D'NOOT, JAMES HUSBAND**(\$22)	DPAC (DURHAM) SA 3/27 WILCO SOLD OUT DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH) TU 4/6 ARCTIC
REGGAE RELIEF FOR HAITI DUB ADDIS, MICKEY MILLS, JAMROCK, TRUTH & RIGHTS, MORE	W / SONS OF BILL**(\$15/\$20) TU 4/13 MONOTONIX W / THE THERMALS, PAST LIVES AND BELLAFEA**(\$12/\$14)	W/SEA WOLF**(\$12/\$14) TH 5/6 KASHMIR** (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE) FR 5/7 MEGAFAUN	TH 6/3**(\$20/\$22) REVEREND HORTON HEAT, CRACKER W/LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS	MONKEYS W/SLEEPY SUN MILLENNIUM CENTER (WINSTON) WE 4/7 WEEN
SU 3/28**(\$10/\$12)       DUMPSTAPHUNK       M0 3/29     KING KHAN       & THE SHRINES**(\$14/\$16)       W/THE EDESH AND CONVS	WE 4/14 ROMAN CANDLE W/RAVENNA COLT**(\$10/\$12) FR 4/16 JEDI MIND	W/MOUNT MORIAH, GREAT WHITE JENKINS**(\$10) SA 5/8 STEEP CANYON	FR 6/18 IRIS DEMENT**(\$28/\$30) M0 6/21 SAGE FRANCIS (W/ BAND) W/FREE MORAL AGENTS,	LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH) TU 5/11 OK GO ON SALE FRIDAY MARCH 5
W/THE FRESH AND ONLYS		RANGERS**(\$12) CONS ★ 919-	B DOLAN**(\$18/\$20) 967-9053 ★ 30	

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## **News Briefs**

## Remember your flu shot on Saturday

The Orange County Health Department and the Town of Carrboro are teaming up to offer free H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines at Town Hall in honor of the late Tom Robinson.

Robinson, whose Carrboro-based seafood market is a downtown landmark, died last month from pneumonia caused by H1N1.

The vaccine clinic will be held at Carrboro Town Hall on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The vaccines are free of charge and county health officials are cautioning those who remain unvaccinated that despite a lull in attention, the threat of serious illness from H1N1 is still significant.

The vaccine is available to all persons 6 months of age and older, without regard to residence. County officials report that the vaccine supply is currently plentiful in both the injectable form and nasal mist.

## Towns to hold public forum on Google

The towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and UNC have teamed up to apply for Google's ultra high-speed Internet project and hope to build support for the effort at a public forum scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

In early February, Google announced the initiative to deploy and test fiber optic networks that will deliver Internet services at a speed of 1 gigabit per second, which is more than 100 times faster than the speeds available in most places in the country.

The communities selected by Google will be "testbed" communities that will help the company demonstrate the new capabilities enabled by faster and better broadband access.

Supporters want to use the forum to hear from the public on the fiber optic trial, including how residents would use an ultra high-speed Internet network.

There is also a public survey posted at surveymonkey.com/s/ QLM5QST.

## Hackney to be honored by PFADP

House Speaker Joe Hackney, who represents all of Chatham and parts of Orange and Moore counties, will be honored by People of Faith Against the Death Penalty for his work in passing the North Carolina Racial Justice Act.

Hackney, a former assistant district attorney for Orange and Chatham counties, helped steer the legislation through the legislature last year. The act allows for a person facing a death sentence or someone already sentenced to die to have a court review over whether racial bias influenced his case or the prosecutor's decision to seek the death penalty. "The N.C. Racial Justice Act is one of the most significant reforms of the death penalty anywhere and a model piece of legislation nationwide," said PFADP Executive Director Stephen Dear.

The reception is free and open to the public. Reservations are required and should be placed with PFADP by March 17 by contacting Kristen Smith at 933-7567 or kristen@pfadp.org

## County saves \$1 million in refinancing

Orange County announced this week that it had refinanced existing bonds for a total savings of over \$1.1 million dollars.

Representatives from the county and its bond counsel closed on the sale of \$22,455,000 in General Obligation Bonds originally issued in 2001 and 2003 at an interest rate ranging from 4 percent to 4.7 percent. The new interest rates range from 2 percent to 4 percent, saving \$1,120,542.50 over 12 years.

Savings are attributed to the higher than typical number of bidders and lower interest rates currently on the market.

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## Higher prices for fast food, soda lead to weight reductions, lower diabetes risk

UNC News Services

CHAPEL HILL -A new study that followed participants for 20 years shows both weight and risk for diabetes decreased for people in communities where fast-food prices increased.

A UNC study, published in the March 8 issue of Archives of Internal Medicine, also showed the reverse - when fast-food prices fell, consumption, weight and diabetes risks rose.

"These results indicate that increasing the price of fast foods and sodas can affect adult behavior, and steer them toward healthier diets, lower weight and less risk of diabetes," said senior author Barry Popkin, the Carla Smith Chamblee Distinguished Professor of Nutrition at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Popkin said taxes have been proposed on fast foods and soft drinks in some states, such as New York. In a number of countries, including Denmark and others in Europe, they are used to discourage consumption and encourage healthy diets.

"This study gives us strong scientific evidence that price policies, including taxes, could actually be effective at helping control obesity and the resulting chronic diseases, like diabetes," Popkin said. "Our results provide robust evidence to support the potential health benefits of taxing selected foods and beverages as a way of improving public health."

Popkin and his colleagues used data from more than 5,000 participants in the Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults (CARDIA) study. When the study started in 1985, CAR-DIA participants lived in four U.S. cities. In the intervening years, they have moved to 48 states. Researchers collected information on the average prices of products, including restaurant pizza, burgers, soft drinks and whole milk, in the counties in which each participant lived. Prices were adjusted to 2006 levels.

When researchers analyzed the diet, weight and insulin levels of study participants, they found that when prices of fast foods and sodas went up just 10 percent, participants consumed on average 7.1

percent fewer calories from soda and 11.5 percent fewer calories from pizza. That translates to about 56 fewer calories a day, which corresponds to a reduction of about three to four pounds a year person, Popkin said. The participants whose fast-food prices rose also gained less weight and had a lower risk for diabetes based on a test for fasting insulin (HOMA-IR).

Taxation, particularly in the form of an excise tax, could be helpful, as such measures have proved successful in smoking cessation efforts, Popkin said.

"For these fast foods, taxes would represent the most effective way to reduce adult obesity that we have today, based on this research," Popkin said. He also noted that cigarette taxes have been found to have a much larger effect on teenage than on adult smoking, and he would expect that fast-food taxes would similarly have a larger effect on children and teens.

For more information on the paper, titled "Food Price and Diet and Health Outcomes: 20 Years of the CARDIA study," see archinte. ama-assn.org

## COUNCIL FROM PAGE I

After hearing concerns about how traffic would flow around the site, the council removed plans for a proposed median on South Estes Drive.

Also on Monday night, the council:

• received a petition from residents in Southern Village asking for a lower speed limit and other traffic-calming measures to reduce speeding; • heard from residents who are organizing opposition to burning coal at UNC's Cameron Avenue cogeneration plant and calling for the town to get involved in the effort;

• approved changes to the town's Land-Use Management Ordinance, including the addition of medical offices as an acceptable use for certain zones; and

• authorized the town manager to request from Orange and Durham counties the authority to issue pyrotechnics permits within town limits.

• set a hearing for March 23

• adopted a resolution requir-

on a street closing for the May 29

Springfest Bike Ride benefitting

ing that all new and current ad-

visory board members attend a

training session or review a train-

the MS Society;

ing video.

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In other action, the board received an extensive review of the efforts of its Local Living Economy Task Force, which studied how to bolster the local business community.

The 18-month effort by a 10-member committee used Michael Shuman's book Small-Mart Revolution as a springboard. Shuman, an advocate for creating networks of locally owned and focused business, consulted with the town at its retreat in 2007 and has been assisting the town's recently formed Local Motive group.

Gary Kramling, a member of the task force, said the group often wrestled with the question of "what is local?"

"It's a difficult task," he said, "we spent a lot of grueling time and several meetings discussing this."

that there was not a universal definition, Kramling said that attempting to define it was a useful process because it gave the group a starting point. He suggested that in reviewing the recommendations in the report that the board also discuss the subject and try to define "local" as well.

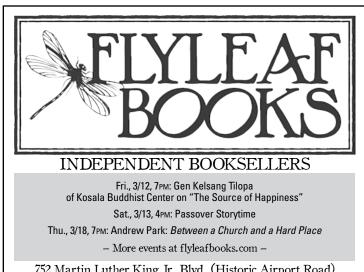
"It is important that you attempt to define [local] for yourself," he said.

Among the suggestions made by the task force are adopting a think local first campaign; greater pursuit of stimulus funding; improving maintenance and promotion of the town's revolvingloan fund; a town branding and marketing campaign; supporting the efforts of Local Motive and other local business networks; and considering local options for banking and investments.

The board agreed to ask for a staff review of the recommendations and the task force report and then present ideas to the board on how to best move for-Although the group agreed ward.

The full report is available online at the town's website at townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/03\_09\_2010\_B2.pdf Also on Tuesday night the

board: • set a hearing for March 23 on street closings for the Carrboro Classic Endurance Sports Festival on April 3;



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## **Community Briefs**

## **Rabies clinic**

A low-cost rabies vaccination clinic offered by the Orange County Animal Services Department is set for March 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Animal Services Center on Eubanks Road.

The vaccination fee is \$5, which must be paid in cash. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers. Animals that may be nervous or unsettled should be kept in a vehicle for their vaccination.

## **Africa Week**

The Organization of African Students' Interests and Solidarity at UNC will host its 30th annual Africa Week March 15-20. This year's Africa Week theme, titled "Diamond in the Rough," will highlight the beauty of Africa, with emphasis on both the issues that plague Africa and the different ethnic and cultural traditions that surround the continent.

Events include a March 17 art auction to raise funds for Carolina for Kiberia and the Malaria No More project. More information at unc.edu/oasis

## Symposium features women civil rights veterans

Three women civil rights veterans will speak, and one will screen her film about the "desegregation and resegregation of U.S. public schools," in two events March 16 at the university.

Constance Curry, producer of the film The Intolerable Burden, will screen and discuss her project at noon in Toy Lounge on the fourth floor of Dey Hall.

At 6 p.m., Curry will be joined by Efia Nwangaza, a lawyer and director of the Afrikan-Amerikan Institute for Policy Studies and Planning in Greenville, S.C., and Theresa El-Amin, the founder of the Southern Anti-Racism Network, for a program called "Women of SNCC: Civil Rights Activism in the 1960s and Today." The event will be in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium of the FedEx Global Education Center.

For more information, visit womenofsnccspeakout.web. unc.edu

# Community

## **Community Calendar**

## THURSDAY, MAR II

Carrboreaders Book Club Discuss T.C. Boyle's "The Women." Carrboro Cybrary. 7pm

Cedar Ridge High School **Cultural Arts Presentation** "The Wedding Singer" 7pm. \$7

### Registration Deadline for "How To Talk To Your Teen

**About Sex"** — Program held Sat March 13, 10am. Orange United Methoidst Church. Contact Julie at Julie@mhaorangeco. org to register

### FRIDAY, MAR 12 Cedar Ridge High School **Cultural Arts Presentation**

"The Wedding Singer" 7pm. \$7

**Contra Dance** — Carrboro Century Center. Music by Ted Ehrhard and Dean Herington, Caller Linda Cooper. Lesson 7:30pm, dance 8-11pm. \$9

Music In My Soul Quilts -Pacifica Soft Art Gallery

### SATURDAY, MAR 13 Triangle Women's Inter-

national League for Peace and Freedom — Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. A celebration of International Women's Month with stories of heroism, courage, service and advocacy. RSVP: Lori Hoyt, 968-1888

## Cedar Ridge High School **Cultural Arts Presentation**

"The Wedding Singer" 7pm. \$7

"How To Talk To Your Teen About Sex" — Orange United Methodist Church. 10am

Leprechauns in Pittsboro — 5K and 10K Shamrock Run for Hope sponsored by Relay for Life of Pittsboro. 8am

## **TUESDAY, MAR 16**

William Ferris Reading -"Give My Poor Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues" Davis Library Gallery. 5pm. Free

## WEDNESDAY, MAR 17

**THURSDAY, MAR 18** Movie/Book Club — discussion of Thomas Cobb's "Crazy Heart."

Carrboro Cybrary. 7pm **Coffee Brewing Equipment** Class — Open Eye Cafe. 7pm. Free. RSVP coffeescott@gmail.com

FRIDAY, MAR 19 Meet the Author Tea with

Valerie Schwartz — Chapel Hill Public Library. 3:30pm

**SATURDAY, MAR 20** Carrboro Farmer's Market -Change in hours: 7am-noon

Haiti Benefit Dance and Auction — Carrboro Century Center.

### 7-11pm. \$15. Info: EmersonWaldorfSchool.org

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## SPOTLIGHT: FRIDAY ARTWALK



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Spring weather — 70s and possible thunderstorms — are predicted for this Friday, but don't let that deter you from hitting the bricks for the monthly 2ndFriday Artwalk.

Among the shows opening is the annual ArtsCenter Student Show featuring a variety of works in various media. Also on the bill at The ArtsCenter is Amanda Barr. Her celebration of the unknown in video and banners is installed in the East Gallery. A reception for both shows will take place Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Check out 2ndfridayartwalk.com for details on more shows, galleries and artist receptions.

Yoga for Everyone — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from Ilam - 12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494

Family to Family — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support a family member suffering with mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or gbelder@ bellsouth.net

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday at Weaver St Market in Carrboro. 9:15am. Information: Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn (932-1411

Jazz at the Mall — University Mall presents free jazz concerts every Sunday, 2-4pm



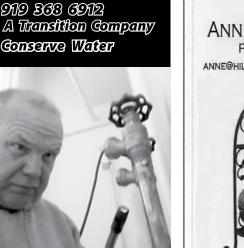
### Job Search Meeting -Anetworking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 9:30-I lam

Breatfeeding Cafe — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from I-2pm at The Red Hen. A La Leche representative will provide information and answer questions.

**Tutoring** — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for student in Orange County School's K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-2441, ext 26 to register

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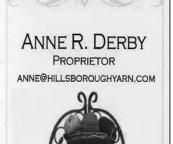


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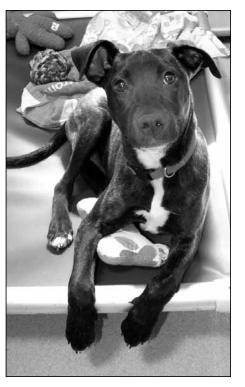
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# Land & Table



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# FARMERS' MARKET

## **Braised Baby Bok Choy with Celery and Ginger**

from Kelly Clark, Market Volunteer

## Ingredients

8 clusters baby bok choy,\* thoroughly washed and leaving the cluster intact\*\*

- I Tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 Tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and shaved with
- a vegetable peeler
- 1/2 cup celery, very thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 1/2 cup onion,\* thinly sliced
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- I Tablespoon soy sauce

## **Procedure**

In a pan large enough to hold the bok choy in one layer, heat the olive oil over medium. Add the celery and onion and cook for several minutes. Add the ginger and cook until the ginger becomes



fragrant. Add the vegetable stock, bring to a boil then simmer for 5 minutes. Add the baby bok choy clusters in a single layer. Simmer over medium low heat for 5 minutes, and then turn the clusters over. Simmer for another 5 minutes, and then turn again. Simmer for another 5 minutes, turn and sprinkle soy sauce over the bok choy. Serve hot. \*Available at Market \*\*There can be lots of grit around the root end so be sure to gently separate the leaves and stems to be sure the water rinses the cluster clean

## Land & Table Briefs



Margaret Gifford

PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

## Farmers' market gets assistant manager

Margaret Gifford has been named part-time assistant manager of the Carrboro Farmers' Market, where she'll focus on special events and public relations. Prior to coming to the Farmers' Market, Gifford was senior vice president at Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide in San Francisco. Since moving with her family to Chapel Hill two years ago, she's been active in the local-food and farming community.

'We are delighted to have Margaret join the market," said market manager Sarah Blacklin. "We have a wonderful line-up of 2010 special events and news to share each week. Adding a new team member will help us ensure that our special-events and public-relations news items reach the community even more consistently and effectively."

"I'm honored to be part of such an innovative and dynamic market," Gifford said. "The Carrboro Farmers' Market was my farmers' market when I was a graduate student many years ago and continues to be the place I shop first for my family's food. I'm so excited to be able to contribute to the success of this wonderful community of farmers, shoppers and volunteers."

Campus to Campus Bike Connection, a new group formed to help establish a bike connection between the main campus and Carolina North, will sponsor a meet-up March 16 at noon at Weaver Street Market for a briefing and then set off at 12:15 to explore the rail corridor from the end of the Libba Cotton Trail to Estes Drive.

## **Botanical Garden tours**

The N.C. Botanical Garden is starting a season of tours of the garden's new Visitor Education Center. Tours will be each Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and will provide a look at the unique features of one of the most energy-efficient buildings in the state of North Carolina. Tours begin in the Pegg Exhibit Hall (central building) of the Education Center.

Tour guides also offer a free tour of the gardens every Saturday at 10 a.m. Registration is not required for either type of tour. Information at ncbg.unc.edu or call 962-0522.

## Chatham adds recycling options

Chatham County residents can now bring two new types of paper containers to the 12 collection centers for recycling as part of the mixed-paper recycling program.

Residents can recycle gable-top cartons, such as milk and juice cartons, or fabric softener refill cartons and drink boxes. Remove lids and straws and make sure drink boxes don't have pouches, like Capri Sun drinks, which can't be recycled.

## NIEHS director on campus

Linda S. Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, will visit the university on March 23 as part of the UNC Institute for the Environment's Environmental Seminar Series.

Birnbaum will give a talk titled "Putting a Human Face on Climate Change: The Public Health Perspective," at 7 p.m. in the Sonja Haynes Stone Center Theatre. A reception will take place one hour before the seminar. Both events are free and open to the public. The event is co-sponsored by the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. For information, visit ie.unc.edu.

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## FOR THE RECORD

## Time out on Bolin Creek

The first thing to keep in mind about the now very hot issue of a proposed greenway along northern stretches of Bolin Creek is that we are several years away from seeing funding and approval for anything.

The second thing is that good people on both sides have strongly held views and detailed reasons to support their positions on what should be done along various stretches of the waterway.

The third is that most of the rest of us haven't the foggiest idea of what all the fuss is about.

There has not been a greenway built in southern Orange County that's been met with open arms by its neighbors. Most of the time, the expressed worry has been that it is a conduit for criminals — an argument that we have thankfully moved beyond for the most part.

The fight over the proposed extension of Bolin Creek Greenway has been mainly environmental — over the type of surface along a critical section, whether that should be paved and how much damage that might do to the creek.

Of late that fight has turned ugly. In letters and essays, the heat has turned up and positions have hardened.

One unfortunate citizen who tried to advocate that both sides compromise in a way that allowed for access for people with disabilities was rudely treated when an errant headline in another paper put her in the pave-it camp. Had her detractors read what she had to say, they might have learned something.

In the latest development, Dave Otto, who has been a champion of the creek for many years, resigned from Friends of Bolin Creek, an organization he helped found, over disagreements about the greenway and the fallout of a sharply worded essay published in this newspaper.

Tempers remain hot, but there are at least attempts to cool them down.

We'd like to suggest a time out at the very least — call it a moratorium on arguing while we enjoy the spring. The beauty of the little patch of woods in question is, after all, a big part of what's driving this issue. Going forward, it's probably time for a series of conversations within the community about greenways and their future. Chapel Hill and Carrboro refresh at a rather rapid rate, and every now and then it's a good idea to reiterate why we do the things we do. A little history of the reasons we are building greenways and past experiences is probably in order. In particular, Carrboro, which only recently put together a separate advisory board on greenways, needs to gather views from citizens in all parts of town, not just those directly affected by individual projects and certainly not just when the heat is on.



## The inconsistent rhetoric of Blue Cross

## **CHRIS FITZSIMON**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Vice President Genie Komives and lobbyist Mark Fleming both appeared recently before a legislative study committee to oppose legislation that would require insurance companies to cover more comprehensive treatments and therapies for children with autism.

Sixteen states have already approved a version of the proposal that includes coverage of evidence-based behavioral therapy that helps children adjust to mainstream environments, helping the children and their families and saving money in the long run by

reducing the need for institutional care.

A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found that roughly one in 110 children has some form of autism.

Komives told lawmakers that Blue Cross policies already cover many medical treatments, including speech and occupational therapy, though those treatments have annual limits that can force umb pointed out that several states have no cap on the coverage.

Fleming tried again, claiming that states have only passed mandates in the last year or two, not enough time to assess costs or effectiveness. That was not true either. Unumb told lawmakers that several states had passed mandates as early as 2001.

Fleming's last argument was that requiring more comprehensive cover for autism could raise premiums as much as 2.84 percent. But that claim came after lawmakers had already heard actuary Marc Lambright present a report that estimated the proposals would increase

Helping children with autism and their families would cost four-tenths of a cent of the premium dollar and that's too expensive, but executive compensation that included a \$4.08 million salary for CEO Bob Greczyn costs three-tenths of a premium dollar.

arguing that now is the worst time to increase the costs of insurance coverage and, remarkably, that the lack of consensus about its cost should give lawmakers pause.

By that logic, nothing would ever pass if a special interest merely showed up to oppose it, creating the dreaded lack of consensus.

There is something very close to a consensus that behavioral therapy works and would help families struggling to care for their autistic children while not increasing insurance costs significantly.

The consensus problem is with the rhetoric of Blue Cross.

Not long after Fleming and Komives were telling lawmakers that providing broader coverage for autism would raise premiums, Blue Cross spokesman Lew Borman defended recent pay raises for the company's top executives, saying that "less than a third of a cent of the premium dollar goes to executive compensation, which means that executive pay has a nominal impact on premiums."

Helping children with au-

## Creek debate reveals divide

## JAMES CARNAHAN

A comment by Chris Bond on *The Carrboro Citizen* website about Dave Otto's recent column regarding Bolin Creek Greenway ("The façade of saving Bolin Creek," 2/25/10) sums up a larger issue that divides our community: "Instead of using 'increasingly urban environment' as justification for paving the forests, use it as justification to stop urbanization."

Urbanization is not what is wrecking our local environment. It is important not to confuse "urban" with the suburban pattern that has dominated for the past six decades. Sprawling land use (even in "green" Orange County) is what batters our local resources, requiring widespread removal of topsoil and trees, mass grading and soil compaction, riparian buffer disturbance, squandering of water, excessive parking and dependence on cars.

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urbanization is actually good land use, enabling conservation of forests and waterways by accommodating growth efficiently and impacting the smallest possible amount of land. Compact, well-planned development reduces percapita carbon emissions by allowing people to bike, walk and take transit to meet their basic daily needs.

With this in mind, I thank Dave Otto for his decades of work to protect Bolin Creek and for his recent efforts to make the greenway a safe and continuous corridor for pedestrians, joggers, strollers and birdwatchers. As Otto notes, greenways are useful for:

• connecting homes to schools, parks and restaurants;

providing pathways

## Correction

A reporting error in last week's paper placed Republican Greg Andrews of Efland in the wrong race for county commissioner. He is running for the District 2 seat.

No Republicans have filed to run in the at-large commissioner race.

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parents to pay for visits on their own.

She also questioned the effectiveness of expanded behavior therapies, despite significant evidence that shows they work, including a 2001 U.S. Surgeon General's report.

Fleming told the committee that the proposal before them would be the most generous in the country if it were approved, a claim quickly contradicted by Lori Unumb, an attorney representing the national group Autism Speaks. Unpremium costs 0.4 percent.

When asked about the discrepancy, Lambright pointed to his methodology and similar research done in states that have already passed the mandate, such as Minnesota, where premiums have increased 83 cents per month per policyholder to provide the expanded coverage for autism.

The lobbyist for the North Carolina Chamber testified against the proposal, tism and their families would cost four-tenths of a cent of the

premium dollar and that's too expensive, but executive compensation that included a \$4.08 million salary for CEO Bob Greczyn costs three-tenths of a premium dollar and it's called nominal and doesn't really matter.

At least we know where the company's priorities are.

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

# A political conspiracy to endanger women's health

## PAIGE JOHNSON

It seems like a conspiracy plot straight out of a Margaret Atwood novel. Within the course of two weeks, mostly behind closed doors, politicians, bureaucrats and trustees strip reproductive health coverage from insurance plans covering thousands of female employees. It sounds like fantasy fiction, but the assault on reproductive health care coverage in North Carolina is all too real.

In late January, the Apex Town Council voted unanimously to eliminate abortion coverage from their town employees' health plan. In short order, Wake County moved to deny all county employees abortion coverage without holding a public debate or vote.

Within two days of Wake County's decision, the trustees of the N.C. League of Municipalities voted to remove abortion care from their Cigna administered plan. This decision, made entirely behind closed doors, affects more than 9,000 town and city employees.

As soon as Wake County's decision became public, news reports revealed that state Rep. Paul Stam from Apex was behind the alarming move. Newspaper and television accounts suggest he threatened a lawsuit against city and county officials if they did not drop abortion coverage. His threat stemmed from an almost 30-year-old case, Stam v. North Carolina, in which citizen Paul Stam sued the state for helping low-income women pay for abortion care.

Legal minds, including constitutional experts at the American Civil Liberties

Union, disagree. They have stated repeatedly that North Carolina law gives towns, municipalities and counties broad authority in offering their employees benefits. Surely, comprehensive health care qualifies as a benefit.

If there are clear disagreements about the merits of a potential lawsuit, then why are those in power jumping to cut workers' benefits? The timing is interesting to say the least.

Health care reform on the national scene is stalled, but that doesn't mean the rancor has stopped. Those who oppose any government action to expand health care know full well that exploiting the most contentious elements of the debate feed their side and rally their troops.

In the final weeks of December, the two bodies of Congress passed vastly different versions of health care reform. One element, though, united the two: In each bill, abortion care was the only safe and legal medical procedure excluded from coverage.

The Democrats gave in to members of their own party who swore they would never vote for a health care bill that included abortion, even though many of these were never going to vote for health care reform anyway.

The Republicans who joined Democrats in supporting the anti-abortion amendments, known as Stupak and Nelson, respectively, in the U.S. House and Senate, were certainly never going to vote for health care reform.

Strategically, women's reproductive health care made an easy target, keeping the debate roiling for weeks. Many, of course, fought valiantly to keep abortion care coverage as part of the comprehensive plan. But in the end, leadership was willing to compromise on women's health. And it got them nowhere.

Abortion is a safe and legal medical procedure. One out of every three women will have an abortion in her lifetime. Reproductive health services are part of comprehensive health care, which is why more than 80 percent of health plans currently cover abortion.

It would be a bitter irony if the dream of large-scale health care reform in this country led to a steady reduction in the number of health care plans covering abortion. But this is exactly what's happening in North Carolina.

Tony Gurley, chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, was quoted in the *Lincoln Tribune* saying he wasn't afraid "to use the abortion coverage issue as a political issue." It seems those who oppose a woman's right to choose never are.

There is no decision more profound than that of when or whether to be a parent. There is nothing more fundamental to a woman's health and well-being than her ability to make childbearing decisions.

Perhaps the next round of the national health care debate has already started in North Carolina. If so, let's ensure that women's health not be made worse because of that debate.

Paige Johnson is the director of Public Affairs at Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina. for wildlife to access more habitats;

• enabling people to get places without having to drive and find parking;

• providing contact with nature, which is essential for our mental well-being; and

• linking Carrboro and Chapel Hill residents with each other and with our local economy and culture.

Otto wrote that the role of this greenway in environmental preservation is "secondary," but I differ on this point. "Environment" isn't just about wild, uninhabited areas. The global environmental crisis challenges us to find ways to meet our basic needs locally and without pollution and reckless resource consumption. Urbanization is the optimal path, and reaching a consensus about how we urbanize is a prerequisite for making our towns and cities wonderful and worthwhile places to live, work and play.

Providing universal access to woodlands conserved within our boundaries is one key to making livable the kind of vibrant urban centers that can support human activity without compromising the health of the global ecosystem. In that sense, paving the Bolin Creek Greenway helps leave the planet inhabitable and enjoyable for our children and grandchildren.

I urge the Carrboro Board of Aldermen to pursue a paved pedestrian, bike and wheelchair-accessible artery that links us to one another, to community activities and to a lovely, soul-replenishing natural corridor. And thank you, Dave Otto, for your vision and leadership.

Carnahan is a founder of The Village Project and former chair of the Carrboro Planning Board.

## **OBITUARIES**

## **Evie Kathryn Judge**

Evie Kathryn Judge, 7-yearold daughter of Adam and Emily Thomas Judge of Pittsboro, went from being an earthly angel to a heavenly angel on Sunday night, Feb. 28, after waging a courageous fight against brain tumors.

Evie was born in UNC Hospitals on Jan. 19, 2003 and had bravely and fearlessly fought cancer since her first brain tumor at 19 months of age, another at age 6, and her most recent one just over four days ago. She lived her entire life in Chatham County. Evie enjoyed learning and loved school as a first-grader at Pittsboro Elementary. Although her time here was brief, her zest for life impacted those around her and in her community tremendously. She loved playing outside with her friends and sidewalk chalk with her "Poppy." Evie liked to draw and color, watching Spongebob, loved going to the beach, and always enjoyed going out to eat at Virlie's on Friday night.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, Adam and Emily, are Evie's grandparents, Rusty and Sharon Thomas and Kay Judge all of Pittsboro; great-grandparents, Marie Mitchell and Gladys Thomas of Pittsboro; aunts and uncles, Kady and Philip Nearing of Denver, Colo. and Aimee and Matt Allred of Summerfield, Fla.; and cousins, Jacob and Luke Nearing, Lindsey and Thomas Wheeler and Jake Allred. Preceding Evie in death were her great-grandfathers, Bob Mitchell and Julian Thomas.

Evie's life was celebrated March 4 at Emmaus Baptist Church.

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"We see this as having tremendously positive influence on downtown," Didow said Tuesday. In addition to adding more residents to the heart of downtown, he said, the foundation plans to include community engagement and service programs for the students in residence.

"I would like those that oppose this project to consider that this may be one of the best so drastically alter the landscape things to happen to downtown that his family and others will be in a very long time," said Didow, a professor with UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School and a former school board chair.

Memorials may be sent to either the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, 302 Ridgefield Court, Asheville, NC 28860 (donations@www.ptbfus.org) or to the N.C. Children's Promise, Campus Box 7220, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7220.

## **Ernest Lyle Lassiter**

Ernest Lassiter Sr., 73, of Chapel Hill passed away Thursday, March 4th, peacefully into the arms of the Lord at his home, after a courageous battle with a long-term illness.

Ernest was a lifelong electrical contractor and builder in the Triangle area. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dianna Lynn Lassiter, and grandson, Jeremy Joseph Lassiter.

He was a loving husband of 53 years to Roxie Lassiter of the home and a compassionate father of three surviving children, Ernest Lassiter Jr. of Greensboro, Robert Lassiter of Chapel Hill and Brad Lassiter of Chapel Hill. He was also a playful grandfather to four surviving grandchildren, Dustin Gross of Boston, Mass., Courtney Gross of New Port News, Va., and Tyler Lassiter of Seffner, Fla., and the proud great-grandfather of two, Kaelynn Spencer of New Port News, Va. and Jayden Lassiter of Seffner, Fla.

A celebration of Ernest's life was held Sunday, March 7 at Walker's Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to UNC Hospice P.O. Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

going up just over the fence to

his backyard means the begin-

ning of the end of a dream. His

wife, Kim Stein, has lived in the

house since 1993. After they got

married and had a daughter, they

decided to stay put and enjoy life

moving for another 25 years,"

Hoppin said. While Hoppin

said he empathizes with the

Wesley Foundation's desire to

find a place for its students and

programs, he said the project will

"We weren't planning on

downtown.

## **Thelma Morrow** Lloyd

Thelma Lloyd, 91, of Oakwood Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C. died March 6, 2010 at Duke Hospice in Hillsborough, N.C. after a brief illness.

Thelma was born in Prescott, Ark. on Aug. 1, 1918 to Alma and Thomas Morrow. She was one of eight children. Her husband of 49 years, Herman Braxton Lloyd, preceded her in death. She moved to Chapel Hill in 1943 and worked for the U.S. Civil Service, War Department, Morehead Foundation and Lloyd Builders during her lifetime.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Maria Lloyd, of Chapel Hill, her son, Dr. Danny Keith Lloyd, and his wife, Anne Murray Lloyd, of Durham; four grandchildren, Kelly Posillipo, Scott Ellington, Braxton Lloyd and Katherine Lloyd; four greatgrandchildren, Cassie Rickman, Mitchell Posillipo, Ava Ray and Greyson Wyland; two sisters, Joy Slatton and Carolyn Palmer; and one brother, Herbert Morrow, all residing in Arkansas.

Thelma was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her visits to the beach. Her passions were gardening, reading and cooking.

A graveside service was held at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery on March 9.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, 101 Ephesus Church Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

"That just doesn't seem practical," he said, especially considering the neighborhood's historical parking woes.

The foundation has looked at sites in Chatham County for a retreat center, Didow said, adding that the number of spaces onsite and other parking concerns have not been settled and he expects the town to have very specific stipulations on parking for the project.

Estelle Mabry, a longtime resident on Pritchard Avenue, doesn't think the parking plan is realistic.

"They're pie-in-the-sky on

## POLLITT FROM PAGE

In 1955, while teaching at the University of Arkansas, he was told to sign a disclaimer stating that he was not nor ever had been a member of the NAACP. He refused, quit and, at the urging of Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas (Pollitt was counsel to the Sharecroppers Fund, on whose board Thomas sat), accepted the offer of a position at UNC, in the School of Law, where the foundation for a more tolerant

environment had been laid by former university president Frank Porter Graham.

Here he became a mentor to, among countless others, Raleigh lawyer Wade Smith.

"I didn't know any lawyers, and Dan simply took me under his wing," Smith said in a 2000 interview. "I watched him, and I knew what a lawyer could be - what a difference a lawyer could make. His idealism seeped into me and helped me to be what I am.... He's a wonderful, wonderful mixture of idealism and the law."

And he made trouble. Pollitt helped integrate the Chapel

Hill-Carrboro school system, led a picket line to integrate a downtown theater and helped break the color line in the Atlantic Coast Conference as an active advocate for the recruitment of Charlie Scott onto Dean Smith's men's basketball

Along the way, he defended the free-speech rights of Ku olina A&T students who sat

In a 1964 U.S. News &

## **Disagreeing** without being disagreeable

years, said Betty Bailey, former

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Advancement Foundation In-

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applied to everybody," Bailey

said, "and he worked for that

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of the unpopular defendant or

not – is a leap into the dark.

No one can foretell what new

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young in spirit,

but so wise.

So much

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vagaries of chance may occur.

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of being undone.... But if the

lawyer stays close by the camp-

fire and never ventures forth,

the circle of safety and freedom

will contract. It always does if

nobody preserves it by ventur-

beyond. As he said in 2000, "I

believe in free speech, I believe

in nude dancing, I believe in

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In a 1964 Harper's article

longtime friend.

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tract poultry workers in recent ing gentle good wit, and his gentility, disarmed would-be enemies.

"He would always stand up for the truth, but with that wonderful sense of humor," Bailey said, a quality that also served him well in the classroom.

When RAFI named its new conference center for Pollitt, who served on its board for many years, Bailey was introduced to "legions" of former students who expressed their "ultimate respect, regardless of their political views."

"He knew how to disagree without being disagreeable," Bailey said.

The late Rev. W.W. Finlator, a lifetime champion of peace and justice, perhaps summed up Pollitt most succinctly: "Dan is attractive in most every way; he's cut out of a different pattern."

Pollitt continued to work and teach until the end. Last year, Gov. Beverly Perdue awarded him the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the state's highest honors.

"Constant skepticism is the hallmark of a democratic society," he told The Citizen at the time. "That's my motto."

He also recalled a piece of advice he'd giv-

en his daughter Phoebe upon her arrest some years ago for an act of civil disobedience. He had written to her: "You know I carry in my wallet, for easy observation, a card with the words 'Illegitimis non carborundum': Don't let the bastards [grind] you down."

"He was so young in spirit, but so wise," Bailey said. "So much knowledge, but so much humility."

And kindness. "It was one of his highest values," Kinnaird said on Monday. "Human kindness."



team.

Klux Klan leader James "Catfish" Cole and the North Cardown at a Greensboro Woolworth counter.

World Report article titled "What the Future Holds for America," Pollitt was cited as one of Lyndon Johnson's "Idea Men." He urged investment in public schools.

knowledge, but so much humility."

Didow said that the foundation has received some criticism, but that nearby businesses are for the most part happy to see additional residents downtown.

But for Chip Hoppin and his immediate neighbors along Short Street, the prospect of 140 students added to the neighborhood and a four-story building

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"It's a square peg in a round

effectively forced out.

hole," he said. "It's a really nice square peg, but it still doesn't fit with this neighborhood."

One major concern is the plan to have limited parking onsite and satellite parking elsewhere.

At a recent meeting with neighbors, Hoppin said that an updated plan was for 29 underground spaces and the rest at a satellite lot in Chatham County and a shuttle service in between.

parking," she said.

Mabry said traffic patterns and lack of parking are likely to further congest the area. She also is worried that the project isn't a good fit or a good move for the town.

"One concern I have is that it will take property off the tax rolls," she said. "We can't afford to have any more property come off the tax rolls."

Pollitt's commitment to seeing to it that the values on which this country was built his fealty to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and justice for all - were fully disseminated was reflected in his defense of laborers, from sharecroppers a half century ago to con-

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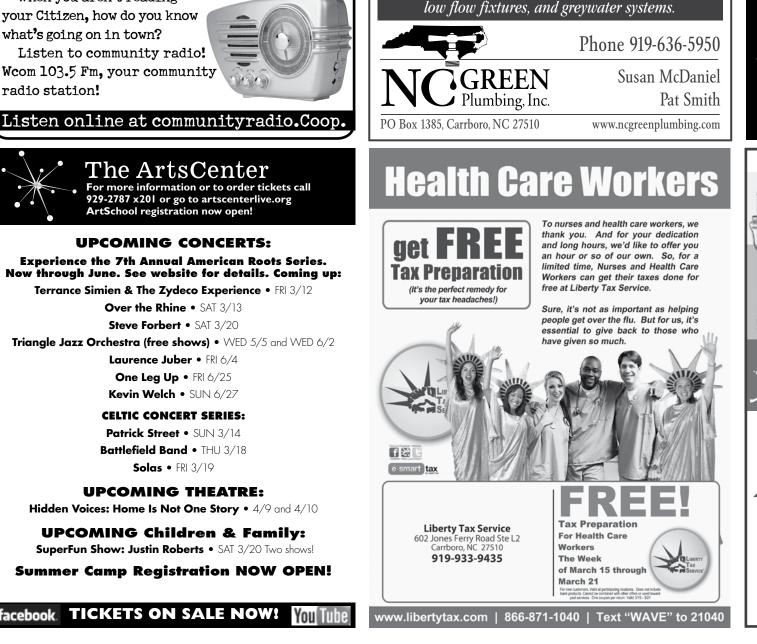
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## McDougle forges bond with Jamaican school

## BY KATE GRIESMANN Staff Writer

During the time that Alethia Wheatle taught at McDougle Elementary, she learned a great deal about literacy. Wheatle, who was a Visiting International Faculty (VIF) teacher, taught at McDougle for three years before returning to her home country of Jamaica.

Upon her return, Wheatle contacted McDougle and commented on how much she learned about teaching reading and comprehension skills while working in Chapel Hill.

"I want to bring back this knowledge to my teachers and my school," she said.

Around that time, the school was cleaning out book resource third-grade class in Jamaica.



rooms and disposing of old reading assessment kits. Instead of throwing away the items, the school decided to put them to good use: They boxed them up and sent them to Wheatle's

Several McDougle classes have been writing in pen pal exchanges to students at Wheatle's school, and the two schools plan to conduct a Skype call when the shipment of over 300 books ar-

This kind of connection between schools highlights one of the main goals of the VIF program, which is the largest cultural exchange program for teachers in the United States.



## **School Briefs**

## High School Art Competition

Each spring, members of the U.S. House of Representatives recognize the creative spirit of American high school students in a nationwide visual-art competition. The Congressional High School Art Competition features paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art and photography. Each member of Congress brings a winning entry back to Washington, D.C. to be displayed in the corridor of the U.S. Capital.

The competition is coordinated locally through Fourth District U.S. Representative David Price's office. High school visual-art students in the counties of Orange, Durham and Wake are eligible to apply. If you are a current high school visual-art student in Orange County and would like to participate, contact your high school art teacher or the Orange County Arts Commission for an application form and guidelines. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 9 at 5 p.m.

Visit the Orange County Arts Commission's web site at artsorange.org for more information and to download the application and guidelines or call 245-2335.

## Taste of Carrboro a success

Carrboro Elementary School raised over \$1,100 to support school field trips at its first annual Taste of Carrboro fundraising event on Feb. 9.

The Carrboro Elementary School community prepared the most food samples from a variety of cultures and countries for the event. The Taste of Carrboro also featured a silent auction and craft sale.

Cookbooks containing recipes from the event will be available for sale at the Carrboro Elementary School Fair.

## **Carrboro students place** in UN competition

Four Carrboro High School students will be honored April 28 by the West Triangle Chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States. Juniors Bradli Crump, Jordan Thomas, Sam Stargel and Reade Paterno submitted PowerPoint presentations for the 2010 United Nations Student Contest. Crump's addressed the Palestine/Israel conflict, while the one produced by Thomas, Stargel and Paterno was about Yemen.

Crump will receive a cash award, certificate and UN pin for her first-place entry. The team of Thomas, Stargel and Paterno will split a cash award and receive certificates and pins for its third-place entry.

## **Glenwood and UNC** technology partnership

Glenwood Elementary and UNC formally kicked off a partnership this week that provides Glenwood teachers with access to UNC's technology help desk. Glenwood teachers can call the center to ask questions about school or home technology issues 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The district's Information Technology Division has been working with UNC to establish this pilot program to extend help desk services to teachers whenever they need it. Results of the pilot will determine if it is practical to extend the service to other schools.

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## **CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Really?**

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## **High school art students** exhibit for a cause

## **BY LATISHA** CATCHATOORIAN

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Jack Watson, an art teacher at Chapel Hill High School, had an idea. Take the events of Haiti and turn them into inspiration for a class art project. Then take that art project and turn it into a fundraiser for the earthquakeravaged country.

At least \$800 has been raised for the American Red Cross relief effort through the "Art for Haiti" exhibit at Open Eye Café. The showcased paintings, drawings and sculptures are done by high school artists from Watson's class, as well as Elaine Walton's art class from East Chapel Hill High School. These students wanted to be part of the relief effort, but initially felt they had no way to contribute.

"Kids feel like they want to help and contribute something, but that they don't have a lot that they can offer," Watson said. "This gave them an opportunity to give something of themselves."

Watson said that he is always trying to help his students become more socially engaged and address social issues. This project seemed to be a way to accomplish this.

The earthquake, Watson said, "seemed like something we couldn't ignore. There were some students who were very deeply moved by it and who felt powerless in the wake of what was happening."

At the start of the new school semester, he and Walton came up with a presentation to show their students. The same presentation was shown at each of the schools. The students then had two weeks to complete artwork for the exhibit.

Watson showed his class a CBS video of the aftermath in Haiti, depicting the week after the earthquake occurred. He said it was graphic, but honest, and that some kids were visibly moved by what they saw. A slideshow created by Walton was also shown, displaying contemporary artworks created in response to what happened after Hurricane Katrina.

"We looked at the response after Hurricane Katrina and asked them to do a responsive artwork based on Haiti," said Walton. "We gave them a presentation. They had no rubric. They had free reign. It was completely different than what they would do in class."

In preparation for the "Art for Haiti" exhibit, which ran from Feb. 13-27, Watson had numerous discussions with his students about art, social issues and media.

We talked about the function of art to confront issues like this and to confront what people feel about it," said Watson. "We agreed that we would put aside our typical curriculum for a few weeks to address this."

He said that he took his class to the library, where they made three lists. Each student made one list of things they knew about Haiti and another of things they felt about Haiti. The class then worked together to form a list of what they still wanted to learn.

"What's going to happen when all the camera crews leave, how are they going to rebuild, these kinds of questions," said Watson.

The questions became the framework for the artwork produced for the exhibit. Students investigated answers to the questions through their art pieces. How they decided to execute their investigations was left completely up to them.

Both Watson and Walton said their students were enthused about getting involved and exhibiting at Open Eye Café. Walton said her students were excited that their work sold to people other than their parents, and she found it exciting to see the students' work outside of a school setting.

Some pieces used acrylic paint; others used mixed media including plastic water bottles and newspaper. Titles such as, "No Words," by India Lassiter or "Preliminary Toll, 111,000 buried" by Meg Duffy were succinct but meaningful. One painting asked, "Why?" and another said, "Hope."

Watson said that there has been a positive response from the community, and community members appreciate that they are doing something productive. He said that sometimes it is easy for people to fall into "charity fatigue."

"If you continually ask people for money, eventually, they start to turn off to it," he said. "But this didn't go about it in that way. I told my students not to focus on making 'saleable' works, but for them to explore what they know, feel and still don't know."

"Jack basically said, 'Hey, we want to do this project and we need a place to do it," said Scott Conary, the owner of Open Eye Café. "I thought it was great, because we would try to do a number of Haiti relief things and keep them going."

Conary said that after a disaster there is often a "surge" of donations upfront, but then things die down. He said giving people a way to donate focuses it more, and that having events and exhibits allows charity to be an interesting exchange.

"People definitely want to help," he said. "We want to make sure things keep happening."

### Latisha Catchatoorian 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.

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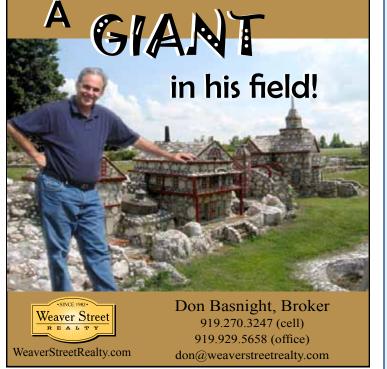
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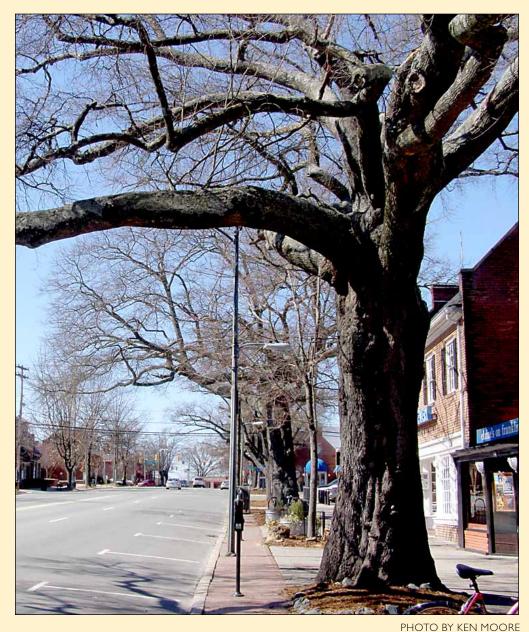
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Aptheker at Silent Sam, March 9, 1966

his week is remembered by every one of the 3,000 UNC students who experienced the climax of the Speaker Ban Law confrontation on this campus exactly 44 years ago. But only a handful were there on the steps of Silent Sam to witness the burly Campus Security Chief Arthur Beaumont, left, ordering the professorial Communist speaker Herbert Aptheker, right, off campus or else. As irony would have it, immediately to Aptheker's

right you can see the lower part of the face of Student Body President Paul Dickson (this newspaper publisher's late brother). Notice that Dickson, who orchestrated the whole thing, is taping the exchange for the record. And to further make it personal, to Dickson's right and partially hidden by a clipboard is Joey Leigh, my next-door neighbor on Pritchard Avenue and CHHS classmate, who was later killed serving in Vietnam.



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