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# C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

This emergence of painted buckeye shows the reddish scales of the terminal bud with immature five-fingered leaves surrounding the infant cluster of pale-yellow flower buds.

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Painted buckeyes

Look forward to the spring awakening of the painted buckeye, *Aesculus sylvatica*, locally common in old erosion gullies and flood plains.

I think of tiny hands when I see those five-fingered (palmately compound) leaves emerge from the large buds of this small tree that we see mostly as a large open shrub. It seldom attains a height of more than 20 feet. Some of the buds began opening a couple of weeks ago and by now those distinctive leaves are fairly well formed. This past weekend, some buds were still holding their reddish protective bud scales with infant leaves reaching out, some surrounding a cluster of pale lime-green flower buds.

In just a week or two, those bud clusters will mature into tubular yellowish flowers, sometimes with pink- or salmon-colored tints. Retrace your steps in the late summer and early fall and you will be amazed that a few of those flowers will have matured to large capsules, splitting open to reveal one to three cinnamon brown-colored buckeye fruits. Each fruit does, indeed, look like the big eye of a doe or buck.

Paul Green was a keen observer of people and plants. I remember well the following reminiscence from *Paul Green's Plant Book*.

"A buckeye nut or kernel was often carried in the pocket as a good luck charm. As a boy I carried one for several months but after a spell of what I thought was bad luck I threw it away.

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## County waste plans moving forward

Reports due on alternatives, cost of transfer facility

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

Although the fervor of opposition to a solid-waste transfer station proposed for southwestern Orange County has not waned, the tone at a recent meeting on the matter was low key as residents peppered the county's top solid-waste management official with questions on the plans.

Gayle Wilson, Orange County Solid Waste Management director, fielded questions from about 40 residents for about an hour Sunday evening at the White Cross Recreation Center. The informational meeting, called by mem-

bers of Preserve Rural Orange, offered Wilson the opportunity to explain the progression of decisions made in the 1990s — including the abandonment of an effort to find a new landfill within the county — and how they presaged plans for a waste transfer station.

Asked by resident Wes Lachot why the county, which has been so proactive about recycling and waste reduction, settled on a plan that would send its waste to another community, Wilson was blunt. The political will to site a landfill in the county was not there, he said. Given the response to

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Orange County Solid Waste Services director Gayle Wilson listens to a question at a meeting last Sunday of Preserve Rural Orange at the White Cross Recreation Center.



PHOTO BY KATHERINE MCDONALD/CCCC

Mary Beth Bardin of Moncure has the hens' undivided attention as she delivers their lunch at Central Carolina Community College's student farm.

## 'Green Central' grows new farmers

BY KATHERINE MCDONALD  
Courtesy of CCCC

PITTSBORO — Mary Beth Bardin looked up from the row of onion bulbs she was planting and smiled.

"Agriculture is an important part of North Carolina and I'm interested in the state's food and public health," she said as she covered the bulbs with the clay dirt.

Bardin was on her knees at the five-acre sustainable-agriculture student farm at Central Carolina Community College's (CCCC) Chatham County Campus, applying farming methods she has learned in the program.

Bardin, a Moncure resident, already has a bachelor's degree in journalism and English from the UNC and works on farm issues at the N.C. Farm Transition Network. Making the connection between sustainable farming and public health is where her heart is, and that brought her to the college's sustainable-agriculture program.

CCCC is known as "Green Central" because of its extensive sustain-

ability programs, including fuels, agriculture and building/renewable energy. Ecotourism will start soon and a "natural chef" culinary arts program is planned.

In 2002, CCCC became the first community college in the nation to offer an associate of applied science in sustainable agriculture. It also offers certificates in sustainable vegetable production, sustainable livestock production and agricultural sustainability, all at the Chatham campus.

At the heart of sustainable agriculture is the commitment to preserve and improve environmental, public and community health.

"People throughout the country are realizing the importance of developing local food systems and training our next generation of farmers," said Jim Riddle, organic outreach coordinator at the University of Minnesota, who is familiar with CCCC's programs. "The college has been at the forefront in this area, long before it became popular. The sustainability programs at the college help protect land and water resources; provide

safe, healthy and abundant food; preserve the area's rich cultural heritage; and provide economic-development opportunities. These efforts are needed now, more than ever."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2007 Census of Agriculture, North Carolina lost about 600,000 acres of farmland to development between 2002 and 2007. Sustainable agriculture can help to slow or reverse this trend as it attracts younger people into farming on more, but smaller, farms.

One such person is Shiloh Avery. She and her husband, Jason Roerhig, are owners of Tumbling Shoals Farm, a transitional organic farm near Miller's Creek. Avery, who is the full-time farmer in the family, prepared for her career by completing most of the sustainable-agriculture classes offered at CCCC.

"I didn't come from a farming background," she said. "I can say that I owe my entire farm to the college and the contacts I made there."

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## Board OKs Claremont

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — With Joal Hall Broun the lone dissenter, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved the proposed Claremont Phase IV and V development on Homestead Road.

At their meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, board members wrangled over what to do about a road connection that had become a focal point for concern among the project's neighbors.

Broun said that she could not support the project because of plans to allow it to be exempt from the town's connector roads policy, an option many other neighborhoods were not granted.

Board members acknowledged a flood of communications from residents, including some that Mayor Mark Chilton described as very "emotional" about the connector road issue.

During the course of public discussion about the specific connection between Claremont and the Wexford neighborhood, the board agreed to initiate a comprehensive review of the connector road policy.

Board members approved a compromise stipulation crafted by Chilton and Jackie Gist that would require Claremont's developer to construct a bike and pedestrian connection with a roadway sufficient for use by a fire truck and other emergency vehicles. The roadway would be blocked with bollards to prevent other vehicles from using it.

Once built, Claremont would include 27 townhouses in four buildings and 69 single-family homes on 38.14 acres.

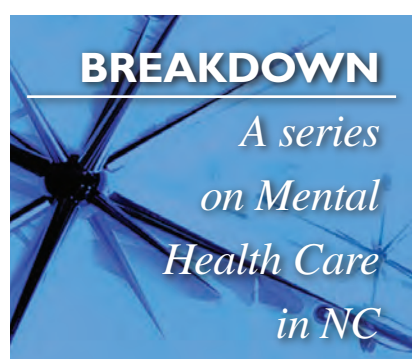
Chilton and others who support the connector policy said that it is very likely that as other connections open up to Homestead Road the connection at Claremont will one day be open to traffic.

In other action, the board agreed to hold a special meeting on March 31 so that board members can attend a presentation from university officials on the fiscal impacts of Carolina North.

Also on Tuesday evening, the board reviewed a draft of a proposed resolution on climate change that would reaffirm the town's concerns about peak oil and the use of fossil fuels and set up a special sustainability advisory board. The matter was referred to the town staff for additional review and comment.

## Mental health advocates say consumer voices go unheard

BY TAYLOR SISK  
Staff Writer



This story is a follow-up to a series about mental health care in North Carolina. To read the previous stories in this series, go to [carrborocitizen.com/main/breakdown/](http://carrborocitizen.com/main/breakdown/)

As mental health care advocates call on state leaders to listen to consumers of mental health services, a national organization says that the state has been woefully remiss in its communications with those consumers and their families.

Last month, some 200 mental health advocacy organizations and individuals sent a petition to N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Sec. Lanier Cansler, Gov. Beverly Perdue and legislators asking that the voices of those with mental illness and their family members be heard as the state works to repair our mental health care system.

Then last week, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) released its "Grading the States" report card, last issued in 2006. Fourteen states improved their grades since

2006; 12 states graded lower. North Carolina held steady with a "D."

That "D," though, according to the NAMI report, "doesn't even begin to convey the chaos that now pervades the state's mental health care system."

Three years ago, the report continues, NAMI warned that "the state's reform initiatives were changing too much, too fast, resulting in an increasingly disorganized environment."

The state's lowest grade by category, an "F," was for "Consumer & Family Empowerment," which includes consumer and family access to essential information from the state, promotion of consumer-run programs and family and peer education and support.

Bringing consumers to the table, said North Carolina Mental Hope executive director David Cornwell, would better assure a passing grade.

### The petition

"For far too long, individuals with the most direct experience with services and most impacted by system failures have not been invited to have a voice in the solution," Cornwell said in a press release accompanying last month's petition. "Not only is this ignoring a rich resource for practical and cost-effective solutions, it is discrimination that reinforces the stigma of mental illness."

Cornwell said that the seeds for the petition were planted a year ago when then state Health and Human Services Sec. Dempsey Benton asked 32 people to serve on three committees working to fix the state's mental health services. Not one of those members, Cornwell said, was a mental health consumer or family member.

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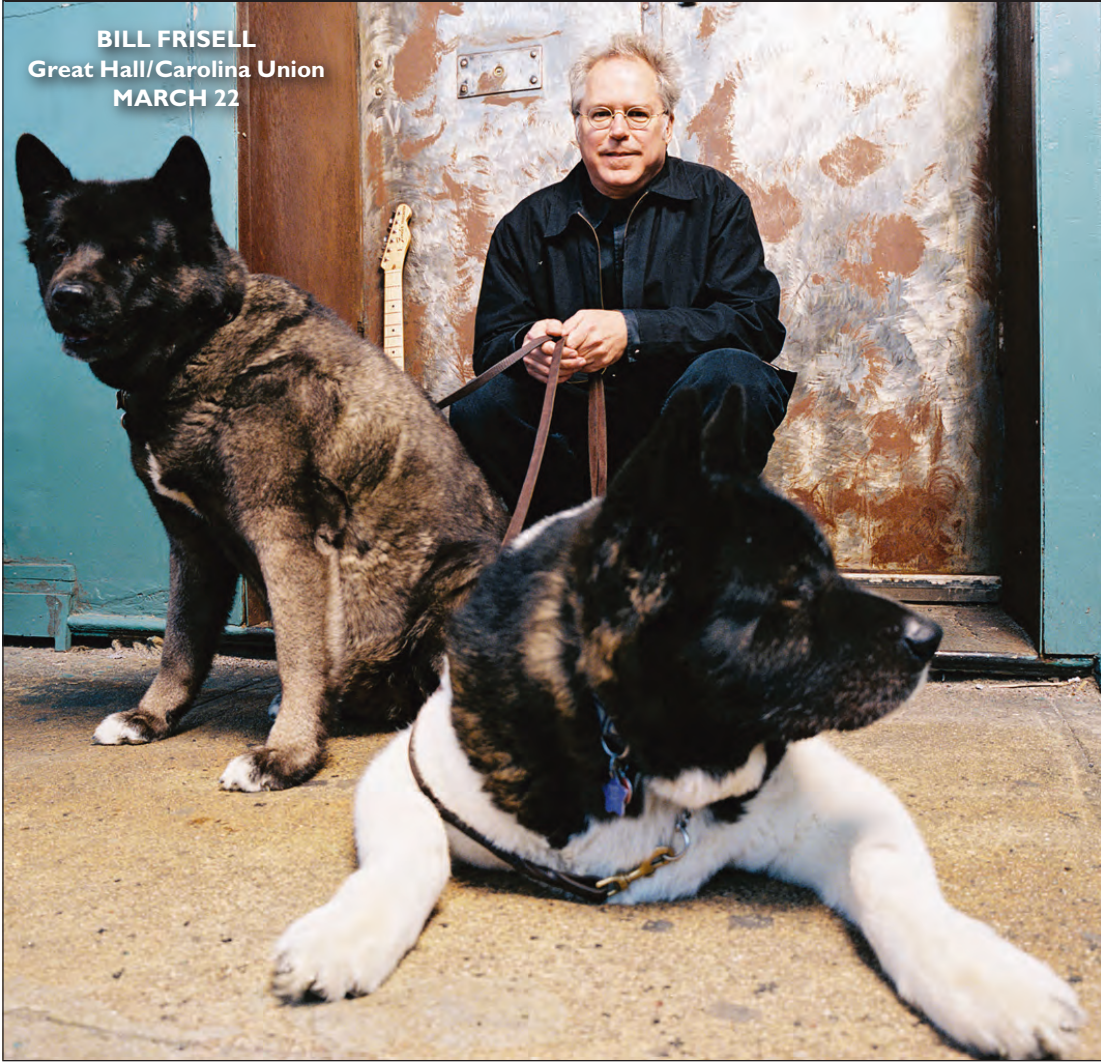
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Great Hall/Carolina Union  
MARCH 22

SPOTLIGHT



**HUNGRY GHOST**  
THE ARTSCENTER

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March 20-22, 8pm Friday-Sunday, 3pm Sunday

**THURSDAY MAR 19**

**Blue Bayou:** Butter. 9pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** AC Newman, The Broken West. 9:15pm. \$12/14  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Jimmy Brown LATE: Bull City. \$5  
**General Store Cafe:** Tony Galiani Band. 8-10pm  
**Local 506:** Benefit for Relay for Life: Lake Interior, I Was Totally Destroying It, Pink Flag. 9pm. \$7  
**Nightlight:** Huguenots, The Catch Fire. 9:30pm



**COTTON JONES**  
Local 506  
MARCH 22

**Local 506:** Embarrassing Fruits CD Release Show, Sorry About Dresden, Blagård. 10pm. Free  
**Memorial Hall-UNC:** Combined Choral Concert of Chapel Hill High School, East Chapel Hill High, Carrboro High School and the Honors Orchestra from ECHHS performing Hayden's Paukenmesse. 8pm. \$5  
**Nightlight:** The Manly Wilder, Basalt, Boat Buring. 10pm. \$5

**FRIDAY MAR 20**

**Cat's Cradle:** Gene Ween Band, Torch Marauder. 9pm. \$15  
**The Cave:** EARLY and LATE: Joe Romeo and The Orange County Volunteers  
**General Store Cafe:** Doug and Telisha Williams. 8:30-11pm  
**Harry's Market:** Pickin' on the Porch with Jon Durham. 7-9pm

**SATURDAY MAR 21**

**Cat's Cradle:** The Ting Tings, Hottub. 9pm. Sold out  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Tony Low Band LATE: Stratocruiser, The Stars Explode  
**General Store Cafe:** Haw River Rounders. 8:30-11pm  
**Local 506:** The Carolina Heartbreakers. 9:30. \$8/10



**THE STYLISTICS**  
DPAC  
MARCH 28

**Nightlight:** 919 Noise Showcase: Clang Quartet, Yanni Eham, Joe Hendrix, Luvjax, Ghost Hand, CheezFace. 10pm. \$5  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Leastways. 8pm  
**SUNDAY MAR 22**  
**Great Hall/Carolina Union:** Bill Frisell and Greg Leisz. 7pm. Free  
**Local 506:** Human Highway, The Magic, Cotton Jones. 9pm. \$8

**Nightlight:** From the Depths, Remainder, Deathrat. 9:30pm. \$5

**MONDAY MAR 23**

**Reservoir:** Dark Knights of Camelot, The Dry Heathens, River City Ransom. 10pm

**TUESDAY MAR 24**

**Cat's Cradle:** Cut Copy, Matt and Kim, Knightlife. 9:30pm. Sold out  
**The Cave:** LATE: Flying Monkeys

**Local 506:** Titus Adronicus, Here We Go Magic. 9:30pm. \$8

**Nightlight:** A Is Jump, Bad Credit No Credit. 9:30pm. \$6

**WEDNESDAY MAR 25**  
**The Cave:** LATE: Sgt. Dunbar and The Hobo Banned, Robobilly.

**Local 506:** Efterklang, Canon Blue, Lost In The Trees. 9pm. \$10

**Reservoir:** Instant Jones, The Alcazar Hotel, Death to the Details.

**THURSDAY MAR 26**  
**Blue Bayou:** Souless Dogs. 9pm.

**The Cave:** EARLY: Ken Mickey, The Rock 'n Roll Combo. LATE: The Firehouse Rhythm Kings.

**General Store Cafe:** Marie Vanderbeck Trio. 7-9pm

**Local 506:** Asobi Seksu, Tyvek. 9:30. \$8/10

**Nightlight:** USA BABY, These Are Powers. 10pm. \$5

**FRIDAY MAR 27**  
**Blue Bayou:** The BackBeat. 9:30pm. \$8/10

**Cat's Cradle:** Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band, The Mantras. 9:30pm. \$10/12

**The Cave:** EARLY: Tim Stambaugh. LATE: John Howie Jr, The Rosewood Bluff, Mike Slaton

**General Store Cafe:** Mary Jo Rockers, Jocelyn Areem. 8:30-11pm.

**Local 506:** EARLY: TK Webb and The Visions, Appomattox. 9pm. \$8

**Nightlight:** Robert Millis solo. 10pm. \$5

**Open Eye Cafe:** Steven and Nichole. 8pm

**SATURDAY MAR 28**  
**Blue Bayou:** Too Much Fun. 9:30pm. \$6/8

**The Cave:** EARLY: Bo Lankenau, Jo Gore Band. LATE: Rooster For The Masses, Death To The Details

**DPAC:** 70's Soul Jam with The Stylistics and more. 8pm. \$35/49.50

**General Store Cafe:** Carolina Lightning. 8:30-11pm. \$5

**Local 506:** The Love Language, Max Indian, Oh Captain My Captain. 10pm. \$7

**Nightlight:** Jerkagram, Talibam, American Tourist, Cool Ethan. 10pm

**Open Eye Cafe:** Sawyer-Goldberg Ensemble. 8pm

**Reservoir:** Rob Huddleston with The Foundation, Cruiserweight, Ann Beretta.



**FR 5/1 REVEREND HORTON HEAT**



**FR 3/27 YO MAMA'S BIG FAT BOOTY BAND**



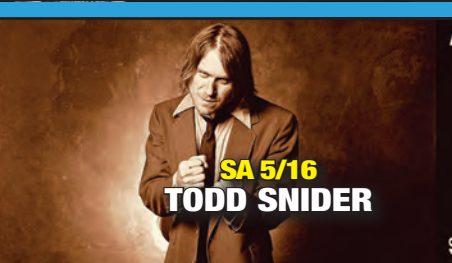
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**TU 4/21 RAUL MALO (OF THE MAVERICKS)**



**WE 4/22 WORLD INFERNO/FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**



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**TU 3/24 CUT COPY W/MATT & KIM, DJ KNIGHTLIFE\*\*(\$16/\$18)**  
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**WE 4/1\*\*(\$12/\$14) LANGHORNE SLIM**  
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## News Briefs

### Two murders, two days, three arrests

Investigators from the Orange County Sheriff's Department made arrests in separate murders in southwest Orange County that happened a day apart.

On Sunday evening, investigators arrested Eric Jermain Bradshaw, 31, of 8015 Sanberg Lane in Chapel Hill and charged him with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Juan Young of Chatham County.

According to reports, the two had been involved in an argument at a house on Butler Road near the White Cross community.

On Monday evening, Steve Ramirez, 30, of 2120 Gemena Road, and Ronnie Ramirez, 24, who has the same address, were arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Jerrod Harris who was found dead on the back porch of the Ramirez residence.

### Council revisits density issue

The Chapel Hill Town Council decided to take another hard look at a plan that would create a new higher density zone. At the council's meeting Monday night at Town Hall, Mayor Kevin Foy said he was uncomfortable with the plan because although it was designed to increase density downtown it could be applied to many other areas in town.

In other action, the council also reviewed a concept plan for expansion of the Wesley Foundation building on Pittsboro Street.

Residents of the Cameron-McCauley Historic District have expressed concern about the expansion, saying that despite a scaled-down design they're still worried about how it will affect the neighborhood. Originally set at five stories and 160 beds, the new plan calls for four stories and 148 beds.

UNC business professor and Wesley Foundation board member Nick Didow said the project had been trimmed back as much as is possible. Further reducing the number of rooms would make the project financially infeasible, Didow told the council.

### 2009 Congressional Arts Competition

Rep. David Price is encouraging high school students from his 4th Congressional District to participate in the annual Congressional Arts Competition. The winner for each district will receive a scholarship of \$5,000 per year to the Savannah College of Art and Design and their artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building. Submissions will be judged by representatives from the local arts councils of Chatham, Durham, Orange and Wake counties on April 23. Students must submit artwork by Thursday, April 16 for Wake County and Friday, April 17 for Chatham, Durham and Orange counties. For information on how to submit an entry, contact Nadia Alston in Price's Raleigh office at 859-5999 by Monday, March 23.

### Environmental Justice meeting

The N.C. Environmental Justice Network will hold its quarterly meeting this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Faith Tabernacle Oasis of Love International Church, 8005 Rogers Road in Chapel Hill. The meeting will be hosted by the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association and the Coalition to End Environmental Racism. A light breakfast will be served as will lunch.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Min. Robert Campbell at 960-3455 or rplcampbell@gmail.com

## Rogers-Eubanks history in focus

BY TAYLOR SISK  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** — What began as an effort to document the effects of 35 years of a landfill on the Rogers-Eubanks community has grown into something much more — an account of the broader history of this predominantly African-American community, and a source of community pride.

Emily Eidenier, a graduate student in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, specializes in health behavior and health education. She first learned of the Rogers-Eubanks community through Chris Heaney, a doctoral student in the school of public health who has worked on community partnerships with the N.C. Environmental Justice Network. The Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood is adjacent to the Orange County Landfill and community activists there have spoken out and

taken action against what they perceive to be environmental injustice, arguing that they have carried an undue burden on behalf of the broader community.

Eidenier, a Hillsborough native, began to attend Rogers-Eubanks community meetings and came to know Rev. Robert Campbell, a longtime leader in that community. She subsequently received a Robert E. Bryan Fellowship from the Carolina Center for Public Service. The outcome is the organization of years of documents and a written record — now in book form, including photographs, oral histories and a host of public documents — of the community's history.

At a seminar on the project held Monday at the Carolina Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Chapel Hill, Rev. Campbell said that the project reinforced within his neighbors the fact

that the community has made a rich contribution to Orange County for many generations, reminding them that, "We are not poor." It "brought faith back to people who had lost all faith in organizing."

The project energized the Rogers-Eubanks community in ways even the environmental issues could not. More residents came out for meetings about this project, Eidenier noted, than for hearings about a proposed solid-waste transfer station.

Campbell added that young men approached him asking how they "could get busy." He returned from work one day to find them gathering trash along Rogers and Purefoy roads.

A Campbell quote has become a slogan for the project: "Through conversation, trust is built, then things get done."

Eidenier said that she came to see this project as holding the potential to help "enliven the

goals of the community" and help broaden the dialogue to include more voices. She continues to document the stories of community members and has begun discussions with representatives of the county government to gain perspectives on the history of issues surrounding the landfill.

Eidenier is now seeking additional funding. How widely the book, called simply *Rogers Road*, will be available depends on what she's able to bring in, but initially it will be found in local libraries and online.

"I hope that putting everything in one place will help get everyone on the same page," Eidenier said, "and help move things forward."

Moreover, she said, "This community has educated me about my history by hearing about theirs, because I grew up around here. It's been so valuable to me."

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the transfer station, he said, you can imagine the response if the land being studied for the waste station — at one time on the list of possible sites for a landfill — had been proposed as a new landfill site.

Wilson also assured residents that the county could control how its contractors would truck the waste out of county once it had been loaded on semi trucks. He said a rumor that the trucks would use Orange Grove Road to get to I-40 was not true. He did acknowledge that the Town of Hillsborough would likely use Orange Grove Road, but noted that they are the smallest municipal user of the landfill and would send no more than three trucks per day to the facility.

Prior to Wilson's Q&A, organizers for Preserve Rural Orange outlined their efforts to convince commissioners to change their minds about locating the waste transfer station on a 147-acre parcel just off N.C. 54 west of Orange Grove Road. An adjacent parcel, owned by the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, was picked by the county as an alternative site.

Laura Streitfeld said her recent trip with commissioners and county officials to a waste transfer station in Greensboro had not convinced her that a similar facility would work in the White Cross area.

The Greensboro facility was located in an industrial area surrounded by oil tanks. "It didn't change my mind on how it would fit in our community," she said.

Streitfeld said Preserve Rural Orange is asking for the com-

missioners to "take a step back" and create an interim plan that would give the county more time to study what to do with its garbage. She also noted that members of Orange County Voice, another organization opposed to the waste transfer station site, continue to raise funds for possible litigation aimed at stopping the facility.

In an interview Wednesday with *The Citizen*, Wilson said he expects to have more information on proposals that are part of a parallel track created by the commissioners at the urging of residents to study alternatives to a county-operated solid-waste facility.

Wilson said that at a special meeting March 31 of the county's Solid Waste Advisory Board, a report will be presented that looks into the cost of having commercial firms haul garbage to existing waste transfer stations in Research Triangle Park

and in the City of Durham near Club Boulevard.

On April 2, the advisory board will meet again to review a cost analysis for alternative technologies for eliminating waste, such as incineration.

A report on the alternatives along with assessments on the N.C. 54 waste transfer sites and an updated cost projection for a new facility are scheduled to be presented to the board of county commissioners on April 21.

Wilson said he also plans to update commissioners on discussions with other counties and the City of Durham about a regional solution for garbage.

But after preliminary discussions, Wilson said he has not found anyone eager to study a joint project. So far, he said, no one is willing to consider new technologies, such as high-temperature incineration or a waste-to-energy facility.

## Groundwater contamination found on north side of Eubanks landfill

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** — Orange County Solid Waste Management director Gayle Wilson said the county plans to quickly and aggressively deal with a plume of contaminants found in groundwater in the closed section of the Eubanks Road landfill.

Wilson said the county is waiting to hear back from state environmental officials on a plan the county developed after monitoring wells showed contaminants — including benzene and vinyl chloride — drifting east from the closed portion of the Orange County Landfill near the intersection of Millhouse and Eubanks roads.

"We plan to hit it hard," he said. "We're not going to spend \$2,000 and then wait a year and see if it works and spend another \$4,000 and wait another year."

Wilson said the materials appear to be coming from the

closed portion of the landfill on the north side of Eubanks Road. That portion of the landfill opened in 1972 and is unlined. It stopped receiving waste in 1995 and was covered in 1996. It's closure received final approval from the state in 1998.

The closed construction and demolition landfill is also near the area where the contaminants are located but does not appear to be the source. The materials, Wilson said, are consistent with the leachate from similar landfills and are likely the result of the natural breakdown of man-made chlorinated materials.

The level of the five contaminants — benzene; 1,4-dichlorobenzene; cis-1,2-dichloroethene; trichloroethene; and tetrachloroethene — exceed acceptable state levels for groundwater quality but are lower than the maximum contaminant level under federal rules for drinking water. Levels for vinyl chloride exceed acceptable levels under both measures.

After the plume was discovered in 2007, the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources required that additional wells be put in, with some near the property line to track its direction and the speed at which it is moving. Wilson said so far the wells show the contaminants do not seem to be migrating off county property.

Wilson expects to hear back from the state within six weeks to four months.

Once the county has gotten an OK from regulators, the plan is to install two injection wells, which will force a mix of water and Sodium permanganate into contact with the plume to neutralize the chemicals.

Wilson said he did not know how long the process will take to be effective since there are so many variables at work.

"Our hope is that in a matter of six months, we'll see some serious results," he said.

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## Community Briefs



## Race in N.C. film forum changes venue

ChathamArts' Film Forum on Race Issues in North Carolina (RINC) will now convene at the Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro on March 21 and 22. Saturday films (beginning at 2:30 p.m.) are "Change Comes Knocking: The Story of the NC Fund" by Rebecca Cerese and Dr. Steven Channing; "FBI-KKK" by Michael Frierson; and "Family Name" by Macky Alston, winner of Sundance Film Festival's Freedom of Expression award. Sunday's film, "We Shall Not Be Moved-The Story of the Tillery Resettlement Community" by Gary Grant, Chris Potter and Charles Thompson, will be shown at 2 p.m., preceded by gospel music at the General Store Café. Weekend pass \$15 advance/\$18 at the door; individual film tickets \$5. 542-0394, chathamarts.org/news/sustainablecinema9-08.html.

## CROP Walk this weekend

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service and Church World Service will hold the 23rd annual community CROP Hunger Walk this Sunday through Chapel Hill and Carrboro to raise money to fight hunger. IFC has raised more than \$1 million over that last 22 years. They have seen significant increases in demand due to the economy and are hoping for record turn-outs in participation this year. The event will be more environmentally friendly this year with organic t-shirts and no water stations to reduce waste. Registration for the walk starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Carrboro Town Commons and the walk starts at 2:30. For more information, contact Shannon Gigliotti at 929-6380 ext. 20, or email cropwalk@ifcmailbox.org

## Foreclosure prevention workshop

A foreclosure prevention seminar will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until noon. The workshop is sponsored by the N.C. Housing Coalition and the Orange County Affordable Housing Advisory Board. It will be at the Southern Human Services Center, at 2501 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. Register online at nchousing.org. Contact Regina Green for more information at 827-4494 or email rgreen@nchousing.org

## Community Calendar

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

**Bill of Rights Meeting**— Marisol McGee and Martin Spritzer of the Chatham County Human Relations Commission will discuss Chatham County's support of immigrant rights at a meeting of the Orange County Bill of Rights Defense Committee. 7pm, OWASA meeting room, 400 Jones Ferry Road. 942-2535

**Human Rights Discussion**— Scholars Grace Chang and Margo Okazawa-Rey discuss trafficking, migration, labor and military proliferation. 7pm, Sonja Hayes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, 150 South Road, UNC campus. Free.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

**Meet the Author Tea**— Local author Kate Betterton will be the guest author at the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library's Meet-the-Author Tea. 3:30-5pm, Chapel Hill Public Library. 968-2760

**Contra Dance**— The Carolina Song & Dance Association hosts a St. Patrick's Day/Equinox Contra Dance with live music by The DonnyborroLads and guest John McHugh and caller David Glick. No partner required, but clean, soft-soled shoes are. Newcomers' workshop, 7:30pm; dance, 8pm; Carrboro Century Center. 100 N. Greensboro St. \$8 suggested donation, 967-9948, csda-dance.org

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**Canine Holistic Health Workshop**— Author and veterinarian Dough Knueven presents a workshop on canine holistic health to benefit Paws4Ever. 9am-5pm, Paws4Ever, 6311-A Nicks Road, Mebane. \$80, animalprotectionsociety.org/programs/dogtrainingevents.shtml

**Black Tie & Tails Ball**— An evening of food, auctions, music and dancing benefitting the Carnivore Preservation Trust. 7-11pm, Washington Duke Inn, Durham. \$125 per person, 542-4684, blacktieandtailsball.com

**Guided Hike**— "Stillhouse Bottom Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers," a hike led by N.C. Botanical Garden staff. \$10, \$5 members, preregistration required. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu



Niche Garden Walks

**5K Run/Walk**— The UNC Kidney Center will host the fourth annual 5K Kidney Kare Run/Walk. 8:30am, McDougle Middle School. 966-2561, ext. 311, unckidneycenter.org

**Film Forum**— ChathamArts 100-Mile Sustainable Cinema presents "Race in NC: Looking Back, Moving Forward," a documentary film forum. 2:30pm, Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro. Weekend passes \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door; \$5 per film. chathamarts.org

**Safety Day**— Southern Village will hold Children's Safety Fun Day with a bicycle rodeo, crafts, a puppet show, refreshments and more. 10am, Scroggs Elementary School. 969-7301, ext. 231, bcarr@ncarolina.com

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

**Art Talk**— Cornelio Campos discusses his displayed work. 5pm, CHICLE, 101 E. Weaver St., Suite G-1. Free. 933-0398, chi-cle.com

**Make-A-Wish Orientation**— The Eastern North Carolina chapter will hold an orientation for new members. 1pm. 821-7111, ext. 216, jharris@eastncwish.org

## MONDAY, MARCH 23

**Bird Club**— Norm Dunitz discusses the birds and wildlife of the Galapagos Islands. 7:30pm, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Dr. Free.

**Garden Walk**— Guided garden walks with discussions on spring planting, garden maintenance, design and gardening for wildlife. Saturdays, 10am, Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Road, Chapel Hill. Free. 967-0078, nichegardens.com

**Meditation Class**— Learn techniques for relaxation, reducing stress, calming the mind, exploring spirit and establishing your practice. Fridays through April 3, 7-8:30pm, 104B Pleasant Drive. Space is limited. 967-9633, srchinmoylibrary.com

**Book Group**— A new monthly book discussion group for adults. Third Mondays, 7pm, Chapel Hill Public Library Conference Room

## KIDS

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

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

**Story Time**— Thursdays, 10:30am, Market Street Books, 510 Market Street, Southern Village. All ages welcomed. 933-5111

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

## VOLUNTEERS

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

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24

**Tai Chi**— Tai Chi for Health classes every Tuesday through April 14. 1-2pm, Cornucopia House. Reservations required. 401-9333, cornucopiahouse.org

## ONGOING

**Cancer Support**— Weekly support for cancer patients and family at Cornucopia House. Free. cornucopiahouse.org

**The Compassionate Friends**— Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Self-help support for adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church. Free. 967-3221, chapelhilltcf.org

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

**Garden Tour**— Tour the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center. Free. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

**Computer Classes**— "What Should I Read Next?: Resources for Book Lovers on the Web", Computer Basics, Web Basics, Intro to Email, Learning 2.0: Blogs, Photo-sharing and more. Wednesdays, March 25-April 22, 7pm, Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. Registration required. 918-7387, co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary



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## OBITUARY



## Dr. William F. Little

William F. "Bill" Little, a member of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill faculty for more than 40 years, a former vice president of the UNC system and a visionary leader who helped guide the development of the state's Research Triangle Park and the Research Triangle Institute, died Friday (February 27) at home in Chapel Hill. He was 79.

A native of Hickory, N.C., and one of nine children, Little was born in 1929 and received his bachelor's degree in chemistry, biology and mathematics from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1950. He came to Chapel Hill that year as a member of the first class of Morehead scholars, earning his master's degree in physical chemistry in 1952 and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1954.

Little began his teaching career at Reed College in 1955 but returned to Chapel Hill the following year as an instructor in the department of chemistry in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences and rose rapidly through the professorial ranks; he became chairman of the chemistry department at age 35. He was appointed University Distinguished Professor of Chemistry in 1977, a position he held until his retirement in 1996. Little also served in a variety of important administrative roles at Carolina, including vice chancellor for research, development and public service, 1973-78, and interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, 1991-92.

His involvement with the Research Triangle Park and the Research Triangle Institute, now known as RTI International, coincided

with the beginning of those two enterprises and continued until his death. In 1957, he was appointed by then Gov. Luther Hodges to serve on the Research Institute Committee, charged with evaluating the possibility of creating a scientific center in the Triangle area. In addition to his direct impact on RTP and RTI, Little inspired and guided thousands of chemistry students at Carolina. It was during his tenure as chemistry chair that the department grew dramatically in both faculty numbers and national stature, enhancing the Triangle's reputation as a center for scientific excellence.

"The role that Bill played in the birth of the Research Triangle is hard to overstate and his contributions and dedication to the growth and strength of the sciences and economic development in our region will long be felt," said Chancellor Holden Thorp, who studied under Little in the 1980s and has considered him a dear friend since. "But Bill's greatest love was our chemistry department and especially its young faculty. He created a culture where the coins of the realm were wisdom and encouragement. He was a giant."

To honor his numerous contributions to RTI and its chemistry program, the institute dedicated the William F. Little Medicinal Chemistry Building in 2003. His 50-plus year commitment to RTI and the RTP was highlighted again when he spoke at the State of RTP breakfast on February 26, challenging and inspiring a gathering of business leaders about the promise and possibilities that lie ahead during the next 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dell, of Chapel Hill; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Denis Marcellin-Little of Wake Forest; grandchildren, Arianne and Julien Marcellin-Little of Wake Forest; sister, Sheely Miller of Greenville, SC; brother, Arthur H. Little of Hickory; and beloved nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to The National Humanities Center, The College of Arts and Sciences Foundation, or a favorite public radio station.

## Michael Vincent O'Hare

Michael V. O'Hare, 73, formerly of Arlington, Virginia and Chatham, Virginia, died Sunday, March 15, 2009 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, the son of Margaret Mary and Owen J. O'Hare. He served in the Marine Corps, and was a graduate of Catholic University. He spent his career in Washington, DC as an administrator for the Overseas Development Council, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the U.S. Naval Medical Research Center's Malaria Program.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Owen O'Hare, and is sur-

vived and mourned by his wife, Kathleen Hurt O'Hare; two children of the home, Owen and Margaret O'Hare; a daughter, Kate O'Hare Giovanello, and husband, Nick Giovanello; three brothers, Edward O'Hare, and wife, Glenna, of Staten Island, NY; Robert O'Hare and wife, Doreen, of Allentown, NJ; Jack O'Hare and wife, Eileen, of Plainsboro, NJ; one sister, Catherine O'Hare Simon of Charleston, SC; many nieces and nephews; and many friends and colleagues.

The funeral service will be held Thursday morning, March 19, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill. Visitation was held on Wednesday evening, March 18, at Walker's Funeral Home on W. Franklin Street.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at UNC Hospital who cared so well and so compassionately for Michael, particularly the nurses in the Neurosurgical ICU unit, and Drs. Anand Germanwala and Tiffany Perry.

A gathering of family and friends to celebrate Michael's life and mourn his passing will be held after burial at the family home in Chapel Hill.

Arrangements by Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill.

## Clyde Lewis Duke

Mr. Clyde Lewis Duke, 75, died Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Britthaven of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Duke was a native of Durham but had lived in Chapel Hill most of his life. He was the son of the late Garland L. Duke and Jeppie Mae Pendergrass. Mr. Duke was retired from the Cary Police Department where he worked as a dispatcher. He was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Duke attended the N.C. School for the Blind in Raleigh and was an avid collector of John Wayne memorabilia. On one occasion, he even traveled to California and met Mr. Wayne's wife and become friends with her.

He is survived by a sister, Willie Ann Dolar, of Graham; a brother, Edward W. Clark, of Chapel Hill; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Walker's Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.

Flowers are accepted or donations may be made to the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, Rehabilitation Services, 301 Ashe Ave., Raleigh, NC 27606.

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## FARMERS FROM PAGE 1

Avery said that younger people are attracted to sustainable farming for a variety of reasons. The food produced is healthier. It uses little or no chemicals, which benefits the environment, workers and consumers. It's socially responsible, providing fair wages and healthy working conditions for workers. Sustainable farms are local businesses - money spent at and by them benefits the immediate area. It's also important that sustainable farming is financially viable - farmers can make a living.

In 2007, Avery and her husband bought a former 15-acre hay field. Only 2.5 acres is in cultivation this year, but they're raising 150 different varieties of produce, flowers and fruits. Avery said they expect to gross about \$20,000 per acre. The first year, with just one acre under cultivation, they did better than that. The farm operates a community-supported agriculture program that provides produce to members. It also sells at farmers' markets and to restaurants.

According to program coordinator Robin Kohanowich, CCC's sustainable-agriculture students gain entrepreneurial and technical expertise to develop and manage a profitable, environmentally sound, community-based small farm or agricultural business. It also serves individuals interested in starting or improving home gardens.



PHOTO BY KATHERINE MCDONALD/CCCC  
Hilary Heckler of Pittsboro manages the five-acre student farm for Central Carolina Community College's sustainable-agriculture program at the college's Chatham County Campus in Pittsboro. In addition to growing vegetables, the farm also has 15 laying hens, including the barred rock hen she is holding. Manure from the hens helps fertilize the growing beds and the hens help control weeds by eating their seeds.

Erik Walton of Pittsboro is a student in the college's permaculture class, learning how to create self-sustaining ecosystems by relying on renewable resources.

"I have my degree in geography from the University of Illinois, but I wanted to learn how to do sustainable farming," he said. "While living in Illinois, I searched the Internet for a program and found Central Carolina's. I moved here in 2006 to enroll. To me, most importantly, we're learning how to treat the

soil with respect. If people don't learn how to do this, they'll ruin the land for future generations, damage workers and consumers and ruin the water."

The college's sustainable-agriculture programs have succeeded because of community-wide collaboration among the college, farmers, government agencies and nonprofits, said Dr. Karen Allen, the college's Chatham County provost. Supporters and partnerships include local sustainable farmers, the N.C.

Cooperative Extension Service, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, RAFI-USA, American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, R.E.A.L. Enterprises, two land-grant universities (N.C. State and N.C. A&T) and other organizations.

Allen credits organic farmer Harvey Harman of Bear Creek with starting the sustainable-agriculture classes at the college in the spring of 1996. About the same time, residents of Chatham County were concerned about preserving farmland and open space in spite of the growing population. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners encouraged the sustainable movement by funding the first N.C. Cooperative Extension agent for organic and sustainable agriculture in the state.

The programs have proven so popular that the college has been awarded a Skill-Up Grant from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund to expand sustainable agriculture to its West Harnett Center in Harnett County.

"Central Carolina's sustainable agriculture classes and productive land laboratory are an example of workforce and entrepreneurial training which colleges and universities throughout the state and nation should duplicate," said U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge. "The college's efforts have helped to make small family farms profitable again."

*Katherine McDonald is a news and features writer at Central Carolina Community College.*

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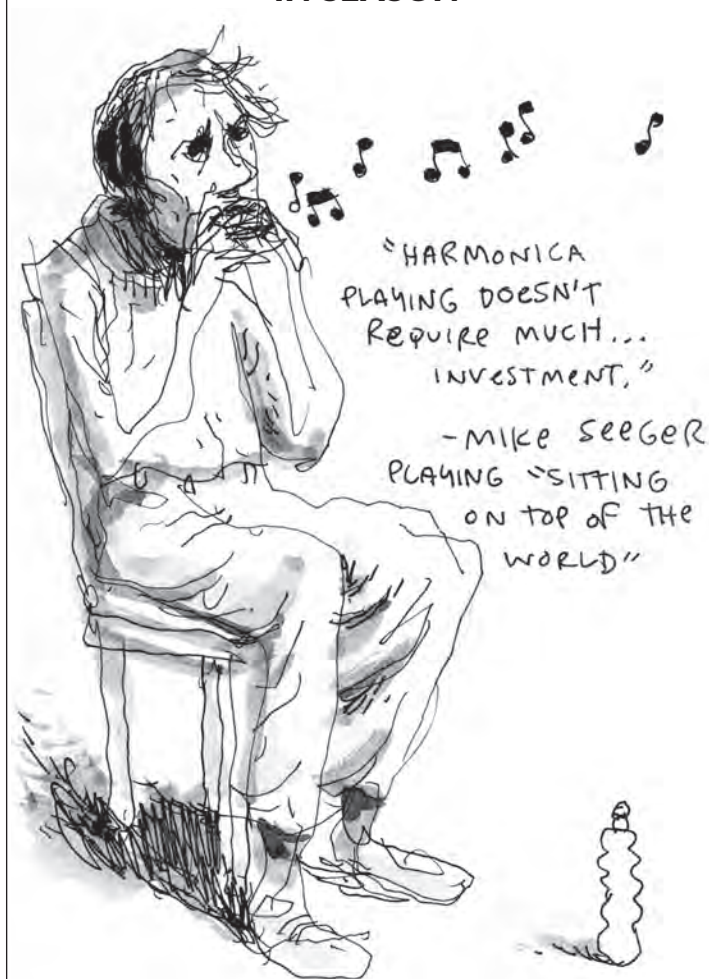


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# FARMERS' MARKET

## What's at Market?

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## BUHCAAACK! SPRING HOURS: 7am - Noon

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## Recipe of the week

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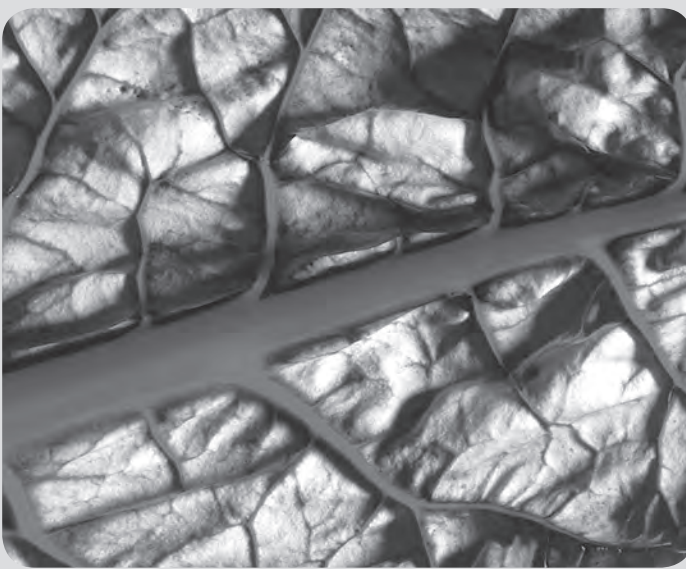
#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 turnips, peeled and ribboned
- olive oil
- 5 eggs, room temperature
- sea salt and pepper to taste
- 1 bunch swiss chard

**PROCEDURE:** Break the five eggs in a bowl and using a whisk or a simple kitchen fork mix well, add a plug of olive oil, swiss chard, add to eggs, mix all well, and set aside.

Prepare the turnips as per chef's instructions. season with salt and pepper. heat olive oil in a large heavy skillet heat till hot. add turnips and when caramelized remove to a bowl. Raise heat on pan to medium high. add egg mixture to very hot pan. using a fork stir the eggs in a circular motion towards the center; eggs will cook very quickly. When the bottom of the frittata is well set, level the eggs and cover with a lid to cook the top, keeping heat on medium. When completely cooked, slide off onto a pretty round plate, add the turnips, and serve warm and garnish with a young spring cheese

- Sprinkle the top with the breadcrumbs and cheese.
- Place the skillet in the oven and broil until the top of the gratin is golden and bubbling



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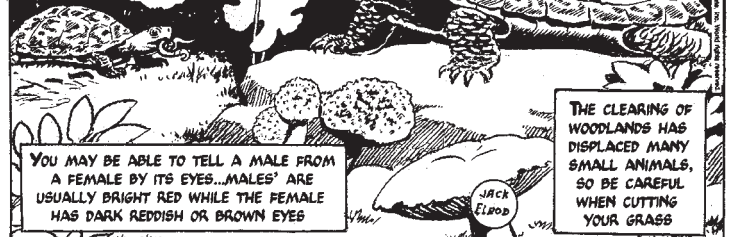
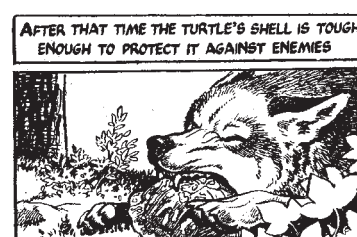
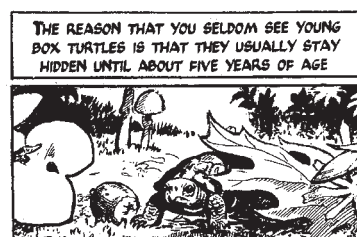
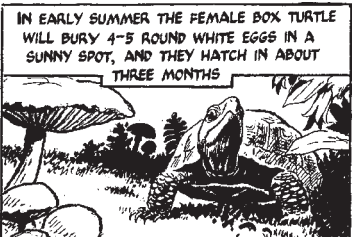
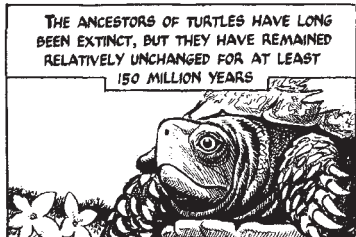
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## The future of journalism

At a little over 600 square feet in three rooms, the office isn't much to look at, but it's home. The publisher's "suite" occupies one of the southern corners of the big room. His youngest daughter — our town reporter — and a desk for interns occupy the other southern corner. The north side of the room is home to the two people who make up our ad and business departments. In between, on one side are some bookshelves and on the other, wedged in between a filing cabinet and the publisher's lone partition, is the domain of our contributing editor, who cleaned up in the state press awards this year.

Next to the big room is the entryway and kitchen and a little bathroom and storage area. In the small room — known fondly as the "editorial suite" — are a couple of filing cabinets, a work table, our art director's space and the desk of yours truly. Nearby, a small dog rests on a small couch. If you pay us a visit, he may or may not greet you, depending on how soundly he's sleeping. Every desk in the office came from UNC surplus. I sit at a deluxe L-shaped number that went for \$35.

Whenever I find myself wondering about the future of journalism, a little voice chimes in, "Yer looking at it, pal."

You can't be in this business without wondering how much wilder the ride can get. I've written about this before, so I'll spare you the wind up. The talking points are that not every newspaper is in trouble and that most that are hurting are chain-owned metro dailies burdened by debt brought on by a mergers-and-acquisition craze reminiscent of the Dutch tulip bubble.

Two years ago amid this maelstrom, *The Carrboro Citizen* published the first issue of the first volume.

Robert Dickson and I started this paper in part because we saw an opening in the market and in part because we thought Carrboro and surrounding environs should have a locally owned and focused paper. But mostly we started *The Citizen* because we believe in newspapers.

To be honest, when we started that was a pretty lonely place. Some of the better business minds in the area were quick to point out that we were daft since print is a dying part of the information industry. Our contention was then, and is now, that print may be shrinking, but it is hardly dying. Having the opportunity to start from scratch, post Internet, provided us with the chance to incorporate a lot of hard-learned lessons.

So yes, we've got blogs and Twitter and Facebook and Flickr and, according to the N.C. Press Association, operate the third-best website in the state for papers our size.

But all that and the print product too would be worthless without the one thing that gives purpose to our endeavor: journalism. It is quality work, solid reporting and good storytelling that empties the racks each week. Technological advances can enhance that, but not replace it.

This past Monday, we received in our small office the 14 UNC journalism students who produce the web-based *Carrboro Commons* for Jock Lauterer's community journalism class. Their predecessors' interest in the idea of a newspaper for Carrboro was the original inspiration for *The Citizen*, and each semester Jock brings the new class up to the office for a visit and some speechifying about newspapers.

Not long before they arrived, we'd gotten the news of the 78 new layoffs at the *N&O*. If there is anything that underlines the insanity of the current situation in newspapers, it's seeing another round of layoffs at a paper that is still turning a profit. I've had a lot of very sobering discussions of late with young people interested in taking up journalism. They are genuinely worried, and rightly so. They know that for the near term their chosen profession is on shifting sands.

You hold in your hand the first issue of the third volume of *The Carrboro Citizen*. Each week, more than 5,000 people like you prove to those students and to us that there is a future for journalism. — KIRK ROSS

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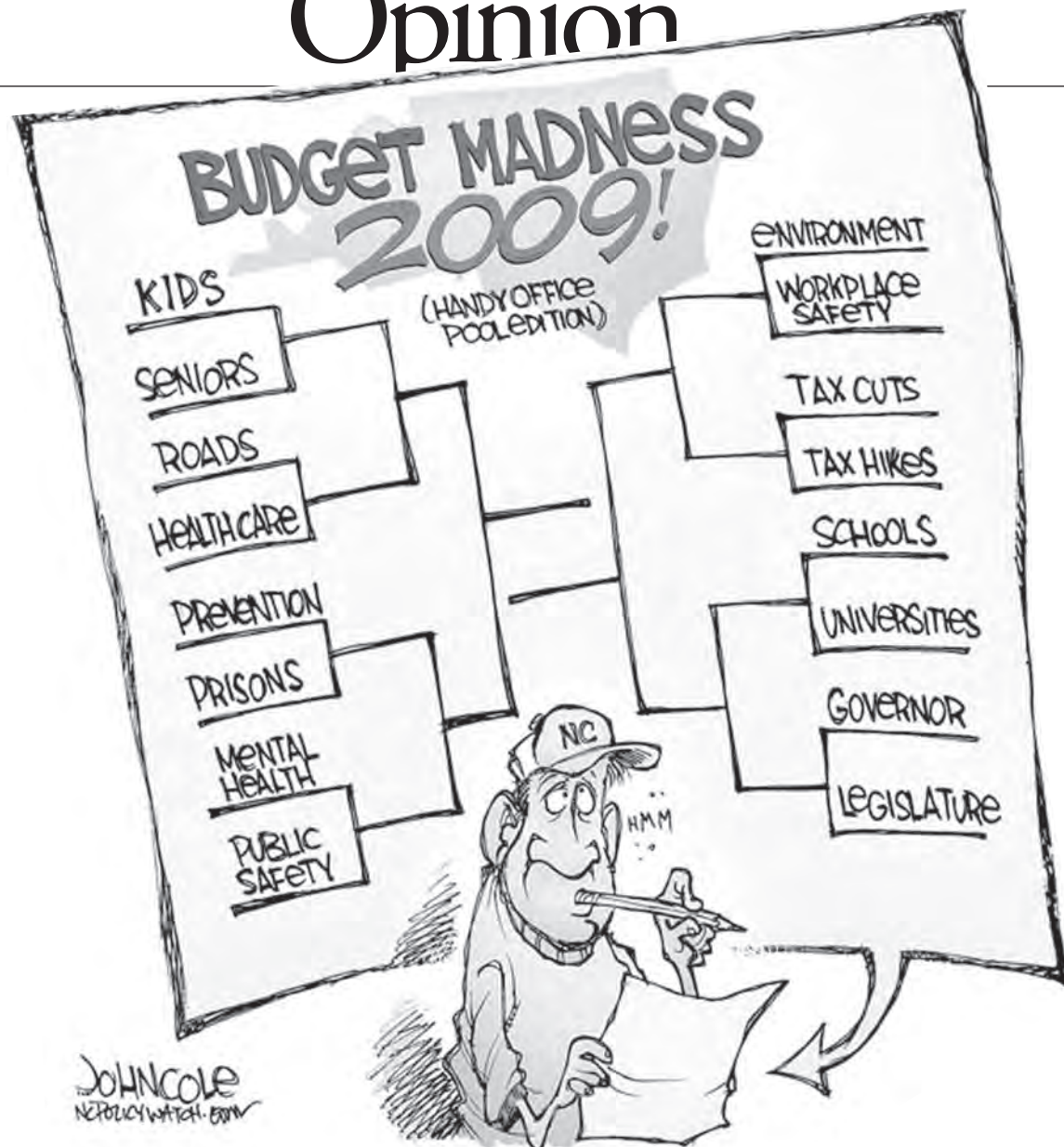
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## A mixed budget bag

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The state budget is always complicated. It comes in a stack of spiral-bound books that explain how agencies will spend more than \$40 billion over two years. But it is more difficult than usual to understand all the ramifications of the spending plan presented by Gov. Beverly Perdue Tuesday, both because of the way the numbers were presented and the lack of detail in many of the proposed budget cuts.

The big numbers aren't that hard to comprehend. Perdue addresses what her staff says is a \$3.4 billion shortfall next year by reducing state spending by \$360 million, eliminating more than 1,400 jobs, using \$1.7 billion of federal stimulus money and increasing taxes on tobacco products and alcohol.

The budget shortfall for the second year of the biennium is expected to reach \$3 billion and Perdue proposes another \$1.3 billion in cuts to address it, along with federal funds and a forecast of 5.4 percent growth in state revenues, which seems hard to imagine in the current economic climate.

Perdue had already released many of the positive parts of her plan at press events in the last week: new investments in education, economic development and the probation system, and an increase in the State Earned Income Tax Credit to help the working poor.

Tuesday she talked more about those priorities, which she called strategic investments, and defended her call to raise the tax on cigarettes by a dollar a pack and add a 5 percent surcharge to every purchase of alcohol.

Together, the two tax increases will raise \$507 million next year and \$677 million the year after. Perdue did not include any broad-based revenue increases and did not propose closing a loophole that allows multistate corporations to avoid paying state corporate income taxes.

Instead, she reduced spending by more than a billion dollars a year to balance the budget, but it is hard to know exactly where all the cuts were made. The budget saves \$100 million by freezing the rates the state pays Medicaid service providers and another \$20 million by making changes in the prescription drug program. She proposes closing some small prisons and putting two inmates in some cells at existing facilities, a recipe for trouble.

There weren't many details of other major cuts. Perdue's staff passed out a three-page list of programs she wants to eliminate or significantly reduce, but the total cost of the cuts was only \$37 million, a long way from \$1.3 billion.

There were instead hundreds of millions in savings by funding salaries at 97 percent for most agencies and including unspecified cuts in "operating accounts." Perdue pointed out that her budget includes \$3.5 million for the expected enrollment increases at community colleges, but failed to mention that it also directs the community college system to find \$20.9 million in cuts.

There are plenty of good things in Perdue's budget too, and not just the large investments she trumpeted. She wants to spend \$250,000 to set up a foundation to help the living victims of the state's horrific forced sterilization program that

operated until the early 1970s. And whatever you think of the tax hikes on cigarettes and alcohol, Perdue wisely determined that she couldn't balance the budget with cuts alone.

That doesn't mean all the cuts she did recommend make sense. Some don't, most notably her call to eliminate Sentencing Services, a program that diverts offenders into treatment and community alternatives instead of prison.

The budget document itself says the program reduces admissions to prisons and provides treatment for offenders who may not receive it behind bars. Sentencing Services saves the state money every year, not to mention the people it helps turn their lives around.

Most of the cuts in Perdue's budget are still to come if her plan is adopted by state lawmakers. The reductions will be made by chancellors and agency heads and her budget commission will be looking for more programs to eliminate.

Overall, Perdue's first budget is a mixed bag in an almost impossible year. She recognized the need to raise revenue, but didn't ask corporations or wealthy individuals to help raise it.

She invested in worthy programs, but ordered unspecified cuts to many of the departments that administer them.

Now it's the General Assembly's turn to come up with a plan to address the shortfall and protect vital state services. Perdue has given lawmakers a reasonable framework to begin. Now let's see all the details.

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

## Show some courage

Thanks to Senator Kinnaird for her column of March 12th concerning the treatment of Hispanic people lately in North Carolina.

The issue is complicated but the bottom line is that bad things are beginning to happen to good people. Of late, this is where I get up on my soap box. I always point out that we have to deal with things as they are, not as they ought to have been. It ought to have been that someone could show up at the border and ask for permission to look for work as a dishwasher. Surgeons and web designers get to do this.

A little paperwork and an orderly monitoring of border crossings would likely have supplied the extra workers that we needed while a lack of demand would have stemmed the tide in leaner times. Instead, grudging, difficult and understaffed policies were put into place piecemeal. Of course, people came anyway because of the seemingly limitless demand.

Men came first, but because of the difficulty of traveling back and forth, families began to follow. For years, the authorities generally looked the other way. Now that we are in harder times, these people are being portrayed as a threat and a nuisance by some. It is presented as an instance of us and them.

If the global meltdown has shown us anything, it is that we are all us and we are all also them. They are blamed for rising unemployment. Not so fast. These guys always start on the bottom rung. While the idea of disgraced investment bankers washing dishes in restaurant kitchens is appealing in many ways, it wouldn't really be a sign of economic recovery.

Ten years ago, landscapers, contractors and restaurateurs welcomed these workers, not because they were less expensive, but because they were willing to do good work for what small businesses could afford to pay. They are still here and we need to remember that they are people, not labor statistics. Sensible, thoughtful new policies are needed to deal with today's realities. It's time for all of us to show a little courage and speak out.

BILL SMITH  
Chapel Hill

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The Leadership Team of the Hillsborough Farmers Market wants to thank SunTrust Bank, formerly CCB Bank, for allowing the Hillsborough Farmers Market to use their downtown parking lot for the past 12 years.

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## Editor has cart before the horse

BRIAN VOYCE

No single drop of rain thinks it's to blame for the flood. Local municipal spending comprises a flood of services, each reasonable to fund if viewed in isolation.

In a recent editorial, Editor Ross deftly explains why Orange County is in its current financial mess. It's not what he says. It's what he doesn't say.

To Mr. Ross, the cart should pull the horse. There's not too much government spending, but too little government revenues. (Let's be blunt, too little taxation.) You mustn't complain about government spending unless you figure out what part of hundreds of pages of budget should be cut. (Weren't you paid to spend weeks advocating the details of every budget page?)

Fortunately, there's another approach. Put the horse back in front of the cart. How about having the people who ran for office, who get paid for that office, and who approve evermore government spending, how about them justifying that spending? How about the commissioners explaining their ever-out-sized appetite for money?

The county workforce has grown from about 673 full-time employee equivalents (FTEs) in FY2001-2002 to about 900 FTEs FY2008-2009. Why? Why is local municipal government the county's only growth industry? County employee growth is about 226 FTEs in 7 years, or about 34% in total, about

5% per year. Did the population grow at 5% per year?

Mr. Ross, aren't you curious as to why the population in Orange County grew by less than 1% annually (only 4.6% between county FY2002-2003 to FY2007-2008), and yet the commissioners increased spending during that time by 27%? (Didn't your income grow by 27% over the past five years?) That's an additional \$266 per person above the estimated \$973 per capita that would have been needed to pay for pro rata population growth. (There goes your growth canard!)

If a local e-zine (like Squeezethelp.com) can present these relevant facts, then why can't the local media? Why is the burden for controlling spending on those paying the taxes, and not on those with the resources to create and to spend those taxes? To what paid staff should the private citizen turn in order to answer Mr. Ross' questions, to do the job of the commissioners without pay or free health benefits?

Let's turn to Mr. Ross' solution, increasing the size of the cart. Is increasing taxes through a local county income tax (more money paid to the state at tax time) a fair solution to the problem of solving county overspending?

In CY2007, the median household income for Orange County was about \$55,000. That household (assuming two dependents and employer contributions) would pay about \$4,200 in FICA, about \$2,300 in state income taxes, and

\$0 (yes, \$0) in federal taxes in CY2008. That's about \$6,500, or about 11.8% of income paid out in income taxes. On the other hand, if the same household made \$110,000, it would pay about \$8,400 in FICA, about \$6,500 in state income taxes, and about \$10,500 in federal income taxes. That's about \$25,400, or about 23% of income in income taxes. More importantly, it's four times the tax burden of those making the median income.

So Mr. Ross, is it really fair that you could sit on \$10,000,000 in property value, and as long as you have a median income you would pay half the county income tax of someone making twice your income, but who sits on one-twentieth your property value (\$500,000)? How does more income equate to more responsibility than more net worth?

By the way, the average combined state and local income tax for Maryland is about 7%, just about what the state income tax rate is for North Carolina. So Maryland residents aren't paying more in non-federal income taxes than Orange County residents. (Another canard gone!)

Mr. Ross also asked about suggestions for real reform.

Here's one. Sunset all county spending, i.e., require annual justification for each county program. Don't just have budget presentations for increases in spending on existing programs.

Here's another suggestion. Provide a priority rank for each service in its importance to county residents. Let citi-

zens see how their commissioners view the relative importance of each service.

Here's another suggestion. Require alternative expense testing for each county service. Determine if it's cheaper to outsource the service through private enterprise. Municipal workers earn substantially more in compensation than the average private employee.

Here's another suggestion. Increase the county developer impact fee to the maximum allowed by state law. Why did commissioners refuse to increase this fee to the maximum this year? Why shouldn't new residences pay for the increased municipal burden caused by their creation?

Here's another suggestion. Fire all of the municipal economic-development staffs. If you impose a county income tax, then you can forget attracting private enterprise.

In the end, it's about controlling your spending. Every private business enterprise must live by that rule. Why should public officials be different? They shouldn't behave like a child wanting a pretty pony. Not only does the pony cost money, but you have to feed the pony, house the pony, clean up after the pony, and care for the health of the pony.

Owning the pony may give you a higher quality of life, just like owning a Rembrandt original. But do you need the pony? But can you afford the pony?

Brian Voyce is a resident of The Highlands in Carrboro.



**HEALTH**  
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The petition states that, given that one in four people is touched by mental illness, any discussion of mental health services in North Carolina should include input from those affected by mental illness and their family members.

In addition to asking for at least 25 percent consumer and family member participation in groups serving those with mental illness, it calls for the fostering of "an attitude of inclusion and openness with respect to dealings with mental health issues and the mental health community."

Cornwell said that ignoring the voices of consumers is "basically endorsing the mindset that has been the status quo in North Carolina, a status quo that helps

ingrain discrimination and reinforces existing prejudices.

"It's a mindset that seems to say to consumers and family members that they're not wise enough or experienced enough to sit at the table to help solve these problems, which is far from the case."

**The prognosis**

In its recent report, NAMI said of North Carolina, "Fortunately, a change in governors in 2009 provides broader hope for the future."

Both Cansler and Perdue have expressed the desire to be more open to consumer input. But Cornwell said that no response to the petition had yet been received from any state or elected official.

And with the budget shortfall the state is facing – and despite Cansler's statement that, "Mental health reform is over. Now we have to focus on building the

system." – no one is optimistic that a dramatic new course is immediately forthcoming.

At a public listening session held last month by a mental health task force convened by Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy, Rep. Verla Insko, co-chair of the joint legislative oversight committee on mental health, said that she believes that once the budget is passed not only will the stimulus money targeted for mental health care services be used to fill holes elsewhere but that an additional \$400-500 million of the state's Medicaid money could be lost.

In response to those comments, Bebe Smith, director of outpatient services for UNC's Schizophrenia Treatment and Evaluation Program and co-director of the Center of Excellence in Community Mental Health in

Carrboro, said, "If there are funding cuts to an already underfunded system, bad things will happen to vulnerable people."

"The current system is not one we can rely on, particularly in this economic climate."

Still, consumer advocates are hoping for the best.

"I certainly think advocates in North Carolina have high hopes for Secretary Cansler," Cornwell said last week, "and his actions and statements so far seem to justify those hopes."

"And while it's in the best interest of everyone, including the state's taxpayers, to include mental health clients and their family members in working on solutions to the state's mental health woes, it would create a tremendous amount of good will for him to just say so."

**BASKETBALL NOTES FRANK HEATH**

**Good years to be at Carolina**

For all of us who observe, reflect and comment upon sports, the shifting of seasons in those sports – from off-season to pre-season, from regular season to post-season, or just from no-season to football season – always provides fertile ground for new perspectives and stories.

In a remembrance this week on the WRAL.com website, UNC senior Sam Rosenthal reflected on the past four seasons of Carolina hoops, side-by-side with his four years as a student in Chapel Hill (wral.com/story/4755491).

From the surprising success the Tar Heels enjoyed when Tyler Hansbrough, Bobby Frasor, et al. were upstart rookies in 2005-06 to the genesis of the experienced juggernaut that finished 36-3 for the 2007-08 season and that is enjoying similar success in the current campaign, Rosenthal's article chronicles four years of college on his own terms and those of his classmates, while recognizing the kaleidoscopic stamp that Carolina basketball has also left on each of those years.

My own four years in college, 1981-84, although not spent at UNC, seem equally as memorable when considered in connection with the seasons of Tar Heel basketball they paralleled.

My freshman year – which coincided with Sam Perkins and Matt Doherty's rookie season – saw Carolina struggle only a bit during

January (like the Grinch, stuck in that chimney) before gelling toward the end of the season and ultimately going far, even by Carolina standards. Led by the magnificent senior Al Wood, the 1980-81 Tar Heels captured the ACC Tournament title and reached the NCAA Finals before being derailed a game short of their ultimate goal by Isaiah Thomas and Indiana.

With Perkins and James Worthy and his classmate Mike Pepper providing powerful scoring punch, Wood had concentrated his senior season on rebounding and being a leader. But when push came to shove in the NCAA semifinals, Al gave one of the memorable shooting performances in college basketball history, dropping in 39 points to almost single-handedly down a great Virginia team led by the towering Ralph Sampson.

Two nights later, I was in attendance at the NCAA finals, which were being held that year in my college town of Philadelphia, with Haverford buddy and fellow transplanted Tar Heel Ed Cone. That game was given a surreal funk by the assassination attempt on President Reagan just hours earlier. And more funk came as Carolina misplaced its offensive compass after halftime, ultimately taking it on the chin, 63-50, against an Indiana team that seemed to come from nowhere to grab the title.

Carolina's finish the next season, 1981-82, afforded a tonic for all that had gone wrong in Coach Dean Smith's six prior visits to the Final Four. After a season-opening win against Kansas, in a game that

had not been televised, I talked to my friend Curt Dansby, trying to get a feel for what kind of a player the new freshman, Mike Jordan, was.

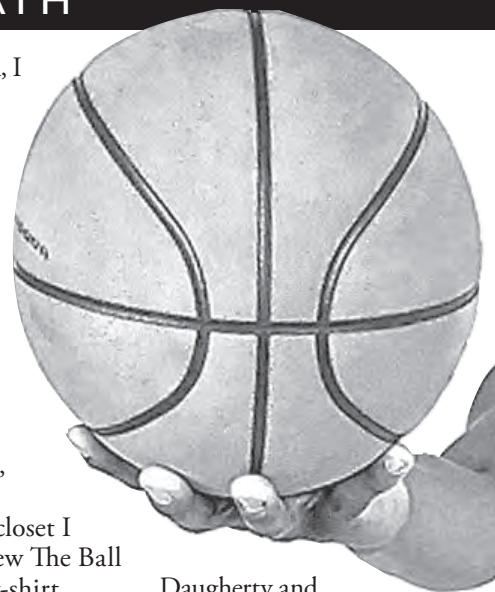
"Does he play inside?" I asked, and Curt said, "Yeah." "Or is he a shooter?" I asked, and again Curt said, "Yeah."

Somewhere in a closet I still own a "He Threw The Ball To James Worthy" t-shirt.

The following season – my junior year – was a weird, transitional one for college basketball, with an experimental, close three-point line and shot clock that had not been used before. The Tar Heels had difficulty finding the right combination at the point to replace departed senior Jimmy Black.

Carolina began that 1982-83 season 3-3, then rose to No. 1 at mid-season with 18 straight wins, then proceeded to lose three straight. The Tar Heels never quite found their leader and eventually went down at the hands of Georgia in the Final Eight, 82-77.

Finally, in my senior year of 1983-84, UNC had what has been called the most talent ever to be assembled on one college basketball team. Freshmen Kenny Smith and Joe Wolf joined a roster that already included Perkins, Jordan and Matt Doherty, along with sophs Brad



Daugherty and Steve Hale. These Tar Heels went undefeated in the ACC and lost only one regular-season game, against Arkansas, when the talented Smith suffered a wrist injury while being fouled on a breakaway.

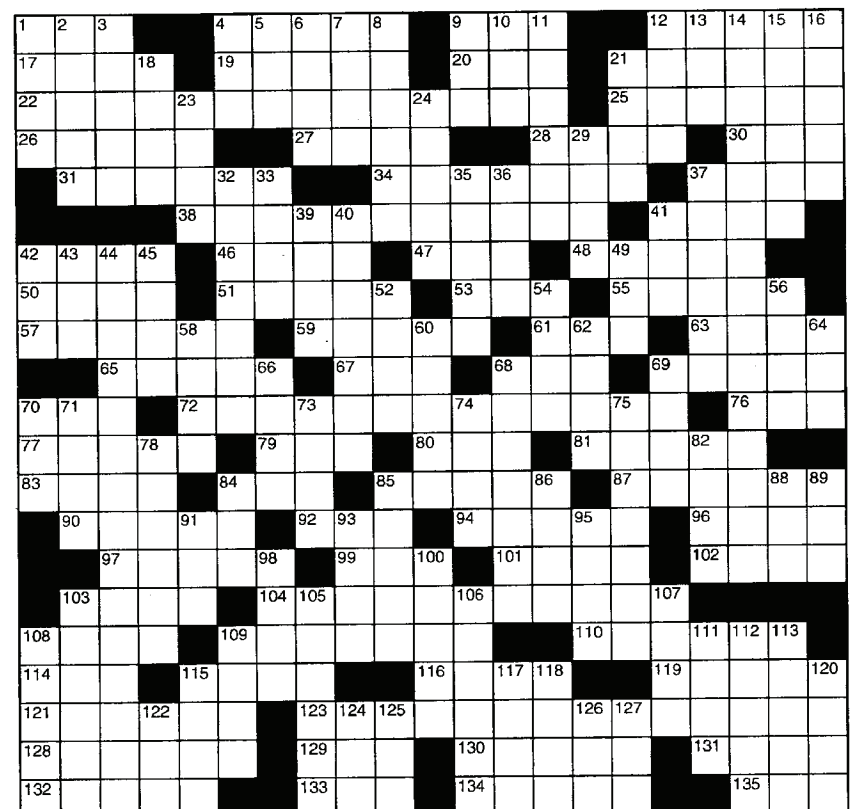
Smith's injury – or rather, his return several weeks later from the injury – proved to be a disruptive force that tipped the season in an ultimately gone-south direction. Still ranked No 1, as it was all season, Carolina dropped a close decision against Duke in the ACC Tournament semis, then lost to Indiana – again – in the second round of the NCAA Tourney.

I still remember where I was standing when I was told, shortly before my graduation, that Jordan had decided to skip his senior season and leave UNC for the NBA.

Ah, but every college student should be so lucky.

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- 93 Hard on the eyes
- 95 Author Hubbard
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- 103 Breakfast food
- 105 Get the bait of Kevin of "SNL"
- 107 Part of EMT
- 108 Shipbuilding need
- 109 Passed-on item
- 111 Fleming and Linkletter
- 112 Consequences alternative
- 113 Skater
- 115 Budge
- 117 See 69 Down
- 118 Fluffy coil
- 120 Bruce of "Coming Home"
- 122 "Whether — nobler in the mind..."
- 124 Medical grp.
- 125 Corn portion
- 126 Perch part
- 127 Waugh's "The Loved —"



**CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody**

For example, YAPHCVAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

**"Did I do something Wrong?"**

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*Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.*

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

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## Chapel Hill - Carrboro School Lunch Menus

MARCH 20-26

### ELEMENTARY

**FRIDAY** — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Garden Salad; Green Beans; Chilled Applesauce

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

**TUESDAY** — Pork Egg Roll; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks; w/Marinara Dipping; Sauce; Fun on the Run; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Apricots

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

**THURSDAY** — Ham & Cheese Sub; Chicken Tetrastini; w/Wheat Roll; Fun on the Run; Sweet Potato & Apples; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Seasoned Lima Beans; Chilled Pears

### MIDDLE + HIGH

**FRIDAY** — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Sweet Yellow Corn; Banana Pudding

**MONDAY** — Double Cheeseburger; Fishwich; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Tater Tots; Peas & Carrots; Fresh Apple

**TUESDAY** — Three Cheese Baked Rotini w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Fajitas w/Salsa & Sour Cream; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches

**WEDNESDAY** — Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Cheese; Baked Potato w/Meat & Cheese and Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple; Chocolate Pudding

**THURSDAY** — Fried Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Dipping Sauce; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh Banana

## Dinner unites Carrboro High community

BY VIRGINIA MCILWAIN  
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

**CARRBORO** — Students, teachers and community members came together last month for an evening of song, dance, food and poetry at Carrboro High School.

The success of the school's first-ever Unity Dinner, the culmination of its Black History Month celebration, is indicative of the significant strides Carrboro High has made to address issues of race that troubled students, parents and staff not long after the school opened its doors in 2007.

Racial tensions mounted halfway through the 2007-08 academic year after one student's racially charged comments led to a fight on school grounds. In the weeks and months that followed, the Carrboro High community worked to bring parents, staff and students together to initiate a school-wide dialogue about race relations.

As part of their continuing efforts, staff members on the school's Equity Team, along with Principal Kelly Batten, recognized this year's celebration of Black History Month as a wonderful opportunity for the school to encourage students to engage in conversations with one another about race, equity and unity.

Throughout the month of February, Carrboro High students participated in a variety of activities highlighting different aspects of black history, including a poetry reading and follow-up discussion and a televised theatrical performance featuring student actors and actresses.

Teachers also worked to incorporate black history lessons into their classrooms. Art students created colorful displays showcasing the works of famous black artists, while history classes assembled informative posters about well-known black historical figures. All were on display at Thursday's Unity Dinner, which Carrboro High students attended in droves.

"I came because I wanted to show my school spirit," junior Allie Shaheen said. "After what happened last year, we've been doing a lot of great things like this to help students come together, mix it up and meet new people."

Other students, including seniors Paris Laws and Kelli Brown, were excited to see their fellow classmates showcase a variety of talents.

"I really want to see the step team perform," Laws said before her friends in Delta Alpha Omega took the stage. "I'm excited to see what's going to happen. They've been preparing for this all month."

Other performers included three members of local slam poetry group the Sacrificial Poets, the Carrboro High Jazz Ensemble and the school's Latin Dance Club.

Faculty members familiar with black history observances at other schools in the district suggested the Jaguars put on an event similar to East Chapel Hill High School's annual Unity Dinner, a popular celebration of the school's diversity that is held each February.

English teacher Al Donaldson, a former East Chapel Hill High faculty member, was especially enthusiastic about incorporating a unity dinner into Carrboro High's celebration of Black History Month.



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA MCILWAIN

Members of Carrboro High School's step team, Delta Alpha Omega, perform at the school's first-ever Unity Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 26. The evening's talent, including appearances by members of local slam poetry group the Sacrificial Poets and performances by the school's Jazz Ensemble and Latin Dance Club, touched on the themes of race, diversity and unity.

"I think it's just great how everyone comes together to show off their talent and highlight diversity," Donaldson said. "Events like these say some really good things about our school."

Carrboro High technology specialist Alison Webster, who also helped organize this year's dinner, agreed.

"It's such a wonderful thing to see an idea like this come to fruition," she said. "The best part is seeing all of the parents and community members come together to support the kids."

According to Batten, the school is extremely pleased with the success of the Unity Dinner and is looking forward to making it an annual event.

"We've been given an excellent starting point," he said. "We're going to have to top this every year."

*Virginia McIlwain 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.*

## Board to hold budget session

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen's proposed budget is the subject of a public hearing and work session scheduled for Thursday night's school board meeting.

The meeting at Chapel Hill Town Hall begins at 7 p.m. with a public hearing to receive comments and suggestion on the budget.

Pedersen has said that the schools need to be prepared to cut \$875,000 from the current budget. He has proposed cutting

non-personnel spending by 10 percent along with hiring freezes or delays in hiring.

The superintendent's plan also includes reducing the total number of workdays for teaching assistants in grades K-3 by five days.

After the hearing, the school board will review additional strategies for cutting personnel costs including staff reductions for high school reading teachers, media assistants and elementary music, art and PE teachers.

The meeting will be cablecast on Channel 18.

## Sports Briefs

### Sports Awards

Following are the recipients of the 2008-2009 Carrboro High School Athletic Awards for winter sports:



### Women's Varsity Basketball

Most Improved, Layne Mishoe; Captain's Award, Jasmine Palmer; Defensive Award, Allyson Ropp; Academics in Athletics, Kelsey Fairholm, Women's JV Academics in Athletics, Marijke Kylstra

### Men's Varsity Basketball

Coaches' Award, David Brooks; Most Improved, Derek Bryant; Hustle Award, Cardin Jones; Academics in Athletics, Ben Berolzheimer; JV Academics in Athletics, Bobby Mook

### Varsity Cheerleading

Coaches' Award, Sheterra Jones and Laura Castro; Leadership Award, Paige McClelland; Academic Award, Emily Powell

### Men's Varsity Swimming

Most Valuable Swimmer, Ken Ryan; Coaches' Award, Tyler Oleski; Jaguar Award, Ty Fenton; Rookie Award, George Beatty

### Women's Varsity Swimming

Most Valuable Swimmer, Emily Tysinger; Coaches' Award, Rosie Scanga; Jaguar Award, Shelby Banning-Arndt; Rookie Award, Katie Furey

### Men's Varsity Diving

Most Valuable Diver, Colby Isabel; Coach's Award, Evan DeMarr

## School Briefs

### Job fair

The second annual Chapel Hill-Carrboro High School Job Fair will be held March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the gym at East Chapel Hill High School.

The fair is sponsored by the Foundation for a Sustainable Community and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Kirsten Hausman at 357-9992 or khausman@sustainable-foundation.org

### Jason's Deli donates to Project Graduation

Jason's Deli will donate 10 percent of sales on March 21 to Project Graduation 2009.

Patrons should mention that they are there to support Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' Project Graduation. Free ice cream

will be provided and organic and vegetarian options will be available.

Jason's Deli is located in New Hope Commons off U.S. 15-501 in Durham.

### ArtsCenter sessions

The ArtsCenter will host free teacher workshops on March 24 and April 21 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The March workshop, "Writing and Reading with Rhythm," will focus on moving literacy goals into the realms of sound and rhythm. The April workshop, "Integrating the Arts into Math," will focus on games, chants, music and rhythm as avenues for exploring mathematical concepts.

To register, email your name, school, grade level, phone number, email address and workshop you will attend to artseduca-

tion@artscenterlive.org at least one week prior to the start of the workshop. For more information, contact Tracy Thomas at 929-2787, ext. 400.

### CHS Spaghetti Dinner

The second annual Carrboro High School Spaghetti Dinner will be held on March 28.

The event is sponsored by the Carrboro High Athletic Booster Club. Tickets are available from Carrboro High athletes or through the Carrboro High Athletic Office, 918-2200, ext. 2502.

### Choral concert

Choirs from Chapel Hill, East Chapel Hill and Carrboro high schools and the East Chapel Hill High Chamber Orchestra will perform a concert on March 20 at

8 p.m. at UNC's Memorial Hall.

The students will perform Haydn's Paukenmesse, directed by the University of Michigan's Jerry Blackstone.

### Jaguars LAX 3-0

The Carrboro High varsity men's lacrosse team equaled its 2008 win total in its first three games of 2009, defeating Raven-scroft by a score of 5-1 at home on Tuesday night. The scoring was led by John Pamplin (2 goals, 1 assist) while Mackenzie Price, Brooks Covington, and Rich Leeper scored one goal each. Possession was aided by strong ground ball recovery by Julian Van Name (5 GB's), along with Pamplin and Covington (4 GB's each). The opponents' scoring was kept in check by nine saves from goalie, Nick Swartzwelder.

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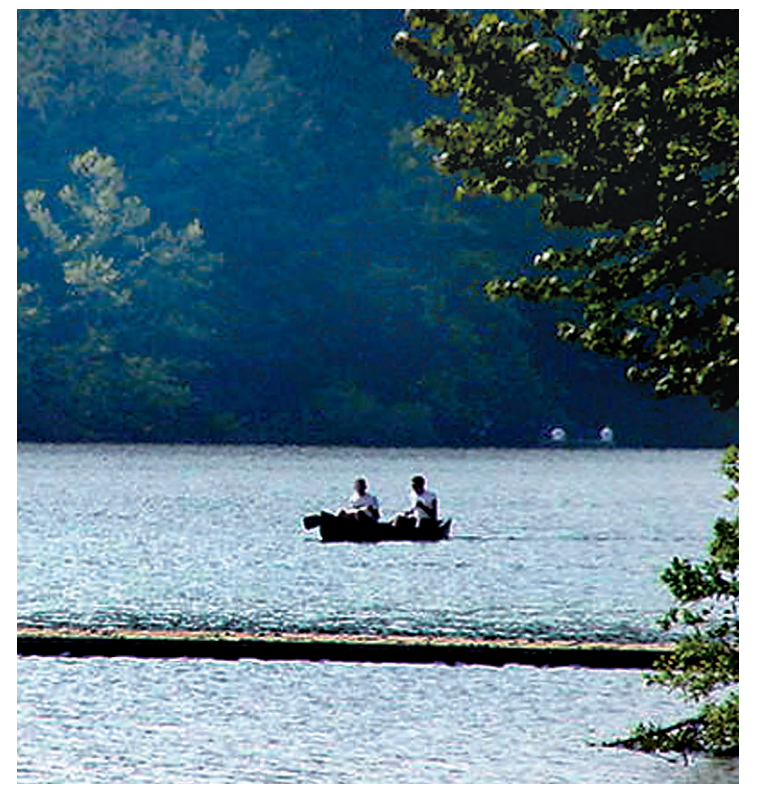
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Spring has definitely sprung and that means more activity at local farmers' markets. Local produce, meats and other goodies are available all over Orange and Chatham counties. In Carrboro, John and Cindy Soehner of Eco Farms are gearing up for the change in season. Like many farmers they'll have more produce as Spring advances, but you can still get all the woolly goods you want including sock dolls and hats.



## Open lakes lure locals

University Lake and the Cane Creek Reservoir will reopen for recreational use on Saturday. OWASA has designated the day Lightning Brown Day, honoring the late community activist and member of the OWASA Board of Directors. All boat rental, boat launching and lake-use fees -- except those for electric trolling motor rentals -- will be waived on Saturday only.

University Lake will be open Friday-Mondays, 6:30a.m.-6p.m., and for the Memorial Day holiday. The Cane Creek Reservoir will be open from 6:30a.m.-6p.m. on Saturdays only. These schedules are in effect through June 30. Recreation hours after July 1 will be further evaluated as part of the budget process this spring. For more information on hours and uses, visit [owasa.org/home/Facilities.aspx](http://owasa.org/home/Facilities.aspx).

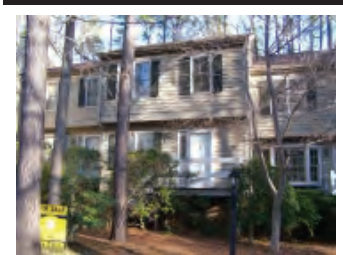
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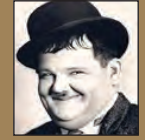
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FROM PAGE 1

My friend Mr. Mac said that his mother used buckeyes as a source of starch for clothes. He had heard from old folks too, he said, that the Indians would pound the kernels into a meal, mix it with beaten corn and water and throw the mush into rivers and creeks. The fish would eat it and get drunk on it and rise to the top and then were easy to catch as they floated on the water."

Make note that buckeyes are poisonous, so humans should not try ingesting this concoction!

The painted buckeye is restricted to our Piedmont region. It is related to the yellow buckeye, *Aesculus flava*, the big tree of our mountain forests. It is also related to the beautiful red-flowered red buckeye, *Aesculus pavia*, a small tree of our coastal plain.

Some years ago, the red buckeye was introduced into cultivation in our Piedmont region and has become quite popular, being planted even in the highway median of our local bypass. Sadly, this red buckeye is beginning to seed around very liberally and shows signs of becoming an undesirable invasive in our local woods. I urge gardeners to refrain from planting the red buckeye. We need to be aware that even our own native plants can sometimes become "exotic invasives" when spread beyond the region of their natural distribution.

This week, seek out the painted buckeye common in the woods around us and appreciate it as a part of the region we call home. And follow it through the seasons to enjoy the flowers, mature leaves and eventually



PHOTOS BY BETSY MOYER  
Some of the yellow flowers of painted buckeye (top) mature to buckeye fruit (bottom) in the late summer.

those "bad-luck" lucky buckeyes.

### TWO REMINDERS:

\*See Dutchman's breeches this Sunday afternoon, March 22. Check the Eno River Spring Wildflower Hikes website.

\*Copper-colored leaves are still hanging on most beech trees. Begin daily observations now. I'll wager most of them will drop over a single night a day or two before April 1.



Now We Are Two, March 19, 2009

Only someone crazy enough to launch a newspaper start-up from scratch (that would be Your Humble Servant) can truly appreciate the gut-wrenching, night-terrifying, sweaty-palmed, sleep-deprived emotions these folks experienced in the run-up to March 21, 2007. Two years ago this week, the first edition of *The Carrboro Citizen* rolled off the presses, and by the looks on the faces of editor Kirk Ross, left, designer, Michelle Langston, and publisher Robert Dickson, Vol. 1 No. 1 doesn't look too shabby. Since then, *The Citizen* has gained traction, readers and advertisers, in spite of media naysayers who told me Carrboro didn't need its own paper and couldn't support one. Note that in their first year of North Carolina Press Association competition, *The Citizen* brought home six state press awards. In the interest of full disclosure, I admit my bias. I believe locally owned, locally focused community newspapers (and their web versions) will be the salvation of American journalism. Keep it up, gang.



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