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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Stem of native, terrestrial crane fly orchid penetrating a layer of poison and English ivies

FLORA By Ken Moore

Rescuing crane fly orchids from English ivy

Last summer, I described the elusive crane fly orchid, *Tipularia discolor* (see *Flora* in the Aug. 2, 2007 issue of *The Carrboro Citizen*). I'm as excited about its once-a-year flowering recurrence now as last summer. If you didn't catch them last year, I encourage you to search for them now while they're in peak bloom. This beautiful little native terrestrial orchid is common in both piney woods and deciduous forests. You'll need your keen eyes to spot them. The single two-to-four-inch leaf – green above, burgundy below – grows close to the ground from September through March. It captures the winter sunlight. Without that leaf showing, the 12-to-18-inch-tall stem of 20 to 40 tiny greenish-brown orchid flowers are even more difficult to spot. The discovery is definitely worth lying on the ground with a hand lens for a closer look.

Last week, I was thrilled to discover 37 plants in a shady front yard under my care. They were emerging from a dense cover of poison ivy and English ivy. The poison ivy I respect and try to avoid, but am content to live with since it is a beneficial wildlife food plant and it goes dormant during the winter. The English ivy, however, is an evergreen, non-native plant that eventually smothers all vegetation beneath it, even covering and breaking tree limbs and shrubs.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Laura Van Sant in the new temporary leasing office for the 300 East Main project

East Main project heads for review

By Kirk Ross
Staff Writer

Wednesday morning, while a light drizzle fell outside what's to become the new leasing office for Main Street Partners, Laura Van Sant spent a few moments inside on her cell phone conducting a key first step for the new enterprise: getting the power turned on.

The office, located at 206 East Main St. in the building recently occupied by Archer Graphics, may be new, but the project now leasing has been rolling along for quite some time.

Officially dubbed 300 East Main Street, the project represents one of the largest redevelopment efforts in either downtown Carrboro or Chapel Hill, sweeping from the intersection of Main Street and Boyd Street near Nice Price Books to the present municipal parking lot on the corner of Main and Roberson streets. It includes a 150-room hotel, a five-story parking deck, almost 500,000 square feet of new floor space and sweeping changes for two of Carrboro's most venerated institutions — Car's Cradle and The ArtsCenter.

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CHHS football player dies

By Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

Atlas Fraley, a star football player and a rising senior at Chapel Hill High School, died Tuesday in his home.

According to Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools officials, the cause of death has not yet been determined, but several news reports have said his death was caused by an asthma attack.

Fraley, who was both an offensive and defensive lineman for the Tigers, participated in two scrimmages at Middle Creek High School in Cary earlier on Tuesday.

"We extend our deepest sympathies to the Fraley family during this most difficult time," Superintendent Neil Pedersen said in a press release. "Our staff stands ready to support the students and families who knew and loved Atlas."

Chapel Hill High Principal Jacqueline Boyd Ellis notified parents of Fraley's death via email on Wednesday. Counseling support is being made available at Chapel Hill High and Carrboro High, where many former Chapel Hill High students were redistricted last year.

The Chapel Hill High coaching staff met with players and parents on Wednesday. Practice on Wednesday and a Friday scrimmage with Cedar Ridge High School were canceled.

According to espn.com, Fraley was expected to play football at a Division 1 NCAA school and was considering N.C. State, Wake Forest, Hampton, Georgia Tech and Louisville.

Fraley's mother, Melissa Fraley, coaches cheerleading at Chapel Hill High.

According to his player profile on Trupreps.com, Fraley's biggest role model was his mother, and his father taught him how to play football when he was nine years old. He wanted to major in chemical engineering in college.

Schools pass state test

By Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

All of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools met expected or high growth levels, according to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's ABCs growth results released last week.

ABCs growth measures how much students improve from one year to the next by looking at individual students' test results.

The growth results are an improvement over last year, when 12 schools achieved high growth. This year, 13 schools reached high growth, including Chapel Hill High School, Carrboro High School, Scroggs Elementary, Estes Hills Elementary, Culbreth Middle School, Carrboro Elementary, McDougle Middle School, Smith Middle School, Glenwood Elementary, Phillips Middle, Ephesus Elementary, Seawell Elementary and Rashkis Elementary.

McDougle Elementary, Frank Porter Graham Elementary, East Chapel Hill High School and the Hospital School made expected growth.

Teacher bonuses are based on ABCs results, and in the past teachers have received \$1,500 if their school made high growth and \$750 if their school made expected growth.

However, the state superintendent announced in July that the General Assembly had not adequately funded the bonus-line item in their budget and that bonuses would be prorated to reflect a 10-to-20 percent decrease as a result.

ABCs growth results are different from Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results, which are measured under the federal No Child Left Behind program and were partially released in July.

AYP standards increased 11.4 percentage points from last year. Overall, 77.2 percent of students within each subgroup had to meet the proficiency standard in order for a school to make AYP, compared with 65.8 percent of students last year. Students are divided into subgroups including race,

economic disadvantage, limited English proficiency and students with disabilities.

This year, 10 of 17 schools in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools met AYP standards in math, compared with eight last year. Full AYP results in reading will not be available until November.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools led the state in the percentage of schools meeting AYP standards in math, with about 58.8 percent.

However, because Carrboro and Frank Porter Graham elementary schools did not meet AYP standards in math last year, families of students at those schools were notified that they would be allowed to transfer to Morris Grove or Ephesus elementary schools.

Thirty-nine Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools elementary school students have applied to transfer to different elementary schools under AYP school-choice sanctions.

Elementary schools that do not meet AYP standards in math or reading for two years in a row and received federal Title I funding are required to allow students to transfer to different schools. AYP is tested in both math and reading for students in grades 3-10 as part of the federal No Child Left Behind program.

Last year, 21 students applied to transfer to different schools, but only nine ended up transferring. Two schools – Frank Porter Graham and Carrboro Elementary – had to allow transfers last year.

This year, 23 Frank Porter Graham students, six Carrboro Elementary students and nine McDougle Elementary students applied to transfer to different schools. All but two of the students requested to transfer to Morris Grove.

The system is intended to help students who aren't meeting proficiency by allowing them to go to a school that might better meet their individual needs. However, Superintendent Neil Pedersen said he was under the impression that students who

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A picnic packed into a squirmy, stilted show

RECENTLY . . .
By Valarie Schwartz

It doesn't seem possible that I've been putting it off this long, but every August since the Paperhand Puppet Intervention (PPI) started bringing weekend shows to the Forest Theater, it has been my intention to attend. Finally, in its ninth year, we made it over Sunday night for *I am an Insect: A Fluttering Processionary of Infinitesimal Ideas*.

What a delightful scene!

And the show was great too!

It's doubtful that when Donovan Zimmerman and Jan Burger (co-founders of PPI and co-directors of the shows) conceived the idea of presenting summer shows, they visualized the community gatherings that would result. The shows start at 7 p.m., but like the cast and crew, the audience members begin gathering on the stone steps of the Forest Theater much earlier on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, bringing with them their picnic dinners, bottles (or boxes) of wine, family members and neighbors.

"It's very intimate in a way, sitting there with people, being together," Zimmerman said. "It's a great aspect of that space, to sit there in the light

and be with each other."

Unlike the intimacy of an indoor theater, where "the house" goes dark as the entertainment begins, amphitheater audience members can still watch as people around them share mozzarella balls and cupcakes or refill beverages while booing and hissing the dung beetle or applauding and cheering the grasshopper performing onstage (at a puppet show one is encouraged to voice reactions).

Many were the multi-generational families in attendance, with children moving from the comfort of a mother's lap to hang onto a grandfather's neck while giant insects metamorphosed, danced or flew before them, all accompanied by music that set the scene.

"The music steers the emotions and energy in different directions," Zimmerman said. It's hard to believe that only six musicians produced such a constant, steady backdrop to the action on stage, using even more instruments than there were insects. Drums of every tone and origin, keyboard, flute, chimes, stringed instruments, all "reacting to what's going on onstage and following the pulse of the music," added Zimmerman.

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PHOTO BY NOAH ROSENBLATT-FARRELL
From the newest Paperhand Puppet show, *I am an Insect*.

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District Attorney requests death penalty in Carson murder case

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SPOTLIGHT



K. SRIDHAR

By the tender age of five, K. Sridhar had already begun his training for a life in music – first under the guidance of his mother, a descendant of 14 generations of Carnatic (South Indian) musicians, and then under Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, a master of Dhrupad, the oldest form of Hindustani (North Indian) music. At age 12, Sridhar became the youngest member of Ravi Shankar's orchestral group, absorbing a wealth of knowledge from the famous musical genius. All of this – along with the intense spiritual training he received from his Sufi master in the Himalayas – gives Sridhar's music a truly unique flavor: deeply serene and profound.

Next weekend, you have a rare opportunity to hear and experience the beauty of classical Indian ragas presented by world-renowned Indian Sarod maestro K. Sridhar.

Saturday, August 23, 7 p.m. at the Barn at Valhalla off Highway 54 West. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Call 929-2045 for information or email to jckubacka@gmail.com.

MUSIC CALENDAR



Nathan Golub / The Cave / August 15 PHOTO BY DAVE MASON

THURSDAY AUG 14

Blue Bayou Club: Steve Jack. 8:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Tain Collins. 9pm
The Cave: EARLY: Pete Waggoner; LATE: My Teenage Stride.
Local 506: Lucero, The Glossary. 9:30pm, \$10
General Store Café: Marie Vanderbeck Trio. 8pm
Reservoir: Bout it Boys, Studio Gangsters
Weaver Street Market: Bearfoot. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 15

Blue Bayou Club: Blue Diablo. 9:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Dogwood Diddy. 10pm
Cat's Cradle: The Faint, Jaguar Love, Shy Child. 8:30pm, \$20-22
The Cave: EARLY: Dorsie Fyffe & The Fearless Flies; LATE: John Howie JR. & Nathan Golub, Django Haskins
General Store Café: Killer Filler. 8:30pm
Local 506: Margot & the Nuclear So & Sos, The Audrey Sessions, DJ John Booker. 9:30pm, \$10
Nightlight: Remora, Electric Bird Noise, Glissade. 9:30pm

SATURDAY AUG 16

The ArtsCenter: The Never, Un Deux Trois, Cary Ann Hearst. 8pm, \$8-10
Blue Bayou Club: Willie Painter Band. 9:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Steve Jack Band. 10pm
Cat's Cradle: The Melvins, Big Business, Double Negative. 8:30pm, \$16-18
The Cave: EARLY: Rodie Ray, \$5; LATE: Killer Filler
General Store Café: Bluegrass Experience. 8:30pm, \$5
Local 506: Cy Rawls Benefit: Djs Glenn Boothe, Tim Ross, Jason Perlmutter, Ethan Clauset, Darren Hunicutt. 9pm
Nightlight: Don Friel, Circles, Hulk Smash, Homewreckers. 10pm, \$6
Open Eye Café: Bonb Funck. 8pm

SUNDAY AUG 17

Cat's Cradle: "Cy Rawls Has a Posse" benefit: Polvo, Cantwell Gomez & Jordan, Double Negative, Fin Fang Foom, Magic Babies. 7pm, \$15
The Cave: Americans in France, Witch Hats. \$5
Weaver Street Market: Joe Woodson & Bill Hicks: The Bean Trees. 11am

MONDAY AUG 18

The Cave: Reid Johnson, Sgt. Dunbar & The Hobo Banned. 9pm, \$5
Local 506: Instant Jones, Jokes & Jokes & Jokes. 9:30pm

TUESDAY AUG 19

The Cave: Muy Cansado
Nightlight: Cacaw, The Magnolia Mountains, Allison Polans. 9:30pm, \$5

WEDNESDAY AUG 20

Blue Horn Lounge: Pete Waggoner. 9pm
Local 506: Oh no! Oh my!, Royal Bangs, Antenna Shoes. 9:30pm, \$8
Nightlight: Ethan Master of the Hawaiian Ukulele, Native Sound. 9:30pm

THURSDAY AUG 21

Blue Bayou Club: Crazy Ivans.
Blue Horn Lounge: Bill West.
Cat's Cradle: Virginia Coalition, Alexa Wilkinson, Luego. 8pm, \$10-12
The Cave: LATE: The Vodak, Pariah Beat.
General Store Café: Jazz with the Tony Galiani Band. 8pm
Local 506: Cy Rawls Benefit: Colossus, Tooth, Grappling Hook.
Nightlight: The Shudders, Illicitizen, Young Millionaire. 9:30pm
Weaver Street Market: Tim Stambaugh Band. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 22

Blue Bayou Club: David Spencer Band. 9:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Marla Vickers Band.
Cat's Cradle: Perpetual Groove.
The Cave: EARLY: Big Daddy Love, \$5; LATE: Joe Bell & The Stinging Blades
General Store Café: Blue Diablo.
Local 506: Oneida, Dirty Faces, Bolmangani. 9pm, \$8
Nightlight: International Grapevine, Blanket Truth. 10pm

SATURDAY AUG 23

Barn at Valhalla: K. Sridhar. 7pm
Blue Bayou Club: Rick Estrin & the Nightcats. 9:30pm
Blue Horn Lounge: Good Rocking Sam. 10pm
Cat's Cradle: An Evening with Arrogance. 8:30pm, \$16-18
The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats CD Release, \$5. LATE: Blag'ard, Hate Prose
General Store Café: Hwy54Band.
Local 506: Oxford Collapse, Love as Laughter. 9:30pm, \$10
Open Eye Café: Chris Wimberley.

SUNDAY AUG 24

Cat's Cradle: Gorilla Productions Battle of the Bands. Time TBA
Weaver Street Market: Club Boheme. 11am



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FR 8/15 THE EVERYBODYFIELDS

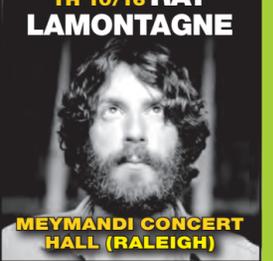


TH 8/21 VIRGINIA COALITION

WE 8/13 THE HONORARY TITLE W/NEW FRONTIERS, PAPER RIVAL**(\$10/\$12)
FR 8/15(\$20/\$22) THE FAINT** W/JAGUAR LOVE, SHY CHILD
SA 8/16 THE MELVINS W/BIG BUSINESS AND DOUBLE NEGATIVE**(\$16/\$18)
MO 8/18 FREE SHOW SCION PRESENTS BUN B/ORGONE/DJ AYERS
SU 8/17 CY RAWLS BENEFIT(\$15)** POLVO/CANTWELL, GOMEZ & JORDAN W/DOUBLE NEGATIVE, FIN FANG FOOM, MAGIC BABIES
TH 8/21 VIRGINIA COALITION W/ALEXA WILKINSON AND LUEGO**(\$10/\$12)
FR 8/22 PERPETUAL GROOVE(\$15/\$20)**
SA 8/23 AN EVENING WITH ARROGANCE(\$16/\$18)**
FR 8/29 CY RAWLS BENEFIT (PART 2) SUPERCHUNK/ THE ROSEBUDS, FILTHY BIRD, PURITAN RODEO, THE PROCLIVITIES (FREE SHOW)
SU 8/31 PRE-LABOR DAY DANCE PARTY DJ FORGE VS. DISCO INFERNO
FR 9/5 THE OLD CEREMONY W/MODERN SKIRTS**(\$10)
SA 9/6 MUSICIANS FOR OBAMA HAMMER NO MORE THE FINGERS/TOOTH/ CAVERNS/KAZE**(\$8/\$10)

TU 9/9(\$15) TOKYO POLICE CLUB** W/THE WHIGS, THE COAST
WE 9/10 STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS W/GABE DIXON BAND
TH 9/11(\$12/\$15) SILVER JEW** W/MONOTONIX
FR 9/12 FREE SHOW ALBUM RELEASE LOST IN THE TREES W/MIDTOWN DICKENS
WE 9/17(\$12/\$14) TOUBAB KREWE**
TU 9/18(\$15/\$17) ABBEY ROAD LIVE** PRESENTING MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR!
FR 9/19(\$10) WHO'S BAD?**
SA 9/20 STREET DOGS W/TIME AGAIN, FLAT FOOT 56 + MORE**(\$12)
TU 9/23 REVIVAL TOUR: CHUCK RAGAN (HOT WATER MUSIC), BEN NICHOLS (LUCERO), TIM BARRY (AVAIL)
TH 9/25 BLACK KIDS W/THE VIRGINS**(\$15/\$17)
FR 9/26 RATATAT(\$16/\$18)**
SA 9/27 BOMBADIL**
MO 9/29 STEREO LAB W/ATLAS SOUND**(\$17)
TU 9/30(\$15) MASON JENNINGS**
WE 10/1 5 GUM PRESENTS THE FRATELLIS W/THE AIRBORNE TOXIC EVENT**(\$18/\$20)
TH 10/2(\$12/\$14) THE WALKMEN**

SA 10/3 OLD 97S(\$18)**
MO 10/6 THE RUMBLE STRIPS W/BIRDMONSTER**(\$10/\$12)
WE 10/8 THE IGUANAS(\$15)**
FR 10/10 ANTIBALAS(\$14/\$16)**
MO 10/13 GIRL TALK W/GRAND BUFFET HEARTS OF DARKNESS
TU 10/14 ON SALE FRI 8/15! THE HEARTLESS BASTARDS(\$10/\$12)** W/DEAD CONFEDERATE
FR 10/17(\$15/\$17) CHATHAM COUNTY LINE**
MO 10/20(\$15/\$17) COLD WAR KIDS**
TU 10/28 DEERHOOF W/EXPERIMENTAL DENTAL SCHOOL, FLYING**(\$12)
WE 10/29(\$12) BASSNECTAR**
TH 10/30 BOUNCING SOULS W/STRIKE ANYWHERE, THE CASTING, GIMME DRUGS**(\$15/\$17)
FR 10/31 ON SALE FRI 8/15! WILL HOGE/ EVERYBODYFIELDS W/KATIE HERZIG**(\$10/\$12)
SU 11/2(\$12/\$14) DEERHUNTER** W/TIMES NEW VIKING
WE 11/5 THE MOUNTAIN GOATS AND KAKI KING**(\$15)
TH 11/6 LOTUS W/SEEPEOPLES**(\$15/\$17)
SA 11/8 MARK KOZELEK W/KATH BLOOM**(\$15/\$17)
TU 11/11(\$12/\$15) ON SALE TUE 8/19! DIPLO** W/ABE VIGODA, BOY 8 BIT, TELEPATHE
TH 11/13 BADFISH TRIBUTE TO SUBLIME W/SCOTTY DON'T**(\$16/\$18)
SA 11/18 ELECTRIC SIX/ LOCAL H W/THE GOLDEN DOGS**(\$12/\$15)
FR 12/5 STEEP CANYON RANGERS(\$10)**



TH 10/16 RAY LAMONTAGNE

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ALSO PRESENTING
THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)
SA 8/16 THE NEVER W/UN DEUX TROIS & CARY ANN HEARST
TH 10/2 LLOYD COLE
LOCAL 506 (CH)
FR 8/22 ONEIDA W/DIRTY FACES
SA 8/23 THE OXFORD COLLAPSE
TU 9/30 FELICE BROTHERS
TU 10/7 WOVENHAND
FR 10/10 JOHNATHAN RICHMAN
SU 10/12 THE WEDDING PRESENT
TH 10/16 MAGNETIC MORNING
DISCO RODEO (RAL)
SU 10/5 - (\$22/\$25) THE BLACK KEYS W/ROYAL BANGS
CAROLINA THEATRE (DUR)
TU 10/7 - (\$20/\$25 RESERVED) OF MONTREAL TIX VIA VENUE BOX OFFICE
MEYMANDI HALL (RAL)
TH 10/16 RAY LAMONTAGNE W/LEONA NAESS
SA 10/18 THE MAGNETIC FIELDS TIX BOTH SHOWS VIA TICKEMASTER AND VENUE BOX OFFICE
LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)
TH 10/29 MINUS THE BEAR W/ANNUALS, SYLVIE
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News Briefs

County hearing

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will hold a second public hearing on the Draft Orange County Comprehensive Plan on Aug. 25.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing to provide new or additional comments directly to the board of commissioners and the Orange County Planning Board. The agenda for the hearing will be posted online at www.co.orange.nc.us on Aug. 16.

The draft plan is available online at www.co.orange.nc.us/planning/DRAFTCOMPPLAN050608.asp. Public comments made at the Aug. 25 public hearing should be based on the format 1 draft.

Rabid racoon

A raccoon found in Hillsborough tested positive for rabies on Monday at the State Laboratory of Public Health.

The raccoon was submitted after a resident in the vicinity of St. Mary's Road and Churton Grove Boulevard saw the raccoon leap from a tree and attack his two dogs.

Both dogs were vaccinated against rabies and received rabies booster shots in accordance with state law. Animals exposed to rabies who are not vaccinated must either be destroyed or quarantined for six months.

So far this year, Orange County Animal Services has received 13 positive rabies tests. If any possible exposure to a bat, raccoon or fox is suspected, contact Animal Control at 245-2075 or call 911.

Low-cost rabies vaccine clinics

The Orange County Animal Services Department will offer low-cost rabies vaccination clinics in August and September. Upcoming clinics are:

Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Orange County Animal Shelter on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Chapel Hill; Aug. 27, 5:30-7 p.m. at Paws 'N Claws on Norman Road in Rougemont; Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Orange County Animal Shelter; Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Orange County Animal Shelter; and Sept. 27, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., at the Government Services Annex on South Cameron Street in Hillsborough.

The vaccination fee is \$5, which must be paid in cash. Three-year vaccinations will be offered at the Sept. 27 clinics. To receive a three-year vaccination, bring your pet's most recent vaccination certificate. 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. For more information, call 245-2075.

Orange tourism

Visitors spent 7 percent more in 2007 than 2006 in Orange County, according to The Chapel Hill and Orange County Visitors Bureau and a study by the Travel Industry Association of America. The study accounts for only visitors from the United States. The study puts Orange County 24th out of 100 state counties in travel expenditures.

DA will ask for death penalty in Carson case

by Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall announced on Monday that the state will seek the death penalty against Demario James Atwater in the slaying of UNC Student Body President Eve Carson.

Atwater, 22, is one of two suspects charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Carson. The state cannot seek the death penalty against suspect Laurence Alvin Lovette because he is 17.

An Orange County jury has not sentenced anyone to death since 1973 and no one has been executed for crimes committed in Orange County since 1948.

"It's always a real hard decision [to seek the death penalty], and that's why I didn't do it quickly," Woodall said.

Carson, an Athens, Ga. native who came to UNC as a Morehead-Cain scholar, was shot and killed in a robbery during the early-morning hours of March 5.

Police believe Atwater shot Carson once in the head with a shotgun and that Laurence Alvin Lovette shot her four times with a handgun. A confidential informant told police that Atwater and Lovette entered Carson's home through an unlocked door, forced her into her car and drove her to an ATM. Police apprehended the suspects in March after releasing photos of them using Carson's ATM card and driving what appeared to



Atwater

be her 2005 Toyota Highlander.

To seek the death penalty for an offender, the state is required to present at least one aggravating factor.

"We alleged at least three exist in this case," Woodall said. According to Woodall, the state alleges that the murder was committed during the commission of an armed robbery, burglary or kidnapping; the murder was committed for monetary gain; and the murder was heinous, atrocious and cruel.

Woodall said prior to his decision, he had discussions with Atwater's defense attorneys, as well as with the Carson family, adding that he knew his decision might be unpopular in Orange County.

"The community simply may not support the death penalty in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County ... but you can't make the decision based on taking a poll," Woodall said. "The law in North Carolina is that

if there are aggravating factors, the state can go forward.... [As district attorney] you take an oath to uphold the law, even if you disagree with it."

Woodall said the trial could start by next summer at the earliest.

Stephen Dear, executive director of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty (PFADP), said he was disappointed to hear Woodall's announcement.

"The bottom line is the death penalty is an institutional anachronism that no longer has a place in our society, and I can't imagine Eve Carson wanting her life remembered as one that continued the cycle of violence in our community," he said. "That's what the death penalty does. Through racial and class bias, it perpetuates violence.

"Eve Carson was all about life and love and kindness, from what I have heard of her," he added.

Dear said PFADP plans to get the community involved in the discussion regarding the case.

"We want the community to really consider the death penalty, as it's hit home so tragically," he said.

According to Dear, 33 counties in North Carolina have not sent anyone to death row since the early 1970s.

"The irony of this tragedy is that UNC had just spent a year offering a variety of educational and artistic programs exploring the death penalty in all its dimensions, and then the school loses its beloved student presi-

dent in a violent, senseless murder," he said.

Summer reading for 2007 rising UNC freshmen was Sister Helen Prejean's *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions* and the university held a number of discussions about the death penalty throughout the year.

Bill Massengale, a Chapel Hill attorney who works on death penalty appeals in post-conviction cases, said cases in which the state pursues the death penalty can drag on for years, offering little closure to friends and families of victims.

Massengale said he has cases that are over 20 years old. For one of his cases, the family of the victim comes back to court "time after time after time."

"It brings absolutely no closure to anyone," he said.

Massengale said North Carolina used to have about 30 to 40 death sentences a year, but that has sharply declined as the state has turned to life without parole as a sentence for offenders. The last death sentence in the state was in Moore County in October 2007.

"The alternative to a death verdict, a life without parole, is a very terrible penalty," Massengale said. "If these guys were just put in prison for life without parole, [the family and friends of victims] would be able to go back to living."

The court will hear motions regarding the Carson case in September.

OBITUARIES



Mary Edwards Walsh

Mary Edwards Walsh, 79, died peacefully on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at UNC Memorial Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Ginger Long and husband, Derek of Carrboro; grandson, Elijah Long of Carrboro; as well as a sister and brother and their spouses and children.

Mary was always curious, wanting to know how the universe works. She sought information from people, books, classes and workshops, meditation, contemplation and personal experience. She was committed to helping create a world where the environment is safe and healthy and everyone has the opportunity to live a life filled with joy and contribution. She was friendly and liked people but was generally rather quiet. She lived in an interactive co-housing community in Carrboro.

Mary grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1950. Her working career involved social work, office work, commercial copywriting and teaching string

instruments in the public schools. As a volunteer, she worked at the Charlotte Planetarium, giving Sunday shows for the public and weekday programs to school children. During her final years, she published her theory of the interwovenness of morphic fields.

A memorial service will be held at the Eno River Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship in Durham at a later date.

Donations in her memory may be sent to any responsible environmental organization or plant a tree to refresh the planet.

Arrangements by Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill, 120 W. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 (919) 942-3861

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Donnis W. Adkins

Donnis (Don) W. Adkins, died August 8, 2008 after an extended illness. Entering the world November 1, 1932 in Maryville, MO, it was not to be his destiny to live in one place. Born of parents who were stunt show aviators, he too would take the reins of his life to the edge. Family farm crop planes weren't safe from his daredevil urges with one such daring flight

occurring by flying under a trestle bridge, barely clearing the wings.

A member of the Air Force of the United States, Don would go on to be awarded several medals: a Korean Service medal with bronze star, National Defense Service medals, a United Nations Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. He took his skills in the skies from family planes to performing rescue helicopter service in the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, Don stayed in government service for several years by working in the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Excitement wasn't lacking in this position. One assignment in Alaska was interrupted by the appearance of an "enormous" Kodiak bear which had come investigating. Don told his family he had never been so unnerved as by those huge paws scratching on the tent walls.

Criminal Justice soon followed as his next career path, leading to a Chief of Police position in Ranlo, North Carolina. Working also with the Gaston Rural Police, of Gastonia, North Carolina, he used metal detectors to locate weapons of crime and also gold, silver and jewelry lost in various locales. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina eventually beckoned and Don partnered with a mutual friend to purchase and sell hotels to investment companies. Hotel management and the obvious need in that environment for discipline eventually led Don to create his own private security business, "Arrowood Security".

Deteriorating health eventually led the family eventually back to North Carolina. Don accepted Jesus Christ as his savior in the 1970s and was baptized into the family of God. Knowing he would

see his Father in heaven was a great comfort to him in the final stages of his life. His family will miss beyond measure his wit, guidance and encouraging support. He played the guitar, he traveled the world and the United States, he had a magical touch in growing roses, and his collection of Snoopys threatened to take over a wall. He played minor league baseball in Missouri and once hit a home run that damaged his own car windshield when it flew over the wall. Don was a father, husband, "PaPa" and friend. He used the same barber for 20 years and believed in loyalty. He will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Mathis Adkins; daughter, Robin Adkins Hewitt; daughter, Kelley Adkins Sparks-Jordan; and five grandchildren, Mitchell Lee Sparks, Heather Rochelle Sparks and Hunter Rochelle Jordan, all of Louisburg, North Carolina; Brittany Gabrielle Hewitt and Chelsea Brianna Hewitt, both of South Carolina; and honorary granddaughter Layla Kinton, daughter of Melanie Kinton. Nieces Jill Adkins Monticue, Joy Adkins Bailey and Kevin Adkins, all of Missouri. Along with other family members throughout the United States, all mourn his passing.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Wake County (www.hospiceofwake.org) for their un-failing support and guidance.

Memorial services, including firing honors and bugler, are pending regarding scheduling for military service at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Cremation will be performed by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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School Briefs

Lunch cost rises

As a result of rising food and fuel costs, meal prices will increase this year in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools cafeterias. Price increases do not affect students who receive free and reduced price meal benefits.

Breakfast prices increased by five cents, to \$1.10 for students and \$1.55 for adults.

Lunch prices increased by 10 cents, to \$2.60 for elementary school students, \$2.85 for secondary students and \$3.35 for adults.

ESL welcome centers

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will open two special facilities this year to serve students and families for whom English is a second language.

A Welcome Center will open on the Lincoln Center site in a mobile unit. The district's English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) Coordinator and translator will move into this space, along with a secretary and an ESL teacher who will be on loan from one of the schools.

The Welcome Center is intended to enable ESL families and students to make a single stop during the enrollment and

placement process. The site will offer packets of information for families about district and community services, as well as screening for placement in various district programs.

The Newcomer Center will open on the campus of Chapel Hill High School. The center is intended to assist secondary students with little or no English experience in making the transition into one of the district's middle or high schools. Two ESL teachers and two teacher assistants will staff this program.

Both programs are being funded with a federal grant for immigrant programs.

CHS band fundraiser

The Carrboro High School Band Boosters will hold a yard sale on August 23 to raise money for the school's band program.

The yard sale will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Southern Village Green on Market Street. The boosters will also sell raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses.

The band program includes the school's marching band, jazz ensemble and concert and symphonic band.

Teacher laptops

In the next year, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district will put laptops in the hands of all its high school teachers.

After Carrboro High opened last year with laptops and docking stations for each classroom, administrators saw unexpected benefits to teacher recruitment and teacher retention.

East Chapel Hill High School and Chapel Hill High School teachers will receive laptops soon, according to a district press release.

A lease-purchase agreement has been arranged. The district hopes to get laptops to middle and elementary school teachers in coming years.

Phoenix Academy move

Phoenix Academy will move into a new building in September.

Phoenix Academy, the district's alternative program, has been housed in the three mobile units on the Lincoln Center site.

Phoenix Academy will move into the recently renovated pottery shop behind Lincoln Center.



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The cheerleading squad in the 1925 Chapel Hill High School yearbook.

CHCCS turns 100

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, chartered by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1909, will turn 100 on May 4, 2009. To commemorate the district's centennial, CHCCS will conduct a few events each month.

The celebration will kick off with the Back-to-School Convocation for staff members at Chapel Hill Bible Church on Wednesday. The convocation will focus on the district's past, present and future. The past will be captured in a video production, while the present will be discussed through the vehicle of the district's new strategic plan. The future will be discussed by keynote speaker David Warlick, a nationally-recognized expert in the area of technology and 21st century skills. Staff members will receive a commemorative pin and a copy of the strategic plan.

Students and families are encouraged to participate in the centennial celebration in a number of ways, and will receive a flyer that outlines the yearlong observation. The dates of activities will also be highlighted in the district's parent calendar.

Sports Briefs

Hot Stob tourney

Carrboro Recreation & Parks and the North Carolina Horseshoe Pitchers Association sponsored the Hot Stob Horseshoe Tournament and held it Aug. 9 at Hank Anderson Community Park. The winners in each bracket were:

Championship class:

1. Rivers Prewette of Eden 6-0
2. Carolyn Lloyd of Chapel Hill 4-2
3. Buck Prewette of Eden 1-5

A Class:

1. George Rogers of Burlington 4-1
2. Elijah Lloyd of Taxboro 3-2
3. Cecil Bowles of Oxford 3-2

B Class

1. Michael Rowland of Roxboro 4-2, winner by playoff
2. Don Guiton of Willow Springs 4-2
3. Mark Shankle of Fuquay-Varina 3-3

C Class

1. Jerry Slaydon of Eden 6-0
2. Ronnie Lipofski of Liberty 4-2
3. Linda Odom of Liberty 4-2

Softball standings

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks 2008 Fall Co-Recreational Softball League Standings, as of August 12, are:

1. Cliff's Meat Market/T-Roy's Towing 5-0
2. Ghost Riders 5-0
3. 300 E. Main St. 4-1
4. Cozart-Seagroves 4-1
5. Bread & Butter 3-2
6. Armadillo Grill 2-3
7. Fearrington 1-4
8. Pink Floyd 0-5
9. Sluggers of Catan 0-5
10. Toof Haus 0-5

The scores from the August 12 games are: Ghost Riders def. 300 E. Main 9-6; Cliff's Meat Market/T-Roy's Towing def. Pink Floyd 21-7; Cozart-Seagroves def. Fearrington 24-3; Bread & Butter def. Sluggers of Catan 7-0 (forfeit); and Armadillo Grill def. Toof Haus 18-6.

Hey Coaches, want to see your team in the paper? Send a short description of your game to editor@carrborocitizen.com Send photos too!



PHOTOS BY ALESSA LENNON

Carrboro High and East Chapel Hill High scrimmaged at East Tuesday night, with each team running a series of offensive, defensive and special teams plays. The two teams, which are in different conferences, don't play each other during the season.



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FOR THE RECORD

Statement by Elizabeth Edwards

Editor's note:

Following is a statement released by Elizabeth Edwards after her husband, former U.S. senator and presidential and vice presidential candidate John Edwards admitted in an interview last week on ABC's Nightline to having an affair just prior to his announcement that he would make a run for the Democratic nomination for president. The Edwards make their home in southern Orange County a few miles west of Carrboro.

"Our family has been through a lot. Some caused by nature, some caused by human weakness, and some most recently caused by the desire for sensationalism and profit without any regard for the human consequences. None of these has been easy."

— ELIZABETH EDWARDS

"Our family has been through a lot. Some caused by nature, some caused by human weakness, and some most recently caused by the desire for sensationalism and profit without any regard for the human consequences. None of these has been easy. But we have stood with one another through them all. Although John believes he should stand alone and take the consequences of his action now, when the door closes behind him, he has his family waiting for him.

John made a terrible mistake in 2006. The fact that it is a mistake that many others have made before him did not make it any easier for me to hear when he told me what he had done. But he did tell me. And we began a long and painful process in 2006, a process oddly made somewhat easier with my diagnosis in March of 2007. This was our private matter, and I frankly wanted it to be private because as painful as it was I did not want to have to play it out on a public stage as well. Because of a recent string of hurtful and absurd lies in a tabloid publication, because of a picture falsely suggesting that John was spending time with a child it wrongly alleged he had fathered outside our marriage, our private matter could no longer be wholly private. The pain of the long journey since 2006 was about to be renewed.

John has spoken in a long on-camera interview. Admitting one's mistakes is a hard thing for anyone to do. I am proud of the courage John showed by his honesty in the face of shame. The toll on our family of news helicopters over our house and reporters in our driveway is yet unknown. But now the truth is out, and the repair work that began in 2006 will continue. I ask that the public, who expressed concern about the harm John's conduct has done to us, think also about the real harm that the present voyeurism does and give me and my family the privacy we need at this time."

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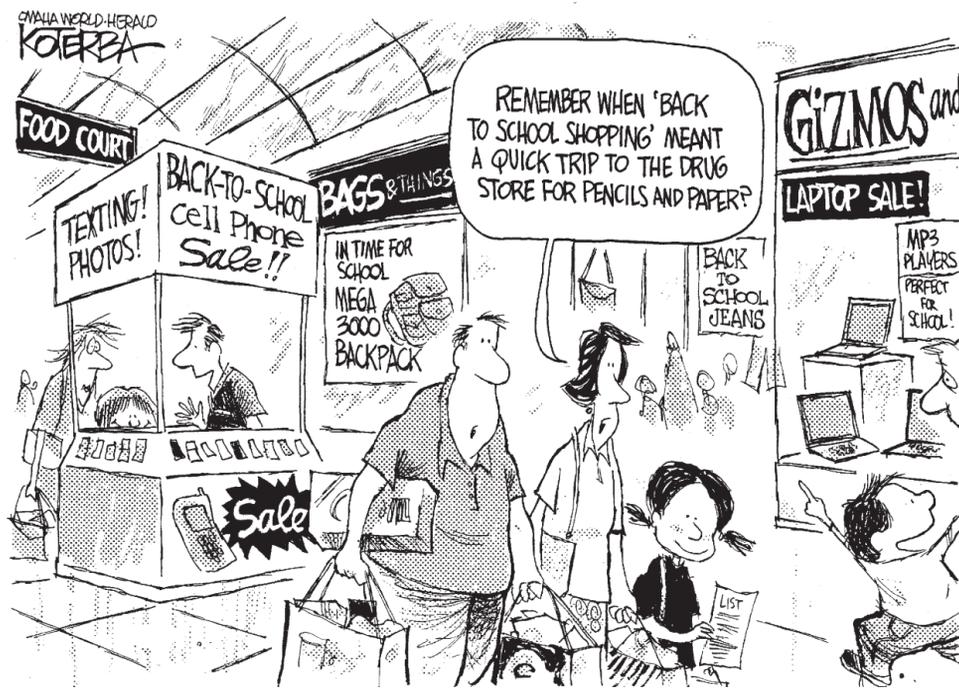
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A new year of opportunities

NEIL PEDERSEN

In some ways, the 2008-09 school year will kick off like many before it in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. With the opening of Morris Grove Elementary School on Eubanks Road, we will have opened eight new schools during the last 14 years. We expect to enroll approximately 325 more students in the district, an upward trend that has been with us for more than two decades. We welcome three new principals, six new assistant principals and a new assistant superintendent for support services, along with about 160 new teachers and 40 other staff members.

There are, however, some new programs and events that will set this year apart from others. One is that we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the chartering of the city school system. Throughout the year, we will be educating the community about the history of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, celebrating our heritage and looking toward to our future.

This year our students and parents will notice the strengthening and expansion of educational options within the school district. Dual-language students spend approximately half of their day being instructed in Spanish, or in Chinese at Glenwood, and the other half of the day in English. The Spanish-English dual-language program that has enjoyed popularity at Carrboro Elementary will expand to Scroggs and Frank Porter Graham elementary schools this year and to McDougle Elementary next year. In addition, with the promotion of the first cohort of dual-language students from elementary school, the dual-language programs will extend into middle school at McDougle.

Last year, we launched three thematic academies in our high schools: Academy for International Studies at Carrboro, Academy for the Arts at Chapel Hill and the Social Justice Academy at East. All had successful years introducing underclassmen to



initial experiences, but now students will be entering the 11th grade, where the academy courses begin to be offered. The academies provide a more personalized environment within the larger high schools that allow students to engage deeply in studies that they can apply to the outside world.

Virtual-learning opportunities also will continue to expand. We are just concluding our first virtual summer schools in our high schools. Some students remained at home and participated in online courses to accelerate their progress through high school. Other students who had not successfully completed one or more semesters of a course went to their high schools and completed online units in the specific areas where they needed additional remediation. During the regular year, high school students have the opportunity to take high school and college courses online free of charge.

We also have more than doubled the enrollment in the Middle College High School that is operated on the Durham Technical Community College campus. Middle College allows students to study for two years at DTCC and graduate with a high school diploma and one year of college credit that is usually transferable to any university in the state system.

We continue to enroll more and more students for whom English is not their first language. Some students arrive not only not knowing English but also with little educa-

tion and limitations on the formal acquisition of their native language. They also may not know the day-to-day conventions that we tend to take for granted. For these students, we are opening a Welcome Center and a Newcomer Center. The Welcome Center will be established at Lincoln Center to provide "one-stop shopping" for these families. The Newcomer Center will be located at Chapel Hill High School and will serve the recent immigrants who need the greatest support.

At Lincoln Center, the old vocational building is undergoing a major renovation and will house Phoenix Academy, our alternative school. We will be able to serve up to 50 students in high-quality classrooms where they will be instructed by some of our most dedicated and talented teachers.

Although we are excited about these new learning opportunities, our focus remains on the quality of instruction that we expect to see in every classroom, every day for all of our students. Our emphasis on schools being Professional Learning Communities will lead to teachers pooling their knowledge, skills and resources rather than working in isolation. Systematic and frequent classroom walkthroughs will help principals gain a clearer picture of the type of instruction that is occurring in their schools. Structured prevention and intervention systems will be strengthened to head off failures before they occur. Teachers will employ the Positive Behavior Support system to redirect students to more productive and appropriate behaviors.

We're looking forward to the 2008-09 school year and invite parents as well as the entire community to join hands with us and work toward our common goal of providing a foundation for lifelong learning in the 21st Century.

Neil Pedersen is the superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Numbers to consider

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The summer is winding down and Labor Day is just around the corner, the day that traditionally marks the real beginning of the fall campaign season, when political commercials are on television around the clock.

If past campaigns are any indication, the ads won't shed much light on how candidates want to address the most important issues in people's lives, including in what may be the most important race for the state's future, the battle for governor between Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue and Charlotte Mayor Pay McCrory.

Most of the news about the race so far has been about the candidates' reactions to poll results and PAC contributions. There are far more important numbers that McCrory and Perdue need to address and that you need to ask them about when they come to your town looking for votes.

Here are a few:

1,200: the number of people discharged from state mental hospitals who ended up in homeless shelters in 2007, according to a report by a working group for the Department of Health and Human Services. HHS Secretary Dempsey Benton said recently the numbers haven't changed much so far in 2008.

29,000: the number of children on the waiting list for a child-care subsidy. Helping single mothers with child care was a central part of the 1996 welfare reform efforts. The subsidy makes it possible for the mothers to take a low-wage job to gain employment experience or go back to school to acquire the skills and training to enter the workforce.

14.9: percentage of people in North Carolina who live in poverty, according to the U.S. Census Bureau

10: percentage of white North Carolina residents who

live in poverty

26: percentage of African-American residents who live in poverty

26: percentage of Latino residents who live in poverty

23: percentage of children in North Carolina under five who live in poverty

47: percentage of children in Robeson County who live in poverty

49: percentage of black males in the 9th grade who earn a high school diploma four years later

21.7: percentage of North Carolina population that is African-American

58: percentage of North Carolina prison population that is African-American

1.4 million: number of people in North Carolina with no health care coverage

10.7: percentage of income consumed in state and local taxes by the lowest-earning 20 percent of state taxpayers

7.1: percentage of income paid in state and local taxes by the wealthiest percent of state taxpayers

Many of these numbers can be found on "Fast Facts About Human Needs and Inequality in North Carolina," which is available as a PDF file at ncjustice.org.

It is likely that Perdue and McCrory disagree about the cause of these numbers and what to do about them, but it is hard to imagine they don't both believe the state must do better. And there are plenty more equally troubling statistics about inequality and discrimination in our state.

Perdue and McCrory both want to run North Carolina. That means they should tell us how they want to address the state's problems. Ask them.

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

Personal conclusions

CATHERINE DEVINE

Now this is a true confession, and I've never told this to anyone before, I swear to you, but I actually wrote to the John Edwards campaign in person and literally begged them — begged them! — to make him stop talking like a liar.

Look back at that sentence. Do you believe me? You shouldn't, even though it's the truth. But I wrote it exactly the way John Edwards would have told it. His gobbledy-gook would feed a family of five for a year ... just add ketchup. (If you're rich, of course, the possibilities are endless.)

To be totally honest ... I knew Edwards was a phony the night he accepted the senatorial election. Ready? All I just really wanna say, candidly, is this is the best day of my life.

The man absolutely, totally, genuinely expects us to hang on his every word. Couldn't he just scream like Howard Dean once or twice?

After I started noticing the former senator's, um, public speech impediment, I started imitating it for fun. Then I started editing my own speech. It's really easy to do. Thinking ahead takes only a synopsis, and it comes out sounding pretty good. So I wrote to the Edwards campaign in a burst of generosity. They never wrote back, and the problem got worse — gradually but steadily, as that pesky narcissism snuck up on him, ultimately catching him unawares. He now blames his tragic affliction for causing him to make that "mistake."

Not even in a public admission of guilt can Mr. Edwards admit to doing wrong. He reminds me of the E-Trade baby who rented a clown but underestimated the creepiness. (The rented clown might in fact be his own sorry narcissistic self, kind of like a bad dream.) "My Lord and my wife have forgiven me, so I am going to move on." Okay folks, it's over, let's wipe all this puke off the floor so we can get out of here.

"I have come to the personal conclusion that I actually want the country to see who I really am." I couldn't have said it better myself. These words were spoken, with tape rolling, to the video producer he was courting on his personal plane. Did she fall for that nauseating pick-up line? Obviously so. She followed him to the tarmac, to dinner, to the hotel room, and all the way home to the editing suite where she played those endearing words over and over and basically sold them back to her client for a fortune. Listen, honey — not every sound bite gets to make the cut. Start thinking like an editor for a change.

This master of self-delusion fooled millions of people on his personal road to ruin. John Edwards wrote his own script. "In all candor ... I speak from my heart ... this is the honest truth ... I have been stripped bare." The music swells as the naked-ish candidate walks off into the sunset.

Catherine Devine is a writer from Carrboro.

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SORRY - I GUESS THE CW ISN'T RUNNING AFTER ALL

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300 EAST MAIN FROM PAGE 1

The development has been in the pipeline for several years and represents a close collaboration between town planners and policymakers and Main Street Properties of Chapel Hill LLC. The eight-member corporation includes Sherman Richardson, his son Bobby Richardson, Kevin Benedict and Van Sant, who also acts as the spokesperson for the LLC.

Last year, the town approved the first phase of the proposal, a five-story, 48,000-square-foot commercial building at the corner Lloyd Street and Main Street. On Aug. 26, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen are scheduled to open a public hearing on the so-called Phase B of the plan, which includes the rest of the development.

In a recent interview with The Citizen, Van Sant said the main point she wants to get across is that while this is a major redevelopment it is not an attempt to alter Carrboro.

"We really like what Carrboro has going on," she said. "We're not trying to turn Carrboro into another Meadowmont or something it's not."

It has taken three to four years

of work in earnest, she said, to put together all the pieces of the puzzle. Among the challenges, she said, was working through Carrboro's regulatory system and making the new design work in a way that allows the Cradle

The key to the design of 300 East Main is flexibility. Several of the buildings and the parking deck will be constructed in a way that will allow for easier expansion and renovation.

"We need to be flexible. Over time, obviously things are going to change. Today's retail space might be tomorrow's office space."

Carrboro's Hilton

Aside from the signs that say "Leasing Now," the first signal Carrboro residents will receive that 300 East Main is moving ahead will be the demolition of the Performance Bicycle Shop at 404 East Main along with a group of houses behind it. Going up in their place will be a parking deck and a hotel, retail and office complex. The hotel will be owned and operated by the Atma Hotel Group, which owns and operates the Holiday Inn Express on Farrington Road and Chapel Hill's two Hampton Inns.

Manish Atma said he is in negotiations with Hilton Hotels to build a Hilton Garden Inn, which would feature 150 guest rooms with an indoor pool, exercise room, a small restaurant and lounge and several meeting rooms. The bottom floor of the five-story building will also include roughly

18,500 feet of retail space. Atma said he thinks a Hilton Garden would be a good match for Carrboro. "It's not a \$200-a-night hotel," he said "and it's not a Super 8 or a Motel 6."

Van Sant agreed that a boutique hotel was not the way to go. "This will be the closest hotel to campus that's less than \$200 a night." Plans for next door to the hotel call for a five-story parking deck that would be accessed via a road that runs behind the development from the main entrance at Lloyd and Main streets. An extension of Boyd Street would also lead to the deck.

Van Sant said the plan is to build the parking deck out of pre-cast sections. The technique not only allows for faster construction but will make it easier to expand the deck.

Earlier this year, the board of aldermen said they might want to lease a section of an expanded deck to increase parking availability downtown.

Next Week: Frank Heath, owner of Cat's Cradle, and Jon Wilner, executive director of the ArtsCenter, talk about how the changes ahead will affect two of Carrboro's best-known venues.

"We're not trying to turn Carrboro into another Meadowmont or something it's not."

and the ArtsCenter to expand. Also making things a challenge has been economic uncertainty. Banks have tightened up on lending and are requiring more pre-leasing. As a result, Van Sant said, the proposed hotel will likely jump ahead of the already approved Phase A building. Still, she said, Main Street is keeping in mind that what they're building will be around for decades, and the overall project — in a growing downtown in a growing community — won't be captive to the current business cycle.

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transfer are usually students already meeting proficiency standards.

In addition, school officials say results can be slightly misleading, because a school can fail to meet AYP by missing one subgroup.

"It can be misleading to put labels on individual schools, especially when they're done on an all-or-nothing basis," Pedersen said. "We would be more supportive of a system that was not based so much on an all-or-nothing label."

Diane Villwock, director of testing and evaluation for the district, agreed.

"If you miss one standard in one group, then you have the same label as someone who misses every standard in every group by a mile," she said.

Pedersen added that the system also makes it difficult for schools to gauge improvement.

"It's difficult on our educators because it looks like schools are staying the same or not improving when in fact they are improving," Pedersen said.

Villwock said she preferred the ABCs method, which measures the growth of all students, including students performing at the top of their class.

However, Villwock said the subgroup system has improved the way teachers develop their teaching methods.

"The expectation is that for all subgroups, we're going to have more subgroups meeting the standard," she said. "Having that expectation forces deep conversation about how we're going to deal with this uneven achievement among different groups of kids."

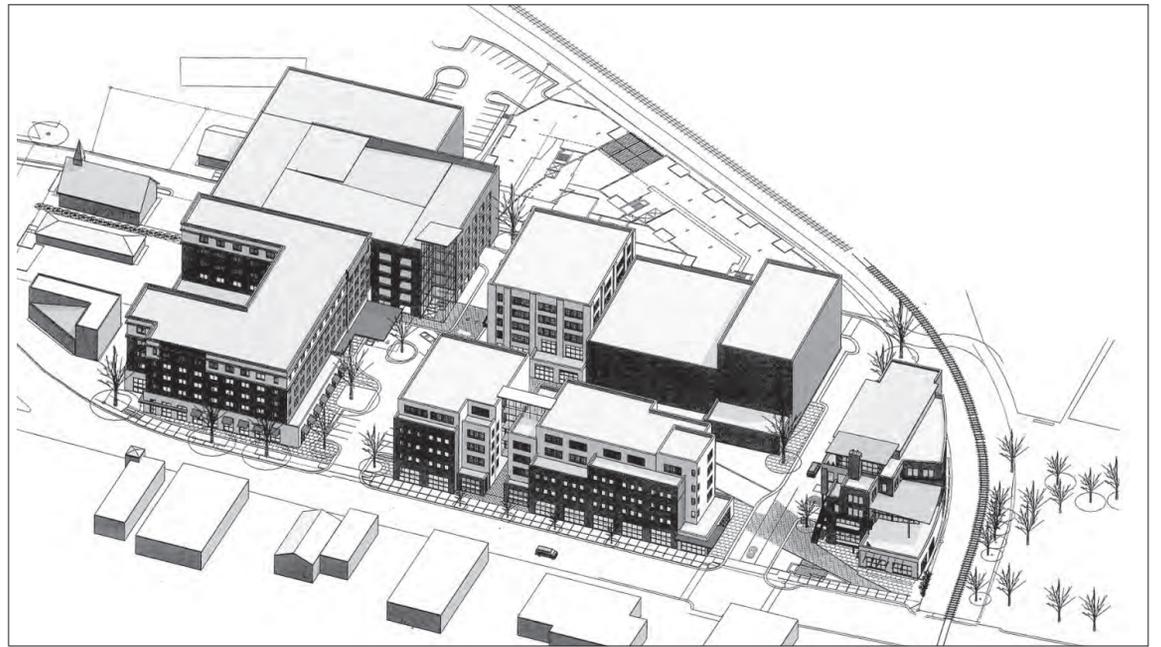


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A conceptual view of the proposed 300 East Main Street project which goes before the board of aldermen Aug. 26

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It takes a community to put on shows like this, where so many elements come together to produce not only entertainment but messages that children and adults carry home. From the main theme (this year's being the insect world) come the scenes, which flesh out and explore the theme. Each scene contains "characters" made out of paper, papier-mâché and all manner of

(mostly donated) recycled or repurposed objects.

"We have people who come to the studio and help do papier-mâché, painting, sewing and a sundry of tasks," Zimmerman said. "There are a lot of different things that go into it."

Then, of course, there are the puppeteers, willing to gyrate, crawl, walk on stilts and, mainly, SWEAT their way through every weekend in August and into September for the sake of providing their community a unique

experience.

If you haven't had a chance to go, give a try to what will likely become an annual family event. It's well worth the ticket price (\$10 adults, \$7 children), every weekend through Sept. 7 in the Forest Theater, moving to the N.C. Museum of Art in Raleigh for shows on Sept. 12 and 13.

Learn more at www.paper-hand.org.

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

Taheri-Azar pleads guilty in pit attack

Mohammed Taheri-Azar, who drove a rented SUV into a crowd of people in the Pit on the UNC campus in March 2006, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to nine counts of attempted first-degree murder.

He faces 21 to 33 years in prison, and will be sentenced the morning of August 26. Prosecutors dropped nine counts of aggravated felonious assault as part of a plea bargain.

Taheri-Azar, who graduated from UNC in December 2005, was living in an apartment in Carrboro at the time of the attack. Police evacuated Taheri-Azar's

apartment building at University Commons after he indicated that police would find motives for the attack at his apartment. The bomb squad broke into his apartment and found no explosives.

Taheri-Azar was released to North Carolina Central Prison from Dorothea Dix Hospital in July. Taheri-Azar's sanity has been in question throughout the trial, and he has undergone two mental evaluations.

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You'll have to lie on the ground with a hand lens to get a closer look at a single crane fly orchid flower.

FLORA FROM PAGE 1

Several years ago, in this yard now full of crane fly orchids, I made a deliberate effort to eliminate the English ivy. English ivy only bears flowers and fruit when it is allowed to climb high in trees. Otherwise, it spreads along the ground smothering every plant in its forward crawl. I stopped the production of seed by severing all the high-climbing vines on the trees. I thought I had effectively smothered

most of the ivy on the ground by laying down cardboard and covering it with several inches of wood chips. I deliberately left a few openings, hand pulling the ivy in those spots, where there were a couple of winter leaves of the crane fly orchid.

The decaying cardboard and wood chip mulch must have been good for the orchids. I have enjoyed watching the orchid population increase during the past couple of years. I was only casually aware that the evergreen ivy

was slowly creeping back from the edges where it had not been covered. Accompanying my delight with this season's abundance of orchids was a realization that last year's sparse covering of ivy had, just within the current growing season, reclaimed the entire ground with a thick layer of foliage ready to smother all those orchid leaves that will emerge at summer's end to search in vain for winter sunlight.

Never turn your back on English ivy. I have already renewed my assault on that ivy patch. This time, I will persist, knowing that my reward will be the rescuing of a robust population of that beautiful little orchid.

The intent of *The Citizen's Flora* column is to feature the diversity and heritage of our native plants. All too often, it seems appropriate to feature some of the invasive, non-native plants that threaten the natives.

Note: Good resources are the North Carolina Botanical Garden's "Controlling Invasive Plants" (free) and the garden's website, www.ncbg.unc.edu for more images of the crane fly orchid.



Luck of a Foghorn, a documentary on Prometheus' Garden creator Bruce Bickford, will be shown at OCSC at 9:30pm on Aug. 20 before the animated film.

SPOTLIGHT

Prometheus' Garden

OCSC will show the claymation short film *Prometheus' Garden* by animator Bruce Bickford and the documentary *Luck of a Foghorn*, a collection of interviews with Bickford, on Aug. 20 starting at 9:30 p.m.

Bickford collaborated with Frank Zappa in the '70s on films Zappa produced, including *The Amazing Mr. Bickford*, and is the subject of *Monster Road*, a documentary by Brett Ingram, who is also the author of *Luck of a Foghorn*. *Prometheus' Garden* is Bickford's latest film and the first over which he had complete creative control.

Prometheus' Garden is inspired by the Greek myth of Prometheus, who stole fire from the gods. The film is a dreamlike, stream-of-consciousness depiction of characters struggling for survival. *Monster Road*, *Luck of a Foghorn* and *Prometheus' Garden* are all for sale online at www.brettingram.org.



Prometheus' Garden will be shown at OCSC at 10 and 11pm on August 20.

WATER WATCH * TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

[tip]

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