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Inside



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Individual flowers of pickerelweed bear some resemblance to tiny orchids.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Pickerelweed in a pot

“An attractive perennial that grows in watery places in the swamps, usually reaching from one to four feet in height with showy spikes of blue flowers. A tea made from the root is supposed to be a good cathartic. The plant is becoming very popular for garden pools. My wife and I planted several of them near a spring below the house.”

That is Paul Green's description of pickerelweed, *Pontederia cordata*, from *Paul Green's Plant Book*. I am repeatedly drawn to the plant notes from his daily observations and conversations with the local folks of the Cape Fear River valley, from Chapel Hill down through Lillington, Fayetteville and beyond. Plants take on a special dimension when accompanied with past and present human associations.

All summer, I have been enjoying the blue flowers and glossy-green leaves of this emergent aquatic. I have it growing in competition with water-dragon, also called lizard's-tail (see *Flora*, 6/18/09), and cattail in a little pond that is slowly progressing to a cattail-dominated wetland. I also have the pickerelweed happily growing in pots submerged in plastic wading pools scattered around the yard.

None, however, bring me the up-close pleasure of having a water-filled pot of pickerelweed on the deck right outside the back door.

My deck plant is about to burst out of its pot, so this fall I will pull it out of its confinement and divide it into two or three additional water-filled containers. Few other plants, native or exotic, bring such continuous visual pleasure, and native pollinators love it.

SEE FLORA PAGE 8

Council to meet Friday on Strom replacement

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold an early-morning meeting Friday to review a plan and timeline for naming a replacement for former council member Bill Strom.

Strom, whose term would have expired in 2011, resigned Aug. 1, after the end of the filing period for this fall's municipal election and during the council's summer recess. The special meeting was called to allow the council to review a proposed land purchase on Weaver Dairy Road in closed session. Foy also sent a memo to council

members outlining a proposed process and timeline for filling the seat. In it, he recommends setting Oct. 2 as the deadline for applications to be filed. The council would review the applications at its Oct. 12 meeting and could submit names for nominations. Applicant presentations would be held on Nov. 9. In the memo, Foy points out that the presentations are optional, but are a traditional courtesy extended to the applicants.

Under town ordinances, the mayor is required to provide official notification of a vacancy on the board at the council's next regular or special meeting. That triggers at least a 30-day process required for

the council to put out the call for a potential replacement, review qualifications and officially nominate candidates.

The council's first meeting back from its break was scheduled for Sept. 14. But Foy's call for a special meeting to go into closed session to review a land purchase on Weaver Dairy Road means that the notification will take place on Friday before or after the closed session.

Although Strom's timing prevented placing the seat alongside the other four council slots on the ballot this year, it did not stop electoral politics and the bid to fill the vacancy from being intertwined.

Shortly after word circulated of Friday's special meeting, council member Matt Czajkowski, who is running for mayor, said he strongly disagrees with the timing of the meeting. In a note to Foy, he cautioned that the short notice and early-morning hour "will generate even greater skepticism toward the process."

Fellow council member and mayoral candidate Mark Kleinschmidt said Czajkowski's note was unfortunate and that his opponent was trying to "stir the pot" by questioning the mayor's timing.

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Yard sale with style



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Monkeys from Oakridge, Tenn., donated by a fourth-grade teacher who received them upon retirement, are among some of the items that Brandie Revo (with daughter, Alessandra) has collected for the Yard Sale with Style benefitting the Family Violence Prevention Center on Sept. 12.

RECENTLY... BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Looking for a barrel of monkeys or scraping the bottom of the barrel? Maybe you need to get rid of some clutter, or your creative side needs an inexpensive inspirational jolt. The answer to all of that (and more) awaits at the Yard Sale with Style, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at University Mall.

The Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County (FVPC) has seen both a decline in funding and an up-tick in client needs this year.

"Our client services requests are up by 23 percent," said Beverly Kennedy, executive director. "We generally serve 60 to 70 clients a month, but in May, June and July we served over 100 (with 148 in July), with August tracking the same way."

Blame it all on the economy. Domestic violence generally follows a cyclic pattern, but stressors like employment insecurity and excessive debt can trigger an abuser into feeling out of control, accelerating cycles and causing victims to feel even more trapped — affecting people living in all areas of our community.

"A lot don't know what to do," Kennedy said. FVPC has had to change its approach and accept a high percentage of clients who continue to stay with their abusers because there simply are no other resources available. "Our advocates teach them how to make it safe, how to recognize the signs, and how to be prepared to flee."

SEE RECENTLY PAGE 5

County sets timetable for transfer site pick

BY KIRK ROSS
AND TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writers

The Orange County board of commissioners voted 4-3 Tuesday night to draw its attempt to find a site for a waste transfer station to a close, setting a timetable of 60 to 90 days for reaching a decision.

The board approved a plan to continue to investigate four options, including three potential sites for a waste transfer station and a possible deal with Durham County to use its waste transfer facility. Commissioners also asked to see the costs and parameters of the interlocal waste agreement between the

county and its municipalities.

The vote came on the heels of discussion of a new site on Millhouse Road on county-owned property. The new county-owned site is nearly across the street from the Town of Chapel Hill's public-works facility, where there is land that Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy has proposed as a possible site.

The inclusion of the new Millhouse parcel was met with opposition from nearby residents along Rogers and Eubanks road who have also objected to the town site on Millhouse on the grounds that their community has hosted the county's waste facility long enough.

Under the plan agreed to Tuesday night, county officials will contact Chapel Hill officials to seek details on the town-owned property. The Chapel Hill Town Council has not formally weighed in on Foy's offer to explore the site.

Residents of Bingham township continued to press their case Tuesday night that a site off N.C. 54 near Orange Grove Road would be costly, far away from the geographic center of waste generation and environmentally unsuitable.

Board chair Valarie Foushee and commissioners Alice Gordon and Mike Nelson voted against the plan to choose from among all four options, with commissioners Steve Yuhasz, Pam Hemminger, Bernadette Pelissier and Barry

Jacobs voting to support the plan. In June, Foushee, Gordon and Nelson voted against a proposal to ask the Town of Chapel Hill to formally offer the property it owns on Millhouse Road in order for it to be considered as an option.

The commissioners also approved working with Durham County as an alternative to constructing a facility.

Nelson said he believes the process has failed.

"The board has made statement after statement, and no deadline has been adhered to."

"New sites are coming out of nowhere," he added. "I don't believe there is a process anymore. I think the board has lost credibility."

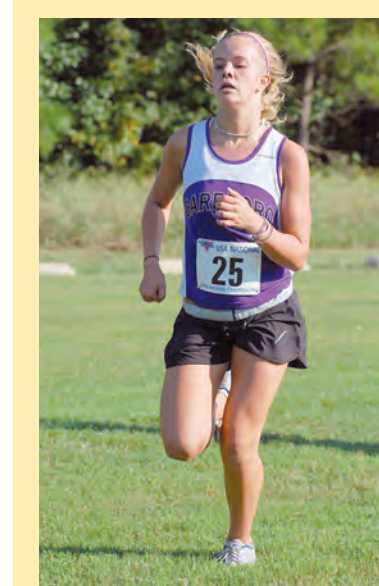
PREPS PREVIEW

Cross Country

The cross country season is off and running. Check out Beth Mechum's look at the season in the latest installment of Preps Previews on page 7.

At left, Alexa Phillips placed 4th for Carrboro High School in Tuesday's cross country meet at Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary. Inside, Grace Morken, left, begins to pass Laura Hamon near the finish line.

PHOTOS BY AVA BARLOW



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Aldermen set hearing on Deer St. project

BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

Overgrown grass and woods filled with cinder blocks, broken bricks, orange tape and stumps at 100 Deer St. could become a 16-dwelling subdivision.

At its meeting Tuesday night, the Carrboro Board of Alderman approved the request to hold a public hearing on the subdivision at the Sept. 22 board meeting.

Phil Post and Associates has submitted an application to construct the sub-

division. If the conditional use permit is approved, it would allow for the creation of 16 lots, two of which would be occupied by duplexes and the rest by single-occupancy dwellings.

The project would not require new roadways and would rely on existing infrastructure.

The proposed subdivision, referred to as the Lloyd Square Architecturally Integrated Subdivision, is off the gravel road between Quail Roost Drive (which runs off of Hillsborough Road) and Lisa Drive, and would occupy 5.98 acres.

Community Briefs

Magician to perform for kids

Local magician Jeff Jones will perform at the Carrboro Century Center Sept. 16 as part of the Lollipop Series for children 3 to 5 years old. His show will feature magic, comedy and audience participation. Admission is \$3. For more information, call the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department at 918-7364.

Free prostate cancer screenings

The Urology Clinic at UNC Hospitals will offer free prostate cancer screenings Sept. 23 and 24 from 1-7 p.m. for all men over 40 years old or with a family history of prostate cancer. The screenings, which are being conducted as part of National Prostate Health Month, consist of a blood test and digital rectal exam. No appointment is necessary. For additional information, please see med.unc.edu/urology or call 966-1315.

Dead Sea Scrolls expert to speak

Geza Vermes, a pioneer of Dead Sea Scrolls research, will give a lecture on Sept. 14 to kick off a series of community events sponsored by the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies. He will discuss the Dead Sea Scrolls and evaluate their contribution to the study of ancient Judaism and early Christianity. Vermes' talk will be this year's Eli N. Evans Distinguished Lecture in Jewish Studies, which is free to the public, at 7:30 p.m. at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education. For details on all events, visit unc.edu/ccjs or call 962-1509.

Pancake breakfast

The Eno River Farmers Market is hosting a Pancake Breakfast featuring flapjacks made with local, organic ingredients and a reading of children's books about pancakes. The event is Sept. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Public Market House on Margaret Lane in Hillsborough.

Environmental summit

The Commission for the Environment will hold its third Orange County Environmental Summit on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Education Center for the North Carolina Botanical Garden. The summit will feature keynote speaker Dr. Larry Band, who will discuss storm water sustainability in Orange County watersheds. Band is the Director of the UNC Institute for the Environment and a professor in the Geography Department. There will also be a panel of experts who will discuss issues pertaining to the quality and quantity of water resources in the County followed by questions from the audience.

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Community Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

First Sunday — The Pittsboro Merchants Association will hold its monthly First Sunday celebration from noon to 4p.m in downtown Pittsboro. There will be arts and crafts, belly dancing and a baklava bakeoff. Info at 960-5892.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9

Candidates' Forum — Chapel Hill candidates for mayor and town council will answer questions prepared by the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club. Questions also can be submitted from the audience. The event will be carried live on local cable channel 18. Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. 7-9pm, For more info, 942-6114

THURSDAY, SEPT 10

Continuing Education Showcase — UNC will present a continuing education showcase at the William and Ida Friday Center. More than 20 education programs will be represented. For more info, 843-5836 or fridaycenter.unc.edu/showcase

SATURDAY, SEPT 12

Animal Open House — The Paws4Ever learning center will hold an open house from 1-4pm with dog training tips, demonstration, microchip clinic and more. Dogs are welcome. 6311-A Nicks Road, Mebane, 304-2300.

Ongoing

Cancer Support — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiapohouse.org

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

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

Family to Family — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support their family member suffering with a mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. One class will begin Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:30-9 pm at the Seymour Center. Another class will begin Sept. 13, 2-4:30 pm at the Ebenezer Baptist Church North Campus. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or gelder@bellsouth.net.

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

Garden Walk — Discussions on fall planting, garden maintenance, design, and gardening for wildlife

with bird and butterfly plants. Saturdays at 10am at Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Rd, Chapel Hill NC. Call for directions, 967-0078. nichegardens.com

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

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-11am, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

Open-Mic Poetry — Tuesdays except first Tuesday, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

Walking Tour — The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill offers "Walk This Way," walking tours of Franklin Street every Sunday at 2 pm. \$5. 942-7818 or chpreservation@mindspring.com for more information. Reservations recommended for groups of 5 or more people.

Breastfeeding Cafe — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from 1-2pm at the Red Hen in Carrboro. A La Leche representative will be there to provide information and answer questions, 201 Weaver St.

Kids

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

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

Express Yourself! — Art program for ages 3-8 and 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 older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp

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

Orange County Literacy

— Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151

Do you have anything for one of our calendars?
Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

Compost Bins for Sale

Orange County Solid Waste Management Administrative Office

1207 Eubanks Rd.
Chapel Hill, 27516

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\$50 each
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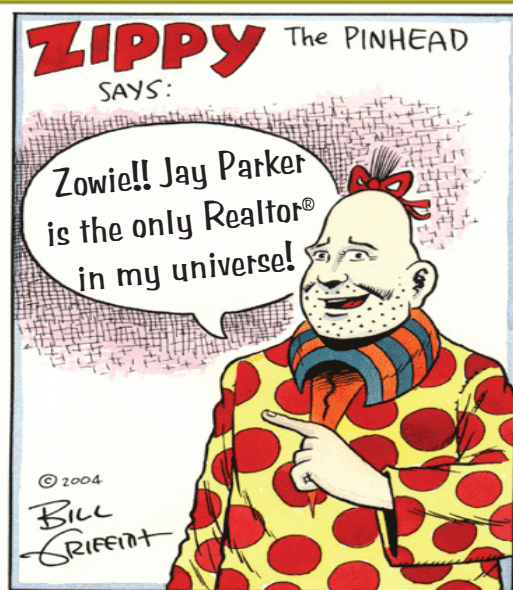


Visit Earthmachine.com for bin details!

You do not have to be an Orange County resident to purchase bins and there is no purchase limit.

Questions?
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email: recycling@co.orange.nc.us
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Where's the Cradle ad?

For this week's ad, look on the back page of MILL, our monthly arts and entertainment publication. Next week you can find it back here on page 2.

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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PETS OF THE WEEK



PAWS4EVER — Meet Indy! I'm a very sweet girl with a once-broken foot that makes me act quite skittish. I like to act scared of humans, but when you're not looking I'll roll around on the floor, begging for your attention. I need someone to take me home and show me what true devotion is. While I may appear hesitant at first, I'm just waiting for the right person to take me home so that I can open up and feel at home. Please come show me what true devotion is and I'll be more than happy to return the favor double fold! Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Take a look at Ladybug! This adorable American Staffordshire puppy is around 3 months old and one of the cutest pups around! But we're not talking about just looks! This girl has the whole package! She loves to play and will keep you laughing all day with her silly antics! This fun-loving goofball has an amazing personality and is sure to be an asset to almost any home! Visit her at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see her online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.



News Briefs

Immigration discussion

A panel discussion on the ethical dimensions of the current debates over access to public services by undocumented immigrants in the U.S. will take place next Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium (Room 1015) on the UNC campus. This event is coordinated in conjunction with UNC's first-year student summer reading book selection, *A Home on the Field*, by Paul Cuadros, an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and is co-sponsored by the Parr Center for Ethics and the Center for Global Initiatives. This event is free and open to the public. For a full list of speakers, go to parrcenter.unc.edu/events/seminars/fall2009/immigration.html

Insko reappointed

Rep. Verla Insko has been reappointed by House Speaker Joe Hackney as co-chair of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. The committee is responsible for examining the system-wide issues affecting the development, financing, administration and delivery of these services, including issues related to governance, accountability and quality of services.

Insko is also chair of both the House Committee on Health and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

Town closed for Labor Day

The Town of Carrboro will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day. There will be no garbage collection; Monday's garbage will be collected on Tuesday. There will be no change in the curbside recycling schedule.

Grant awarded for Fairview Park

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority has awarded \$500,000 from the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) for continued development of Fairview Park in Hillsborough. Fairview Park will feature active and low-impact recreational facilities, including basketball courts, baseball field, volleyball court, horseshoes, picnic shelter, walking track, playground and hiking trails. The park will be located with the Hillsborough police substation, which already is used for community meetings. The estimated cost for completing Phase I construction is \$1,213,500. The PARTF grant will be matched with county bond funds budgeted specifically for Fairview Park development.

Funds provided for Riverwalk

The Town of Hillsborough was awarded \$392,000 last week for Phase 2 development of Riverwalk, which will connect Gold Park to downtown. The matching grant from the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, awarded Friday, will fund the purchase of about 19 acres on Faribault Lane, some of which the town already has acquired. Construction of Gold Park, which opened in April, was Riverwalk's first phase. When complete, the greenway will connect the Oconeechee Mountain State Natural Area to downtown and will be part of North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

★ ★ ★ ★ CAMPAIGN NOTES ★ ★ ★ ★

Election forums scheduled

With early voting for this year's municipal and school board election due to start in just about a month, candidates are seeing a steady flow of invites to election forums.

The Sierra Club of Orange and Chatham counties already started its round of discussions with the candidates with a Carrboro forum at Town Hall Wednesday night.

Next up is a Sierra Club-sponsored forum for Chapel Hill candidates on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall. Candidates for mayor and town council will answer questions prepared by the group along with questions submitted by the audience. The event will be carried live on local cable channel 18.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, EmPOWERment Inc. and the *Daily Tar Heel* are also preparing for two days of discussions on Oct. 7 and 8.

The Chapel Hill candidate forum will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the Hargraves Community Center and the Carrboro candidate forum will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 at Carrboro Town Hall. 1360 WCHL will broadcast the forums live.

Rich reaches threshold

Penny Rich's campaign announced that she's reached the required threshold for public financing. Rich is the first council candidate — and the only one this cycle — to apply for public funding under the new voter-owned elections program. In the race for mayor, Mark Kleinschmidt is the only candidate to opt in to the new system.

Cho adopts road

Chapel Hill Mayor candidate and town Transportation Board chair Augustus Cho got a little additional signage along a short stretch of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Technically, Cho's business, Augustus Cho Tae Kwon Do, adopted the section of the road near Estes Drive, and the candidate recently told the *News & Observer* it wasn't political. Still, that's some mighty nice high-traffic signage.

Foy for Senate

Kevin Foy wouldn't be the first Capel Hill mayor to consider a bid for U.S. Senate. The thought, we're told, has from time to time crossed the mind of state school board chair Howard Lee. Foy is making a little more noise about it, and is considering joining a field that will likely include Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, former state Sen. Cal Cunningham and Durham attorney Ken Lewis. To all of the candidates' chagrin, including Foy, headlines continue to read something along the line of "Dems still searching for top-tier candidate."

Ceaseless amazement

This newspaper has for the most part eschewed playing up the all-too-typical "Carrboro is a strange place" story. We pretty much just have to report things straight up to do that anyway. Yet the recent goat debate at Town Hall in which the mayor and one of his challengers and a candidate for the board of aldermen engaged in a spirited discussion of the merits and disadvantages of in-town goats is a reminder that this town retains a unique and unpredictable, um, charm.

(You can read goat proponent Marianne Prince's letter on the debate, "Wrong for Goats, wrong for Carrboro," on page 4.)

Endorsement letters

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Kleinschmidt said without evidence to the contrary, he would take the mayor at his word that the meeting to talk about the land purchase was necessary and not an attempt to jumpstart the selection process.

"It basically has zero to no effect on the process," he said, adding that the nominations will still take place before the election and the nominations and selection after the meeting.

Some town council candidates also said they were concerned with the timing and indicated they would not put in an application for the seat.

John DeHart said he would continue "to try winning a seat by the electoral process."

DeHart said the mayor's decision to call a special meeting and Strom's decision to resign after the filing period were strikingly similar.

"I think it's more than coincidental the way they timed it," he said.

Penny Rich said she disagreed with Strom's timing as well.

"I do not know what motivated Bill Strom's decision to vacate his town council position or what influenced his timing. In a democracy, there is nothing more fundamental than the right to vote and thus choose your representation," Rich wrote in an email to *The Citizen*. "I believe his replacement should be decided by the citizens, and that is why I will not be submitting my name for appointment

to his position." Matt Pohlman said he'd like to see the council appoint a temporary replacement soon.

"The current Town Council should appoint someone immediately to fill the vacancy — stating explicitly that this position is to be interim until the new council is elected on November 3rd," Pohlman wrote in an email response. "Once the new council is seated, they will select the council member to fill Strom's empty seat for the duration of his term."

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FOR THE RECORD

Not so quiet
in the tropics

Experience tells us that this is the time of year when it's a good idea to pay some attention to what's going on in the ocean to our southeast. It's a little deceptive that the official start of hurricane season starts on June 1. During a slower than normal season like this one, you can get lulled into complacency.

So here's a reminder that the period of time from early September to early October has seen some of the worst storms in our local history.

Fran, a category 3 when it hit the coast, roared into southern Orange County on Sept. 5, 1996, packing 90 mile per hour winds.

Hazel was still a category 3 when it passed over Chapel Hill on Oct. 15, 1954.

The damage from both storms was substantial — a huge swath of downed trees, lost power and homes, businesses and croplands in ruins.

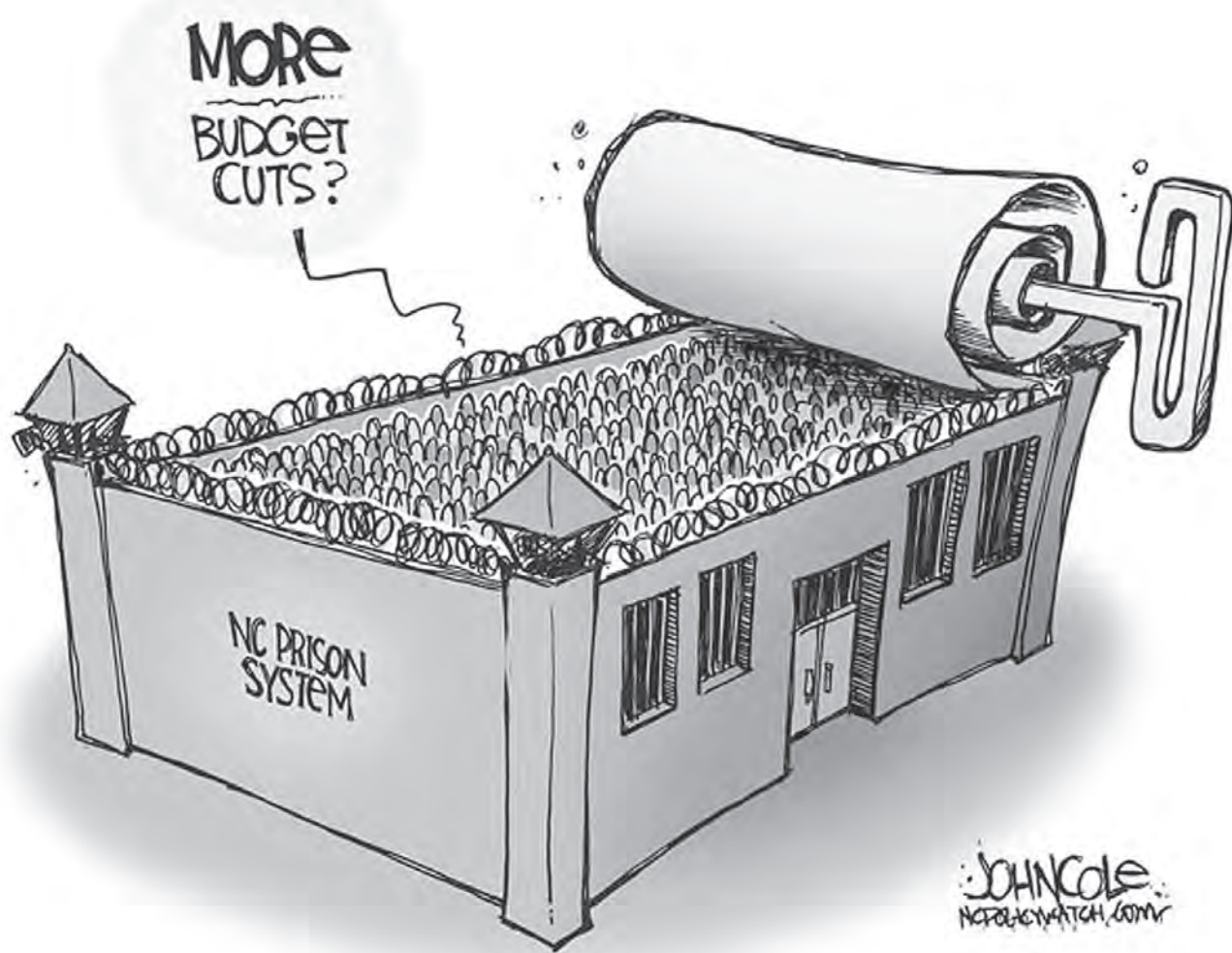
Living through something like that reaches one the simple elegance of the old Boy Scout motto: Be prepared. In this case, that means three things — a hurricane kit, an eye on the tropics and a family emergency plan.

It doesn't take long to put a hurricane kit together, and having one around can come in handy during, say, an ice storm. The basics are water, batteries, medicines, first-aid supplies and some way to cook. You can read the official list at redcross.org. Our advice is to always have too much water — fill the tub — you'd be surprised how much you use.

The family emergency plan should include a set meeting place and alternative ways to contact each other or check in, such as a friend or relative out of the storm's reach.

To learn more about emergency preparedness in Orange County and for additional tips and links, visit the county's site at co.orange.nc.us/ems/Emergencypreparedness.asp

You might want to do that fairly soon. We hear the surf is up in the Cape Verdes.



LETTERS

Wrong on goats, wrong
for Carrboro

I am one of many urban homesteaders in Carrboro. My two backyard fainting goats have reduced decades of overgrown ivy and honeysuckle to a non-invasive status. We chose fainting goats for their gentle, non-climbing reputation.

Goats have been allowed in Carrboro for decades. On Aug. 25, the board of aldermen voted to change the tract requirements for having two adult fainting goats from 40,000 sq. feet to 25,000 sq. ft, still over half of an acre. Mayoral candidate Brian Voyce and alderman candidate Sharon Cook opposed the amendment.

Brian Voyce contended that goats harbor disease and pose a threat to public health. A goat specialist at NC State's veterinary school said the most common ailment they treat is worms. According to the 2006 N.C. Rabies Report: "No rabies cases were identified among the following animals ... goats (33 submitted)."

To understand the hyperbolic nature of Voyce's claims, consider that Maple View Farms, the State Fair, Spence's Farm and the Museum of Life and Science all have hands-on livestock and are among of the most popular attractions for children in our area. Parents understand the importance of such experiences for their children.

Candidate Sharon Cook seemed confused about the nature of the or-

dinance, insisting that it was to "allow farm animals on urban properties," rather than merely to tweak the lot size for doing so.

Brian Voyce and Sharon Cook seem determined to stop any kind of green progress, be it small livestock or community gardens. Carrboro residents value the diversity, sustainability and progressive values that make Carrboro unique. Urban homesteading is part of that charm and is a rising trend in cities from Portland to

that year. I noticed that she was very knowledgeable and understanding of my questions and concerns. Since then, I have had the pleasure to work with Shell in many ways.

When I joined the Parent Advocacy Committee at Mary Scroggs Elementary, I came to understand her deep involvement in the community's education system. Shell always pushed for the "betterment for all the children," from spearheading an expansion of the playground to making sure all the kids got enough P.E. time. Her ability to stay on task and focus was, and still is, her strongest trademark.

Although Shell has the experience and knowledge to advocate for children with special needs (whether academically gifted or with learning disabilities), her top focus and concern is to facilitate ALL children achieving their potential.

Just like Shell, I have volunteered on many committees and have been a room parent in my children's classes. If there is one person I would trust to do the right thing, it's Shell. I am confident that when Shell sits on the school board, she will be working and looking out for all the children, not just one segment.

I only hope that our district's voters take the time to make an educated decision.

MARLA MILLER
Chapel Hill

Urban homesteading is part of that charm and is a rising trend in cities from Portland to Austin to New York. I am thankful the aldermen have kept Carrboro on the forefront of this trend.

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MARIANNE PRINCE
Carrboro

Support Brownstein

My family moved to Chapel Hill six and a half years ago from Florida. My husband and I have two children who attend the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school district.

After a recent article (8/13) on the candidates running for the district school board, I felt the need to make known and clarify the qualifications of Michelle Brownstein.

Shell and I have known each other since what we call "our Binkley days." I was new to the public school system, which one of my children was entering

Test scores are up? Kind of? Maybe?

STEVE PEHA

This past school year, almost every school in North Carolina made test score gains in reading, math and science. So what accounted for this? Did we:

- (A) implement new instructional methods?
- (B) lengthen the school day or the school year?
- (C) buy more computers?
- (D) none of the above.

The correct answer is "D: none of the above." But something important did change, and it accounted for a significant percentage of the gains.

On Aug. 6, 2009, the Department of Public Instruction put out a press release entitled "ABCs Results Released For 2008-09 School Year; Retesting Benefits K-8 Schools." Whoa there! What's this retesting? And how much did K-8 schools benefit from it?

Retesting is just what it says it is: Kids who don't pass the test the first time get to take it again. The state uses only the highest of the two scores for official measurement purposes. So how big was the retesting effect? Here's what the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction said in the Aug. 6 release:

"In mathematics, the retest moved the percent proficient from 72 percent to 79.9 percent. In reading, the percent proficient went from 58.5 percent to 67.5 percent. In science, the change was 10 percentage points — from 54 percent proficient before retesting to 64 percent with retesting included."

Looks like the state improved by roughly eight points in math, nine points in reading and 10 points in science, simply as a result of giving kids a second shot at the test. With state scores in the 50s, 60s and 70s, this increase seems quite significant to me. So what does this mean?

It could mean that the tests are not very reliable. It could mean that prior familiarity with the test produces a significant advantage. It could mean that test takers were more comfortable or more diligent the second time around. It could mean a little bit of all three.

One thing these retest increases do not mean, however, is that kids got any smarter between test #1 and test #2. So what's going on here?

When the tests were first constructed over a decade or ago, they were intentionally created to be very easy to pass. In fact, according to a variety of comparison studies, North Carolina's tests were almost the easiest in the nation. As a result, kids passed them easily and scores zoomed up. Then, over the last three years, the reading and math tests were made more difficult. This caused scores to go down.

Now retesting has been introduced. Obviously, allowing retesting makes the tests easier to pass. What does all this mean? It means we now have harder tests that are easier. What does that mean?

I have no idea.

At this point, it is virtually impossible, even with detailed test score data, for anyone to know if or by how much students have improved in reading and math since testing began. And now that retesting will be included this coming year, and probably in all years thereafter, it seems that we will be forever wondering whether our kids are getting smart or just getting smart about taking tests.

When all this testing began, we were promised two important things: that we'd know whether our kids were getting smarter and what to do about it if they weren't. When tests start out easy, then are made harder, then are made easier again, instead of getting these two things, what we get is confusion.

And yet, DPI thinks just the opposite:

"State Board of Education Chairman Bill Harrison said that this year's data give North Carolinians a clear picture of how well schools are performing. By including retest results, we can see the number of students who are able to score proficient and demonstrate they are ready for the next grade level. I am pleased that we can give schools credit for this accomplishment."

A clear picture of how well schools are performing? This situation seems more than a little muddled to me. And since I couldn't find out why the retesting option was offered this year, I'm forced to use my own student-achievement sleuthing skills.

It seems to me that the kids who would benefit most from retesting would be those who just missed passing by a few points. How many points exactly? Probably the number of points in the test's Standard Error of Measurement, or SEM. I can imagine a savvy statistician noticing after the tests got harder that many kids fell just below the passing level but within the SEM. Why not give those kids a second shot, when we know that their scores are likely to go up just enough to have them pass?

So what do we know? Obviously, retesting inflates scores. And obviously, the state feels this somehow gives "a clear picture of how well schools are performing"? But does it? Really? As someone who has followed state test scores pretty closely for the last five years, I don't have a clear picture of how well schools are performing. What I have is a clear picture of how easily test scores can be manipulated, whether kids are learning or not.

Steve Peha is founder and president of Carrboro-based Teaching That Makes Sense Inc.

Was 2000-2007
the U.S.'s new
Gilded Age?
Try platinum.

ELAINE MEJIA

In American history, the "Gilded Age" refers to the late 19th Century period in which the nation's population grew rapidly, along with the wealth and excesses of America's upper class. The wealth gap between the richest and poorest Americans soared as corporate "robber barons" hoarded vast fortunes. After a brief improvement during the Progressive Era, the Gilded Age wealth disparities returned during the 1920s and peaked immediately before the infamous stock market crash that precipitated the Great Depression.

If we continue with the metallic monikers, we might well refer to the period just prior to the current recession — the period from 2000 to 2007 — as "the Platinum Age." During that period, the income gap in the United States grew to historic proportions, with an astonishing share of the nation's wealth falling into the hands of a tiny elite.

A recently released research paper from the University of California shows that in 2007, the top .01 percent of American earners took home 6 percent of total U.S. wages — nearly twice as much as in 2000. The top 10 percent of American earners pulled in 49.7 percent of total wages, a level that, according to the research paper, "is higher than any other year since 1917 and even surpasses 1928, the peak of the stock market bubble in the 'roaring' 1920s."

Figures for North Carolina's income patterns for 2007 haven't been released yet, but the data through 2006 suggests that our state's inequality is tracking, if not outpacing, the national trend. In 2006, the average income of the top 5 percent of income earners in North Carolina was 12 times greater than the bottom 20 percent of income earners, or \$197,000 compared to just \$16,000.

This growing disparity undermines the ability of low-income families to move into the middle class and of middle-class families to accumulate the assets needed to weather economic downturns and financial troubles such as illness or job loss. And, during the Platinum Age, the federal government's actions only exacerbated the problem.

During the 2000 to '07 period, tax cuts for the rich, enacted at the behest of President Bush, made the federal tax system much less progressive than at any time in recent history, and the evidence is clear that this windfall for the well-off did not trickle down to working families.

However, tax policy can be one of the government's most powerful tools for closing the income gap. At the end of this year, Congress will face critical decisions about how to deal with the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts. In particular, legislators will decide whether income from investments really deserves to be taxed at roughly half the rate as that of income from actual work. The fate of the estate tax — instituted by Teddy Roosevelt to "break up the swollen fortunes of the rich" — will likely also be up for debate.

Here in North Carolina, the General Assembly can do a lot to address the income disparity. Legislative leaders say they will hold hearings and town-hall-style forums to discuss how the state should modernize the tax system — a move that is widely considered badly needed and long overdue. Changes currently under consideration include broadening the sales tax to include services and applying the income tax to a broader swath of income and then lowering tax rates across the board. These are all changes that, if done wisely, could stabilize the tax system and make it fairer to working families.

However, the state can and should do more to boost the wages of working families. Increasing the state Earned Income Tax Credit would put more money into the pockets of many low- and middle-income families with children. State leaders should also consider creating a tax credit for low-income people who don't benefit from the EITC, such as those on fixed incomes or without children.

It is high time that elected officials put the interests of working families first by using tax policy to create opportunity and protect the assets of middle- and low-income workers. If not, the Platinum Age will return in full force as the economy recovers. And what comes after platinum anyway? Titanium? Whatever it is, we don't want to go there.

Elaine Mejia is the director of the N.C. Budget and Tax Center.

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"We receive several calls a night," said Brandie Ambler Revoy, a volunteer dedicated to fundraising for FVPC. The Ohio-born, Indiana-educated stay-at-home mother of two (Jack, 3, and Alessandra, 17 months) has been volunteering with different local nonprofits since she and her family moved here from London in January. Like her husband, Jeff, who works at CenturyLink, Revoy, 34, enjoyed a career in technology (management and marketing).

"I'm interested in the agency; I'm a big supporter of preventing and ending domestic violence, and I'm extremely impressed with Beverly."

The idea for the yard sale came out of a statement Kennedy made one day.

"Beverly said, 'I've just moved and have a lot of nice things I can't use anymore,'" Revoy said. "We polled the board and they all had something they could contribute."

The idea of a yard sale grew into reality when the venue was secured.

"University Mall was very generous and offered to allow us to use space at a greatly reduced price," Revoy said.

The mall offered the very same space where the Vin-

tage Faire Upmarket Tag Sale benefiting the Mental Health Association of Orange County was held last year and will be this year (Oct. 3 and 4; see mhaorangeco.org), so savvy shoppers will find University Mall offering even more than usual this fall.

"We'd like to thank the Mental Health Association organizers for advice and suggestions that they provided based on the success of their annual Vintage Faire," Revoy said, noting her hopes for their success as well. "As we need more money because of state and federal cuts, there's less to get from other resources. It's challenging for everyone."

But perhaps not as much so as for the clients of both agencies. As Revoy said, "As money is harder to get, services are even more in demand. People are lashing out in other ways."

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OBITUARIES



Karen Shelton

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Karen Shelton died at her home in Carrboro on Sunday, August 9, 2009. She was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina on February 3, 1948.

She is survived by her son, Ari Jacobson Picker, and daughter-in-law, Gini Bell, in Carrboro; her daughter, Alexandria Rachel Allen, and granddaughter, Alexy Allen, in Arizona; her sister and brother-in-law, Cecyle and Rick

Thomas, in Virginia, and nieces, Lisa Bender and Kristen Hughes; her sister and brother-in-law, Libby and John Shaw in Pennsylvania, and nephews, Jeremy and Jonathan Shaw; her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Jim Leroy, in Pennsylvania, and niece, Anna, and grand-nephew Kurgan, and nephew, Zachary. Her son, Ari, founded and composes for the musical ensemble Lost in the Trees.

Karen was a painter and fabric artist for twenty-five years, supporting herself and her son with her artwork. She graduated with honors from college with degrees in art and psychology. She attended the University of West Virginia and Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia to do graduate work in fine art. Karen was the recipient of artistic grants and participated in the widely acclaimed American Craft Show in Baltimore.

From 1999 through 2008, Karen owned and ran Sizl Gallery, located at 405-A E. Main St. in Carrboro. At Sizl, Karen showed local and international fine artists. She worked with Aaron Nelson, director of Chapel Hill/Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, to initiate Carrboro's 2ndFriday Artwalk. Karen had a wide circle of friends in the artist community, helping many of them develop a following through shows at her gallery.

Mary Russell Thomas

Mary Russell Thomas of Chapel Hill died on August 29, 2009 at Carolina Meadows.

She was born in Asuit, Egypt on December 14, 1916, the second child of Charles and Margaret Russell. She spent most of her childhood in Egypt, where her American parents taught. She was educated at Goucher College (Baltimore, Md.), Columbia University (New York City) and the University of North Carolina.

In New Haven, Conn., on June 7, 1941, she was married to Henry Carrison Thomas, and together they raised three children, in both New Haven and Chapel Hill. Mrs. Thomas was a professional medical librarian, serving for many years in the library of the UNC School of Medicine. She was also an avid reader, particularly of British mysteries, and in her retirement enjoyed a literary tour of Great Britain.

She was, for many years, a parishioner of the Chapel of the Cross, participating in charitable efforts there and elsewhere.

Throughout her life a loving and giving person, she was always mindful of the needs of others, particularly those less fortunate.

Mrs. Thomas was predeceased by her brother and her husband. She is survived by her three children: Mary Ann Thomas, married to Stephen Handel (Bar Harbor, Maine), Henry Thomas, married to Linda King (Chapel Hill), and Frances Thomas (Chicago, Ill.); and three grandchildren: Mark Handel, Elizabeth Thomas and Jordan Thomas.

Margaret Moore

Mrs. Moore, 88, died on August 26, 2009. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Peggy grew up in Yonkers, N.Y. She graduated from Stephens College in 1939, Katherine Gibbs School in 1940 and UNC-Chapel Hill in 1946. Peggy was the eldest daughter of the late James Henry and Margaret DeBell Moseley.

She is survived by her only sister, Louise Moseley MacKenzie, a resident of the Village of Brookwood in Burlington. She is also survived by a son, Richard A. Parker, of Burlington and a daughter, Margaret Anne Collins, and husband, Alan, of Charlotte, N.C. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Philip Parker; Grace Bradshaw, and husband, Rick; Becky Parker; Weston Collins; and Patricia Collins; and one great-grandchild, Amber Bradshaw.

Peggy was a golf enthusiast, playing golf most of her life at Alamance Country Club and later in life at Chapel Hill Country Club, where she enjoyed being a resident of Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill, N.C. There she married Raymond John Moore, who died in 1996. She was a member of the Alamance County Service League and was active with the Red Cross and bloodmobiles while living in Burlington. She was a member of Church of the Holy Comforter in Burlington and Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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To comply, Kille must deactivate the electrical service in her apartment to ensure it's unlivable. The town is allowed to inspect the property without a search warrant to make sure she is in compliance.

If Kille does not comply with the terms of the agreement, the town will have the right to file a new motion of contempt and to require the payment of \$10,000 in civil penalties.

T.C. Morphis is the town attorney who has spent the most time on this case.

"I think both sides entered into this agreement in good faith, he said. "We're trying to

resolve this."

Morphis said deactivating the electricity instead of disassembling the apartment was a compromise agreement. This way, Kille could make her apartment comply with land-use ordinance codes at a later date.

Dickson Phillips, Kille's attorney, was not available for comment.

The board was also updated at Tuesday's meeting on the progress of the Bolin Creek Greenway and Morgan Creek Greenway projects.

Extra miles have been added to the Bolin Creek trail plan for a greenway along Jones Creek, and the cost is estimated to exceed the funds available for the project. The planning budget for

the greenways was \$145,000 and the construction budget is \$1.6 million.

The Greenways Commission will ask the federal government for funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

There will be a workshop for the Bolin Creek Greenway on Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Century Center. A workshop for the Morgan Creek Greenway will be held at a later date.

Randy Dodd, the Town of Carrboro's environmental planner, said it's important to continue further outreach to neighborhoods to conceptualize these developments.

In other action at the meet-

ing, a public hearing was set for Sept. 22 for a modification to the Winmore Subdivision conditional use permit. If the modification is then approved, the permit will allow the construction of a 10,160-foot daycare center.

The board also approved a temporary street closing for St. Joseph CME Church. The church will be hosting "Frangulism in the Park" on Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Broad Street between Fowler and Hill streets will be closed for the event. About 600 people are expected to be in attendance.

Richard Perry was appointed as a town representative to the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

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THU 9/10 — Turkey & Cheese Sub on Wheat; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara; Dipping Sauce; "Fun on the Run"; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh Orange Wedges

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School Briefs

CHHS volunteer coordinator wanted

This year's annual Parent Forum will be held at Chapel Hill High School. The forum is a parent education panel discussion presented in cooperation with all the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools. Each year a relevant topic is selected and then professional panelists are chosen. A volunteer CHHS parent is needed to work with the representatives from ECHHS and CHS to help organize and publicize the forum, which is usually held in February. If you would like more information about this volunteer opportunity, contact Lynn Lehmann at charliemax@aol.com

College fair

The annual CHCCS & Orange County High Schools College Fair will be Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dean Smith Center on UNC's campus. The fair is targeted toward juniors and seniors, but anyone can attend.



Chapel Hill High School PTSA open house

The CHHS PTSA open house has been rescheduled for Sept. 10 at 6:10 p.m. The open house is the time for parents to meet Principal Dingle, as well as CHHS administrators and counselors. Parents will follow their child's schedule and meet their teachers. Also available will be PTSA memberships, PALS memberships, Booster Club memberships, CHHS

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Parent volunteers wanted

Parents interested in volunteering in their child's school or another local school an hour or two each week during the school day should visit chccs.k12.nc.us.

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There are specific requests from teachers listed in the volunteer office in Lincoln Center. For more information, call 967-8211 x28281 or email volunteer@chccs.k12.nc.us

Training for specific programs that require it is available in September.

Board to decide on budget changes

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Board of Education will review its budget plans at its Sept. 3 meeting at the Chapel Hill Town Hall in light of the fact that the recently passed budget includes discretionary reductions and state and local amendments.

The board also will be updated on the status of the Carrboro High School Arts Wing. After receiving an initial allocation of \$1,916,783.72 from the state, the district submitted another application for an additional \$2,660,516.28. If received, the additional money would complete the original project estimate. The board anticipates that it will find out if the money was rewarded in

mid-September, in time for it to be discussed at the Sept. 15 Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will request to use the drainage on the McDougle Middle School campus to facilitate the road and sidewalk improvements as part of its plan to widen Old Fayetteville Road and install sidewalks from the intersection at N.C. 54 north to McDougle. The NCDOT has offered \$600 as payment. The board will be asked to authorize this request Thursday night.

Also at the meeting, the board will adopt local guidelines concerning the Graduation Project or an alternative to it. The board also will reconsider the service learning requirement in light of its decision on the Graduation Project.

The Board of Education meeting is a 6 p.m. closed session.


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Area cross country teams set to compete

Orange County has always been a place where runners flourish. There are a number of races (both road and trail), enough teams where anyone can find a place and even a local running celebrity – former Olympian Joan Nesbit Mabe.

It's therefore fitting that there will be an Orange County Cross Country championship this year for the first time in over a decade.

Carrboro, Chapel Hill, East Chapel Hill, Orange and Cedar Ridge all will be fighting for the title of best team in Orange County — a title that will come with a lot of clout.

Adding further to the excitement of the meet is the fact that many of the runners will have taken the SAT earlier that day.

"It will be a great way for the kids to let off steam and compete," said Ron Olsen, Chapel Hill coach and event coordinator.

But before that event, and after, the teams will need to concentrate on their own seasons. Some big names have graduated, so the high school cross country landscape should look a little different this year.

Carrboro High School

Like the rest of the Carrboro sports teams, the first couple of years were a struggle for the cross country Jaguars, with a smaller and younger pool of athletes to work from than the rest of the area high schools. But in its third year, Carrboro is looking to finally set a tone in the Carolina 9 Conference.

"We have a lot of experienced runners now," Coach Jay Crooker said. "Some of them have been with us for two years, and it really makes a big difference in terms of the amount of miles they can run over the summer,



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the experience level they come in with each season, and they pretty much know the courses we're running."

Crooker said that experience is especially helpful when it comes to the veteran players helping the younger kids get acclimated to the grueling cross country season.

Who's gone: For the girls, Kristina Witcher was a standout runner for Carrboro last year, and her graduation will put a dent in Carrboro's top times. For the boys, Ben Gregory's graduation will also leave a hole that needs to be filled. Not only were those runners fast and consistent, they were unwavering leaders as part of CHS's first graduating class.

Who's here: She's only a sophomore, but Laura Hamon is expected to step up and try to fill Witcher's prodigious running shoes. For the boys, Elliot Pahel-Short and Jordan Thomas are

two strong returning runners.

Expectations: Crooker said he expects both the boys and the girls teams to make the state championships, but it's really still too early to tell until after the first month or so of running in a competitive setting.

Chapel Hill High School

Not many teams have the luxury of having a three-time state champion runner on the roster, and now the Tigers are no longer one of those teams.

The loss of Taylor Gilland, now running at Virginia, will surely be felt: Gilland was truly one of those once-in-a-lifetime type performers. But Coach Olsen said he still expects the team to be strong.

When asked which runners he thinks will step up and make a big impact this year, the list was far too long to include.

That kind of attitude bodes

well for the Chapel Hill boys and girls teams, who have already placed first and third, respectively, at their first meet of the season.

Who's gone: In addition to Gilland graduating, Molly Spencer's consistent top-tier scoring for the Tigers will be missed.

Who's here: Standouts should include Lindsay Savelli and Meg Duffy for the girls and Kyle Villemain and Asher Colburn-Hertzberg for the boys.

Expectations: Though a long season lies ahead, it's not going out on a limb to say the Tigers should be a force to be reckoned with in the playoff meets.

East Chapel Hill

East will be facing the challenge of improving on a stellar performance from last year.

Of course, coaches always try to downplay the good and accentuate the bad in trying to inspire the team to be better, but Coach Steve Marquis will have more trouble than most finding the bad in a girls team that won the 4A State Championship last year – not such a bad problem to have.

The boys will have to step it up to keep pace with the girls this year, and both teams won their first match against Jordan last week.

Who's here: Carolyn Baskir is one of the top girls' runners in the state, if not the top, and having her back as a senior will have an immeasurable effect on the Wildcats. For the boys, Sam Marks and Sam Miner are two of the team's top runners.

Expectations: If Baskir stays healthy, there's no reason to think she can't perform at the same high level as last year, and both East teams will be looking to make a statement in the Orange County championship.

School Briefs

Carrboro High Scores:

Football: Aug. 28: Orange 28–Carrboro 7
Soccer: Aug. 31: Chapel Hill 3–Carrboro 0
Carrboro set the pace for most of the game but was unable to score. Two goals by Chipper Root and another by Alex Steiner sealed the deal for the Tigers.
Field Hockey: Aug. 28: Chapel Hill 4–Carrboro 1

East Chapel Hill High Scores:

Football: Aug. 28: Cardinal Gibbons 34–East 7
Field Hockey: Aug. 27: East 2–Forsyth County Day 0
Soccer: Aug. 27: East 3–Durham Academy 0
Chris Jaques scored all three goals for the Wildcats, rounding out a week in which he scored five overall.

Chapel Hill High Scores:

Volleyball: Aug. 27: v. Riverside: 21-25, 25-17, 25-13, 25-19, win.
Soccer: Aug. 27: Sanderson 5–Chapel Hill 1
Cross Country: Aug. 29: The boys' team placed first in the WNC XC Invitational with 55 points. Top finisher was Will Bunch (11th in the meet) at 16:42. The girls' team placed third with 83 points. Top finisher (7th in the meet) was Tristin Van Ord at 20:15.

Carolina Central Golf Conference:

Aug. 31:
Northwood 126
Chapel Hill 134
East Chapel Hill 150
Cardinal Gibbons 168
Carrboro 177

Volunteer to be a coach

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department is accepting volunteer coaches' applications for the 2009-10 Youth Basketball Program. Coaches must exhibit the ability to organize practices and communicate effectively with players, parents and rec department staff. They must also exhibit the ability to teach proper playing skills and fundamentals and proper sportsmanship and provide an enjoyable atmosphere at practices and games. Limited openings remain. To receive a volunteer coach's application or additional information, call 918-7364.

Children learning athletic sports skills

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department is sponsoring C.L.A.S.S. (Children Learning

Athletic Sports Skills) soccer for kids and their parents. The program is designed for children 4 to 6 years old as of the start of the class. The goal of the program is to introduce the fundamentals of soccer to the participant and parent. The instructor guides both the child and parent in understanding the skills of passing, dribbling, trapping and shooting. Parent and child will be encouraged to practice the skills learned at home. Parent participation is a major part of this program. The program will be held on Saturday's (9-10 a.m.) from Sept. 12 to Oct. 17. The cost is \$47 per child. Registration is currently being accepted at the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department, 100 N. Greensboro St. Space is limited. For more information, call 918-7364

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FROM PAGE 1

The individual flowers have a superficial resemblance to orchids; and each day I take that "closer look," I just want to pull up a stool and gaze at them until they begin to close in the early afternoon!

You'll find it in the wild, growing along edges of rivers and ponds throughout the eastern U.S. The common name, pickerelweed, refers to the pickerel fish, which feed along the

edges of such emergent aquatic vegetation.

I've recently learned that pickerelweed is a tasty edible. The young unfurled leaves can be chopped to add to salads or boiled and served with butter. Peterson's *Edible Wild Plants* guide also describes that the ripe nut-like seed is nutritious eaten raw or dried and added to granola or roasted and ground into flour. Plan on getting mighty wet wading around in swampland to collect enough seed for

making flour. I'm not going for the flour, but with the few plants I have close at hand I think I'll pay closer attention to the maturing seed and make my own taste test.

If you're keen to have a pot or two of your own, ask your favorite garden center to get some. Nurseries that stock water lilies usually also stock some of the other interesting emergent aquatics that are suitable for home water gardens.



Everybody's a Critic

As he lurched past Chapel Hill Cleaners on West Franklin Street with an unsteady gait, the streetperson spied a lone man out painting the side of the building. "Why don't they just paint over the whole #%*! thing!?" he demanded of a passerby, "cause it sure ain't art!" he said with finality. The passerby explained, it's a mural. "A MURAL!" the bleary-eyed sidewalk critic blurted. "WHAT'S THE POINT?" And off he went, grumbling something about "art!" That exchange brought a merry twinkle to the eye of the painter, none other than Chapel Hill's own Michael J. Brown, out this early morning painting over graffiti on the "hands" mural, now 19 years old. Brown, whose public art graces so many walls around our towns, finds himself working 12-hour days, in spite of the recession. He's just finishing up a re-do of the iconic mural behind Spanky's depicting the University Methodist Church steeple balanced by a full moon floating in a deep-blue night sky. What's the point, indeed?



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