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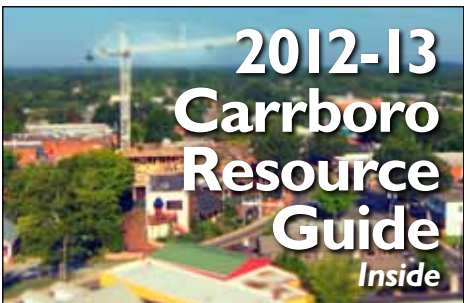


SATURDAY
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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Wildflower bouquet of goldenrod, twining manroot, false foxglove and rose-pink could have been gathered along Old N.C. 86 between Calvander and Hillsborough.
PAINTING PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

‘Late summer woods’

“Late summer woods” is Cornelia Phillips Spencer’s description, in the “Young Lady’s Column” of *The N.C. Presbyterian*, Oct. 8, 1873, of a late-summer walk.

Appropriate to accompany her description is the beautiful botanical fall bouquet pictured above, one of several botanical paintings of Mrs. Spencer, carefully preserved in UNC’s Southern Historical Collection.

The painted bouquet includes a stem of yellow goldenrod, *Solidago*, emerging through a bundle of rose-pink, *Sabatia*, locally common wildflowers recently featured in Flora. One may still find lingering at the base of an oak tree a yellow false foxglove, *Aureolaria*, which is semi-parasitic on roots of oaks. The twisting white-flowering vine is man-root, *Ipomoea*, clamoring over roadsides everywhere just now.

Almost 150 years ago Mrs. Spencer could have been exploring the forest edge of Old N.C. 86 to collect this lovely bouquet.

Spencer arrived in Chapel Hill as an infant in 1826 when her father relocated from Harlem, N.Y., to serve as chair of the university’s mathematics department. She left in 1855 as the happy bride of university graduate James Monroe Spencer to live in Clinton, Ala., until her return as a saddened widow in December 1862.

Thenceforward she directed her knowledge and passions to educating her daughter, June, and helping local residents of all walks of life. From 1870 to 1875, she badgered the state’s legislature with passionately eloquent letters until it reopened the university, which had been closed during Reconstruction.

The day proclaiming the re-opening was made momentous by Cornelia Spencer, “the lady who rang the bell,” tugging on the cords of the South Building bell that had been silenced for years.

Fortunately the letters, diaries and columns written by this

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Controversial bus ads back up

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Charter school a bad idea, foes say

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

One of the primary original objectives behind the implementation of charter schools in North Carolina was to help generate innovation in the classroom. And while, as a rule, that hasn’t happened, hardly anyone is saying the entire effort should be scrapped.

“I’ve learned that you don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater,” said Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Randee Haven-O’Donnell. “Some

charter schools really do a fine job of teaching.”

But when a proposed charter school is introduced to an informed, progressive-minded community, one that, arguably, values education above all else, questions and concerns are going to be raised – about, for example, the school administration’s accountability and transparency, how the school will meet students’ needs, how tax dollars will be spent and how innovation will be employed to meet objectives.

The State Board of Education is scheduled to make decisions today

(Thursday) on approval of 25 proposed charter schools that have been recommended by the board’s Public Charter School Advisory Council. Among those is the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School, a K-8 school that under a pending proposal would be located in Claremont South, a development planned for the south side of Homestead Road in Carrboro.

If the board approves the school, its administrators will enter into a planning and training program with the state, with a decision for final charter approval coming no later than next

March.

If given the nod, the school would then open its doors for the 2013-14 school year.

The Lee school’s charter application doesn’t provide a great many details about the nature of its curricula or the support services it will offer. Its stated objectives are to help close the racial and economic achievement gaps, prepare students for high school and college preparatory programs and

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ROOFTOP LIVING — Meg Davis and Ken Evans spend a summer evening at the edge of their rooftop living room above Cliff’s Meat Market. Check out Meg and Ken in the Carrboro Community Resource & Visitors’ Guide as well, inside this week’s issue.
PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

Carrboro BOA tackles Fannie Mae

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — At their first meeting of the 2012-13 season, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen took on an issue that is preventing some local homeowners from refinancing their mortgages or selling their homes.

Fannie Mae, one of the leading purchasers of residential mortgages, recently passed a rule under which condominiums in developments where one entity owns more than 10 percent of the deeds are not considered loan-worthy. In Carrboro and Chapel Hill, the Community Home Trust owns more than 10 percent of units in a number of developments, including Pacifica Cohousing.

“This is huge nationwide,” board member Jacquie Gist said.

Following the subprime mortgage crisis, Fannie Mae is in government receivership and managed by the Federal Housing Finance Administration.

Pacifica resident Greg Gangi told the board that he recently attempted to refinance the mortgage for his condominium, but was denied by three banks. The third bank told him that he was denied due to the Fannie Mae rule, so Gangi solicited help from Robert Dowling, executive director of the Community Home Trust.

Carrboro encourages developers to provide a stock of affordable housing in developments, and those units

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EMS proposal totals \$15.6 million

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

Members of the Orange County Emergency Services Workgroup say they are pleased with recommendations to improve the county’s EMS department, which include \$15.6 million in spending over a 10-year period, presented to the Orange County Board of Commissioners at their Aug. 30 work session.

Steve Allen, a consultant from So-

lutions for Local Government Inc., who was hired to help develop the multi-year strategic plan, presented the Draft Comprehensive Assessment of Emergency Medical Services and 911/Communications Center Operations Study to the board.

While the board’s reaction to the recommendations was overall favorable, many of the commissioners were taken aback at the estimated price tag that accompanied the study. Recommendations call for adding more am-

bulances to the fleet, more paramedics and call-center staff and constructing more EMS facilities.

“I think cost is always a concern for folks that have to watch the public dollars ... but communication and public safety is a core service the community expects to have, and they have to look at it like that,” said Frank Montes de Oca, director of Emergency Services in Orange County.

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Coyote sightings are on the rise in northern Carrboro.
PHOTO BY MARY PARKER SONIS

Coyotes come to town

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

Curious animals by nature, coyotes in Orange County have recently been increasingly interested in investigating the urban areas of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, occasionally daring to have a close encounter with a human.

Multiple coyote sightings and a few too-close-for-comfort interactions have been recently reported, according to Orange County Animal Services.

Animal services and the Wildlife Resource Commission said there seems to be a slight increase in reports from the more populated, urban areas of the county.

“There are several neighborhoods in the area of Hogan Farms that have had a number of sightings over the last four to six weeks that has raised a number of concerns there,” said Bob Marotto, Orange County Animal Services director.

However, Wildlife Resource Com-

mission Enforcement Officer Forrest Orr said the higher numbers of reports from urban areas could be attributed to the larger population there.

“Where the higher populations of people are we get more reports, simply because there are more people to see coyotes,” Orr said.

Although Marotto and Orr both said coyote sightings aren’t unusual, some of the reports in which coyotes

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MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY SEPT 6
The Cave: LATE: Portable Hero, The Ends
The Depot: Josh Pepper Band. 8pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm
Local 506: Soul Khan, Doc Verbz. 9pm. \$8-10
Nightlight: Steve Gunn, David Daniell. 5pm. \$5-10 donations
Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio. 7pm. Sarah Shook and the Devil, Gasoline Stove. 10pm
Weaver St. Market (CBO): Crystal Bright and the Silver Hands. 6pm
Weaver St. Market (HBO): Aymountaineers. 6:30pm
FRIDAY SEPT 7
Caffe Driade: Allie Farris. 8pm
Carolina Inn: The Gravy Boys. 5pm
Cat's Cradle: Perpetual Groove. 9:30pm. \$12/15
The Cave: EARLY: Frenchy and the Punk LATE: Bubba Joe and the Bruisers, The Tremors, The Malamondos
The Depot: Ellerbe Creek Band. 8pm
The Kraken: The Beagles. HWYL. 9pm. Free
Local 506: Lee Bains III and The Glory Fires, Grass Giraffes. 9:30pm. \$8-9
Open Eye: Drew Kelly. 8pm
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
SATURDAY SEPT 8
The ArtsCenter: Rail-Trails Ben-

efit: Mary Johnson Rockers. 7pm
Caffe Driade: Mary Rocap. 8pm
Carolina Brewery (Pitts): Randy Dean Whitt. 7pm. Free
Cat's Cradle: Who's Bad. 9pm. \$15
The Depot: JazzTones. 8am
Local 506: Morning Brigade, Chasing Pedestrians, Adam Faucett. 9pm. \$5
Open Eye: Triptonic. 8
Southern Rail: Sons of Paradise, Outside SOUL. 2PM
SUNDAY SEPT 9
Cat's Cradle: Yeasayer, Daedelus. 9pm \$22/15
Local 506: Bird Call, Sugar Glyder, Jessica Long and The New Kind. 8pm. \$7-9
Milltown: Puritan Rodeo. 8pm
Southern Rail: Mahalo Jazz. 7pm
Southern Village: See No Weevil. 6pm. Free
Tyler's: Outliers. 5pm
Weaver St. Market (CBO): Different Drum. 11am
MONDAY SEPT 10
Cat's Cradle: Street Dogs, Downtown Struts, Roll the Tanks, Koffin Kats. 7pm. \$13/15
TUESDAY SEPT 11
Cat's Cradle: Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti, Bodyguard, Moon Diagrams. 9pm. \$15
The Cave: EARLY: Brandon Adams
Local 506: Adam WarRock, Mikal Khill, Jesse Dangerously, Tribe One. 9pm. \$8-10

WEDNESDAY SEPT 12
The ArtsCenter: Triangle Jazz Orchestra. 7:45pm
Caffe Driade: Joey Beltram. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Supersuckers, Michael Rank and Stag, Pussy Mountain. 9pm. \$12/15
The Cave: LATE: Blackwood and Wormy's Open Jam for the Peeps
Local 506: Junior Astronomers, Quiet Company, Museum Mouth. 9pm. \$7
Nightlight: Ghost to Falco, Morgan's End. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Gmsih Klezmer Band. 7pm
THURSDAY SEPT 13
Cat's Cradle: Big KRIT, Slim Thug, Tito Lopez, GT Garza, Big Sant, Jon Connor. 9:30pm. \$16/18
The Cave: LATE: Darker Shades of Symphony, Sacaru
The Depot: Mad Dog Blues
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm
Local 506: Jessica Campbell, Heather Morgan, Andrew Leahey. 9pm. \$8
Nightlight: Jonathan Scales Fourchestra. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Michael Rank and Marc E. Smith. 8pm JP Harris and the Tough Choices. 10pm
Weaver St. Market (CBO): Great Big Gone. 6pm
Weaver St. Market (HBO): Skeedaddle. 6:30pm
FRIDAY SEPT 14
Carolina Inn: Mel Melton and The Wicked Mojo. 5pm
Cat's Cradle: Amanda Palmer

and The Grand Theft Orchestra, The Simple Pleasure, Jherek Bischoff, Ronald Reagan. 9pm. \$22/25
The Cave: LATE: R Mutt, Regina Hexaphone
The Depot: Ironing Board Sam. 8pm
Haw River Ballroom: The Kickin Grass Band. 8pm. \$10-12
The Kraken: Chartreuse Microbus, Loves It. 9pm. Free
Local 506: Big Whiskey, The Walking Streets, C. Pitt. 9:30pm. \$7
Shakori Hills: 6th Annual Hop-pin' John Old-Time and Bluegrass Fiddlers' Convention. 3pm. \$8
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY SEPT 15
The ArtsCenter: Woody Guthrie Centennial Celebration. 2pm
Caffe Driade: Something for Now. 8pm
Carolina Brewery (Pitts): Lee Gildersleeve and the Bad Dog Blues Band. 7pm. Free
Cat's Cradle: The Feelies. 8:30pm. \$18/20
The Cave: EARLY: Jason Herring and the Mystery Plan LATE: Fox and Cats, Arrows Out
The Depot: Flashback
The Kraken: Aloud, Be The Moon. 9pm. Free
Local 506: Dirty Bourbon River Show. 9pm. \$8-9
Nightlight: Holiday Parking,

SPOTLIGHT: PERPETUAL GROOVE



Sonic genre-bending musicians Perpetual Groove will land at Cat's Cradle on Friday, Sept. 7.
Perpetual Groove grew out of Savannah, Ga., in 2001 and have since then been riding a wave of momentum. Their original sound encounters trance rock 'n' roll and touches upon jazz and R&B roots. The band is known for their euphoric live performances as they have a huge presence in the festival scene. Come out for a full-bodied musical experience.
The doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the show starts at 9:30. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 day of the show.

Crystal Bright and the Silver Hands
Open Eye: Eric Bannan. 8pm
Shakori Hills: 6th Annual Hop-pin' John Old-Time and Bluegrass Fiddlers' Convention. 10am. \$15/family, \$5 individual
Southern Rail: Petticoat Tea-room. 6pm

Woods Charter School: Haylee Attix, Right of Way, Scott Green, Combat Alfalfa, Girls Rock, Matt Phillips Phil Harmonic. 10am \$15/family, \$5 individual

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

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
Robot and Frank; Sleepwalk With Me; The Revenant; Eyes Without a Face; Curse of the Demon
CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
Celeste and Jesse Forever; Robot

and Frank; Sleepwalk With Me
THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
The Words; Lawless; The Campaign; Hope Springs; Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted; The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

The Words; The Possession; Lawless; The Odd Life of Timothy Green; The Bourne Legacy; 2016 Obama's America
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CAT'S CRADLE
WE 9/19 TYCHO
SU 9/9 YEASAYER
TU 9/11 ARIEL PINK'S HAUNTED GRAFFITI
WE 9/12 SUPERSUCKERS
FR 9/7 PERPETUAL GROOVE**(\$12/\$15)
SA 9/8 WHO'S BAD? (THE ULTIMATE MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE)**(\$15)
SU 9/9 YEASAYER W/DAEDELUS**(\$22/\$25)
MO 9/10 STREET DOGS W/DOWNTOWN STRUTS, ROLL THE TANKS, KOFFIN KATS**(\$13/\$15)
TU 9/11 ARIEL PINK'S HAUNTED GRAFFITI W/BODYGUARD AND MOON DIAGRAMS**(\$15)
WE 9/12**(\$12/\$15) SUPERSUCKERS W/MICHAEL RANK & STAG AND PUSSY MOUNTAIN
TH 9/13 BIG KRIT**(\$16/\$18) W/SLIM THUG, BIG SANT
FR 9/14 AMANDA PALMER & THE GRAND THEFT ORCHESTRA**(\$22/\$25)
SA 9/15 THE FEELES TWO SETS, NO OPENER**(\$18/\$20)
TU 9/18 THE ADICTS W/THE BASTAGES**(\$17/\$20)
WE 9/18**(\$16) TYCHO W/THE ALBUM LEAF
TH 9/20**(\$10/\$12) ALBUM RELEASE SHOW JO GORE AND THE ALTERNATIVE W/LIZZY ROSS BAND
FR 9/21**(\$10/\$12) THE OLD CEREMONY W/INTALES AND OTHER FORMS OF SUICIDE? YEP ROC RECORD RELEASE PARTY WITH SPECIAL GUESTS MEGAFAUN (ACOUSTIC SET)
SA 9/22 BETH ORTON W/SAM AMIDON**(\$25)
SU 9/23**(\$15/\$18) TWIN SHADOW W/NIKI AND THE DOVE
TU 9/25 MOURNING IN AMERICA TOUR BROTHER ALI W/BLANK TAPE BELOVED & MORE**(\$14/\$16)
WE 9/26 STARS**(\$22/\$24) W/DIAMOND RINGS AND CALIFORNIA VIVES
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES FREE DOWNLOAD OF UPCOMING ALBUM "THE NORTH"
TH 9/27 ANTIBALAS W/THE BRAND NEW LIFE**(\$15/\$17)
FR 9/28 BEN SOLLEE W/LUKE REYNOLDS**(\$15/\$17)
SA 9/29 CYNAMATIK / FREAK CIRCUS!
SU 9/30 CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL FREE SHOW 3PM - MIDNIGHT!
MO 10/1 POLICA**(\$12/\$14) W/GARDENS AND VILLA
WE 10/2 THE GREEN W/STICK FIGURE AND MATT IRIE**(\$13/\$15)
TH 10/4 GODSPEED SOLD! YOU! BLACK EMPEROR W/AIRSTIP SOLD OUT!
FR 10/5 THE WHIGS W/PONDEROSA**(\$12)
SA 10/6 EASY STAR ALL-STAR W/AGGROLITES**(\$15/\$17)
SU 10/7**(\$22/\$24) THE DISMEMBERMENT PLAN
TU 10/9 TENNIS W/WILD BELLE**(\$12/\$14)
WE 10/10**(\$15/\$17) MELVINS LITE W/TWEAK BIRD
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MO 10/15 JENS LEKMAN W/TAKEN BY TREES**(\$18/\$20)
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SU 10/21 AFGHAN WHIGS W/WUSSY**(\$35)
TU 10/23 STATE RADIO **(\$16) ON SALE SAT 9/8
WE 10/24 FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR LAGWAGON**(\$18/\$20) W/DEAD TO ME, FLATLINERS, USELESS ID
TH 10/25**(\$15) THE SEA AND CAKE
FR 10/26**(\$15/\$17) SHARON VAN ETTEN
SA 10/27 OLD 97S "TOO FAR TO CARE" TOUR W/SALIM NOURALLAH AND RHETT MILLER ACOUSTIC
SU 10/28**(\$18/\$20) STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS W/WIGGS
TU 10/30**(\$18/\$20) NOUVELLE VAGUE
TH 10/1 ELECTRIC SIX W/LITTLE HURRICANE**(\$12/\$14)
SA 11/3 MIPSO**(\$10)
FR 11/9 "THE HEIST" WORLD TOUR MACKLEMORE AND RYAN LEWIS W/DEE-1**(\$18/\$20)
SA 11/10**(\$12/\$14) DIRTY GUV'NAHS
WE 11/14 ALL TIME LOW W/THE SUMMER SET, THE DOWNTOWN FICTION AND HIT THE LIGHTS**(\$21/\$24)
SA 11/17 INFAMOUS STRINGDUSTERS**(\$15)
SU 11/18 DAVID BAZAN BAND PLAYS PEDRO THE LION'S CONTROL**(\$13/\$15)
SU 11/25 OM W/DANIEL HIGGS**(\$12/\$14) (RESCHEDULED FROM SEPT)
FR 11/30**(\$15) STEEP CANYON RANGERS
SA 12/1 PENTATONIX**(\$20)
SA 12/15 OF MONTREAL**(\$17)
TH 12/4/13 MARGARET CHO "MOTHER"**(\$25) (RESCHEDULED FROM SEPT)
FR 9/21 TODD SNIDER AND THE BURNOUTS AT ZIGGY'S IN WINSTON SALEM
ALSO PRESENTING LOCAL 506 (CH)
TU 9/18 THE HANDSOME FAMILY W/PHATLYNX
SA 9/29 FRONTIER RUCKUS W/MAGNOLIA COLLECTIVE
TU 10/2 THE SOFT PACK W/HEAVY HAWAII
FR 10/19 MILO GREENE W/LUCIUS
SU 10/21 GENERATIONALS W/MAUS HAUS
MO 12/10 RACHAEL YAMAGATA
MOTORCRO (DUR)
SA 9/15 WHY? W/DOSEONE, SERENGETI, AND DJ THANKSGIVING BROWN
WE 9/26 TORO Y MOI W/ THE CHOIR QUIT, CAN'T KIDS, ORGANOS
SA 10/27 AC NEWMAN W/THE MYNABIRDS
WE 11/14 PINBACK
THE LONGBRANCH (RALEIGH)
TH 9/20 GIRL TALK W/G-SIDE
CARRBORO TOWN COMMONS
FR 9/21 TIFT MERRITT, MEGAFAUN, MANDOLIN ORANGE FREE SHOW!! ATTENDANCE VOUCHERS ONLINE AT CATSCRADLE.COM
ZIGGY'S (WINSTON SALEM)
FR 9/21 TODD SNIDER AND THE BURNOUTS
THE CASPIAN (DUR)
TH 9/13 MILK CARTON KIDS
SA 9/22 MICHELLE SHOCKED
SU 9/30 NEIL HALSTEAD
WE 10/31 NOAH GUNDERSEN & DAVID RAMIREZ
SA 11/7 KAKI KING
KINGS (RALEIGH)
WE 9/26 NICKI BLUHM & THE GRAMBLERS W/SEAN ROWE
TU 10/16 TILLY AND THE WALL W/NICKI DA B
TH 10/18 PASSION PIT AFTER PARTY!
LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)
MO 10/1 MINUS THE BEAR W/CURSIVE AND CASPIAN
SU 10/28 DIVINE FITS **(\$16/\$18) ON SALE FRI 9/7
FR 11/2 FUTURE ISLANDS **(\$14/\$16) ON SALE FRI 9/7
THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)
SA 10/13 PERFUME GENIUS W/DUSTED
DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH)
TH 10/18 PASSION PIT TIX: DISCO RODEO, CAT'S CRADLE AND ETIX.COM
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SA 9/22 BOWERBIRDS
SA 11/10 BEN GIBBARD W/ADVANCE BASE (SEATED SHOW)

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Briefs

University to test emergency sirens

UNC will be testing its emergency sirens today (Thursday) between noon and 1 p.m.

The sirens may be heard near campus, the Friday Center and off Martin Luther King Boulevard, but no action is required. The sirens will sound an alert tone along with a pre-recorded message and an all-clear message.

The sirens are a part of Alert Carolina, the campus-wide safety-awareness campaign.

Carolina North info meeting

On Monday, a public information meeting will be held to receive comments and feedback on the UNC Carolina North annual report presented to the Town of Chapel Hill.

The annual report updates the town on development activities on the Carolina North site and is posted online at townofchapel-hill.org/carolinanorth

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Chapel Hill Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. Comments can also be emailed to carolinanorth@townofchapelhill.org or mailed to Town of Chapel Hill Planning Department, Carolina North, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Convenience center improvements

Construction to improve the Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Center at Walnut Grove Church Road and N.C. 86 will begin Sept. 21.

The construction is anticipated to last four to six months and will temporarily reduce services at the center to disposal of bagged household garbage and recycling of motor oil, antifreeze and batteries only.

The planned improvements for the Walnut Grove Convenience Center include paved surfaces, compactors for bagged household waste, a hazardous household-waste collection center, food-waste recovery bins and a cardboard compactor.

Hillsborough disinfecting water

On Tuesday, the Town of Hillsborough began disinfecting public drinking water with chlorine, which may result in a slight chlorine odor and taste.

The town typically uses chloramines for disinfection because they improve the taste, odor and quality of drinking water, but the state requires the town to use chlorine for disinfection one month every year.

Hillsborough will return to disinfecting water with chloramines in October.

Enforcement targets underage drinkers

Twenty-nine people were charged with 43 offenses for alcohol violations during a “Back to School” law-enforcement campaign Aug. 18-25.

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT), officers from UNC Public Safety, Chapel Hill and Carrboro police and special agents from N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) teamed up to target underage drinking violations.

The majority of those charged were UNC students.

Fire insurance ratings reduce costs

Homeowners in the New Hope Fire District who live within five road miles of the New Hope Station #1 at 4012 Whitfield Road or Station #2 at 4700 N.C. 86 South will see a reduced cost in their fire insurance due to improvements in the Orange New Hope Fire District fire-insurance ratings.

After a routine inspection, the New Hope Fire Department was awarded one of the best ratings a rural fire department can receive. Property owners can expect to see a reduction in their insurance rates starting Nov. 1.

Comment on transportation

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is inviting all citizens to review and comment on several alternatives for future transportation infrastructure through Oct. 10.

Those who want to participate can do so in several ways:

- visit the DCHC MPO website, dchcmpo.org, and click the email link to send comments;
- attend a public hearing on Wednesday at 9 a.m. at 101 City Hall Plaza in Durham;
- attend a workshop from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 20 at Chapel Hill Town Hall; or
- attend Chapel Hill Town Council meetings at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24 or Oct. 8 at Chapel Hill Town Hall or Carrboro Board of Aldermen meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 or Oct. 2 at Carrboro Town Hall. The MPO will present the alternatives at these meetings.



Condra Jones and Carlos Curry are ready to assist shoppers in the temporary PTA Thrift Shop location on West Weaver Street in Carrboro. Jones reported steady business on opening day and noted that customers seemed pleased with the merchandise offered. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

PTA Thrift opens in new space

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, patrons of the Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop were lined up outside the store before it opened, patiently waiting to get inside to see what donated goods lined the shelves.

However, these customers weren’t waiting outside at the PTA’s familiar concrete-block and mural-painted building off Jones Ferry Road; instead, they were lined up in front of the former Red Hen space on West Weaver Street, the site of the PTA’s Thrift Shop’s new temporary home.

“It’s a sweet little space,” executive director Barbara Jessie-Black said. “It looks nice and is very inviting.”

The small home converted to retail building at 201 W. Weaver St. is what the Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop will call home for the next nine to 11 months.

After 34 years in the same location, the thrift store is temporarily relocating so construction can begin on a major redevelopment project.

The project includes tearing down the current structure to construct two new buildings. One multi-story building will house the PTA Thrift Shop’s retail space, donation and processing area and administrative offices, increasing the store’s retail space.

The other building will be leased out, with revenues from the lease being donated to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, along with the rest of the PTA’s net profits. The PTA Thrift Shop has donated \$7 million to the schools since 1952.

While the new space may be smaller than the previous 10,000-square-foot location, at around 1,500 square feet, Jessie-Black said they’re making the best of the small space and using every

square inch to its full potential.

Two rooms are dedicated to books and electronics, one room to furniture and knick-knacks and the last room in the store serves as the administrative office, which is being shared by four people.

“It’s a good thing we get along so well,” Jessie-Black said.

Because they had to downsize significantly, the shop had a big moving-out sale over the past month.

“It was pretty phenomenal. We sold pretty much every stitch. If it wasn’t nailed down or a fixture of some sort, we were selling it,” Jessie-Black said.

Additionally, due to limited space in the new building, Jessie-Black said they are not accepting donations at the Carrboro location and instead have increased donation hours at their Chapel Hill location, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Although the space on Weaver Street is slightly less visible than the Jones Ferry location, Jessie-Black said she doesn’t anticipate a major drop-off in customers, pointing to opening-day turnout as proof.

“We had about 30 people in here at one time today, which is a pretty big deal for a space as small as this,” she said on opening day.

She also said multiple people stopped by simply to offer congratulations on the move and give their well wishes for the store’s success.

“Our goal is to make this as fun a place as we possible can,” Jessie-Black said, “and to really invite people to come and check us out on a regular basis, just like they did at our old location.”

Construction on the redevelopment project is expected to begin in October.

Controversial ads back on buses

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

A little more than a week after their removal, a group of controversial ads is back up on Chapel Hill Transit buses.

The ads, placed by the Church of Reconciliation, were part of the “Join With Us” and “Be on our Side” national ad campaign coordinated by the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, calling for the end of U.S. military aid to Israel. Five complaints led to a review of the ads, which found that they were not in compliance with CHT’s policy on political and religious advertising, which requires a disclaimer stating the purchaser of the ad as well as contact information.

Additional residents have contacted the town regarding the ads since the initial review, and the controversy has launched a discussion among bus riders, other residents and Chapel Hill Town Council members.

“I was terribly disappointed to learn that a local church thought it was appropriate to buy space on our free public transit system that would alienate members of the Jewish community like me,” wrote Lew Borman, former executive director of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation, in an email to the council. “These ads, however well meaning, are insulting. It is a sad unilateral expression.”

Though the church’s ads had been approved by CHT staff and the town attorney, they did not include the church’s contact information – only that the ads had been “paid for by the Church of Reconciliation and Friends,” said Pastor Mark Davidson. The omission was unintentional, he said, and they’ve since added the contact information and gotten the ads back up.

“We wanted to generate discussion and dialogue, and especially to draw some attention to the issue, and it certainly has done that,” Davidson said.

Davidson said the church spent about \$1,400 printing the ads and less than \$1,000 to run them on the 98 CHT buses for one year.

CHT director Steve Spade said the policy on bus advertising was approved by the council in June 2011 when CHT began to sell advertising on its buses.

“From time to time, somebody will call and have a complaint about something,” he said, noting that they’d received a few complaints regarding the Wells Fargo bus wrap.

As for the church’s ads, Spade said, “As far as we’re concerned, they’re in complete compliance with the policy.”

Council members have indicated that they would like to revisit the transit advertising policy in light of the controversy.

“First Amendment rights



The original ad, paid for by the Church of Reconciliation, was taken off Chapel Hill Transit buses. The church added its contact information, and the ads are back up.

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were a significant part of our discussion [about the policy], and how to balance that right with our interest in maintaining a positive/neutral ambience on and about our buses and transit system,” council member Jim Ward wrote in an email with regard to the first complaint. “I’m not surprised by the concern expressed by one of our bus riders. While we created a very thoughtful set of protocols, sooner or later, someone was bound to voice their concern.”

Council member Penny Rich said she felt CHT should not accept offensive political ads.

“Being the only Jewish person on the council I can tell you that Israel is a very emotional, complicated issue to discuss,” Rich wrote in an email. “I publicly do not take a stand on Israel, however, I do think we as

a town have to understand the strong bond Jewish people have with Israel, therefore we need to extend our respect by not accepting political ads that will offend our Jewish citizens.”

Davidson said the church has received a flurry of contact about the ads and that their next step will be to hold some discussions or forums.

“I think we have known all along that the purpose of the ads was to be a catalyst for conversation,” he said. “They’ve done that, and we want for them to continue doing that.”

“What we really care about is the issue of the occupation and the horrendous conditions that Palestinians live under,” he continued. “I just don’t want the main reason for our effort to get lost in all of these other controversies.”

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Heels' task elevates this week at Wake Forest

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff writer

Carolina opened a new era in football with a superb effort in both the execution of its schemes and the passion with which it played the game.

The Tar Heels rolled across Elon, 62-0, but now UNC must go on the road and begin the conference season in Winston-Salem against Wake Forest (1-0).

Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. "All conference games are difficult," first-year UNC coach Larry Fedora said. "They have the most meaning. That is everybody's goal in every league, to win their league. There is a familiarity amongst the players because they have played before.

"There is more weight involved, and they will be a better opponent."

Carolina will be tested at a far greater level on Saturday. UNC will learn how well it can perform

against an ACC opponent. From the Tar Heels' perspective, one of the players on whom the focus will settle is redshirt sophomore running back Giovanni Bernard.

Bernard scored three touchdowns in three different ways—including a 70-yard score in his debut as a punt returner—by early in the second quarter against Elon.

He ran for 93 yards on nine carries from scrimmage, caught a TD pass and returned the punt. In all, he gained 100 yards in punt returns, which included a fair catch on his first attempt.

But he sat out part of the second quarter and the entire second half with some type of injury or soreness. Fedora will not discuss injuries or allow his players to do so. Bernard simply said he was OK and ready to go.

One thing he accomplished was returning punts for the first time in his career.

"It was a little different for me," Bernard said. "The first time, as soon as the guy kicked the ball, I fair caught it. I just wanted to get a catch under my belt.

"Right before the third punt, coach said, 'You can take this back if you want,' joking around. I said,



Running back Giovanni Bernard maneuvers around an Elon defender in the Heel's 62-0 victory on Saturday. Bernard scored three touchdowns against Elon.

PHOTO BY JEFFREY CAMARATI

'You know what? Watch this.' Then he did it. Even his teammates were amazed by what Bernard accomplished.

"It's unbelievable," quarterback Bryn Renner said. "We're roommates now. I woke up [on Sunday]

after the game and thought, 'I don't know how he did it.' "He's so humble, he doesn't want to talk about it that much, but I told him, 'You know what you did in a quarter of play?' I wanted to make him talk about it because what he did was unbelievable."

Bernard said that the Tar Heels want to show what they did against Elon is genuine.

"We want to continue," Bernard said. "We want to show we are a top-notch team, not just against an Elon-type of team. We want to show everyone we can

play with the top dogs."

The offense ran a bland game plan, Fedora said after the Elon victory. That will begin to change this week.

"We want to add different things every week," Renner said. "We don't want to stay the same. We want to get better. As far as execution, we did have a basic game plan.

"We'll put a lot more stuff in for Wake Forest this week, and that is going to continue as the season progresses. We're going to add different nuances. But we want to execute, and that takes a good week of practice for that to happen."

The defense will try to come as close as possible to the same result, which was the school's first shut-out since 1999. But Wake Forest will make the Tar Heels' job far more difficult.

"We didn't have very many mental busts," defensive tackle Sylvester Williams said. "But coach said that if one guy makes a play, he wants to see 10 more hats on the ball.

"So we want to play with a little more energy toward the end of the game. As long as we run to the ball, it will be better."

COYOTES

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come in close proximity to humans are more rare.

One report from Carrboro stated that a coyote trailed behind a resident and the dog he was walking.

Reports such as this, where coyotes approach humans, going against their natural tendencies to be shy creatures that want to avoid human contact, draw the greatest amount of concern from wildlife officials, since these types of reports mean coyotes are becoming habituated to humans, Marotto said.

As a highly adaptable animal, coyotes survive by finding niches in their surrounding environment and using their adaptive abilities to discover convenient food and comfortable shelter, he added. In urban environments, these comforts, especially food, come in abundance.

Officials are encouraging people not to leave food outside for animals such as dogs and

"Where it can find food and shelter is where it is going to stay. It's looking for somewhere to make itself the most comfortable."

— Forrest Orr

cats and not to leave out food scraps or loose trash, as this entices coyotes. Additionally, Orr is encouraging residents to close up spaces underneath houses or any open spaces or shelters where coyotes might try to sleep.

"Where it can find food and shelter is where it is going to stay," Orr said. "It's looking for somewhere to make itself the most comfortable."

In addition to removing comforts for coyotes, officials are encouraging residents who encounter coyotes to make loud noises such as clapping, yelling or stomping to scare off the animal.

Marotto said he is also asking residents to keep their dogs on leashes, as coyotes tend to be curious of dogs, especially small dogs, and have been known to attack them.

"It is important for humans to be mindful of what they are doing so they don't entice or encourage or reinforce behaviors by coyotes that are of concern for good reason," he said.

Marotto said while there may be a spike in coyote reports in urban areas of the county, it isn't a problem that is unique to this area.

"This is not unique to the township of Chapel Hill, it is

not unique to Orange County and it is not unique to North Carolina," Marotto said, adding that he previously worked in Minneapolis, where it was not uncommon for officers to see coyotes roaming the city streets at night.

The presence of coyotes in human habitats, suburban communities and even urban spaces has become increasingly commonplace over the last decade, he said.

Despite the increased sightings and habituation of coyotes, Orr stressed that they are usually just curious and don't pose a threat.

"To my knowledge, there have been no known reports of anybody ever being attacked by a coyote in North Carolina," Orr said.

Marotto encourages rural and urban residents to report to either animal services or a wildlife officer if they have an encounter with a coyote; however, if a resident sees a coyote without incident, he said, it's not necessary to call.

FANNIE MAE

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become owned by the Community Home Trust.

Dowling said the home trust had faced similar financing issues before, but that he'd never heard of Community Home Trust units impacting the financing of market-rate homes. Upon hearing from Gangi, Dowling said he contacted the community land trust product manager at Fannie Mae, who said that there is an exception to this rule when the single entity is a land trust. However, Dowling added, banks are unaware of this exception and approve and deny loans accordingly.

"Banks are struggling with bad loans right now," Dowling said. "It's easier just to say, 'No, we don't do that.'"

However, he noted that the home trust has never allowed a foreclosure on one of its homes, and that banks should view the organization as low-risk.

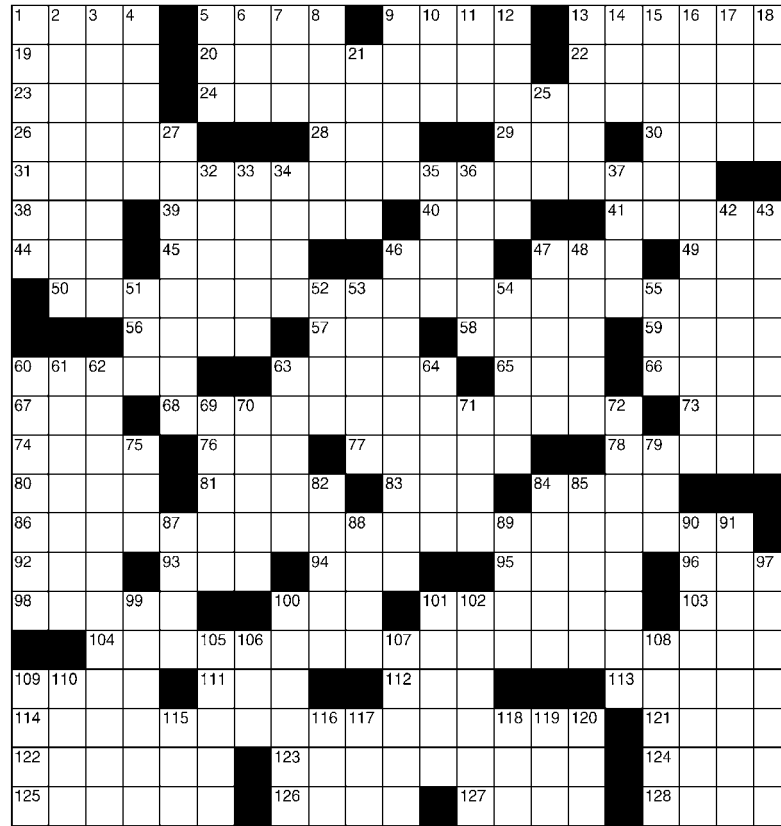
Under the Fannie Mae rule, it would appear that "perhaps half the condominium developments in Chapel Hill and Carrboro don't qualify for Fannie Mae financing," Mayor Mark Chilton said.

"How many people are being told they can't borrow money because of the Community Home Trust?" Dowling asked, adding that the home trust could attempt to educate banks based within the local and surrounding areas in order to prevent that.

The board members voted unanimously to send a letter to Orange County's elected delegation to ask for their assistance in addressing the problem and educating lenders.

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- 24 Start of a riddle
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- 28 It airs "Nova" and "Nature"
- 29 — de-sac
- 30 Comes by
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- 38 Slip behind
- 39 Groves
- 40 GPS display
- 41 Moral nature of a group
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- 46 Religious sister
- 47 Flat — pancake
- 49 Water, in
- 50 Riddle, part 3
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- 57 Tayback
- 58 Parked it, so to speak
- 58 Planting dirt
- 59 Bride of
- 60 Lohengrin
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- 63 Capital of Maryland, informally
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- 76 Across, kids' card game
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- 78 Health insurance company
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- 111 Author
- 112 GA neighbor
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- 63 Words before nails or roses
- 64 "I've got my eye —!"
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- 70 Drop heavily
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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CARRBORO VICTORIOUS OVER ORANGE

Carrborro extended its record to 3-0 with a 27-19 victory against Orange High School last Friday. Next up for the Jags is East Chapel Hill High School, who Carrboro will take on this Friday night. PHOTOS BY TED SPAULDING



Carrboro defenders Ezavian Dunn (#78) and James Scott (#44) take down an Orange player.



Carrboro's Marlin Johnson makes a big interception with assistance by Jaguar George Carpenter.



Carrboro's Trai Sharp flies down the field on a kickoff return.

School Briefs

Glenwood participating in Target contest
Glenwood Elementary School is participating in Target's Give with Target contest through Saturday. For every 25 votes Glenwood receives, Target will send the school a \$25 gift card to be used toward purchasing books and supplies.
Individuals can vote for Glenwood once a week by visiting givewith.target.com
Ephesus Elementary took part in a previous Give with Target contest and received \$225 in gift cards.

Tiger Chill needs volunteers
The Chapel Hill High PTSA is looking for parents and family members to help run PTSA-sponsored booths at Tiger Chill. Tiger Chill, hosted by Chapel Hill High School, will be held on Sept. 15 and is a school-wide fundraising carnival open to the public. Volunteers are needed to work for one-hour shifts manning PTSA-sponsored booths. The PTSA is also asking for more bake-sale donations. To sign up to donate to the bake sale visit bit.ly/NaW5vX or to sign up to volunteer visit bit.ly/QjkM9e

Voter registration at football games
The Chatham County and Chapel Hill Teen Democrats and the Chatham County Teen Conservatives are working together to register voters at three local high school games in September. Those who are 16 years of age or older may register to vote on Friday at the Northwood High vs. Chapel Hill High football game, Sept. 14 at the Northwood vs. Riverside football game and Sept. 21 at the Northwood vs. Lee County football game.

District long-range plan focus group
Two-hundred and fifty people from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district participated in the Greenhouse Project last spring and generated a set of "Shared Beliefs" for the district's new long-range plan. Now CHCCS is organizing a focus group so parents and community members can get more information and provide feedback regarding these Shared Beliefs.
The parent and community focus group is scheduled to meet on Sept. 18 in the Carrboro High School commons from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY 9/7
Elementary School: Peanut butter with bagel, glazed carrots, seasoned pinto beans, rosy applesauce
Middle and High School: Jamaican jerk chicken or roasted chicken with cornbread, fish sticks with dinner roll, meatlover's pizza, hummus and veggie plate with tortilla chips

MONDAY 9/10
Elementary School: Meatloaf, dinner roll, seasoned cauliflower, Caesar side salad, mashed potatoes, chilled pineapples
Middle and High School: Chicken nuggets with dinner rolls, cheeseburger, sausage pizza, chicken fajita salad

TUESDAY 9/11
Elementary School: Chicken teriyaki in a brown rice bowl, oriental blend vegetables, seasoned yellow corn, fresh apple wedges
Middle and High School: Beef and cheese enchilada, BBQ pork riblet sandwich, chicken filet sandwich, pepperoni pizza, breaded chicken Caesar salad wrap

WEDNESDAY 9/12
Elementary School: Breaded chicken Caesar wrap, glazed sweet potatoes, seasoned green peas, fresh orange smiles
Middle and High School: Meatloaf with dinner rolls, meatball sub with cheese, Caesar side salad, seasoned black beans, peach crumble, chilled pears

THURSDAY 9/13
Elementary School: Baked ziti with cheese, Caesar side salad, seasoned black beans, peach crumble, chilled pears
Middle and High School: Sesame chicken with brown rice, sloppy joe on a whole wheat bun, chicken filet sandwich, combination pizza, fruit and cheese plate with yogurt

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The wide gulf between rhetoric and reality

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It is hard to think of a time when there has been a wider gulf between the campaign rhetoric from some politicians and the personal realities of millions of people the politicians seek to represent.

The U.S. Census Bureau released data last week showing the state-by-state breakdown of the percentage of people in the United States without health insurance in 2010.

Just over 25 percent of people in Florida had no health coverage, many forgoing basic preventive care because they can't afford it while living one serious illness away from bankruptcy.

Then Wednesday evening, a man running for vice president stood at the podium in Tampa and blasted the Affordable Care Act that will provide coverage for the vast majority of people in Florida and around the country who are uninsured.

There wasn't much talk last week in Tampa of any plans to replace the ACA, just how important it is to repeal it and leave those 25 percent of Floridians uninsured.

Nobody's talking at the podium about what happens when the ACA is gone and insurance companies can once again deny coverage to children with preexisting conditions or put caps on lifetime coverage for people with chronic illnesses or brain injuries.

In fact, the Affordable Care Act itself seems to be a far bigger problem for folks in Tampa than the fact that millions of people do not have health insurance.

The census data shows that 19.1 percent of people in North Carolina were not covered in 2010. That is the highest rate in five years and puts the state in the bottom third of the 50 states. The percentage translates to roughly 1.5 million people who have no insurance.

The ACA will provide federal funding to cover 500,000 uninsured low-income North Carolinians with Medicaid, but state officials will have to agree to the expansion and many say they aren't sure they want to go along.

Funding can't be the concern. The federal government will pay for 93 percent of the Medicaid expansion. There will also be subsidies to help people who don't qualify for Medicaid but can't afford insurance on their own to buy their coverage.

Nationally, more than 30 million uninsured people will be covered when the ACA is fully implemented.

But it won't happen if the wannabe vice-president and his colleagues in Tampa have their way. They'd rather scrap the whole plan. That would mean more suffering, more people who are bankrupt because they can't pay for a life-saving operation, more children denied coverage and more seniors paying higher prices for prescription drugs.

It will also mean many more years of reports like the one issued by the Census Bureau last Wednesday, detailing the scandal of millions of people without health coverage, one in five in North Carolina and as many as one in four in places like Texas and Florida.

One state did stand out in the report: Massachusetts, where only 5.2 percent of the residents are uninsured. There's a mandate to buy insurance there, subsidies for people who can't afford it and a broad Medicaid program for low-income families.

Sound familiar? The folks at the podium have certainly heard of it. The mystery is why they are so ferociously opposed to expanding what is working there to the rest of the country.

Somebody needs to ask them. Thirty million people deserve to know.

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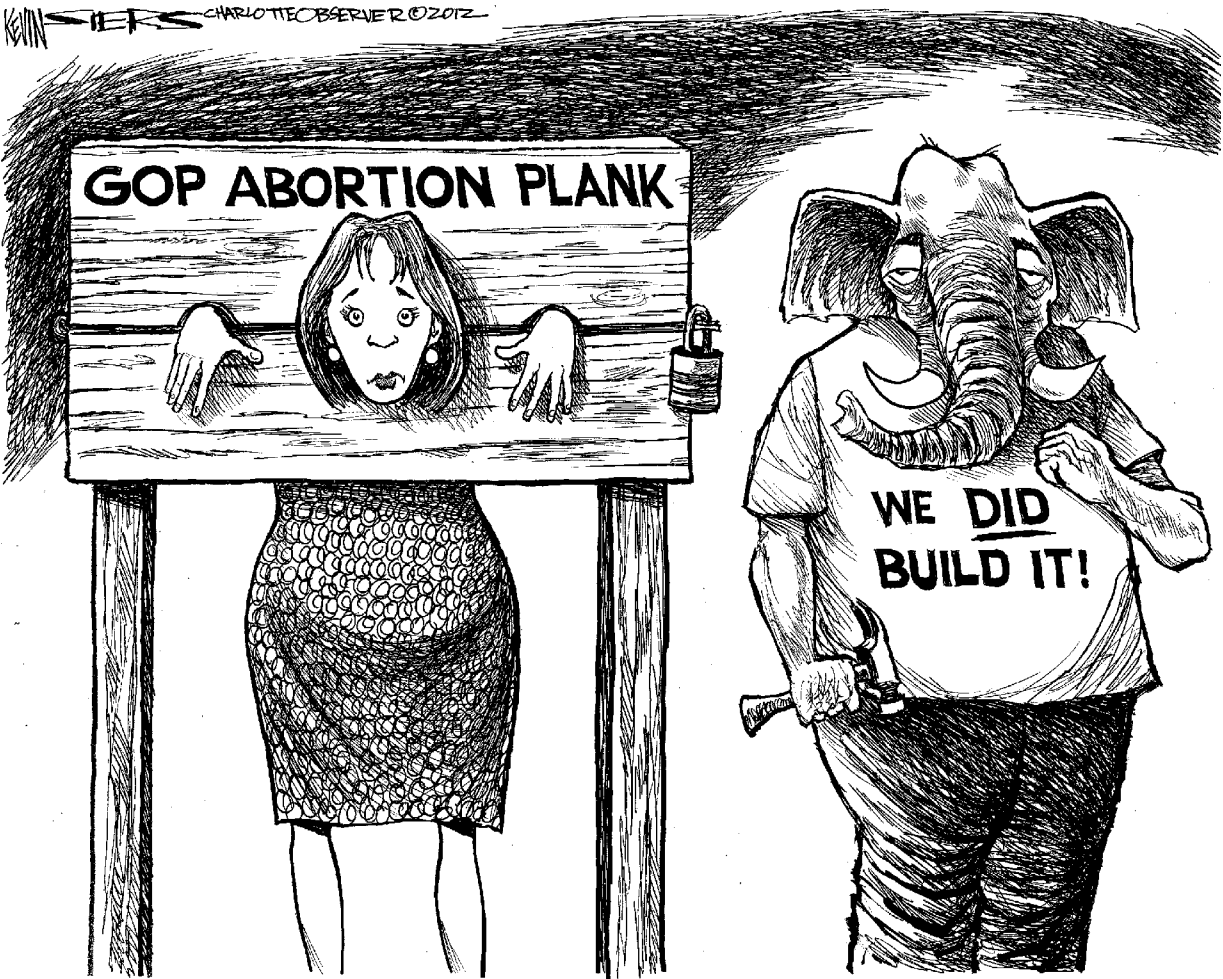
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Treatment programs must survive

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Once upon a time, four years and three months ago, a homeless and utterly hopeless alcoholic stepped through the doors of the Freedom House detox in Chapel Hill. In addition to being homeless, this alcoholic was mentally, physically and spiritually sick. He was underweight, malnourished and unemployable, and his friends and family had all but given up on him. During his five-day stay at this nonprofit, taxpayer-supported detox and crisis-stabilization facility, the alcoholic was given guidance and resources regarding things he could do to change his life for the better. Thankfully, he had enough motivation and desperation to ask for help, so he called First at Blue Ridge – a long-term residential facility for substance abusers.

This chain of events led to the alcoholic saving his own life by working a vigorous program of recovery, going back to school to earn a master's degree and devoting his life to helping others – helping others not only learn how to manage and overcome addiction and mental illness but also become happy, productive, taxpaying members of society. This alcoholic, of course, is me – and I want to personally thank the taxpayers of North Carolina for having the wisdom and foresight to fund detoxification and treatment facilities, which are available when people need help.

Many thousands of North Carolina lives are saved every year – not to mention all the money North Carolina saves on the costs of law enforcement, courts, prisons, emergency room admissions and collateral damages such as automobile accidents, injuries, broken families, neglected children and lost work productivity.

Unfortunately, North Carolina currently has a legislature that is hostile to substance-abuse and mental health treatment. They have spent the last two years defunding programs that save lives and actually save taxpayers' money. However, for these lawmakers, it's not really about saving money – because in the long run these cuts will cost our state much more money than they save – it's about priorities.

Even conservative rock star and deficit hawk Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey is increasing funds for these types of programs – because he knows that it will actually save his state money in the long run (not to mention, it's the right thing to do). According to Gov. Christie, at the signing ceremony of his initiative to increase funding for substance-abuse treatment, "No life is disposable and every life can be redeemed, but not if we ignore them. Once again by putting people before partisanship, we are providing op-

timism and hope to individuals and families torn apart by addiction. ... [T]his program will provide mandatory drug treatment to appropriate offenders who are not a threat to society and who suffer from the disease of addiction – redeeming lives and healing families."

Without commenting on national politics, and attempting to remain unblemished by partisanship, I would like to suggest that North Carolina is in need of a change in leadership in our state legislature – House and Senate. They have repeatedly cut funds for addiction and mental health treatment, which will cost lives, and much more money in the long run.

Even the Republican candidate for governor, Pat McCrory, has said, "This is a choice. We can ignore the underlying addiction ... or we can send them to treatment facilities where they can reclaim their lives and become productive members of their communities. This is an easy choice."

So, regardless of your party affiliation and regardless of how you intend to vote nationally, please consider voting for a change in leadership in the state legislature. This will require voting Democratic for House and Senate seats, and I know this is not easy for many, but the current leadership's priorities and values are damaging to our state and harmful to people like me. The current leadership's priorities are not even consistent with conservative values – that's why I quote Gov. Christie and Pat McCrory.

Remember, there are thousands of North Carolinians out there with stories just like mine; I'm not special. I'm a product of a society that has invested in helping people change their lives. I have been assisted by taxpayer-supported detox, community health services, federal grants to treatment programs and federal student loans. I will spend the rest of my life paying back my debt to society – literally – by paying back my student loans with interest, paying taxes, giving to charity and assisting others in turning their lives around and becoming productive taxpaying citizens themselves. Indeed, if I assist individuals who are experiencing addiction and mental illness to find a path to recovery, and these individuals change their lives, get jobs and spend the rest of their lives being productive, responsible and paying taxes, does that in a roundabout way make me a "job-creator"? No; but it's something to think about, and it illustrates the value of investing in substance-abuse treatment services for the people of North Carolina.

John Sanders is a master's candidate in the UNC School of Social Work and a resident of Carrboro.

LETTERS

Rong and rong

The GOP has fallen into a hodge-podge shortening of the English language in its use of that snappy conjunctive – R&R – made politically distinctive via Romney and Ryan. They have already announced plans to give total rest and relaxation to those who are in the top 1 percent of our economy as long as they respond and reward. The two also want removal and repair of any kind of significant coverage via national health insurance. They have also released a series of detailed directions to remove and replace efforts to save the environment since they both believe that "global warming" is a theory that is both ridiculous and round-headed. And these two R&Rs also have significant, if ruinous, budget and financing plans that are pretty much in line with rock and roll logic.

But in the end, of course, R&R are clearly R&R ... freely translated as Rong and Rong!

WILLIAM SOMMERS
Pittsboro

A Carrboro experience

My name is Raymond Michael Edward, and I am from India.

I came here to work at Chestnut Ridge Summer Camp and Retreat Center in Efland in 2011 and 2012 as a counselor.

I had the pleasure of meeting Bruce Thomas, who most of you know by the name Dancing Man of Carrboro, who reminds me of my Uncle George who had the same type of character.

Bruce is a very funny, jovial, kind-hearted person.

Bruce works with me at the camp, and all the kids love him.

Bruce has this energy and sprit that attracts kids of all ages. This man loves to not only dance, but he sings as well and has a wonderful voice as I told him many times.

Last year, Bruce told me that he would take me to Weaver Street in Carrboro, but unfortunately it didn't happen.

So finally he got me to Carrboro on Thursday for the after-hours music at Weaver Street. He introduced me to one of his good friends, Kevin, who I found to be a funny, jolly good guy, and Professor Tom, who I found to be a wonderful person, full of energy and knowledge.

The whole while I was there with Bruce at the Weave, everything Bruce told me about Weaver Street I witnessed with my eyes and heart to be true. Thank you Bruce, thank you Weaver Street Carrboro and all of the people I met there.

It was a wonderful and glorious experience. And today Bruce came to the camp and brought me to Weaver Street for the Sunday morning brunch, and let me tell you I had a blast.

All the people Bruce knows are just amazing, kind-hearted and full of compassion. The music was awesome and Bruce danced like there was no tomorrow. To see him perform and the children flock to him was a wonderful sight for my eyes.

Again, thank you, Weaver Street Carrboro and thank you, Dancing Man of Carrboro, my friend Bruce.

RAYMOND MICHAEL EDWARD
Counselor, Chestnut Ridge Summer Camp and Retreat Center

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Mrs. Romney and I

VICKY DICKSON

After I read about Ann Romney's speech at the Republican convention, it struck me that she and I have a lot in common. We both married in our very early twenties, and each of those marriages has lasted for decades. Neither of us has "worked" (in the sense of earning money for our contributions to family and community) since our children were born. And we're both way more acquainted with disease than we'd like to be. (Though I've never been diagnosed with breast cancer, that disease killed my mother and afflicted both my sisters and my cousin. And that cousin's brother suffered and died from multiple sclerosis.)

Mrs. Romney and I are alike too in that we understand the long hours and the sacrifice that goes along with being married to men who've started and sustained businesses. We understand, better than most people, the toll it can take on a person to have a business's success or failure rest squarely on his or her shoulders. So we're both very proud of our husbands, and of what they've accomplished.

Where we differ though (aside from a very obvious difference in wealth) is perhaps in the source of our pride. My husband co-owns two very small businesses that together employ no more than ten or eleven people. One of those is *The Carrboro Citizen*, which he co-founded and has self-funded for more than five years, with the help of a loan from the town of Carrboro. The other is a weekly newspaper owned by his family that has been in operation for over a hundred years.

Throughout his stewardship of both of those businesses, my husband has consistently focused on the needs of the people working for him, and very often to his own disadvantage. When the family newspaper lost a contract that amounted to half its business – a contract it had held for 35 years – my husband, his brother-in-law and his cousin all cut their own salaries by two-thirds before asking any of their employees to sacrifice. And when it became clear that layoffs were the only way to ensure the company's survival, my husband endured a great many sleepless nights.

He couldn't sleep because he knew those people, some of whom had been hired by his father years before my husband ever came into the business. He knew them, and so he worried about how they'd survive a lay-off. He knew the importance of those employees' jobs to their families and their community.

At Bain Capital though, Mitt Romney was in the business of firing people. His goal, whenever Bain acquired a company, was to make that company more efficient. And efficiency apparently often entailed layoffs. Even the jobs Romney claims to have helped create – at Staples and the Sports Authority, for example – undoubtedly came at the cost of other jobs at mom-and-pop office-supply and sports-equipment stores in communities all across the country.

My husband's newspapers are mom-and-pop operations. He knows what it's like to have a bigger company take his business away: the family newspaper's lost contract was awarded to a company with almost 500 employees. And the companies that now threaten the survival of his business model – Internet advertising companies like Facebook and Google – have employees all over the world and billions of dollars.

So I hate hearing Mr. Romney say he loves small business and that his policies of tax cuts and deregulation will help us grow. We'll never be in a position to profit by his proposed tax cut for people making more than \$250,000 a year (less than 2 percent of small-business owners are) and our newspapers spend very little money complying with regulations.

What we need instead is a leader who will talk about the jobs that are lost to business efficiencies, whether such efficiencies involve the Internet, offshoring or mechanization. We need a leader who will search out creative ways to ameliorate such losses, and not be afraid to enlist government in that process. We need a leader who prioritizes creating jobs, and thus helping families and communities, over buying and selling businesses to create maximum profit.

Mr. Romney is not that kind of leader.

Vicky Dickson is co-owner of The Carrboro Citizen.

Winds of change in a battleground state



BY KIRK ROSS

North Carolina is repeating its role as a presidential battleground this election cycle, and again it's clear that for many this is still unfamiliar territory.

As one of the few states that truly could go either way and one in which redistricting has put several U.S. House seats held by Democrats in play, we're due to experience another season of massive campaign spending and visits from candidates and surrogates.

If you live in the state's urbanized areas – and most of the Triangle qualifies – then it's pretty easy to understand what's driving the new dynamics of presidential possibilities. It's the same thing

driving about everything else in our area – growth.

Growth in the Triangle, Triad, Wilmington, Asheville and around Charlotte has brought with it an influx of new voters, and with them the rather counter-intuitive phenomenon of a lower percentage of registered Democrats but larger numbers of reliable Democratic voters.

Trying to guess an election outcome via registration numbers is difficult because in places like North Carolina that were all but one-party states for so long, a "D" by the name has been no guarantee that that's the way a person would vote, especially in the presidential races.

The people moving here are coming from a lot of places, but by and large they are not Southern Democrats and certainly not

loyal to the Tar Heel Democratic tradition. My own experience as part of the big influx of Midwesterners fleeing the mid-'80s recession was pretty typical. When I went to register to vote in Pittsboro, I didn't feel kinship with the state Democratic Party and, with Jesse Helms at the top of state Republican ticket, certainly wasn't going to register with the party that my family had traditionally supported back home. I checked "Unaffiliated." I was a stranger here, and that seemed about right.

Even though I was a "U," I was a reliable Democratic vote. Over the past few decades, hundreds of thousands of new voters have come to this state and gone through a similar thought process. It's reflected in the registration numbers, which show unaffiliated

as the fastest-growing category. This is often spun by GOP operatives as a sign the state is not turning as purple as the results from the 2008 presidential election seemed to show. That's balderdash, wishful thinking and bad math all mixed together.

What is accurate is that this state is close enough to evenly divided that turnout can swing it either way. That's why the number to watch on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 6 is the percentage of voters who showed up. A big turnout favors Democrats; a low turnout favors Republicans. If you start seeing counties reporting turnouts at 70 percent or above, that'll be an indication that the night is going the president's way. He pulled out a close win in 2008 by a little more than 14,000 votes.

Although the economic down-

turn slowed the rate, the growth trend that favors Democrats in statewide races continued over the past four years. There are more young people, more retirees and tens of thousands of new Hispanic voters in an era when Republicans are hell-bent on alienating them. You may not see the change in this cycle's registration numbers, but when the votes are counted in November, what's happening here should get a lot clearer.

Downtown quiz errata

The Big City downtown theme resumes next week, but I quickly need to correct a couple of quiz answers.

First, a classic outsider's mistake: mixing up the Julians. I heard from a couple of folks, including Shannon Julian, son of Milton and Virginia, who reminded me

that it was the front window of Milton's Clothing Cupboard at 163 East Franklin where Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts played during the downtown summer sidewalk sale known as Hot Dig-gity Days. He also reports that his 94-year-old father is doing fine.

And if you said the Dairy Bar was on East Franklin where McAlister's Deli is today, you were just as right as the people who named the West End location in last week's quiz answers.

Thanks for all the notes and encouragement. Also, a Big City hat tip to UNC's director of community relations Linda Convissor, who got the most right answers of the folks who contacted me.

Look for another downtown quiz later this fall. Study up; there'll be some real stumbers on that one too.

CHARTER SCHOOL

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alleviate overcrowding in the elementary schools.

The school will be co-managed with for-profit, Michigan-based National Heritage Academies (NHA), which operates more than 70 charter schools across the country, including five in North Carolina.

"It is important to note that the North Carolina State Board of Education is still considering charter applications, including the application for Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School," said Nick Paradiso, NHA vice president of government relations, in an email response to *The Citizen*. "Until a charter is granted, policies and procedures for the school will not be developed."

Meanwhile, members of the proposed school's board of directors, headed by Angela Lee, daughter of longtime community and education leaders Howard and Lillian Lee, continue to keep a low profile. *The Citizen's* requests for interviews and responses to questions have gone unanswered.

"If you want to be part of a community, you've got to communityize your conversation," Haven-O'Donnell said last week, "and that's not happening."

Accountability issues

North Carolina law allows charter schools to operate independent of local school boards.

"Charters in North Carolina are in no way accountable to their local board of education," said Mia Burroughs, chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

"If citizens are unhappy with any decisions made by a charter

board, there are no local elected officials who can be held accountable," she said. "Our district's relationship with Lee Charter will be based only on our respective willingness to keep the focus on what is best for kids."

Asked what channels parents would be granted to bring grievances or offer suggestions in setting policies, Paradiso wrote, "Parents are an active part of all National Heritage Academies' schools. Specific procedures will not be determined until after a charter is granted."

Charter schools create a "whole new accountability problem," said Matt Ellinwood, a policy advocate for the N.C. Justice Center's Education and Law Project.

"Where does a teacher go if she has a problem?" asked Ellinwood. The first step would presumably be to go to the board of directors, though board members aren't required by the charter school act to live in the community, or even in North Carolina. "And if that doesn't work, where does she go next? To the out-of-state company?"

"In a public school, if you have a problem you take it through the regular channels," Ellinwood said. "There's a clear path of how to deal with things." Not so with charters.

Charter school employees can be fired by the board without receiving a hearing. The schools are not required to participate in the state employees' retirement or health plans, and, according to Paradiso, "At this time, none of National Heritage Academies' schools in North Carolina participate in the state employee retirement system or the state health plan."

While in traditional public schools, all teachers must be licensed, 50 percent of charter

middle and high school teachers and 25 percent of elementary teachers can be unlicensed.

The schools are not required to provide teacher workdays.

As for state oversight, the Office of Charter School's has two full-time staff members and four consultants, while the state is in the process of adding 33 schools to the existing 100.

A U.S. Department of Education study found that "many charter school authorizers lack the capacity to adequately oversee charter school operations, often lack authority to implement formal sanctions, and rarely invoke the authority they do have to revoke or not renew a charter."

In North Carolina, full evaluation of schools isn't conducted till the fifth year.

"It bothers me that the state doesn't follow through on its promise to keep track of these schools and make sure they're doing what they said they were going to do," said Natasha Bowen, an associate professor in the UNC School of Social Work who has researched North Carolina's charter schools.

"In their applications, they talk about a goal of reducing the achievement gap. Ten or 12 years later, you don't see that happening, but there's nothing done to change that."

Closing the gap?

Bowen's research indicates that NHA has shown little evidence to suggest it will help close the racial and economic achievement gap in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS).

The five NHA-managed schools in North Carolina are Forsyth Academy in Winston-Salem, Greensboro Academy, PreEminent Charter School in Raleigh, Queens Grant Community School in Mint Hill and Re-

search Triangle Charter Academy in Durham.

A look at the math and reading end-of-grade (EOG) test scores for 2010-11 for those schools shows an average of 83.1 percent of white students passing, compared with 95 percent of white students in the CHCCS schools, and 48.1 percent of black students passing in NHA schools, compared with 58.8 in CHCCS schools.

NHA-managed schools in the state showed an average of 70.7 percent of non-economically disadvantaged and 56.7 of economically disadvantaged students passing EOG exams, while the numbers in CHCCS were 95 percent and 56.4 percent. The gap is narrower in the NHA schools, but the overall average is higher in CHCCS.

The percentages for EOG scores for whites and blacks at traditional public schools statewide are very similar to the NHA-school percentages. Statewide, 82.8 of non-economically disadvantaged students and 53.3 percent of those economically disadvantaged passed EOG tests.

Of equal concern to those who wish to take a measured approach to charter schools is the potential for resegregation. Research conducted on North Carolina charter schools by Helen Ladd of Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy found that charter schools increase racial segregation.

Blacks tend to select schools that have a higher percentage of blacks and whites select schools that have a higher percentage of whites – though not at the same rate. Ladd's research indicated that blacks prefer charter schools that have around a 50/50 split, whereas whites prefer schools that are less than 20 percent black.

Of the 100 charter schools op-

erating in the state in 2010, Ladd found that 37 were more than 80 percent white and 26 were less than 20 percent white.

In the 2010-11 school year, of the five schools NHA oversees in North Carolina, two were more than 80 percent white and two were more than 80 percent black.

No incentive to innovate

And what of innovation?

"It's hard to say what [NHA] is bringing to the table that fits with what charter schools are supposed to do," Ellinwood said. "I don't know what they do that's new or innovative; I haven't been able to find that in the application."

In January, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education wrote a letter to the state board sharing its concern that the Lee school would "divert \$4.6 million or more in scarce resources at a time of severely constrained budgets."

Removing this money from the traditional public schools, Ellinwood said, detracts from a focus on making those schools better. "We need to be looking at what's working in the good schools and how to make it work in the poorer ones," he said.

Ellinwood believes the for-profit model hinders the impetus for innovation: Beyond, and in keeping with, the mandate to make money, there's little incentive to share ideas.

'Uh-oh' feeling

Sending taxpayer dollars to an out-of-state for-profit corporation to educate our children doesn't sit well with many Chapel Hill-Carrboro residents.

"Neither the Lee Charter School nor NHA is publicly accountable to community residents as to how they use our tax dollars," said Miriam Thompson,

a longtime NAACP member and grandmother of two children in the public-school system. (The local chapter of the NAACP has opposed the Lee school.)

What support services – after-school care, tutoring, etc. – the school will provide is uncertain.

"Services are based upon the needs of the student population," NHA's Paradiso wrote. "These items will not be determined until after a charter is granted and students are enrolled."

Of further concern is the possibility that students from outside the district will be admitted to the school.

"That means that people who are in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School district or Orange County, who are paying taxes, whose money is supposed to be going for local schools, could be paying for children who are coming from, I don't know, maybe north Chatham," Haven-O'Donnell said. "Who knows?"

"We will not know the students' school or district of origin until applications are accepted," Paradiso wrote. "Applications will not be accepted until Lee Scholars receives a charter."

For Bowen, the performance data and as-yet-unanswered questions are "enough to make you ask why we're doing this – give us some reasons."

"If you look at the track record of charter schools in general in this state, they're not doing what they were supposed to do. ... And then to have one that for 10 or 12 years hasn't done a great job in five different locations in the state ... I just don't get it."

"To me, there shouldn't be things that feel uncomfortable," said Haven-O'Donnell, an educator for 37 years. "It's like I tell my students, if you have that 'uh-oh' feeling, you've got to respect it."

EMS

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Although the cost may seem high, Commissioner Earl McKee, who helps chair the Emergency Services Workgroup (ESW) with fellow Commissioner Valerie Foushee, said it is important to remember not everything has to be implemented at once, as it truly is a comprehensive long-term plan.

"I think that a study that carries with it as much cost as this study potentially carries will definitely have an impact on how anyone would react," McKee said.

"But this is not a study that proposes doing everything at one time, nor does it propose that everything in the study be done. It can be viewed as a working document to serve as a guide to how we get better EMS delivery in the county," he added.

The workgroup was formed to allow major stakeholders such as fire and police chiefs, as well as two Orange County residents, to have input on the improvements and changes that are made to the county's emergency services. Allen was hired to organize data and formulate the workgroup's discussions into a plan.

"The name of the game is service to the citizens, and this document would help us and serve as a guide to quicker service delivery and more effect service delivery of EMS for the citizens," McKee said.

Although the county has been working to improve EMS response times, Allen told the board there were too few ambulances, outdated 911 call-center systems and limited staff to address the problems effectively.

"I was pleased to see the recognition [from the board] that these are the issues we need to move forward on," said Michael Tal-

bert, assistant county manager.

McKee said some pieces of the report could be implemented rapidly and at a low cost, while other items, such as building new EMS facilities and stations, would be costly and take more time.

It took around six months to create the report, which was formulated from lengthy conversations with stakeholders and the workgroup and data from the EMS communication center.

"I think that this study is the most comprehensive and probably the most well-thought-out study that I have seen," McKee said. "There was a lot of input ...

encouraging Mr. Allen to look at it from various perspectives and challenge some of the assumptions we were making as we went along."

Since the document is in its first draft stage, the next step is to receive public comment on the plan and take it back to the board and the workgroup by sometime in October, Talbert said.

Talbert added that he doesn't

think there will be many major changes made to the plan, that it will just become more finely tuned.

"I am glad to see the conversation is ongoing and I look forward to seeing what additional progress we can make on improving our service to the community," Montes de Oca said.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY SEPT 6 Parenting Workshop — The Five Love Languages of Children: Love Lost in Translation helps parents strengthen the relationship with their children. Caribou Coffee, 1406 E. Franklin St., 10am-noon Free Trianglecounseling@gmail.com

Volunteer Training — The first of five sessions for UNC Hospice. 480 Hillsboro St., Suite 800, Pittsboro, 8:30am-noon (919)542-5545

Innocence — The Heart's Desire sponsors the first of six "films for the second half of life." The first 3 films explore love in later life. Seymour Center, 6:30pm

Audubon Society — Monthly meeting, with potluck dinner; bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware. N.C. Botanical Garden, 6:30pm Free newhopeaudubon.org

Val Lauder — To read from her book *The Back Page: The Personal Face of History*. Bull's Head Bookshop, 3:30pm Free

FRIDAY SEPT 7 Computer Classes — Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road, 9am seymourtechcenter.org

Say Goodbye to Fear — Based on the book *Tapping into Ultimate Success*, by Jack Canfield, the Meridian Tapping technique teaches how to remove fears, doubts and upsets that prevent success. Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, 11:30am-1pm (919)969-7818

Art Reception — For Leigh Suggs' solo exhibition, which continues through Oct 25. LIGHT Art and Design, 601 W. Rosemary St., 6-9pm

Exhibit Opening — For Eduardo Lapetina. The exhibit continues through Sept 30. SaxArtGallery, 1616 Jordon Drive, Saxapahaw, 6:30pm

Swing Dance — NC Revelers Big Band Swing Dance. Haw River Ballroom, 8pm \$10/12 hawriverballroom.com

SATURDAY SEPT 8 Rail-Trails Benefit — With a concert and silent auction to benefit creating trails for public use on abandoned rail corridors. The ArtsCenter, 7pm artscenterlive.org

Joy Sparrow — Editor of *Sparrows' Nest of Letters* to read from and sign copies of the book. Orange County Main Library, 137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 2pm

Colonial Kids Day — Activities include colonial games, costume corner, book nook, butter churning, quill writing and colonial quilt making. Burwell School Historic Site, Hillsborough, 12-3pm Free (919)732-7451

Habitat for Humanity — Chatham Habitat for Humanity celebrates the transformation of its Homestore to ReStore with hot dogs and T-shirts accompanying the

ribbon-cutting. 425 West St., Pittsboro, 10am Free

Composting Class — Muriel Williman will teach basics of indoor and outdoor composting. Chapel Hill Community Center, South Estes Drive, 10-11:30am Free muriel@orangecountync.gov

Child Abuse Prevention — The Family Advocacy Network offers a workshop on the prevention of child sexual abuse. Freedom House Recovery Center, 102 New Stateside Drive, 9am-noon Free (919)942-8083

Music Hall — With host Rocco featuring popular classics from the American Songbook. WCOM 103.5 FM, 9am-noon

SUNDAY SEPT 9 Art Reception — Opening reception for Ralph Wileman's Needlepointillism. The Horace Williams House, 610 E. Rosemary St., 2-4pm

Film Series — Second Sunday Film Series highlights local filmmakers. The ArtsCenter Stage, 4pm \$5 artscenterlive.org

Pollinator Garden — Chatham County Beekeepers Association tours the Pollinator Garden at Chatham Mills, 2-4pm Free (919)545-8044

Exhibit Opening — Shannon Bueker's Birds and Flowers, which continues through Oct. 28. Community Church of Chapel Hill, Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm, Fri 10am-noon

Dog Swim — 8th Annual Dog Swim, A.D. Clark Pool, 216 N. Roberson St., 1-4pm \$5/dog

MONDAY SEPT 10 Auditions — Orange Community Players begin auditions for *The Best Christmas Ever* based on Barbara Robinson's book, continuing through Sept. 11. Hillsborough Exchange Club, 6:30pm ocpnc.com

Parenting Workshop — The Five Love Languages of Children: Love Lost in Translation, helps parents strengthen the relationship with their children. Caribou Coffee, 1406 E. Franklin St., 7-9pm Trianglecounseling@gmail.com

Stamp Club — Triangle Stamp Club to meet with a presentation by Howard DuBose. Church of the Holy Family, 200 Hayes Road, 7:30pm

Daryl Atkinson — To lead a discussion of civil rights and disenfranchisement as they relate to the November election. Hargraves Center, 216 N. Roberson St., 7pm Free organizingagainstracism.com

Meet the Author Tea — Marjorie Hudson discusses her book *Accidental Birds of the Carolinas*. Deep Dish Theater, University Mall, 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY SEPT 12 Rita Berman — To lecture on Charles Dickens, His Life, Family, and

Friends. Celebration of God Church, Chapel Hill, 11am Free (919)967-6439

THURSDAY SEPT 13 Block Party — Chapel Hill's Good Neighbor Block Party, designed to help neighbors meet and socialize. Hargraves Community Center, 216 N. Roberson St., 5pm

Bland Simpson — To read from his work *Two Captains from Carolina: Moses Grandy, John Newland Maffitt, and the Coming of the Civil War*. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:30pm Free

FRIDAY SEPT 14 The Monti — Season opener with storytellers Jill McCorkle and Lisa Mccham. The ArtsCenter, 8pm. \$20/22

Artist Reception — For John and Sarah Faulkner, with exhibits continuing through Sept 30. NC Crafts Gallery, 6-9pm

Tar Heel Politics — Carter Wrenn and Gary Pearce lead the discussion "To Gain Attention to Their Various Claims: Historic Political Campaigns in North Carolina." The conference continues through Sept 15. Wilson Library, \$10 (919)962 1172

SATURDAY SEPT 15 Tiger Chill — Fall carnival for all ages with games, food, activities and music by the CHHS Band and Chorus, McDougle and Smith middle schools. Proceeds to benefit the school's clubs, sports, and arts. Chapel Hill High School, 4-8pm

Yard Sale — University United Methodist Church, 150 E. Franklin St., 8am-noon

Jon Santa — To present The Culture of Bluegrass Music in North Carolina. Orange County Main Library, 4pm Free nchumanities.org

WoodsRock — Musical fundraiser to help provide transportation for the Woods Charter School students. Performers include Haylee Attix, Right of Way, Scott Green, Combat Alfalfa, Girls Rock, Matt Phillips Phil Harmonic, as well as the Bravo Dance Studio Dancers. 160 Woodland Grove Lane, Chapel Hill, 10am \$15 family/\$5 individuals woodscharter.org

ONGOING Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org (919)401-9333

Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

Tutoring — Live, online services for K-12 and college students and adults for any community member with a library card. Free chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

HOUSE Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with *The Carrboro Citizen* to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



This week we respond to questions about diabetes and gout.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have diabetes and my blood sugar has been running high, around 230. I was on medication that was working. Why is it not working anymore? I don't want to go on insulin.

Insulin resistance, the primary cause of Type 2 diabetes, gets worse over time. Even if you are well controlled and maintain your diet and activity level, there is some chance you will need more medicine over time. Also, there is a class of medicines that stimulates the pancreas to make more insulin (e.g., glipizide and glipерamide). The pancreas seems to fatigue after awhile. For some people these medicines lose effect after about five years. There are now five classes of oral medicines for diabetes. Each of these medicines has a different profile in terms

of action, effect, side effects and adverse reactions. Not knowing any more about your situation, we can't make any particular recommendations other than to talk to your doctor. As far as insulin, we would first wonder why you are opposed to insulin. Is it the mere act of giving yourself a shot? There is another diabetes shot that is not insulin that you could consider as well. Insulin does have a high risk of low blood sugars, or hypoglycemia, and it is also associated with weight gain or making weight loss harder. We would encourage you to think about where you might improve your diet and/or increase your exercise to see if you can avoid additional medicines.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have lots of pain in my knees and my doctor said I have gout. I had my uric acid tested and it was normal. I thought uric acid was high in gout. Do you think I

have gout?

There are many things that cause knee pain, and osteoarthritis is chief among them. There are other types of inflammatory problems, like rheumatoid arthritis, which are less common. The knees are an unusual joint for gout, and also gout is does not usually flare in non-continuous joints at the same time. The normal uric acid level makes gout somewhat less likely as well; however, during a flare, if the uric acid has crystallized in the joint, the blood level may be normal. The best way to diagnose gout is to get a sample of joint fluid and look for uric acid crystals with a certain type of microscope. It is important to confirm the correct diagnosis so that you can get proper treatment.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

Community Briefs

Get Out the Vote

Earlier this week, Piedmont Health launched a voter-registration and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) drive.

The program is nonpartisan and aims to increase overall participation in the electoral process. It is geared toward registering health care patients, and plans to target historically uninvolved patients and increase support of health centers among registered voters.

For more information about Piedmont Health, visit piedmonthealth.org

Dog Swim on Sunday

The A.D. Clark outdoor pool will commemorate the end of swimming season with its annual Dog Swim this Sunday.

The event, hosted by the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and Orange County Animal Services, will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. (with a rain date of Sept. 16). Dogs must be vaccinated and leashed to enter.

Admission is \$5 per dog. Refreshments will be provided for humans and pets.

For more information about the dog swim, contact Sarah Fallin at (919) 942-PETS or sfalin@co.orange.nc.us

For more information about the A.D. Clark Pool, contact Robb English at (919) 968-2789 or reenglish@townofchapelhill.org

Good Neighbor Block Party

The Good Neighbor Block Party will be held at the Hargraves Community Center on Sept. 13.

The block party, hosted by the Good Neighbor Initiative, will begin at 5 p.m., and will feature free food, live music, games and raffles. Buns, Ben & Jerry's and McAlisters will provide food. Children's activities will be hosted by LOVE Chapel Hill and Kidzu Children's Museum.

For more information, contact Aaron Bachenheimer at bachenhc@email.unc.edu

Botanical Garden receives \$25K

The Institute for Museum and Library Services has awarded a \$25,000 Sparks! Ignition Grant to the N.C. Botanical Garden's Healing and Hope Through Science (HHTS) program.

HHTS plans to collaborate with N.C. State University to create a garden on wheels for pediatric patients at UNC Hospital.

HHTS received an additional grant of \$1,200 in August from The Monday Life. The Oak Foundation and UNC Volunteer Special Gifts Fund are also major contributors to HHTS.

For more information about HHTS, visit ncbg.unc.edu/healing-and-hope

Forums to focus on race and politics

Organizing Against Racism (OAR) Alliance will present a series of four election-focused forums, "Politics, Race, and the November Election," centered around race and racism's effects on education, health, economic justice and civil rights policies.

All forums are free and open to the public and will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Forum topics and dates include:

- civil rights and disenfranchisement, at the Hargraves Community Center on Sept. 10;
- economic justice, at the OWASA Community Room on Sept. 20;
- health, at the United Church of Chapel Hill on Oct. 4; and
- education, at the United Church of Chapel Hill on Oct. 18.

For more information, visit organizingagainstracism.com

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Goldenrod and Christmas fern anchor this extravagant bouquet of blue and white asters, white thoroughwort, wild oregano, wild pink bean, wild sunflower, spiraled spikes of ladies' tresses and leaves of sourwood and sweet gum. PAINTING PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
FROM PAGE 1

energetic lady about life in our region during the last quarter of the 19th century were preserved.

Her powers of verbal expression and the beauty of her paintings of our local flora are worthy of sharing here.

"We are not as familiar with our woods now as in the spring. But just before frost has fallen on them, while summer luxuriance yet remains, though with a touch in the air that allows walking to be a pleasure for the first time in two months, they are full of beauty and full of delights. The persimmons are a light yellow, one's mouth involuntarily screws when we look at them – black haws are yet pink – the locusts are still green – the maypops have not begun to shrivel ... But, oh! The grasses and ferns and

the gay fall flowers! The fall fashions and colors are as various and ever more vivid than those of spring. ... There are many varieties of goldenrod. I am never tired of gathering them when they first appear, for every golden plume I see seems more enticing than the last. When the tips are yet in bud, is, on the whole, its most beautiful stage."

Indeed, as Mrs. Spencer described so long ago, some goldenrods have already flowered while others only now are showing a tint of gold. Go see for yourself!

[For the entirety of these descriptions, see *Selected Papers of Cornelia Phillips Spencer* by Louis R. Wilson, UNC Press, 1953.]

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at *The Annotated Flora* (carrborocitizen.com/flora).



Cornelia Phillips Spencer loved the wild grasses and nut sedges included here as foil for exotic cultivated Macartney rose, firethorn and a bit of English ivy. PAINTING PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Citizen reader Don Pendergraft sends in this delightful image from 1955, titled "Welcome to Elmer's," along with the following narrative: "Elmer was my father and passed away suddenly in 1977. In his brief time he lived through hard times and experienced some really good times. He was well known for his gentle wisdom and friendly and outgoing personality. On the left is Elmer O. Pendergraft, owner-operator, and Pap Andrews, friend-volunteer clerk in Pendergraft's Service Station, ca. 1955. Elmer O. Pendergraft's Service Station sat on West Franklin Street in the current location of Al's Garage. Elmer Pendergraft and Ben Grantham opened the business in 1949. They had been employed at Eben Merritt's Gas Station on Pittsboro Road. Elmer was a younger cousin of Merritt and Ben married Eben's daughter. After WWII they decided to start a similar business between Chapel Hill and Carrboro to serve both communities as well the University. Pendergraft bought Grantham's holdings after several years and was sole owner until his death in 1977. Pap Andrews was Raymond Andrews' father. Raymond was co-owner of Andrews and Rigsbee Hardware and Ford Tractor Dealer in Carrboro. Elmer was an active merchant in Carrboro declaring his allegiance by hav-



Pendergraft's Service Station, 1955

ing attended Carrboro School (now town hall) as a young boy. The residents in Tin-Top, a small community behind the station on Brewer Lane and the adjoining neighborhoods on Merritt Mill Road, were frequent customers. The 'station' was a gathering spot."

Editor's Note: After working in Elizabeth City for 19 years, Don Pendergraft moved back home this summer and now lives on Barbee Chapel Road in Chapel Hill. He is the design section chief at the North Carolina Museum of History.



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- **October 4:** Water, Water Everywhere: What the Geosciences Can Tell Us about the Present and the Future of Water Resources
- **October 11:** Impacts of Sea-level Rise on Barrier Islands: Lessons Learned from the Geologic Record
- **October 25:** Meeting Future Water Demands: Engineering, Economics, and Managing Risk
- **November 1:** Rapid Molecular Methods: A Revolution for Water Quality Management

Lectures are \$10 each, or the series of four is \$30. All programs are held at UNC-Chapel Hill's Friday Center for Continuing Education from 7 to 9 pm. Visit fridaycenter.unc.edu/pdep/wbi or call 919-962-2643 for more information or to register.



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