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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Sculptural Joe-Pye weed emerges proudly from a cascading border of "fireworks" goldenrod and woodferns.

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Nature's art

I enjoyed assisting artists place their sculptural art among the plants of the North Carolina Botanical Garden this past weekend.

In her quiet enthusiasm, Greensboro-area sculptor and horticulturist Carolyn Owen focused my attention with: "Now Ken, there's a worthy sculpture right there." She was referring to a single stemmed Joe-Pye weed, *Eupatorium fistulosum*, standing majestically along the entry walkway.

It made me reflect on past year's sculpture shows; effective placements of the sculptures amongst the diverse vegetation encourages onlookers to become more aware of the plants. We begin to appreciate the sculptural and artistic qualities of the plants themselves. I so appreciated Carolyn's channeling my attention to the art of nature during this day focused on human-created art.

I've always admired the artistic arching lines of the rough-leaf goldenrod cultivar, *Solidago sempervirens*, "fireworks." This vigorous growing perennial usually presents itself as a cascading hedge-like border plant. Now and then, you'll spot one that has escaped the crowd and is standing tall, simulating a single rocket-burst of fireworks for which this particular variety is aptly named. It stops me in my tracks every time I pass it.

Another stop-in-your-tracks sculptural plant is woolgrass bulrush, *Scirpus cyperinus*. A sturdy clump will capture your eye as you walk along the coastal plain habitat boardwalk.

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## Recycling routes to change

BY BETH MECHUM  
Staff Writer

Ten thousand of the more than 18,000 homes Orange County Recycling provides services for will have their routes changed starting Sept. 14. Those impacted by the route changes will have postcards mailed to them.

In the past eight years, residences serviced for recycling have increased by about 3,500 units.

The route changes are meant to reach Orange County Recycling's goals of having more efficient and balanced recycling pickup.

Muriel Williman, of Orange County Solid Waste Management,

said these changes are long overdue.

"The whole thrust of this re-route was to make it so that the routes were running more efficiently and that we could potentially add, as the communities continue to grow, more customers in an orderly fashion," Williman said.

And growth is what prompted the changes in the first place.

Rob Taylor, Orange County Recycling's programs manager, pointed out that in the past decade, neighborhoods such as Southern Village and Meadowmont have added a multitude of pickups for the trucks.

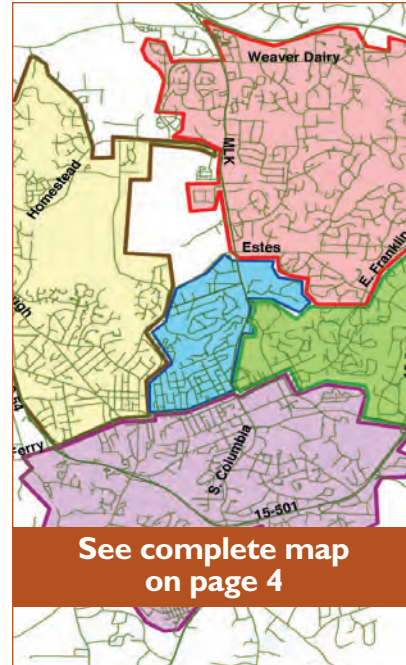
Taylor said things had gotten to the point that, even with 10- and 11-hour

workdays, there were days in which no more homes could be serviced.

"Basically, now each of the routes has some buffer and is much more likely to be completed in a reasonable time," Taylor said.

With new technology to help facilitate the change, Orange County is predicting benefits for patrons, workers and the environment.

"With the help of GPS," Taylor said, "we can make better changes, like more right turns, easier flow and driving less, but still doing the same amount of work. Now there won't be multiple trucks going down the same streets, and with less driving there should be less harmful emissions."



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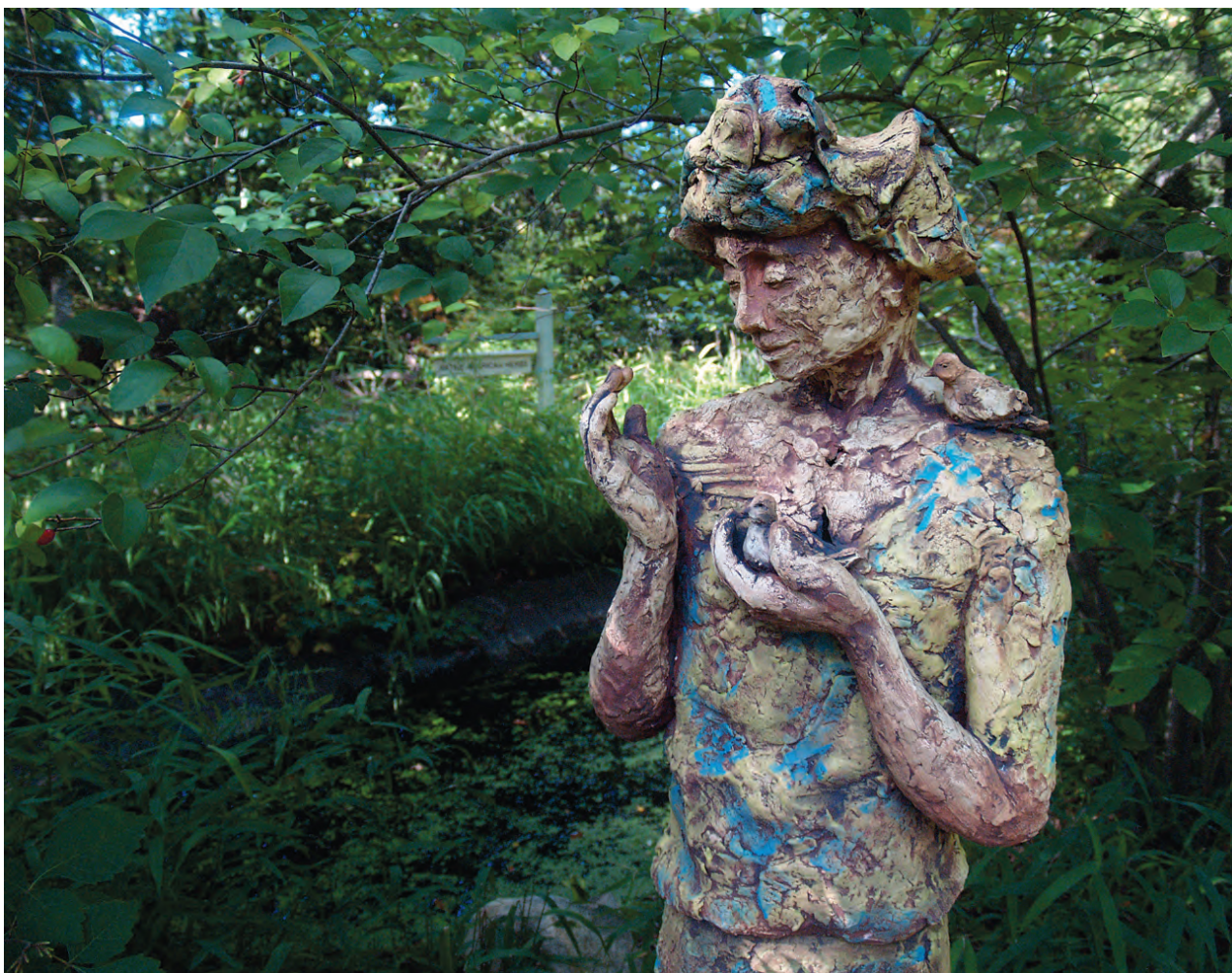


PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

"Lady in Yellow," by Hillsborough artist Tinka Jordy, is one of 50 artworks placed among the native plants at the N.C. Botanical Garden's annual sculpture show. The show opens Saturday in conjunction with the garden's annual plant sale. Details on Page 8.

## Club Nova faces immediate challenge

BY TAYLOR SISK  
Staff Writer

North Carolina Speaker of the House Joe Hackney's Wednesday morning visit to Club Nova in Carrboro was a social call, a stop-in by invitation of club members to hear how things are going. Not that he wasn't already aware, but what Hackney heard was that Club Nova faces some tenuous times in the immediate future, and that it soon may have to turn out some clients with no alternative services in sight.

Club Nova operates under a clubhouse model designed to promote rehabilitation and reintegration into the community for individuals living with mental illness. In the best of times, it struggles financially to get by. But with the cuts made to mental health services in the new state budget, times are growing harder still.

In 2006, clubhouse services were reclassified as enhanced services, which means that for Club Nova to continue to receive state and federal funding its members are required to receive community support services. But the new state budget called for

the phasing out of community support services by June of next year. These services include assistance with such everyday activities as paying bills, shopping for groceries and picking up medications.

This leaves Club Nova in a predicament. Club director Karen Dunn said that two steering committees comprised of state officials and other stakeholders are trying to develop a plan that may help keep people in clubhouses such as Club Nova. But nothing is known for certain. And if a solution isn't found, Dunn will have to begin discharging clients in December.

Hackney expressed his support for Club Nova. "It's a great program," he said. "The staff is very committed and is dedicated to getting through this difficult period...."

"I'm hopeful they can survive this and come out the other side so we can get them properly funded, because they certainly aren't now."

Club Nova has been allocated \$99,000 in the state budget, but Dunn isn't counting that money until it's in hand. She received \$75,000 for the coming year from Orange

County's human services grant and \$100,000 through the county's mental health local management entity, the latter having been cut 50 percent from last year. The club has been bringing in between \$90,000 and \$140,000 in private funds, but, as Dunn points out, those dollars are more difficult to come by these days.

"We're still here," Dunn said, "and that's pretty amazing. It's just been an ongoing onslaught of bad news."

The decision to eliminate community support services baffles her.

"I understand that North Carolina is short on revenues, but what I don't understand is why they would dismantle something when there's nothing in its place for people with mental illness," she said.

She points out that when mental health care reform legislation was passed in 2001, community-based services were seen as the linchpin by which those with mental illness could be moved out of state institutions and reintegrated into their communities.

"Now they're the worst thing in the world?..."

"How could we be that wrong?"

## Council to set replacement timeline

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** — When it returns Monday for its first regular meeting since June, the first order of business for the Chapel Hill Town Council will be to nail down a timeline for filling the vacancy left by the mid-term resignation of Bill Strom.

The council discussed the matter briefly on Friday at Town Hall before going into closed session to discuss a possible property purchase. The special meeting, which was called by Mayor Kevin Foy to discuss the property negotiations, triggered a provision in the town's ordinance for filling a council vacancy.

The ordinance requires the mayor to inform the council at the first available regular or special meeting. After that, the town clerk has seven days to advertise the vacancy and list the procedure by which citizens can file applications for the seat.

Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos said notice of the vacancy is scheduled to be published Friday. Residents will then have until Oct. 12 to send in an application.

While the vacancy was officially announced on Friday, the rest of the process was left up in the air as council members opted to wait until their regularly scheduled meeting Monday to discuss the procedure by which the council would review applications, nominate candidates and vote on a nominee.

Council member Matt Czajkowski, who is running for mayor, said Friday he was uncomfortable with discussing the process beyond the official notice because the public was not expecting a special meeting and was expecting the discussion to take place on Monday.

"There is, in some parts of the citizenry, some, I think, concern about the process. I don't think it's well placed. I don't think it's valid, but I think in a democracy we'd all agree perception is vital to trust," he said.

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## Read aimed at raising awareness about homelessness

Orange County's Partnership to End Homelessness invites the public to participate in discussions on the community read of the book *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez.

The collective reading is the first in a series of community education activities exploring the issues of homelessness.

*The Soloist* is the true story of the friendship between Steve Lopez, a Los Angeles reporter, and Nathaniel Ayers, a gifted musician and mentally ill homeless man. The book was made into a movie starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr. and was recently released in DVD.

Copies of the books are available at Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro public libraries.

Discussion groups will be held around the county in September and will include mental health and homelessness professionals.

The discussion groups will be held in the following locations:

- Carrboro Cybrary — Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.;
- Orange County Main Library in Hillsborough — Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30-8 p.m.;
- Campus Y — Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7-8:30 p.m.;
- Chapel Hill Public Library — Thursday, Sept. 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

In addition to learning about the issues of homelessness and mental illness, the discussion groups will offer an opportunity for the community to learn about how they can become involved in helping to end homelessness.

Participants can also post comments on the book, the movie and homelessness issues at [ocpehdiscussions.blogspot.com](http://ocpehdiscussions.blogspot.com)

To learn more about the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness and the community read, visit [co.orange.nc.us/housing/endinghomelessness.asp](http://co.orange.nc.us/housing/endinghomelessness.asp)

— Staff Reports





# MUSIC CALENDAR

## THURSDAY SEPT 10

**Blue Bayou:** Jo Gore and The Alternative. 9pm. Free  
**The Cave:** LATE: The Daredevil Christopher Wright  
**General Store Cafe:** JazzBeau. 7pm  
**Local 506:** Fruit Bats, Pronto. 8:45pm. \$10/\$12  
**Nightlight:** Acheronian, Nuss 9:30pm

## FRIDAY SEPT 11

**The ArtsCenter:** Lucy Wainwright Roche with Jocelyn Arem  
**Blue Bayou:** Willie Painter Band. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10  
**Caffe Driade:** Saludos Compay. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Owl City, Kate Havnevik, Unicorn Kid. Sold out.  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: The Brand New Life  
**The City Tap:** Joe Bell and The Stinging Blades. 7pm  
**General Store Cafe:** The Family Eversole. 8:30pm  
**Harry's Market:** Mandolin Orange  
**Local 506:** Ryan Gustafson, Mt. Moriah, Mandolin Orange. 9:30pm. \$5  
**Nightlight:** Stronghold Crusader, Projexorcism, Nations, Superbowl, Battle Beast  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Road Home Band. 8pm  
**University Mall:** Lucy Wainwright Roche. 7:30pm \$13

## SATURDAY SEPT 12

**Blue Bayou:** Dmitri Resnik Blues and Beyond. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10  
**Caffe Driade:** Gilbert Neal. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Billy Sugarfix, Schooner, Bids and Arrows. 9:30pm. \$8  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Now You See Them LATE: Kenny Roby, Scott McCall, The Houstons  
**The City Tap:** Steven Jack. 8pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Tommy Edwards and Friends. 8:30pm. \$5  
**Local 506:** New Town Drunks, John Howie and The Sweethearts, Taz Halloween. 10pm. \$7  
**Nightlight:** God's Pottery. 9pm. \$8/\$10  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Sawyer-Gold-



**BILLY SUGARFIX**  
 Cat's Cradle  
 Saturday September 12

berg. 8pm

## SUNDAY SEPT 13

**Cats Cradle:** Son Volt, Sera Cahoon. 9pm. \$15/\$18  
**The City Tap:** Tin Star. 6-8pm  
**Local 506:** John Ralston, Mike Dunn and The Kings of New England, Knock Out Roses. 9pm. \$8  
**Southern Village:** Armand Lenchek and Friends. 7pm  
**Weaver Street Market:** One Sun. 11am-1pm

## MONDAY SEPT 14

**The Cave:** LATE: Mayhem String Band. \$5  
**Local 506:** Call The Cops, What Happened In Vegas, Lions At Lunchtime. 9pm. \$8

## TUESDAY SEPT 15

**The ArtsCenter:** Jojo Hermann, Sherman Ewin. 9pm. \$15/\$17  
**Cats Cradle:** And You Will Know Us By The Trail of Dead, Secret Machines. 9:30pm. \$12/\$15  
**La Residence:** Tain Collins  
**The Cave:** LATE: Juanita and The Rabbit, Gift Horse  
**The City Tap:** Howie Dewitt. 5:30pm. \$18  
**Local 506:** AA Bondy, Sean Bones, Marmoset. 9pm. \$8/\$10



**KEEGAN DEWITT**  
 Nightlight  
 Wednesday September 16

## WEDNESDAY SEPT 16

**Blue Bayou:** Will Baker and Dan Chegash. 8:30pm. Free  
**Cats Cradle:** James McMurtry, Jonny Burke. 8:30pm. \$15/\$18  
**The Cave:** LATE: Tauri Wind, Lafcadio  
**General Store Cafe:** Melissa Greener. 7pm  
**Local 506:** Sleepless Nights, James Scott Bullard and The Late Night Sweethearts. 9pm. Free  
**Nightlight:** Keegan DeWitt, Parachute Musical, Wakey Wakey. 9:30pm  
**THURSDAY SEPT 17**  
**Blue Bayou:** Souless Dogs.

**Cats Cradle:** Margaret Cho, John Roberts. Sold out.

**The Cave:** EARLY: Dustin Edge LATE: A Rooster For The Masses, Velvet, Crash. \$5

**The City Tap:** Daniel Sean, Steve Harvell. 7pm

**General Store Cafe:** Tony Gailani Band. 7pm

**Local 506:** Telefon Tel Aviv, The Race. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10

## FRIDAY SEPT 18

**The ArtsCenter:** John Jorgenson Quintet  
**Blue Bayou:** Good Rockin' Sam. 9:30pm. \$6/\$8



**NEW TOWN DRUNKS**  
 Local 506  
 Saturday September 12



**THE HOUSTONS**  
 The Cave  
 Saturday September 12

**Caffe Driade:** Catbird Seat. 8pm

**Cats Cradle:** Who's Bad? Barbarella. 10pm. \$15

**The Cave:** EARLY: Old 86. \$5 LATE: Joe Bell and The Stinging Blades

**The City Tap:** The Swang Brothers. 7pm

**General Store Cafe:** Great Big Gone. 8:30pm

**Harry's Market:** Dimitri Resnik

**Local 506:** The Pneurotics, The Travesties, Rat Jackson. 9pm. \$8

**Nightlight:** Spider Bags, Order

## SATURDAY SEPT 19

**Blue Bayou:** Too Much Fun. 9:30pm. \$6/\$8  
**Caffe Driade:** Eric Thomas and Helen Wolfson. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Arrogance at 40. 8:30pm. \$16/\$18

**The Cave:** EARLY: DTL Trio LATE: Joe Gore and The Alternatives, Bull City

**The City Tap:** Butter. 8pm

**General Store Cafe:** Catbird Seat. 8:30pm

**Local 506:** Dead Meadow, Fun. Miniature Tiger. 9:30pm \$10

**Nightlight:** Le Weekend, Summer-time Whiskey Band, Inspector 22. 10pm



FR 9/25 NEEDTOBREATHE



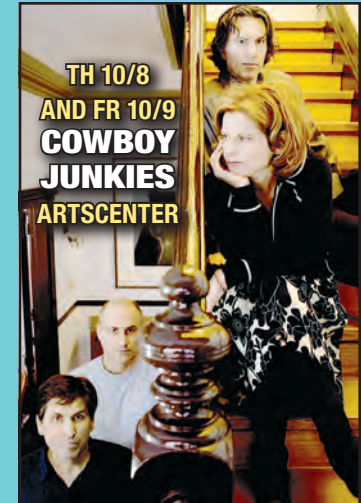
FR 10/2 GREAT LAKE SWIMMERS ARTSCENTER



WE 9/16 JAMES MCMURTRY



FR 9/18 YO LA TENGO CAROLINA THEATRE



TH 10/8 AND FR 10/9 COWBOY JUNKIES ARTSCENTER



WE 9/23 ASOBIE SEKSU LOCAL 506



WE 10/21 DR. DOG



TU 10/27 MIKE DOUGHTY ARTSCENTER QUESTION JAR SHOW

FR 9/11 OWL CITY W/KATE HAVNEVIK AND UNICORN KID **SOLD OUT!**  
 SA 9/12 CD RELEASE PARTY BILLY SUGARFIX W/GUESTS SCHOONER, BIRDS & ARROWS  
 SU 9/13 SON VOLT W/SERA CAHOONE\*\*(\$15/\$18)  
 TU 9/15 AND YOU WILL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF DEAD W/SECRET MACHINES\*\*(\$12/\$15)  
 WE 9/16 JAMES MCMURTRY W/JONNY BURKE\*\*(\$15/\$18)  
**SOLD OUT!** TH 9/17 MARGARET CHO  
 FR 9/18 WHO'S BAD? TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON W/BARBARELLA\*\*(\$15)  
 SA 9/19 ARROGANCE 40TH PARTY WITH MANY SPECIAL GUESTS!  
 SU 9/20 CARRBORO MUSIC FEST  
 MO 9/21 INGRID MICHAELSON\*\*(\$15/\$17)  
 TU 9/22 IMMORTAL TECHNIQUE W/DIABOLIC, POISON PEN AND J ARCH\*\*(\$13/\$15)

TH 9/24 MAE W/LOCKSLEY, DEAS VAIL, FLOWERS FOR FAY\*\*(\$12/\$15)  
 FR 9/25 NEEDTOBREATHE W/CROWFIELD AND GREEN RIVER ORDINANCE\*\*(\$12/\$14)  
 SA 9/26 AN EVENING WITH THE MINUS 5, THE BASEBALL PROJECT AND THE STEVE WYNN IV PERFORMED BY SCOTT MCCAUGHEY, PETER BUCK, STEVE WYNN AND LINDA PITMON\*\*  
 WE 9/30 RA RA RIOT\*\*(\$12/\$14) W/MAPS & ATLASES AND PRINCETON  
 TH 10/1 DAN DEACON\*\* W/NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS  
 FR 10/2 SIMPLIFIED\*\*(\$10/\$12)  
 SA 10/3 WILL HOGE\*\*(\$10/\$12) W/ALTERNATE ROUTES AND RYAN GUSTAFSON  
 SU 10/4 GHOST FACE KILLAH W/FASHAWN\*\*(\$16/\$18)  
 TU 10/6 CARBON LEAF/STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS W/DAWN LANDES\*\*(\$17/\$20)

TWO NIGHTS: WE 10/7 AND TH 10/8 ANDREW BIRD W/ST. VINCENT\*\*(\$25)  
 FR 10/9 BLITZEN TRAPPER W/WYE OAK\*\*(\$10/\$12)  
 SA 10/10 CD RELEASER PARTY I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT WITH GUESTS LONNIE WALKER, DES AKR, RAT JACKSON AND LAKE INFERIOR\*\*(\$7/\$10)  
 TU 10/13 LUCERO W/AMY LEVERE, CEDRIC BURNSIDE AND LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM\*\*  
 WE 10/14 REVIVAL TOUR CHUCK RAGAN, JIM WARD, TIM BARRY, DAVE HOUSE, JENNY OWEN YOUNGS  
 TH 10/15 BASSNECTAR W/HEAVYWEIGHT DUB CHAMPION\*\*(\$18/\$20)  
 FR 10/16 OM W/SIX ORGANS OF ADMITTANCE AND LICHENS\*\*  
 SA 10/17 POLVO\*\*(\$10)  
 SU 10/18 BUILT TO SPILL W/DISCO DOOM\*\*(\$20/\$22)  
 MO 10/19 ART BRUT\*\*  
 WE 10/21 DR. DOG W/JEFFREY LEWIS\*\*(\$15)

SA 10/24 ELECTRIC SIX\*\*(\$12/\$14) W/THE GAY BLADES, MILLIONS OF BRAZILIANS  
 SU 10/25 GALACTIC W/THE HOOD INTERNET\*\*(\$18/\$20)  
 MO 10/26 KMFDM W/ANGELSPIT\*\*(\$20/\$23)  
 TU 10/27 PINBACK W/BELLINI\*\*(\$14/\$16)  
 WE 10/28 THE BLACK HEART PROCESSION W/THE NUMBLERS\*\*(\$12)  
 TH 10/29 JUNIOR BOYS\*\*(\$12)  
 FR 10/30 WHY? W/AU AND SERENGETI & POLYPHONIC\*\*(\$10)  
 SA 10/31 TOUBAB KREWE W/FLOATING ACTION\*\*(\$14/\$16)  
 MO 11/2 SILVERSTEIN W/MADINA LAKE, I SEE STARS, CLOSURE IN MOSCOW AND THE WORD ALIVE\*\*  
 WE 11/4 BROTHER ALI W/EVIDENCE, TOKI WRIGHT, BK ONE\*\*  
 TH 11/5 THE JESUS LIZARD W/HEX MACHINE\*\*(\$20)  
 FR 11/6 THE OLD CEREMONY W/MODERN SKIRTS\*\*

SA 11/7 CHATHAM COUNTY LINE\*\*(\$12/\$15)  
 SU 11/8 SAY ANYTHING, EISLEY, MONEEN, MINIATURE TIGERS\*\*(\$16.50/\$19)  
 MO 11/9 BLIND PILOT W/THE LOW ANTHEM\*\*  
 TU 11/10 THE GET UP KIDS W/KEVIN DEVINE AND MANSIONS\*\*(\$15)  
 WE 11/11 LOTUS W/BIG GIGANTIC\*\*(\$15/\$17)  
 FR 11/13 MINUS THE BEAR\*\*  
 SA 11/14 DAN AUERBACH W/JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD\*\*(\$15)  
 MO 11/16 MUMIY TROLL\*\*(\$20/\$23)  
 TU 11/17 PRETTY LIGHTS W/GRAMATIK\*\*(\$14/\$16)  
 WE 11/18 MC CHRIS W/WHOLE WHEAT BREAD, I FIGHT DRAGONS\*\*  
 TH 11/19 BADFISH A TRIBUTE TO SUBLIME  
 FR 11/20 PIETASTERS W/LIONIZE\*\*  
 SA 11/21 STEEP CANYON RANGERS\*\*(\$12)  
 SA 12/5 SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS\*\*(\$12/\$14)

**ALSO PRESENTING**  
 LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)  
 TH 9/10 FRUIT BATS W/PRONTO  
 TU 9/22 STILL FLYIN'  
 WE 9/23 ASOBIE SEKSU  
 MO 9/28 SCHOOL OF SEVEN BELLS W/MAGIC WANDS  
 TH 10/1 TWILIGHT SAD W/BRAKES BRAKES BRAKES, WE WERE PROMISED JET PACKS  
 WE 10/15 DAVID BAZAN W/SAVE HI  
 TH 10/22 JER COONS  
 NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)  
 SA 9/12 GOD'S POTTERY  
 WE 10/21 SEAWOLF W/PORT O'BRIEN, SARA LOV  
 THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)  
 TU 9/15 MISSING CATS FEATURING JOHN "JOJO" HERMANN AND SHERMAN EWING  
 MO 9/21 JOLIE HOLLAND  
 FR 10/2 GREAT LAKE SWIMMERS W/WOODEN BIRDS AND SHARON VAN ETTEN  
 SU 10/4 COLIN HAY  
 2ND NIGHT ADDED! TH 10/8 AND FRI 10/9 COWBOY JUNKIES  
 TU 10/27 MIKE DOUGHTY (THE QUESTION JAR SHOW)  
 SU 10/4 MATTHEW SWEET & SUSANNA HOFFS (SID N SUSIE)  
 CAROLINA THEATRE (DUR)  
 FR 9/18 YO LA TENGO W/ENDLESS BOOGIE  
 WE 10/7 DAVID CROSS  
 TIX VIA CAROLINA THEATRE BOX OFFICE & CAROLINATHEATRE.ORG  
 OVENS AUDITORIUM (CHARLOTTE)  
 FR 10/9 ROB BELL  
 TIX VIA TICKETMASTER

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## News Briefs

### Fire hydrant flushing

Town of Hillsborough personnel will flush and perform basic maintenance to fire hydrants in the town's water system beginning Thursday, Sept. 9.

The inspections and maintenance will take place through mid-October. During the process, town personnel and citizens may be required to trim plantings or remove other items to ensure adequate access to the hydrants during emergencies and for maintenance.

Opening the hydrants might cause some temporary cloudiness or discoloration of water. The discoloration does not make water unsafe to drink, but it could discolor fabrics. If discoloration or air bubbles appear in the water, customers should run cold water in a bathtub for a few minutes until the water and/or air bubbles clear. If the water does not clear within five minutes, contact the town at 732-2104 during normal business hours or at 732-3621 for emergencies during nights and weekends.



### Former police chief McCarthy dies

Lifelong policeman Tom McCarthy, 62, has died. He was a former Fayetteville police chief and at the time of his death was the interim Hope Mills chief. After retiring from the Fayetteville Police Department in 2007, McCarthy was hired as Chapel Hill police chief but was unable to pass the physical exam required for the job.

McCarthy's cause of death is unknown, but he had a history of heart trouble.

### Fire on Franklin Street

There was an electrical fire Sunday morning at an historic building at 517 E. Franklin St. No injuries were reported, but damages were estimated at \$5,000.

### Road construction on Margaret Lane

Citizens are advised to be alert for road construction on West Margaret Lane in downtown Hillsborough next week. One or both lanes of West Margaret may be closed Sept. 9-11, weather permitting, to allow for resurfacing of the road.

Resurfacing will take place in front of the newly constructed building that will house the Orange County Public Library. Lane closures may take place from the parking area in the 100 block of West Margaret to the intersection with South Wake Street.

For more information, contact Public Works supervisor Ken Hines at 732-1270 Ext. 78 or ken.hines@hillsboroughnc.org

### Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery! will be held at Freedom House Recovery Center in Chapel Hill on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event recognizes the efforts of persons to overcome the effects of substance abuse and to encourage those who support them.

Free and open to the public, Celebrate Recovery! is an evening of tributes, food, fellowship and live music and dancing. It's co-sponsored by the OPC Area Program and Freedom House and will take place at Freedom House's new Community Outpatient Building at 104 New Stateside Drive. The Red Rhythm band will perform.

For more information, contact Lyndsi at 919-942-2803, extension 208.

## Town studies major purchase

*Buying most of Dawson Hall would ease space crunch, manager says*

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** —Town Manager Roger Stancil expects to have a plan ready within 30 days on the town's use of space in an office building off Weaver Dairy Road near Timberlyne.

The Chapel Hill Town Council held a hastily scheduled special meeting Friday to discuss buying part of Dawson Hall, a 73,000-square-foot office building that's part of Chapel Hill 40. The building, completed in 2007 by an affiliate of Southern Village developer Bryan Properties, has sat vacant since it was completed.

The council discussed specifics of the deal in closed session. (State law allows a government entity to discuss land and property nego-

tiations in closed session.)

Stancil said he is negotiating the purchase of about 53,000 square feet of space in the building. He declined to say how much the town is willing to pay for the space, but said discussions include the price as well as the timing of the sale.

Officials with Bryan Properties declined to discuss details of the sale. The company's website lists the purchase price of space in Dawson Hall at between \$145 and \$155 per square foot, putting the list price of the space between \$7.8 million and \$8.2 million.

Although he's not divulging the price, Stancil said that with a surplus of office space in town and an interested seller he hopes the town can strike a deal that would allow it to avoid a tax increase to pay for the new space.

"This opportunity exists because of the current economic situation," he said.

If purchased, the space likely would be used as a new police headquarters and for office and multi-use space for the town's Parks and Recreation Department. It also could play a key role as a temporary location for the Chapel Hill Public Library during next year's planned construction of a library addition.

"It's an option we're seriously considering," Stancil said. "It would save us money during construction if we could move the library to a place we owned rather than having to rent something."

Moving the library rather than doing the construction while trying to use the space, he said, would likely make the project quicker

and less complicated.

Another positive of the additional space is that it would allow the police department a quicker exit from its aging building on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

"A top priority has been space for the police department," he said. "They are really cramped in there."

The roughly 19,000-square-foot building the department now uses has been costly to maintain and doesn't have room for training facilities. A town space-needs study said the department needs about 30,000 square feet.

The Parks and Recreation Department would likely use the space for offices, meeting space and to expand offerings in areas like dance and studio arts.



UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp presents Professor George S. Lensing with the 2009 Thomas Jefferson Award. The award honors the faculty member whose performance of duty in teaching, writing and scholarship has best exemplified the ideals and objectives of Thomas Jefferson. Lensing is a scholar of 20th-century British and American poetry whose books on the poet Wallace Stevens have earned national acclaim.

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## Interim county manager offers frank assessment

The Orange County Board of Commissioners have scheduled a work session for Thursday to review a detailed assessment of county policies, procedures and organization compiled by interim County Manager Frank Clifton.

Clifton took over from former manager Laura Blackmon, who stepped down June 30.

In his review, Clifton interviewed employees and department heads and toured county facilities. His 65-page assessment offers an unvarnished review of the county's challenges.

Among his suggestions are:

- create sunset dates when new boards and commissions are created to give county leaders a regular opportunity to review their functions and performance;

- create a county-wide non-profit foundation to help finance civic priorities;
- improve space and equipment for county health clinics;
- increase interdepartmental cooperation and coordination;
- conduct a comprehensive review of library services;
- update software and improve performance in tax assessment, collections and land records;
- monitor and ensure uniform enforcement of the hotel/motel tax;
- review retirement plans, particularly the way the county handles post-retirement health care coverage.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Emergency Services Building in Hillsborough.

— Staff reports

## COUNCIL

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Fellow council member Mark Kleinschmidt, also running for mayor, said he was disappointed to hear questions raised about the timing of the special meeting. Although the process is starting earlier with the official announcement of the vacancy, the new council member still will be chosen after the November election. Kleinschmidt said there was nothing nefarious in the council's action.

"Despite the attempts to make Bill Strom's resignation the 'death panels' of Chapel Hill politics, nothing's changed," he said. "This is exactly the way that it would have operated if we were

meeting on the 14th."

In a memo to the council released last week, Foy said he'd like to give applicants 30 days — the maximum time under the ordinance — to submit applications. The council would then review those applications and hold a session in November to hear from applicants. Under the ordinance, the council must wait at least one meeting between placing names in nomination and voting on the next council members.

The council will discuss the timeline and the procedure for picking a replacement for Strom at the beginning of its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 at Town Hall. The meeting will be cablecast on Channel 18.

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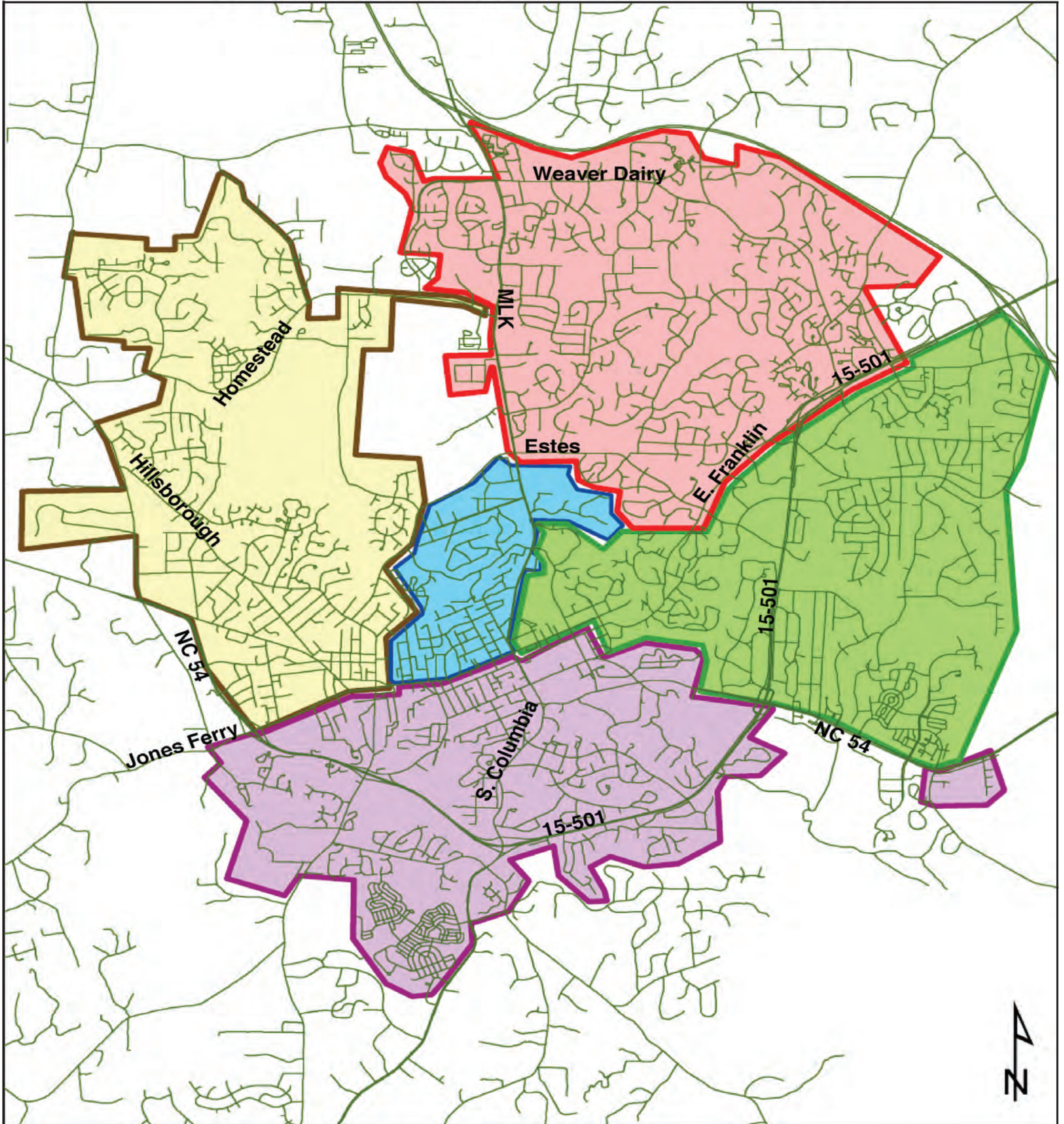
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OBITUARIES

Gary Lee Shaffer

Dr. Gary Lee Shaffer, professor of social work and member of the Chapel Hill community, died of colon cancer Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, surrounded by his family and close friends. Born in Harrisburg, Pa. on Sept. 30, 1946, he grew up across the Susquehanna River in the town of New Cumberland. He graduated from Cedar Cliff High School, where, among other activities, he sang and played football. Studying social work throughout, he attended Franklin and Marshall College for his bachelor's, the University of Chicago for his master's and obtained his doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1977. During his 14 years teaching at the Univ. of Illinois, he focused on developing the undergraduate social work program, directing a pilot project in the early 1980s studying the utilization of computers in education and was director of the Region V Child Welfare Training Center. In honor of his service as the BSW director, the U of I is in the process of establishing a scholarship award in his name. In 1986, he began his tenure at UNC-CH in the School of Social Work, where he was the director for the Field Education Program. Since 1999, his attention has been on teaching, with particular attention on school social work practice, social work education and international social work. At UNC-CH, he took the lead in the development of the social work practice in the schools program, supervised over 300 students placed in N.C. public schools, was responsible for the licensing of school social work practitioners through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, and, through this process, recom-

mended more than 500 practitioners for school social work licensure. He worked throughout his career to improve social work education in the United States through the Council on Social Work Education as well as in numerous international social work programs in Costa Rica, Honduras and Lithuania, among others. He demonstrated a life-long passion for protecting children, strengthening families and education. He has been a tireless advocate for the elimination of corporal punishment in the schools — especially in North Carolina. In his personal life, he was a dedicated husband, father, a close friend to many and a man of many talents. He was a musician, gardener, artist and talented singer who participated in the St. Thomas More choir for more than 20 years. To those in his presence, he was always quick with a smile, a witty comment, a candy or some combination of those three. He is survived by his wife, Denise; his daughter, Lisa; his brother, Gil; numerous nieces and nephews; and his cat, Sadie.

assignment in Greenland (he chose a B-17). It was in Greenland that his lifelong passion for hunting and fishing began. He graduated from Tecumseh High School in New Carlisle, Ohio. due to his excellent scholastic performance, he was admitted in the engineering program at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich. He later graduated with a BS from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in Rolla, Mo. He also served with pride in the U.S. Army. After completion of his military service, he worked at McDonnell Aircraft, where he took part in the implementation of the Mercury Project. It was during this time that he developed a lifelong interest in military aircraft. In 1977, Everett relocated with his family to Chapel Hill, where he worked first for Trion. He retired in 2006 from Puro-lator, where he held the position of national sales manager. It was during his retirement years that he traveled extensively to Peru and focused on his love for films and photography and the pure enjoyment of spending time with his grandchildren. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Maria Gutierrez; his daughter, Michelle Lytle-Westrom, and her husband, Brian Westrom, and their children, David Everett and Nolan; his stepson, Michael Wallace, and his wife, Colleen O'Brian, and their children, Shayla, Devin and Megan; his brother, Evan Lytle, and his wife, Pat; nieces Laura and Susan; and nephew Evan Lytle Jr.

Everett W. Lytle Jr.

Everett William Lytle Jr. passed away on Sept. 2, 2009 into the hands of the Lord, after a tragic accident, surrounded by the love of his devoted wife and daughter.

He was born in San Diego Calif. on Dec. 30, 1936 to Col. Everett William Lytle and Evelyn Victoria Poe Lytle. As the son of an Air Force colonel, he had the opportunity to live and form long-lasting friendships in many of the states of our great country. As a child, Everett was given the opportunity of choosing the aircraft that took the family to his father's new



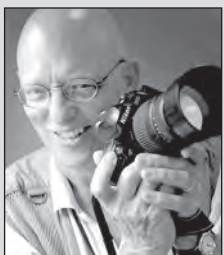
My Grandfather, the Rabbi, 1902

This gently fading family photograph is worth more than a thousand words — more like a whole book! Here is what Terri Kushner Tyson of Chapel Hill writes about the family visual icon. My grandfather, Rabbi David Kushner, came to America in 1902 from Lithuania to escape the pogroms and avoid being forced into the Russian army. In the photo, he's holding my Uncle Benjamin (8 months old), who was born in this country. My Aunt Pauline (age 3) and my father, Herman (age 4), are dressed in 'adult' Russian attire, not children's clothes. They were born in Russia, but my father always said he was born in Petersburg, Va. They're standing in front of their general store (they lived on the second floor) in downtown Danville, Va. Rabbi Kushner eventually had five children, including Samuel (Uncle Sam) and the youngest, Robert (Uncle Bob), reflecting his hopes for a brighter future in America. All of his children went on to professional careers, primarily doctors and lawyers. Pauline married a traveling salesman, who later became the president of Ideal Toy Company, a competitor of Mattel. Bob was in the Army at Pearl Harbor and his son, Dr. Floyd Harold Kushner, was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for six years, imprisoned at the same location as John McCain was. My father, insurance executive, player in the stock market, landlord and confirmed bachelor, finally married and was 57 years old the year I was born. The story goes that my grandfather, responding to the secretary in my Uncle Sam's law office who could not understand him, asked which language she would like him to speak! He spoke seven languages, including English, Russian, Lithuanian, Hebrew, Yiddish, German and Polish.

A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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## Commitment or empty rhetoric?

CHRIS FITZSIMON

When Gov. Beverly Perdue ordered state agencies to cut another 5 percent of their budgets two weeks ago, the executive order exempted Medicaid, public schools and Health Choice, the state's health care program for children.

The cuts came a week after Perdue signed the state budget that made almost \$2 billion in cuts, most of them to education and human services. News reports about the budget in the past few weeks have featured overcrowded classrooms, struggling health clinics and frightened families of people with a mental illness.

There are plenty more horror stories to come as the real impact of the budget cuts comes more into focus. The 5 percent only makes things worse.

Perdue doesn't appear to include education professionals at the Department of Public Instruction in her exemption for education. That means even fewer people to support local school systems.

And she doesn't hold nonprofits harmless either, even the ones that play vital roles in helping at-risk students stay in school and off streets. Communities in Schools was cut 5 percent by Perdue after state lawmakers reduced its state funding by 10 percent.

The group's mission is simple — keep kids from dropping out of school and help them graduate so they don't begin their adult lives facing the almost impossible task of trying to find a decent job without a diploma.

There is plenty of work to do. The latest figures from DPI show that almost 30 percent of ninth-graders do not receive a diploma four years later. Almost 40 percent of black students don't graduate.

And those numbers may be on the rosy side. *Education Week's* latest Diplomas Count report released in June found that only 63 percent of the class of 2006 graduated in North Carolina and just 38 percent of black males earned their diplomas.

It is a scandal of unfathomable proportions that state officials finally admitted to a few years ago. This year's budget includes money for dropout-prevention grants. But considering the record of Communities in Schools, cutting its state funding by 10 percent is absurd. Cutting it by another 5 percent borders on the insane.

Ninety-seven percent of the more than 4,000 students identified by Communities in Schools as potential dropouts two years ago stayed in school and 88 percent of the students tracked for attendance problems improved their attendance.

One of the keys to this success is a realization that many state policymakers have yet to come to in their abstract policy debates and talking points. Every single student at risk of dropping out is unique. Each student has different needs and it takes individual attention to address them.

Communities in Schools president Linda Harrill says the number of kids who can't afford school supplies has doubled since the economic downturn. The stories are heart-wrenching: students whose teeth hurt everyday and have never been to a dentist, students who want to quit school and go to work because their parents have been laid off and can't find a job, students who can't afford shoes that fit or can't study at night because mom has turned off the lights to save a few dollars on the electric bill.

If state leaders really want to improve the scandalous graduation rate and save kids' lives, then they ought to start acting like it. That would mean more funding for programs like Communities in Schools, not less, budget crisis or not.

If Perdue really wants to exempt education from further cuts, she ought to exempt the programs that make education possible for many kids. Then she ought to rethink the cuts in human services. One of the most important ways to help poor students in school is to help their families at home with services that allow them to lift themselves out of poverty.

Either we are serious about saving half of a generation of kids or we are not.

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

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## Carrboro's business wish list

DAN COLEMAN

Serving on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, I hear a lot about what residents think would improve the town. Although these conversations can pertain to any area of government or community life, business is among the most prominent topics.

Here are some of the most desired businesses for Carrboro, based on what I've heard over the past few years:

A movie theater: This has long been viewed as a desirable addition to the arts and night life that are such a big part of downtown Carrboro. With the last screens in downtown Chapel Hill having closed, the potential for a theater is greater than ever. Ideas range from intimate screening rooms to standard theaters, from first-run films to repertoire and film festivals.

A book store: With the exception of Bull's Head, which for many is difficult to access, Carrboro and Chapel Hill lack a local shop selling new books. Bibliophiles look at Durham's Regulator, Raleigh's Quail Ridge and Fearington Village's McIntyre's and wonder how the home of the state's flagship university missed out. A bookstore in downtown Carrboro would provide a center for our area's numerous writers and book lovers. It would have synergy with the West End Poetry Festival and other events and be a nice complement to the great selection of used books available at Nice Price Books.

A vegetarian/vegan/raw restaurant: Carrboro is home to a well-established community of holistic healers, health care professionals, body workers and health facilities. Yet there is little

available for those who have a similarly healthy diet. To their credit, all of our restaurants offer something for vegetarians or vegans — grilled portobello sandwiches and the like — but many yearn for a more diverse vegetarian menu. Such a restaurant could become another destination business for Carrboro.

A Carrboro bank or credit union: Lots of Carrboro residents would like nothing more than to do their banking at an institution that would use their funds to support local businesses and residents. A local bank could do a lot to strengthen the Carrboro economy

while speaking to the community spirit of our residents.

Without over-romanticizing, it is worth recalling the scene in Frank Capra's *It's A Wonderful Life* when George Bailey explains to a patron demanding his deposit, "Well, your money's in Joe's house ... that's right next to yours. And in the Kennedy House, and Mrs. Macklin's house, and, and a hundred others." It seems that it would make sense to lots of Carrboroans if, instead of invested in distant, faceless corporations, their funds were invested closer to home.

These are the most popular business ideas I've heard. I'm sure you have your own. It's important to talk about them so that potential entrepreneurs can get

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public policy reform." The board of aldermen has made commercial development a priority and we should soon see ground breaking for new projects downtown. This will make space available for the businesses Carrboro residents are hoping for. Town staff is working on establishing commercial and mixed-use zones in northern Carrboro.

Some day you may be able to dine at Carrboro's vegetarian hot spot en route to a film or a book reading, all paid for on your local debit card. The Paris of the Piedmont could become the Bedford Falls of the Piedmont.

Dan Coleman is a member of the Carrboro board of alderman.

## Teachers need a career path too

JENNIFER COLLETTI

I am a bright, ambitious young professional. I am also a high school teacher. Contrary to popular belief, these two things are not mutually exclusive — at least not during the first few years of a teaching career. While earning my master's degree from UNC's education school, I scoffed at the oft-cited statistic that 50 percent of all new teachers change careers within three years. Now, upon entering my third year of teaching, I am at risk of becoming part of that statistic. The good news is that the solution to our nation's education woes is actually quite clear: We need to start treating teaching like a profession and not just a means to an end.

In two recent opinion columns ("Who's Minding the School?" on July 2 and "A Nation Still at Risk" on July 30), author Steve Peha rightly argued that the new focus of school reform must be on teacher and administrator quality and personal accountability. This doesn't mean more bureaucratic hoops to jump through, but rather a change in the workplace culture of schools.

Before deciding to teach, I worked for several years as a writer and editor at a local newsletter publishing company and then at a local nonprofit organization. When I decided to get my master's in teaching and become a high school teacher, I had no illusions about the job I was signing up for. I was prepared for low pay and long hours, and I hit the ground running as a teacher of English and journalism at East Chapel Hill High. However, I quickly learned the basic career-path components to which I had grown accustomed in my previous jobs — meaningful performance reviews, increased responsibilities and

recognition — were hard to come by as a teacher.

Of course, I find reward in my students' success and the relationships I build with them. But I started questioning my decision to teach when I realized that all my hard labor and success in the classroom would earn me nothing more than four cursory annual observations from administrators and the state-mandated \$500 annual salary increase. I realized that colleagues who joke about receiving "standard" classroom observation ratings will earn the same annual salary increase as a teacher with all "superior" ratings. And I learned that classroom observations are just a chore over-worked administrators labor to complete; as long as teachers are doing "standard" work or better, there's really no need to discuss their performance and certainly no additional opportunities to offer them. Ironically, the better you perform as a teacher, the less attention you receive. Tenured teachers in good standing might only expect to see an administrator in their classroom once a year.

Finally, I realized that I — like so many young professionals of my generation — thrive on recognition, rewards and the promise of new challenges and privileges for a job well done. Today's public school system offers none of these fundamental motivators to keep ambitious educators engaged. We talk until we're blue about innovative ways to keep students engaged, but we ironically forget that a teacher's engagement in his or her job is a necessary precursor to any student's success.

What would be involved in education reform focused on the teaching profession? First, school administrators need better training in people manage-

ment so they can effectively uphold high performance standards, coach and mentor teachers under their supervision and devise programs for recognition and advancement of high-performing employees. Second, school districts must emphasize the vital importance of effectively managing and motivating teachers for all administrators and give them the time and resources to succeed at this task. Third, schools need to create and fund leadership roles that offer new challenges, responsibilities and earnings potential to experienced teachers, thereby giving all faculty members something to strive for.

Finally, various merit-pay schemes need to be explored. Some experts contend there is no objective way to award merit pay to teachers, yet various other industries have formulated ways to rank employees with quantitative and qualitative data and award bonuses or salary raises accordingly. Merit pay for teachers should not be based on student test scores but rather on a comprehensive and meaningful performance review, just like in any other profession.

Merit pay is not all about the money, after all, but about the principle that excellent work will be rewarded more than mediocre work. Without a workplace structure and culture that sends this message loud and clear, we cannot expect schools to improve their teaching quality, and students will suffer the consequences. Any smart company will tell you its most valuable resource is the people it employs. Schools need to start saying the same thing — and taking actions to prove it.

Jennifer Colletti is a teacher at East Chapel Hill High School.

## LETTERS

### Letter writer wrong

I was puzzled by the hostility in the op-ed piece written by Marianne Prince regarding the keeping of farm animals in urban environments (Sept. 3). It is obvious to me that Ms. Prince doesn't know either Brian or Sharon or their motivations in regulating "urban homesteading." She contends that rabies is rare in goats, and so her fainting goats shouldn't have to be vaccinated. The truth is that rabies is rare in all domesticated animals, yet good public health policy demands they be vaccinated, including your dog, my cat and Ms. Prince's goats. According to the NIH, rabies cases are on the rise in North Carolina. Rabies vaccinations really aren't about the animal. It's about preventing transmission to us and our children, and as someone who has been bitten by a rabid animal I can assure you that even one case is too many. For the record, the rabies vaccine that is given to sheep is effective in goats.

To say that Brian is against "green progress" just shows an ignorance of what she writes. The Voyces live on just under half an acre and grow cherries, blueberries, strawberries, beans, corn, cabbage, at least 12 kinds of lettuce, peas, zucchini, tomatoes, cantaloupe and watermelon. I think I've spied some eggplant and as-

*"Rabies vaccinations really aren't about the animal. It's about preventing transmission to us and our children."*

paragus, but don't quote me.

I don't know Ms. Prince and her partner, but I do know that it is virtually impossible for one family to eat the eggs produced by the 40-plus chickens living and being slaughtered in Ms. Prince's yard. So there is more than "self-sufficiency," which is the goal of urban homesteading, going on at the Quite Contrary Farm. She also runs a for-profit children's camp at her "farm." It is a commercial establishment. Is it properly licensed? Does Carboro town ordinance even allow for this type of business to be run in a residential neighborhood? Should it be regulated by state day-care regulations?

That is the business of town government, or it should be.

Ms. Prince is, of course, entitled to her opinion, but her characterizations are both false and ill-informed. It is clear that she is putting her own commercial interests above the good of her community. How progressive!

KATRINA RYAN  
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# Open letter on Duke rate increase

**Editor's note:** Following is an open letter from environmental and civic groups to N.C. Utilities Commission chair Edward Finley on Duke Energy's proposed rate increase. The commission is holding a public hearing on the matter tonight (Thursday) at Durham City Hall.

**Dear Chairman Finley,**

We, the undersigned health, business, social justice and environmental organizations – representing thousands of North Carolinians – write to request that the North Carolinas Utilities Commission revoke the certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for Duke Energy's proposed Cliffside Coal Plant (Unit # 6) and to ask that the Commission deny Duke Energy's request for a 13.5 percent residential rate increase which includes covering the costs of building Unit # 6 (\$600 million to \$1 billion of the request). This rate increase, if granted, would be on top of the 4.5 percent fuel cost increase (largely for coal) that the Commission just granted – for a total of an 18% rate increase for residential consumers.

As you may know, many of our members testified in opposition to the Cliffside CPCN when the Commission first considered Duke Energy's application to construct and operate Unit #6. Unit #6 is unnecessary and our concerns about its negative effects on the pocketbooks, health and welfare of North Carolina residents have deepened since the Commission first issued the CPCN. Recently 24 organizations have made known to the Commission their support for revoking Cliffside Unit #6's CPCN.

The Waning Demand for Duke Energy's Electricity makes Cliffside Unit #6 Clearly Unnecessary. Sales are down in Duke Energy's service area. This is especially telling when sales to Orangeburg and similar entities outside the service area are removed from Duke Energy's original forecasts. Moreover, Duke Energy's 2008 Integrated Resource Plan retains 600 MW of wholesale contracts in 2012 – the exact amount Unit #6 is projected to supply. In addition, the proposed settlement agreement in Duke Energy's Save-a-Watt docket would decrease the demand for Unit #6 even further.

Forcing Consumers to Pay for Constructing an Unnecessary Power Plant During the Worst

Recession Since the Great Depression Will Have Major Negative Effects on Residential Ratepayers. There is no doubt that building new power plants, such as Unit #6, will continue to increase our rates much more than by using energy more efficiently, increasing co-generation, and deploying renewable energy. According to Duke University economist John Blackburn, Duke Energy's own data shows new plants can be avoided by modest increases in energy efficiency and with renewable sources of energy at levels already required in North Carolina.

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North Carolina has the nation's eighth worst unemployment rate at 11.1% and, as such, is likely to take much longer to recover from the recession than other states. Forcing consumers to pay for an unneeded power plant is unconscionable.

Unit #6 Will Pollute Our Air, Land and Water for the Next Fifty Years. Unit #6 poses a serious threat to our air, land and water and will adversely impact the health of our members and their families over its fifty-year lifespan. For instance, by emitting fine particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, sulfur dioxide, mercury and an alphabet soup of other toxic chemicals, Unit #6 will choke the state's skies and deposit these toxics onto our land and water – adversely affecting crops and fisheries. The economic effects of damaging these resources alone warrant the revocation of the CPNC. More disturbing is the fact that children, the elderly and those with chronic sickness will be the ones bearing the greatest burdens of Unit #6. Externalized costs for Duke Energy are real costs for North Carolina residents. Moreover, in a time when the world and the nation are gravely concerned about the impacts of carbon dioxide and other green-

house gases, Unit #6 is expected to emit six million tons of carbon into the atmosphere annually - the greenhouse gas equivalent of one million cars per year. Of course, these emissions will materially add to the myriad costs of climate change, including sea level rise, to our state.

Simply Put, Unit #6 – and its Concomitant Serious Negative Effects on the Health, Welfare and Economic Well-being of North Carolina Residents – is Indefen-

(1) promoting least-cost energy planning, (2) providing just and reasonable rates, (3) promoting conservation of energy, and (4) providing fair regulation of public utilities in the public interest, the Commission has both the authority and the duty to deny Duke Energy's requested rate increase and to revoke its CPCN for Cliffside Unit #6.

To the extent that Duke Energy argues that revocation would work an undue financial hardship against it, the General Assembly has already spoken to the issue by anticipating that Unit #6 might never be completed due to fiscal and environmental concerns. Accordingly, the General Assembly has provided Duke Energy the opportunity to recover certain costs of constructing Unit #6 in the event it is not completed if those costs are judged prudent. See N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-110.1(f2)–(f3).

For the foregoing reasons, we – on behalf of our members – respectfully request that the Commission: (1) deny Duke Energy's request for a rate increase, and (2) immediately revoke the CPCN for Unit #6.

Sincerely,  
(signed by representatives of Appalachian Voices, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Canary Coalition, Carolinas Clean Air Coalition, Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation, Clean Water for North Carolina, Greenpeace North Carolina, Mountain Voices Alliance, NC Conservation Council, NC Conservation Network, NC Fair Share, NC Justice Center, NC WARN, North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light, Progressive Democrats of North Carolina, NC Student Climate Coalition, and others.)

# Local filmmaker honored for work with UNC gallery

Local filmmaker Philip Brubaker's documentary, *Brushes with Life: Art, Artists and Mental Illness* has gathered both an Honorable Mention 2009 Voice Award and a second-place 2009 Lilly Reintegration Award. *Brushes with Life* features eight artists, including Brubaker, who live with mental illness. Brubaker formerly worked at Weaver Street Market in Carrboro and is now a full-time videographer. His film was produced by Deirdre Imerstein Haj of Chapel Hill's Ruffian Media.

Brubaker will travel to Hollywood on Oct. 14 for the Voice Awards ceremonies at Paramount Studios and the following day to Indianapolis for the Reintegration Awards ceremonies.

The Voice Awards honor writers and producers who "incorporate dignified, respectful and accurate por-

trays of individuals with mental health problems into film and television productions."

The Lilly Reintegration Awards celebrate the achievements of those who "dedicate themselves to improving the lives of individuals with serious mental illnesses, and the achievements of those living with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder."

"Brushes with Life: Art, Artists, & Mental Illness" is a patient art gallery located at the psychotic disorders inpatient unit at UNC Hospitals. The unit is a part of the Schizophrenia Treatment and Evaluation Program. The gallery will celebrate its 2009 Fall Opening this coming Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of the N.C. Neurosciences Hospital. RSVP by Sept. 9 at 843-7971 or thartman@med.unc.edu  
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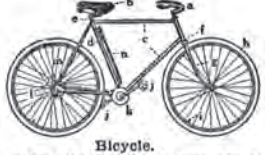
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**CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:**

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## Briefs

### Chefs at the market

Mark your calendars for Sept. 19. That's when you'll have a chance to meet and talk with some of the area's top local chefs at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. Acme's Kevin Callaghan, Bret Jennings from Elaine's on Franklin, Glasshalfull's Ricky Moore, Matt and Sheila Neal from Neal's Deli, Il Palio's Adam Rose, Bill Smith from Crook's Corner and Amy Tornquist from Watt's Grocery will offer advice on how to eat well on a budget.

This year's theme is "Blue Plate Special" in recognition of the down economy. Although there are several notions as to the origin of the term Blue Plate Special, it often relates to an especially low-priced meal, traditionally served on a divided plate, which includes a meat and two vegetables. The event runs from 9 a.m. until the food runs out.

### Urban farm tour

The second annual Urban Farm Tour, sponsored by Carrboro Greenspace, starts Saturday at 3 p.m. at CarrboroRaw, which is in the old Christmas tree lot between Weaver Street and Main Street across from Weaver Street Market.

Maps and details of the 15 stops on the tour will be available along with a schedule for workshops on everything from honey harvesting to chicken slaughtering. The tour runs from 3-8 p.m. Visit carrborogreenspace.org for more information.

### Ideas sought on workway plans

A workshop for the Bolin Creek Greenway Sept. 21 will be at the Century Center from 6-8:30 p.m. The community is invited to drop in at any time to provide ideas and learn about the Bolin Creek Greenway plan with greenway commission members, town staff and project consultants. For more information, contact Randy Dodd at 918-7326 or rdodd@ci.carrboro.nc.us

## FARMERS' MARKET

Sat: 7am-Noon • Wed: 3:30-6:30pm Thurs/So. Village: 3:30-6:30pm

### What's at Market?

#### Check out what's at the Carrboro Year-Round Farmers' Market . . .

New Item this Week: **SUNSHINE SQUASH**, figs, muscadine grapes, pears, butternut squash, concord grapes, apples, peaches, eggplant, shiitake mushrooms, melons, corn, heirloom and various varieties of tomatoes, basil, beans, tomatillos, okra, blueberries, bell peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, summer squash, new potatoes, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions, flour, garlic, cabbage, collards, fresh herbs, kale, arugula, sweet potatoes, pecans, herb and vegetable starters, flowers such as zinnias, sunflowers, lilies, and gladiolas, meats like goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, eggs, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes.

#### RECIPE: Watermelon and Roasted Sweet Pepper Gazpacho

From Kelly Clark, Market Volunteer

The early days of September are a time of seasonal blending between summer and fall. This recipe reflects that blend, sweet and smoky.

#### Ingredients:

- 4 medium sweet peppers\* roasted, seeded and skins removed – 2 coarsely chopped and 2 diced
- 1 small tomato\* coarsely chopped
- 1 Tbls sherry vinegar
- 2 Tbls olive oil
- 3/4 cup bread cut in 1/2 inch cubes
- 3 cups coarsely chopped watermelon,\* seeds removed
- 1 tsp chili pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup diced red onion\*
- 1/2 cup cubed feta\* cheese
- 1/2 cup diced apple\* (squeeze some lime or lemon juice over the apple to prevent it from getting brown)
- 1/2 cup diced sweet pepper,\* preferably one that is light green or yellow in color

#### Procedure:

Put the 2 coarsely chopped roasted peppers, chopped tomato, sherry vinegar and olive oil in a food processor. Place the bread in a small bowl and cover with water for one minute, drain and squeeze the water from the bread and add the bread to the processor. Pulse these ingredients a few times to blend. Add the watermelon, chili pepper and salt to the processor and pulse to blend with the pepper mixture, without pureeing it. Pour the pepper and watermelon mixture into a bowl add the remaining diced roasted peppers, the diced red onion, stir to blend. Cover and chill.

Garnish with feta cheese, apple and sweet pepper. Yields 4 cups.

\*Available at Market

## Busy weekend at N.C. Botanical Garden

These are busy times at the North Carolina Botanical Garden with much of the activity focused on getting ready for the dedication garden's new Visitor Education Center next month on University Day (Oct. 12).

This weekend the center will host Orange County's environmental summit, which will feature the release of the county's new State of the Environment report along with a discussion of the county's environmental challenges. The focus of the summit is sustainable food and surface water resources with a discussion of the county's watershed by geography professor Lary Bland, director of the UNC Institute for the Environment. Meanwhile, the garden starts its annual Sculpture in the Garden show with more than 50 works on the theme "Celebrating Life Forces" nestled among the garden's native plant habitats. The show runs from Sept. 12 to Nov 15.

Also in store this weekend is one of the garden's annual native plant sale. The fundraiser features thousands of plants potted up and ready for transport to your native habitat. The sale runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

Garden members are invited to drop by Friday evening from 5-7 p.m. for first-pick at the sale, light refreshments, and a preview of the Sculpture in the Garden exhibition

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More than 50 works will be on display during the annual Sculpture in the Garden Show which begins Friday night.

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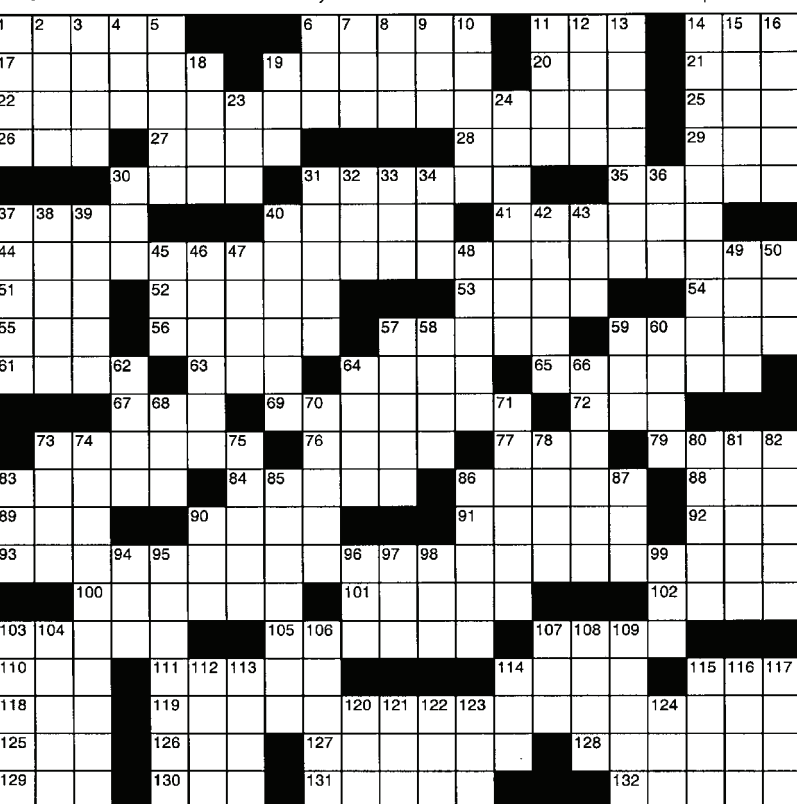
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## CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★**

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



**PAWS4EVER — Meet Screamer!** Well with a name like Screamer, do we have to mention he talks a lot? He loves to meow really loud, sometimes growl very loud, or purr very loud. At times it almost seems as if his talented self can do it all at once, as hard as that maybe to believe or understand, sure has us baffled. Other than his sounds, Screamer is a lovable guy. He is very aloof with the other cats and tends to just hang out in a nice soft spot and watch the happenings in the adoption center. He was surrendered to a shelter because the family was moving out of the country and didn't want to take him along. It is very heartbreaking after 11 years of being a good kitty, but Screamer is taking it in stride. He's not depressed like a lot of cats can become after losing their family, who wouldn't be? He is a special guy because of his strong heart and his perseverance to move on even though he was left behind. When ya visit Paws4Ever, be sure to mention Screamer, and we will gladly assist you to his whereabouts.

**ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Say hello to Scarlet!** This gorgeous lab/boxer mix is around a year old and ready to make a new family very happy! She's an active girl who loves to play and interact, but is also eager to please and proving to be quite trainable. She would be a great addition to a home where she could be included on family trips and adventures, and would likely go out of her way to make you proud! Visit her at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 919-942-PETS (7387). You can also see her online at [www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption).



## Community Briefs

### Volunteers needed at music festival

The Carrboro Music Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20, and volunteers are needed from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteer positions are throughout the festival, so you can enjoy the music while helping to make this event a success. All volunteers will receive a free festival t-shirt, a free raffle ticket and a free ticket to a DSI Comedy Theater production. Visit [carrboromusicfestival.com](http://carrboromusicfestival.com) for complete details about the volunteer positions and to fill out a volunteer form. Email Meg at [cmfvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:cmfvolunteer@gmail.com) with questions.

### Upcoming blood drives

Two blood drives are coming up in the next week. The Carolina Athletic Association is sponsoring a drive this Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Great Hall in the FPG Student Union on the UNC campus. On Sept. 16, Christ United Methodist Church is sponsoring another drive at Southern Village from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [unc.givesblood.org](http://unc.givesblood.org) for more information.

### Auction at Beehive

There will be a silent auction benefit for Strong Women Organizing Outrageous Projects (SWOOP) at the Beehive Salon on Weaver St. as part of this Friday's 2ndFriday Artwalk. SWOOP's mission is to offer community service by providing short-term labor, meeting otherwise insurmountable community needs. For more info on SWOOP, visit [swoop4u.org](http://swoop4u.org)

### CHICLE talk and film

On Sunday, Sept. 20, CHICLE will present *Witness for Peace 2009 Trip to Mexico and the Roots of Migration*. There also will be a discussion led by Ajamu Dillahunt of the N.C. Justice Center, Gail Phares of Witness for Peace, Irene Godinez of El Pueblo and filmmaker Mikel Barton. CHICLE is located at 101 E Weaver St., Suite G-1. More information is available at 933-0398 or [chi-cle.com](http://chi-cle.com)



## CELEBRATE

Susie Dickinson and Jamie DeGraw were married on June 13, 2009 at five o'clock in the afternoon on the beach at Bald Head Island. Amanda McCullough performed the ceremony and Eric Roehrig, brother-in-law of the bride, provided music on the ukulele. A reception hosted by Susie's parents followed at the Bald Head Club.

Susie is the daughter of Vicky and Robert Dickson of Carrboro. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dickson Jr. of Raeford and the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Green Jr. of Chapel Hill.

Jamie is the son of Herk and Joanna DeGraw of Greensboro. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Barrett of Greensboro and the late Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wulff of Springfield, Mass.

Susie was escorted by her father, Maggie Dickson of Carrboro, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Standen, cousin of the bride; Blair DeGraw, sister of the groom; and Alexis Rudie, Sarah Kline and Marion Ready, friends of the bride. Flower girl

was Eliza Fogleman, cousin of the bride. Gertie the Dog, of Labrador and Carrboro, was ring bearer.

Jamie's father served as best man; Chris Dickson, friend of the groom, and Paul Fogleman, cousin of the bride, were groomsmen. Ushers were Alex Standen, Jed Standen, John Sengelmann and Peter Sengelmann, all cousins of the bride.

Alida Payson, friend of the bride, read a passage from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran.

A bridal luncheon co-hosted by Susie's aunts, Anne Fogleman and Julie Sengelmann, and Margaret Dickson was held Friday at noon. That evening, the rehearsal dinner, hosted by Jamie's parents, was held at the Bald Head Association Center.

Susie and Jamie are graduates of the University of North Carolina, and Jamie received a Master's in Health Administration in May from UNC. Susie is a former reporter for *The Carrboro Citizen*.

After great trips to Croatia and Webb Lake in Maine, Susie and Jamie will soon relocate to northern California.

## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY, SEPT 10

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

### SATURDAY, SEPT 12

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

**Urban Farm Tour** — The Carrboro Greenspace hosts the 2nd annual Urban Farm Tour, covering over 15 sites in Carrboro and Chapel Hill. Bring a bike, walking shoes and a local food dish. Starting point at CarrboroRaw. 3-8pm. Visit [carrborogreenspace.org](http://carrborogreenspace.org) for more info.

### MONDAY, SEPT 14

**Free Tutoring** — Tutoring for youths in Orange County schools offered by the Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity. Sessions Monday and Tuesday from 4:30 - 6pm at the Community Policing Substation, 501 Rainey Ave. 732-2441 ext. 26

### TUESDAY, SEPT 15

**Art in a Bag with John Morris** — Woodworker John Morris speaks about his art at the Alamance County Arts Council. Tea and des-

sert provided. 11am. Call 226-4003 for reservations.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16

**My Name is Albert Aylor** — The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History presents *My Name is Albert Aylor* — part of the center's ongoing Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Film. The documentary chronicles the life of 1960s avant-garde jazz saxophonist Albert Aylor, from his native Cleveland to Sweden and then to New York. Larry Reni Thomas will lead a post-discussion. 7pm, free

### Ongoing

**Cancer Support** — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. [cornucopiahouse.org](http://cornucopiahouse.org)

**Compassionate Friends** — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221, [chapelhilltcf.org](http://chapelhilltcf.org)

**DivorceCare** — Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, [connect2orange.org](http://connect2orange.org)

**Family to Family** — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support their family member suffering with a mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. One class will begin Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:30-9 pm at the Seymour Center. Another class will begin

Sept. 13, 2-4:30 pm at the Ebenezer Baptist Church North Campus. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or [gbelder@bellsouth.net](mailto:gbelder@bellsouth.net).

**Garden Tour** — Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the garden. 962-0522, [ncbg.unc.edu](http://ncbg.unc.edu)

**Garden Walk** — Discussions on fall planting, garden maintenance, design, and gardening for wildlife with bird and butterfly plants. Saturdays at 10am at Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Rd, Chapel Hill NC. Call for directions, 967-0078. [nichegardens.com](http://nichegardens.com)

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

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

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

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

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

### Kids

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

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

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### Volunteers

**RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program** — Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, [coorange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp](http://coorange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp)

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

### Orange County Literacy

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



### 2NDFRIDAY ARTWALK

This month's 2ndFriday Artwalk will be taking place in Carrboro and Chapel Hill on Friday evening, Sept. 11th, from 6 to 9 p.m. Per usual, many of the galleries will have live music and other art-related entertainment. Admission is free. Venues and descriptions are outlined at [2ndfridayartwalk.com](http://2ndfridayartwalk.com)

Wootini will be unveiling its "All Dressed Up With No Place To Go: Glass Paintings by Kevin Herdeman" on Friday at Carr Mill Mall in Carrboro. The show will run until Oct. 14. "All Dressed Up..." features all new work, inspired by everything from pop culture (like the reoccurring Bearded Spock), music (especially the Misfits and Tom Waits) and jokes between Herdeman and his girlfriend. Herdeman's objective is to make the viewer laugh.

Friday's opening reception will be from 7 to 11 p.m. and will feature music by the Wootini family, popcorn and Kevin himself.

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**MON 8/31** — Hamburger on Wheat Bun w/Wheat Roll; Fish Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Tater Tots; Peas & Carrots; Fresh Apple Halves

**TUE 9/1** — Three Cheese Baked Rotini w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Fajita w/Salsa & Sour Cream; "Fun on the Run"; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches

**WED 9/2** — Chicken Patty Sandwich on White Bun; Baked Potato w/Chili & Cheese & Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Pineapple Tidbits; Chocolate Pudding

**THU 9/3** — BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese; Sandwich on White Bread; "Fun on the Run"; Vegetarian Baked Beans; Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes

### HIGH SCHOOL

**FRI 9/11** — Rib-B-Q on a Bun; Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple Tidbits; Fresh Banana

**MON 9/14** — Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ; Sauce and Wheat Roll; Baja Black Beans; Chilled Apricots; Fresh Orange

**TUE 9/15** — Pork BBQ on a Bun; Chicken Tetrazzini w/Wheat Roll; Coleslaw; Green Beans; Chilled Pears

**WED 9/16** — Meatball Sub; Sweet & Sour Chicken; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Fresh Banana

**THU 9/17** — Fried Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks; w/Marinara Dipping Sae; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh Orange

## School Briefs

### Lottery funds returned

Gov. Bev Perdue announced on Friday that \$37.2 million in lottery funds were being returned to school systems across the state. In February, the governor withheld money from the Public School Building Capital Fund to manage the state's cash flow during the budget emergency for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird said last week that Orange and Person counties next week will receive over \$672,000 for school construction needs due to the restoration of the funds. Chapel Hill-Carrboro will receive \$323,485, Orange County:

\$194,934 and Person County \$154,560.

### CHHS volunteer coordinator wanted

This year's annual Parent Forum will be held at Chapel Hill High School. The forum is a parent education panel discussion presented in cooperation with all Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools. Each year, a relevant topic is selected and professional panelists are chosen. A volunteer CHHS parent is needed to work with the representatives from ECHHS and CHS to help organize and publicize the forum, which is usually held in February. If you

would like more information about this volunteer opportunity, contact Lynn Lehmann at charliemax@aol.com

### College fair

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

### Morehead-Cain scholarships

It's time for nominations for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship to UNC for high school students. The scholarship

includes four years of tuition, room and board and summer programs. Students may be nominated by teachers or be self-nominees. Students should speak to their counselors about the nominating forms. To begin the application process or for more information, visit [moreheadcain.org](http://moreheadcain.org)

### School board approves budget status

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education received an update on state and federal funding and formally approved a set of budget reductions at its meeting last week. The board's next meeting will be Sept. 17 at

Chapel Hill Town Hall.

### Election forum

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education (PAGE) will sponsor a forum for candidates for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library. The public is invited. All six candidates for the school board have been invited to the forum, and five have confirmed their attendance. Candidates will respond to questions prepared in advance by PAGE and other audience members.

## School Snapshots: High Schools



Kelly Batten



Kathryn Eriksen



Jesse Dingle



Bert Wartski

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Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
929-2106 - 1341 students  
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Teacher of the Year: Bert Wartski

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Eileen Tully, Principal  
500 Weaver Dairy Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
969-2482 - 1558 students  
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Teacher of the Year: Kimberly Manning

### PHOENIX ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, 9-12

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Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
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## Sports Briefs

**Carrboro High Scores:**  
**Soccer** - Sept. 3: Carrboro 2-North Carolina School of Science and Math 1  
**Volleyball** - Sept. 3 v. Northwood: 25-12, 31-29, 25-23 12, win  
**Football** - Sept. 4: East Randolph 46-Carrboro 40  
**Soccer** - Sept. 8: Carrboro 2-Durham Academy 0

**East Chapel Hill:**  
**Soccer** - Sept. 3: East 2-Chapel Hill 1  
**Volleyball** - Sept. 3 v. Jordan: 12-25, 23-25, 18-25, loss  
**Football** - Sept. 4: Cedar Ridge 17-East Chapel Hill 0

**Chapel Hill:**  
**Football** - Sept. 4: Riverside 27-Chapel Hill 22  
**Field Hockey** - Sept. 4: Chapel Hill 3-Cary Academy

**Carolina Central Golf Conference 9/8:**  
 Northwood - 127  
 Chapel Hill - 140  
 East Chapel Hill - 156  
 Carrboro - 163  
 Cardinal Gibbons - 166  
**Medalists:**  
 1st (tie) Emily Brooks, Northwood, and Caroline Jones, Chapel Hill, 38  
 3rd (tie) Maggie Denny, Northwood, and Mackie Kennihan, East Chapel Hill, 44  
**Game of the Week:** All local teams struggled last week in football, but one is sure to win Friday when Carrboro and East play at Carrboro at 7:30 p.m.  
**UNC Football:** The 19-ranked Tar Heels will take on Connecticut on Saturday, at noon, on the road. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

## Young coaches looking to compete

BY BETH MECHUM  
 Staff Writer

This season's local men's high school soccer programs bring long-standing tradition and young blood to what should be a competitive season.

Chapel Hill High School has local soccer legend Ron Benson at the helm, while Carrboro High School and East Chapel Hill have two young guns ready to make a name for themselves in a county rich with soccer tradition.

Benson has coached soccer for more than 30 years, was named U.S. Southeastern Regional coach of the year in 2000, N.C. men's coach of the year in 2000 and N.C. women's coach of the year in 1995.

East Coach Zach Haines is taking the reins as head coach for the first time this year. He served last year as an assistant with the Wildcats.

Haines, from Winston-Salem, holds the record for career goals in North Carolina 3A high school soccer with 149. His career at UNC was cut short due to injury in 2006, and after finishing school in the summer of 2008 he came to East.

Haines said he likes being in control of all facets of the team this year and expects his team to be better for it.

"I'm building a more competitive environment that guys can really come away from every practice and say that they have gotten better," Haines said. "They're enjoying soccer and really feel like they are part of everything."

James Mundia, in his second year as head coach of the Carrboro Jaguars, said he and Haines are good friends. Mundia got into

coaching soccer at the most basic level, coaching 5- and 6-year-olds when he was a teenager, and he's worked his way up through the coaching ranks quickly.

Each coach is expecting plenty of wins this season.

### Carrboro High

Mundia hates the term "rebuilding." He hates it even more when people use it to refer to his team.

"The term 'rebuilding year' is such a four-letter word," he said. "I will never, ever accept that we are going to take a year to rebuild. That doesn't make sense to me."

Mundia said that though the team lost a lot of good players, there are still a lot left, and he expects to have a chance to win every game.

The Jaguars have a 2-3 record so far, but Mundia points out he frontloaded their schedule with games against good local teams on purpose.

"We like to play local teams, because it's fun for the kids and it's a good environment. But the local teams are very good, so we have to deal with that," he said.

He said this week marks the turning point for his team, as preseason is over and conference play begins full force.

**Players to watch:** Sean Scott is the type of guy who doesn't need to lead with encouraging words; he lets his play on the field speak for him. Also, look for sophomore Sam Hickey to make a name for himself this year.

**Players they'll miss:** Robert Kenny scored 24 goals last year, so others will need to step up and find the net.

**Expectations:** Carrboro got to the state playoffs last year, and Mundia wants the same this year.



Sean Scott, one of the leading scorers on the Carrboro team, tries to break away from a Durham Academy defender Tuesday night.

PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

But this time, expect the Jaguars to win one.

### East Chapel Hill High

After a tough loss to the No. 3 team in the state, Green Hope, the Wildcats have improved every week, but are off to a 2-3 start.

Haines said that record might be deceiving because it was against some of the stiffest competition in the state.

"Obviously by the record, it doesn't sound outstanding. But [in] those three losses, we actually played very well and competed, and maybe deserved a better result than we got," he said. "The bottom line is that we competed, and we said we can compete with anyone."

Haines also said the team is more talent-oriented this year as opposed to last, when they relied on grinding games out. He's expecting more wins once conference play starts, and he thinks the

team can compete for a conference championship.

**Players to watch:** Blake Vickers on defense, Chris Jaques at forward and Cristo Briceno at forward. All are expected to step up as leaders this year.

**Players missing:** Antony Megaro was a leader both on and off the field.

**Expectations:** A conference title is in sight, but knocking off powerhouse Durham Jordan will be no easy task.

### Chapel Hill High

Benson said this year's team has started off a lot like last year's - slow. But just like last year, he expects the team to get stronger as the year progresses.

"I think this year we have a lot of potential, and we've been playing a lot of tough teams so far," he said. "I think our best soccer is ahead of us."

The Wildcats are still working on getting their formation set and determining who should play where; but once conference play gets into action, consistency will be key.

So far the team has a 3-4 record, and Benson said most of those losses have been due to the team's inability to finish off plays in the net. Shooting has been a high priority in practices, and the team is improving.

**Players to watch:** Chipper Root has already made a name for himself in the short season, and he'll need to continue to stay strong for Chapel Hill to compete. Also, Alex Steiner and Michael Brandewie will be key players.

**Expectations:** Chapel Hill will need to get better quickly to compete with Cardinal Gibbons, the toast of the Carolina 6 Conference.

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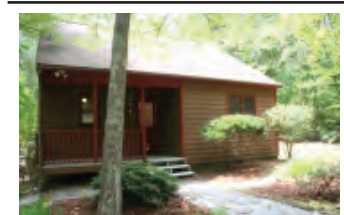
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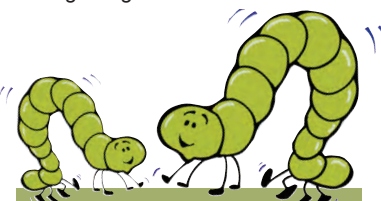
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Above: A single stem of fireworks goldenrod draws attention to its spectacular aerial burst of tiny flowers.



Left: Woolgrass bulrush is just one of many plants of sculptural proportions seeking attention at the N.C. Botanical Garden.

PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE

## FLORA FROM PAGE 1

You will be well-rewarded if you visit the garden several times this season to admire the sculptures and to note how the character of each one changes as the plant surroundings change with fall's progression. You'll find as much to admire in the sculptural qualities of the plants as in the engaging sculptures sited throughout.

If you visit the garden this Saturday morning, the official beginning

of the Sculpture in the Garden 2009: Celebrating Life Forces show, which runs through Nov. 15, you'll have a double experience. The Botanical Garden also is hosting its annual fall plant sale on Saturday morning. Bird, butterfly and pollinator lovers will find this a Mecca of native species for planting during this traditional Fall Is for Planting season.

Butterfly lovers will find five species of milkweed and several lesser-known climbing milkweeds that are essential food plants for butterfly

larva. There are more than 150 species of native perennials, trees, shrubs and ferns, and most of them provide the specific fruit, seed, nectar or leaves upon which our native insect pollinators and birds rely.

Two of my favorite plants continue to be cardinal flower, *Lobelia cardinalis*, and coral honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*, because they attract hummingbirds. I have the coral honeysuckle on a trellis at the edge of my deck and cardinal flowers in pots sitting in trays of water,

ensuring that hummingbirds fly in for close-up viewing, particularly now, as they are stocking up on nectar before their long early-fall migration.

Now is the perfect time to plant those special plants you will need for the bird and insect visitors you hope will return next year.

Don't miss this year's one-day biggest selection of native plants, and while doing it take your first of several nature art walks along the pathways to view the sculptural arts of humans and nature.

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