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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Brilliant red stems of common pokeweed can stop you in your tracks.

# ORA BY KEN MOORE

# My favorite plant, poke

was amused at Andy Borowitz's description of Labor Day week "pointless Filler columns." Tell-tale signs of columnists taking an out-of-town break, he describes, are rehashing older columns, using lengthy quotes and repeating themselves throughout the column.

I can't imagine that serious writers would actually stoop to those tactics.

As I anticipate doing a little salt-water fishing, really going east to take that closer look at coastal plants, I am taking the time to describe my favorite plant, pokeweed!

"My poke's bigger than your poke!"

That brag has passed between more than two energetic gardeners in this area. While most folks consider the common American pokeberry, or poke salad, Phytolacca americana, a weed, really sophisticated gardeners admire and grow this giant native perennial.

Poke is a striking plant for all seasons. It flowers and fruits into the late fall, and it's difficult for me describe my favorite aspect of the plant. It's probably the stem; no other image stops me in my tracks more than the stark beauty of poke's brilliant red stems in late summer and early fall!

The tiny pendulous flowers bloom throughout the growing season. A "closer look" reveals white petals surrounding emeraldgreen centers, contrasting with pink-to-burgundy-colored stems. I am always stopped in my stride, unbelieving such color schemes. Though I am known to sing the praises of any native plant presently in my view, no other wild plant evokes my exuberance more than the common poke!

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# Drought returns, but worries don't

UNC conservation efforts bolster confidence in local water supply

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

If you drive by the headquarters of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority you may see the sign in front, which as of Wednesday noted that reservoirs are at 77.3 percent of capacity.

OWASA's reservoirs at Cane Creek and University Lake have been steadily dropping since mid-August, as rainfall abated and the central Piedmont returned to drought conditions.

Officially, Orange County is in a widening belt of counties declared by the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council as being in a "moderate drought." But OWASA officials say that while they take any such hydrological information seriously, this year's drought comes with far less dread.

'We're in good shape," Ed Holland, OWASA's planning director, said in a recent interview. "We're well above any measure of risk."

In fact, he said, even though the area is in an official drought, he does not see the utility having to return to stricter conservation standards for at least the next year.

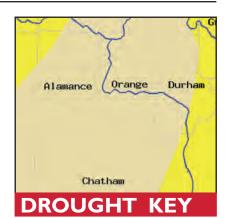
Holland attributes the positive outlook in part to year-round conservation efforts and the lasting effects of water-saving upgrades and changes in water-use habits by residential and business customers, as well as a new

tiered-rate system that makes water much more expensive past certain thresholds.

But the key reason the utility is more comfortable heading into this drought is an impressive drop in water use by the University of North Carolina.

"University consumption is down across the board," Holland said. UNC is using about the same amount of water it used 10 years ago, he said.

Ray DuBose, UNC's director of Energy Services, said even though he's been focused on the campus-wide efforts aimed at saving water, the numbers are still pretty jaw dropping, especially considering the school's rapid growth over the past decade.



**Yellow** = Abnormally Dry **Tan** = Moderate Drought **Source:** N.C. Drought

Management Advisory Council

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# **WCOM** ponders move

BY BETH MECHUM

Staff Writer

From the beginning, volunteerrun WCOM-103.5, located in the heart of Carrboro, put the concept of community first.

Its location on the corner of Weaver and North Greensboro streets fit that mantra perfectly.

Now WCOM is being forced to move, and the community it's become, and the one it's been serving, could have a different look.

Weaver Street Market owns the building in which the station is now located and has been housing the station rent free. Now the building, which was once a bank and still has drive-thru windows, is up for sale.

"For a year now, we've known this is in the works," Leo Reynolds, a mem-

ber of the station's steering committee, said. "We like being in Carrboro, but there aren't that many places in Carrboro for us, and rents are high."

Reynolds said because the station is volunteer-run and not-for-profit, they'd require an arrangement to lease space in downtown Carrboro at a below-market cost.

It's no surprise to the station's volunteers that in these tough economic times, not many building owners are clamoring to sign such a deal.

But one option has arisen - setting up shop at Carrboro High School.

Moving WCOM to CHS was discussed at the Aug. 13 Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education meeting and was met with mostly positive feedback from board members.

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PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Jose Manuel Martinez, a DJ for WCOM, speaks between songs during the Spanish-language show, "La Onda Sonidero." With him in the studio is Laura Wenzel, a friend who also works for the station as a programming host.

# Passing patience along with the cornbread

#### **RECENTLY...** BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Several times over the years, Mildred Council, aka "Mama Dip," has been the subject of a story I've written, but last week was the first time in over a dozen years that she could actually sit down and talk to me about it. Now that she's turned 80 (her birthday was April 11), she takes more time to sit in her restaurant, where people wanting to update her on their lives sometimes engulf her. The knowledge she gains helps her better understand the realities of people's lives in our community; and the reality is that many children living near Mama Dip's Kitchen are truly being left behind. The proof she finds lies in more than the school dropout rates; she also wonders where all the musicians have gone — the days of churning out such musicians as Billy Hargraves, Doug Clark and Kenny Mann are distant memories for her neighborhood. The talent still exists, she says, but few families have the money for lessons or the time and energy required for directing youngsters toward careers.

Away from the heat of the kitchen, Council continues the lifelong contributions she's made to her community; so when her children started talking about how to celebrate her birthday, she knew what she wanted.

"She said she didn't want a party," said her daughter Anita "Spring" Council. "She said she wanted an event



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Mildred Council

to raise money for the children."

Having raised nine children who have provided her 19 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren during the nearly 30 years she has owned her restaurant, where many of them have found employment at one time or another, Mama's wish became their desire. On Sunday (Sept. 20) from 5 to 7 p.m., a fundraiser benefiting the Mama Dip Share the Love Fund at

Triangle Community Foundation will be held at The Barn at Fearrington Village. The funds that are raised will go to established nonprofit programs in Orange, Durham and Chatham counties that provide services like tutoring, music lessons and camp tuition to children who need community outreach in order to find their way.

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# **Election '09 Pittsboro**

**BY TAYLOR SISK** 

Staff Writer

In a word: water. Among the candidates running for mayor of Pittsboro and the Town of Pittsboro Board of Commissioners, the most frequently mentioned issue facing the town is water clean drinking water and the capacity to treat waste water. In order to keep pace with growth and prosper, Pittsboro must continue to address these concerns.

Maintaining the overall smalltown quality of life Pittsboro today enjoys - keepin' it real in PBO - while advancing and encouraging economic development is another commonly held objec-

### THE CANDIDATES

# **MAYOR**

Randy Voller, 40, is running for a second term as mayor of Pittsboro, affirming he'd like to continue to build on the initiatives of his last four years in office. He's particularly proud of three of these.

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# Council members urge candidates to apply for vacancy

**BY KIRK ROSS** 

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — After discussing next steps in how to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Bill Strom, some members of the Chapel Hill Town Council said they hope that candidates in this fall's council elections also apply for the seat.

Council members Sally Greene and Jim Ward said that given rules that would not allow the council to appoint one of the losing candidates unless they were on the official list of applicants, they hope that all of those running for election take the time to apply.

"I think [the candidates] should go ahead and apply and not worry about people thinking you think

you're going to lose," Greene said. Ward said he encourages those

running to put in an application to "give yourself an additional chance The council opted to not set a

timetable for the review of applicants despite a proposal by Mayor Kevin Foy that would have applicants make their pitch before the council at its Nov. 16 meeting.

The council also discussed the idea of naming the fifth-place finisher in the Nov. 3 election to fill the vacancy.

Council member and mayoral candidate Matt Czajkowski stressed that he'd like to see the council commit to naming the fifth-place finisher from the election. Czajkowski said naming the fifth-place

finisher makes sense since that person would have just been through a campaign. Council member Laurin Easthom, who is running for reelection, agreed, saying that going through the process of running would give the fifth-place vote-getter solid insights into the thinking and concerns of voters.

"My goal is that the council chooses the most democratic process [for filling the vacancy]," she

Easthom said she would likely not put in an application. Since she has served on the council for four years, it would mean something different, she said, if voters chose not to re-elect her. Ed Harrison, who is also running for re-election, said he agreed with her sentiment.

Council member Mark Kleinschmidt, who is also running for mayor, said while he found the arguments for naming the fifth-place vote-getter "very persuasive," he did not think the council could require that outcome, especially if there is a decision to wait until after the first week in December, when the new council would be sworn in. Other than putting their preference for a fifth-place vote-getter on the record, Kleinschmidt said, the council would not be able to take any action to ensure it happens.

We can't bind each other to that decision," he said.

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### MUSIC CALENDAR

#### **THURSDAY SEPT 17**

**Blue Bayou:** Mel Melton and the Wicked Mojos.

Captain Johns Dockside: Chris Reynolds Swing 'N' Jazz. 6-8:30pm Cats Cradle: Margaret Cho, John

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

Roberts. 8pm. \$22/25

The City Tap: Daniel Sean, Steve Harvell, 7-9pm

General Store Cafe: Tony Gailani Band, 7-9pm

Local 506: Telefon Tel Aviv, The

Race. 9:30pm. \$8/10 Resevoir: Lollipop Factory, Where

the Buffalo Roamed, The White Cascade. 10pm

#### FRIDAY SEPT 18

The ArtsCenter: John Jorgenson Ouintet

Blue Bayou: Good Rockin' Sam. 9:30pm. \$6/8

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. 7-10pm

General Store Cafe: Great Big Gone. 8:30-IIpm

Harry's Market: Dimitri Resnick. 7-9pm

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

Nightlight: Spider Bags, Order. 10pm

#### **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 Alterna-

tives, Bull City The City Tap: Butter. 8-10pm General Store Cafe: Catbird

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

Seat. 8:30-IIpm

Nightlight: Le Weekend, Summertime Whiskey Band, Inspector 22. 10pm

Open Eye Cafe: Gray Bird. 8pm **Local 506:** Busdriver, Abstract Rude. 9:30pm \$10 Resevoir: Amish Jihad, Hot Graves.

**SUNDAY SEPT 20** 

Cats Cradle: Robert Sledge and

the Flashlight Assembly, Katherine

Whalen's Lucky, Downtown Sen-

Alternative, The Pegan Hellcats,

3:30pm. Free

and Feathers. \$5

Park. 9pm. \$10/12

8:30pm. \$15/17

ate, Stratocruiser, Jo Gore and The

Spoonful of Soul, Blue Marble Beat.

The Cave: Calico Haunts, Smoke

The City Tap: Jeremy Aggers,

Local 506: Datarock, Esser, Karin

Weaver Street Market: Dave

Cats Cradle: Ingrid Michaelson,

Youngman Quartet. Ham-Ipm

**MONDAY SEPT 21** 

ArtsCenter: Jolie Holland

Greg Holden, Johnny Marnell.

#### **TUESDAY SEPT 22**

Cats Cradle: Immortal Technique, Diabolic, Poison Pen, J Arch. 9pm.

La Residence: Vintage Blue Bluegrass Band

Local 506: Still Flyin, Air Waves, The Beets. 9pm. \$8/10

**WEDNESDAY SEPT 23** Blue Bayou: Eileen Evans Band.

Caffe Driade: Jonathan Wells and

Tyler Summers. 8pm

The Cave: LATE: Aminal, Low Red Land. \$5

Local 506: Asobi Seksu, Veronique Diabolique. 9pm. \$10

#### **THURSDAY SEPT 24 Blue Bayou:** Chalwa (\$6/8)

Cats Cradle: Mae, Locksley, Deas Vail, Flowers For Faye. 8pm. \$12/15

The Cave: EARLY: Curtis Peoples, Ernie Halter, Keaton Simon, Andrew Hoover, \$5 LATE: The Fuse Band

**DPAC:** Loggins and Messina.

General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck Trio. 8-10pm

Local 506: Islands, Chain and The Gang. 9pm. \$8/10

**Resevoir:** The Alcazar Hotel, Decoration Ghost, Instant Jones.

#### **FRIDAY SEPT 25**

8pm, \$12/14

Blue Bayou: Moreland and Arbuckle (\$10/12)

Caffe Driade: Cry Mathews. 8pm Cats Cradle: Needtobreathe,. Crowfield, Green River Ordinance.

The Cave: EARLY: Nikki meets The Hibachi. \$5. LATE: Rosewood Bluff.

The City Tap: Killer Filler. 7-10pm

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General Store Cafe: Vintage Blue. 8:30-11pm

Local 506: Mono, Maserati. 9pm.

Open Eye Cafe: Janet Robin. 8pm **SATURDAY SEPT 26** 

Blue Bayou: Armand and Bluesology, Will McFarlane. \$8/10

Caffe Driade: Road Home Band.

Cats Cradle: Minus 5, The Baseball Priect, The Steve Wynn IV. 9pm. \$12/15

The Cave: EARLY: Brit Price. \$5 LATE: Danny's Night

The City Tap: Mebanesville. 8pm **General Store Cafe:** Peewee moore and the Awful Dreadful Snakes, 8:30-11:30pm

Harry's Market: Gregory Blaine.

Herb Young Community Center: Riders in the Sky. 7:30pm \$18

Local 506: Black Skies, The Curtains of Night. 10pm. \$6

Open Eye Cafe: Quest for Shade.

#### Carrboro Music festival

More than 170 acts at 23 venues in downtown Carrboro are featured at this year's Carrboro Music Festival. The festival, now in its 12th year, starts Sunday at 1 p.m. A free biodiesel shuttle bus will run between the Carrboro Plaza Park & Ride lot and downtown from noon until 8 p.m.

For more information, check out our festival guide inside this week's Citizen.

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**W/JONNY BURKE\*\*(\$15/\$18)** TH 9/17 MARGARET CHO D OUTW/JOHN ROBERTS FR 9/18 WHO'S BAD?

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON W/BARBARELLA\*\*(\$15) SA 9/19 ARROGANCE 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

SU 9/20 CARRBORO MUSIC FEST FREE SHOW!

MO 9/21 INGRID **MICHAELSON** W/GREG HOLDEN AND JOHNNY MARNELL\*\*(\$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 OJECT 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 RELEASE PAR I WAS TOTALLY **DESTROYING IT WITH GUESTS LONNIE WALKER,** DES ARK, 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

**CHAMPION**\*\*(\$18/\$20) FR 10/16 OM W/SIX ORGANS OF ADMITTANCE AND LICHENS\*\* SA 10/17 POLVO\*\*(\$10)

W/HEAVYWEIGHT DUB

SU 10/18 BUILT TO SPILL W/DISCO DOOM\*\*(\$20/\$22) M0 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 MUMBLERS\*\*(\$12)

TH 10/29 JUNIOR BOYS\*\*(\$12)

FR 10/9 BLITZEN

FR 10/30 WHY? W/AU AND SERENGETI & POLYPHONIC\*\*(\$10) SA 10/31 TOUBAB KREWE W/FLOATING ACTION\*\*(\$14/\$16) M0 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\*\* \$A 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)

TH 11/12 LAST WALTZ **ENSEMBLE**\*\* **FR 11/13 MINUS** THE BEAR\*\*(\$18/\$20)

TRAPPER

SA 11/14 DAN AUERBACH W/JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD\*\*(\$15) **SU 11/15 LANGHORNE SLIM** W/DAWES \*\*(\$13/\$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\*\*

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NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)
WE 10/21 SEAWOLF W/PORT O'BRIEN, SARA LOV

M0 9/21 JOLIE HOLLAND TH 9/24 GREAT BIG GONE <u> 5PM - FR</u>

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)

MO 11/9 ALELA DIANE / MARISSA NADLER CAROLINA THEATRE (DUR)

FR 9/18 YO LA TENGO W/ENDLESS BOOGIE WE 10/7 DAVID CROSS

OVENS AUDITORIUM (CHAR) FR 10/9 ROB BELL

# **News Briefs**

#### Protest charge dismissed

On Sunday, Orange County District Court Judge Buckner dismissed the charge against UNC senior and Morehead-Cain scholar Haley Koch, who was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace at an educational institution last April during a protest against Youth for Civilization speaker Tom Tancredo. Buckner ruled that Koch's actions did not interfere with aca-

Six others, who are not UNC students, also were on trial Monday. Those outcomes included fines and dismissals, with one person being found not guilty.

#### Kille found guilty of misdemeanor forgery

Marilyn Kille was found guilty of misdemeanor commonlaw forgery for altering Town of Carrboro documents in a case relating to her two-year battle with the town over the use of an apartment on her Peppermint Spring farm.

Kille was sentenced to a 15-day suspended sentence, a year of unsupervised probation and a total of \$475 in fines and court

#### School board meeting Sept. 17

The next Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board of Education meeting will be held at Chapel Hill Town Hall on Sept. 17. Three primary issues will be discussed.

First is the home connection support program, which provides low-income students with district-owned loaner computers. Superintendent Neil Pedersen will spend a substantial amount of time providing board members with an evaluation of the 2008-09 district priorities, and the board subsequently will discuss plans for its development in the 2009-10 school year.

#### Thousands turn out for Lit Fest

An estimated 12,000 people attended the North Carolina Literary Festival last Thursday through Sunday at UNC.

The top-attended non-keynote event was the reading and interactive storytelling by children's author R.L. Stine, with approximately 450 kids and parents present.

Visitors donated approximately 600 children's books, which were given to the pediatric oncology clinic at UNC Hospitals.

The free public festival, funded by gifts and grants, is organized and sponsored every other year by the libraries of UNC, Duke and North Carolina State, with additional support from North Carolina Central University. For more information, visit NCLiteraryFestival.org

#### **Bradshaw Quarry Waste Center to stay open**

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted at their regular meeting held on Sept. 15 to keep the Bradshaw Quarry Solid Waste Convenience Center open. The center was scheduled to close its gates permanently at the end of business on Sunday, Sept. 20 in response to budgetary constraints, limits posed on program expansion at the site and because it was the least used of the five Solid Waste Convenience Centers located throughout the county. Many users of the site disagreed with the closure and presented their views to the BOCC at several public meetings.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 21, new hours for all centers will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# **Candidate forums scheduled**

Campaigns for municipal and school board elections are heating up with several forums and meet-the-candidates events scheduled over the next several weeks. Here's a breakdown:

• September 23 — Neighbors for Responsible Growth

NRG will sponsor a Chapel Hill Town Council Candidate's Forum from 7 to 9 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall. Questions will focus on neighborhood concerns and the shape of future growth in Chapel Hill.

• September 24 — Friends of the Downtown Forum

All 12 candidates for Chapel Hill mayor and council will discuss the issues and their short- and long-term goals for downtown. The forum is from 9 a.m. to noon in the University Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

school board 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 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

• October 5 — Chapel Hill candidate forum

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a candidates' forum for Chapel Hill mayor and town council from 7 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall. Candidates will be sent questions from the league and take questions from those in attendance.

• October 7 — Pittsboro municipal elections

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a candidates' forum for Town of Pittsboro municipal candidates from 7 to 9

• September 29 — PAGE p.m. at the Superior Courthouse in Pittsboro. Candidates will be sent questions from the league and will take questions from those in attendance.

• October 7 — Chapel Hill Election Forum

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, Em-POWERment Inc. and The Daily Tar Heel will co-host an election forum for Chapel Hill mayor and town council candidates beginning at 7 p.m. at the

Hargraves Community Center. • October 8 — Carrboro Election Forum

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, Em-POWERment Inc. and The Daily Tar Heel will co-host an election forum for Carrboro mayor and board of aldermen candidates beginning at 7 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

#### **Election information**

Important dates:

Oct. 2: Ballots available for absentee voting by mail

Oct. 9: Voter registration deadline

Oct. 15: One-stop (early) voting begins (citizens may also register during this period)

Oct. 27: Requests for by-mail absentee voting ends Oct. 31: Early voting ends at

Nov. 3: Election Day

To find out how to register: Orange County: Visit the Orange County Board of Elections office at 110 East King St., Hillsborough, call 245-2350, or online at co.orange.nc.us/elect/

Chatham County: 12 East St., Pittsboro, 542-8200, chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=406

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#### **WCOM**

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"I think it'd be great," board vice chair Mike Kelley said. "I think there is a great deal of potential in terms of community building and bringing an opportunity for students in clubs to have access to a broader audience for their ideas."

Other board members expressed similar sentiments, but questions were raised at the meeting about insurance, access and how programming would reflect on the school.

Assistant superintendent for support services Todd LoFrese is now in the process of working out a lease for WCOM-103.5 to

"There are a couple of other options," Reynolds said. "But I would have to say they are not fleshed out at all at this point; there are problems with both of them." Reynolds said he was not

comfortable revealing what those options were because no official offer had been made. Bob Burtman, a member of

the programming committee, said he doesn't agree with how

fast the Carrboro High idea is being pushed through.

"The station should pursue as many possibilities as we could identify, and when a decision has to be made, weigh all the options together and make the decision that makes the most sense for the station," Burtman said. "I'm not suggesting that it's a better or not as good option as other ones, I've just always felt that we needed to have as many [options] out there as we could.'

Burtman also expressed some concern with the philosophical issues of having a radio station at the school.

"I think that people differ on whether or not it's important to the station to be in town, as a sort of free-standing entity, as opposed to be being on the outskirts, on a high school campus, and whether that would change the essential nature of the station," Burtman said.

Chris Frank, former station manager and one of the originators of the station, sees it as a positive thing.

"I think for the long-term stability of the station, it could be a great relationship," Frank said. "The people that go to the school

# COUNCIL

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Prior to the discussion, the council heard from developer Carol Ann Zinn, who was representing the group Citizens for Responsible Government. Zinn urged the council to wait until after January, when a new council was seated and after the winter break, to name Strom's replacement. The council, she said, should be willing to wait until then in order to "recognize the wisdom of voting citizens."

Those interested in applying for the vacancy have until p.m. on Oct. 12. Under the town ordinance for filling a vacancy on the council, only those who have applied can be nominated for the seat.

Will Raymond, who is running for council, said this week that he would put in an application and he is encouraging the other candidates in the race to do the same. By doing so, Raymond said, the issue of Strom's replacement would become less of a distraction in the campaign.

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all live within the listening range of the station. I think it would help increase our listenership."

Another issue that has come up is one of free speech. Censorship is alive and well on high school campuses, but Frank said the agreement with the school system would need to address that before WCOM agreed to it.

"Free speech is one of the highest priorities for us; that's one thing we have to maintain," Frank said. 'We have to follow the rules that the FCC has and that's what we intend to do, and be autonomous besides that."

Carrboro High School could also benefit from a broadcast journalism class, teaching students both the editorial and technical aspects of journalism, but that remains to be worked out in the agreement the school system is now considering.

Then, after those kinks are worked out, the issue of money must be resolved. The move, wherever it may be to, won't be cheap, and WCOM will have to shoulder some of the costs. That money is expected to come from fundraising and donations, though those efforts won't go full force until the station knows how much, and for what, money will be needed.

Station committee members will review the lease from Carrboro High School and decide on what's best for them, but all are still open to other options.

"If there is anybody in the community who would like to help us out, this is a pretty crucial time for us," Reynolds said. "We've been on the air for five years now. We could look at this as our first phase of broadcasting, and it's time for us to grow up a bit and enter a new phase."

# **PITTSBORO**

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Last year, the town brought in \$2.6 million in federal stimulus money for upgrades to its waste-water treatment plant and \$260,000 in public-safety grants for additional police officers, training and equipment.

Voller, owner of Voller Realty & Construction, also is proud to have advocated for the express bus that began running last month between Pittsboro and Carrboro.

"The Pittsboro express bus service is going to be a springboard for the future," Voller said in an interview with The Citizen. He believes the bus service will open up job opportunities in Orange County to Chatham residents, and he is looking toward future service to other Triangle municipalities.

The third initiative he points to is the introduction of mixed beverages, which, Voller said, "will have a significant impact on revenues for our citizens."

Voller believes it is imperative the town cooperate with the county and neighboring municipalities in meeting growing drinking-water demands.

Voller is reaching out to voters by canvassing and at local events.

William Crawford declined to respond to several messages left by The Citizen, but according to his website he's a restaurant manager in Sanford who "will work to keep your government as transparent for you as I can."

He believes in expanding the tax base through managed growth and wants to continue work being done to manage water and sewer capabilities. He says he "will not support any tax increases of any kind" and that any new revenues, "such as liquor by the drink, should be used for current obligations and needs rather than to fund an experimental bus line."

# **COMMISSIONERS**

Andrew Allden, 45, is a former college track coach and now a meet director and alumnirelations coordinator for UNC's track-and-field program. Allden said his experience on

the town and county recreation boards gave him exposure to what's going on in Pittsboro, and, he said, "I'd like to be involved in what it can become."

The biggest challenges he sees ahead are meeting growing water and sewer demands and economic development - most particularly, downtown redevelopment to bring in more jobs.

Allden said he and his family were attracted by Pittsboro's smalltown feel, and he'd like to see that retained. He wants to expand park space and improve walkability. "There's great potential for a greenway system," he added.

Allden get his message out by going door-to-door throughout the community and attending candidate forums.

Pamela Baldwin, 51, a financial adviser with UNC's School of Dentistry, is running for a second term on the board of commissioners. She sees cleaning up Pittsboro's drinking water as the biggest issue facing town government. According to the town's annual water-quality report, Pittsboro has failed to meet coliform bacteria monitoring requirements for its water and therefore can't be

certain of its quality. "We have to resolve this issue as quickly as possible," she said

Baldwin points to the need to improve waste-water treatment capabilities to meet growth.

"It all ties into water," she said. Baldwin wants to see the town continue to grow in a well-managed fashion and said everyone in the community should be involved in that discussion.

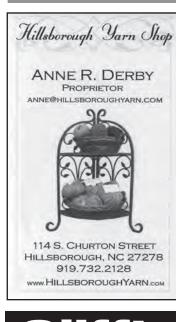
In order to gather public input, she'll canvass and participate in the League of Women Voters candidate forum on Oct. 7, the only candidate forum yet scheduled.

Michael Fiocco, 46, is a civil-engineering and landplanning consultant who wants to see the community "undertake smart sustainable growth; growth that provides local opportunities for work, living, shopping and play."

Fiocco would like to help guide a community that recognizes the "synergy of the built environment with open spaces," that protects natural resources and that "embraces infill development and the preservation, rejuvenation and enhancement of existing opportunities."

Fiocco said improvement and expansion of waste-water treatment capabilities is critical to the town's growth and called the recent stimulus grant "a significant step in the right direction."

He plans to canvass door-todoor, send out a mailer and participate in the League of Women Voter's forum in October.





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# Community

# **Community Briefs**

#### **New sculpture on Town Commons**

Tamera Mulanix has designed and created a major work of metal art that she installed this summer on the Town Commons outside Carrboro's Town Hall. The piece—which shines in different colors depending on the viewing angle replaced a similar, but smaller piece that vandals had ripped down from the same site in early 2009.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, local businesses teamed with local artists for the 5,000 Flowers Project, which featured art exhibits throughout Carrboro and Chapel Hill as commemorative reminders. Mulanix, of Pittsboro, built a nine-pointed Mandala entirely out of steel for this project. It was vandalized to the point of destruction in 2009, and Mulanix offered to build a bigger, sturdier piece that's now on display.

#### **Band to perform and volunteer**

MAE will be performing at Cat's Cradle on Sept. 24 as part of a social movement called "12 Songs, 12 Months, 1 Goal: Make a Difference." MAE is releasing three separate collections of music and partnering with charitable and humanitarian organizations as part of this movement.

MAE has aligned with Donors Choose to help teachers across the country get the supplies they are lacking for their classrooms. Before each show on this fall tour, MAE will also donate their time by volunteering at local community events, joined by their local fans, known as the "Maeteamers."

After each show, MAE will perform an acoustic set for donations, all of which will go directly to the local chapter of Donors Choose. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the show. Visit whatismae.com for more information

#### Immigration Series at United Church

United Church of Chapel Hill is hosting an immigration series called "Building the Beloved Community: Sacred Conversations on Race" on Wednesdays this fall. The church will use the N.C. Council of Churches study guide, <i>For You Were Once a Stranger: Immigration in the U.S. through the Lens of Faith<i> and will have speakers to facilitate the discussions. The next discussion will be Sept. 23. Hannah Gill, assistant director of the Institute of the Study of the Americas will be there to discuss "What is the immigrant experience in North Carolina?" Other dates include Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. For more information, call 942-3540.

#### Khâhari Belly Dance Collaborative

The Khâhari Belly Dance Collaborative will be performing Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Carrboro Branch Library in McDougle Middle School. The group is based in Chapel Hill and promotes sisterhood through dancing. Andalee and Seher will be both performing and teaching. Admission is free. For more information, visit khahari.com or call Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department at 918-7364.

### United Way kicks off fall season

Ice cream lovers and United Way supporters descended upon Maple View Farm in Orange County for a delectable treat on Sept. 15 in support of the United Way. It was the first in a series of eight events during the two weeks of the United Way of the Greater Triangle's (UWGT) season kickoff. Remaining events in the Orange County area include the UWGT's Women's Leadership Council awards luncheon and dessert auction and Fridays on the Front Porch at the Carolina Inn, both on Sept. 18. Details about all events can be found at unitedwaytriangle.org

# **Community Calendar**

THURSDAY, SEPT 17 Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players Meeting — The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet at the Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill at 7 p.m. Beginners and experts welcome. For more info: ShirleyRay@ aol.com or 929-5359.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT 18

Humanistic Jewish Rosh Ha**shanah Celebration** — Rabbi Miriam Jerris of the Society for Humanistic Judaism speaks at Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ERUUF) Sanctuary. 7-9:30pm.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPT 19** 8th Annual Woof-A-Palooza

Dog Walk — Chatham Animal Rescue and Education, Inc. (C.A.R.E.) hosts an one-mile dog walk fundraiser to benefit animals in foster care. All are welcome. Central Carolina Community College, 764 West St., 10am - 2pm.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT 20 Environmental Heroes**

Screenings — There will be screening of Environmental Heroes, produced by the UNC School of Journalism and featuring Chatham county resident Dean Brooks of Goldston at the Carolina Brewery in Pitssboro. Brooks' daughter Amy will share his story after the

**Chapel Hill Candidates Meet** and Greet — Meet and greet candidates for 2009 Chapel Hill municipal elections at The Franklin Hotel Roberts Bar. Organized by Citizens For Responsible Government. 4-6pm.

Witness For Peace — CHICLE presents Witness for Peace 2009: Trip to Mexico and The Roots of Migration. 5-6:30pm. www.chi-cle.com.

#### **MONDAY, SEPT 21**

Dr. Amy Lanou talks Building Bone Vitality — Dr. Lanou,

assistant professor of health and wellness at UNC-Asheville, talks from her new book, Building Bone Vitality: A Revolutionary Diet Plan to Prevent Bone Loss and Reverse Osteoporosis--Without Dairy Foods, Calcium, Estrogen, or Drugs. 3:30pm, Bull's Head Bookshop.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23 NRG Chapel Hill Candidate's

Forum — Neighbors for Responsible Growth (NRG) sponsors Chapel Hill Town Council Candidate's Forum 7 – 9 pm at Town Hall. Questions will focus on neighborfuture growth in Chapel Hill.

#### ree Prostate Cancer Screenings — The Urology Clinic at UNC Hospitals offers free prostate cancer screenings to all men over 40 or with

a family history of prostate cancer. No appointment necessary. Sept. 23-24, 1-7pm. Visit www.med.unc.edu/urology, or call 966-1315 for more info.

#### **Ongoing**



**Cancer Support** — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. 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

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

Family to Family — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support their family member suffering with a mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. One class will begin Tuesday, Sept. I, 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.

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

Garden Walk — Discussions on fall planting, garden maintenance, design, and gardening for wildlife with bird and butterfly plants. Saturdays at 10am at Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Rd, Chapel Hill NC. Call for directions, 967-0078. nichega

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

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

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

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

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

#### Kids

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

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

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

**Volunteers RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program** 

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

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

#### **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



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# RECENTLY

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Council became a community organizer long before such a term existed, serving on numerous boards, teaching cooking classes at Chapel Hill High School and providing jobs for untold numbers of youth needing more than a paycheck. Working at Dips, they've learned skills and gained a grasp of their own capabilities.

"The mind is being paralyzed," Mildred Council said. "I see it when they come in here and ask for an application." She said that some don't even want to fill it out because their reading and writing skills are so lacking. "I have the patience. I

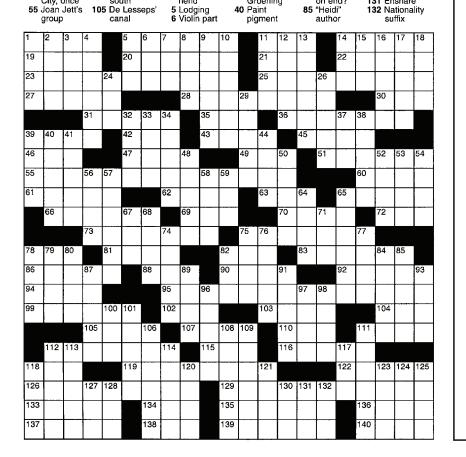
want to teach them. I get them in here and they serve some and expedite some and then they cut the cake," taking baby steps to greater responsibility.

She'd like to teach some parents a few things as well — like that the backseat of a car is not meant as a family table. In addition to providing healthier food than most take-out, "there needs to be conversation at a meal and having fun," Mildred Council said.

That will be part of the occasion on Sunday. So share a meal, hear live music and enjoy special guests celebrating Mama Dip's heritage. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at Mama Dip's Kitchen or trianglect.org sharethelove

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# PETS OF THE WEEK

#### **PAWS4EVER** Meet

Paula! Paula is a 1-yr-old female husky mix, and is named after Paula Abdul because she likes to dance and play every chance she can get. Her best friend is Swizzle, a little beagle; it is hysterical to watch them play. She is great with most of the dogs here at the adoption center. She is very curious about cats, and wants to play with them. She is a young lady and has some energy, but nothing a fenced in yard or walks couldn't take care of. She would be great in the life-skills class that



is offered when you adopt, and some of the voulunteers think she may be a future agility star! She has her looks going for her, she is very stunning, and her personality tops it off. She loves to dance around with her human friends as well as her canine compadres. When the day is close to an end, you are bound to find someone in her kennel with her geting some snuggle time. If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind lady, look no further, Paula's your girl. Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

#### **ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet** Marlow! This handsome

orange tabby kitty is around a year old and is super sweet! He's a curious fellow, but patient and investigative as well. He enjoys cuddling, but is also content entertaining himself. He would likely be a good match for someone who wants an affectionate cat but doesn't necessarily want one who is always at your feet. Visit him at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see him online at co.orange.nc.us/ animalservices/adoption



# BIZ BEAT

# Carrboro's identity crisis?



#### **MARGOT C. LESTER**

Sigh. Always a bridesmaid, never a bride. Another big-time article has lumped Carrboro in with other (admittedly great) local food cities. This month's Garden & Gunmagazine features a swell article on Chapel Hill. What's better, albeit rather frustrating, is that much of what the writer asserts makes Chapel Hill great is actually in Carrboro. The main graphic illustrating the article is the back porch at Johnny's. And of the "twenty-four reasons this town has earned its reputation as 'the Southern part of heaven," five (Carrburritos, Neal's Deli, The Station, Carrboro Farmers' Market and Cat's Cradle) are in Carrboro.

If you subscribe to the "any PR is good PR" school of thought, then you're thrilled that

magazines like Forbes and Bon to 64-year-old age group. Appétit reference our little town at all. So, like any good Southern belle, who learned early to be gracious when someone paid me a compliment, I extend thanks to the writers who mention us in their articles

But it sticks in my craw that

we don't get our own dang stories. Judging by what others are saying, we've got plenty of our own good stuff right here. The days are gone when we're merely an extension of our larger neighbor to the east. We've grown beyond our humble beginnings as "West of" (as in, West of Chapel Hill) to develop a reputation for great food and choice ingredients. Should we want to have our own place in the spotlight - and if Walk Carrboro is any indication, we do - then here's something for the folks at Town Hall to chew on: better foodie branding.

#### **Seasoned** entrepreneurs

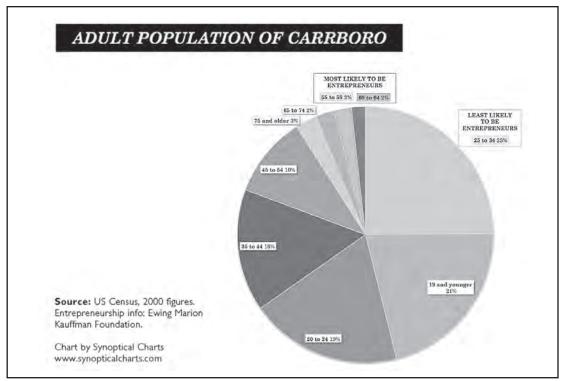
Thanks to the Tech Boom, the mental picture most folks have of entrepreneurs is a freshfaced youngster full of boundless energy who is ready to change the world with a few lines of code. But new research from the Kauffman Foundation shows that the highest rate of entrepreneurial activity occurs in the 55-

"I'm not surprised to hear that," asserts Rollie Tillman, former director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at UNC. "A lot of people are taking early retirement – some even un-asked - and their income stream flows from social security, severance and retirement plans, so they can afford to start a business. Back in the wild days of dot-coms, people just had recess money from mom."

But more than available capital, entrepreneurs of a "certain vintage," as my mother would say, have experience, a track record to attract investors.

"Age, income, experience and a lot of life left in them - they don't want to be put out to pasture," Tillman adds. "These folks are realistic about the fact that starting a venture takes a lot of work."

Everyone from President Obama to Carrboro Economic Development Director James Harris points to entrepreneurs as the little engine that could turn the employment situation around. According to the Small Business Administration, entrepreneurial ventures employ more than half of all private-sector employees. In the last 10 years, these businesses have generated 60 percent to 80 percent of net new jobs annually.



"There's a lot to be said for a maturing entrepreneurial culture," Tillman says. "They'll be creating jobs for young people to start the career ladder in. But these older entrepreneurs don't want to work that hard forever. They'll ensure the transfer of experience to a new generation to take over and run the companies. That creates a continuing flow of entrepreneurs, and that's great for the economy."

#### **Sustainable** Walmart?

Ever wonder if Walmart's claims of sustainability are genuine? Then you'll want to check out "Leadership, Innovation, and Consumers of the Future," a pre-

sentation by Matt Kistler, senior vice president of sustainability at Walmart Stores, Inc. The event, sponsored by The Center for Sustainable Enterprise at the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, will be held on Friday, Sept. 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Koury Auditorium. Kistler and adjunct professor Kellie McElhaney will discuss the future of sustainability, trends and consumer behavior, and the roles that executives play in their companies. RSVP to cse@unc.edu.

#### Career notes

Ashley Atkins was named account manager at OENOPHIL-IA. The Hillsborough company sells barware and wine accessories like glassware, wine racks and corkscrews to wineries, restaurants, wine shops and other retailers. She is responsible for a territory that extends from Delaware to Florida, and Mississippi. The wholesale company has been in business since 1983.

Chapel Hill investment firm PRI Investments, Inc. hired Kent Fisher as vice president. PRI is a fee-only registered investment advisor with approximately \$160 million in assets under management as of June 30. He will act as a relationship manager for a select group of clients. Prior to joining the firm, Fisher was a principal at Smith Breeden Associates responsible for new business development and client relationships.

# **Biz Briefs**

# **Chatham economic development**

The Chatham County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is hosting a joint meeting of the board of commissioners; the town boards of Goldston, Pittsboro and Siler City; and the board of education to discuss implementation of the strategic economic development plan.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Village at Chatham Mills at 480 Hillsboro Street in Pittsboro.

This working session, open to the public, will be the third joint meeting of the EDC with local elected boards. The joint meetings provide an opportunity for board members to weigh in on what's happening in Chatham County and for staff to address related questions.

For more information, contact Dianne Reid, president of the Chatham County Economic Development Corporation, at 542-8275.

# **Orange County development briefing**

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Greater Chapel Hill Association of Realtors and the Home Builders Association of Orange, Durham and Chatham counties, will present the third annual Orange County development briefing from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Friday Center.

Mark Zimmerman, president of Re/Max Winning Edge; Jack Graham, executive vice president of Grubb and Ellis, Thomas Linderman Graham; Dwight Bassett, Chapel Hill economic development officer; Brad Broadwell, Orange County economic development director; Margaret Hauth, Hillsborough planning director; and Jim Norton, Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership executive director are confirmed to speak at the event. The speakers will present the latest trends in the regional and local markets, new local economic-development initiatives and the status of approved projects in Orange County and its municipalities.

Registration is required, and it's \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Whitney Woodyard at 357-9980 or wwoodyard@carolinachamber.org

# **Orange County Business Expo**

The Orange County Economic Development Commission will partner with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce to present the sixth annual Orange County Business Expo at the Sheraton Chapel Hill from 1 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5.

The Sheraton, located at One Europa Drive in Chapel Hill, will sponsor an "Expo Connection" from 5 to 7 p.m., with beverages and hor d'oeuvres. Sponsors to date includes FM Talk 101.1 WZTK, Sheraton Chapel Hill and Durham Technical Community College.

For more information, visit orangebusinessexpocom or contact Yvonne Scarlett at the Orange County Economic Development at 245-2325 or yscarlett@co.orange.nc.us

### Southeastern Camera expanding

Southeastern Camera has moved to a new space in The Walkway building. The Walkway is located at 205 West Main St. in Carrboro next to Chapel Hill Tire.

Southeastern Camera opened in 1994 on Rosemary Street and relocated to The Walkway in the spring of 1997. When its former neighbor, Thimble Pleasures, relocated to Chapel Hill last month, Southeastern moved to the bigger space.

For more information, visit secamera.com

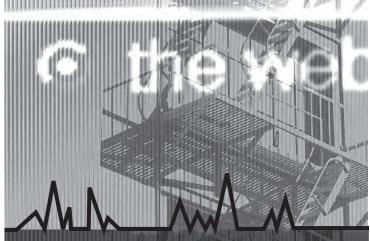
# **Grants for start-ups**

Good news for start-ups! The NC IDEA Grants Program has opened its fall funding cycle. NC IDEA awards four to six grants up to \$50,000 to N.C.-based start-up companies, particularly those that have yet to receive equity funding. Start-ups in IT, medical devices/diagnostics, material sciences or green technologies are invited to submit an online preproposal application by Friday, Sept. 18 at ncidea.org. Entrepreneurs who have not formed a company may apply, but company incorporation will be required prior to the awarding of grant funding.

# Leadership registration

Build your leadership capacity by enrolling in Leadership Chapel Hill-Carrboro, now in its 25th year. It's a 10-week program designed to develop a continual pool of leadership talent. Twenty-five participants will learn about the social, cultural, political and economic facets of our community from local leaders. They'll also participate in teambuilding exercises and skills curriculum taught by local experts. An opening reception will be held on Monday, Sept. 28. Weekly classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Meg Branson at 357-9977 or mbranson@carolinachamber.org. Register online and check out the schedule and list of invited guests at carolinachamber.org/leadership





Biz Blog . . . Hankering for a local angle on breaking business news? **The Citizen** has started the Orange County Housing & Economy blog (carrborocitizen.com/housing) to sate your jones. In addition to late-breaking news, the blog also features personnel and business announcements. Got something you'd like us to post? For consideration send it to:

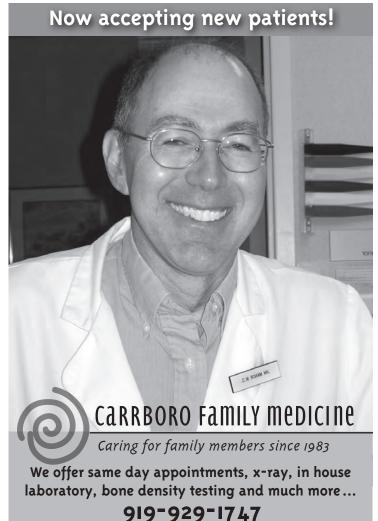
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#### FOR THE RECORD

#### **Meet the candidates**

Fall election season is upon us and this year it looks like there will be many more opportunities for voters to see the candidates in action. On page 3 of this week's paper, we've included a schedule of election forums. We're also keeping up with them on our elections website at carrborocitizen.com/politics

In the past few election cycles, the number of opportunities to see and hear the candidates has dwindled. To see them on the rise again is both a good sign for voters and an indication of the importance of this year's decisions. The best way to choose wisely is to get informed and the best way to do that is in person.

#### Read. Write. Think. Speak.

The above words are the unofficial motto of this newspaper. To us, it is more than an encouragement to learn and offer considered views. It is an appeal for more individuals to engage in the debate and discussion of this community's future, past and present.

While in most of the country there is, as the president recently said, a coarsening of public dialogue, we are blessed that, so far, in this summer of discontent and the nascent election season, we've seen in our community an overwhelming tendency toward reasonableness. There have been eruptions, occasional outbursts and even anger, but little of it has felt particularly threatening or oddly paranoid. Over the years, this community has seen protest in many forms for many causes. Our tolerance runs a bit higher as a result, and maybe not so strangely, we tend to talk it out rather than shout it out.

The tenor of our times is most likely driven by uncertainty — both in the economy and our politics. Change, which as the song says, is gonna come someday, is difficult to map.

Just ahead of us are dozens of decisions that will alter the makeup of the boards and bodies of local government. And it's not just the elected bodies that are changing — turnover on appointed boards and commissions and in our nonprofit community is also way up. In many, many places, there's a sense that there is a changing of the guard.

For those who will step into the new roles, there is a heavy responsibility to listen and learn as well as to act. And for the rest of us, this is a critical time to stay engaged, observe and offer guidance, as well as to hold the newly accountable to their words.

This newspaper and others and our local radio and television operations are always vehicles for public discourse. For us, providing opportunities for engagement and dialogue was a key reason for launching The Citizen. As we have said since our founding, this is your newspaper and your invitation to get involved in the discussion. It's pretty simple, really, and the complete rules are below. But basically it goes like this: Read. Write. Think. Speak.

# CORRECTION

In our recent annual dining guide, we had the name of the Ethiopian restaurant in Timberlyne wrong. It is Queen of Sheba's. We suggest you try the wat.

# ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

The Carrboro Citizen welcomes letters of endorsement for candidates in the 2009 municipal and school board elections.

We ask that you keep letters in support of individual candidates to 325 words and multiple candidates to 375 words.

As with our general letters policy all letters must be accompanied by the author's name, address and contact information. We will publish one letter per author per month. Typed letters are preferred and email even more so. Lengthy letters written in longhand will become mysteriously lost.

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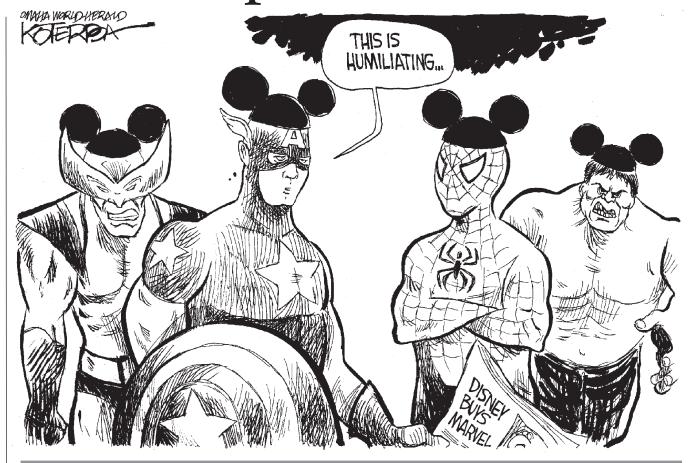
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# A time for grace, kindness and resilience

#### VICKY DICKSON

I'm still basking in the afterglow of the N.C. Literary Festival. What an opportunity it was, to be in the same room with a celebrity like John Grisham, listen to literary lions Allan Gurganus and Elizabeth Spencer, learn about the blues from Bill Ferris and Cuba from Lars Schoultz, and be introduced to up-and-coming prodigies like Wells Tower. With apologies

to Tar Heel fans, I'll take a literary festival over a Final Four tournament every time.

I'm also still reflecting on Anna Deavere Smith's tour de force, "Finding Grace and Kindness in a Winner-Take-All Society" and Elizabeth Edwards' candid interview about her book *Resilience: Reflections on the Burdens and Gifts of Facing Life's Adversities.* Though varied in content, the two events were similar in that they were both in-

tended to be more than entertainment. Smith employed her amazing acting skills to evoke the Rev. Peter Gomes, Ann Richards and a girl who lost her family to the 1993 Rwandan genocide, in an effort to inspire the cultivation of grace and kindness in her audience. Edwards wrote her book, and spoke about it, as a way of helping others develop the kind of resilience that has gotten her through her life's many trials.

I'm further reflecting on the opportunity to follow Smith's and Edwards' inspiration in responding to another event that took place over the weekend, the Tea Party Protest march on Washington. Though it's tempting to dismiss this kind of protest as rightwing craziness, if those of us who care passionately about health care reform don't speak up, we run the risk of letting the nay-sayers dominate the news. If we don't point out the inconsistencies in this group's lack of concern over the deficits caused by the Bush tax cuts and war in Iraq, and their apparent

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wish to save only the Terry Shiavos and those unborn babies fortunate enough to have excellent health insurance, we let them frame the debate- and potentially sway the millions of Americans who haven't made up their minds about health reform.

We need to share our stories of watching a close friend suffer the death of her uninsured 60-year-old sister two months after a lung cancer diagnosis. Or a long-term employee being quoted an individual rate of \$3,200 a *month* from Blue Cross. Of waiting

12 hours for an elderly, demented parent to get treatment in an emergency room, and of making the decision to sign that parent out against medical advice when he faced the prospect of spending all night on a gurney in the corridor. When the commentators insist that emergency rooms ensure that no American is *really* without access to health care, we need to point out how much that sounds like "Let them eat cake."

I believe many Americans are undecided about health care reform because they don't appreciate the extent of the unnecessary pain and suffering caused by our current system. I also believe they are compassionate enough to be revolted by the 18,000 American deaths that are estimated to be caused every year by a lack of health insurance.

Health reform will not be either or inexpensive. Achieving it will surely require grace, kindness and, most of all, resilience on the part of Americans who realize the crucial role it will play in our nation's future. Elizabeth Edwards and Anna Deavere Smith came to the N.C. Literary Festival to inspire those qualities in us. It's up to us to take up the torch.

Vicky Dickson's writings on literature and local authors appear each month in MILL — The Carrboro Citizen's monthly arts magazine.

# Make the insurance companies do the right thing on health care reform

# JULIAN SERENO

A friend and fellow small-business owner has just hired a lawyer to sue her health insurance company. She said they invented a pre-existing condition so they could avoid paying for doctor bills that resulted from a recent auto accident. They want to refund the premiums and leave her holding the bill.

I expect she will prevail in making the insurance company pay up, and if she is lucky she will get the insurance company to cover her legal bills, too. Which means that, at best, she will have broken even financially.

even financially.

For the insurance company, the worst thing that could happen is they will have to do what they promised to do in the first place. They may pay a little extra, but they will face no fine. If health insurance companies choose not to, there is no way to make them do the right thing other than by suing them. The company will stretch out the in-house appeals process, string you along and then hang you out to

What it means is that small businesses are in the most difficult position in today's health care system. Health insurance is expensive, hard to get and companies will drop you in a heartbeat. Nobody has your back.

Health insurance companies' primary mission is not to help heal the sick but to make money for shareholders and pay huge salaries and bonuses to executives. They accomplish this by trying to maximize revenue inflow and minimize outflow. Take in as many premiums and pay out as few claims as you can. They make more money by letting the sick die.

The right-wing defenders of the status quo and their Republican acolytes have resorted to lying and dissembling to thwart health care reform, the same technique they used to sell the war in Iraq. Then it was Saddam's imaginary weapons of mass destruction and make-believe meetings between Saddam's intelligence agents and 9/11 planners. Now it is lies about death panels persuading senior citizens to have themselves euthanized, from former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, no less.

But the key to it all is making the health insurance companies do the right thing. And when they don't, they need to be kicked to the curb.

That is a good starting point.

Angry protesters at town hall meetings demand that the government keep its hands off Medicare, oblivious to the fact that not only is Medicare a government program, but the Republicans fought tooth and nail 45 years ago to try to stop its passage.

Medicare passage.

Medicare passed, of course, because then-President Lyndon Johnson was a master politician and rammed it down the Republican's throats. Obama and the Democrats will probably need to do that, too. In order to be successful, they are going to have to simplify health care reform from a thousand pages down to one or two: All consideration of preconditions is outlawed, coverage can't be cut and rates can't be raised due to illness, there can be

no caps on lifetime benefits and mental illness needs to be covered the same way as any other illness. That simple.

They also are going to have to get it right. When the Democratic Congress did nothing about health reform in the early Clinton years, in 1994 they were swept from power for the next 12 years. If they pass health care reform and it doesn't work, they will be swept from power as the Republicans were in 2006 over the bungling of the Iraq War and in 2008 over the Great Recession.

Ironically, opponents of the Obama

plan have some excellent points to make about health care reform, though they are hard to hear above all the lies and shouting. One is that malpractice tort reform also is needed. Doctors need to stop having to order batteries of expensive tests to protect themselves against lawsuits and patients who have suffered because of incompetent care need to be compensated with money pooled for this

purpose rather than the lottery of a malpractice suit. The other is that businesses should no longer be responsible for health insurance coverage of their employees. This would contribute greatly to business profitability and liberate employees who may stay at a hated job for the health insurance benefits.

Without these two things, medical costs will continue to skyrocket, health insurance reform notwithstanding.

But the key to it all is making the health insurance companies do the right thing. And when they don't, they need to be kicked to the curb. That is a good starting point.

Julian Sereno is editor and publisher of Chatham County Line.

### LETTERS

#### Lanes unnecessary

Bike lanes on busy thoroughfares are an important safety measure and should be installed wherever possible. However, when installed on quiet side streets with very light traffic, they call to mind Sarah Palin's "bridge to nowhere." The bike lanes installed on both sides of Berryhill Drive, a quiet residential side street with very light traffic, is a case in point.

Because the bike lanes prohibit parking "anytime," they deprive local residents of needed street parking. Inviting guests to one's home involves a complicated explanation about where to park because of the bike lanes, which nobody ever uses. If a guest is elderly and can walk only a short distance, the problem may be insurmountable. Holding a house party, say, to drum up support for Obama's health care reform initiative, is impossible.

To complicate matters, the "No Parking" signage in the south side of Berryhill Drive is confusing. It is invisible because it is located beyond a bend in the street, on a stretch of road where there are no street lamps, and it faces the opposite direction. Did any town official take the trouble to look at this?

In France, they have a saying:
Bureaucrats are there to torture you. So get used to it, and you'll be all right.

But the main point about this is that these bike lanes are never used, are entirely unnecessary and they adversely affect the quality of life of local residents on a daily basis.

In France, they have a saying: Bureaucrats are there to torture you. So get used to it, and you'll be all right. But this is America, even though we are the Paris of the Piedmont. Hope springs eternal that bureaucrats are enlightened enough to respond to input from their citizens, and even humble enough to admit their mistakes and correct them. But if the powers that be in the Town of Carrboro remain convinced that the bike lanes on Berryhill Drive are a vital public benefit that outweighs the harm they do to the neighborhood, I have a bridge I would like to sell them.

FRANK STALLONE *Carrboro* 

# Shelton remembered

We lost an important and influential member of our community when Karen Shelton died recently. Karen, a painter, conceived of and spearheaded the creation of the 2ndFriday Artwalk, which has become a favored institution here in Carrboro and in Chapel Hill – and for that alone, we are all indebted to her. For years, Karen also owned and ran the Sizl Gallery. There, she created a popular venue for local artists to show and sell their work, sometimes even attracting national media attention.

Helen and I had the privilege of meeting Karen a few years back and will always remember her for her talent, her passion and her commitment to all of us. We will miss her emails with news of her latest paintings and will certainly miss knowing that she is out and about, advocating for art and for our community.

JESSE KALISHER President, Carrboro Merchants' Association Owner, Jesse Kalisher Gallery

# **ELECTION LETTERS**

# A champion for all students

As the former chair of the Special Needs Advisory Council (SNAC) and the mother of three children in the CHCCS district, one with special needs, I am thrilled that such a quality candidate as Michelle (Shell) Brownstein is running for our school board.

During the last few years, I have had both the privilege and pleasure of working side by side with Shell on many district projects. During that time, she has displayed incredible leadership skills, a hard-work ethic second to none and compassion for all children, both mainstream and special needs throughout the district. Her integrity is beyond reproach.

Shell Brownstein has advocated for our most "fragile learners," the "gifted population," typical and 2e, and, most importantly, for all the students in between. Shell has a unique ability to sift through the lines and labels that often separate one type of learner from another. As a result, she has helped parents and educators (invited speaker to DPI) across the state recognize that there are chil-

dren with "special needs" across the spectrum.

Through seven years of supporting her four children in CHCCS's district, Shell has found a passion for working in the education arena. In fact, not only has she worked in the classroom and

at the district level, but also at the state level. How great is that! It is this depth of experience that makes her such a desirable candidate.

If you want to help to improve our school system, get out and vote for Michelle Brownstein! She will be an asset to our district!

ADELA VAN NAME *Carrboro* 

# For Brownstein

For Brownstein I am a student at UNC, having graduated from East two years ago. I have had the pleasure to look at the ideas that Dr. Brownstein brings to the table in her bid for school board, and I believe that what I see is what Chapel Hill/Carrboro needs. We need school board members who care about all students - not just a select few; and, if students need extra help/resources, I believe she is the lady who could see this was addressed. We need school board members who care about their teachers, their students, the parents of these students and the community. Dr. Brownstein has shown these qualities. We need people who are informed about what the needs of the community really are and go that extra mile to know what they are saying and can back it up with information. She is a go-getter and arms herself with heavily done research. We need board members who look for ways to trim the budget without trimming the educational needs of the students. I believe that Chapel Hill/Carrboro could benefit from having someone like Dr. Brownstein on the board because without proper educations, our community will pay

the price. Ignorance is costly and, Dr. Brownstein thrives to see that ALL students are top priority and, that ALL teachers are valued, not just some.

DEVIN GIDDENS

Chapel Hill

#### Voyce responds

Quite contrary indeed, if your concern for public health is founded on pocketing meager financial savings from not getting your livestock immunized against disease.

I read with interest Ms. Prince's column ("Wrong on goats," Sept. 3) about how her goats don't require immunization (and she shouldn't pay a cat- or dog-type license fee). I'll rest my case for mandatory urban livestock immunization on the contrariness exhibited in her editorial and her behavior.

In a perfect world, those raising livestock wouldn't need to be made to follow USDA or NCCE vaccination guidelines. They'd do it on their own, holding the health of their animals above their small financial investment towards public health. Vaccinations don't harm the animals, so we're only talking about money. When I lived on a rural farm and

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raised goats, we vaccinated the goats (against more than just rabies), despite the lack of close neighbors. It was better for the goats.

Ms. Prince's conduct exemplifies why mandatory livestock vaccinations in urban settings should be required. You can't always count

on dabblers doing the right thing when it comes to public health. "My animals will never spread disease" is more than hubris. It's bad public policy.

As to the misleading and inaccurate motives and labels imputed to me by Ms. Prince, I have to smile.

If only Ms. Prince had stopped by before she wrote her editorial, then she could have seen my gardening. No, I don't call it "urban homesteading." It's plain, old-fashioned gardening, even if it's on about the same acreage as Ms. Prince's "Quite Contrary Farm."

She would've learned that I harvest four kinds of fruit, six types of herbs and over 16 varieties of vegetables.

She would've learned I garden organically. I've done so since before she was born.

She would've learned I garden without offending my neighbors, maintaining the dreaded (by the "incognoscenti") "suburban landscape look."

She would've learned I sequester carbon while enhancing the soil. I capture carbon from the air by lawn fixation, bag the lawn clippings, compost them, then I enrich my nutrient-challenged red clay by tilling in luscious organics. (Yes, I admit it. I enjoy the oxygen released by my lawn.)

She would've learned I don't proselytize or self-congratulate about the benefits of my lifestyle.

Oh well, you can lead a goat to water, but you may get head-butted for your efforts.

BRIAN D. VOYCE Carrboro Voyce is a candidate for mayor of Carrboro

#### **DROUGHT**

FROM PAGE I

DuBose said in the 2003 fiscal year, the university was roughly 13.5 million square feet of space and used 667 million gallons of water.

Between then and now the university added about 4 million square feet of space, yet water use dropped by 9 percent. In the fiscal year that ended on June 30 of this year, the school's total square footage was 17.5 million square feet and water use was down to 631 million gallons.

What made the difference?

The drought of 2001-02, in which water supplies dwindled to record low levels, was an eye-opener, DuBose said.

"That was the first drought since Cane Creek was constructed," he said. Yet despite a new reservoir, the university and its hospitals and clinics were faced with a crisis, including the prospect of a partial shutdown.

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"We simply cannot operate without water," DuBose said. In the summer of 2002, the campus started emergency renovations to install low-flow showerheads, waterless urinals and the devel-

opment of closed-loop systems for cooling in research labs. The school's massive building program, financed by the state's Higher Education Bonds, also included retrofitting older buildings and incorporating more efficient water systems in new buildings. Now everything from planting more drought-resistant native plants to using rainwater to flush toilets is standard procedure.

Dubose said that while the conservation numbers are impressive, they're likely to see even more improvement. In a project planned during the 2002 drought and hastened by last years drought, the university and OWASA completed work this spring on a new water line that can send up to 600,000 gallons per day of recycled water from OWASA's Mason Farm treatment plant to UNC's chiller system.

Figures for this June alone show a savings of 18 million gallons from the reclaim system.

DuBose said he doubts he'll ever stop keeping an eye on the weather and the water supply, but at least he can do so with a lot more confidence.

"We're pretty proud of what we've been able to accomplish,"

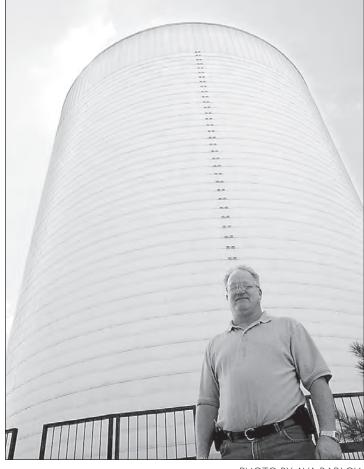


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Douglas Mullen, the interim manager for chilled-water systems, stands in front of a 5-million-gallon thermal energy storage tank at the Tomkins Chilled Water Operations Center on Mason Farm Road. The center uses reclaimed water to air condition the buildings on the UNC campus.

# **OBITUARIES**

### Benjamin Huffman

Benjamin Huffman lost his courageous battle with brain cancer on September 14th, 2009. He died peacefully at UNC Memorial Hospital Cancer Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 40 years old.

Ben was born on October 3rd, 1968 to the late Selenah Pons Huffman and Benny L. Huffman of Valdese, N.C. He was a member of the Waldensian Presbyterian Church.

Ben's passions in life included cooking, Carolina football and basketball, traveling and constant dedication to all of his endeavors. Even in his final days, he continued his positive mental attitude and zest for life. During his 23-year career in the hospitality industry, Ben was employed with Landlubber's, Spanky's, The Carolina Club, Ruby Tuesday and his current employer, Red Robin.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lisa Ghia-Huffman, of 13 years; his father, Benny Huffman; his aunts, Rebecca Pons Hall Morgan of Chapel Hill and Paula Huffman Kandarian of Cumberland, R.I.; and his uncle Harold Huffman of Morganton N.C. Also surviving are his cousins, Matthew Huffman of New

of Portland, Ore., Tony Hall of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Tom Hall of St Louis, Mo. In addition to his mother,

York, N.Y., Michael Huffman

Ben was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lewis and Nannie Rhoney Huffman and Onesime Benjamin and Anna Hughes Pons, and his uncle Lewis Huffman Jr.

On Saturday September 19

On Saturday, September 19, 2009 the family will receive friends at Walker's Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at the University Presbyterian Church by Reverend Bob Dunham and Reverend Dr. Kevin Frederick. The church is located at 209 East Franklin Street Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a benevolent fund has been established in Ben's name. To make donations, please contact Julie Novak at the State Employees Credit Union, 110 South Elliott Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; 962-1111. An additional memorial service will be hosted by Benny L. Huffman at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese N.C. on Saturday September 26 at 12 p.m.

Jane Rogers

Jane R Rogers, 81, died Monday at Carolina Meadows. Born in Honolulu, she lived 71 years in her beloved Chapel Hill, through childhood, college, young married life, child-rearing and retirement. A 1948 UNC graduate, she served on the student legislature, honor council, Pi Beta Phi sorority and Valkyries. She was graduate assistant to the dean of Bryn Mawr College. Jane worked in chemistry and biology at UNC Hospital, UNC Family Medicine, the UNC Alumni Association, the UNC School of Medicine and the N.C. Rural Health Dept. She volunteered at the Junior League, church and the Chatham food bank. She was president of the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club and Chapel Hill Garden Club. The daughter of longtime Chapel Hill doctor Gaston Rogers and wife, Agnes, she is predeceased by her husband, Jack, and is survived by her sister, Anne H Rogers, of Chapel Hill, and her children, Parks Rogers of Charleston, S.C. and Beth R Tart of Charlotte. She has three adored grandchildren, Emery and Caroline Rogers and Michael Tart.

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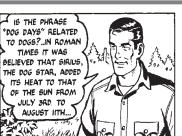
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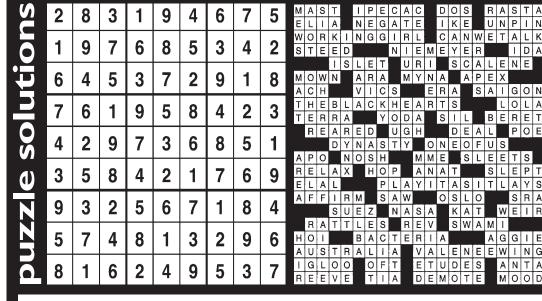












# CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

I mean, imagine Cronkite with Twitter: "Man on Moon ... OMG" or "Nixon resigns ... LMAO" - Sean O'Brien, Rep. Mike Quigley's chief of staff.



#### **ELEMENTARY**

FRI 9/18 — Cheese Pizza; Sausage Pizza; Sloppy Joe on Wheat Bun; Garden Salad w/Dressing; Green Beans; Chilled Applesauce

MON 9/2I — Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Beef Tacos w/Salsa, Lett, Tom and Cheese; Spanish Rice; Sweet Yellow Corn; Fresh Apple Halves

TUE 9/22 — Pork Egg Roll w/ Wheat Roll; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Dipping Sauce; "Fun on the Run"; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Apricots

WED 9/23 — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Chicken Salad w/Lett, Tom & Crackers; Carrot & Celery Stix; Steamed Broccoli; Fresh Banana

THU 9/24 — Ham & Cheese Sub on Wheat Bun; "Fun on the Run'': Lettuce & Tomato Salad: Sweet Potatoes w/Apples; Seasoned Lima Beans; Chilled Pears

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

FRI 9/18 — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Sweet Yellow Corn; Blueberry

MON 9/21 — Double Cheeseburger; Fishwich; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Tater Tots; Peas & Carrots; Fresh Apple

TUE 9/22 — Three Cheese Baked Rotini w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Fajitas w/Salsa & Sour Cream; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches

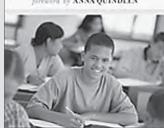
WED 9/23 — Chicken Patty w/Cheese; Sandwich on Wheat Bun; Baked Potato w/Chili and Cheese and Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple Tidbits; Chocolate

THU 9/24 — BBQ Chicken w/ Wheat Roll; Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa; Vegetarian Baked Beans; Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes

# **School Briefs**

# TEACHING

Stories from
The FREEDOM WRITER TEACHERS ERIN GRUWELL d by ANNA QUINDLES



#### **Teacher featured** in book

Corey Waters, a teacher at Chapel Hill High School, has contributed a chapter in a newly released book titled *Teaching* Hope: Stories from The Freedom Writers Teachers and Erin Gru-

Waters is one of two North Carolina authors contributing stories about their triumphs,

struggles and anticipations in and outside the classroom regarding their students' various struggles. The book delves into the testimonies of educators worldwide to reveal stories of how they go above and beyond their call of duty to help students succeed.

Waters teaches history andAVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) at CHHS. He has been an educator for 10 years and was selected in 2007 as North Carolina's first Freedom Writer Teacher. He attended Gruwell's Freedom Writer Teacher Institute to learn practices to incorporate into his classroom and to inspire his students.

For more information about Teaching Hope: Stories from The Freedom Writer Teachers and Erin Gruwell, please visit freedomwritersfoundation.org

#### Smith receives grant from CVS/Caremark

The Smith Middle School

Peer Buddy Society has received a \$3,000 grant from CVS Community Cares Program.

The Peer Buddy Society provides opportunities for students with and without disabilities to participate in after-school activities. It meets twice monthly and students participate in various activities, which in the past have included art projects, pizza parties and field trips to malls or restaurants.

#### East to participate in art contest

East Chapel Hill High School has been selected as one of 20 schools in Wake, Durham, Orange, Harnett, Johnston and Chatham counties to take part in the "Farm Animal Frenzy" sculpture contest at the North Carolina State Fair

This year's contest has "gone participating green." Each school will receive a wooden sawhorse to use as a frame to paint, craft and decorate into the form of an environmentally conscious farm animal. Recycled materials will be used and participating schools have received \$500 to offset the costs. The theme for this year's contest is "A Whole Lotta Happy."

The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000; second place, \$750; and third, \$500.

You can follow the progress of area schools on a special website devoted to the contest. farmanimalfrenzy.com. Online voting for a People's Choice award will begin Oct. 15. The judges' selection will be announced Oct. 12 at the N.C. State Fair Press Luncheon

#### Target grant awarded

For the fourth consecutive year, Target has awarded a grant to Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Reading Partners program.

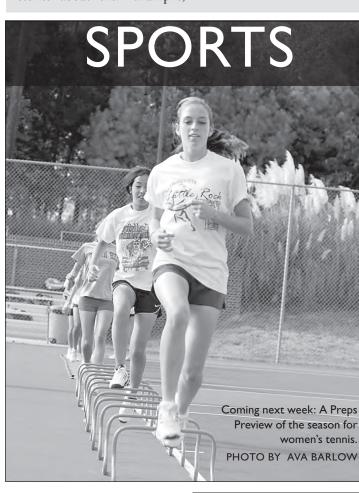
Reading Partners is a volunteer program in which partners are assigned to beginning readers in kindergarten through first grade. These volunteers meet with a student on a weekly basis to support the student's

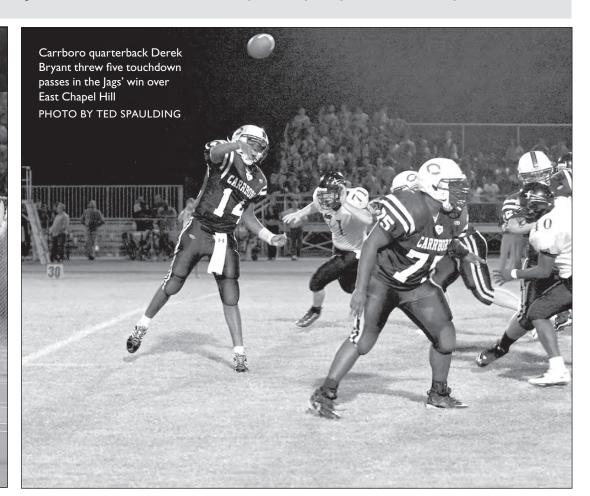
developing literacy skills. The \$1,500 award will be used to purchase books that will be given to students by

#### Folk performance

their reading partners.

Folk artist Jeff Warner will be performing in the auditorium of Cedar Ridge High School at 7 p.m. on Oct. 16. Warner performs his traditional American folk music in schools throughout America and abroad and uses his banjo, concertina and "pocket instruments," such as spoons, bones and a Jew's harp, to connect his audiences with the past through humorous songs of the 19th century. Tickets are \$5 and children get in free. The show is hosted by the Cedar Ridge Student Government and the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization.





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# **Sports Briefs**

# **FOOTBALL**

Carrboro High School's football team had its comingout party Friday night - and unfortunately for East Chapel Hill, they were the guests. In the first-ever meeting of the Jaguars and Wildcats, Carrboro proved this year's improvement is no fluke by beating East 34-17. Quarterback Derek Bryant threw five touchdown passes in

In other football, Chapel Hill lost to Northwood, 42-0.

# Friday, Sept. 18

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ing cross-town rivalry game.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 9 Women's Tennis

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bons 4 Carrboro 5, Northwood 4 Volleyball

VOLLEYBALL

Chapel Hill 13, 15, 10 Riverside 25, 25, 25

Cardinal Gibbons 25, 25, 25 Carrboro 24, 11, 25, 19 Durham School of the Arts 26, 25, 23, 25

East Chapel Hill 22, 22, 14

Chapel Hill 23, 25, 19, 25, 15

Eastern Alamance 25, 20, 25,

Thursday, Sept. 10

Monday, Sept. 14

# FIELD HOCKEY

Chapel Hill 5, Cary 1 VOLLEYBALL

Chapel Hill 25, 25, 23, 25

East 17, 14, 25, 15

#### Tuesday, Sept. 15 CAROLINA

#### CENTRAL GOLF CONFERENCE **Ist:** Northwood HS - 133

**2nd:** East CHHS - 153 3rd: CHHS - 161 **4th:** Cardinal Gibbons - 179 **5th:** Carrboro - 195

# **Individuals**

**Ist:** Emily Brooks (NHS) - 41 **2nd:** Emma Marlatt (CHHS)

**3rd:** Mackie Kennihan (ECHHS), Avri Smith (NHS), Rachel Wynne Northwood HS - 46

# VOLLEYBALL

Carrboro: 23, 19, 25, 25, 15 S. Granville: 25, 25, 9, 20, 9



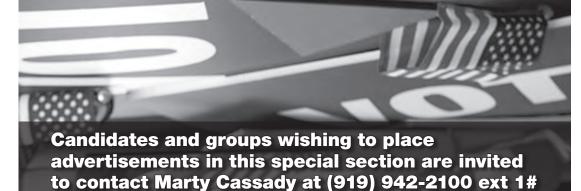
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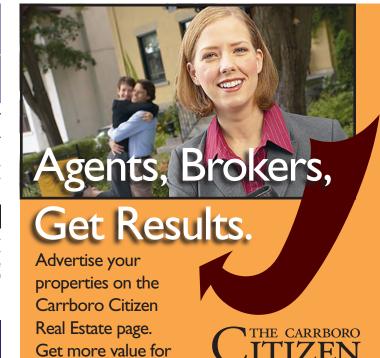


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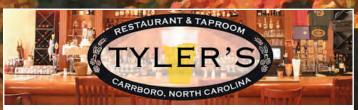
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Pokeweed's white petals surround a little green pumpkin-like fruit, attached to a ruby-pink stem, is unbelievably beautiful.

# **FLORA**

FROM PAGE I

I love everything about this plant. The flowers have little emerald-green centers that mature into berries turning from green to pink and finally shiny black. Daily entertainment is provided by our yearlong resident mockingbird competing furiously with the summer resident catbird for the ripe berries.

From late summer through the entire fall, the 4-to-8 foot-tall branching stems of the poke are a brilliant scarlet to rhubarb burgundy-red. When highlighted by low-angle morning and evening sunlight, there is no more spectacular effect in the wild or managed landscape.

Even in the dormant months, the dried tancolored stems of poke remain an interesting architectural feature. I never cut stems down until the emergence of the lush green leaves from the base of the plant in the early spring. Then we refer to this special plant as poke salad. If you have never enjoyed eating poke salad,

then you are missing out. Visit the farmers' market in early spring to get cooking strategies from some of the old-timers there. Make certain you note the details, because poke is also a poisonous plant, so you have to know what you are doing to safely enjoy this culinary treat.

Poke has everything. In addition to the sheer beauty of the plant, it is edible, it is poisonous and it is medicinal. Wish I had the space to relate my annual conversation with a friend who collects the dried berries by the pint jar and delivers them to her 90-year-old aunt, who concocts a special tea to relieve the pains of arthritis and rheumatism. Don't you try it until you know what you are doing!

Poke stories abound. Some notable ones, recorded by local legend Paul Green, are found in Paul Green's Plant Book. Check out the wild story about poke as a poison ivy cure. I suspect you won't try the cure, but you will never forget the tale.



**A** Lost and **Found** Map

s the School of Journalism and Mass Communication celebrated its centennial this week, I was reminded of my own undergraduate days back in the mid-'60s, and how in old Howell Hall students entering the front lobby were greeted by an impressive wall map of the Old North State that was peppered with the nameplates of Tar Heel newspapers. But when the J-School made its move to snazzy new digs in Carroll Hall in 1999, the map disappeared. Come to find out, it's been "hiding" all this time in a dim hallway over at 210 Pittsboro St., home of the University Gazette and the offices of university relations. And a little detective work led me to former J-school Dean Jack Adams, who oversaw the original project in the early '60s. Adams, sharp as ever at 89, clearly remembers the challenge of getting "every paper in the state to send us their nameplate." Moreover, the map I found is a 1992 re-do, created by the student chapter of the Society

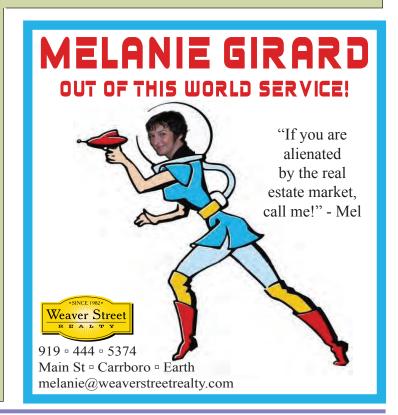


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of Professional Journalists and led by now-retired journalism professor Raleigh Mann. Fast forward to the present: Neither Mann nor Adams had any idea where the map had gotten to. Adams responded, "I'm so glad it still exists." And so are the folks at 210 Pittsboro Street who pass by it daily: left to right, Linda Convissor, director of local relations; Linda Douglas, director of community relations; and Jonathan Howes, special assistant to the chancellor.





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