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The round leaflets of dollar leaf are easy to spot. PHOTO BY PARKER CHESSON

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Dollar leaf

Desmodium is the genus name for beggar lice, beggar tick, tick-trefoil and whatever common name you may prefer for these common plants in the bean (pea) family.

Desmodium, from the Greek word "demos," means band or chain, referring to the chain-like attachment of single flattened bean seeds.

You may recall times when you have returned from a walk through local fields to discover your pants covered with tiny, flat, triangular-shaped seeds that cling tenaciously.

One of these, Desmodium rotundifolium, will probably not find pants legs on which to hitch rides because it tends to slink along the ground and prefers forests and shaded field edges rather than wide-open areas.

Though not a rare plant, one doesn't frequently encounter it because it remains mostly unnoticed, spreading quietly along the ground.

I always love plants that are easy to identify, so I was happy to give Parker an immediate

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Town considers denser projects

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CARRBORO - In a move that could lead to the approval of a mixed-use development with 102 residential units at 500 N. Greensboro St., the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted 6-1 on Tuesday to pursue possible zoning changes that would allow greater residential density in certain projects.

The proposed project, Shelton Station, is a two-building, 125,000-square-foot development on 2.7 acres at 404, 406 and 500 N. Greensboro St. and

113 Parker St. A three-story building would face North Greensboro Street with 24,000 square feet of commercial property on the first and second floors and residential units on the third floor.

For the project to win approval, the board must first approve a change to the zoning ordinance that would allow greater residential density in the development in exchange for mutually agreed-upon conditions for site and

building elements to be met in the project. Conditions outlined in the draft of the zoning change include sustainable-building features, affordable-housing provisions, outdoor amenities and more.

On Tuesday, the board of aldermen voted to draft the ordinance so that it would allow them to approve greater density in certain zones that at present require 3,000 square feet per residential unit.

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Residents speak out against Charterwood

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL - Citing concerns about buffers, building heights and flooding, a number of residents spoke in opposition to a plan for Charterwood, a mixed-use development proposed for Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, at a Chapel Hill Town Council public hearing on Monday.

The proposed project includes six buildings with up to 154 condominiums and townhomes and 73,000 square feet of office and retail space on 15.7 acres at 1641 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., just south of Weaver Dairy Road.

The tallest building is proposed to be six stories, or 78 feet tall, about the same height as Aloft Hotel in East 54. The Chapel Hill Planning Board voted 7-1 to recommend approval of the project, but only if the maximum height was reduced to 54 feet.

"Besides my concerns about safety, flooding and pollution, I worry about buffers and building heights," said Northwoods neighborhood resident Serge Zwicker.

Zwicker said that because of the slope of the neighborhood, the buildings in the development would appear much taller than their actual height.

"Both [of the tallest] buildings would clearly tower over the homes in our neighborhood," he said.

Several residents said the project isn't needed, citing an abundance of nearby vacant office and retail space, as well as homes for sale. In addition, residents of Tremont Circle, which backs up to the property, said the proposed buffer between their homes

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CHAPEL HILL DEFEATS CARRBORO



Carrboro High linebacker James O'Grady had a busy night against Chapel Hill High School running backs. CHHS defeated Carrboro, 22-9. For more photos from the game, see page 8.

PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Hopefuls express views in election forums

BY ROSE LAUDICINA Staff Writer

CARRBORO - Expressing their thoughts and opinions on economic development and the environment, candidates running for seats on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the lone candidate vying for the title of Carrboro mayor answered a number of questions at a forum on Friday.

The forum was co-hosted by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club. While the two organizations typically host separate candidate forums, this year they decided to host a joint forum.

"Candidates tell the chamber that business is the most important issue to them and they also tell the

Sierra Club that the environment is the most important," Aaron Nelson, the director of the chamber of commerce, joked.

Although turnout to the forum was small - perhaps because of the Chapel Hill High-Carrboro High football game scheduled at the same time - all candidates running attended the event.

Mayor Mark Chilton, who is running for re-election unopposed, said he wants to serve one more term as mayor because he would like to continue the work he has been doing for the past six years.

"I am feeling the need to follow through with the new town manager hiring and I want to continue to expand our sidewalks,

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BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL - Balancing economic priorities with environmental sustainability was the theme of the evening at a Chapel Hill candidates forum hosted by the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce last week.

Mayoral candidate Tim Sookram and incumbent Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt participated in the forum, while candidate Kevin Wolff did not attend. All nine of the candidates running for the four seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council participated.

Council candidate Jason Baker initiated the theme of balancing economic and environmental pri-

orities.

"I don't think that we need to choose between economic development and environmental values as we move forward with our town," he said. "I'm a committed proponent of smart growth."

Sookram said the focus should be on the environment before economic development.

"The priority is protecting the environment, because otherwise we're just all going to die," he said, adding that development should focus on building up instead of out.

Incumbent council member Matt Czajkowski emphasized the importance of bringing businesses to Chapel Hill as a way to help protect the environment.

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On the road to bring home a message

Local law student treks for education

BY ROSE LAUDICINA Staff Writer

Imagine biking 476 miles across the varied terrain of North Carolina after you have only been cycling for five months, and during that time you were also working full time and enrolled in UNC law school.

Now imagine biking the distance alone.

Amanda Gladin-Kramer, a 2002 Orange County High School grad, is no longer imagining this challenge; she's made it her reality.

Gladin-Kramer is biking across North Carolina to bring awareness to the massive budget cuts public education has endured across North Carolina: \$476 million dollars were cut from the state's 2011-12 education budget. That number was the inspiration for the number of miles Gladin-Kramer is biking.

She started biking on Sept. 28 in

Banner Elk and aims to finish her ride on Oct. 2 in Emerald Isle.

While biking for awareness about education budget cuts, she is also biking to raise money for three nonprofits in the community that invest in public education.

"The ride is really about community investing in education," Gladin-Kramer said. "I don't believe that education should be a charity, but this is a way to drive attention to the lack of resources that a lot of great nonprofits will fill."

Advocates for Children's Services is a nonprofit dedicated to ending the "school-to-prison pipeline" in North Carolina. ACS offers free legal representation and advice to children, often in high school, from low-income families who have been suspended or are in academic trouble and are being forced out of their schools.

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Amanda Gladin-Kramer is biking across North Carolina to raise awareness about the massive budget cuts to public education.

PHOTO BY JESSIE GLADIN-KRAMER

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2011 CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL



Stranger Spirits, a "mad scientist/robot girl" rock group, rocks the Town Commons and leads onlookers in a robot dance.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPEL



Dark clouds loom over The Station, but the rain stayed away.

PHOTO BY CAROLINE CORRIGAN

The 14th annual Carrboro Music Festival, held Sunday on 26 stages throughout downtown Carrboro, drew thousands of attendees. Rain threatened to dampen spirits, but held off for the duration of the event, which brought more than 180 musical acts to Carrboro stages.



Climb Jacob's Ladder shares soulful blues-pop beats at Weaver Street Market.

PHOTO BY CAROLINE CORRIGAN

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non-residential development in exchange for the increased residential density.

Board member Jacquie Gist voted against drafting the changes to the ordinance, saying she feared the change could open the door for previously approved developments to request increased residential density while reducing the amount of commercial space.

"I understand that the current market is bad for commercial building, and I understand that the thing you can make the most money off of right now is residential building ... but Carrboro's long-term future cannot be determined by the current economy," she said.

"We will be left with a downtown full of high density, up to five stories, most likely, of predominantly student apartment buildings," she added. "If the board continues moving forward, I can promise that tomorrow morning the planning office will be full of developers wanting to revise their permits allowing them to build predominantly residential."

Other board members disagreed.

"I just think this is a reasonable tool to have on the books," board member Dan Coleman said.

Board member Sammy Slade said he felt the zoning change

would allow the board the opportunity to leverage sustainable building elements that can't be included in building code.

"I think if we use it sparingly, it could be a positive thing," Mayor Mark Chilton said, noting that the board had heard very little opposition to the proposed Shelton Station project.

Nathan Milian, property manager for Carr Mill Mall, said that while he didn't object to the proposed project in general, he was concerned about the amount of parking included.

"The scale of the project we have issues with, because they can't provide sufficient parking, and that is a big problem for us," he said.

Plans include 189 parking spaces for the development.

David Clinton, a member of the Carrboro Planning Board, said he didn't believe parking would be as big of a problem as some might anticipate, adding that he supported the project.

"I think this development ... would bring more shoppers to the area," he said.

The board will revisit the project at a meeting on Nov. 15.

In other action Tuesday night, the board approved an emergency loan of up to \$60,000 from the town's revolving loan fund for property and businesses owners to repair the private sewer line serving the properties on the south side of East Main Street, from Armadillo Grill to Friendly Barber Shop.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
Closed temporarily for renovations. Will reopen and resume regular movie screenings in October.

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
The Hedgehog; Higher Ground; The Guard

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides; 50/50; Abduction; Contagion; Dolphin Tale

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

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News Briefs

Chapel Hill says bring in trashcans

On Monday, the Town of Chapel Hill launched a pilot program to encourage residents to bring in their roll-cart trashcans from the road after trash pickup. According to the town, leaving trash containers on the curb has a negative impact on the look and feel of the neighborhood and can inhibit traffic flow.

Town regulations state that on trash collection days, garbage is to be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. and containers should be removed by 7 p.m. on the same day.

The program is focusing on the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods, and will leave a notice on violators' trash containers as well as a citation on the door. Failure to pay the citation in 30 days will result in up to a \$25-per-day fine.

Questions about the program should be directed to André Jones at the Chapel Hill Public Works Department at 969-5100.

Temporary bus stop closure at Town Hall

Chapel Hill Transit has temporarily closed the bus stop outside Carrboro Town Hall on Weaver Street due to road construction. A temporary stop has been placed approximately 150 feet past the current stop.

Because of construction, the CW route might experience delays so plan to allow extra travel time when using the route.

Bloomberg to speak at commencement

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is scheduled to speak at UNC's spring commencement on May 13, 2012, UNC officials announced Monday.

Bloomberg, who was first elected mayor of New York City in 2001, will also receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from UNC.

Chancellor Holden Thorp said he was honored Bloomberg accepted the invitation, and believes that because of his innovative careers in philanthropy, public service and business, many Carolina students will be inspired by his speech.

Bloomberg was chosen by Thorp along with the university's Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, which is made up of an equal number of students and faculty.

Battle Branch Trail bridge closure

On Oct. 3, a pedestrian bridge on the Battle Branch Trail near Glendale Drive will be closed for replacement. The project by the Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department will replace the aging bridge and will also include stream restoration.

The trail will be closed past the point of the bridge closure during construction.

The parks and recreation department expects construction to be completed by Dec. 1.

Shelter plan process contentious

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Upon hearing conflicting reports regarding a committee formed to develop a Good Neighbor Plan for the new homeless shelter, the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday asked the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service to consider allowing audio recording of meetings and to add four neighbors of the project site to the committee.

In May, the council approved plans for the IFC's Community House Men's Shelter, which call for a two-story, 16,250-square-foot facility with 52 beds and 17 emergency cots for use on "white-flag" nights during inclement weather, on 1.8 acres at 1315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The council then required that the IFC develop a Good Neighbor Plan for council approval.

To develop the plan, the IFC assembled a 19-member com-

mittee representing surrounding neighborhoods, homeless persons, congregations and property owners close to the proposed project, which began meeting in July.

Mark Peters, who represents A Better Site — a group opposed to the project — said that while his group had been invited to participate, he chose not to do so because the committee refused to allow recording of the meetings and because the committee was stacked with shelter supporters.

"This is not a diverse set of opinions because there's only one person [on the committee] on public record who's opposed to the shelter," Peters said. However, with the recommendation of the council to the IFC to add neighbors to the committee and to consider allowing recording, Peters said he would attend the meetings.

Chris Moran, executive director of IFC, said IFC staff had worked very hard to bring A Better Site to the table.

"This process has been about many things, but particularly about bringing together an array of neighbors and neighborhood groups together," he said. "This process is not, however, about debating, nor about determining a better site."

Opponents of the plan — many who live near the site — argued that the new facility increases an already unfair burden on their neighborhood. IFC's Project Homestart, a transitional shelter for women and children, and Freedom House, a substance-abuse recovery center, are both located close to the site.

Council member Donna Bell urged the IFC and meeting facilitators to make sure that committee members have a clear understanding of meeting processes and to keep a clear record of meetings.

Meeting facilitator Andy Sachs of the Dispute Settlement Center said some committee members were concerned that if meetings

were recorded members would feel less inclined to share unpopular ideas or participate in the conversation.

Council member Gene Pease said the IFC should take its time in developing the plan.

"I would hope that you could have gotten broader representation from neighborhoods," he said.

The new shelter — which IFC officials hope to break ground on next summer — will enable the IFC to move its men's shelter out of the town's old municipal building on the corner of Rosemary and North Columbia streets, which it has used as a temporary location for more than 25 years.

The plan will outline the community house program; safety, health and security rules for shelter residents; control of loitering and littering; crime-prevention strategies; community education; mediation and dispute resolution; and more.

County, schools look to sales tax for funding

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

With education budgets being slashed by the state, the Orange County Board of Commissioners and school board officials are looking to residents of Orange County to help them regain some of the money lost.

At a joint meeting on Sept. 22, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, the Orange County Schools Board of Education and the commissioners sat down and discussed budgets, a proposed quarter-cent sales tax and how that money might be used.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro board members said they incurred a \$5.75 million reduction in state funding this year, marking the

third year in a row that state funding has been cut, and that they have been unable to provide any salary increases for staff.

If the quarter-cent sales tax — on the ballot this November — is approved by voters, the schools will receive 50 percent of the money; the other 50 percent will be allocated to economic-development initiatives.

Assistant County Manager Gwen Harvey said that if the sales tax passes, the county is projected to gain \$2.5 million annually, meaning the two school systems would get \$1.25 million to split among themselves.

The money the schools would get from the tax would go toward making facility improvements at older schools and for

improvements to technology.

"There are lots of old schools, and we are stressing that this sales-tax money can help extend the life of these schools, because we are going to have to use them," Commissioner Earl McKee said.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro board Chair Jamezetta Bedford said that her board would like to use funds for HVAC systems in older schools, walk-in freezers and refrigerators and mobile computer carts for every classroom.

"Sixteen years ago, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools were at the forefront of technology, and now we have teachers who don't have laptops. Even new schools have to refresh and extend the life of technology," Bedford said.

Orange County school board Chair Donna Coffey said that her board would like to use the money to make a "significant investment in technology, especially as textbook money is being cut," upgrade science facilities and invest money in environmentally sustainable projects.

While neither the school boards nor the Orange County Board of Commissioners can officially advocate for the sales tax, they are attempting to better educate the public about the proposal.

The county will provide schools with printed materials to stuff in students' backpacks so that parents will be aware the tax is on the ballot and be educated about what it means.

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Only Orange County homeowners that are 62 or older or disabled who have incomes below 80% of the area median income are eligible to apply. For

example, to qualify, the annual income of a single person household cannot exceed \$38,000 and for a two person household the income cannot exceed \$43,400. All financial assistance is provided as a deferred, forgivable loan.

Interested persons should contact Renee D. Holmes, Housing Programs Coordinator, with the Orange County Housing, Human Rights and Community Development Department at (919) 245-2495 for an appointment. Applications must be received by Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

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Performers, patrons praise new Cat's Cradle

BY ZACH HAMILTON

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Less than a month after the completion of renovations at Cat's Cradle, musicians and concert-goers alike said they are impressed with the venue's new look and feel.

The concert building, which has been located at 300 E. Main St. for 18 years, recently underwent structural and interior renovations and improvements, which were completed during the summer. On Sept. 1, Chapel Hill-based band The Old Ceremony played a free show to celebrate the improvements.

"I love the renovations," Django Haskins, front man of The Old Ceremony, said in an interview via email. "The room feels more open, grander and the stage faces

squarely at the audience."

Concert-goers no longer enter through the front door, which entailed walking directly by the stage, a distraction for performers and fans already watching the show.

"I thought the new setup with the entrance at the back definitely cut down on the distractions," Haskins said. "Plus people could hit the bar on their way in, which makes for a looser crowd."

Haskins said that by his estimation, his band has played about 20 shows at the Cradle since 2005. He said he thinks Cat's Cradle co-owner Frank Heath has done such a good job running and improving the venue over the years that Heath should "be given the key to the city and courtside seats at all Carolina games."

It's not just the musicians that

like the new-look music club; concert-goers said they are in favor of the changes as well.

"I actually really like the new renovations," said Mitchell Moste, who lives in Carrboro and frequently attends concerts at Cat's Cradle. "I think it's a lot more fair in terms of arrival and the seating you get in the show."

Moste, who attended the newly renovated Cat's Cradle to see indie band The Weepies on Sept. 6, said that the building's old entrance did not reward people who arrived early and waited in line to get the best spot on the floor.

"You know, folks get excited with the shows, but it's not really fair to just come, like, creep in towards the front if you come in halfway through the show," Moste said. "This way, it's a bit more fair. When you get there, it determines

what seats you get. If you come early, you can get up to the front. If you come towards the end of the show, you're going to have a back seat."

In addition to rewarding fans for arriving early to concerts, the new entrance has practical advantages, concert-goers said.

"I think [the new entrance] is a good thing because there was a really long line," said Jordan Teague, who attended the Mat Kearney show at Cat's Cradle on Sept. 18. "It was nice for traffic flow to get around the building and then back to the bar area."

In addition to the new entrance, the stage was raised 6 inches to increase visibility for patrons.

Teague said she was able to see the stage better from her spot on the floor. "I did notice that [the stage had been raised] because I'm

short," Teague said.

While music fans said they are appreciative of the renovations at Cat's Cradle, several also said they enjoyed some of the aspects that were left unaltered.

Mandy Tipton, a Burlington resident who works at UNC and who also attended the Mat Kearney show, said, "I'm glad they still have some of the seating on the side because that's where I sat. So you can at least sit during the show and get a view over the heads in front of you."

Teague, Tipton and Moste all said the improvements to the sound system were noticeable; the sound quality, they said, was excellent regardless of whether you stand in the front or the back.

Overall, the Cat's Cradle renovations enhance an already great local concert locale that provides

Carrboro with excellent, intimate shows with both local and nationally known artists, Moste said.

"It's incredible who comes through here," he said. "You still get the indie vibe, but you get so many major names that come through here."

"As cool as it is to perform for a sold-out stadium, it's also nice to perform in a smaller venue," Moste said. "I think this venue is perfect for Carrboro. You get more of an interaction with the artist. You get to see the more human side of them, which is really cool."

Zach Hamilton is a UNC student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Community Briefs

Clean Jordan Lake on public service cleanup days

Clean Jordan Lake is planning a public trash cleanup day to clean up trash along the lake's shoreline as part of N.C. Big Sweep activities taking place across the state on Saturday at 9 a.m.

Last year approximately 200 volunteers removed 600 tires and 700 bags of trash from the shores. This year's volunteers will work their way further south along the shoreline that forms one side of the Haw River arm that traps storm-water driven trash.

The Crosswinds Marina and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Jordan Dam will donate their time to ferry volunteers to and from the sites.

The Chatham County Solid Waste and Recycling Division will dispose of the trash. N.C. Big Sweep and the N.C. Department of Transportation will provide bags and gloves.

All details about the effort, including volunteer sign-up, are available at meetup.com/helpcleanjordanlake/.

Doughnut dash this weekend

UNC will host the first annual Dozen Doughnut Dash on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

The student-organized race benefits the Lineberger Cancer Hospital. The race is a 4-mile run. At the 2.5-mile mark, participants will eat a dozen doughnuts and then attempt to finish the race.

The race is a part of Lineberger's Turn the Town Pink community campaign, which benefits UNC's Comprehensive Cancer Support Program, dedicated to helping patients and their caregivers with cancer treatment, recovery and survivorship.

Register online at dozendozennutdash.kintera.org.

TV show auditions

Auditions will be held for the new television show "Oh Yeah? Watch This!" on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at The Peoples Channel Studios, 300 S. Elliott Road.

The show will be broadcast on The Peoples Channel 8.

For more information, email ohyeahwatchthis@gmail.com

Fire department recruiting volunteers

The New Hope Volunteer Fire Department will hold an open house on Monday at 7:30 p.m. for individuals interested in serving as volunteer firefighters at New Hope Station #1.

Firefighters will be available to provide a tour of the station and respond to any questions about volunteering.

Volunteers are provided free training to obtain the State of North Carolina Firefighter I and II certification.

For more information, call 493-1001.

University UMC to offer grief support group

University United Methodist Church will offer a seven-week grief and loss support group to community members beginning Sunday.

The group will use materials adapted from The Grief Institute to offer the support needed to work through grief. Death of a loved one, divorce, health issues and financial changes are a few of the topics that will be discussed.

Meetings will take place from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the church's West Parlor every Sunday through Nov. 13. For more information, call the church office at 929-7191.

Volunteers needed

Orange County RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program is searching for volunteers, and there are two upcoming information sessions for anyone interested. The program provides various services, such as coaching for computer classes, tutoring and tax preparation assistance for residents who are at least 55 years old.

The first session is for anyone generally interested in volunteering, and it will be held at the Seymour Center (2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill) on Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. Sessions for anyone specifically interested in volunteering for the tax assistance program will be held Nov. 2 and Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Seymour Center.

If you are interested but cannot attend these sessions, call 968-2056 for more information or to set up an appointment.

OBITUARIES



Mary Theresa Duvoisin

Mary Theresa Duvoisin, 84, died Sunday evening Sept. 25 at the University of

North Carolina Women's Hospital of cancer of the throat complicated by a heart attack. A native of the Bronx, New York, she was the first-born child of James McGaw and Mary Nugent McGaw. A graduate of Cathedral High School in New York City, she attended Hunter College in New York. The early death of her parents interrupted her studies and she worked for many years as an EKG technician and later as a medical secretary at Misericordia Hospital in the Bronx. She married Howard Medek, with whom she raised four children. Her husband died in 1985 of cancer of the larynx. After retiring, she resumed her studies at Lehman College, the City University of New York, earning her BA degree with honors in 1996. She majored in history and was elected a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. In 2006, Mary married Dr. Roger Duvoisin, a retired physician and widower living in Chapel Hill and the father of four children. The couple made their home in

Governors Club in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Duvoisin is survived by her husband, Dr. Roger Duvoisin; her four children, Diane Fracassi of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., Kenneth Medek of Philadelphia, Pa., Mary-Jo of Spring Hill, Fla., and Robert Medek of the Bronx, N.Y.; and her brother, Patrick McGaw of East Moriches, N.Y. In addition, she is survived by three grandchildren, Brittany, Christian and Sean; and four step-children, Anne Duvoisin of Durham, Marc Peter Duvoisin of Los Angeles, Jaques Antoine Duvoisin of Sante Fe, N.M., and Jeanne Blackmore of Colchester, Vt.

Funeral arrangements are with Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill. Visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. A funeral Mass will be held at the Newman Catholic Student Center on Pittsboro Road in Chapel Hill at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011. Interment will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery on Legion Road. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 140000, Raleigh, NC 27620-1400. Online condolences may be made at walkersfuneralservice.com on the obituaries page.

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by Linda Thistle

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PET OF THE WEEK

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Say hello to **Sherri!** This sweet pit bull mix is around a year and a half old and looking for a new place to call home! Sherri is an affectionate and sweet pup that can be a little shy at first, but is gentle and enjoys being around people. She has a medium activity level and does well with other dogs. This smart girl likes treats and is eager to please, so a gentle handler should have no problem training her easily. Visit her today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see her and other adoptable animals online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices



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EDITORIAL

Carrboro's sweet harmony

Every once in a while, we get a strong reminder of why we call Carrboro home. Sunday was one of those days.

Of all the public events held in our town, the Carrboro Music Festival is the one that defines us best. Music, art, food, lots of people, and did we say music? In every nook and cranny there was music to be found.

Loud, soft, rock, jazz, folk, prog, ethnic – you name it and you could hear it in Carrboro Sunday. Well, maybe no classical, but that's OK for this one day.

The streets were crowded with music lovers of all ages, and, for once, the Weaver Street construction didn't matter. Pedestrian traffic is the order of the day at the Music Festival, and the chalk drawings on East Weaver Street showed that the next generation of Carrboro artists are not exactly waiting in the wings.

Twenty-five venues, from Looking Glass Café on the west end to Jessee's Coffee in the east, drew crowds that ebbed and flowed along with the music. Local bands were mixed with groups from, well, other places. There is music outside of Carrboro, you know. Just maybe not last Sunday.

The economic impact of the Carrboro Music Festival can't be minimized either. Drinks were poured, food served and goods purchased, all in large quantities it seemed. It was a real shot in the arm for our restaurants and merchants. The Music Festival is a great example of what happens when we draw folks downtown. And boy, did we draw them.

Organizers Gerry Williams and Kim Andrews, along with the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department and a host of volunteers, are all to be congratulated on a job well done. Sure, the good weather played a big part in the success of this year's festival, but these folks always put on a great show rain or shine. Last year proved that.

And as dusk turned to night, one particular sight caught our eye – a dancer atop the hood of an old car next to the Carrboroland stage, twirling flaming orbs to the melodic shoegaze of Free Electric State. It had to be the Carrboro Music Festival.

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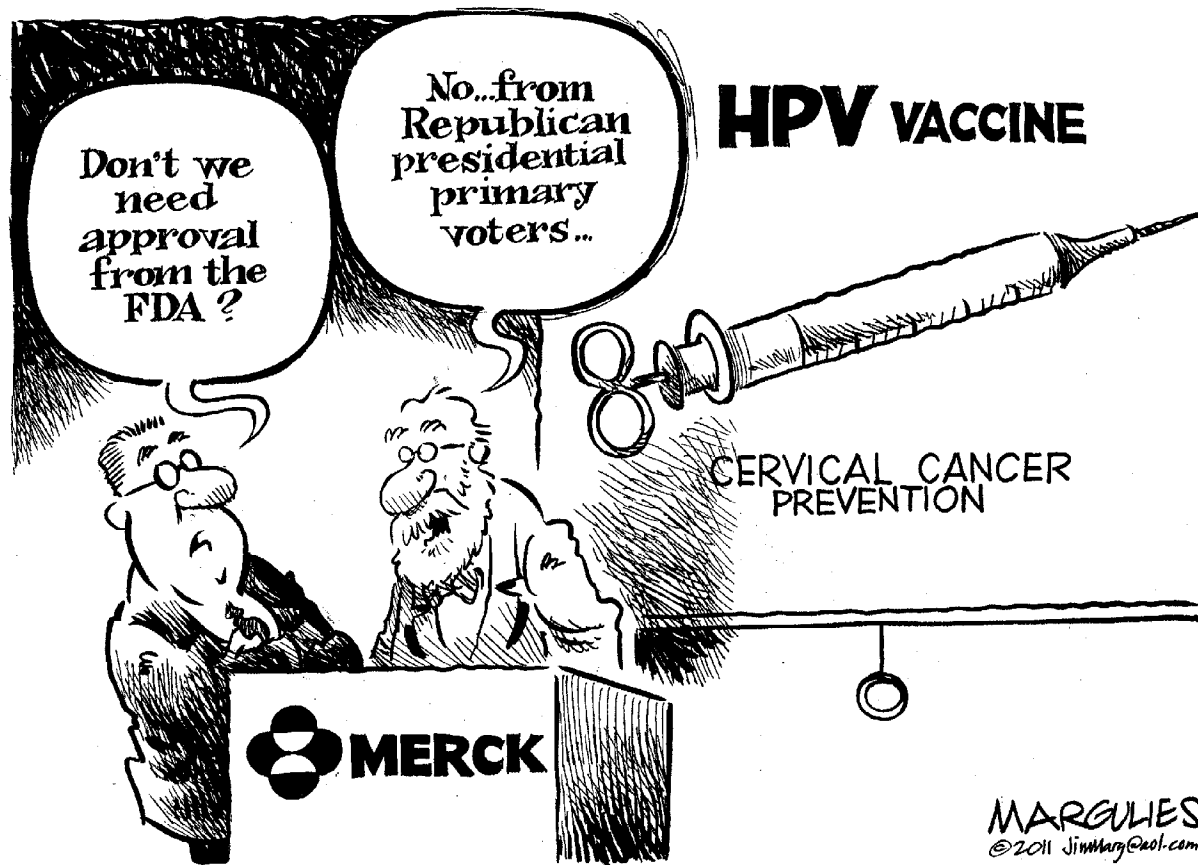
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Support the PTA Thrift Shop

As this community faces drastic budgetary constraints, we must work together to find ways to offset the impact this has had and will have on our educational system. For the past 60 years, the PTA Thrift Shop has been a foundation of support for our schools. They annually distribute more than \$200,000 of essential funds to every elementary, middle and high school in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro system.

Those dollars are then meted out by individual PTAs for needs that would otherwise not be met. Last year, Carrboro High School received more than \$14,000, which meant teacher supplies, electronic readers for the library, scholarships and support for clubs such as their award-winning school paper.

Now the PTA Thrift Shop is asking for our help. The Carrboro facility is inadequate and simply cannot meet all the distribution and storage needs. The building campaign envisions not only enough space for the PTA Shop but also office spaces that can be leased to produce even more income. With a greater capacity for donations, more jobs can be generated and this self-sustaining operation can further benefit our community.

As the number of schools increases, the PTA Shop has to grow or the proceeds become more and more diluted; and every dollar matters in this period of economic chaos. Every student that has entered in this school system has benefited from the PTA Thrift Shop. Every single student. This isn't a matter of another nonprofit asking for donations. This is a matter of investing in the future of our children, one that is guaranteed to bypass the politics of budget cuts.

The Thrift Shop has made it easy for all of us to give. They established a 12x12 plan where we can give just \$12 every month for 12 months. That's a couple fewer trips to Starbucks. That's eating a bowl of cereal instead of buying a pizza. That's a yes vote for our children and for this community.

Please care enough today to make tomorrow just a little better.

MAE L. ARANT
Chapel Hill

Misguided amendment

We, the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Advocate, deplore the decision of the North Carolina General Assembly to place a so-called "Defense of Marriage" constitutional amendment on the ballot next May.

We find their action to be offensive, not only to the many North Carolinians who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, but also to the families, friends, co-workers and faith communities of these our brothers and sisters.

Legislators have appealed to a particular understanding of biblical authority and Christian teaching to justify their attack on domestic partnerships, the rights of employers to extend benefits to employees and the rights of religious communities to encourage and recognize loving and committed relationships. We reject their pretense of speaking for all Christians. They do not speak for us, and this amendment does not reflect our understanding of the Gospel and of a loving and compassionate God, who graces families of all kinds with covenantal love.

Therefore, we encourage the members of the Episcopal Church of the Advocate, and all who seek to live in the light of the Gospel, to make no peace with oppression. Instead, we urge them to do everything in their power to work, organize, contribute and vote for the defeat of this misnamed and misguided amendment.

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ADVOCATE

More stuff?

Yesterday, I read in the Carrboro Visitors' Guide that Carrboro Plaza is completely and diversely occupied, and that the Food Lion there is one of the top-grossing Food Lion groceries in the state. Today, I read in the Sept. 15 *Carrboro Citizen* that Argus Development plans to put, among other things, a large grocery store within shouting distance of Carrboro Plaza. Planner Jack Smyre says that while he recognizes this may be a concern, the new grocery store "will be larger than the Food Lion and will carry a wider variety of products."

Is anyone else out there outraged by this? What a smug, self-serving, near-sighted justification! As if putting prosperous businesses at risk were justified by the promise of more stuff. (Can you say Walmart?)

And as Erica Eisendorfer so aptly points out (Letters, Sept. 15), we have a wealth of underused and stagnating retail space already. Moreover, since when does Carrboro subscribe to the notion that fields and grand old trees are mere placeholders until something more "useful" comes along?

MARGRET MUELLER
Orange County

Come to the table

Editor's note: This letter was received prior to the Monday night Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, where Mark Peters said he would attend future committee meetings.

Recently, Mark Peters of A Better Site characterized the committee working to create a Good Neighbor Plan (GNP) for the IFC's new Community House at 1515 MLK Blvd. as "biased" and lacking transparency. He also said:

"The project's developer has stacked the good-neighbor plan committee with its supporters and has limited or denied participation of neighbors who live near the shelter. The last few meetings have been observable to the public, but citizens are prohibited from recording meeting discussions and the drafts documents have not been made available to the public before meeting."

As a member of the committee, I strongly disagree with Mr. Peters' characterizations. If Mr. Peters were to actually attend a committee meeting, he would see that the members represent a wide range of opinions and express them freely. We spent two lengthy meetings hashing out meeting protocols, during which we vigorously debated the pros and cons of video or audio recordings (among other issues). For a number of reasons, the committee ultimately decided against video and/or audio recordings, but the written minutes are thorough and extensive. In addition, in response to Mr. Peters' complaint that United Church is not a "neutral" location, to date we have met in three different locations, all well publicized in advance and close to the site so as to be accessible to anyone from the nearby neighborhoods who would like to attend.

Mr. Peters was invited numerous times to participate in the GNP committee, either as a full member, as an alternate or as an observer. To date, he has declined to attend, so it is puzzling that he feels he can speak with so much assurance about the committee's "bias" and "lack of transparency."

Everyone participating on the committee is committed to and serious about our responsibility to craft an excellent Good Neighbor Plan, because we care about our town, our neighborhoods and the men who will be served at Community House. To date, each of us – volunteers all – has devoted almost 12 hours to this effort in meetings alone, plus additional time to read and comment on various draft documents.

While we are giving our time, our energy and considerable thought to this process, Mr. Peters sits on the sidelines, lobbying complaints. Once again, I urge him to come to the table and struggle with the rest of us as we respectfully debate, disagree and finally resolve many vexing and difficult issues in a good-faith effort to do the right thing for our community.

ELEANOR HOWE
Chapel Hill

Proposed project too dense

As a resident and cross-street neighbor of the proposed development at 500 N. Greensboro St., I find myself conflicted regarding this property. I will agree this property is not being used at its highest and best use and what with vacant land being such a premium in Carrboro; however, the proposed development is not the answer.

To put such a high-density cluster in this space would not only change the whole dynamic and atmosphere of this area but also create a traffic nightmare.

This area of Greensboro Street, even on a good day, can be a traffic headache, what with traffic at a virtual standstill on most mornings and late afternoons. Additionally, the corner of Greensboro and Shelton streets is a main corridor for buses and vehicles to Carrboro Elementary School, and while the developer is proposing a project with limited parking to hopefully limit increased traffic, in theory this project will still dump additional traffic into an already overburdened intersection. And the proposal of redesigning this section of Greensboro Street to add turn lanes while eliminating the front yards of the old mill homes on Greensboro Street seems a high price to pay for simply more apartments. Couldn't a more neighborhood-friendly mix be just as appropriate, like row homes or tasteful duplexes? I guess that simply does not bring rewarding enough revenue on an initial investment – ah yes, the bottom line.

I think just as troubling as the potential traffic nightmare is the proposal and reality of some similar developments. A developer notices and wants to capture and be a part of a particular area, whether for its beauty or some other facet, and yet by bringing this development to that particular area it destroys what it was trying so hard to be a part of. Bringing this high-density mix to Greensboro Street will forever alter this historic section of Carrboro. What a sad loss that would be.

This proposed development for 500 N. Greensboro St. is not the right mix for this neighborhood. Surely there is a better solution.

WILLIAM DEREY
Carrboro

The obfuscation continues

CHRIS FITZSIMON

One of the most common sites in North Carolina these days is a Republican member of the General Assembly trying to wriggle away from responsibility for the damage caused by the budget they approved this summer.

Sen. Buck Newton is the latest budget slasher desperately trying to avoid any accountability. The budget that Newton and his Republican colleagues approved orders the Department of Public Instruction to decide which of the state's three residential schools for blind and deaf students to close.

One of them, the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, is in Newton's hometown of Wilson.

The *Wilson Times* reported that speakers at an emotional public hearing there last week about the school's possible closure included current students, family

Lawmakers like Newton and Blackwell were determined to cut taxes above all else.

members and local officials, including Gary Farmer, the former dean of students and a current member of the Wilson County Board of Education.

Farmer said it made him sick that the General Assembly had pitted the three residential schools against each other. That is exactly what lawmakers did.

Newton spoke too, saying that an earlier version of the budget would have closed the Wilson school instead of allowing a committee at DPI to decide. He pointed out that the school had low costs and said that he hoped the committee would take a "strong, hard look at the big picture."

That presumably means not closing the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf and shuttering either the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton or the Governor Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh.

Maybe Sen. Newton thinks that the students and families in Morganton and Raleigh somehow won't be affected by the decision to rip their lives apart to save the state a little money to pay for the Republicans' tax cuts.

Newton voted for the budget that will force one of the schools to close. So did Rep. Hugh Blackwell, a Burke County Republican, who is now fighting to keep the school in Morganton open. Blackwell calls the school a "wonderful asset" to the community.

An honest look at the "big picture" Newton mentioned would raise the question of why any of the schools should be closed and families devastated.

The answer of course is that lawmakers like Newton and Blackwell were determined to cut taxes above all else. That was their priority, even if it meant closing schools for the deaf or blind, firing teachers, slashing services for victims of crime, even cutting funding for mosquito control that is so important to Eastern North Carolina.

They can't claim they didn't know what their budget would do. They put it together, voted for it and are now busy defending it against attacks by people who are just beginning to come to grips with the damage it is causing.

Their defense is generally to offer confusing talking points, attack Democrats and simply refuse to acknowledge the reality of what the cuts mean in their own communities.

There's a word for it, "obfuscation," and we have heard it before from Republicans, back in June, when the House Republican Caucus accidentally left the microphones on in the room in which they were meeting and inadvertently broadcast their discussion to anyone who wanted to listen in.

House Majority Leader Paul Stam told his fellow Republicans at that meeting that only Rep. David Lewis should answer questions about certain provisions in the budget during the House floor debate because "David can obfuscate more than anybody I know."

A lot of Republicans are obfuscating these days, Newton and Blackwell among them.

That's a lot easier than telling families of children with disabilities the truth – that tax cuts were more important than helping their kids.

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

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS PAPER

Postcard from a disaster area

Took a little wrangling, but I got my ferry ticket. It wasn't an ordinary ticket – a big 5-by-7 piece of cardstock with an official seal, the word "Media" on it and an explanation written fairly large, all caps, saying it allowed me access to a declared disaster area as long as I stayed in areas deemed safe.

Needless to say, it wasn't an ordinary ferry ride. The pass got me on the W. Stanford White operating out of Stumpy Point – part of the squadron of ferries making the run to Rodanthe on Hatteras Island.

At 5 a.m., after a long drive and crossing the dark, sparsely lit Alligator River wildlife refuge, a giant electronic sign set up by the DOT just after the turn onto N.C. 264 made it clear that things weren't normal, flashing the words "EMERGENCY FERRY" over and over at the road through the swamp.

As you probably read, several breaches and a new inlet created by Hurricane Irene had cut off Hatteras from the rest of us. The emergency ferry, running a narrow channel through Pamlico Sound, was quite literally a lifeline, bringing relief supplies, emergency equipment and workers and volunteers.

The morning I rode over, mixed in with the crews and gear were people who owned property on the island but weren't year-round residents. It was the first time they'd been allowed back. Most were hopeful but anxious.

Motoring into the sunrise, we had a calm passage. The Pamlico was agreeable that morning. A couple weeks earlier, it had been a real monster.

The back of my van was



packed with what supplies we could assemble on short notice. It wasn't a bad haul, the result of a series of Facebook posts and some phone calls. I'd followed conditions on Hatteras through Facebook and Twitter feeds and grew increasingly concerned that what was happening there was going on relatively unreported.

The Facebook pages set up in the wake of the hurricane were a good resource for finding out what was needed – bug spray, cleaning supplies, non-perishable foods and socks – lots of socks – which I thought was a little curious.

I arranged a drop-off with folks at the Really Really Free Market in Waves, right in the heart of the part of the island that had seen the worst flooding, and at the food bank at the Methodist church in Buxton.

I wasn't on Hatteras long before I kind of felt bad that the van wasn't stuffed full. The food bank had a decent amount stockpiled, but the fellow who ran it was concerned. There was a temporary pause in demand due to emergency food vouchers going out, but it would be a hard

fall and winter with so many people out of work and so many businesses wiped out.

And at the Really Really Free Market, "business" was brisk and the volunteers appreciative of what the good people of Chapel Hill and Carrboro had sent their way. I wasn't there for more than 10 minutes when a guy came in looking for help. He'd had a rough year already due to a string of health problems and he'd just lost his trailer, tools and Jeep. All he had left was his little dog.

I watched a market volunteer, a nurse, tend to him. She consoled him as he told his story and tried to help him figure out where he could stay. He'd been wearing flip-flops for who knows how long and his feet were bruised and blistered. She got him some shoes and socks, and as she helped him put them on she looked up at me and smiled.

"You see," she said simply, and gestured to the small pile of socks she'd grabbed for him. They were from the giant bag of socks I'd just unloaded.

"I get it," I replied.

You may think of Hatteras as an idyllic vacation spot or a fishing paradise, but chances are you don't think of it as home to hundreds of displaced and out-of-work people. You may not think about fishermen trying to get their boats and crews back together, young people who were working to save up for college or guys who work construction and live in trailers.

Yeah, Outer Banks people are scrappy, but they've been hit harder than most of us realize and could really use a little help and a little kindness. And socks.

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and the project was too small.

Del Snow, chair of the planning board, said she was the lone planning board vote against the project because she did not believe it conformed to the town's comprehensive plan.

"I did not feel that the principle of preserving and protecting neighborhoods was upheld," she said.

Several council members said they too were concerned about the height of the buildings.

"I think it's really important

to consider how tall these buildings are, all of them ... with regards to how they tower over the neighborhood and what they look like as you drive up MLK," council member Laurin Eastham said.

Council member Matt Czajkowski agreed.

"Aesthetic impact is an absolutely vital element of any development like this," he said. "I don't see how any council ... can possibly endorse this development, despite any of the other arguments against it, without a very, very clear understanding of what the visual impact will be."

"We can't have another East

54," he added.

Because neighbors have presented a valid protest petition, the project will require a three-quarters majority of council votes for approval.

A protest petition must have valid signatures of owners of 5 percent of the land area within the 100-foot buffer of the proposed rezoning. The petition presented by neighbors of the project represents owners of 43 percent of the property within that buffer.

The council will revisit the proposal at a meeting in November.

GO ONLINE: Visit carrborocitizen.com for a rendering of the project

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greenways and bike lines and to also continue our planning process in places for commercial growth in the northern part of Carrboro," Chilton said.

Candidate Braxton Foushee, who served as the first black alderman from 1969 to 1981, said that he wants to serve on the board because while he loves living in Carrboro, he believes that some of the stakeholders aren't being well represented.

Foushee said he supports the revolving loan fund and emphasized the need for better-marked bike lanes and safe walking and biking spaces for people to travel between Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

"One of the things to enhance [the revolving loan fund] is to

put more info out about how the fund operates and have an emergency component to that," Foushee said. "I would be willing to increase that fund if elected to the board."

Michelle Johnson, who is running for the first time, discussed creating a live-in economy for Carrboro, having more affordable-housing options downtown and increasing transit service, as well as the controversy surrounding day laborers.

"The issue of day laborers and the safety of the community – the group is being targeted as a whole for the actions of a few, and the needs of the community need to be balanced," she said.

Incumbent Dan Coleman discussed the work he has done on the board to support local businesses while encouraging safe environmental development.

"I am a big fan of the rural

ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

In favor of the quarter-cent sales tax

We urge all Orange County citizens to vote in favor of the tax referendum that will be on the ballot this November. As former members and chairs of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, we believe that this tax will provide critical funds for our schools now and into the future.

One-half of the \$2.5 million raised annually by this tax will go directly to the schools to improve older buildings and keep technology current. Money from North Carolina for these purposes has been cut in recent years, but the needs remain as urgent as ever.

The other half of the money will go toward supporting economic development across Orange County to bring us jobs and diversify our tax base. For too long, we have relied too heavily on residential property taxes to pay for local services, including schools. Expanding existing businesses and recruiting new ones will result in the growth of the business component of our tax base, alleviating pressure on homeowners.

The quarter-cent sales tax (look for "Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) on your ballot) will not be levied on groceries, gas or prescription drugs. For more information about the tax, go to www.co.orange.nc.us.

We have long been a community that looks to the future and believes that education is the path to individual and public prosperity. Please vote YES for the quarter-cent sales tax.

ELIZABETH MASON CARTER
Carrboro
NICK DIDOW
Chapel Hill
LISA STUCKEY
Chapel Hill

When Orange County created its Economic Development Districts in the early 1990s, the purpose was to designate non-residential zones that would

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He said he believes the biggest source of damage to the environment in Chapel Hill is the number of people getting in their cars every day to drive elsewhere for work.

"If we could only be clear as to what those businesses are that those people drive to and do everything we can to attract them here, we'll accomplish two objectives," he said.

Council candidate Laney Dale said the council should look at ways to incentivize developers to make projects more environmentally sustainable, such as tax cuts or other monetary incentives.

"By giving the builders a reason to be more green, I think we can balance economic development with environmental protection," he said.

Council candidate Jon DeHart said the council should use resources available at UNC to help the town work toward an improved development process that is also friendly to the environment.

"We have a broken plan for the development process and we really need to make sure it's worked and reworked correctly," he said.



serve "for the next 50 years." The districts were created along interstate highways to benefit from obvious transportation advantages. Orange County, with its support for quality education and environmental awareness, provides a great place for employers and employees to live and work. However, nearly 20 years later, virtually no activity has occurred in the Economic Development Districts. Therefore, the Orange County Board of Commissioners has recently begun to modify policies to better support business growth – both new and existing – in the county. We have adopted a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and are in the process of amending regulations to make Orange County more competitive. We've revised Land Use designations. We've zoned property for business use and we've provided incentives to support expansion of an existing business. The primary reason for the lack of activity, however, has been the lack of necessary infrastructure – water and sewer – that companies require for any site to make the first cut as a viable location. Investment now in water and sewer lines in the Economic Development Districts will make us competitive in the global business market, and will pay dividends in new taxable property, new sales tax revenue and most importantly, in new opportunities to work and shop in Orange County. We have the will, and with the approval by the voters of the quarter-cent local sales tax, we will have the means. Please come out to vote on November 8, and please vote "FOR" the quarter-cent tax.

STEVE F. YUHASZ
Vice Chair, Orange County Board of Commissioners

Council candidate Augustus Cho said the council needs to work to overcome the image that Chapel Hill isn't business friendly and to simplify the development process.

"At this point, the process is very expensive, which raises the cost of living here," he said.

Council candidate Carl Schuler said he believed economic development and environmental protection could co-exist, agreeing that the council could look to the university for successful examples.

"We're already seeing things take shape with the university with the reclamation of water ... and with Carolina North in putting in more environmentally friendly technology."

Incumbent Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward said the economy and the environment could both thrive with careful planning.

"It's not an either-or, but it is site-specific," he said, adding that the council should focus on putting development where development already is and staying away from the water supply and vegetation.

Council candidate Lee Storrow said the rural buffer, the urban services boundary around Chapel Hill and Carrboro to limit dense growth in the area surrounding the two towns, has helped to make Chapel Hill a

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I am pleased to write in support of Michelle Johnson for Carrboro Board of Aldermen. Michelle will be a wonderful addition to the elected leadership of our town, as she is a thoughtful and skilled teacher, a compassionate listener and an energetic participant.

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very desirable place to live, and the council needs to look at how to develop infill.

"Secondly, we need to think about our transit needs," he said. "Businesses want to exist in a community where their workers can get to work" without spending hours commuting.

Kleinschmidt said that while the rural buffer has been beneficial to the town, the council should take another look at its southern boundaries, where Northern Chatham is targeted for "awful sprawling development."

"That's going to be a huge economic sinkhole," he said. "It's going to capture important economic resources from Orange County residents."

Incumbent council member Donna Bell said she felt that the rural buffer offered protections to Chapel Hill and that she saw no reason to modify it at this point.

"One of the reasons that Chapel Hill is what it is because of the rural buffer," she said. "Durham has lower [housing] prices because Durham is huge."

The candidates will square off again in an online forum on Oct. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at orangepolitics.org

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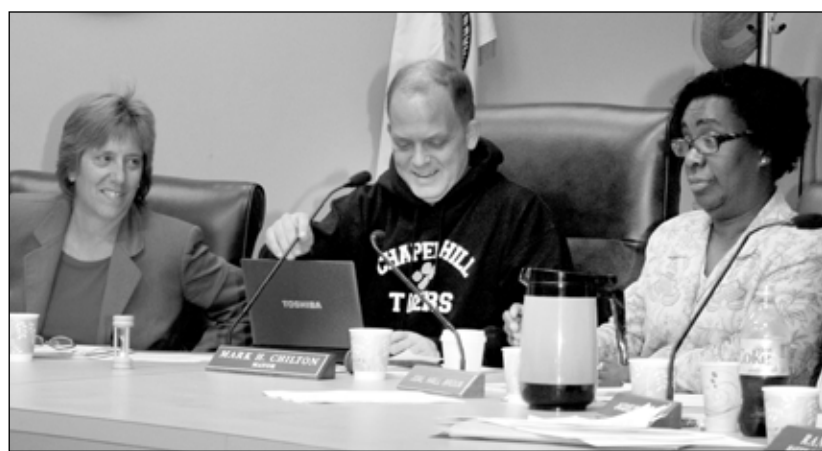


Chapel Hill High's Joey Raines battles Carrboro High's Ezavian Dunn. PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

The Carrboro High Jaguars lost to Chapel Hill High School at CHHS on Friday in a highly anticipated matchup between the two undefeated squads.



Carrboro High's Damien Currie catches Chapel Hill High quarterback TJ Johnson. PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING



Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton dons a Chapel Hill High Tigers sweatshirt at Tuesday night's Board of Aldermen meeting. Chilton bet Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt that the Jaguars would prevail in the football game, and on Tuesday, he paid up. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

School Briefs

CHCCS to hold Walk for Education

The 15th Annual Walk for Education will be held 2 p.m. Saturday. The walk will begin at McCorkle Place on the UNC campus and end at Lincoln Center, where a carnival will be held.

Though there is no fee to participate in this event, the carnival will include booths with food, games and other activities for purchase. The proceeds will benefit the more than 50 school groups operating the booths.

Shuttle buses will be available to take walkers to and from the event. Buses will run from McDougle Middle School and East Chapel Hill High School to McCorkle Place from 12:30-1:45 p.m. The buses will return to the schools from Lincoln Center throughout the afternoon.

Teacher workday care for elementary schools

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Community Schools Department offers Teacher Workday Care at each elementary school in the district beginning on Oct. 28 from 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

The program is open to all elementary students. There is a fee of \$38 per teacher workday.

The fee includes two snacks, lunch and all activity costs. Field trips and special activities are scheduled on teacher workdays.

Registration for the program is required. Registration forms are available in the Community Schools Office at Lincoln Center, in the After-School Office at each elementary school or on the district's website at tinyurl.com/6kqu2qp. Students must register at least two weeks prior to the workday.

For more information call 967-8211 ext. 28266.

Students receive leadership award

LaSharrica Walker of Phillips Middle School and Paige Chavis of East Chapel Hill High School have been selected as recipients of the 2011 Women's Leadership Council Leadership Award.

The students were granted the award by the United Way of the Greater Triangle's Women's Leadership Council for their outstanding leadership. Their achievement was honored with the Women's Center's Teens Climb High program on Sept. 16 at the Women's Leadership Council Annual Awards Luncheon.

CHHS parent night next week

The Chapel Hill High School counseling department will host a ninth- and 10th-grade parent night on Oct. 6 in the Hanes Auditorium.

The counseling department will inform parents about general updates, grade level timelines and parent support when their student may be struggling. There will also be time for questions.

For more information, contact counselor Montez Thomas (for all students whose last names begin with A-L) at 929-2106, ext. 41279, or by email at gmthomas@chccs.k12.nc.us, or counselor Linda Carmichael (for students whose last names begin with M-Z) at 929-2106, ext. 41275, or by email at lcarmichael@chccs.k12.nc.us.

Football Scores

CARRBORO (5-1, 0-0)

Sept. 23: lost to Chapel Hill, 22-9
Sept. 30: at South Granville

CHAPEL HILL (6-0, 0-0)

Sept. 23: defeated Carrboro, 22-9
Sept. 30: vs. Cardinal Gibbons

EAST CHAPEL HILL (2-4, 2-0)

Sept. 26: defeated Riverside, 35-28 (game postponed from Sept. 23)
Sept. 30: at Orange

ORANGE (3-3, 1-0)

Sept. 23: defeated Northern Vance, 45-6
Sept. 30: vs. East Chapel Hill

CEDAR RIDGE (2-4, 0-0)

Sept. 23: defeated Cardinal Gibbons, 40-7
Sept. 30: vs. Graham

NORTHWOOD (0-5, 0-0)

Sept. 23: did not play (game at Lee canceled)
Sept. 30: vs. Granville Central

BIKE

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The East Durham Children's Initiative is a nonprofit that focuses on one community identified as having little to no resources and works with those children from when they are born all the way to college.

The N.C. Partnership for Children is the organization behind Smart Start, which had around 20 percent of its budget slashed. Smart Start focuses on improving early-childhood education and

helping parents prepare and support their kids for school.

Gladin-Kramer has set her fundraising goal at \$8,529, a number that represents the average amount of spending per student in the state in 2009-10. She plans to split the amount she raises evenly among the three organizations.

"There isn't a lot of organized

fundraising for education or education causes," Gladin-Kramer said. "Public education is everybody's future in a way, and we should educate every child regardless of their background."

While she is a bit nervous about the long ride, instead of having a team of bikers riding with her or a pace car following her, Gladin-

Kramer is doing it alone.

"This is a metaphor for a lot of kids going unsupported through the system," she said of why she chose to bike alone.

Gladin-Kramer will have a phone, a GPS and her daily supplies on her back, stopping for food along the way and making her way to inexpensive hotels to sleep at night.

Throughout the ride, Gladin-Kramer will update her blog and will continue to raise money. You can follow her updates, donate money and learn more about her cause at bike-nc.blogspot.com

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Passion runs deep in UNC-ECU rivalry

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

This week's football game for Carolina does not count in the ACC standings, but there will be passionate play on the field Saturday night in Greenville.

The game, which kicks off at 8 p.m. at a sold-out Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, is the kind of backyard brawl in which emotions flow at a peak.

"Being that I'm from Kinston, it's personal," Quinton Coples said.

Many of the players from both teams competed or played together in high school.

Even the coaches are longtime friends. ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill and UNC interim head coach Everett Withers have been on several coaching staffs together. Their families are close.

But no one wants to lose to their close friends.

"I've played down there a couple of times [while coaching other teams], and I always thought it was an atmosphere for a great football game," Withers said. "We know it's a rivalry game. Our kids know a lot of their players. I know half their coaching staff."

"It seems like every stop Ruffin has made, I've made," Withers said. "I know Erlene, his wife, as well."

What is great about With-

ers' approach is that he didn't say "it's just another week" or "a team should not get up more for one opponent than another." He acknowledged the nature and importance of this week's game and the rivalry.



Eddy Landreth

When you are the University of North Carolina, you want to beat every school in this state," Withers said. "We know what it is, and we have to make sure we handle our business. There is some emotion in this game. I believe it's a rivalry, so let's go play it."

Carolina quarterback Bryn Renner is from Virginia. Although this game does not carry the same emotion as it does for his North Carolina-bred teammates, he doesn't want to win any less. He said he can understand the passion that runs deeply for his teammates in this rivalry.

Plus, the Tar Heels are coming off a bitterly disappointing loss at Georgia Tech last Saturday. That in itself is enough to get the team ready to play the Pirates.

"Losing is always tough, and it's hard to get over it," Renner said. "Luckily, we have a great

opponent in ECU to play. We're looking forward to going on the road again.

"We took a poll to see how many people knew a player for ECU," Renner said. "About everybody in the room raised their hand."

Coples said the cell phones have been burning hot all week.

"I know it's going to be unbelievable," Coples said. "It's a constant argument about who is going to win. This whole week, it's just back and forth. We just take it for what it is."

To win this game, the Tar Heels will have to slow ECU's wide-open spread offense. The Pirates run the ball, but their running game comes disguised as a passing game at times.

The Pirates threw the ball 42 times for 361 yards and three touchdowns in their 28-23 victory against the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Getting to the quarterback will not be easy, but hitting him will be necessary. ECU Quarterback Dominique Davis gets rid of the ball quickly in an effort to avoid sacks.

"Some of their passing game is considered their running game," Withers said. "You have to look at it that way. You have to do what happened to us last week: You have to get them in third and 7-plus. Then you can get after the quarterback."

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Dollar leaf flowers are close to the forest floor and seldom noticed. PHOTO BY PARKER CHESSON

FLORA
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response without any head-scratching or having to go to my shelf of frequently used botanical references.

Realizing that I have never observed the flowers of dollar leaf and knowing that Parker is a fine photographer, my response included a challenge. Learning that Parker has a population of dollar leaf in the woods edge of one of the trails where he frequently accompanies his grandchildren on nature excursions, I asked him to capture some images of the flowers whenever they may occur during the season.

The season flew by and

I was about ready to assume there were no flowers on Parker's plants this year, when I received some flower images and a happy story. Parker said he routinely passes along his woodland path on his way to the veggie garden. Here at summer's end, he had not been visiting the garden as frequently and had just about given up on spotting any flowers this year.

But one day two weeks ago, Parker was accompanied by his 5-year-old grandson, Cail Sullivan, who has learned from Parker how to take "a closer look." Having run ahead, as is his habit, Cail surprised Parker when he came running back exclaiming: "Granddaddy, come look

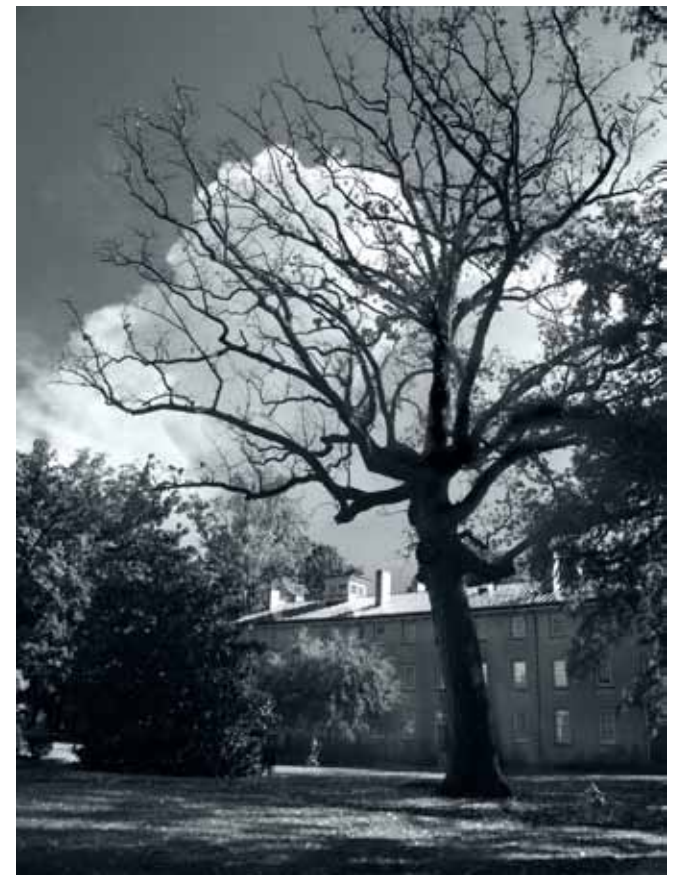
at this purple flower. You might want to take a picture of it."

And so it is that I have now finally seen an image of the dollar leaf flower, and Flora readers have young Cail to thank for discovering the flower that his granddaddy photographed to share with us.

There are always treasured surprises when we take the young ones along to help us see.

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To a townie like me, every single tree in Polk and McCorkle Place is like a dear playmate with whom I have grown old. So this summer when I saw the bare branches on my favorite post oak (*Quercus stellata*) between the Old and New West buildings, I began grieving in advance. And the way a photographer grieves is by making pictures; I shot its noble profile ... I laid on my back at its massive base looking straight up into its gnarly branches ... I photographed it lovingly with the knowledge that its days were numbered and that I alone must document its last autumn. Even as prepared as I was, the actual sight of the tree lying prone on the campus grass drew from me a sharp gasp. To his credit, university arborist Tom Bythell, who oversees the care and maintenance of the campus trees, was kind enough to respond promptly to my query. Bythell explained via email, "We can attribute the decline to a combination of factors that have put this tree under stress over the course of many years," including "infestations of Ambrosia beetles and phytophthora root rot." And he adds, "We did several Borer treatments this past spring



Eulogy for a very old friend

[which] were unsuccessful." Bythell estimates the post oak, sadly rotten and hollow at its core, was 160 to 180 years old, which means it might have been planted around the time New West was completed in 1861, at the dawn of the Civil War. And if there is a silver lining to this

story, it is this: The huge trunk has been taken to the N.C. Botanical Garden, where I'm told it will be fashioned into a bench. When it is finished, I will make a pilgrimage to visit my old friend, *Quercus stellata*, useful as ever in another life.



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