

Ice flowers form at the base of only a few plants. PHOTO BY PATRICK COIN

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Remembering ice flowers

Thankfully, that near-100 degree first day of fall has been followed by needed rain and cooler temperatures.

I'm relishing thinking of those dreadful freezing mornings in January. Folks crazy enough to be out walking just as the sun is beginning to rise on frigid winter mornings may spy the rather common, but rarely seen, ice flowers (described in Flora, 1/14/10).

Some of you may recollect that you have to be out before the sun has been up long enough to melt the flowers. Mysteriously found at the base of only a few species of plants, they are apparently formed from freezing moisture inside that splits the stems and forms ribbons of ice at the stem base.

Wild oregano, Cunila origanoides, (Flora, 8/14/09) is one plant that hosts ice flowers. This smallish, somewhat woody native perennial is fairly common low on the ground beneath canopies of upland oak forests. You can find it scattered along the upper trails of UNC's Carolina North and on the upper trails of the N.C. Botanical Garden. The easiest place to find it, with an identification label, is in the garden's plant-families display. That's where I viewed my first ice flowers last January.

A much commoner host plant is wingstem, or crownbeard, Verbena occidentalis. It is another of those fall composites, members of the aster plant family. You may observe it standing six or more feet tall in large patches or entire fields along roadsides now.

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Carrboro, DOT strike deal on Smith Level

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CARRBORO — If you would have told the Carrboro Board of Aldermen circa 1980 that it would take 30 years before their successors and the state Department of Transportation struck a deal on a plan for improvements to Smith Level Road, you might have gotten a few quizzical looks.

But it did. And now, with an agreement in hand with the town as of Tuesday night's board of alder-

man meeting, DOT project U-2803 moves into an entirely new phase.

The agreement comes after decades of disagreement between the state and Carrboro over how and how much to widen the road. Carrboro has long held out for bicycle lanes and sidewalks for the heavily traveled road, which is almost shoulderless in places.

Over the years, the project, first officially proposed in 1992, dropped from five lanes to four and last year, in a move that broke the stalemate,

down to two lanes with a median. That touched off further negotiations, which yielded a new set of plans.

The final round of discussions, which came after both sides agreed last spring on the bulk of the design, focused in part on the details of tree protection, sidewalk locations and construction plans around the road's retirement and assisted-living centers.

But the biggest hitch by far was over DOT's insistence on eliminating a left turn out of the Berryhill neighborhood, which residents said was

essential to prevent too much traffic from being funneled through other streets in the neighborhood.

At Tuesday night's board meeting, DOT's chief engineer for the local district, Mike Mills, indicated that the state had gone as far as it could go. DOT engineers have said repeatedly that while they're agreeing to a two-lane design, they believe a four-lane road will one day be needed.

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Carrboro's Jared Lennon (#11) on the run and Chapel Hill's Montrel Carty (#77) in pursuit after a key interception in the Jags win over Chapel Hill (see page 5). PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

County candidates gear up for election

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

As Election Day nears, some candidates for local office are putting their campaigns into high gear, while others are running in uncontested races.

In the race for seats on the Orange County Board of Commissioners, newcomers Earl McKee and Greg Andrews face off for the District 2 seat held by Mike Nelson. Although only residents of that district could vote in the District 2 primary, residents county-

wide will be able to vote on the District 2 seat in the general election.

McKee, a Democrat from Rougemont, said he is attending events throughout the county in order to meet voters outside of District 2, in addition to attending county commissioner meetings.

"I want to make sure that we concentrate on spending our money where we get the most value for the citizens," McKee said, noting the importance of maintaining the quality of the schools and public safety. "If we're going to have to make cuts, we have to make sure

that those cuts are in places that have the least impact."

Andrews, a Republican from Effand, did not return calls for comment.

Incumbent Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass, a Democrat, will face Republican candidate Buddy Parker in the race for Orange County sheriff.

In a number of county races, candidates are running unopposed.

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Council hears pros, cons of Northside sidewalk

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Town Council has yet to settle on a final priority list for its update to a 2008 master list for sidewalk construction, but members already know there's at least one tough choice ahead.

Residents on both sides of the debate over a proposed sidewalk on Graham Street in the Northside neighborhood showed up at the council's Monday night meeting at Town Hall to plead their case.

Longtime resident Joseph Fearington was joined by neighbor DeLores Bailey in calling for the town to drop plans for a sidewalk on the east side of North Graham Street. But North Graham Street resident Steve Wright said the road needs a sidewalk, especially since the neighborhood will see more pedestrian traffic after the new elementary school on Caldwell Street opens.

Residents of the Bennett Road/Mt. Carmel Church Road community also asked the council to speed up their project, as did residents of Colony Woods eager to complete a link along Ephesus Church Road.

Council member Ed Harrison agreed that the eastside neighborhoods that are in the Durham County portion of Chapel Hill are long overdue for new sidewalks, since they have gone 40 years without the town constructing a sidewalk in the area. "It's about time," he said.

The council will take up the sidewalk plan again at its Nov. 22 meeting.

In other action Monday night, the council reviewed an extensive rewrite of its rules on tree protection, including new requirements for maintaining tree canopies and a tighter definition of what constitutes a significant stand of hardwoods.

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Voices, faces, stories and souls

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

Talking Sidewalks is a literary magazine, one among many in these wordy parts. What sets it apart though is its prerequisite for authorship in this particular magazine — homelessness.

Talking Sidewalks was started by a group of UNC students two years ago and strives to be a place of community and conversation. The semi-annual magazine has published four issues, including

one commemorated, just a few weeks ago, by a launch party at Flyleaf Books.

"Homelessness had always been one of those issues I was curious about, because it's right there in front of your face," said Jonathan Young, a UNC senior and a founder of the magazine.

Young got involved with the Campus Y's HOPE (Homeless Outreach Poverty Eradication) committee when he transferred to UNC in 2008. At that time, committee members were in talks to film a

documentary about homelessness, which became Faces of Franklin.

"We basically walked into the shelter one night with a video camera and a sign-up sheet," Young said. "We ended up getting really lucky."

Several shelter residents were eager to share their stories with Young and the other students, who listened to their words over and over again as they edited their work.

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Local ties still bind

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

For a guy who's now residing in Raleigh, John Ensslin sure has kept up his Carrboro bona fides.

He's got an art show up at Acme Food & Beverage, makes his living in the local real estate market and would have taken the stage at last Sunday's Carrboro Music Festival with his Chatham-based band The Breaks had not the outdoor events been called due to impending rain.

Ensslin, whose father went to UNC and mother went to Duke, is among the many who came for an



John Ensslin with his "Famous Monsters" exhibit at Acme. PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

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Calendar

THURSDAY SEPT 30 Friends of the Downtown — With Rick Steinbacher and Dave Hartzell. Franklin Hotel, 9:30am

FRIDAY OCT 1 Transactors at ArtsCenter — Suspense improv with music provided by Killer Filler. 8pm, \$14

Excel Basics — Chapel Hill Public Library, 8:15am. 968-2780

SATURDAY OCT 2 Rock for Reproductive Rights — Grammy-winner Maya Azucena headlines Ipa's sixth Rock for Reproductive Rights concert. Great Room Banquet Hall below Top of the Hill. 8-11pm. \$15 ipas.org

World Breastfeeding Challenge — To support and promote breastfeeding. Southern Community Park, Southern Village, 9:30am ByrnesR@piedmonthealth.org

Greens Demo — Lynn Heisel provides a cooking demonstration with fall greens. South Estes Farmers' Market

2010 Parade of Homes — Over 40 new homes to tour in Durham, Orange and Chatham counties. Free. hbadoc.com, 493-8899

Gridiron Glory — A glimpse of Tar Heel football history. Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library, three hours before kickoff

SUNDAY OCT 3 First Sunday — Historic Downtown Pittsboro Music by Rootzie. 12-4pm

Histories and Mysteries of Chapel Hill — Chapel Hill Public Library meeting room. 2pm. Free. 968-2780

Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti — To perform at University Presbyterian Church, 230 East Franklin St., heartswithhaiti.org

MONDAY OCT 4 Dinnertable Storytelling — Conducted in Spanish. Panzanel-la Restaurant, 6:30pm. Free

tuesday Oct 5 Movie Nite at the Library — "11:14." Chapel Hill Public

Library meeting room, 6:30pm. Free. 968-2780

Creative Conversation — To discuss strengthening our schools by building an Arts Integration Focus. Northwood High School, Pittsboro, 7pm. 593-7541

Deep Impact — Ed Wise to speak on the Chesapeake Bay Meteorite Impact Crater. Seymour Center, 7pm. 933-5436

THURSDAY OCT 7 Climate Change Expert — Ellen Mosley-Thompson will speak at the FedEx Global Education Center's Nelson Mandela Auditorium. 7:30pm. Free. 70@unc.edu

FRIDAY OCT 8 PowerPoint Basics — Chapel Hill Public Library. 8:15am. 968-2780

SATURDAY OCT 9 Fun Pink Day — Breast Cancer Awareness taking donations for Susan G Komen Foundation Piedmont Feed and Garden Center, 9am-3pm. 932-7387, piedmontfeed@bellsouth.net

Square Dance — Live string band Pleasant Green. Community Center, 8pm, \$6/8. ncsquares.com

River Rhythms Workshop — Orange County Recreation Center in Hillsborough. 1:30pm, \$5. hillsboroughartsCouncil.org

Dance - Participatory Ballroom — Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, fourth and fifth Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 968-2070

Carrboro DanceJam — Freestyle dance. Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W. Weaver St., upstairs. First Fridays, 8pm. 868-8776

Ballroom Dance — Triangle StarDusters. Couples and singles are welcome. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. Second Saturday of every month, 8-11pm, \$7/StarDusters members and students, \$12/others. 942-7232

Shag Dancing — Every Monday, beginner class at 7pm, dance at 9pm. Free lesson first Monday of the month. General Store Cafe, Pittsboro, 6pm

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

Carrboro Chess Club — A casual meeting for people who like to play chess. All skill levels are welcome. Jesse's Coffee and Bar, Saturdays, 3pm

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

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets weekly. Weaver Street Market, Wednesdays, 9:15am. Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn (932-1411)

Saludamos Group Walks — Front of El Futuro, Saturdays, 9am

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

Breastfeeding Cafe — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms. A La Leche representative will provide information and answer questions. The Red Hen, Mondays, 1-2pm

Tutoring — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's K-5 classes. Tutors are students from UNC. Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. 732-2441, ext 26

Chapel Hill Public Library — Story Time, for ages 3-6; Junior Book Club, for readers grades 1-3; Time for Toddlers, for stories, songs and activities; Baby Time, for children between 6 and 18 months; Teen Book Club, for teens in grades 6 and up; Bookworms Club, for grades 3-6. Dates and times vary, chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Support Group — Binkley Baptist Church, Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm. Free. DBSACChapelHill@nc.rr.com

Gardening Questions? — Ask Orange County Master Gardeners at Home Garden Clinic. Walk-ins welcome. N.C. Botanical Garden, Wednesdays and Fridays, noon. 262-0522. Hillsborough clinic weekdays, 10am. 245-2061

Free Yoga Classes — Support for Cancer Patients, Survivors and Caregivers. CCSP at Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101. Mondays, Thursdays, 11am

Hand In Hand Exhibit at the Carrboro Branch Library — A multimedia exhibition featuring the work of eight local artists who are lending their support to three local social action groups: the (UNC) Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC), also known as the Carrboro Free Clinic; TABLE, the children's weekend backpack feeding program; and the Orange County Literacy Council. Through Nov. 30. 969-3006

NAMI Classes — Twelve weekly classes for relatives of individuals suffering from chronic mental illness. Seymour Center, through Nov. 18, 6:30pm. 968-1777

Cancer Support — For single fathers who have lost a loved one to cancer. Third Mondays, Carolina Pointe II, 3rd Floor. 6-7:30pm

UNC Hospice — Offers volunteer training, pre-registration required. 480 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Sept. 28, 1-4:30pm. 542-5545

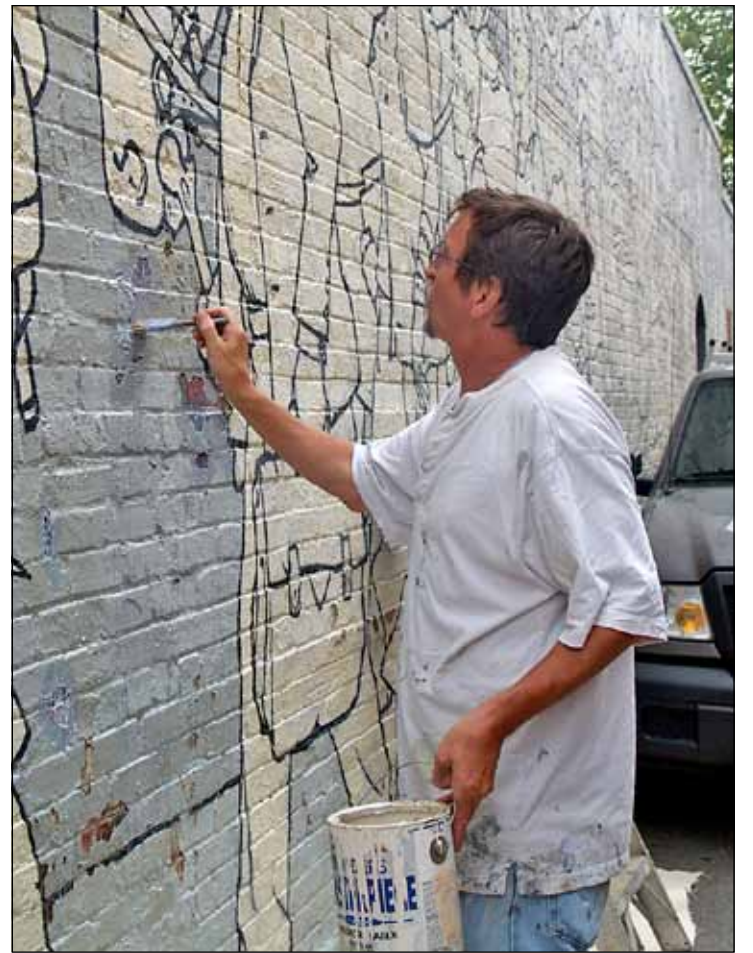
Boys Choir Auditions — For boys grades 3-6. September and early October. 489-0291

Volunteers Needed — Adaptive Aquatics to assist swimmers with disabilities. 968-2813

Small Dog Meetup — Dogs under 25 lbs. Southern Village Dog Park Mondays, 6:30pm; Saturdays, 9:30am

Youth Classes — In dance and music. Chathamarts.org

Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com



Artist Michael Brown touches up the mural in Porthole Alley off Franklin Street. Brown said the red and green of an old Coca-Cola sign can be seen in weathered spots of the Carolina blue mural.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

OBITUARY

Mildred Mae "Noonie" Jones

Mildred Mae "Noonie" Horne Jones went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010. Mrs. Jones was a lifelong Carrboro, N.C., resident. She was the daughter of the late Clifton Horne and Mary Dorsie Brockwell Horne Neville. She was the first wife of Clyde Ray Jones. She is survived by a son, Sam Jones; grandsons, Joseph and Joshua Jones; brothers, John Robert Horne, Jack Neville and Garland Neville; sister-in-law, Mrs. Reid Neville Jr. (Tazuko); aunt, Pearl Brockwell; nephew, Douglas Horne; Roy Jones, Marie Zedaker, Eddie Jones, Nancy Dodd and other kin.

A strong and independent woman, Mrs. Jones was a loving mother and grandmother. She was a faithful member of Cal-



vary Baptist Church in Carrboro for many years. She was always willing to help those in need. Later years brought physical debilitation, but never was her spirit debilitated nor broken. She testified of the Lord Jesus every opportunity she had. She will be greatly missed.

Interment will be at Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro.

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These talks are part of the 5th Annual Carolina Climate Change Seminar hosted by the Department of Geological Sciences, and supported by the UNC Provost's Office, the College of Arts & Sciences, the Institute for the Environment, and the Department of Marine Sciences.

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Briefs

Atwater gets life in federal prison

Demario Atwater was sentenced to life in federal prison last week for the 2008 murder of UNC student body president Eve Carson.

Atwater pleaded guilty earlier this year to first-degree murder in connection with Carson's death so that prosecutors would take the death penalty off the table. Carson, an Athens, Ga., native who came to UNC as a Morehead-Cain scholar, was shot and killed in a robbery during the early-morning hours of March 5, 2008.

A federal judge in Winston-Salem ordered Atwater to pay \$212,947.10 in restitution. In addition, Atwater must enter a substance-abuse program and undergo a psychological examination.

Atwater has 13 days to appeal the sentence. The state has not yet set a date for the trial of Laurence Lovette, who is also a suspect in the Carson murder.

Two plead guilty in Bailey case

Two of the six defendants charged with the first-degree kidnapping and murder of 20-year-old Joshua Bailey pleaded guilty last week to lesser charges in a plea agreement.

Under the agreement, Jack Johnson II, 21, of 101 Culbreth Drive in Chapel Hill, and Ryan Ladar Davis Lee, 22, of 1103 Sourwood Drive in Chapel Hill, will be required to testify against their co-defendants. Bailey's body was discovered in September 2008 off Big Woods Road in Chatham County, where suspects allegedly moved it after he was killed in an execution-style murder in a wooded area off Twisted Oak Drive west of Carrboro.

Johnson pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit kidnapping, while Lee pleaded guilty to accessory after the fact to first-degree murder and accessory after the fact to second-degree kidnapping.

Johnson will be sentenced after the other cases associated with the murder are resolved. Lee was sentenced to 12 to 15 months in the N.C. Department of Corrections on the accessory to kidnapping charge and will be sentenced on the other charge after the other cases are resolved.

Hogan improving

Local farming-community stalwart Rob Hogan's health is improving after he was brought to the intensive care unit at UNC Hospitals on Sept. 16.

Hogan had been working in the field until 11 p.m. on Sept. 15 and missed the last step of his tractor while climbing down, landing with his full weight on his hip. Over the course of the night, Hogan's leg became increasingly numb and EMS brought him to the emergency room at UNC Hospitals early the next morning.

Doctors determined that Hogan had developed rhabdomyolysis, a condition where injured muscle tissue deteriorates and releases myoglobin, which is toxic to the kidneys. Though he remains in intensive care, Hogan has undergone several successful surgeries since the accident.

Hogan and his wife, Ann Leonard, live on Hogan's Magnolia View Farm outside of Carrboro, where the Hogan family has farmed for more than 240 years. The farm is also home to Rameses, the UNC football team mascot.

For updates on Hogan's condition, visit caringbridge.org/visit/robandannhogan/journal

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Asked repeatedly whether there was any way the project could go forward without the median, Mills reply was a consistent "no" – at least not as a road improvement. The state, he said, could remove the project from its list of priorities and the town could start over in seeking funds to do the project strictly as a bicycle and pedestrian improvement project.

Mayor Mark Chilton, credited with helping break the deadlock on the project last year, told residents assembled at the meeting that while he disagreed with the

DOT's philosophy, without the median the project would likely never be adequately funded.

He said he did not think maintaining the left turn was a fair trade for losing long-sought bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

The final vote was 6-1, with board member Joal Hall Broun voting against the project.

A hearing of a proposed zoning change for a section of the Ballentine project north of Lake Hogan Farms off Old N.C. 86 also was on Tuesday's agenda.

At the urging of town officials, developer M/I Homes is seeking permission to add further density and a small commercial area to the project, triggering the

need for a zoning change.

Members of the town's Northern Transition Area advisory board also asked that the zoning change, which was supported by other advisory boards, be rejected.

And several residents of nearby neighborhoods told the board of aldermen that they were upset over the project, saying it will add to traffic congestion and pack too many residents into the area.

That brought a sharp rebuke from board member Broun, who recalled that when she moved to town 28 years ago the Hogan land and Cates Farm were actual farms.

Referring to the area's moniker – the Northern Transition Area – Broun said, "Transition means

what it says it means – transition, not stasis."

The board will continue the public hearing on the zoning change at its Oct. 28 meeting.

In other action, the board agreed to continue looking for alternatives for bicycle and pedestrian traffic on Estes Drive. The board reviewed several proposed routes connecting through to downtown, but did not choose a specific plan.

Several board members noted the difficulty in getting the owners of Estes Park Apartments to enter into discussions on a new route. A fence erected at the complex in 2008 cut off a commonly used path to downtown.

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education and stayed to make a home hereabouts. He said he appreciates that places where being able to make a living and create art and music are rare.

"The town acts like a magnet for those who want that lifestyle," Ensslin said.

His path since college – he chose his dad's school – was a traditional tandem of restaurants and rock bands.

He met Acme owner Kevin Callaghan when the two worked at Crook's Corner and made the move to downtown Carrboro when Callaghan decided to open his own place.

His extensive musical experi-

ences include the '90s power-pop scene via What Peggy Wants, where he began a longtime collaboration with Tom Maxwell. A few years back, the two produced a humorous take-off about low-key local lifestyles titled "This Carrboro Life." The bit features Ensslin as a guy who goes to the driver license office only to find it, you know, crowded.

Despite his rebellious rock roots, Ensslin would not cringe to hear himself described as a "people person." It's what's got him into his new business, Nest Realty, which is aimed at helping buyers, especially first-timers, negotiate the local real estate market.

Ensslin, who worked at Weaver Street Realty for several years before the two parted

company during the real estate downturn, said his experiences working with buyers proved the most enjoyable.

Rather than a traditional real estate company, which can represent buyers and sellers, Ensslin said he's more comfortable with being an advocate and counselor to people trying to find a home in a time of flux. It's not about making the sale, he said. "I'm helping people make decisions and navigate the real estate market."

Nest is keeping him busy, as is his recent move to Raleigh, which was accompanied by an increase in family. He and his wife Kelly, an attorney with a Raleigh-based law firm, adopted their second child this spring from Vietnam. It was an arduous process that rose and fell with

the interactions of nations.

Recently, when he found a brief window of downtime, he plunged into a painting project, figuring that with a full house he might not have many such opportunities for a while.

The resulting series, "Famous Monsters," hangs on the walls at Acme through the month.

A native of Tampa and, like many of his generation from that area, a former follower of kitsch monster-movie host Dr. Paul Bearer, Ensslin's show is mainly a set of portraits – mug shots – of 17 monster greats of the past.

"I really love monsters and so I sat down and thought how many I could do portraits of just off the top of my head," Ensslin said. "Seventeen sounded just about right."

ELECTION FROM PAGE 1

In the race for county commissioner, incumbent Alice Gordon is running unopposed in District 1, while incumbent Barry Jacobs is the only candidate on the ballot for the at-large seat on the board.

No Republicans filed to run against James Stanford, a Democrat, for county clerk of court. Deborah Brooks, also a Democrat, will run unopposed for county register of deeds.

In addition, Chris Hogan and Morris Lee Shambley will run uncontested for the two available seats for soil conservation district supervisor.

One-stop absentee voting begins Oct. 14 at the board of elections office in Hillsborough and on Oct. 18 at the Morehead Planetarium on the UNC campus and at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road.

Those who wish to register and vote at the one-stop-voting sites can do so through Oct. 30 at the Seymour Center and board of elections offices and through Oct. 29 at the Morehead Planetarium.

Residents who wish to vote at polling sites on Election Day, Nov. 2, must be registered by Oct. 8. The last day to submit absentee ballots by mail is Oct. 26.

For more information, visit the board of elections website at www.co.orange.nc.us/elect or call 245-2350.

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The tree-canopy rules, proposed by the town's planning board, would apply mainly to larger-scale developments. It sets standards for the percentage of the canopy that must be maintained for various size lots and would not apply to single-family homes unless plans call for disturbing more than 5,000 square feet of land.

Architect and developer Phil Post said he did not think the new rules were workable and may have the unintended consequence of forcing builders to eliminate open space or ponds.

He also took exception with defining the canopy as starting at 20 feet above the ground, since it would not apply to favored species like crape myrtle.

The current system is not broken and doesn't need to be fixed, Post said.

Planning board member Del Snow argued in favor of the changes, saying that canopy standards have become a best practice in tree protection across the country and should be adopted.

Council member Jim Ward said he'd like to see additional protection rules drafted specifically for the "oak alleys" downtown.

In other action Monday night, the council:

- established a new pet license fee for cats, which will cost \$3 for sterilized cats or \$5 for unsterilized cats. The fee is expected to generate about \$5,110, which will cover cost increases in animal control; and
- voted 5-3 on the first reading to adopt new bicycle and vehicular parking rules that mandate at least one bicycle parking space for every two housing units in new multi-family developments and reduce the number of vehicular spaces required for large projects. A second-reading vote on the ordinance change is pending.

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Briefs

Club Nova tea room

Club Nova will celebrate national Mental Illness Awareness week Oct. 4-8 with its second annual "Tea Room," during which community members are invited to come to the clubhouse for lunch, take a tour, view member art and enjoy musical and other performances by clubhouse members.

In addition, this year several local musicians have been invited to perform each day of the week from 1 to 2 p.m. The lineup includes Up Cane Creek on Monday; Stu Cole, Tuesday; Tim Stambaugh, Wednesday; John Howie Jr., Thursday; and Jim Smith, Friday.

This event is both a fundraiser for Club Nova (\$5 tickets will be sold at the door) and a means of the clubhouse's connection with the community. For more information, contact Katherine Tiller at ktiller@clubnova.org

Osment honored



Ashley Osment has been selected as a recipient of the UNC School of Law's 2010 Distinguished Alumna Award, the highest honor the UNC Law Alumni Association bestows upon its alumni. Osment, a Chapel Hill resident, died of cancer last May.

An awards ceremony will be held at the Law Alumni Gala on Oct. 8 at the Carolina Inn. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30. Reservations must be made by Friday at alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UNOL/events/event_order.cgi?tmpl=events&event=2303649. If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Office of Advancement at 962-1592 or louise@unc.edu.

Haitian dance troupe to perform

The Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti will perform at the University Presbyterian Church on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The internationally recognized dance troupe of former orphaned street children and child slaves uses drumming and dance to vibrantly tell their story of struggle and hope. The troupe is touring the country to spread awareness and raise money for the reconstruction of two St. Joseph Family homes that were destroyed in

the Jan. 12 earthquake. The St. Joseph Family has three homes for previously homeless or abandoned children, including one for disabled children.

Admission is free. The University Presbyterian Church is located at 209 E. Franklin St. To view the troupe's full performance schedule or for more information, visit heartswithhaiti.org

World breastfeeding challenge

This Saturday, Southern Community Park will be the local site for individuals wishing to participate in the World Breastfeeding Challenge, an attempt to break the record for the most babies breastfeeding and an event designed to raise awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding.

The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with "The Big Latch-On" starting at 11 a.m. In addition to the main event, there will be information and advice for pregnant and breastfeeding women and drawings for door prizes.

This event is coordinated by Piedmont Health Services in conjunction with UNC Hospitals and the Orange County Health Department.

Musicians to discuss influences

The violin, mandolin and guitars of Mandolin Orange and the guitar of Ryan Gustafson will waft across the lawn of UNC's Center for the Study of the American South today (Thursday) for the first Music on the Porch event of the year.

Songwriter Andrew Marlin and vocalist-instrumentalist Emily Frantz, who make up the Carrboro duo Mandolin Orange, blend elements of country, jazz and bluegrass into their music. Gustafson is the former front man of the rock band Bombbox. He infuses his songs with classic rock, pop, soul, Americana and even psychedelia.

The performers will discuss the influence of the South on their music and what makes the South fertile ground for creative expression.

The free public event will be on the lawn of the Love House and Hutchins Forum, home to the center, at 410 E. Franklin St. from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 962-5665 or visit uncsouth.org

Chatham resale stores expand hours

The Chatham Habitat for Humanity home stores are expanding their hours of operation starting Friday. Home Store will open one hour earlier, at 9 a.m., Monday through Friday, and will close at 6 p.m. Home Store Too will open at its regular time of 9 a.m. Monday through Friday and close one hour later, at 6 p.m.

To learn more about Home Store and Home Store Too and to view a sample of current merchandise, visit the organization's website at Chatham-Habitat.org or call 542-0788.

HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about tick bites, glucosamine and ringing in the ears.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I found a tick on my son yesterday. It was lodged on his neck but not swollen or fat. It was easy to remove with tweezers and I'm sure I got the whole thing. There is no rash and he seems fine. Do I need to take him to the doctor?

No. Tick bites are very common. It is a good idea to mark the calendar and follow it out for two to three weeks. If your son gets a fever, rash, headache or flu symptoms, take him to the doctor immediately.

Dear HOUSE Calls, When should people take glucosamine for their joints? I have some arthritis and some of my friends say this really helps.

Great question. Arthritis is a tough problem and doctors and patients are always looking for new solutions. People who have arthritis, particularly osteoarthritis of the knees, may benefit

from glucosamine. There was a meta-analysis — a study combining studies in 2005 — showing that there was some pain relief with glucosamine. However, since that study, subsequent reviews have found that if we include only the highest quality of the studies there is no difference between glucosamine and placebo. Many people take glucosamine in combination with chondroitin, which really is not supported by any well-done clinical trials. There are some side effects worth mentioning: Glucosamine can cause some stomach disturbance and increased bleeding tendency. All in all, it is fairly safe and you will find inconsistent opinions on effectiveness. If you think it helps, be sure to let your doctor know you are taking it.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I get occasional ringing in my ear that starts suddenly but only lasts a few seconds. Should I worry about it? Am I losing my hearing?

Ear ringing is also called tinnitus. For some people, this problem can be quite a nuisance. It sounds like it is not too bad for you. There are several causes of ear ringing: It can come from problems with your hearing, loud noise or a viral infection in your inner ear. Some medications, like aspirin and aspirin-family drugs, can cause this. It does not necessarily mean you are losing your hearing, but it is associated with hearing loss. Probably best to get your ears checked out; your doctor may want to test your nerves as part of a physical exam and maybe give you a hearing test as well. All in all, this is a common problem and should not cause too much worry if there are not other symptoms and it is not bothering you too much.

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

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

"Wealth: Good or Bad"

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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School Briefs

Workday care available for students

The Community Schools Teacher Workday Program will offer teacher workday care for elementary students. Teacher workdays are Oct. 25, Nov. 5, Jan. 18, Feb. 21, March 25 and April 22. The program will operate at all of the district's elementary schools from 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., and is open to all students. The fee is \$38 per student per day and includes two snacks, lunch and all activity costs. Registration is required at least two weeks before the teacher workday. Forms are available in the after-school office at each school and the Community Schools office at the Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road. In addition, the form is available online at www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/education/components/docmgr/default.php?sectiondetailid=45315&. For more information, call 967-8211 ext. 28266.

District kicks off United Way Campaign

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools kicked off the district's annual United Way Campaign on Monday, setting a goal to raise \$50,000 to support various service agencies throughout the Triangle. Superintendent Neil Pedersen encouraged the participation of employees, noting that small contributions from all staff members can have a large impact on community agencies that are feeling increased demands for services during the recession. Susan Worley of Volunteers for Youth spoke at the event about the impact her organization has on young people in the community. The campaign ends on Oct. 29.

Walk for Education planned for Oct. 23

The 14th Annual Walk/Run for Education will be held Oct. 23. The event, sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation, will be held rain or shine, starting with the race at 9 a.m. The walk will begin at 3 p.m. at McCorkle Place on the UNC campus, ending at the annual carnival at the Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road. School groups may reserve booths at the carnival, at no charge, to sell items of their choice to raise money for their groups.

Middle and high school career expo

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will host the 2010 Middle School and High School Career Expo on Oct. 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at University Mall. The expo, presented in partnership with many local professionals, will give students the opportunity to explore career fields of their choice. Representatives from many fields, including health, business, communication, arts, technology, fashion design, education, transportation, engineering and public service, will be on hand.

School Lunch

October's school lunch menus were unavailable at press time.

To check online:
<http://chartwellschooldining.com/chccs/content/home.asp>



A win and some smiles

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A season that was supposed to be about championships and making a leap forward as a program has become another 12-game struggle for survival.

In Butch Davis' first three seasons, the coaching staff and players turned a program beaten and battered into a winner again. Throughout this time, they've won a lot of close games and lost some others. It has been a trying, uphill climb.

As this season has shown, in an unfortunate manner, Davis and his coaches have recruited well through it all. But far too many young players are on the field before their time because some teammates are under investigation for either breaking

NCAA rules in regards to agents or possible academic infractions.

Nevertheless, Carolina (1-2) went to New Jersey last weekend and won its first game of the year, beating Rutgers 17-13. Now the Tar Heels will focus on playing East Carolina (2-1) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Kenan Stadium.

"It took an awful lot just to maintain that positive attitude," Davis said, "that if we keep working, good things are going to happen. That's kind of the mantra for the rest of the season ... certainly you've got to take care of your own personal self and practice as hard as you can, prepare as hard as you can and good things will happen."



Davis said last weekend was the first time he's seen his players smile in weeks.

"It was a huge relief to finally get that first win. [Coach Davis] is right — that was the first time I saw a lot of [smiles], me included," safety Matt Merletti said. "Just, honestly, to feel genuinely happy and to finally get some good light on our program."

Because of the suspensions and negative publicity in the national media, this team is playing beneath a dark cloud foreign to Carolina teams. Rutgers fans taunted the Carolina players by waving dollar bills, referring to the illegal gifts certain UNC players allegedly accepted from agents.

"I wouldn't say it's difficult, but it's just one of those things that we're going to have to deal with," Merletti said. "With all this stuff going on, I kind of expected that going into a hostile environment like that and to get some reaction from the fans. We're just really trying to focus on taking one game at a time and not focus on the fans, but the team."

And for at least one week, they have been able to practice with a little less pressure bearing down on their collective backs.

"Just to get a 'W' — no matter how we get it or how ugly it is, we were just happy to get a win," quarterback T.J. Yates said. "After a couple of close games, just to flip it around for us feels good."

High school sports reports

BY HENRY GARGAN
Staff Writer

Carrboro 22 - Chapel Hill 20

Carrboro continued its Orange County dominance of terror on Friday with a squeaker of a victory at home, this time against the more westerly of their in-town rivals, Chapel Hill. Coming off a solid win over East Chapel Hill the week before, the Jaguars (5-0) began the game lacking the confidence and momentum that has characterized their offense all season. The Tigers (3-3) did their part to take advantage of this on both sides of the field during the first quarter, until a couple of critical special-teams plays seemed to swing the contest in Carrboro's favor. A blocked field goal, a 3-yard Douglas Parrish rushing TD and a two-point conversion later, the Jaguars led, 15-7.

The Tigers did their best to come back in the second half. Daniel Watson sprinted 70 yards for a touchdown. Chapel Hill then made the play that would decide the fate of the game — a botched two-point conversion. Those two points represented Carrboro's margin of victory in a game in

which scoring was equal at three touchdowns apiece.

The Jaguars' Parrish then answered with another 3-yard run for a score. Despite a heroic drive ending in a 1-yard dive into the end-zone by Watson, the Tigers were not able to avoid dropping their first-ever contest to Carrboro.

Chapel Hill travels to Cardinal Gibbons on Friday, while Carrboro will host Ronald Reagan High School.

Jordan 36 - East Chapel Hill 7

On a night that featured both a conference football game and a classic rivalry matchup on the soccer field, East Chapel Hill (1-5) sports fans had their work cut out for them as they planned their Friday nights. By the end of the first quarter, however, those who had elected to make the drive to Durham probably wished they'd stayed in Chapel Hill.



Carrboro QB Derek Bryant (#14) on QB keeper. PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Durham Jordan (5-1) made light work of the Wildcats, building a 29-0 lead by halftime. East's normally potent offense was held to just 73 yards rushing and was scoreless through the fourth quarter. The only Wildcat touchdown came from the arm of Drew Davis as they trailed 36-0.

East Chapel Hill will seek redemption on Homecoming against conference rival Riverside this week.

SOCCER

East Chapel Hill (8-2-1) 2 - Chapel Hill (7-4-1) 1

ECH: A. Hernandez 1, A. Kurdi 1; CHL: J. Dell 1
Next up for East Chapel Hill: vs. Carrboro, Sept. 30
Next up for Chapel Hill: vs. Oxford Webb, Oct. 4

Carrboro (10-2-1) 2 - Durham School of the Arts (2-3-1) 2

CAR: K. Holmquist 1, L. Royo 1
Next up: vs. Raleigh Charter, Sept. 30

CAR: E. Lytle 2, C. Holmquist 1, L. Royo 1
Next up: at South Granville, Sept. 27

Chapel Hill (7-3-1) 2 - Leesville Road (8-2-1) 2

CHL: B. Matera 1, P. Whitford 1; LVL: Campbell 1, A. Smith 1
Next up: at East Chapel Hill, Sept. 24

ORANGE COUNTY VOTING LOCATION CHANGES

North Carolina General Elections will be held on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010.**
Polls will be open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

Voters in the **North Carrboro Precinct** who voted at Homestead Community Center, 600 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, in the May 4, 2010 Primary and June 22, 2010 Run-off Elections **will now vote at Chapel Hill High School, 1709 High School Road, Chapel Hill.**

All affected voters in North Carrboro Precinct have been notified by mail of the above polling location change. If you are unsure of where to vote, contact the Board of Elections at 245-2350 or our website at www.co.orange.nc.us/elect.

ELECTION NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NC CODE 163-33(8), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: to the qualified voters of Orange County, the NC General Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 to vote for Federal, State, Judicial and County Offices, a Constitutional Amendment and a local sales and use tax referendum.

The polls for the November 2nd Election will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Residents who are not registered to vote must register by October 8, 2010 to be eligible to vote in this election. Registered voters who moved within Orange County should notify the Board of Elections, in writing, of their address change by the same date.

Any qualified voter may vote prior to Election Day, at one of the One-Stop voting locations listed below. At these locations voters may also request one-stop registration and voting on the same day.

LOCATIONS AND TIMES FOR ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING

Hillsborough Location: Orange County Board of Elections Office
208 S. Cameron St, Hillsborough
Dates and Times:
Thursday & Friday, October 14th - October 15th, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Monday - Friday, October 18th - October 22nd, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Monday - Friday, October 25th - October 29th, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, October 30th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Chapel Hill Locations: Morehead Planetarium
250 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill
Dates and Times:
Monday - Friday, October 18th - October 22nd, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Monday - Friday, October 25th - October 29th, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
NO VOTING - Saturday 30th - due to UNC Football Game

Seymour Senior Center
2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill
Dates and Times:
Monday - Friday, October 18th - October 22nd, 12:00 pm-7:00 pm
Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Monday - Friday, October 25th - October 29th, 12:00 pm-7:00 pm
Saturday, October 30th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Voters may request their ballots be mailed to them. This request must be submitted in writing to the Orange County Board of Elections, P O Box 220, Hillsborough, NC 27278, and received at the board office by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday October 26, 2010.

Citizens with questions concerning registration, absentee ballots, location of polling sites or other related matters, should call the board office between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or inquire at our website at www.co.orange.nc.us/elect.

The Orange County Board of Elections will hold Absentee meetings in the board office at 208 South Cameron Street, Hillsborough, NC at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12th, October 19th, October 26th, and November 2nd.

The Orange County Board of Elections will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 12, 2010 in the board office at 208 South Cameron Street, Hillsborough, North Carolina to canvass the votes cast on Tuesday, November 2nd in the General Elections.

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Unfortunately, we are re-entering a cycle in which the give-and-take between municipal leaders in southern Orange County and the county government is getting more heated.

We've seen this in both the efforts to keep what we've already funded, such as libraries and dental clinics, and in forward-looking efforts, such as adding recreation and economic development.

Part of this is budget-driven. The county's massive, multi-year investment in offices and facilities in Hillsborough would probably not be as much of a sore spot if things were rosier in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

And part of this is the result of uncharted territory in the form of a reconstituted and expanded board of commissioners, now with district representation. This November, the second representative for District 2, which covers the top two-thirds of the county, will be elected. Although candidates must reside in their district and win a district-based primary, they are elected by the whole of the county. When this system was debated and ultimately implemented, there were theories as to how it would play out. One concern was that despite assurances that those representing the new districts would act for the good of all county residents, it would exacerbate what us old-timers used to call the North-South split.

In previous incarnations of the split, the locus of concern was in balancing the needs of the two school systems. While that dynamic still exists, a lot of hard work has gone into creating a more reasonable and less confrontational process.

Now tension is rising over libraries and infrastructure. Concerns about the county's static contribution for Chapel Hill's library have been simmering for about three budget cycles. Unresolved, they will likely boil over in 2011's election-year climate.

Meanwhile, Carrboro just got word that plans for a permanent branch here have been shelved for now, a move that, like the closing of the Carr Mill dental clinic, has riled its leaders.

Carrboro also has shown a reluctance to buy into the county's strategy in economic development. Members of the board of aldermen have questioned whether the emphasis on infrastructure to attract industry and retail along the U.S. 70/I-85 corridor comes at the expense of more locally focused efforts south of I-40.

As the recent visit by local leaders to Asheville underlined, local governments need to be unified to pull off any kind of strategy – libraries, infrastructure or attracting more visitors.

Having the boards at odds with each other over these issues and others is not a winning formula. Whether it is fair or not given the dire budget gaps throughout this era, the perception that the county is tilting its priorities northward is a very real thing down here – as real as the perception around the county seat that the rich communities down south will do just fine no matter what.

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A few facts to consider

CHRIS FITZSIMON

Now that the barrage of misleading political ads is popping up on your television screen and fliers with absurd claims from candidates are filling up your mailbox, here are a few facts to keep in mind when you hear all the hyperbole about issues like health care, taxes, the state budget and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, otherwise known as the federal stimulus plan.

Much of the information comes from the wise folks at the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center in Raleigh. A BTC report released this week by Edwin McLenaghan shows that state spending could easily reach its lowest level in 40 years during the next two years.

That would be the same state spending that the candidates on the right and the think tanks that provide their talking points keep telling us is wildly out of control. It is simply not true. State spending per capita in North Carolina is down, way down.

The aftereffects of the recession continue to batter the North Carolina economy and families continue to suffer, with unemployment still close to double digits and thousands more people underemployed. Foreclosures are on pace to set another record in 2010 and one in four children in the state lives in poverty.

Things are tough for families in North Carolina and across the country. But despite the claims oth-

erwise by many on the right, the federal recovery act has prevented an even worse economic disaster and maybe another Great Depression.

A BTC report by Alexander Sirota released Monday shows that 206,000 more people in North Carolina would live in poverty now without the help provided by the federal stimulus.

Sirota also cites a recent model by the Congressional Budget Of-

Some of the worst distortions are about the national health reform act passed earlier this year. Here are a few things to keep in mind when you hear them.

A report released this week from the N.C. Health Access Coalition and the consumer group Families USA says that more than a million people in the state will be eligible for a tax credit under provisions of the reform act.

Several important pieces of reform take effect this week. Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage to children with a pre-existing condition. Many preventive-care procedures will no longer require a co-payment. Insurance companies can no longer impose lifetime caps on benefits and children can stay on their parents' coverage until they are 26.

Every one of the provisions expands access to care and none of them would happen if the right had its way and the reform was repealed.

Maybe they prefer a world where children with diabetes are denied health insurance. Somebody ought to ask them.

We need an honest debate about the issues facing North Carolina and the nation. The only way to have one in an election year is to look past the commercials and campaign fliers to the facts, especially the ones the political consultants don't want us to think about.

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

"Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage to children with a pre-existing condition. Many preventive-care procedures will no longer require a co-payment. Insurance companies can no longer impose lifetime caps on benefits and children can stay on their parents' coverage until they are 26."

erwise by many on the right, the federal recovery act has prevented an even worse economic disaster and maybe another Great Depression. The CBO says unemployment will be as much as 1.8 percent lower this year because of the recovery act and as many as 3.3 million jobs have been created or saved.

The recovery act has helped thousands of families in North Carolina. That's what the evidence shows, whether the anti-government propagandists want to admit it or not.

Time to commute N.C.'s death sentences

FRANK R. BAUMGARTNER

Across North Carolina, newspapers, defense lawyers, crime victims and even prosecutors are calling for a moratorium on the death penalty.

In light of revelations that the State Bureau of Investigation offered false or misleading evidence in hundreds of cases, a moratorium isn't enough. All 159 of North Carolina's death row inmates should have their sentences commuted to life in prison without parole.

It's the only solution that makes sense in the wake of a scandal so messy it may never be fully sorted out.

It's also a solution that would save North Carolina millions of dollars that could go to schools, social services – or cleaning up the SBI's crime lab.

A study this year found that even though North Carolina has not executed a prisoner since 2006, the death penalty costs the state \$11 million a year. Analyzing the role of the crime lab in each of these cases will likely add tens of millions of dollars to this cost and few people

currently on death row will ever be executed.

Even if we don't care about money, we should care about the truth.

A new state-commissioned audit shows that the SBI offered flawed evidence in seven capital cases. Three of those defendants have already been executed and another four remain on death row.

Now, North Carolina must grap-

"A moratorium is a temporary measure that could be lifted at any time, a stop-gap fix for a permanent and fatal problem."

ple with the possibility that innocent men were executed because of false evidence from state investigators. It is hard to imagine anything more abhorrent in a justice-seeking society.

And those seven cases are likely only the beginning.

The audit looked only at the SBI's blood unit. Its five other units, which examine fingerprints, DNA

evidence, ballistics and more, have not gotten similar scrutiny. Recent newspaper reports suggest that those units may be just as deeply flawed.

Forensic evidence is key to capital murder cases. All 159 men and women awaiting their court-ordered deaths have been touched by this scandal.

Many of them were convicted years, even decades, ago. Evidence in their cases has been lost or destroyed, witnesses have died and memories have faded. The truth in their cases can never be fully uncovered.

A moratorium is a temporary measure that could be lifted at any time, a stop-gap fix for a permanent and fatal problem. Let's convert their sentences to life in prison so we never again have to wonder whether an innocent man has been wheeled from the execution chamber.

Frank R. Baumgartner is professor of political science at UNC and co-author of *The Decline of the Death Penalty and the Discovery of Innocence*.

LETTERS

Meeting space costs too much

Sometimes you just have to say "NO"! That was my reaction to an agenda item before the county commissioners at their Sept. 21 meeting, which, if approved, would have permitted bidding on a proposed board of county commissioners' meeting room. This project would renovate the lower level of the Link Government Services Center, at a cost of more than \$1 million.

Although I have concerns regarding the design and location of this project, my main objections center on its cost. Spending this amount of taxpayer monies cannot be justified at this time due to the possibility of continued revenue shortfalls. The citizens of Orange County need well-funded schools, public safety and other essential services more than a permanent meeting room for the commissioners.

Several people, including myself, spoke against this project and I requested that it be tabled. After some discussion, a motion was made to table this project.

I have attended more than 80 percent of commissioner meetings since 2009 to become familiar with issues concerning Orange County and I have spoken before the commissioners on numerous occasions concerning spending that I did not consider essential. It is important that all citizens of Orange County become familiar with how our taxpayer money is spent and remember that on some items we must say "NO"!

EARL MCKEE
Rougemont

Use park site for new library

I am writing about the front page article of *The Carrboro Citizen* dated Sept. 16, 2010, "Commissioners postpone library discussion." There does not seem to be a site owned by the county that would be appropriate or a site that could be leased or purchased for a location of the proposed Southwest Orange County Library.

Let's think about this. The Town of Carrboro owns the future MLK park on Hillsborough Road. It is about 10 acres that the town does not have the funds to develop, and perhaps never will. What if the town leased the land to Orange County for a \$1 a year, the same arrangement as the land UNC leased to the Town of Carrboro for Fire Station #2 on Homestead Road? The county could then dedicate the funds raised, approximately \$600,000 to date, for the design and construction of the branch. There would be ample space for parking, various other recreation activities and the community garden would probably not have to be moved. It's on the bus line and easily accessible to the communities in White Cross, Dairyland Road, Homestead Road and the developing areas on Old N.C. 86.

I don't think there is any ideal site, but this idea would get things rolling and, I feel, provide an intelligent solution to the stalemate that is frustrating so many of us. I think the Town of Carrboro should show good faith and "pay it forward." Let's get the library built!

LINDA BROWNER
Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library

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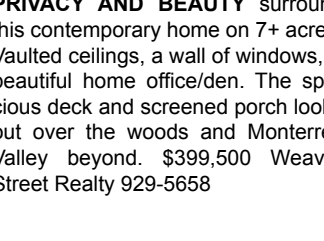
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STORIES

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The process broke down any misconceptions or stereotypes Young and the others had about homelessness, he said, and he realized what the homeless community could offer in the form of a publication.

"Anyone has a story," he said. "Anyone has opinions and ideas." Young and other volunteers then began holding weekly meetings at the IFC men's shelter, women and children's shelter and on campus. When Young and other students first approached the IFC about their project, they had a difficult time convincing staff and residents they weren't like other students working on class projects, who come to the shelter all the time.

"It's really hard to work in a homeless community because of lot of them have been taken advantage of and been school projects and things like that," he said. But the group of volunteers who work on *Talking Sidewalks* is different because "all of us are there because we love doing it."

Now, Young's heard that shelter staff encourage residents to come to *Talking Sidewalks* meetings.

"It's one of the few positive spaces that you can find in there," he said. "We try to bring a positive energy."

Every meeting begins with introductions, followed by a question to inspire storytelling. If participants have written things they'd like to share, they then of-

fer readings, followed by an inspirational reading from volunteers.

Time is set aside for authors to work on their writing at the end of each meeting.

"Some of them are really talented and spit out amazing stuff in 20 minutes," Young said, while others choose to work on their writing outside of meetings.

Though the publication volunteers do a little editing, most of the words are printed exactly as the authors wrote them.

"We absolutely try to preserve all the content," Young said.

Authors change from issue to issue, though there are a few who have contributed more than once. For residents of the shelter, Young said, it can be inspirational to work on *Talking Sidewalks* with former residents who have since moved out. The writings themselves also serve as inspiration, as some of them depict sobriety and recovery.

The magazine provides a chance for people from the homeless community to own and be proud of something, Young said.

"People write about homelessness, but people also write about different ideas," he added.

Printing 1,000 copies of each issue of *Talking Sidewalks* costs about \$1,000. Though the students are able to secure some funding through HOPE, they cover most of the costs through sponsorships from local businesses.

Volunteers distribute *Talking Sidewalks* at local coffee shops and at the UNC Campus Y. Readers also can view *Talking Sidewalks* online at talkingsidewalks.com

Carrboro Music Festival

Organizers played it safe and, with a big rain approaching, canceled many of the outdoor activities. But thanks to plenty of indoor venues and the ingenuity and verve of musicians and some outdoor-venue hosts like Southern Rail and Jesse's, there were plenty of places to take in some tunes and plenty of melodies drifting around downtown through the increasingly blustery afternoon. Visit our MILL blog for a cavalcade of photos from this year's festival.



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FLORA

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The flower heads of wingstem have only a few ray flowers emerging erratically here and there among multiple disc or tubular flowers. (see photo at right) The result is that fields of wingstem are not as showy as fields of some of the other composites, such as bur-marigolds or goldenrods. Some folks taking a closer look describe the flower heads as messy; others find them rather engaging.

A noticeable characteristic of wingstem is the nature of its stem, which is lined with four winged edges (thus the common name), making the stem appear to be square (see photo).



Ray flowers of wingstem are erratically scattered among the disc flowers. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Wingstem gets its name from the "wings" along the edges of the stem. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

A few years ago, some wingstems volunteered along the edge of my front steps. I'm hoping to have my very own ice flowers at the base of my plant stems during some frigid January mornings this coming winter. I will be very grateful that I won't have to walk very far in hopes of seeing them.

To improve your chances of seeing ice flowers this winter, get out soon and locate a couple of populations of wingstem. Come next January, you'll know where to take your early-morning walks for a chance to catch ice flowers before they melt. Good luck.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Orange County Training School 1939

What with a blazing 5-0 start, Carrboro High School is in the grips of football fever. But once upon a time, not far from the new high school, there thrived another great local football tradition. When you walk the hallowed halls of old Lincoln High School (now the Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road), the old black-and-white photos beckon the passerby to get down on his knees to examine the telling details: mismatching leather helmets, jerseys with single-digit numbers – and the proud faces of the senior-class gridiron greats from 1939, from Lincoln's predecessor, the Orange County Training School (later known as Northside school): left to right, James Cobb, center; Garland Cotton, running back; Charles Brooks, tackle; Richard Weaver, tackle; and James Peace, end and punter. Any survivors would be in their 80s now. What a treat it would be to meet any of these stalwart lads.



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