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Post oak leaves with acorns

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Ponder the post oak

Editor's Note: The following is a guest Flora column by Alan Weakley, director and curator of the UNC Herbarium.

It is hard for us not to see time through the lens of our species; humans have life spans measured in decades, at most about a century. Most other organisms with which we form close relationships have life spans shorter than we do. We have pets that live a decade or two. We plant a garden, which dies in the fall and is replanted in the spring. Perhaps we have a psychological vanity that we are nearly immortal, presiding godlike over our dependent animals and plants, watching their beginnings and ends.

However, we live our lives around organisms that live much longer than we do, that may be almost unchanged from the time of our birth to the time of our death, that stolidly oversaw events that we might consider impossibly long ago (a band of Native Americans moving along a trading path, the American Revolution, the founding of the University of North Carolina, the marriage of our great-great-grandparents, the Civil War) and may see the 24th century. Most trees have life spans of centuries, often many centuries, and while in the eastern Piedmont we lack the "Methuselah trees" (bald-cypresses, redwoods, sequoias, bristlecone pines) with lifespans of millenia, we still live among trees that far outlast us.

Undoubtedly the most famous of old trees in Carrboro-Chapel Hill is the Davie Poplar, already a notable tree in 1792 and considered to be at least 300 years old. Carolina grad though I am ('78), I can't say that the Davie is one of my favorite old trees around town, nor is it likely the oldest. Size is a misleading indicator of age, and tulip trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) like the Davie are fast-growing, light- and soft-wooded trees – they bulk up fast, especially if pampered by ground crews and fed a rich diet of nutrients and groundwater!

Instead, consider our post

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Town talks Johnny's mediation

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – Having received both complaints about and statements of support for Johnny's, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday voted unanimously to look into using mediation to resolve the ongoing conflict between some neighbors of the property and the business.

Owners of the West Main Street shop have said they are no longer pursuing zoning that would allow them to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption – a point of contention for some neighbors of the property – but that they are looking into a possible rezoning as a neighborhood business or permit options that would allow them to have acoustic music outside, beer

and wine tastings and other events.

Johnny's closed last summer after former co-owner Brian Plaster parted ways with co-owner Jan Halle, with Plaster saying he ran into issues with noise and parking as the West Main Street shop became a popular gathering spot.

Halle then partnered with locals Erica Eisdorfer and Kevin Morgan to reopen Johnny's as Johnny's Gone Fishing earlier this year. Since then, Kevin Morgan, Duncan Morgan and Meghan Truesdell have taken over management of the business under the new name Johnny's 3.0.

Under Plaster's ownership, Johnny's sold beer and wine on site with an ABC license that town officials have

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Exactly what form Johnny's on West Main Street will take has been a source of conflict for business owners, neighbors and other community members as the business has morphed over the past couple of years.

PHOTO BY MEGHAN TRUESDELL



JAMMIN' AT JESSEE'S – Curtis Eller and his band American Circus – which specializes in "banjo music for funerals" – perform at Jessee's Coffee & Bar during the Carrboro Music Festival on Sunday. More than 180 acts on 25 stages drew thousands of residents and visitors to downtown Carrboro for the festival. For more photos from the music festival, see pages 8 and 9 of the October MILL, inside this week's paper.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPEL

The Citizen bids adieu

BY ROBERT DICKSON
Publisher

Our efforts to find a successor to take on this newspaper have not borne fruit, so this will be the last issue of *The Carrboro Citizen*. This is one of the most gut-wrenching decisions I've ever had to make.

This little newspaper has succeeded beyond our wildest imaginings. In five-and-a-half years we've become part of the fabric of our community. You've told us over and over you trust and respect what we write.

Honest and straightforward journalism has defined our efforts. Our goal has been an informed citizenry, because we know that better information makes our community a better place to live. We think we've made a difference.

Back in the fall of 2006 when I muttered those fateful words ("Carrboro needs a newspaper") in Jock Lauterer's community journalism class at UNC, little did I know what an amazing time was ahead of me.

But here we are six years later with 7,500 newspapers flying off the stands every week, writers begging for more space and more emails than we can count coming in every day about stuff our readers think we should cover. Amazing, indeed, for a startup newspaper in this digital age.

Our regular staff deserves special thanks for bringing you this newspaper. Susie, Taylor, Rose, Marty, Anne and Duncan have worked various parts of the past five years to bring you *The Citizen*. Susie and Taylor have been here since the beginning back in March 2007. Taylor's probably the only person who can claim to have read darn near every word in every issue.

Our regular contributors also need our thanks. Kirk Ross helped found *The Citizen* and has continued to pound out weekly columns using his vast institutional memory. And how fortunate we were to have the astounding Ken Moore and Jock Lauterer gracing our front and back pages, Phil Blank's unique view of our world, Val Schwartz's community views, Alicia Stemper and Ted Spaulding's photos and Eddie Landreth's personal angle on UNC sports.

Thanks as well go to our MILL contributors Mary Sonis, Margot Lester, Ashley Melzer and the Beer Guys from Carrboro Beverage. Kirk contributed his point of view on local food and my partner, Vicky, has covered the literary scene.

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County commissioners adopt transit plans

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

After months of lengthy discussion, the Orange County Board of Commissioners adopted both the Transit Interlocal Implementation Agreement and the Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan at its meeting Tuesday night.

Although approval of both plans was far from unanimous, the commissioners had stated in previous

meetings that a decision on the transit plans needed to be made in early October so voters would have ample time to review the plans before voting on a half-cent transit tax that will appear on the ballot in November.

However, Commissioner Earl McKee, who voted against both plans along with Commissioner Steve Yuhasz, said he felt his fellow commissioners were rushing to make a decision based on a fake deadline and urged them to postpone voting until

their next regular meeting.

After being presented with final changes to the Transit Interlocal Implementation Agreement plan, McKee also said he felt that issues were still not resolved between all the parties involved.

"I'm getting an uncomfortable feeling that all these issues are not all worked out," McKee said. "We are asking the taxpayers of Orange County to obligate themselves, their children and grandchildren for a tax

that we're sitting here trying to piece-together and approve in a rush."

"This is getting crazier all the time, folks."

While McKee felt uneasy about the way the information in the plan was presented, all the transit partners involved – Triangle Transit, Chapel Hill Transit and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – assured

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Talking religious expression in our local public schools

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

"As classes get under way, public school students across America will form religious clubs, pray together in their free time, distribute religious literature to classmates, share their religious convictions in class discussions and in many other ways belie the myth of the 'godless public schools,'" Charles Haynes, director of the First Amendment Center's Religious Freedom Education Project, recently wrote.

Religious expression and study has made a comeback in public schools, Haynes asserts, a slow, steady come-

back over the past two decades, "owing to court decisions, legislation, and broadly supported guidelines issued by religious, educational and civil liberties groups."

Haynes believes that an increasing number of public school administrators "understand and apply the First Amendment" when addressing the role of religion in their schools.

The subject of religion in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has recently arisen with the application and subsequent initial approval for charter of the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School, a K-8 school that if given final approval by the state board

of education will join the local school system for the 2013-14 school year.

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

NHA has faced litigation in the past for allegedly presenting creationism as a scientifically based theory and promoting religious activities. In 1998, parents of children enrolled in Vanguard Charter Academy, an NHA-run school in Wyoming, Mich., claimed their kids were exposed to "Christian influences." A U.S. district

court judge ruled that NHA's moral focus curriculum did not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

The ACLU claimed though that as a result of the lawsuit, the school discontinued practices that "promoted religion," including praying in the classrooms; the display of religious signs; allowing the distribution of religious literature; providing a church rent-free access while charging other groups; and organizing a teacher training that included prayer, religious music and a Baptist sermon.

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DRAWN FROM MEMORY. EARLY MORNING BREAK IN RAIN
ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

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 urinary tract infections and celiac disease.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have a urinary tract infection and my doctor said that there was E. coli in my urine. I've heard E. coli can be dangerous and has even led to some children dying. Should I be concerned about that?

What you have heard about is a specific strain of E. coli, known as O17 H7. It is occasionally linked to petting zoos. But you should know that we all are full of E. coli, as it is one of the most common bacteria that live in our guts. It is also the culprit for 80 percent of urinary tract infections. We certainly recommend treatment. Urinary tract infections can be quite painful, and if left untreated they can lead to kidney infections and blood infections.

However, these are usually quite easy to treat.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I was diagnosed with celiac disease three years ago. I have been a vegetarian all of my adult life. I am having trouble cutting back on carbohydrates as a vegetarian. Do you have any suggestions?

Cutting back on carbohydrates as a vegetarian is a little tough, but certainly possible. It may require some flexibility and creativity on your part. For our readers, celiac disease is intolerance to gluten. Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley and rye. If you have been diagnosed with celiac disease by an antibody test or biopsy, we recommend you really try to eliminate gluten. You can still enjoy some carbohydrates, such as those found in rice, corn and potatoes. There are now many products on the market using rice

flour as a substitute for wheat. These are made for and marketed to people on a gluten-free diet. You can also have free rein on legumes (e.g., beans and soy), fruits, vegetables and all sorts of the usual vegetarian protein sources. If you are a vegan (no dairy or eggs) this will be harder still. Eggs, chesses, milk and yogurt are great sources of protein and calories. Lastly, we hope you will consider seeing a nutritionist. This is something we encourage for all of our patients with Celiac disease, but this is especially important for a vegetarian.

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

Community Briefs

Festfall Arts Festival

The Town of Chapel Hill will host Festfall Arts Festival in downtown Chapel Hill on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Live music will be performed on three stages throughout the festival. The main stage will feature the Lizzy Ross Band, Archbishops of Blount Street and Puritan Rodeo.

Artist Carter Hubbard will create inflatable sculptures in recognition of Festfall's 40th anniversary. Festfall will also feature children's activities such as musical instruments, poetry, dance marathons and a scavenger hunt.

For more information, visit townofchapel-hill.org/festfall

Project Connect

Project Connect Orange County, a free program to aid those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, will be held at Hargraves Community Center on Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event will connect those in need with essential services such as health and dental care, mental health and substance-abuse treatment, housing resources, employment, education and job-training assistance, legal services, social services, veterans' services and voter registration.

For more information, visit phc-orange.org. To volunteer at the event, email pcocvolunteers@gmail.com. To donate to Project Connect, email pcocdonate@gmail.com

Organizing Against Racism forum

The Organizing Against Racism (OAR) Alliance will hold the third installment of Politics, Race and the November Election, a series of four public forums on economic policies in relation to racism, today (Thursday) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the United Church of Chapel Hill. The forum will focus on health.

Panelists will include Cedric Bright, assistant dean of the UNC School of Medicine; Gayle Harris, director of Durham County Public Health; Adam Searing of the Health Access Coalition and the N.C. Justice Center; and Pam Silberman, CEO of the N.C. Institute of Medicine.

For more information, visit organizingagainstracism.com

Parks and Recreation survey

The Orange County Parks and Recreation Department, in association with UNC-Greensboro, invites county residents to participate in a survey.

UNC-G has mailed a Community Needs Assessment Survey to more than 4,000 county households. Residents are asked to fill out the surveys and return them using the included postage-paid return envelope.

The survey results will be analyzed by consultants at UNC-G and used toward the county's new Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

For more information, visit orangecountync.gov/deapr

Community Calendar

THURSDAY OCT 4

OAR Health Forum — Organizing Against Racism Alliance presents the third forum addressing Politics, Race and the November Election. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 7pm

Fruit Tree Class — Al Cooke offers a class on Diseases and Insects of Tree Fruits. Agriculture Building, Pittsboro, 9-11am, 6:30-8:30pm (919) 542-8202

Night Out — Hillsborough's Community Night Out to heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness. Old Orange County Courthouse, 6pm

Dr. Stan Riggs — To present a talk on Climate Change and Sea Level Rise. Back Bar at Top of the Hill, 7pm nsciencefestival.org

FRIDAY OCT 5

Movie Showing — UNC graduate Frances Causey to present and lead a discussion of his film *HEIST: Who Stole The American Dream?* Haw River Ballroom, 7:30pm \$8-10 hawriverballroom.com

Barbara Hemphill — To speak on 5 Power Strategies to Accomplish Your Work and Enjoy Your Life. Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, 104 S. Estes Drive 11:30am-1pm (919) 969-7818

SATURDAY OCT 6

Animal Walk — Walk for animal protection supporting the work of Paws4Ever. Southern Village, 10am-2pm \$30 paws4ever.org

Youth Biking Event — Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day, sponsored by Carrboro Recreation and Parks. Bike, helmet, closed-toed shoes are required with gloves and water bottle recommended. Ball field 2, Hank Anderson Park, 9:30am Free

Breastfeeding Challenge

— To raise awareness about the advantages of breastfeeding. The Hargraves Center, 216 N. Roberson St., 9am-noon piedmonthhealth.org

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

Pet Expo — Families are invited to bring their dogs out to the Dog Park for a training demonstration, contests and kid's dog show. Open to kids aged 4-14 and dogs aged 6-months and older. Hank Anderson Park, 10am (919) 918-7392

SUNDAY OCT 7

Festfall — Downtown Chapel Hill, noon-6pm

MONDAY OCT 8

Smiling Faces Benefit — The Furlow Fund's 2nd Annual Dinner for the Palestinian Cleft Society. FedEx Global Education Center, 6-8pm \$15 students/\$25 adults medicalfoundationofnc.org

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest Ambassador Michael Cotter. WCOM 103.5 FM, 5pm

WEDNESDAY OCT 10

Barbara Claypole White — To present selections from her book *The Unfinished Garden*, in celebration of OCD Awareness Week. OC Main Library, 6:30pm

THURSDAY OCT 11

Low-Cost Rabies Shots — Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, 5-7pm \$10 (919) 968-2287

FRIDAY OCT 12

Transactors for Families — Presents Halloween Eve. The

ArtsCenter, 8pm artscenterlive.org

SATURDAY OCT 13

Shrimp Boil — 5th Annual Beach Shack Boil to benefit the SKJAJA Fund. Lowcountry shrimp boil with beer and wine, music by Lester Fricks, auctions, raffles and cornhole. American Legion Post, Chapel Hill, 6:30-10pm (919) 929-9099, ext. 2

Billy Stevens — To present Sincere Forms of Flattery: Blacks, Whites, and American Popular Music. Orange County Main Library, 4pm Free

Watershed Class — Randy Dodd presents A Tour of Watershed Friendly Sites in Carrboro. Carrboro Century Center, \$5 10am-noon

Josh's Hope Workshop — To help parents of young adults with mental illness or substance abuse problems with the legal guardianship process. Freedom House Recovery Center, 102 New Stateside Drive, 9:30am Free (919) 526-5287

Farm Tour — 5th Annual Urban Farm Tour visits a dozen sites in Carrboro, with maps available at Looking Glass Cafe. 2-6pm urbanfarmtour.org

ONGOING

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

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

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

Send your Community Calendar submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

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

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

The Master; Arbitrage; Eye of the Storm

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

Hotel Transylvania; Looper;

Trouble With the Curve; Paranorman; Pitch Perfect; Taken 2

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Hotel Transylvania 3D; Looper;

Won't Back Down; Frankenweenie 3D; Taken 2; Pitch Perfect

THE VARSITY

123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

The Bourne Legacy; The Dark Knight Rises; Marvel's The Avengers



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weaverstreetmarket.coop

Briefs

Buses to Festifall

Chapel Hill Transit will reroute the NU on Sunday along West Rosemary Street to provide service to Festifall.

The route will run from 11:30 a.m. to 6:47 p.m. and riders may board at any stops along the NU route or at the 725 lot park and ride. Because of the reroute, Chapel Hill Transit is advising riders to schedule an extra five minutes into their travel plans.

For more information, including a map of the NU route, visit chtransit.org or call (919) 969-4900.

Hargrove to chair chancellor search

Wade Hargrove, chair of the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees, has been named the chair of the search committee to recommend a successor to Chancellor Holden Thorp, who will step down on June 30, 2013.

The search committee is made up of 21 representatives from the board of trustees, students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community. Hargrove and the search committee will present the board of trustees with a selection of final candidates and the board will then vote on which candidates to recommend to UNC System President Tom Ross. Ross will recommend a candidate to the UNC Board of Governors, who will select the new chancellor.

Input sought on smoking rule

The Orange County Board of Health is seeking input from those who live and work in Orange County about the proposed smoke-free rule.

The public can provide input through an online survey accessed at surveymonkey.com/s/OCSFPP; by calling a comment line at (919) 245-2480; by emailing comments to SFPP@OrangeCountyNC.gov; by writing to the Orange County Health Department, c/o Smoke-Free Public Places, 300 W. Tryon St., Hillsborough NC 27278; or by attending a public hearing on Oct. 24 at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough.

If the board of health adopts the rule after the public hearing, it will then be sent to the Orange County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Public forum on bus ad policy

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a public forum at their meeting on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall to receive comment on Chapel Hill Transit's bus advertising policy.

The council will consider possible changes to the current policy after receiving numerous emails expressing concern about a religious advertisement paid for by the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill.

To read about Chapel Hill Transit's advertising policy, visit townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1904

Sidewalk construction on Culbreth Road

Sidewalk construction has begun on the south side of Culbreth Road between Cobble Ridge Drive and Rosburn Way.

Two hundred feet of curb and gutter and a sidewalk connecting two sections of sidewalk that already exist will be constructed to create a continuous sidewalk from Rosburn Way to U.S. 15-501.

Questions about the project, which is expected to be finished by mid-November, should be directed to Larry Tucker at (919) 969-5084 or ltucker@townofchapelhill.org

Bingham Facility draws concern

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

The UNC Bingham Facility has been the subject of concern and criticism from advocacy organization Preserve Rural Orange and surrounding neighbors for a number of years, and the university's recent property acquisition around the facility has only added to the organization's discontent.

"The most recent concern is that we learned the university has acquired additional properties [around the facility] and none of these appear in the master plan the university posted publicly," said Laura Streitfeld, executive director of Preserve Rural Orange.

Streitfeld said she believes UNC has purchased the property to give to the Bingham Facility so it can expand its operations in the rural community.

However, UNC Associate Vice Chancellor Bob Lowman insists the facility has no plans to expand and the properties the university recently acquired will not become a part of the research facility.

"This is simply untrue," Lowman said of Streitfeld's claims of expansion. "We are not even add-

ing these properties to the Bingham Facility - it remains at 57 acres."

The university purchased a property bordering the facility in 2010 and just recently purchased two more adjacent properties.

Lowman said the reasons behind purchasing the properties were to provide a buffer between the building's activities and the surrounding residents to reduce the facility's impact on the community.

Of the three properties purchased, two have houses on them that will be rented out by the university, Lowman said, adding that one already has a tenant.

Despite Lowman's assurances that the facility will not grow aside from the installation of a functional wastewater-treatment system for the facility's three buildings, Streitfeld and surrounding residents aren't convinced.

Streitfeld said that due to a lack of accountability in the past regarding activities at the facility, she is doubtful that all of the university's plans are being fully disclosed.

"Problems have been at every turn," Streitfeld said. "The

neighbors have had to go to great lengths to get little pieces of information. The consistency, the accountability and the transparency have just been terrible."

Cliff Leath, who owns property adjacent to the research facility, said he too believes the university has ulterior motives in purchasing the surrounding properties.

"It almost comes across that they just don't want people to complain about the facility," Leath said. "I am getting fewer and fewer neighbors out here because [nearby properties] are all being sold to UNC."

Leath said there is a certain amount of distrust among the neighbors toward the Bingham Facility due to the lack communication and effort from the university with the neighborhood.

"It has always been on our end a proactive engagement and on UNC's end a reactive engagement," he said.

"It seems like every 30 days things change 180 degrees, and they are spending money like drunken sailors out there getting wasted."

Lowman, who was appointed two and a half years ago to oversee

the facility by Chancellor Holden Thorp, admits that the best decisions have not necessarily always been made with regard to actions at the Bingham Facility, but he said that when he got there he tried to uncover all the problems and be transparent.

"There is no way around it, we did some stupid things out there," Lowman said.

Problems at the facility over the years include a now-defunct wastewater-treatment facility on the site leaking highly treated wastewater and the discovery of improper use of unmapped wetlands.

Lowman said that in all instances the problems were fixed and fines were paid when necessary, and since he has been in charge the facility has been reducing its impact on the area.

"We are committed to staying out there," Lowman said.

"I hope eventually Preserve Rural Orange will come around and realize that we are there, we are operating our facility appropriately and quietly and abiding by all rules and reducing our environmental impact."

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said was not reviewed by town zoning staff before it was approved.

The property - 901 W. Main St. - is actually zoned residential, but Johnny's had been permitted to continue operating there because the Johnny's that occupied the space for many years - a bait and tackle shop - was at one time in line with the zoning for the property, which changed to residential a number of years ago.

Because the business predated the zoning change, it was allowed to continue operating with previously approved uses - which don't include on-site alcohol consumption - under provisions of the zoning ordinance.

The new owners had hoped to sell beer and wine on site, but town staff said they would need to seek a rezoning in order to do so. However, a number of neighbors

of the property have complained to the town about beer and wine consumption on the property, saying they feared it could turn the site into a bar or nightclub and that it previously caused problems with parking and noise in the residential neighborhood. In addition, some neighbors have expressed concern about outdoor music or other events.

Devan Clark, a resident of Kay Street whose home is about 300 feet from Johnny's, wrote in an email to the board of aldermen that under Plaster's management he could hear crowd noise from Johnny's inside his house.

"It has been so pleasant to be able to walk outside or sit on my deck and not hear music, cheering and screaming people since Ms. Halle had a parting of ways with [Plaster]," he wrote. "With the newest 2012 Johnny's, none of us want to go down that path again."

"We really want to work with the neighborhood, so we said we're not going to go for on-site

alcohol," Truesdell said, adding that they would like to restore beer and wine tastings to help them sell beer and wine for off-site consumption. The business previously had a permit for beer and wine tastings, but ABC revoked the permit last month after a neighbor complained that it was detrimental to the neighborhood.

Truesdell, who lives two doors down from Johnny's on Westview Drive, said she feels that the business can peacefully coexist with the neighborhood with outdoor acoustic music and small events and that she and Duncan Morgan, co-managers of the business, would welcome conversations with neighbors.

"We don't even think that the taxpayers' money needs to be wasted in mediation if they would just come and talk to us," she said.

In addition, Truesdell said the music they hope to host would only be acoustic, while previous music at Johnny's had been amplified.

"If we had acoustic music on the back porch, that would be softer than traffic going by," she said. Truesdell added that counselors from the adult group home across the street have told her how nice it was to bring residents to Johnny's to listen to music and socialize, instead of getting in the car to go to Weaver Street Market.

Other events Truesdell said she would like for Johnny's to host include classes and talks, movie nights and a craft market.

"We want to be a community hub," she said.

Board members said they would like to see owners of Johnny's and neighbors of the property go through mediation to resolve concerns, and asked Town Manager David Andrews to talk with the Dispute Settlement Center to determine how much the mediation would cost and determine how it would be funded.

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TIGERS SWEEP JAGS — Carrboro's Anne Broome concentrates on returning a serve. The Chapel Hill High Tigers (13-4) defeated Carrboro High School's women's volleyball team (9-9) on Monday night in straight sets. The Jags take on Northwood High today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at Northwood. PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Virginia Tech game could set tone for season

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

The season will not end with the final seconds of Saturday's 12:30 p.m. home game against Virginia Tech, nor does it start with this test against the Hokies.

Nonetheless, there is little doubt this game could make a huge difference when all is said and done for 2012.

"This is definitely going to be a measuring stick for us," said running back Giovani Bernard, who suffered a concussion early in the game at Blacksburg, Va., last season.

The coaches and players on this team wanted to win the first five games of the Larry Fedora era, but there have been lessons learned in this transition year. So far the Tar Heels are 3-2 overall, 0-1 in the ACC.

Understanding how to concentrate consistently has been one of the biggest and most important of those lessons. A mental letdown in the fourth quarter led to a loss at Wake Forest, and a total mental bust in the first half against Louisville coast UNC that game.

In the last two games, however, the Tar Heels came ready to play and maintained their concentration throughout. They won both games, each at home.

This game will be this season's first against a division opponent. The Hokies (3-2, 1-0) have dominated the Coastal Division since they joined the league and the ACC split into two divisions for football.

Winning this game could set a tone for the remainder of the season for UNC and propel the Tar Heels to first place in the division eventually.

This is also a huge opportunity to accomplish what Fedora, his coaching staff and Bubba Cunningham, the new director of athletics, are attempting with the football program. They are trying to rebuild from the bitter disappointment of off-field issues the last three seasons, problems that led to the first NCAA sanctions at UNC in five decades.

Part of their goal is recapturing the hearts of the fans, which begins by winning games at home and doing so in an exciting fashion. "It's a conference game, and they're coming into Kenan Stadium to play in the Tar Pit," Fedora said. "We've got to defend this place. We're trying to build something about playing at home and what it means. "We want to continue with what we've done, and it is very important to us to build this program to where we want it to be."

In an attempt to further engage the fans, the school will hold a "White Out" on Saturday at Kenan. Fedora and school officials are encouraging the fans to wear all white. In turn, the team will do the same, wearing white helmets with the traditional Carolina blue interlocking "NC" on the sides.

This past week the Tar Heels wore an American flag shaped in the form of the interlocking "NC" on the players' helmets and on the logo at midfield as the school honored U.S. military personnel.

"If you feel good, you play good ..." Bernard said. "For us, we had been doing the same old kind of concept, with the Carolina-blue jerseys. We're just switching it up a little bit. Coach Fedora changed it up last week with the American flag on the center logo. That was something new. Just that helped us get a little bit of an edge with excitement for the players."

This isn't to suggest the flag made the difference in Carolina setting a school record for points in the 66-0 victory against Idaho. It was not the reason for the team's second shutout of the year, or for the Tar Heels extending their streak of not allowing a touchdown at Kenan to 12 quarters.

The talent left behind by Butch Davis and what is on campus from Fedora's first class is the biggest reason for that. Another is the attitude this team adopted by deciding from the beginning to do what Fedora and his staff asked of it.

This attitude helped when coaches and players had to adjust after some bad habits from last season resurfaced with inconsistent concentration. The victory against Idaho may not present valid evidence for many people, but the way the Tar Heels handled East Carolina with ease the week before should represent how well these players have listened to what Fedora and his staff have taught.

"I really want to show everyone I can play against an elite team, not just Idaho or the Elon kind of games."

— Giovani Bernard



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27 Blokes
28 Jolly Roger
30 Barmiboo-eating cutie in slang
34 Domination, in slang
35 Hi—
36 Gene-splicing need
37 Army meal buddy
43 Siren-sounding vehicle
50 Politico Ross
51 Shows at the Met

52 Actor Mickey
53 "Dallas" wife
54 Fax fabric
55 FedEx or fax
56 World Cup
59 Cookout pest
60 Query
62 In the past
64 Actor Ethan
65 With 40-Down,
67 Orca
71 Talks to a beat
75 Port near Nazareth
77 Connection
78 "For" vote
80 Prohibition
81 Chaplin movie, e.g.
86 Cato's 559
88 — Magli (shoe brand)
90 Inflammation of the ear
91 Stella — (lager brand)
93 Liquor lover
94 —s razor ("keep it simple" maxim)
95 Cryptogram alternative
98 Synonym books

100 Scale notes
101 Charged bit
102 Rouse
104 Pet that looks like it's wearing a mask
110 Often-twisted treat
115 Author Rand
116 City in Colombia
117 Breakwater embankment
118 Descriptive of 10 answers in this puzzle
123 Vienna-born photographer
124 "— you!" (cry of challenge)
125 Longing person
126 Marital state
127 Campfire residue
128 Professions

DOWN

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10 Hamm with a 56-Across
11 Suspects' humiliating escorts
12 Include as a bonus
13 Devastating damage doer
14 High classes
15 — one's time
16 Flyboys' org.
17 "— never fly" Luke Skywalker
19 Lag behind
24 Sumac from Peru
29 — Lama Ding Dong
31 Secret things
32 They sting
33 Psychic "gift"
34 — about (close to)
36 Hard laborer
38 Kindle
39 Person in the club
40 See 65-Across
41 Parkway fee
42 And the like. Abbr.
43 Arctic
44 Offer views
45 Pre-Easter times
46 State of rage
47 "Right you —!"
48 Concerning musical pitch
49 Corp. kingpin
53 Fly-catching bird
55 Light boat
57 Third of a dance move
58 Flower part made up of sepals
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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHC/APLM 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.

Itching for A Fight?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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School Briefs

Walk for Education set for Oct. 13

The 16th annual Walk for Education, organized by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation, will be held on Oct. 13.

Participants will walk from McCorkle Place at UNC to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district offices at the Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road, where a carnival will be held. This year the walk is themed "Super 16." Students from each school can show through either costume or signs why their school is "super," and a cash prize will be awarded to the school whose students give the best representation of their "super" features. Each school has designated specific projects that funds raised from the walk will go toward.

The walk starts at 2 p.m. and no registration is necessary. Participants are encouraged to use shuttles that will run from Chapel Hill and Carrboro high schools to the Lincoln Center and McCorkle Place, as parking will not be available at Lincoln Center or along Merritt Mill.

BRMA has positive effects, report says

UNC School of Education faculty and graduate students evaluated the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate (BRMA) program and recently released a report saying the program has positive effects on students involved.

The school studied the effectiveness of BRMA by looking at how it has impacted high school graduation, college attendance, test scores and grade point averages. The report showed 97.5 percent of BRMA mentees graduated high school and all of those who graduated continued to post-secondary education. In addition, the report found that mentees had higher high school grade point averages than a comparison group of students not enrolled in the program.

BRMA and the UNC School of Education will present the report to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education at their meeting today (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

CHS grad named Bonner Leader

Carrboro High School graduate James Smith has been named a Bonner Leader at UNC.

The UNC Bonner Leaders Program is part of a nationwide network involving more than 80 colleges and universities that provide service-based scholarships and community-service work-study funds throughout selected students' college careers to support intensive undergraduate community-service and social-justice activities.

Smith is part of the new group of freshman who went through a competitive application process emphasizing service and leadership. He plans on majoring in global studies with minors in Spanish and business.

For more information about the 2012-13 Bonner Leaders, visit campus-y.unc.edu/feature/meet-campus-ys-2012-bonner-leaders

School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY 10/5

Elementary School: Taco chef salad, cheese quesadilla w/ salsa, chicken nuggets w/dinner roll, seasoned collard greens, mashed potatoes, fresh apple wedges

Middle and High School: Macaroni and cheese w/breadstick, turkey corn dog w/crackers, cheeseburger, meatball pizza, fajita chicken salad

MONDAY 10/8

Elementary School: Macaroni and cheese w/breadstick, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, ham and cheese sub, oven fries, seasoned green peas, orange smiles, fruit cocktail

Middle and High School: Whole grain pasta w/meat sauce and breadstick, toasted cheese sandwich, pepperoni pizza, hummus and veggie plate w/ tortilla chips

TUESDAY 10/9

Elementary School: BBQ chicken w/whole grain breadstick, cheesy nachos with beef, fruit and cheese plate w/yogurt, steamed fresh broccoli and cheese, seasoned yellow squash,

peach crumble, raisins

Middle and High School: Fajita chicken or beef taco meat on a whole wheat tortilla, buffalo chix poppers w/dinner roll, broccoli cheese pizza, breaded chicken Caesar salad wrap

WEDNESDAY 10/10

Elementary School: Pepperoni Pizza, cheese sandwich, turkey corn dog w/ crackers, baked tater tots, seasoned green beans, banana, chilled peaches

Middle and High School: Chicken broccoli rotini with breadstick, bacon cheeseburger, chix bacon ranch pizza, south of the border salad w/spicy lime tortilla strips

THURSDAY 10/11

Elementary School: Beefaroni, spinach salad, fish sticks with breadstick, mashed sweet potatoes, corn cobbettes, cole slaw, chilled pineapple

Middle and High School: Oriental chicken w/lo mein noodles or brown rice, toasted cheese sandwich, chicken filet sandwich, cheeseburger pizza, fruit and cheese plate w/yogurt

Board to consider school name

BY KIARA PALMER
Correspondent

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School's 11th elementary school will open its doors in fall 2013; thus far, the school board has established a redistricting process for its newest students and named Cheryl Carnahan as principal.

Now the school must be named, and the CHCCS Board of Education will consider naming it at its meeting tonight (Thursday).

Board Chair Mia Burroughs said the board will not use the typical school-naming process for the naming of elementary school 11.

In the past, board members followed a policy that required community participation in the naming process. The board created a committee of residents, parents and educators to collect public input and provide board members with two or three suggestions. However, Burroughs said

there would be no committee and no submission of names from the community for elementary 11.

In the early '90s, the school district added nine new schools to the system after having not built a school for nearly 20 years.

"All those schools were on new ground," board member Jamezetta Bedford said, "but elementary 11 is going to be built on what used to be Northside Elementary and Orange County Training School."

In the early 1900s, Orange County Training School (OCTS) opened on Merritt Mill Road as one of the first public schools for blacks living in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. After a fire destroyed the school in 1922, OCTS was rebuilt in the Northside community. In 1948, in response to demand from the community, the school was renamed Lincoln High School, which moved to Merritt Mill Road in 1951.

Following the move of Lin-

coln High, the Northside school became Northside Elementary School, which it remained until integration in the 1960s.

Following integration, the county housed a preschool and social services at the old school. Over the years, the building fell into disrepair and the county moved its services, and the property was later given to CHCCS for a new elementary school.

Bedford said she thought it would be best to bypass the naming process and name the school after the site's former school, "because community members have come out, older African-Americans in particular who would like to have history preserved, who would like the school named Northside Elementary because it is really hallowed ground."

Former school board member Elizabeth Carter, who as a child attended Northside Elementary, said it would help restore the community and maintain a tradi-

tion of academic excellence if the school were named Northside.

"It has always been called – by individuals here – Northside Elementary School and it means a lot, and to name it something else is a slap in the face," Carter said.

County Commissioner Valerie Foushee, who also attended Northside Elementary, said the naming process should be about maintaining the legacy in the Northside community.

"It was a good school in a black neighborhood," she said.

Bedford said given all that the school must prepare for to open in 2013, it would best to name it now.

"I think it's important to go ahead and name it, and we can have a celebration in naming the school," she said.

The board will vote on the name of the school today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

CHARTER FROM PAGE 1

Teaching religion

The Lee school's charter application states that, "A Moral Focus program will equip students with the behaviors and attitudes they need to be successful in high school, college, and beyond."

"Values are fundamental to a great education and will be an integral part of the curriculum at Lee Scholars," David Palumbo, the company's chief academic officer, told *The Citizen* in a July email. "Our Moral Focus emphasis is one of the central parts of the school culture at all schools operated by NHA."

An early draft of the school's charter application included a section on religious freedom and teaching religion that was removed from subsequent versions, leading some community members to wonder if an attempt was being made to mask an agenda.

NHA founder and chair J.C. Huizenga has at times made his views on education known.

"Relativism seems to have labeled the celebration of virtue

as some sort of cultural bias that needs to be eliminated if balance and objectivity are to guide the pursuit of knowledge," Huizenga told the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty in 2002.

In 1999, he told the *Wall Street Journal*, "Personally, I don't believe a gay teacher is an appropriate teacher for a child."

'Lost in the weeds'

"To me, it's actually in any school's interest, given the significance of religion, to teach students about the major philosophical worldviews in ways that are constitutionally permissible and educationally sound," said Sam Chaltain, an education activist and former director of the Washington, D.C.-based Forum for Education and Democracy.

Chaltain said he believes the questions raised about potential religious undertones in the NHA curriculum present the community with a great opportunity to have a conversation about the role of religion in public education.

Schools often "end up shying away from religion altogether because they don't understand it,"

he said.

Chaltain believes there's a middle ground, what he calls the "civic public school," in which students learn about all religions and the role they play in how people see and understand the world.

Schools that take this middle ground, he said, "recognize that not only is it OK to teach about religion but that if kids want to explore those things, as long as those directing it are just creating a space to pursue whatever they're interested in," they should be allowed to do so.

"If a Muslim kid comes and says, 'I've got to pray five times a day, can I use your classroom when no one's in there?' it's OK under the free-exercise clause.

"But if a Muslim kid comes and says, 'I pray five times a day and think it's pretty cool, can I lead everybody in prayer at the beginning of English class?' that's not OK."

"We want kids to decide if they believe in one god, 30 gods or no god," Chaltain said, "and the best way to do that is to recognize that one of the most central things we can learn about as human beings is the role religion has played in history."

Chaltain observes that concerns today regarding public school curricula are predominantly focused on reading and math scores.

"Right now, conversations about education are divorced from conversations about learning," he said. "When we talk about education, we talk about how to boost test scores, as though that's a complete proxy for how we ensure how children do a better job of learning and growing."

We don't often talk about religion in curricula "because it's lost in the weeds of percentile gains and third-grade math scores," Chaltain said. "We've got a lot of work to do."

"Getting religion right in schools matters because getting religious freedom right in America matters," Charles Haynes writes.

Questions put to the Lee school's local board of directors regarding the proposed moral focus curricula and the religious language in the early draft of the charter application have gone unanswered. All requests to the board by *The Citizen* for interviews have gone unanswered.

FINAL ISSUE FROM PAGE 1

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The polls for the November 6th Election will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. Residents who are not registered to vote must register by October 12, 2012 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.

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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 16th, October 23rd, and October 30th. The Board will begin the Election Day Absentee Ballot count on November 6th at 2:00 pm in accordance with G. S. 163-234.

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ROBERT DICKSON

As you might imagine, this question has been on my mind a great deal lately.

As we've moved toward this day when this labor of love comes to an end, I've talked with a number of tire kickers, a couple of investor-types looking to make a quick profit (really!) and folks who just like this newspaper and would like to see it continue.

Unfortunately, none of these folks see the value in what we've built here, at least not enough to make it worthwhile to own. That's OK, though; nothing lasts forever (thanks, Sy).

What I'm really worrying about now is the future of our type of journalism: news coverage where the story is written in-depth, objectively and professionally, by a reporter actually on the scene, with facts and sources verified – specifically, not a slanted viewpoint by some blogger watching the proceedings on TV in his jammies.

The problem is that professional journalism costs money, and that we have all gotten way too comfortable with getting our news for free. Journalists don't make much money (just ask the *Citizen* staff), but they've still got to eat.

Newspapers have done this to themselves though, and pulling back from the brink is proving to be painful. The siren song of Internet advertising cash has not made up for the lost revenue from print editions. So, what do you know, newspapers across the land are deciding to charge for their online content. Gee, what a concept.

I grew up with newspapers that you had to buy to read, and I still operate a newspaper that uses that model. But print readership of subscription-based newspapers is losing ground to the digital versions. Pay walls are going to have to come up if for-profit newspapers are to survive.

I've heard a neighbor tell me how easy it is to defeat the pay wall at *The New York Times*. The best \$3.75 I spend every week is on that newspaper, and I can't imagine a day without it. What's our world going to be like when the Grey Lady goes down because readers won't pay for content? Or *The Wall Street Journal* or *The Washington Post* or *The News & Observer*?

The republic will be on the rocks, that's what will happen. We can have all the instant information we want, but we have to be able to trust it to make reasonable decisions.

Call me an old curmudgeon if you'd like (you won't be alone), but I want to know the reporters covering the board of aldermen are being paid for their efforts. I want to know that they've covered the issues before and can objectively report the details that are so important.

So what does this have to do with the demise of *The Carrboro Citizen*? My pondering has led me to the belief that one future of hyperlocal news outlets, at least in the style of *The Citizen*, is as nonprofit entities.

It's likely too much to ask of small local businesses to provide sufficient advertising revenue to sustain the necessary news coverage for a community like ours. A locally owned and operated nonprofit, however, could supplement ad sales with reader support and maybe a few grants, and come up with a sustainable model for local long-form journalism.

Or we can just be content with a publication that serves as a delivery service or one that is so full of ads that the content is hard to find.

Which will it be? It's our choice as a community.

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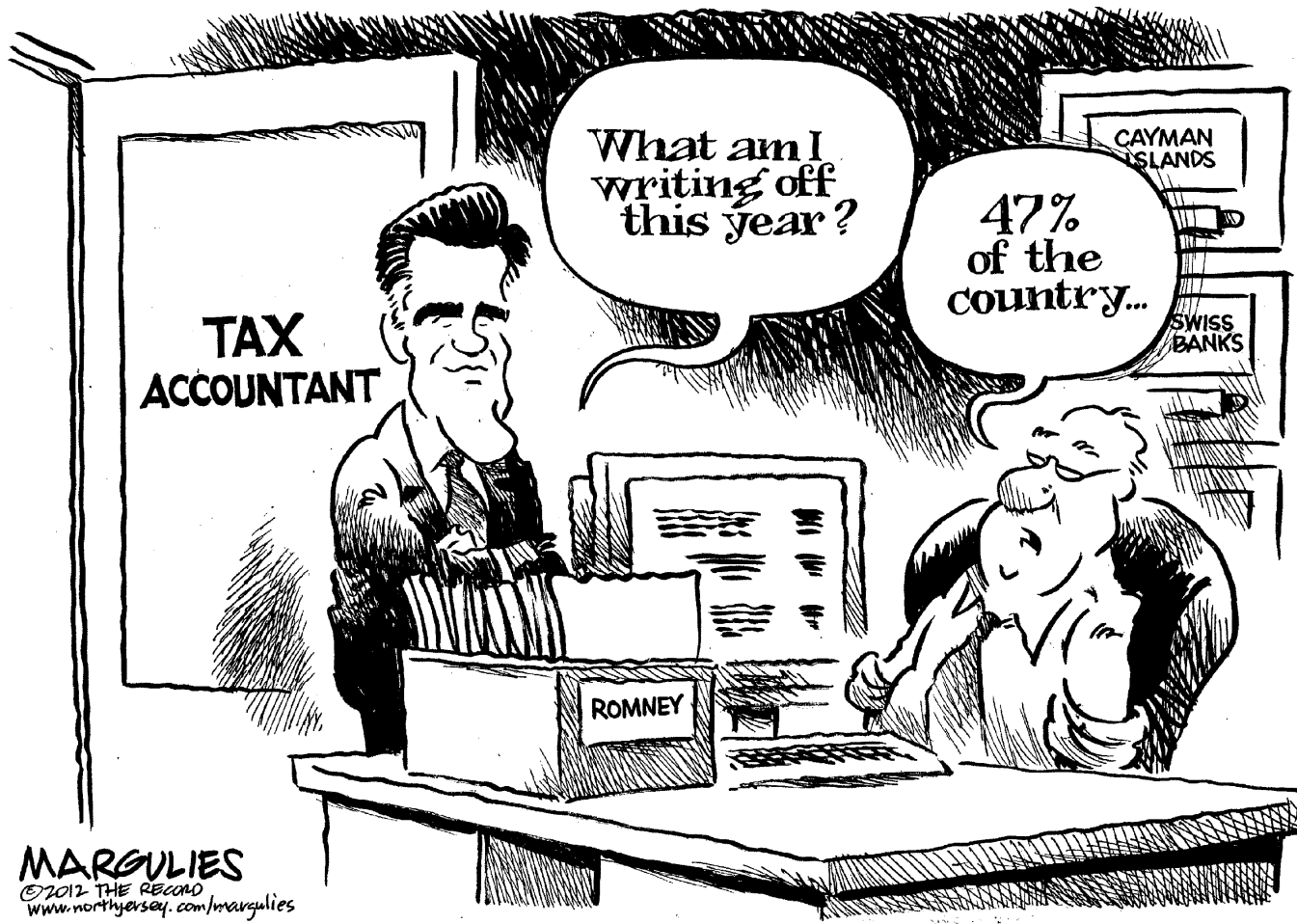
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What's in a name?

The jurisdictional issues are killing us. Yeah, I know that's over-the-top, but so is the way we cling to geographical identification around here.

Take for instance, the tweets that rolled out when 70-plus folks from around here visited my wonderful adopted hometown of Bloomington. Upon touring and hearing about its "arts and entertainment district" (when I lived there we called it downtown), several folks noted that Chapel Hill already has an entertainment district known as "Carrboro." That's funny because in a lot of ways it's true. In fact, when Chapel Hill once applied to be an "All-American City," it put down The ArtsCenter as one of its amenities. Even the All-American City people thought that was funny.

But that incident and the recent tweet about the arts district, although separated by 20 or so years in time, are an indication of how messed up our thinking is. We are stuck – "bound" may be a better word – with the lines we've drawn and the consequences of basing everything on them. It's pretty easy to ignore the lines on a day-to-day basis, but when it comes to collecting taxes, drafting budgets and spending real money to do things like economic development or improve infrastructure, the lines are a big deal.

Technically, I live in Chapel Hill, but not in town. My back fence marks the line between county and town. I don't get to pay all those extra taxes, but if I want to expand my house I have to get Chapel Hill's permission. I don't get to vote in Chapel Hill's elections and have to contract for garbage pickup or take it to the dump myself. And even though there's a town police substation a couple of hundred yards away, if somebody breaks into my house I have to call the sheriff.

Over the years, I've heard neighborhoods like mine called free-loaders, even by normally intelligent people and even some elected officials of Chapel Hill and Carrboro. We're free-loaders because we get to enjoy the towns we live near and, most importantly, because of those great schools, which are funded by – drum roll – county and state government, not the towns.



If that doesn't make any sense, well, you're on to something.

In the mid-1980s, after the lessons of a protracted war of annexation with Durham, our lovely area was divided up between the various jurisdictions. Lines were drawn designating each town's urban services boundaries, bright lines that sewer lines and services would not cross in order to prevent sprawl. It was a complicated agreement and a testament to the idea that the various jurisdictions could work together to achieve a common goal. It also gave everyone a sense of certainty that one day their neighborhood would be in Carrboro, Hillsborough or Chapel Hill or remain "out in the county."

That kind of presumed towns would retain their right to expand through annexation. The General Assembly in recent years has made that less likely. They've made it nearly impossible for an area to be involuntarily annexed. Given the abuses over annexation in the state, it is unlikely it will ever be as easy as it was for a good long while, maybe forever. That changes the annexation game, but it doesn't change the lines and boundaries we settled on here in the 1980s. And it doesn't change the problem we have with working together.

We've had some successes, like the transit system and mutual agreements on fire protection, but those came about mainly because they were driven by the needs of the university. The jurisdictional roadblocks are why we can't seem to do much together anymore. It's why something as simple as running water and sewer to homes on Rogers Road, which straddles the line between the towns, has become enormously complicated. It's why we can have a giant downtown music festival that doesn't cross an imaginary line near Merritt Mill Road.

In a month or so, we'll be over one big, hairy federal election cycle and into the local election cycle. Local elections are when the silo effect really takes hold, when those borders are so real that you'd think the towns were miles apart. We are, of course, just not in time and space.

Constitutional issues implicated

MARK DOROSIN

The Chapel Hill Town Council recently heard extensive public comment regarding the bus advertisements sponsored by the Church of Reconciliation. The majority of those comments, like the complaints (from residents and at least one council member) that began the public dialogue, focused almost exclusively on the content of those ads. This community conversation, both by its nature and its substance, illustrated the First Amendment issues that should define the town's further consideration of revising its bus advertising policy.

Chapel Hill's bus advertising policy has created what courts have recognized as a "limited public forum" inside the buses. While some limitations on speech are permitted in such a forum, content-based restrictions – those based on the message of any advertisement – are subject to the strictest judicial scrutiny and must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling government interest.

There has been some suggestion that the town replace the policy with one that only permits "commercial" advertising. While such a limitation may appear to create a viewpoint-neutral restriction on ads, there are in fact several constitutional and practical problems with such a simplistic approach. First, to the extent there is a legal hierarchy among categories of speech, political speech or that concerning matters of public concern – like the advertisement in question – is accorded the highest level of protection. A policy that prioritizes commercial speech over political speech subverts this well-established constitutional paradigm by discounting the core value of public discourse on issues of critical community interest. Moreover, such a blunt tool ignores the reality that commercial speech often inherently includes political messages. A commercial speech-only policy would, for example, permit ads encouraging bus riders to buy Chic-fil-A, but prohibit ones calling for them not to.

There are even more basic constitutional issues implicated in such a change. No one can seriously question that the objections to the ad and the town's pending review of its advertising regulations are based on objections to the content of the ads. As such, any substantive restrictions on free speech, even ostensibly viewpoint-neutral changes, would be constitutionally suspect as motivated by the publicly expressed disdain of some community members and policymakers for the ads.

The First Amendment doesn't guarantee one's right not to be offended. In fact, it guarantees just the opposite.

Chapel Hill isn't the only community confronting the issue of controversial transit advertising. A few weeks ago, a federal court struck down the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority's attempt to ban a controversial conservative ad (which included the phrase "Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."). In the wake of the ruling, the MTA has hastily tried to revise its policy to include some facially neutral language that will allow them to ban the ad again. This post-hoc attempt to bypass the court's ruling – and constrain speech that the MTA finds offensive – will undoubtedly invite further litigation.

The First Amendment doesn't guarantee one's right not to be offended. In fact, it guarantees just the opposite. Free speech means that at some point each of us will be confronted by ideas, images and words that challenge, upset, annoy and hopefully engage us in the social and political life of our community. As Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis reminds us, "No danger flowing from speech can be deemed clear and present, unless the incidence of the evil apprehended is so imminent that it may befall before there is opportunity for full discussion. If there be time to expose through discussion the falsehood and fallacies, to avert the evil by the processes of education, the remedy to be applied is more speech, not enforced silence."

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LETTERS

Town, volunteers
made music
festival possible

The 15th annual Carrboro Music Festival took place on Sunday, Sept. 30. I'd like to send out my personal thanks to all who contributed to Carrboro's always-special day – especially the rain gods who allowed us a glorious one-day window without rain.

Thank you to the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department, with very special thanks to recreation supervisor Rah Trost, who helped coordinate the event while juggling a couple of other upcoming town events. Thanks to recreation administrator Dennis Joines for the running the website. I'd also like to thank the Carrboro Public Works Department and streets superintendent David Poythress, the Carrboro Police Department and Capt. Walter Horton and the Carrboro Fire Department under Chief Travis Crabtree. Without the town commitment, the event would not exist.

Many thanks to the 2012 volunteer committee members: Charlie Berry, Catherine DeVine, Tony Galiani, Michael Gowan, Jackie Helvey, Meg McGurk and Janet Place. Special gratitude expressed to Meg for her invaluable volunteer coordination and to Janet for her fantastic graphic design work. Thank you to all the generous sponsors (including *The Carrboro Citizen* for their wonderful insert), the venues and all the musicians who donate their time and abilities.

GERRY WILLIAMS
Festival coordinator

Morals take
backseat to money

The Republican candidates in our current election drama have emphasized their stalwart stance on religious and moral issues. Mitt Romney is – or has been – a bishop of the Mormon Church; his political companion, Paul Ryan, is a devoted member of the Catholic Church. These aspects of their candidacy are seemingly above contradiction and we – Democrat or Republican – appreciate the validity of their moral viewpoint, even though we may argue over their political views.

What is disturbing, however, is Romney and Ryan's swift acceptance of both the endorsement and millions upon millions of dollars for their political coffers from one Sheldon Adelson. They did so in the face of the questionable source of Adelson's activities, underlined by current investigations by the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Apparently the Republican candidates for our highest offices have decided that morality must take a back seat when political funding is concerned!

Adelson has had an adventurous life in gambling. He tried to bribe Chinese officials for help in expanding his casino empire to Macau. Mr. A. is also known to have received millions of dollars from groups of outlawed gamblers, giving them the free run of the amenities of his Las Vegas operation. And there is more! It has been suggested, that, based on Adelson's extensive donations to the Republican Party, if R&R are the winners he will be vindicated by a grateful Republican government who will help to wash his sins away!

This accusation has some validity in the knowledge that a) Mr. Romney met with Mr. Adelson during his recent European trip, while b) Paul Ryan, upon his receipt of the Republican nomination for VP immediately went to a closed victory celebration at Adelson's spectacular Las Vegas hotel.

Wow! How is it that money always overrides the moral issues involved? Romney and Ryan are the most recent example of such a turn around.

WILLIAM SOMMERS
Pittsboro

FLORA
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oaks (*Quercus stellata*) common trees of the high, dry, granite monadnock of Chapel Hill. Sometimes called "iron oak," this species is a survivor, tolerant of drought and fire and nutrient starvation. It grows slowly, often adding less than 1/16 of an inch of diameter in a year, especially when growing on a dry granite hilltop in acidic soils. Growing as little as half an inch a decade and six inches a century, post oaks develop wood that is hard and tough, the heaviest wood in North America.

As you walk or bike around town (downtown in Carrboro near Weaver Street Market, around the UNC Campus), ponder the age and characterful individuality of the many big old post oaks, with medium-gray bark, characteristic cross-shaped leaves and gnarled spreading limbs. They have withstood drought, lightning strikes and the fires set by lightning and Native Americans. Some of them approach three feet in diameter and are as old or older than the Davie Poplar, mature trees before European settlers came to what is now Orange County. Ponder all that has taken place beneath their spreading branches!

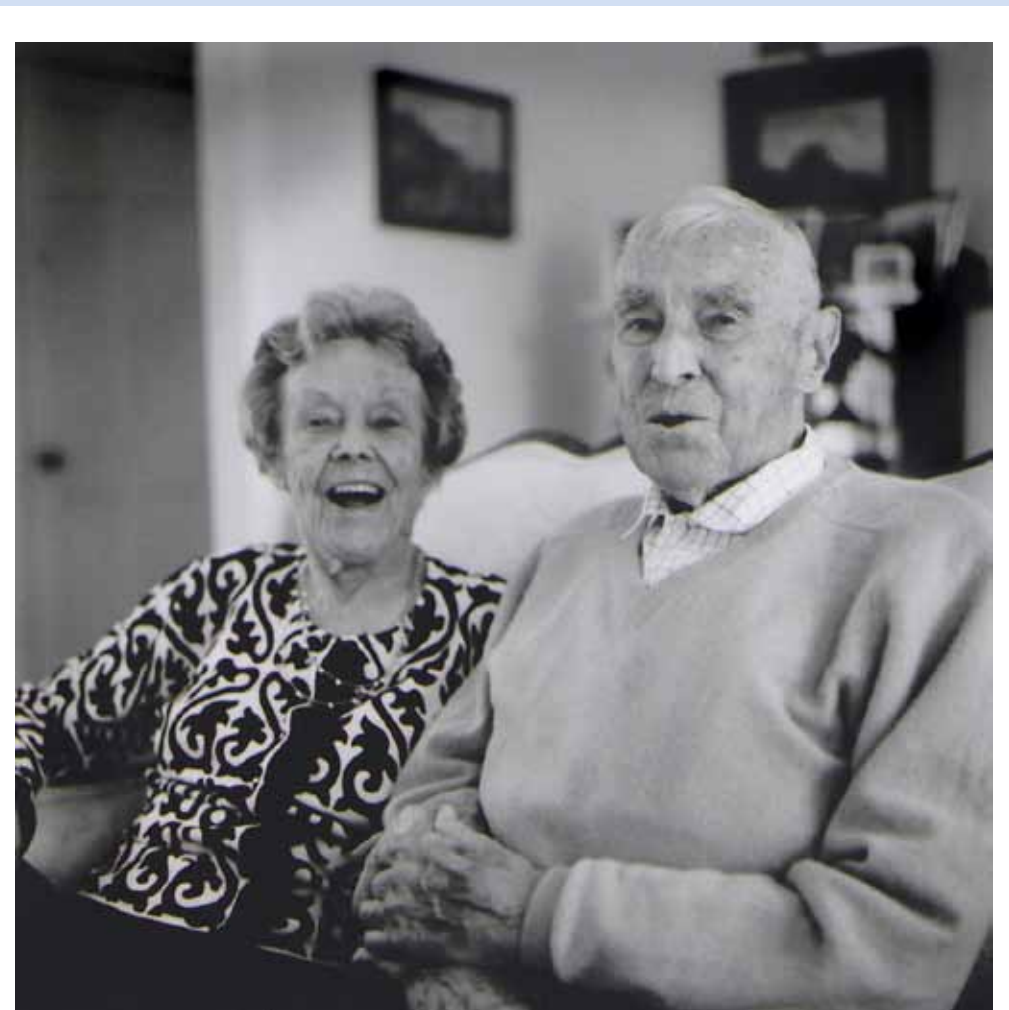
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Post oak is a fairly common large tree that is typical of drier habitats. PHOTO BY WILL COOK



Mature post oak acorns PHOTO BY WILL COOK



Uncle Jerry, the Last Photograph

Perhaps last week's death of 98-year-old Gerald Angier Vernon of Darien, Conn., should not have surprised anyone, given his age. But Uncle Jerry's passing rendered me vaguely disoriented and deeply moved. For what claims of family do I (a come-lately-nephew-in-law) have on the indefatigable old salt? Only that as a kid without a proper father, I saw in Uncle Jerry the dad I never had – gregarious, loving, funny, never judgmental but always attentive. My favorite memory is Uncle Jerry showing me his yoga moves at 95. Last April when the family let it be known that Jerry had but months to live, we hightailed it 18 hours round-trip to New England for a single evening's dinner and photo-taking. So how does it feel to be making a last photograph of someone you treasure? All I can say is that as a photographer, it was my small and almost silent (click) act of love. And of course, the family patriarch soldiered on for another six months. Meanwhile back home, I stowed that old '50s-era Rolleiflex, not having the nerve to develop the film ... until now, after his death, when again we see the bright happy face of my Other Dad, (with his child-bride, 90-year-old Aunt Mary, glowing in the background) as he cheers us on to embrace life as fully as did he.

A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER



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