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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE
Seed capsules make a beautiful contrast with long-lasting fall foliage of Sourwood.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Seeing autumn tints before the peak

It's all about taking a closer look. This is the season that folks seek instructions on when and where to view peak color. It's sad that we place such emphasis on a peak of fall color.

The English describe fall colors as "autumn tints." I like the notion of "autumn tints." In a way, it describes the subtle natural progression of colors as plants move from the growing season to the dormancy of winter. Rather than anticipate a sudden turn from summer green to a dazzling peak of color, we can enjoy weeks and weeks observing plants moving slowly through tints of colors that vary from species to species.

Dramatic colors have already begun in our western mountain counties. The burgundy-red tints of the sourwood, *Oxydendrum arboreum*, are especially appreciated now against the green background of trees only beginning to turn. In two to three short weeks, the mountainsides will be winter bare, the temperature extremes up there moving the season along at a quick pace.

Here in the more leisurely piedmont, we are fortunate to have the autumn tints progress at a slower pace. Some of our sourwoods began to show color some weeks ago and they will continue for weeks more.

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Airport, waste sites top issues at county commissioner forum

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

With an intense and historic presidential election, a highly contested race for governor and a U.S. Senate election that could turn out a well-known incumbent, there seems to be little oxygen left for races further down the ballot, especially local races.

That didn't stop Democrat Bernadette Pelissier and Republican Kevin Wolff from highlighting their differences Tuesday, as the two candidates for the newly created at-large seat on the Orange County Board of County Commissioners squared off at their one and only election forum at Carol Woods Tuesday.

Pelissier said she has worked hard to learn the ropes, serving in the past as chair of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority board of directors and at present on the county Planning Board and the Commission for the Environment.

If elected, she said, she would focus on implementing the county's new comprehensive plan and work to make county government more efficient. The comprehensive plan, the county's first full re-write since the 1980s, is important, she said, because it recognizes that "the environment, the economy and social issues are all interrelated. We need to make sure



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Democrat Bernadette Pelissier and Republican Kevin Wolff, candidates for the new at-large seat on the Orange County board of county commissioners, debate the issues at a forum at Carol Woods.

that our policies recognize that."

Wolff, who twice ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Chapel Hill and whose wife, Mary, challenged Pelissier in the Democratic primary, said he wants to bring his business experience to the board.

"I would like to bring a balance to the board of commissioners," Wolff said. "I believe we have plenty of people who will uphold and implement the policies that Bernadette would."

He said his credentials as a businessman and attorney would bring that balance. He said he does not believe that view is present on the current board of commissioners.

"Since we're expanding [from] five to seven [seats on the board], this is a great opportunity to open up the view and have a more balanced perspective," Wolff said.

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Cool, calm, collecting retirement

RECENTLY . . .
By Valarie Schwartz

John Thomas has left the theater.

After 30 years of teaching theater tech at Chapel Hill High School and managing Hanes Theatre, Thomas announced his retirement last spring. He could not officially retire until the end of August; but with the new school year beginning then, it was on Oct. 3 that the school community wished Thomas a fond farewell.

"J.T.," as fellow teachers, students and parents know him, came to Chapel Hill in 1976 with a master's degree from the University of California-Davis and a wish to develop community theater here. With the ArtsCenter (then called the Carrboro Art School) in its infancy, founder Jacques Menache tapped him to start the theater program, and The Gallery Theatre opened that summer. Two years later, with the theater playing the role of first tenant in the newly opened Carr Mill Mall, Thomas was broke. He reluctantly sought and accepted the job as theater manager for the new state-of-the-arts Hanes Theatre.

"The last thing in the world I wanted to do then was high school theater," he said in a speech at the school two years ago.

He and his co-workers would change the definition of high school theater with the standards they would set.



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ
John Thomas enjoyed a standing ovation during his last time on the stage at Hanes Theatre, which he managed for 30 years while teaching at Chapel Hill High School.

Mark Nielsen, the drama teacher at CHHS when Thomas arrived, played emcee to his going-away ceremony.

"I worked with John for eight years on 52 productions," Nielsen said as he took attendees down a memory lane tour.

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BREAKDOWN: A SERIES ON MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN NC

Is our best enough?

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

This story is the fourth in a series about mental health care in North Carolina. The names of mental health care recipients and their families have been changed.

XDS Inc. in Chapel Hill is a rare mental health care success story, an organization that has managed to navigate North Carolina's post-reform mental health care morass. But it barely hangs on. Challenged each day by sheaves of bewildering paperwork and limited funding, it's a "day-to-day struggle," says XDS executive director Thava Mahadevan, to stay afloat and continue providing very critical treatment, rehabilitation and support services.

XDS was launched a decade ago under the umbrella of the Orange Person Chatham (OPC) Area Program, the state-administered agency that prior to the privatization of mental health care services, as mandated by House Bill 381 in 2001, provided those services for the three-county region. XDS stands for "cross-disability services" and its objective is to provide a comprehensive suite of outpatient services with a team of professionals assigned to each client, available 24 hours a day.

Despite resistance, success

The approach is called assertive community treatment (ACT).

ACT is considered evidence-based treatment for people with severe and persistent mental histories — those diagnosed with schizophrenia, a bipolar disorder and, in some cases, major depression — and is particularly designed for those with dual disorders, which would include a substance-abuse problem. The term "evidence-based" means that the ACT model has consistently shown success in the treatment of clients with these disorders.

The ACT model was introduced in the early '70s by a group of mental health care professionals at the Mendota Mental Health Institute in Wisconsin. Across the country, a deinstitutionalization movement was afoot, with patients being moved out of state institutions and into communities that were often unprepared to meet their needs. The Mendota team sought to fill that gap by better understanding why patients who seemed to do very well while within an institution were nonetheless being recommitted on a rapid and regular basis.

Obviously, these people needed professional care, but what was the sum of their needs?

The objective was to replicate a mental health care ward to include a



Thava Mahadevan

team of providers that would include a psychiatrist, psychologist, nurses, social workers, perhaps a vocational specialist, working with a small group of patients to provide flexible and around-the-clock care.

They recognized, says Mahadevan, that "when patients were discharged, they didn't know where to go to get their medications. If they had a problem at three in the morning, they didn't know who to call. So they said, 'We need to replicate what we do in the hospital,' and they called it 'hospital without walls.'"

Halloween changes announced

BY RICH FOWLER
Staff Writer

The Town of Chapel Hill wants to discourage people from coming to this year's Halloween celebration. Roughly 80,000 people came last year and the town expects to see about the same number of people again this year.

As part of the effort to rein in the celebration and make it safer, the town negotiated with local bars and restaurants to limit alcohol sales. As a result, on Halloween every bar and restaurant on Franklin Street will charge a minimum \$5 cover charge starting at 10 p.m. and they will all close their doors to new patrons at 1 a.m.

Scott Maitland, owner of Top of the Hill Restaurant and Brewery, thanked town leaders for working with bar and restaurant owners on Franklin Street.

"I just want to give all of you a pat on the back for starting a process that will proactively make sure that there are no problems in future Halloween events," Maitland said.

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Bike plan detailed

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen talked bicycle transportation, greenways, helmets and more on Tuesday during a work session to review the Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Carrboro received a Comprehensive Bicycle Planning Grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation in May 2007 to create the Bicycle Transportation Plan, which has been developed by staff with the help of Greenways Incorporated.

The plan includes a bicycle network project, with paved shoulders, bicycle lanes, sharrows, sidepaths and off-road trails at identified road corridors, intersections and greenway corridors. The changes are intended to help provide access to schools, greenways, downtown and other business zoning, bicycle facilities, high-density residential areas and more.

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There are now ACT teams in most every state and in other countries, including Canada, Australia and Japan.

In the mid-'90s, Mahadevan, who was a graduate of UNC's rehabilitation counseling program and had done his internship at John Umstead Hospital in Butner, came to work at OPC as a case manager. He had become intrigued by the ACT model and believed it was needed in this area. In 1997, he and a few colleagues traveled to Delaware to see an ACT team in action, and were impressed.

"We thought it was amazing just to see how things were happening," Mahadevan recalls. "People were out and about. One of the biggest contrasts was that clients weren't coming to the mental health center, staff were going out to see them."

Despite resistance from the more traditional-minded mental health community, who, Mahadevan says, told him that "this is not how we do things," a cross-disability program using the ACT model was launched at OPC and proved successful.

Then came the call from Raleigh for reform — for the divestiture and privatization of the mental health care services area programs across the state had previously provided.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY OCT 16
Cat's Cradle: Max Indian, Cary Ann Hearst, Justin Williams. 8:30pm, Free
The Cave: EARLY: Andrew Martin. LATE: Nathan Oliver, Brass Bed
Capt. John's Dockside: Chris Reynolds Swing 'n' Jazz Trio. 6pm
Local 506: Magnetic Morning, Springhouse, Julie Ocean. 9pm, \$8-10
Milltown: Chris Girard, John Pardue
Nightlight: Auxes, Hammer No More The Fingers. 9:30pm

FRIDAY OCT 17
Blue Horn Lounge: Valentino & The Piedmont Sheiks. 10pm
Cat's Cradle: Chatham County Line, Thad Cockrell. 8pm, \$12-15
The Cave: Rob the Throb One Man Band, Los Rudos, Thee Crucials, Jimmy & The Teasers. 9pm
Harry's Market: Shawn Deena. 6pm
SATURDAY OCT 18
The ArtsCenter: The Magic of Josh Lozoff and Tres Chicas. 8:30pm, \$20; Tracy Grammer with Jonathan Byrd. 8:30pm, \$15

Blue Horn Lounge: Marla Vickers Band. 10pm
Blue Bayou Club: Fattback Blues Man, Brother Yusef. 8:30pm
The Cave: The Holy Ghosts, The Loners, The Barberies, Pinche Gringo, The Lovely Sarita. 9pm
Nightlight: Shondes, Guitar Bomb, Sweet Ones. 9:30pm
Local 506: Jessica Lea Mayfield. 9pm, \$8
Open Eye Café: The Watercallers. 8pm
SUNDAY OCT 19
Blue Bayou Club: Big Mama E & the Cool, The Shucks. 9:30pm
The Cave: Jake Melnyk, Patrick Turner. 9pm
Local 506: Awesome Color, Rongo Rongo. 9:30pm, \$8
Weaver Street Market: Jazz Brunch with Saludos Compay. 11am

MONDAY OCT 20
Blue Bayou Club: Blues World Order. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Cold War Kids, AA Bondy. 8pm, \$15-17
The Cave: Spiritual Rez. 9pm, \$5
Local 506: Pierced Arrows, Dirty Little Heaters. 9:30pm, \$8-10
TUESDAY OCT 21
Cat's Cradle: Copeland, Love-drug, Lydia. 6pm, \$13-15
The Cave: EARLY: Andrew Hoover. LATE: Steve Wilson, Jeff Miller.
Local 506: A Place to Bury Strangers, Sian Alice Group, All the Saints. 9pm, \$10-12
WEDNESDAY OCT 22
Blue Bayou Club: Blues Jame
Cat's Cradle: MOP, Connie Price & The keystones. RSVP online
The Cave: EARLY: Alex Bowers. LATE: National Hotel.

Local 506: Tenderhooks, The Future Kings of Nowhere. 9:30pm
Nightlight: Embarassing Fruits, Kentucky Nightmare, Soft Company. 9:30pm
THURSDAY OCT 23
The ArtsCenter: Janis Ian. 8:30pm, \$27-29
Blue Horn Lounge: Jamo & Susie Hicks. 9pm
Cat's Cradle: Alejandro Escovedo, The Satin Peaches. 8pm, \$18-20
The Cave: EARLY: Wedlock, Hendecatope. LATE: Gravel Truck, Tim Lee 3.
Local 506: Born Ruffians, Plants & Animals, The Huguenots. 9pm, \$10
Milltown: Luke Berchowitz & Dan McGree with Greg Levy. 10pm
FRIDAY OCT 24
Cat's Cradle: Pepper, The Super-villains, Passafire. 8:30pm, \$18

The Cave: EARLY: A Password to Larkspur Lane. LATE: A Whitebread Birthday, Southpaw.
Local 506: Caltrop, Blag'ard, In the Year of the Pig. 10pm
Open Eye Café: Marla Vickers Band. 8pm
SATURDAY OCT 25
The ArtsCenter: Carrie New-comer. 8:30pm, \$15-17
Blue Bayou Club: Taz Halloween & Robert Griffin w/ Stu Cole and Cecil Johnson. 9pm
Cat's Cradle: Squirrel Nut Zippers, DaShawn Hickman & Steel Moven. 8pm, \$20
The Cave: EARLY: Crystal Gore & Bo Lankenau. LATE: Regina Hexa-phone, Starmount.
General Store Café: Jazz with the Second Third. 8pm
Local 506: Violet Vector & The

Lovely Lovelies, Schooner, Max Indian. 10pm
Nightlight: His Mischief, Horse-back, Mako Sica. 10pm
Open Eye Café: Wil Seabrook. 8pm
SUNDAY OCT 26
Blue Bayou Club: Michael Burks. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Ill Bill, Sean Price, M1 Platoon. 9:30pm, \$12-14
The Cave: Ringo Deathstarr
General Store Café: Sally Morgan & Peter Sharpe. 8:30pm
Local 506: Sole & The Skyriider Band, Skyriider. 9pm, \$8
Weaver Street Market: Jazz Brunch with Equinox. 11am

VENUES

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THE ARTSCENTER
300-G E. Main St.
929-2787 artscenterlive.org

CAT'S CRADLE
300 E. Main St.
967-9053 catscradle.com

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307 E. Main St.
968-2460

OPEN EYE CAFÉ
101 S. Greensboro St.
968-9410 openeyecafe.com

RESERVOIR
100-A Brewer Ln.
933-3204 reservoirbar.net

THE STATION
201 E. Main St.
967-1967

CHAPEL HILL

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125 E. Franklin St., 929-1511
bluehornloungechapelhill.com

CAROLINA PERFORMING ARTS
843-3333
carolinaperformingarts.org

THE CAVE
4521/2 W. Franklin St.
968-9308 cavernartavern.com

HELL
157 E. Rosemary St.
929-9666 chapelhell.com

THE LIBRARY
120 E. Franklin St.
968-6004 libraryrocks.com

LOCAL 506
506 W. Franklin St.
942-5506 local506.com

MANSION 462

462 W. Franklin St.
967-7913 mansion462.com

NIGHTLIGHT
4051/2 W. Rosemary St.
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MO 11/24 AUGUSTANA**(\$15)

TU 11/25 GANG GANG DANCE
W/GROWING, RANBOW ARABIA**

WE 11/26 PRE TURKEY DAY JAM

FR 10/31 LEGENDARY PINK DOTS
LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

FR 11/28 MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA W/DEAD CONFEDERATE, KEVIN DEVINE, ALL GET OUT**

SA 11/29 THE BACKBEAT & HEGE V**

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FR 11/7 BEN SOLLEE W/KIM TAYLOR

THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)

TU 11/20 CHRIS HILLMAN & HERB PEDERSON

In Brief

Civic club holiday show

The Carrboro Civic Club will host an arts and crafts show and sale at the Civic Club at 108 on Bim Street in Carrboro on Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wood carvings, pottery, hand-made childrens' toys, soaps and chocolates are among the featured items. For information, call 932-1026.

Paws4Ever

The Animal Protection Society of Orange County will change its name on Oct. 18 at the 4th Annual Jambalaya Jam, an annual benefit auction that raises money for the programs and services of the organization.

The event starts at 6 p.m. with a silent auction and raffle, along with live music and dinner provided by Tupelo's restaurant. For more information on the event and the mission of the organization, see www.animalprotectionsociety.org

Hike/Bike -a-thon

The Justin Lord Coleman Fifth Annual Memorial Hike-a-thon and Bike-a-thon will be held Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at 809 Smith Level Road in Chapel Hill.

A passionate mountain climber, Coleman was working toward his goal of climbing the seven summits. He died in 2003 at 27 from injuries sustained in a car accident in Australia. Twenty-three Australians received life-saving or life-improving transplants from Coleman.

Proceeds from the event benefit several charities, including Carolina Donor Services, Outward Bound USA and Bikes for Kids.

Participants can hike two or 10 miles or bike 25 or 50 miles. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. and the hike and bike ride will start at noon. Refreshments will be served after the event.

Sponsor checks are payable to the Justin Lord Coleman Foundation and should be mailed to Julie Coleman, 809 Smith Level Road, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27516. For information, visit www.justincoleman.org or call Julie at 967-3221.

Art benefit

The Chapel Hill Bible Church will host a benefit art sale on Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. featuring art by Murray Handler. More than 40 works will be auctioned off, with proceeds benefitting the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service.

Handler primarily works in acrylic on canvas but occasionally uses other materials. Handler has been recognized in art contests in North Carolina and New York. Guests are encouraged to bring groceries for donation to the Food Pantry and Community Kitchen programs, which are sponsored by the IFC. 15 percent of art purchases will be donated to the IFC.

The IFC sponsors several community outreach programs in the area, including food and housing as well as educational support.

Community Calendar

Special Events

Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players — Oct. 16, 7pm. Beginners and experts welcome. ShirleyRay@aol.com, 929-5359

Casino Night — Oct. 18, 6:30pm. Vegas-themed night with games to benefit community programs and a scholarship funded by the Bynum Front Porch and Chatham Arts Council. Includes dinner, bar and acts. Chatham Mills in Pittsboro. Advance tickets \$30. bynumfrontporch.googlepages.com/casinonight

Fair Trade Expo — Oct. 25, 1-3pm. The Carrboro Cybrary brings you a Fair Trade Expo showcasing fair trade products available from local vendors. 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Festival for Safe Passage — Oct. 18, 7pm. All proceeds go to Safe Passage, an organization caring for children living at the Guatemala City garbage dump. Reception and silent auction begins at 7pm; show featuring Tres Chicas and Josh Lozoff at 8:30. Reception & auction: free; evening show: \$20/ \$10 children. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E. Main St., Carrboro. 929-2787. www.safepassagebenefit.com

Harmonic Convergence — Nov. 7, 8pm. Barbecue, books and bluegrass. Farrington Village Barn. 542-0394, www.chathamarts.org \$10-13

Hidden Voices — Oct. 19, 3pm. Hidden Voices presents a program advocating for victims of abuse. 968-2780

Jazz Brunch — Sundays, 11am-1pm. Breakfast for purchase, music for free. On the Weaver Street Market Lawn.

Multicultural Fair — 10am-3pm, Oct. 31. Food samples, dance, and other activities. Lobby of NC Children's and Women's Hospitals, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill. 966-6419

Orange County Open Studio Tour — Nov. 1-2, 8-9. Exhibitions at artists' studios throughout the county. Opening receptions at The ArtsCenter Oct. 24 from 5-7pm. 932-3438, www.orange-countyartistsguild.com

Quilting: A Thread Runs Through It — Oct. 17-19, Fri. & Sat. 10 am to 6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm. Over 300 quilts, juried show, demonstrations, vendors, raffles, boutique, wearable art, junior quilts and charity benefits. American Tobacco Campus, Bay 7, 324 Blackwell St., Durham. www.durhamorangequilters.com \$5, kids under 12 free.

ReCYCLERY 8th Anniversary — Oct. 26, 2-6pm. Food, drinks, bike

rides. Southern Rail Restaurant. www.recyclery.info. Suggested \$8 donation.

Tax Seminar — Oct. 19, 2pm. An afternoon of free tax advice. Carrboro Cybrary, 918-7387, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Walk-a-thon and Bike-a-thon Annual Benefit — Oct. 18. 11:30am. Walk 2 or 10 mile routes or bike 25 or 50 mile routes from 809 Smith Level Road, Chapel Hill. Refreshments after events. 967-3221, www.justincoleman.org

Violence Vigil — Tue., Oct. 28, 5:30-7pm. The Coalition for Family Peace and Family Violence and Rape Crisis will observe its annual memorial on the steps of the Siler City Town Hall. 542-5445, fvr.org

Voters in Training — The ArtsCenter offers voter training classes for elementary-age kids. Contact Shirlette Ammons 929-2787 ext. 209 or afterschool@artscenterlive.org

Faith

Advent Lutheran — 9am Bible study classes for all ages, 10:30am worship service. Advent Holiday Boutique, Nov. 8, 9am-1pm. 230 Erwin Road. 968-7680. adventlutheranch.org

The Advocate — Wednesdays, 10am, playtime, bible study for kids. Noon: Eucharist. Sundays: Eucharist at Chapel Hill Kehillah, 5pm. www.ouradvocate.org

Buddhist Teachings and Meditation — Wed. 7-8:30pm. With ordained monk and resident teacher Gen Kelsang Tilopa. The Kosala Mahayana Buddhist center teaches traditional Kadampa Buddhist practice. 711 W. Rosemary St. 619-5736. www.meditationinchapelhill.org

Kids

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

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

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

Volunteers

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program — seeks volunteers to match other volunteers with opportunities for public service. 968-2056

Meals on Wheels — seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel

Hill/Carrboro area. 942-2948

English as a Second Language

Conversation Club — seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students Fridays from noon-2pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street, 967-1448, harwellja@bellsouth.net

Health & Wellness

Cancer support — weekly support free of charge for cancer patients and family. www.cornucopiahouse.org

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child — Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221. chapelhillctfc.org

Lectures & Discussions

Carbon Free and Nuclear Free — Oct. 22, 8pm. Dr. Arjun Makhijani lays out his roadmap for solving the climate and energy crises. 416-5077, ncwarn.org

Creating economic alternatives to migration for Mexico's rural residents — Tom O'Connor of the Community Foundation of the Bajío, of Mexico. He will share his experiences and work in Mexico. 933-0398, www.chi-cle.com

Jung Society — Sylvia Brinton Perera presents: Initiation Ancient and Modern. Oct. 24, 7:30pm. \$15 and Celtic Well-spring Rites: Healing Our Souls. Oct. 25, 10am-4pm \$48. Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill. www.jungnc.org

Redundant Women: The Daughters of Nate Shaw — Oct. 22, 5pm. Author Ted Rosengarten discusses the history behind his book, All God's Dangers. Free. <http://www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/2008/rosengarten.html>

Working in the Congo for Doctors without Borders — Nov. 9, 5pm. Anna Freeman shares her experiences. 933-0398, www.chi-cle.com

Literary

The Bible Salesman — Oct. 16, 5pm reception, 5:45pm program. Clyde Edgerton reads from his latest novel. Wilson Library, UNC Campus. 962-4207. library.unc.edu/spotlight/2008/edgerton.html

The Inheritance of Loss — Oct. 30, 7pm. The Contemporary Fiction Book Club meets to discuss *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai. We always welcome new participants. 918-7387. cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Travels with Herodotus — Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Book Club meets to discuss the book by Ryszard Kapuscinski. 918-7387, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

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Politics

Orange County Democratic Women Monthly Meeting — Oct. 16, 7:30-9:00pm. Meg Gray Wiehe, Policy Analyst with the N.C. Justice Center's Budget and Tax Center, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend. Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive at 929-0547 with any questions.

Dance

Havana Nights — First and third Thursdays, 10pm. Cuban Salsa. Mansion 462, 462 W. Franklin St. 967-7913. www.mansion462.net

Salsa/Mambo — Third Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. salsa_4u2@yahoo.com, 358-4201, \$7

Ballroom — Fourth and Fifth Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, 968-2070. \$2.

Carrboro DanceJam — First Fridays. Free-style dance. Balanced Movement Studio. 304 W. Weaver St, upstairs. 968-8776

Footnotes Tap Ensemble performs with the Seymour Center Tappers! — Nov. 1, 12pm. An afternoon of rhythm, music and tap. The Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. 968-2070. \$5

Film

Community Cinema — Second Thursdays at 7pm. Films documenting social issues. Monthly screenings of Independent Lens episodes at Open Eye Cafe, followed by panel discussions.

Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Film — Oct. 22, 7pm. Double film feature exploring skin lightening in Mexican-American and South Asian cultures. Sonja Haynes Stone Center, UNC Campus. 962-9001. www.unc.edu/depts/stonecenter

Historic Home Movies — Oct. 20, 5pm. Historic home movies from the collections of Wilson Library. Free. www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/2008/homemovies.html

Show us Your Spooky Shorts

— Oct. 28, 7:30pm. Quirky frightful films from local talent. General Store Café in Pittsboro.

SUPER CROSSWORD ART WORK

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107 Tower material?

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110 Foreword, for short

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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.

"Global Predicament?"

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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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PETS OF THE WEEK

APS OF ORANGE COUNTY

— Howdy, I'm Jackson — I am as close as you can get to the perfect dog! I am housebroken, crate-trained, tennis ball motivated, gentle, sweet, soft, attentive, intelligent, self-entertaining, and people & dog friendly. Yes, all this is true and more! I am a one-year-old Chow/ Lab mix.Come see me at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org



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— Ruby is just the cutest little puppy! She's around 4 months old and loves people and other dogs! She's a happy-go-lucky pup who is sure to fit into almost any family! Visit Ruby today at Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill or call 919-967-7383. You can also see her online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp



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FOR THE RECORD

Vote like you mean it

First, a reminder that today (Thursday, Oct. 16) is the opening of voting season in North Carolina. Please note that if you want your vote for president recorded, you have to start by marking your choice — a straight party ticket does not record a vote for president. You have to affirm your choice manually. Please do so. It's important.

There are more than two dozen other races on the ballot as well — everything from governor and council of state, federal and state legislative races, judges and so on.

Some of the candidates for these races are running unopposed, but since you're in the booth, you might as well let these folks know you are paying attention. You don't get many chances in this area.

Rhetoric redux

There are a lot of political adages that should have shuffled off to the dustbin of history a long time ago. One of them is that tired old saw in which a politician says he'd kill this or that program or, say, privatize social security, because "you know how to spend your money better than the government."

Not trying to insult your intelligence or your acumen for the needs of the general public, but in a lot of cases you don't.

For instance, how much of "your" money should go to schools, roads, national defense, fire and police protection and that sidewalk you want in front of your house? How much should go toward making sure your vehicle is built safely or that it doesn't belch copious amounts of various contaminants? How much should go into asthma research or for carbon nanotubes?

The point here is that government is, sometimes, the method through which we collectively make informed decisions.

Unfortunately, we have spent the last several decades hearing a steady drumbeat from those who think government is the problem.

Recently, the Republican vice-presidential candidate ended her closing remarks at her one and only debate with her Democratic counterpart with a remark by Ronald Reagan about freedom being just one generation away from extinction. As Paul Krugman, who last week won a Nobel Prize in economics, pointed out, what the governor of Alaska did not mention was that the statement was referring to Medicare and was part of an effort to warn about socialized medicine.

Painting socialism as a specter rising to haunt this country is back in vogue among those opposed to the rising clout of Democrats.

Yet, as we've seen in recent weeks, many of those who've complained the most about the breadth of government now seek its protection. We have effectively — and one would hope temporarily — nationalized chunks of the insurance, mortgage and banking industry. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is quickly turning casual Fridays into takeover Fridays — gobbling up banks teetering on the brink of reorganization over the weekend.

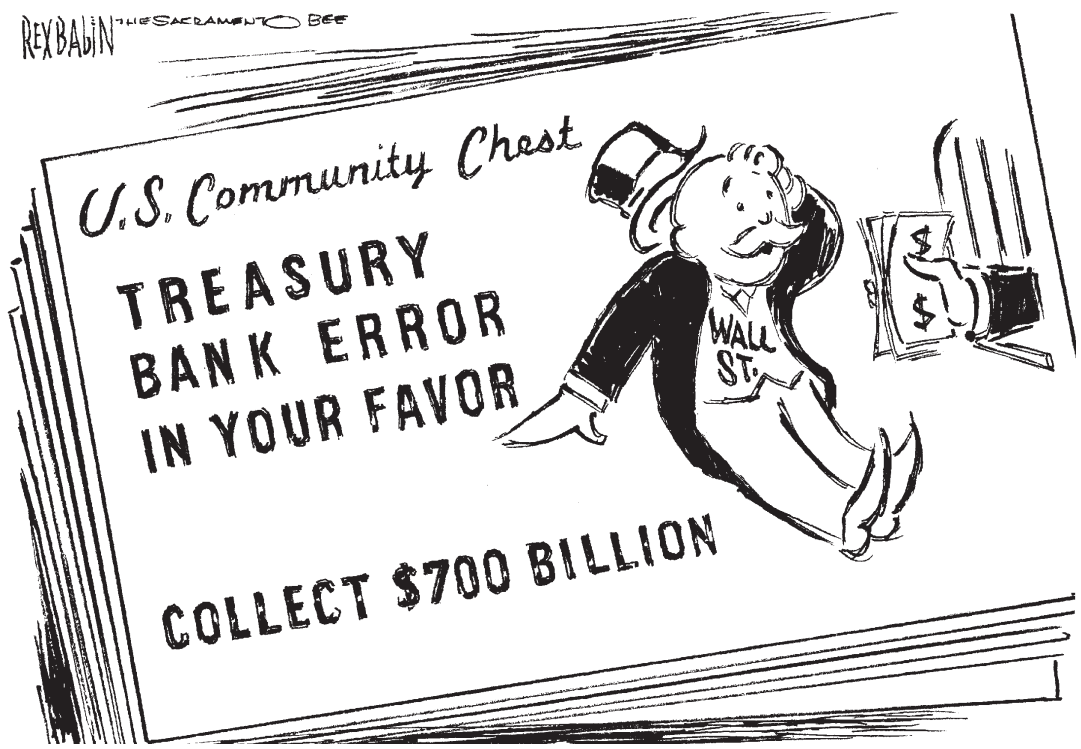
The twist to this is that the deregulation and lack of oversight that the uber-capitalists insisted on and paid lobbyists handsomely to convince lawmakers to enact is one of the chief causes of the spread of socialism from Wall Street to the Charlotte banking district.

Now the taxpayers are bailing out the very people who decried big government.

This has not been lost on many. In fact, in a recent local candidate forum, a member of the GOP — yes, there are a few here in Orange County — acknowledged that it appears there are programs or missions where government actually does a better job than the private sector. Such acknowledgements are rare, but increasing. It will take years, though, for the poison injected into our political discourse to be metabolized. People will still rail about big government and taxes. But there's a difference between pushing back in order to insist on efficiency, transparency and fairness and simply attracting the system for ideological or political gain.

In a recent *New York Times* column, Thomas Friedman recalled Oliver Wendell Holmes remark that "I like paying taxes. With them I am buying civilization."

We're a far cry from that sentiment but perhaps a little closer to understanding the role of government and how dangerous it is to entrust the whole of civilization solely to those out to profit from it.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Grassroots growing

In 2002, UNC commissioned a consulting firm, Talbert and Bright, to conduct a study for options to relocate the NC Area Health Education Centers' (AHEC) MedAir flights in preparation for closing Horace Williams airport. In 2005, the consultants recommended RDU as the most economical and least disruptive site. In August of this year, and without consulting local government, the NC Senate drafted, and Governor Easley signed, SB1925 creating a UNC Airport Authority with the right of eminent domain, the power to condemn and remove landowners from their property. I am a fifth-generation resident of the beautiful and peaceful community of White Cross, NC in southwestern Orange County, which now appears to be the top site for the proposed airport, even though RDU was the recommended site. I live less than a mile away from where UNC is proposing an airport that will benefit a few and literally destroy a way of life for many families in this wonderful community.

The 2005 Talbert and Bright study estimated \$2.2 million to move AHEC operations to RDU, \$5.1 million to upgrade Horace Williams airport and \$30 to \$35.9 million for rural southwest Orange County. Infrastructure costs such as increased fire and police protection are not included. Please bear in mind that these figures are from 2005. We are almost into 2009; you can only imagine how much these costs have increased now!

Airport land will be removed from the tax roles and the citizens of Orange County will have to pick up the infrastructure costs, such as water, trash, fire, police, etc. for the new airport. Not to mention the environmental disasters with fuel storage, impervious surface runoff

into wells and the Haw River watershed, which would also affect surrounding communities for miles. The noise is a given; but, as is the whole community. I am upset about our rural way of life here that will be definitely destroyed. We are talking about that seventh-generation little girl looking to grow up and enjoy the deep-rooted family values that began with her sixth great grandfather and were proudly passed down through the years. We are talking about a way of life being destroyed, and for what? Not to benefit the people of Orange County, but to benefit a few special-interest groups tied to the UNC system.

Please help us, our family and neighbors keep UNC from building an unnecessary and horrendously expensive airport in Southwest Orange County.

JERRY & JOAN SMITH
Chapel Hill

Bad opportunity

I read with interest about the recent Orange County development briefing in the 9/25/08 Carrboro Citizen ("Economic Leaders put on a brave face").

Chapel Hill reportedly has 200,000 square feet of building underway with 780,000 of it commercial. Economic leaders are glum about the prospects and acknowledge that filling these new spaces will be "one of the big challenges ahead." It was voted that "a better job of matching assets to opportunity" is needed countywide. Would someone please tell me, then, why Grubb properties seeks to level bucolic Glen Lennox so they can add millions more square feet to the mix?

This sounds like a bad "opportunity" to me. Maybe our brave-faced leaders ought to help Grubb see their folly.

THOMAS CARSON
Chapel Hill

Wake up call

Wake up and smell the petroleum in your drinking water, citizens of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County!

Perhaps a site has not been chosen yet, but we, the citizens, are not willing to wait to let it be known that this is an environmental disaster in the making, beyond being a gift to a few wealthy pilots and buddies of the university. Many of the priority sites of the 2005 Talbert & Bright Study (which concluded RDU was optimal for the continuing APEC operations), are within the watershed for the city's water supply. Add that to the University suddenly being in the airport business, using taxpayers' dollars (estimated \$35-50 million) and eminent domain to usurp the rights of county residents to their homes, farms and livelihoods. All so private pilots can save a few minutes in traffic.

UNC has claimed it wants to reduce its carbon footprint. How does that jive if we are expending more aviation fuel, polluting the air, paving more farmland and polluting the groundwater and city reservoirs? In this age of technology, surely AHEC can find ways to teach through video-conferencing and run its few needed flights from RDU. And pilots can take the extra few minutes from RDU where an adequate infrastructure already exists.

Meanwhile, we will have saved millions, kept the water and air clean and saved the lives of many residents who have been a vital part of this county for generations.

Tired of the old boys' network wasting your tax money for the wealthy few? Start here at home by saying NO to an airport in Orange County!

VIRGINIA LESLIE
Orange County

We are the light on the hill

Editor's note: The following are the closing remarks from UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp's address following his installation on Oct. 12.

... Our motto is light and liberty. And that light has shined brightly throughout our history. It shined brightly when our founders invented public higher education. It shined brightly when Hinton James attended his first class. It shined brightly when Kenan, Morehead, and Venable ignited the industrial revolution. It shined brightly when we integrated and when we admitted women. And it shined brightly

when we redefined access with the Carolina Covenant. ...

But think how much more brightly our light will shine when our students, faculty, staff, and alumni deepen our collective commitment to the community that is our campus and town, the university system to which we proudly belong, the state that feeds and nurtures us, the nation and world we seek to strengthen, and the love we have for each other and this hallowed place.

This little light has just begun to shine.

We'll let it shine in our classrooms when we embrace new

ideas, describe the human condition, and pursue the truth. We'll let it shine in our hospitals and our laboratories when we care for and cure the people of North Carolina and beyond. We'll let it shine on our coast where rising waters threaten our state. We'll let it shine in the streets of our cities and here in our community. And we'll let it shine in the hearts and minds of the best students, the best faculty, the best staff, and the best alumni in the world.

People of Carolina, we are the light ... on the hill. Let it shine.



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Holden Thorp takes the oath of office at his installation as chancellor. Assoc. Justice Timmons-Goodston (center) swears him in.

A strange 527 in North Carolina

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It is virtually impossible to keep up with all the advocacy groups weighing in on this election, running ads for and against candidates for governor, president and Congress. The names of the groups in the database at the Federal Elections Commission reads like a list of vague, focus-group words designed to say nothing.

There's Freedom's Watch, Alliance for a Better Tomorrow, Patriot Majority, Americans Majority and dozens more, all running ads across the country against a candidate they don't like, usually with money from a few wealthy individuals.

One effort in North Carolina targeting Sen. Barack Obama deserves far more attention that it has received from the state's media, given the involvement of a prominent businessman and philanthropist and two sitting state legislators.

A recent article by a project of the Sunlight Foundation in Washington tells the story of a new nonprofit in North Carolina called RightChange.com Inc. that has already spent \$600,000 on ads in several states attacking Obama's fiscal policy.

The group's reports filed with the FEC list two Republican members of the North Carolina General Assembly, Rep. Jeff Barnhart and Sen. Fletcher Hartsell, as two of the three people exercising control of the group's activities.

RightChange has issued press releases about polls purporting to show opposition to Obama's economic policies in states including Michigan, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Another release called Obama's plan "idiotic, not patriotic," but it is the commercials the group has produced that have drawn national attention while barely registering in North Carolina outside of a few blog posts.

One ad implies that Obama wants to raise taxes on small businesses to 62 percent. Another features a man jumping from a bridge in despair, only to be caught by a "Bungee Cord of Truth." Another ad blasts "Barack Obama's bailout."

There's not much subtlety in the message and not much truth either, according to groups like the Tax Foundation, long cited by the folks on the right as an important source of information about state and federal taxes.

The foundation calls the ad about small business taxes "ridiculous" and an "outright, nonsensical lie." But RightChange has the money to keep telling it.

FEC reports show that the group has raised \$3.73 million, \$2.73 million of it from Fred Eshelman, the CEO of Pharmaceutical Product Development Inc. in Wilmington.

The School of Pharmacy at UNC was renamed for Eshelman in May after he gave more than \$30 million to the university. The other million for RightChange came from Ernest Mario, who serves on the board of Eshelman's company and is CEO of his own firm. The pharmacy school at Rutgers is named after Mario.

Eshelman is no stranger to North Carolina politics. He has given money to Republicans and Democrats in past elections, including former Gov. Jim Hunt, Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight and Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue.

His contributions on the federal level are not as bipartisan. He's given only to Republican candidates and political committees, more than \$200,000 since 2002, including donations to Republican senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr and the McCain presidential campaign.

Hartsell and Barnhart are generally two of the more moderate Republicans in the General Assembly, not exactly the most likely candidates to be part of such an aggressive and misleading partisan attack. But it's no surprise that the legislators know Eshelman.

His company announced this spring that it was opening an office at the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, founded by billionaire David Murdock, that receives state funding through the UNC system and local taxpayer support for construction through tax increment financing (TIF).

Barnhart and Hartsell were founders of another nonprofit that worked on behalf of Murdock's project and Hartsell introduced legislation in 2007 that resulted in the research campus receiving \$26 million of taxpayer money.

The documents from RightChange were sent to the FEC by Paula L. Hopper with the Raleigh law firm Kilpatrick Stockton. Hopper is a lobbyist for development interests at the General Assembly.

It's a tangled web involving not just partisan politics and misleading commercials but elected officials and taxpayer money and key supporters of the university system. It's too important to ignore.

The *News & Observer* did mention Eshelman recently, just two days before RightChange filed its FEC reports. The story was part of an ongoing series about what books CEOs are reading. It turns out Eshelman prefers mysteries, like the latest from Richard North Patterson.

As fascinating as that is, it might also be worth finding out why Eshelman is spending millions of dollars spreading lies about a candidate's tax proposals and why two normally reasonable state legislators are involved in it.

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REFORM
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Margaret Brown was on the Orange County Board of Commissioners at the time and she began visiting with local mental health care providers to explore with them the possibility of turning themselves into nonprofits to continue providing the services they had under the old model.

Brown now recalls that after a talk she had given, Mahadevan came up to her and said, “Are you serious? You really think we could turn ourselves into a nonprofit? And I said, ‘I don’t see why not.’”

XDS functions today as a non-profit mental health care provider, working to meet the full range of mental health care needs of some 150 clients, many of whom have failed in other, less-intensive outpatient programs. Mahadevan and the colleagues who joined him from OPC never seriously considered functioning as a for-profit entity.

“Clearly this is not the business to make money in,” he says. “We just felt that if you have shareholders waiting for you to make a profit, it’ll be a huge conflict of interest” — balancing the financial bottom line against the objective of providing truly comprehensive, critical care.

“How Thava does it,” says Brown, “I will never know. But he does it.

“It’s just amazing what he’s done.”

‘Engaged observers’

Valerie Kramer — whose son Jeff’s experiences with the state mental health care system we’ve been chronicling in *The Carrboro Citizen* — doesn’t doubt that Mahadevan and his team have her son’s best interests at heart.

But she’s frustrated. She has health issues of her own to deal with, and the net effect is one of near-debilitating exasperation — “Why can’t my son be treated? Why can’t he be made more whole?”

Jeff has been with XDS for just over two years and prior to that was on a merry-go-round of referrals, commitments, steps forward, leaps back.

At 19, five years ago, Jeff was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. But he doesn’t believe he’s sick — a common, though not universal, symptom of schizophrenia — and refuses to take his prescribed medication.

Jeff’s psychiatrist at XDS, Carol VanderZwaag, acknowledges that not a lot of progress has been made with Jeff, but that the team has built a relationship with him, “and that’s very, very important.... Without that there’s not much else you can do.”

“The only thing that [Jeff] rejects about us,” she says, “is our opinions” — that he has an illness and that it would serve him well to take his medication. In fact, VanderZwaag says that she believes Jeff could function relatively well in the community under medication.

“I think the thing that’s somewhat unique [about Jeff],” VanderZwaag says, “is that he can go long periods of time where he functions.... He can go long stretches kind of hanging in there. And that’s good, and that’s bad. It leaves very few openings to try to help him maybe do something different. It re-enforces his concept that nothing is really wrong.”

Without that acceptance, VanderZwaag says, the team can only strive to maintain contact with Jeff, try to keep him in the housing they’ve secured for him and hope that he remains relatively safe.

They are, essentially, says VanderZwaag, “engaged observers.”

Which is difficult for his mother to accept.

“I think they are very good at what they do, when they do it,” Kramer says.

Mahadevan acknowledges that it will often seem to family members that XDS is not doing enough. That’s frustrating to him not only because his organization just became nationally accredited and meets very high standards established by a coalition of ACT providers, but also because he too struggles each day with how to most effectively deploy his team in order to provide all the services he considers

vital — and stay in business.

When the program was still within OPC, prior to reform, an administrative staff handled the paperwork; his team concentrated solely on providing care. Now they have to do it all, or not get paid.

The majority of XDS’s funding comes from Medicaid, and Medicaid, says Mahadevan, “is looking for every possible reason not to pay. These are authorized services; our clients have Medicaid.”

So no problem, right?

“I would say there are about 60 or 70 different steps that you can screw up before you get paid,” says Mahadevan. Payments, which are processed through an organization called ValueOptions, are then slow in arriving and only then in increments. Moreover, with the documented abuses of our reformed health care system, those dollars are being extended increasingly begrudgingly. Payment rates for ACT services have recently been reduced.

Meanwhile, Mahadevan must keep the ship afloat, which entails long hours on the job.

“Where do you find the time to do this work?” Mahadevan asks. “Do you ask staff to stay to 7:00 or 8:00? Easily, I work 75-80 a week, every week; there’s no way this work can be done without spending that amount of time.”

Then, he says, to have to explain to a mother, “I’m sorry; I just ran out of time to work with your son today. It’s so hard.”

Failure to communicate

Schizophrenia goes nowhere fast. Progress, says VanderZwaag, is measured not in days or weeks but in years.

The rub here though, as Mahadevan points out, is that we’re operating in a system extremely ill suited for such pacing.

For example, Medicaid demands that he report on the progress of his patients on a monthly basis. The paperwork involved is enormously time consuming; reporting quarterly or semi-annually, he suggests, would be much more practical.

More broadly though, mental health care reform in North Carolina was in theory going to direct more patients away from the state institutions to be cared for within their communities, where private firms would be competing to provide more and better services. In practice, our state institutions are now more overcrowded than before and most of those private firms have learned that the only way to make a profit is to cherry-pick services: this one is potentially profitable; that one, never.

The result, critics say, is an overburdened system on the brink of total collapse, a conveyor-belt system demanding quick fixes, when, in matters so complex and critical, quick fixes are few and far between.

VanderZwaag laments the fact that under this system, communications between care providers within the state institutions and those in the communities has broken down. The staffs of these facilities are overworked. And while in the past, if a psychiatrist in a state institution wanted to discuss a patient, upon arrival or prior to release, she knew to call the area program in the community from which that person had arrived. Now she may have no idea who to call.

VanderZwaag believes that Jeff Kramer has suffered from that lack of continuity of care.

When her son was diagnosed with schizophrenia, Valerie Kramer moved back to this area from Asheville, believing that here her son would receive the best care possible. She acknowledges that perhaps he is.

In her journal, she has written: “Everybody says, ‘The ACT team has the services your son needs; they’re the ones who can provide it, and they are providing it.’ That’s what I keep hearing. That if they aren’t, and if it isn’t working, it’s because of Jeff” — that it’s either because of his inability or unwillingness to acknowledge that he’s ill, or his refusal to take his medication, or both.

“Now I’m just trying to say, ‘I don’t want to blame the ACT team.’ I don’t know....”

Here’s what scares her the most: “I fear that my son is receiving the best mental health care our state has to offer. It’s unfortunate and sad when the best is lacking in so many important ways.”

DEBATES
FROM PAGE 1

In a question-and-answer session with Carol Woods residents, the two explained their positions on the siting of a solid-waste transfer station, with both candidates agreeing that the Rogers Eubanks community, which hosts the soon-to-be-closed landfill, should not be on the list of possible sites.

Pelissier said the timing of the selection is important. She said she supports waiting until after the election to make the decision, in part to give the new commission an opportunity to review the process and the choices and in part to give communities where potential sites are located the chance to fully study the issue. (See related story on page 7.)

Wolff said he would closely review how the sites were chosen and weighted. He said he’d like to see the county reconsider its decision to not open another landfill. Rather than ship waste out of the county to another community, he said Orange County could create a model landfill that included power generation.

After the initial question-and-answer session, Pelissier and Wolff were joined by District 1 commissioner candidate Pam Hemminger and District 2 commissioner candidate Steve Yu-



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
(l to r) At-large candidates Bernadette Pelissier and Kevin Wolff, moderator Diane Brown and unopposed candidates Pam Hemminger and Steve Yuhasz at the Carol Woods forum for county commissioner candidates.

hasz, who, along with incumbent commissioner Valerie Foushee, are running unopposed. Foushee did not attend the Carol Woods forum.

All four candidates were asked what they thought about the moves by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and UNC Health Care to build a new airport on Orange County.

Yuhasz called it “a difficult opportunity.” He noted that in addition to a new home for the university’s Medical Air operations, it is also being touted as an economic-development engine.

“It can be, but only if it’s properly sited,” he said, adding that land use plans by the county seem to be at odds with plans for the airport.

Pelissier said the airport raises serious concerns because it’s location is likely to violate a long-held agreement on land use between Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the county. She also said there has not been enough information available to the county.

Hemminger said she expects that siting the airport will be “quite an elaborate process” and

that since the county doesn’t own a large parcel of land it will require use of existing land in private hands. She said she hopes that the county and UNC will be able to work together rather than at odds on spin-offs from UNC and other economic-development potential.

Wolff said he agreed that the airport could have an important economic impact. He’d like to see more synergy with UNC. He said he was appalled by the friction between the community and the university over Carolina North.

Price, Lawson debate on campus

Fourth District U.S. Rep. David Price, a Chapel Hill Democrat, faced off against his Republican challenger, B.J. Lawson of Cary, at a debate Tuesday night at UNC, sponsored by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies.

The debate included several sharp exchanges.

Lawson, who has emphasized a libertarian philosophy and de-emphasized his affiliation with the GOP, took Price to task for his support of the Patriot Act, calling it “one of the most egregious crimes against our civil liberties.” Lawson also complained about the recent financial bailout as another example of “corporate socialism run amok up in Washington.”

Price did his best to tie Lawson to Republican policies, with repeated references to “my opponents party” and saying he was not “running away from my national ticket.”

Price defended his tenure as chair of the House appropriations sub-committee that oversees the Department of Homeland Security.

“If there’s one thing that I have been vigilant about and that I’m going to defend myself about it is watching out for people’s civil liberties and privacy in our homeland security measures,” Price said, adding that he held up 12 bills in the last session over privacy concerns.

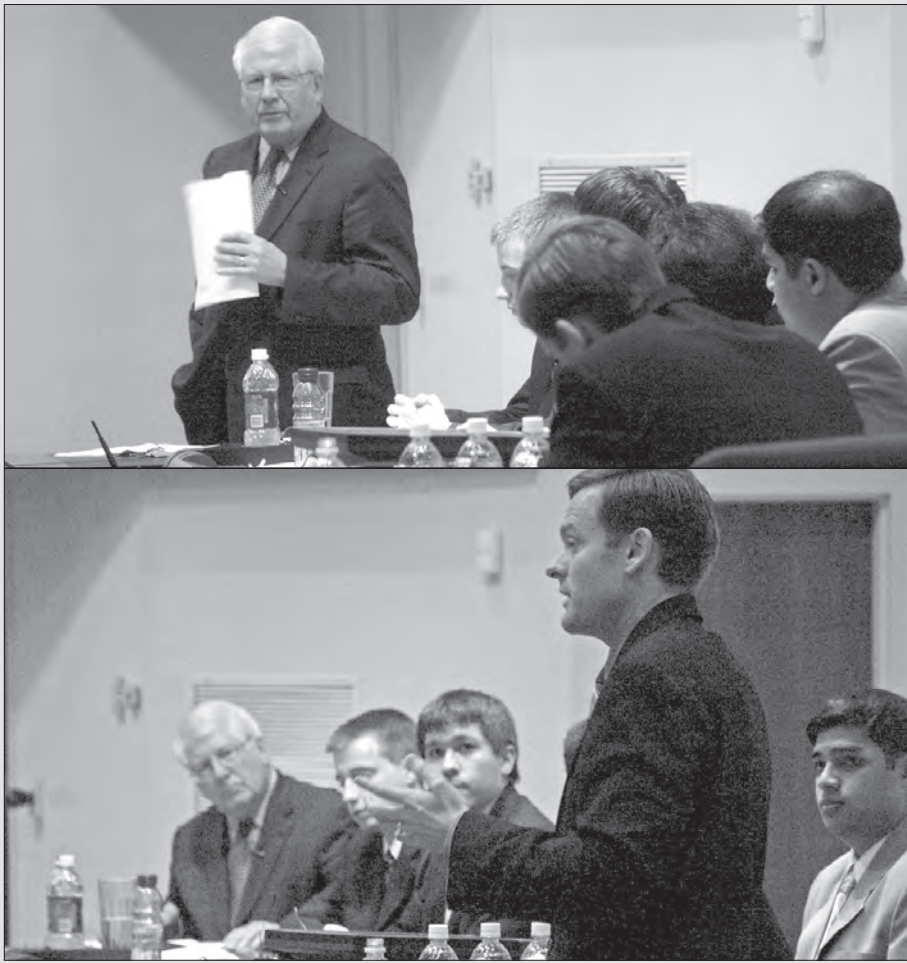


PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
David Price and B.J. Lawson make their points at a debate Tuesday on the UNC campus.

Commissioners approve new transfer site rankings

BY CATHERINE RIERSON
Staff WRiter

The Orange County Board of Commissioners received a revised list of prospective sites for the county’s solid-waste transfer station at a work session Tuesday night.

The new list, which shifted the Rogers-Eubanks Road community from fourth to eighth on the list, should be whittled down even further at the board’s meeting next Tuesday.

The new top four sites are on a one-mile stretch of N.C. 54 near Orange Grove Road. The rankings were managed according to community-specific criteria, such

as environmental-justice concerns and municipal logistics, established by Olver Inc., the consultants the county hired last November.

The new criteria came after the initial ones were slopped, because the board wanted the process to be more objective, chairman Barry Jacobs said.

Commissioner Mike Nelson said five sites would be too many to name at next week’s work session, but said the board wasn’t ready to make a decision on just one either.

“I tend to want to minimize the amount of people we alarm with naming new sites, so I’d prefer to select a lower number,” Commissioner Moses Carey Jr. said. “Ev-

eryone is affected by this. We all throw our trash away but not always in our own back yard.”

Sarah Timmel, a disgruntled resident of Cornwallis Hills, a subdivision that rests close to the border of one of the two Hillsborough sites, agreed. “This is right beside our neighborhood,” she said. “It’s all just beautiful forest, but it’s like they don’t care because it’s near a highway. Our property value will just go straight down.”

No public comments were made at the work session, though the commissioners did unanimously agree that public hearings should be held after every instance in which the list of sites is thinned down, at minimum.

The board also objected to Olver Inc. responding to communities’ concerns in the upcoming public participation phase.

“People are not going to feel like they’re being heard,” Carey said. “People need to be able to connect to us directly — and on both sides of the county.”

The board hasn’t changed the deadline of Nov. 18 for its final decision. However, it did express concern about finishing before the new board is elected on Nov. 4, which would give the voting responsibility to new commissioners. The board said that it wouldn’t, however, rush through the process, because it was more important to make the right decision.

James Taylor ★
Obama concert
this Monday

James Taylor is touring the state in support of Sen. Barack Obama’s presidential campaign Sunday through Tuesday, with a series of five free concerts in Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Charlotte, Asheville and Wilmington, campaign officials announced Wednesday.

Exact concert times and locations are not yet available, but concerts will be held Sunday in Asheville and Charlotte, Monday in Chapel Hill and Tuesday in Raleigh and Wilmington.

Times and locations of the concerts will be listed as they become available on *The Carrboro Citizen* website at www.carrborocitizen.com/main.

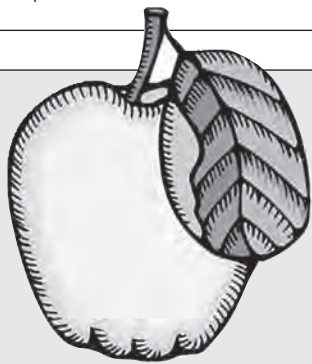
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Monday — Chicken nuggets with barbecue sauce and wheat roll, beef tacos with salsa, cheese, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rich, sweet yellow corn, fresh apple halves

Tuesday — Pork egg rolls, mozzarella cheese sticks with marinara dipping sauce, "Fun on the Run," brown rice pilaf, Asian mixed vegetables, chilled apricots

Wednesday — Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, chicken salad with wheat crackers, lettuce and tomato, carrot and celery sticks, steamed broccoli, fresh banana

Thursday — Ham and cheese sub, roast turkey, gravy and cornbread dressing with wheat roll, "Fun on the Run," lettuce and tomato salad, sweet potatoes and apples, seasoned lima beans, chilled pears

MIDDLE & HIGH

Friday — Spaghetti and meat sauce with garlic bread, corn dog, California mixed vegetables, sweet yellow corn, fruit cobbler

Monday — Double cheeseburger, fishwich, lettuce and tomato salad, tater tots, peas and carrots, fresh apples

Tuesday — Three cheese baked rotini with garlic bread, chicken fajitas with salsa and sour cream, vegetable rice, steamed broccoli, chilled peaches

Wednesday — Chicken patty sandwich, baked potato with meat and cheese and wheat roll, traditional mixed vegetables, chilled pineapples, chocolate pudding

Thursday — Baked barbecue chicken with wheat roll, grilled cheese sandwich, baked beans, collard greens, grapes

District hosts 12th annual Walk for Education

BY MARY LIDE PARKER
Staff Writer

The 12th annual Walk for Education will take place this Saturday in downtown Chapel Hill.

Lyn Lehmann, co-chair of the event this year, estimates that 3 to 4,000 people will participate in a one-mile walk down Franklin Street to support public education and celebrate the centennial anniversary of the district.

The walk will be preceded by the Race for Education, which begins at 9 a.m. at McCorkle Place. The race was added six years ago to get older students and more members of the community involved.

Twelve years ago, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation decided to organize a walk as a more effective form of fundraising.

"We felt that kids were being asked to sell all kinds of things that weren't really necessary—wrapping paper and candy," said Lehman. "There were a lot of successful walks in Chapel Hill, so we decided we would come up with a walk that would benefit our schools directly and give them another way to do some fundraising."



PHOTO BY MACIEK KRZYSZTOFORSKI

Students from Carrboro Elementary School walk in last year's Walk for Education, which raised about \$85,000.

The walk concludes with a carnival on the grounds of the Lincoln Center. There will be games and attractions as well as booths with student groups from every school in the district. The walk and carnival will also be celebrating the centennial anniversary of the district. "We're giving a monetary

prize to the school that demonstrates the best centennial spirit for their founding year," said Lehman.

Alison Worthy, co-chair and president of the event this year, said the walk has grown larger every year, with a record number of walkers last year. "This year, with the economy

and the markets and everything that's going on, I think that schools are relying on the walk more to raise funds, so it will be interesting to see how the schools do," she said.

Lehman said the walk and race raised about \$85,000 last year. The money earned is earmarked for special projects such

as technology, playgrounds and others that aren't paid for by state or federal funds.

Both Lehman and Worthy said they have great community and corporate support. This year, the Wachovia Foundation and UNC Health Care are the two premier sponsors. Another 50 private sponsors have made donations ranging from \$25 to \$1,500.

Worthy, who has been involved with the walk since its inception, said, "In all the years I've done the walk, I think the most exciting thing is to look back down Franklin Street and see a sea of children and their parents and their teachers and all the members of the community out supporting public education."

To make a donation to the walk online, go to www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/psf and click on the walk donation bar. Donations of \$25 or more come with a unique 12th annual/Centennial t-shirt. Runners can register for the Race for Education at Fleet Feet Sports in Carr Mill Mall or by going to SPORToften.com. Registration will also be open Saturday morning before the race.

School Briefs



Pedersen honored

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen was named Superintendent of the Year by the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education Foundation last week.

Pedersen holds a master's degree and a doctorate from the Curry School of Education. He was nominated for the award by four members of his leadership team at Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

With 16 years as superintendent, Pedersen is the longest-serving superintendent in the 100-year history of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Meyer honored

Graig Meyer, Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate coordinator, received a Summit Recognition Award at the Summit for Courageous Conversations in New Orleans, held Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

The awards honor those who demonstrate extraordinary pas-

sion, practice and persistence in leading courageous conversations and working to achieve racial justice and educational excellence.

In addition to his work with BRMA, Meyer serves as a leader within the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools equity initiative and volunteers his time with a number of community organizations devoted to related issues.

Special needs

The Family Advocacy Network will present "Laws & Programs that Impact Families with Special Needs Children" on Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Orange United Methodist Church at 1220 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The program will be facilitated by an educator from the N.C. Family to Family Health Information Center. It will provide information about several programs, including Medicaid, CAP, EPSDT, SSI, Title V and more.

A parent-support group will meet before the meeting, from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Both events are free but preregistration is required. To register, email julie@mhaorangeco.org or call 943-8083, ext. 2.

Exceptional summit

The Exceptional Children High School Parent Summit will be held on Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Slant room at East Chapel Hill High School

Parents from district high schools will share concerns and suggestions on special-education issues at the summit.

For more information, email Linda_Varblow@med.unc.edu. Si necesita un interprete para esta noche, por favor llamar a Maria Romano al 967-7669.

McDougle Fall Fest

The McDougle Elementary School annual Fall Festival will be held Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school.

The festival will feature carnival games with prizes, a bounce house, crafts, a silent auction, a \$1 raffle, live entertainment and food.

The festival is a fundraiser for McDougle Elementary and open to participants of all ages.

College Board recognizes students for achievement

The College Board has recognized a number of students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

National Merit Semifinalists

More than 30 students from district high schools have been named semifinalists in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Semifinalists from Carrboro High School are Erin Harrington, Jonathan Schuyler Kylstra and Julianne Ragland.

Semifinalists from Chapel Hill High School are Sarah Anderson, Mary Ann Anstine, Julie Crimmins, Robert Gollmar, Mariana Hernandez, Andrew Hertzberg, Erin Humphries, Sara Outing, Ranjit Poonnen, Ellen Porter, Maria Van Aalst and Megan Westman.

Semifinalists from East Chapel Hill High School are Alexandru Bacanu, Tyler Bench, Isabel Blue, Hannah Flake, Jennifer Huang, Bernard Jiang, Wujun Ke, Arthur Kim, Rebecca Lange, Rachel Liao, Charmaine Mutucumarana, Preetha Nandi, Thomas Price, Millie Rosen, Carter Ruff and Alan Toda-Ambaras.

Students across the country took the SAT last year in order to be eligible for the competition, which awards scholarships to approximately 9,700 students nation-

wide. About 50,000 students have been recognized as semifinalists.

Commended Students

District students were also recognized as Commended Students for placing in the top 5 percent of students who entered the competition.

Commended Students from Carrboro High include: Aidan Burns-Fulkerson, Eric Cotton, Emily Hamilton, Mackenzie Price and Mariel Steen.

Commended Students from Chapel Hill High include: Juliana Brecher, Patrick Dear, Sarah Dehart, Eric Lang, Michael Lo, Kacie Neville, Barbara Parks, Nicholas Powers-Maher, Molly Spencer, Zoe Symon and Matthew Underwood.

Commended Students from East Chapel Hill High include: Ariel Westmoreland, Benjamin Brown, Mason Cordell, Jason Elangbam, Mark Filpus, Meryl Goldstein, Elisabeth Grant, Mat-

tis Hennings, Jun Hong, Alexander Howerton, Emily Jessup, Jonathan Lang, Garrett Langley Henson, William Laundon, Austyn Laures, Camellia Lee, Shuo Liu, Joshua Loyal, Hayley Madden, Alexander Mariakakis, Katherine McIlwain, Sehwa Oh, Benjamin Palmer, Yang Pan, Kiersten Paul, Hannah Peel, Ian Seim, Christopher Serody, Joseph Shea, Yvonne Socolar, Elise Stave, Emily Trabert, Robert Vaughn, Alexa Waters, Trent Wei, Sebastian Werner, Katherine Williams, Zachary Witter and Andranik Yeliazyan.

National Achievement Program

The National Achievement Program recognized several outstanding African-American students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools. More than 150,000 African-American students enter the Achievement Program by taking the SAT, and

800 of these students will receive scholarships.

Sara Outing of Chapel Hill High was named a semifinalist in the National Achievement Program.

In addition, Thomas Colby Isabel of Carrboro High, Amber Bivins of Chapel Hill High and Myisha Eatmon and Monica Lallinger of East Chapel Hill High School were recognized by the National Achievement Program.

National Hispanic Recognition Program

The National Hispanic Recognition Program honors outstanding Hispanic students and shares information about them with colleges and universities.

Mariana Hernandez of Chapel Hill High and Mario Gazzo-la, Austin Laures and Sebastian Werner of East Chapel Hill High were named to the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

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Sports Briefs

Ultimate
The standings for the Carrboro Recreation & Parks 2008 Fall Adult Ultimate Frisbee League Standings, as of Oct. 13, are:
1. Black team, 5-0
2. Green team, 4-1
3. Light blue team, 3-2
4. White team, 2-1
5. Brown team, 2-4
6. Yellow team, 1-4
7. Orange team, 1-4
8. Dark blue team, 0-4.
For information about town-sponsored leagues, see <http://www.ci.carrboro.nc.us/RP/> or call 918-7364, or visit the office in the Century Center.

Softball champs
The championship game for the Carrboro Recreation & Parks 2008 Fall Adult Softball league will be played on Thursday between Cliff's Meat Market/T-Roy's Towing and Cozart-Seagroves. Both teams beat the previously-undefeated 300 East Main to progress to the championships. Cliff's Meat Market/T-Roy's Towing come from the loser's bracket. If they win the first game, a second match will be held to decide this season's winner.

Le Tour de Carrboro
The Cardinal Track Club this years hosts its 4th Annual Le Tour de Carrboro. The first race was "Four on the Fourth," run on July 4. The second was the Carrboro 10k, held Oct. 4. The last is the Gallop and Gorge, an 8k on Thanksgiving Day. The top 20 finishers of the Carrboro 10k and their times are:
1. James Kovacs of High Point 30:35.97
2. Jim Wahl of Cary 32:54.68
3. James Pearce of Durham 34:09.12
4. Harsha Thirumurthy of Carrboro 34:56.28
5. Scott Ickes of Carrboro 36:00.85
6. Jarrett Camp of Chapel Hill 37:22.83
7. Brian Miller of Carrboro 37:25.12
8. Bernard Prabucki of Carrboro 37:28.74
9. David Saliba of Winston Salem 38:11.53
10. Chris Heinonen of Chapel Hill 38:31.01
11. Ted LaMay of Chapel Hill 38:49.43
12. Alan Woodruff of Chapel Hill 38:49.61
13. Barton Bechard of Durham 39:04.07
14. Wayne McLeod of Chapel Hill 39:14.20
15. Chris Squires of Raleigh 39:32.17
16. Kristin Villopoto of Chapel Hill 39:58.00
17. Marc Desormeau of Chapel Hill 40:22.35
18. Juli Paxton of Durham 40:26.09
19. Doug Williams of Chapel Hill 40:27.48
20. Diana Rancourt of Chapel Hill 40:28.22



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Senior wide receiver Brandon Tate eludes a tackle. Tate's right ACL and MCL were torn in North Carolina's win over Notre Dame.

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

FOOTBALL

Carrboro
The Jaguars defeated Granville Central 56-13 Friday evening in an away game. They play Charlotte's Providence Day School at home Friday at 7 p.m.

Chapel Hill
The Tigers beat Northern Durham in an away game 36-21 on Friday for their fourth consecutive win. They play Southern Durham at home Friday for their Homecoming game.

East Chapel Hill
The Wildcats lost at home Friday to Person. The score was 35-21. The Wildcats are 0-7 and will go on to play Hillside away on Friday.

SOCCER

Carrboro
The Jaguars lost to Cedar Ridge 3-2 on Monday. They play the East Chapel Hill High Wildcats on Friday.

Chapel Hill
The Tigers beat rivals East Chapel Hill High at home last Friday, 4-2. They play Pinecrest Friday at home.

East Chapel Hill
After losing to their rivals the Tigers, the Wildcats hope to rally when they play Carrboro at home on Friday at 7 p.m.

Correction — Last week, The Citizen incorrectly reported the record of the Carrboro High Varsity Football team. Their record as of Wednesday is 1-7, 0-6 in conference.

CAROLINA NOTES

Tate out
University of North Carolina senior wide receiver Brandon Tate injured his right knee in the first quarter of North Carolina's 29-24 win over Notre Dame and did not return. An examination by UNC Sports Medicine revealed a tear to his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and medial collateral ligament (MCL). An MRI on Sunday night confirmed that diagnosis. Tate will miss the remainder of the season and will undergo surgery at UNC Hospitals later this week.
A senior from Burlington, Tate finishes his career as the NCAA's all-time leader in combined kick return yards with 3,523 yards. At the time of his injury, Tate was leading the ACC in all-purpose yards (163.7 yds/gm). In the first six games of 2008, he had 376 receiving

yards, 305 kickoff return yards, 158 punt return yards and 143 rushing yards.

Midseason All-ACC
Four North Carolina Tar Heels are represented on Phil Steele's College Football Mid-season All-ACC team. Brandon Tate captured two spots on the team at wide receiver and punt returner. Offensive tackle Garrett Reynolds and wide receiver Hakeem Nicks also earned first-team honors, along with safety Trimane Goddard.
Leading tackler Mark Paschal was on the second-team. Offensive guard Calvin Darity, linebacker Quan Sturdivant and place-kicker Casey Barth were third-team selections.

Next up
Carolina plays Virginia (3-3, 1-1) at Charlottesville on Saturday.

day. Gametime is 3:30 p.m. The Heels haven't beaten Virginia on the road since 1981. The game will be broadcast on ABC/ESPN2.

Women's volleyball
The Carolina volleyball team improved to 10-8 on the year and moved into a fourth place tie in the Atlantic Coast Conference at 4-3 with a 3-1 (25-14, 25-16, 23-25, 25-16) win in Raleigh over NC State. Lauren Prussing and Suzanne Haydel did the most damage for Carolina as Prussing finished the night with 16 kills, while Haydel added 15 of her own to go along with 18 digs in the win. The Tar Heels will now make a weekend trip to Florida to take on Florida State Friday night before finishing out the trip in Miami against the Hurricanes on Saturday.

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Dr. Steven F. LeBoeuf
Libertarian

"B.J. Lawson's constitutional principles will **revive our American economy, provide affordable healthcare for every American, and restore our coveted status as 'America, gentle giant'.** Lawson will ease healthcare costs by reviving true patient-directed healthcare as opposed to 'corporate care'."

Dr. Larry Burk
Progressive

"Progressives, wake up and **vote your conscience, not your party this November.** Yes, it is possible to split your ticket and vote for both Obama and Lawson. B.J. bases his platform strictly on the Constitution, and he is **more of a peace candidate** than most Democrats in Congress right now."

Cheryl Coleman
Republican

"Albert Einstein famously said, 'Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.' For our District, sending David Price back to Congress and expecting different results may be just what Einstein had in mind. **B.J. will bring North Carolina common sense to an out-of-touch Congress.**"

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Chamber survey

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce is conducting a survey of businesses to gauge changing expectations of the chamber as the economic climate changes.

The chamber hopes to determine what issues are more pressing to local businesses in order to deliver the most timely services, programs and initiatives.

The five-to-10 minute survey is anonymous and is available online until Friday at www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4xDdxYK_2fyXiJjARUtaC-F8A_3d_3d

Coworking grand opening

Carrboro Creative Coworking will hold a Grand Opening party Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. The party is at 205 Lloyd St., Suite 101 in Carrboro. Wine and appetizers will be available.

Carrboro Creative Coworking is a shared workspace for creative professionals and freelancers meant to provide an enjoyable place in which to work and network.

Fair trade expo

The Carrboro Cybrary will host a Fair Trade Expo Oct. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Carrboro Century Center. The show will educate people on the meaning of Fair Trade, which is a movement that attempts to pay a fair price for products coming from underdeveloped or depressed economies in other nations.

The expo features local businesses selling Fair Trade products as well as games and educational materials for children.

Sustainability meeting

The Carrboro-Chapel Hill Foundation for a Sustainable Community will hold its annual meeting on Oct. 30, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at The Carolina Club.

The foundation started as an offshoot of the chamber of commerce. Its mission is advancing long-term sustainable solutions for the community.

For more information, contact Ann Mckune at 967-7075 or amckune@sustainablefoundation.org

The other side of East Main Street

BY HANNAH SHARPE
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

While much of Carrboro holds its breath awaiting finalization of the 300 East Main Street project, businesses across the street from the project's site see opportunity for growth.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen unanimously approved the project in a Sept. 30 meeting. This decision means new amenities for its citizens in the form of a hotel and a 500,000-square-foot space for new businesses and restaurants. The decision also projects a change in the economic climate for surrounding businesses.

Though redevelopment is a huge change for the town, most of the businesses across the street support the project's general proposal for growth and investment in infrastructure. Recently, community support for the project has fluctuated over issues such as architecture, traffic patterns and what forms of business the project will attract. Businesses across the street from the project have similar concerns, but they are waiting to see the extent of change the project will bring to the business climate.

Until the last few months, many of these businesses disregarded claims that the project would actually be approved and become a reality.

"We've been getting notices for the last five years," said Ben Harper, CEO of Harper Arts Collegiate Sportswear.

Though many were skeptical that the project would get so close to approval, businesses across the street from the site are beginning to consider the effects of Main Street's makeover.

Barry Keith, "Sid" of Sid's Surplus, believes growth is inevitable for the community, but proper preparation for it is most important.

"You're going to grow in spite of yourself," said Keith. "If you don't prepare for growth, you're going to get ripe like a piece of fruit and rot."

Local photographer Jesse Kalisher, who owns Jesse Kalisher Gallery, views the project as an opportunity for Carrboro to develop and prosper in a fashion similar to small towns like

Asheville, Carmel, Calif. or Ashland, Ore.

"There's a handful of places I've seen where they've maintained local flavor and the community has thrived. Carrboro has that possibility," Kalisher said.

One of the most controversial aspects of the project is the proposed Hilton Garden Inn that would stand where Performance Bike is currently located. Many community members oppose the idea of a chain hotel in Carrboro, while others disapprove of a "box-like" structure.

Sean Livingwater, manager of Scooter's Inc. on the corner of Main and Lloyd streets, thinks that disagreement over architecture is a trivial dispute in the project.

"I just don't think there's a consistent theme of architecture through Carrboro. If it's a tasteful building, good stuff," he said.

Jesse Kalisher thinks a hotel would bring more visitors and potential revenue to the area. The hotel would give visitors a place to stay in town instead of having to drive in from hotels located further out of town.

"Let's face it. A hotel down here will certainly help a lot of us who need a place to stick our in-laws!" Kalisher joked.

Traffic is another matter that could affect the businesses across the street from the project. Main Street is already gridlocked at certain times during the day — especially in the mornings and afternoons with commuters traveling to and from work.

Tommy and Paula Carson, owners of University Auto Supply, Inc., do not support the project because of the potential traffic problems that will arise during construction and after the project is completed.

"There's going to be more traffic, period," Tommy Carson said.

The biggest concern associated with the project is the question of how new buildings and businesses will affect the business climate of East Main Street. Property values will increase, causing rental space to increase.

Kalisher thinks that project developers Main Street Properties will



PHOTO BY HANNAH SHARPE
Ben Harper, owner and manager of Harper Arts Design and Screen Printing, can see the temporary offices of Main Street Properties across the street from his store-front window while he works. Harper has been looking at the potential economic affects on his business of the 300 East Main Street project.

determine the project's influence on Carrboro with its approach to local business.

"Is development going to build on what we have? Or are we going to find that we've been turned into one of the strip-mall communities of America that we moved here to get away from?" Kalisher asked.

Kalisher hopes that with the new spaces, Main Street Properties will seek arts-based tenants to supplement the ArtsCenter.

"Nothing could be better than to have more arts-related business," Kalisher said. "Carrboro prides itself on being an arts-based community. Let's give that a chance to really thrive."

Ben Harper of Harper Arts thinks that it will not be long before prospects of redevelopment drift across the street as building owners seek potential to increase property values.

"It's going to put upward pressure on us on rent and leasing," Harper said. "Carrboro used to be the cheap part of town."

Harper went on to say that the presence of a five-story building across the street would make the notion of putting one on his side of the street more feasible. The business climate would also change in favor of retail stores

and restaurants, forcing out businesses that are more production- and factory-based, such as Harper Arts.

Since hearing about the project, Barry Keith has put some thought into how Sid's Surplus will adapt to Main Street's new look.

"It's probably going to make us look kind of puny compared to 'new and shiny' across the street," Keith said.

Keith, who owns his location, has thought about taking measures to update his building, which was built in 1946.

Business owners across the street support the development of infrastructure in Carrboro, but are concerned about its potential effects. These businesses are waiting, along with the rest of the community, to see how they will adapt to the new face of Main Street.

While Main Street Properties and the board of aldermen attempt to tie up loose ends on 300 East Main, it's business as usual across the street.

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

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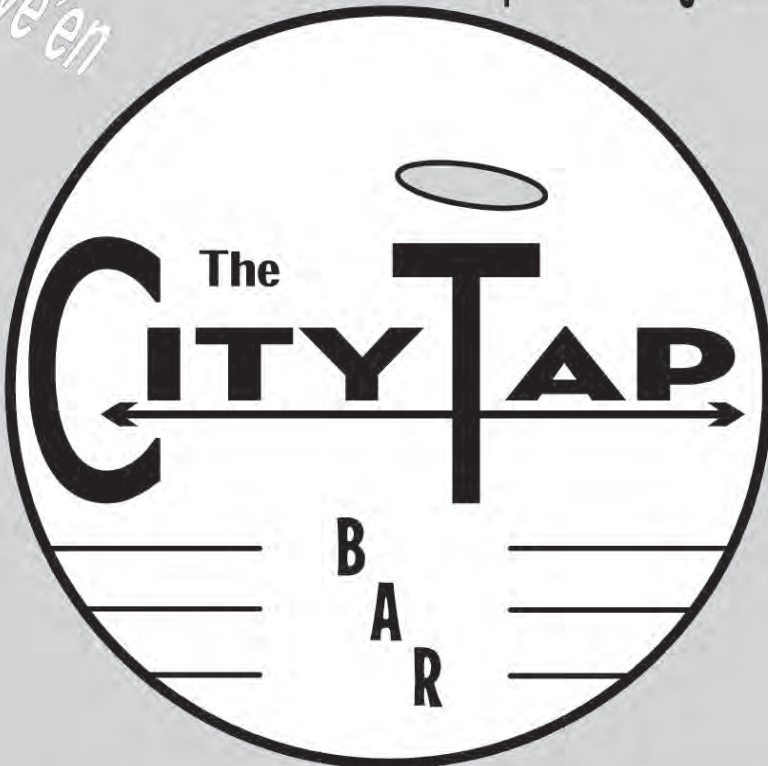
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3. Who was Prince Charles' mistress, now the Duchess of Wales?
4. Who wrote the *Little House on the Prairie* books?
5. Who wrote, "So much depends upon a red wheelbarrow, glazed with rain, beside the white chickens?"
6. With a gold medal in 1984, who was the first female gymnast from outside of Eastern Europe to win the Olympic all-around title?
7. What American naval commander, when asked to surrender, famously quipped "I have not yet begun to fight."

TRIVIA FROM HELL



BY MARK DOROSIN

8. Who wrote *The Last of the Mohicans*?
9. Upon whom was the main character in *Citizen Kane* based?
10. What American inventor and botanist and early proponent of sustainable agriculture was best known for his innovative research on the peanut?
11. Who was the Democratic nominee for president in 1896, 1900 and 1908, served as secretary of state under Woodrow Wilson and represented the state of Tennessee in the Scopes monkey trial?
12. Who played MacGyver?

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William Lennings Bryan: 12. Washington Carver: 11. Randolph Hearst: 10. George Fennimore Cooper: 9. William Williams: 6. Mary Lou Retton: 7. John Paul Jones: 8. James Wilby: 5. William Carlos Parker Bowles: 4. Laura Ingalls Amber Theissen: 3. Camilla Keisha Knight Pulliam: 2. Tiffani

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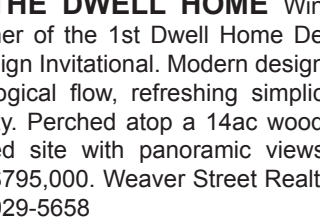
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"All of these different components are important to a more bicycle-friendly community," Carrboro transportation planner Adena Messenger said.

The plan identifies 10 priority corridor segments for improvements, including one or more sections of Smith Level Road, Estes Drive, Homestead Road, South Greensboro Street, Old Fayetteville Road, Old Hwy. 86, Shelton Street and North Greensboro Street.

Board member Dan Coleman said he would like to see the board go beyond plan implementation and consider a helmet law for cyclists.

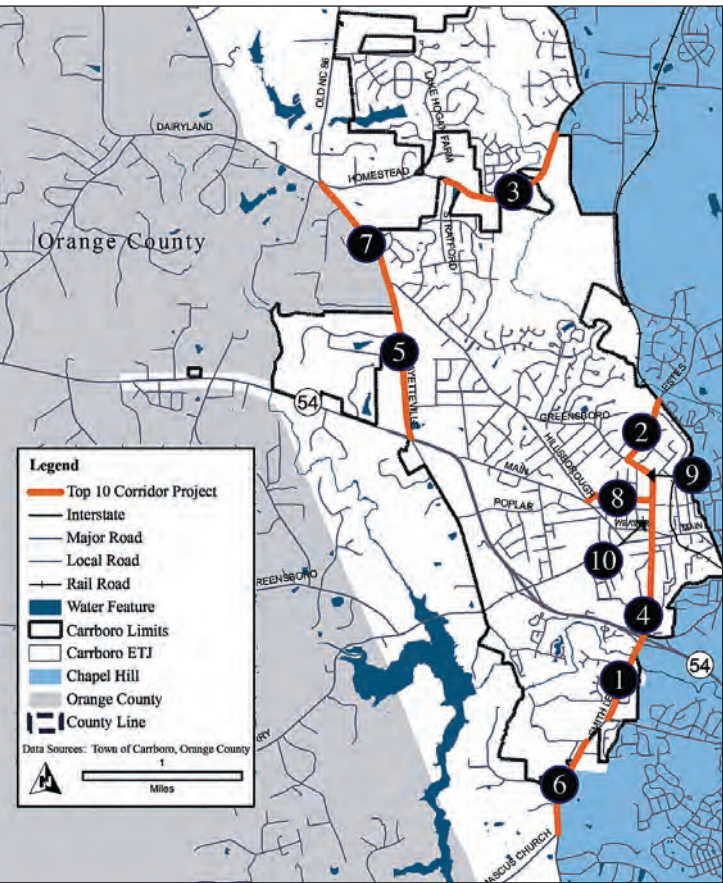
"I'm interested in seeing whether we can move forward with things like the helmet law," he said. "I'd like to see us kind of dig into that a little more quickly when we start getting into implementation."

Board member Randee Haven-O'Donnell agreed.

"I see so many people out there riding without helmets," she said.

Coleman added that he would like the plan to also address the issue of bicycles riding alongside stopped or slow-moving cars in traffic.

"It's a very dangerous situation," he said, suggesting that the



town add signs or markings indicating that bikes should remain in the lane with the vehicles.

Mayor Mark Chilton said he would like the board to work with other local governments to connect Carrboro bicycle corridors to other parts of the county, adding that he specifically would like to identify a route from Carrboro to Hillsborough.


Messenger said she would like

residents to voice their concerns or support for the plan, saying that there is still an opportunity to make adjustments to the plan. The finalized plan will be presented to the board for approval early next year.

The public comment period on the plan closes Nov. 7. The entire draft plan is available online at greenways.com/pages/CarrboroBicycleDraftPlan.html.

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As described in *Fall Color and Woodland Harvests*, a great seasonal companion for nature lovers, by Ritchie Bell and Anne Lindsey, the maples typify fall color for many people. The reds are characteristic of red maple, *Acer rubrum*. But don't take them for granted. Many red maples lack an abundance of the red leaf pigments and are predominantly yellow when they turn. In contrast, our southern sugar maples, *Acer barbatum*, generally turn to shades of yellow, though the one in my yard takes on some indescribable orange-red shades.

Whether colored red or yellow, these two maples can be distinguished by taking a closer look at the leaves. The leaf of the red maple is three to five lobed, the angles between the lobes being sharply acute, and the leaf margins are toothed, serrated. The locally common southern sugar maple is similar to the larger northern sugar maple, which occurs only in our mountain counties but is commonly planted in local landscapes. Like the red maple, leaves of both sugar maples have three to five lobes. They differ in that the angles of the lobes are rounded, not sharply acute, and the



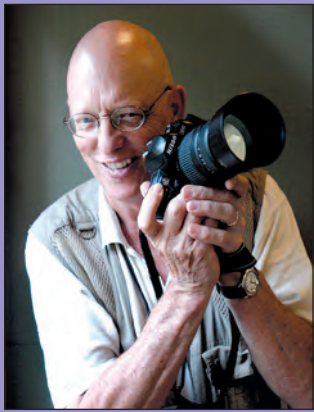
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Smooth margined leaf of southern sugar maple (bottom) and serrated margined leaf of red maple (left) are sometimes confused with star-shaped leaf of sweetgum (upper right).

leaf margins are entire, i.e., the leaf edges are smooth, lacking serrations.

Sometimes folks will confuse sweetgum, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, which can carry all shades of yellows and reds, with the maples. The sweet gum has three to five lobes, frequently shaped like a lopsided star. The easiest way to separate the sweetgum from the maples is by taking that closer look at the point of attachment of the leaf petiole to the twig of the tree. Maple leaves are attached opposite one another and the sweetgum

leaves alternate along the twig. In our local woods, you frequently find all three growing together. Seeing all three leaves together, as in the accompanying photograph, and remembering opposite and alternate leaf arrangement, makes it easy to recognize the three individual tree species.

Whatever your interest in identifying trees may be, do get outdoors this week and every week into early December to enjoy the lingering parade of autumn tints, which is no finer anywhere than right here at home.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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Flower Lady

Where have all the flower ladies gone? Back when I was a kid growing up in Chapel Hill, old Franklin Street was a-bloom with the smiling black women selling their bouquets of homegrown posies to happy customers who ranged from college kids to chancellors. Many is the lad who wooed his lady love with daffodils from the likes of Lilly Mozelle Pratt, who I found huddled one raw fall day in 2001 just after I'd moved back home. The last of the flower ladies, I presume. "Miz Pratt," who I interviewed and photographed back in the early '80s, now won't let me pass when she spies me. "JOCK!" she hollers, "Come buy some flowers!" And I do. For I'm still a-wooing my lady love.



Three-year-old Jackson Kralic paints a pumpkin at Family Day on Wednesday at the Carrboro Farmers Market. The event was held to celebrate the last Wednesday market of the season.

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Thomas worked with four drama teachers who also served as directors of each production — Nielsen, Theresa Grywalski, David Sorrells and Thomas Drago. They were all on hand to cheer Thomas into the next phase of his life, which will include working with his wife, Dale, in a landscaping and gardening business she started following retirement a few years ago. The couple, married 20 years, lives in Raleigh.

Lindy Spencer (Class of 2006) was among several former students who spoke. "My life would be a far more boring and less perverse place without JT," she said, beginning her speech as though

she was there to roast him. "He was an ideal role model. We did more than love him, we respected him — he was like a teenage boy only with knowledge — and he was the driving force behind the techies. He trusted us and believed in us even when we were wrong."

Eric Hirsh (Class of 2002), the first of four from his family to spend their high school years in the performance arts wing, remembered how much Thomas had allowed students to do. "Looking back, he never asked how things were going. He trusted us to do things. It really was the students running the show," he said.

Hirsh, a performance analyst with Zenph Studios in Raleigh, shared how he had recently produced a show in the Apollo The-

ater in New York City based on knowledge gained through his years in dramatic arts at CHHS. He discovered he had learned well.

"Thanks for all you taught me and thanks for all the times you let students teach themselves," Hirsh said.

Thomas endured the roasting and praising and even the presentation of his own mirrored ball (a miniature of the one that has hung in Hanes since the Nielsen days). He sang the froggy song, kissed his wife on stage and before leaving it said, "Ya'll behave yourselves."

Some will and some won't; but for all who have known the J.T. era, it will never be the same.

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