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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Pete Ivey contemplates a persimmon. PHOTO BY ROLAND GIDUZ

Carrboro upholds anti-lingering law, for now

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – Following a Tuesday morning press conference at which concerned citizens called for the repeal of Carrboro’s anti-lingering ordinance, a motion to rescind the ordinance by Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Sammy Slade failed, 4-3, at the board’s Tuesday night meeting.

The board approved an anti-lingering ordinance for the intersection of Da-

vie and Jones Ferry roads in November 2007, after residents of the surrounding neighborhood complained of public consumption, public urination and garbage in the areas around the intersection. Day laborers, many of them Latino, often gather at the intersection in hopes that contractors will come by and offer them work. The ordinance prohibits waiting at the intersection from 11 a.m. until 5 a.m.

On Tuesday, a group of residents gathered at the corner at 11 a.m. to unveil a letter to the board signed by 115 Car-

boro residents and advocates calling for the board to rescind the ordinance.

At Tuesday night’s board meeting, board members Lydia Lavelle, Dan Coleman and Slade voted to rescind the ordinance, while board members Jacquie Gist, Randee Haven-O’Donnell, Joal Hall Broun and Mayor Mark Chilton voted to uphold it, at least for the time being.

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Armed robbery on Pleasant Drive

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

Like many crimes, the prevalence of daytime home break-ins in Carrboro rises and falls throughout the year, with most being isolated incidents.

But a forced entry and armed robbery is a rare occurrence in Carrboro. Investigative Sgt. Chris Atack said that in his more than 10 years of service with the Carrboro Police Department, he could remember this happening only three times.

Two weeks ago, David Gerald Walker was placed on Atack’s short list of victims of home invasion and armed robbery in Carrboro, when three men kicked in the door to his home on Pleasant Drive and robbed him at gunpoint.

Walker said he was at home doing laundry with his young son around 8:15 p.m. when he heard a knock at his door.

“They said, ‘Let us in,’ and I said, ‘No,’” Walker said. “I told my son to run and hide in the bathroom, and as soon as he got to the bathroom, they kicked the front door down and had a gun aimed at me.”

The three men took his money, laptop and cell phone and ran out, leaving Walker and his son untouched. Walker immediately called the police, and three officers, including Atack, responded. Walker said they were initially very helpful.

However, when it came time for the police to follow up, Walker said they were unavailable and didn’t return his phone calls, even when he had information he thought would help them locate his cell phone.

“That was disappointing,” Walker said. “It wasn’t until we had a neighborhood meeting and people in the neighborhood got kind of angry and started calling the police that we got a response.”

Ginger Guidry, who also lives on Pleasant Drive, said that like her neighbors, she was disappointed with the police response and their lack of communication.

“We never received an email from the police about the incident,” Guidry said, explaining that in the past when break-ins have occurred in the neighborhood, police have sent an email notification. “They said there hadn’t been time to send out the email providing information.”

While no email was sent, Atack said he personally canvassed the area surrounding the break-in the following afternoon and had a police car patrol the area during the day.

“It can be difficult because people want us to put out a lot of information, but sometimes it doesn’t serve the best interest of the case,” Atack said.

So with news of the break-in spreading throughout the neighborhood, an ongoing investigation and a patrol car watching the neighborhood, Walker was shocked when his house was again broken into, four days later, and his son’s Xbox was stolen.

Walker thinks the same men are responsible. But Atack said that due to a

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Potato sliced, center opens



Instead of cutting a ribbon, U.S. Rep. David Price slices through a sweet potato to celebrate the grand opening of the Piedmont Food and Agricultural Processing Center in Hillsborough last Friday, while center manager Matthew Roybal looks on. About 150 people attended the grand opening, where Price commended the planning and cooperative effort that went into making the center a reality. The 10,400-square-foot facility will be used as an incubator for food businesses, where clients can lease commercial kitchen space and vegetable and fruit processing facilities by the hour.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

Candidates address justice issues

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – While most candidate forums focus on only one election, Justice United broke the mold by inviting candidates running for all three local races – Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Chapel Hill Town Council and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education – to their fall assembly on Monday.

At the forum, held at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, members of Justice United asked candidates not about their own agendas, but about what Justice United and its delegates believe to be the most pressing issues in Orange County – affordable housing,

jobs and wages, environmental justice and senior citizen issues.

Robert Campbell, a leader in the Rogers Road community, asked if candidates, “knowing that we have a moral obligation to close the landfill,” would support the Orange County Board of Commissioners’ intent to close the landfill in 2013 and help the Rogers Road community find funding to better the community.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen candidate Braxton Foushee said that he supports the closure and has been working with Campbell for many years to solve this issue.

“Lots of promises have been made, but we have not seen [results]. All I want is justice for Rogers Road,” Foushee said.

Incumbent board member Lydia Lavelle answered not just as a board member but also as a neighbor of the Rogers Road community.

“I live in the Fox Meadow neighborhood off Rogers Road and these are my neighbors,” Lavelle said. “Carrboro will be putting in sidewalks and working with Chapel Hill Transit to extend bus service.”

Incumbent board member Dan Coleman also noted Carrboro’s plans to bring improvements to the community, adding that, more than just being about helping the community, the

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Remembering Persimmon Pete

Right here in the middle of persimmon season, I’m realizing that I don’t remember ever seeing such a bountiful crop from our native fruit tree, *Diospyros virginiana*. This fall’s heavy crop on trees along roads around town makes me aware of numerous specimens I’ve never before noticed.

Ever year during ‘simmon season, I remember “Persimmon Pete” Ivey, who for 20 years was director of the UNC News Bureau. Pete died back in 1975, and though during those years I remember folks talking about Pete’s persimmon recipes, I never met him and I’m sad about that.

And every year during ‘simmon season, I also remember Roland Giduz, lifelong Chapel Hill resident, 14-year member of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen and longtime photographer, reporter and columnist for the *Chapel Hill News Leader*. When Roland died in January 2009, our towns lost a wonderful friend, a man who so enthusiastically kept the community personalities, traditions and stories alive in our consciousness.

In the late 1950s, Roland described Pete Ivey’s enthusiasm for persimmons in the old *Chapel Hill News Leader*. Stories of “Persimmon Pete,” the self-proclaimed “patron saint of persimmonry,” and his persimmon recipes became legendary.

You’ll enjoy reading about Pete and his persimmons, and more, in Roland Giduz’s *Who’s Gonna Cover ‘Em Up?: Chapel Hill Uncovered – 1950-1985*.

Following Pete’s death, Roland carried on the “persimmonry”

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RECENTLY ... BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Bibliophiles across the southern end of the county have a new place to hang these days. The Chapel Hill Public Library has been open for business in its new temporary location at University Mall for about two weeks now, and the reading public has caught on. There were no announcements about opening day because library staff wanted a “soft” opening week to test out all the operation’s different components. Plus, they weren’t sure whether they’d be able to open at 9 a.m. or at 1 p.m. on Oct. 15.

“We opened the doors at 9 and within an hour, people were coming in,” said Mark Bayles, assistant director. One of the early patrons was a

home-school parent. Soon followed “a home-schoolers group email blast and people started pouring in.”

People need their book fix around here, and the library had been closed for weeks. By the time of the grand opening on Oct. 22, it had been exactly a month since the Sept. 22 closing, when 35 percent of the library’s collection was still on loan.

Approximately 157,000 volumes moved less than a mile into the space many will remember as Hungates (next door to Cameron’s on the Dilards end), and the empty adjacent space (next to Deep Dish Theater). That amount equates to 80 percent of the total collection, but the rest

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Booking it at University Mall



A little hustle and bustle on a Monday morning at University Mall, courtesy of the Chapel Hill Public Library

PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

MUSIC CALENDAR



SCRATCH ACID
Wednesday, November 2
Cat's Cradle

THURSDAY OCT 27

Cat's Cradle: Odd Future. 8:30pm. \$20

The Cave: LATE: Leather Zoo, Darling Waste. \$5

City Tap: The Third Expression. 8pm

General Store Cafe: Justin Johnson. 7pm

Local 506: Rich Robinson, Dylan LeBlanc. 9pm. \$15

Nightlight: Glenn Jones, Black Twig Pickers, Ezekiel Graves. 9:30pm. \$8

Southern Rail: Pussy Mountain. 10pm

FRIDAY OCT 28

Cat's Cradle: Ra Ra Riot, Delicate Steve, Yellow Ostrich. 8:45pm. \$16/18

The Cave: EARLY: B-Rad and Adam. \$5 LATE: Studio Gangsters, The Infidels

City Tap: Constellation, When Cousins Marry, Andrew Kasab. 5pm

General Store Cafe: Southern Magnolia Bluegrass Band. 8pm

Local 506: The Front Bottoms, The Fooligans, Humble Tripe. 8pm

\$8
Memorial Hall: Gil Shaham. 8pm

Nightlight: Wesley Wolfe and Band, Adam's Castle, Spaghetti Western. 9:30pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY OCT 29

Caffe Driade: The Cliches. 8pm

Cat's Cradle: Reverend Horton Heat, Supersuckers, Dan Sartain. 8:30pm. \$18/21

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Burke and The Vice Grips, The Trousters

General Store Cafe: Long Time Gone. 8pm

Local 506: The Chain Gang of 1974, Ani Stark. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Nightlight: Janzig, Limp Wrist, Depeche mode, Choking Victim, Nirvana. 9pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Brad Maini Trio. 7pm

SUNDAY OCT 30

Cat's Cradle: Boris, Asobi Seksu, True Widow. 9pm. \$15

The Cave: LATE: Radar's Clowns

of Sedation, Crystal Bright and The Silver Hands. \$5

Local 506: Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin, Trepak. 9pm. \$8/10

Nightlight: Arbouretum, The Moaners, Celebration. 9pm. \$6

Southern Rail: Dave Spencer Band. 8pm

MONDAY OCT 31

The Cave: Tesla Rceils, Hendecapote, Baptizer; Surrealia, Powercloud, Orgavin, Cheezface, Clang Quartet, Headstone Hollow, Weather Machine, Mecanikill. 7pm. \$5

Local 506: Zen Frisbee, Shit Horse. 10pm. \$5

Nightlight: Screaming Females, Big Eyes, USA Baby. 9pm. \$8

TUESDAY NOV 1

Local 506: The Lumineers, Gods of Harvest

Piola: Chris Reynolds Swing 'N' Jazz Trio. 7:30pm

Southern Rail: Stripmall Ballads. 10pm

WEDNESDAY NOV 2

ArtsCenter: Triangle Jazz Orches-

tra. 7:45pm

Cat's Cradle: Scratch Acid. 9pm. \$16/18

The Cave: EARLY: Girls in Trouble LATE: Star Anna and The Laughing Dogs

Local 506: Ocean Grove, Voxhual Broadcast, Robert Schwartzman. 8pm. \$12/14

Nightlight: Whatever Brains, Sex Church. 9:30pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Bibis Ellison and the Good Doc. 7pm

THURSDAY NOV 3

ArtsCenter: Kaki King. 8pm

Cat's Cradle: Rasputina, The Wilderness of Manitoba. 9pm. \$15/17

The Cave: LATE: Morgan's End

General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau. 8pm

Local 506: Sister Sparrow and The Dirty Birds. 8:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Animal Alphabet, Shenandoah, Prypyat, Tiny Victories. 9:30pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio, Calico Haunts, The Ill Family. 7pm

FRIDAY NOV 4

Cat's Cradle: Fitz and The Tantrums, Walk the Moon. 9pm. \$18/20

The Cave: LATE: The Evil Tenors, On The Take, Joe Norikus

General Store Cafe: Molasses Creek. 8pm. \$5

Local 506: Melt Banana. 9:30pm. \$10/12

Nightlight: MCFrontalot, Juan Huevos, Brandon Patton, Thought Criminals. 9:30pm. \$8

Open Eye: William Michael Dillon. 8pm

Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY NOV 5

ArtsCenter: NC Songwriters Song Contest. 7:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Immortal Technique, Killer Mike, Diabolic, Akir, DJ GI Joe. 9:30pm. \$15/18

The Cave: EARLY: Bad Dog Blues Band. \$5 LATE: Sharkquest

General Store Cafe: Chawla. 8pm \$5

SPOTLIGHT: VAMPLIFIRE



PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER ESTEP

On Sunday, Oct. 30, as the town of Chapel Hill gears up for the next night's Halloween thrills, those who want to start celebrating early can venture underground to The Cave, where the beautiful yet haunting sounds of Vamplifire will accompany the chilling visuals of the 1922 silent horror film *Nosferatu*.

Vamplifire, comprised of a tuba, a piano, a theremin and an oboe, has been providing the soundtrack to *Nosferatu*, the film classic based on Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, for the past two Halloweens.

The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$5. If you can't make the Sunday night show at The Cave, Vamplifire will also be performing alongside *Nosferatu* at The Depot in Hillsborough on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 p.m. Tickets for the show in Hillsborough are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of.

SPOTLIGHT: WHATEVER BRAINS



PHOTO BY JOSHUA HOFFMAN

While Whatever Brains has been compared to a number of groups and genres, the Raleigh-based indie/punk rock band has a sound that is distinctly their own.

With their most recent self-titled album released on the label Sorry State, they have emerged from the world of their previously released fuzzy and gritty singles with an album with clean-cut tracks – though that's not to say that their music and lyrics are for the clean-cut. While their album may be appealing to the technical record producer's ear, the band is the same entertaining Whatever Brains, and their show at the Nightlight on Wednesday, Nov. 2 will definitely pack a punch that you don't want to miss.

Tickets are \$5 for the show, which also features Sex Church. Doors open at 9 p.m.; the show starts at 9:30.

CAT'S CRADLE

MO 11/14
ARCHITECTURE IN HELSINKI

MO 10/31
ASTRONAUTALIS KINGS (RALEIGH)

FR 10/28
THE FRONT BOTTOMS LOCAL 506 (CH)

WE 11/2 **SCRATCH ACID**

TH 10/27 SOLD OUT
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FR 10/28 **RA RA RIOT** W/DELICATE STEVE AND YELLOW OSTRICH**(\$16/\$18)

SA 10/29 **REVEREND HORTON HEAT** W/SUPERSUCKERS AND DAN SARTAIN**(\$18/\$21)

SU 10/30 **BORIS****(\$15) W/ASOBI SEKSU AND TRUE WIDOW

WE 11/2**(\$18/\$20) **SCRATCH ACID**

TH 11/3 **RASPUTINA** W/THE WILDERNESS OF MANITOBA**(\$15/\$17)

FR 11/4 **FITZ & THE TANTRUMS****(\$18/\$20) W/WALK THE MOON

SA 11/5 **IMMORTAL TECHNIQUE** W/KILLER MIKE, DIABOLIC, AKIR AND DJ GI JOE**(\$15/\$18)

SU 11/6 FOR TRUE TOUR **TROMBONE SHORTY & ORLEANS AVENUE****(\$20/\$23) W/KIDS THESE DAYS

TU 11/8 **HAYES CARLL****(\$15) W/CAITLIN ROSE

SA 11/11 **SAVES THE DAY, BAYSIDE, I AM THE AVALANCE, TRANSIT****(\$15/\$18)

SA 11/12 **BOMBADIL** W/JASON KUTCHMA AND FUTURE KINGS OF NOWHERE**(\$12/\$15)

SU 11/13**(\$22/\$25) **TINARIWEN** W/SOPHIE HUNGER

MO 11/14 **ARCHITECTURE IN HELSINKI****(\$15/\$17) W/DOOM, LO FI FNK

TU 11/15 **PHANTOGRAM** W/EXITMUSIC**(\$14)

TH 11/16 SIGNAL PRESENTS: **BREAKESTRA****(\$12/\$14)

TH 11/17**(\$16/\$19) **MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA** W/WHITE DENIM AND THE DEAR HUNTER

FR 11/18 **NEIL DIAMOND ALL-STARS** W/THE INFIDELS**(\$10)

SA 11/19 **YO MAMA'S BIG FAT BOOTY BAND****(\$10/\$12)

FR 11/25 **POST TURKEY DAY JAM:** GREG HUMPHREYS, MARK SIMONSEN, STU COLE; JON SHAIN TRIO, TOM MAXWELL AND THE MINOR DRAG AND LIZZY ROSS**(\$10)

SU 11/27 **FUTURE ISLANDS** W/ED SCHRADER'S MUSIC BEAT AND LONNIE WALKER**(\$12/\$14)

TH 12/1 **HEAR NC MUSIC AND FILM FESTIVAL:** BIBIS ELLISON, **STRANGER DAYS****

FR 12/2 **STEEP CANYON RANGERS** W/GREG HUMPHREYS**(\$15)

TH 12/8 **BEIRUT****(\$18/\$20) W/PERFUME GENIUS

SA 11/14/12**(\$8/\$10) **MIPSO TRIO / OVER-MOUNTAIN MEN / JIM AVETT**

SA 2/11/12 **FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE****(\$20/\$23)

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FR 10/28 **THE FRONT BOTTOMS** W/THE FOOLIGANS AND HUMBLE TRIPE

TH 11/3 **SISTER SPARROW & THE DIRTY BIRDS**

TU 11/8 **GIRL IN A COMA** W/COATHANGERS AND BROTHERS OF BRAZIL

FR 11/11 **THE SEA AND CAKE** W/BROKBACK AND BUTTERFLIES

SA 11/12 **THE FLING / FLOATING ACTION / SCHOONER**

FR 11/18 **ZECHS MARQUISE**

WE 11/22 **MARIA TAYLOR W/DEAD FINGERS AND THE GRENADINES**

SU 12/4 **MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS**

TU 12/6 **MAX BEMIS (SAY ANYTHING)** W/SHERRI DUPREE

SA 12/10 **XIMENA SARINANA** W/GRAFFITI

TH 12/15 **RACHAEL YAMAGATA** W/MIKE VIOLA

THE ARTSCENTER (CARR)

TH 11/3 **KAKI KING**

KINGS (RALEIGH)

MO 10/31 **ASTRONAUTALIS**

TU 11/8 **THE GLANDS** W/NORTH ELEMENTARY

CASBAH (DURHAM)

FR 11/4 **MATT HIRES** W/RACHEL PLATTEN AND ALEXANDER & THE GRAPES

THE ARTSCENTER (CARR)

SA 12/10 **AMY RAY**

LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)

WE 2/15/12

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WE 10/26 **THE JAYHAWKS** W/TIFT MERRIT

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Margin Call; Mozart's Sister; The Mill and the Cross

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000
In Time; Moneyball; Paranormal Activity 3; Puss in Boots; The Three Musketeers

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
In Time; Paranormal Activity 3; Puss in Boots 3D; The Ides of March; The Rum Diary; The Three Musketeers 3D

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lack of evidence, there is no way to prove the two incidents are related.

Walker believes that if the police had released more information, the second break-in could have been prevented.

"In my opinion, the police need to be giving communities reports of what has been happening," he said. "The police cannot be there all the time, but the community can be."

The case is still under investigation, and while no suspects have been identified, Attack is talking with Chapel Hill police about a robbery that may be related.

"If you are in your house at night, keep your doors locked and shades drawn so that people can't peek in and see you have something of value," Attack advised.

"If your sixth sense goes off and you see anything sneaky or suspicious, call us. We would rather come out there for nothing than get there after something."

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Briefs



Burke Bolton Koepke

Police arrest break-in suspects

Police arrested three suspects last week after a local business owner reported a customer trying to sell suspected stolen goods. Police responded to the call and arrested Timothy James Burke, 23, of 107 Bristol Drive, Chapel Hill; John William Bolton, 22, of 106 Hunter Hill Place, Chapel Hill; and Christina Michelle Koepke, 21, of 106 Hunter Hill Place, Chapel Hill.

Burke and Bolton were both charged with multiple counts of breaking and entering, larceny, multiple counts of possession of stolen goods and counts of obtaining property by false pretense. Burke was also charged with one count of felony aiding and abetting financial card forgery, while Bolton was charged with one count of felony financial card forgery. Koepke was charged with five counts of possession of stolen goods, two counts of identity theft, two counts of felony breaking and entering and two counts of felony larceny.

All three suspects have been linked to break-ins at homes in both Carrboro and Chapel Hill and all three have previous criminal records. Koepke was on probation at the time of her arrest and is being held under a \$10,000 bond, while Burke is being held under an \$80,000 bond and Bolton is being held under a \$25,000 bond, all at the Orange County Jail.

School board candidate withdraws

Brian Bower, a candidate for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City

Schools Board of Education, withdrew from the race last week.

Bower, a graduate student at UNC, had been running for a seat on the board to prove he was a resident of North Carolina so he would be eligible to receive in-state tuition.

In a letter announcing his withdrawal from the race, Bower said that he decided to withdraw because he didn't want to jeopardize the reelection of incumbent Jamezetta Bedford and because he was recently approved for in-state tuition.

Umstead Drive reopens

Due to the completion of OWASA's sewer-replacement project along Bolin Creek, Umstead Drive has reopened from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Estes Drive Extension.

Work began in January to replace the sewer, which was approaching the end of its useful life span, as it was not large enough to meet the expected demand for future wastewater flow.

Leaf collection begins this week

Chapel Hill launched its annual leaf collection this week. Collection runs through late February.

Residents who wish to have loose leaves and pine straw removed from their property may place these items, free of limbs and other debris, at their curbs. Leaf piles should not block or interfere with driveways, bike lanes, fire hydrants, water meters, mailboxes, storm drains or roadways.

Residents may also place leaves in a 30-gallon brown paper yard waste bag or yard waste roll cart for curbside collection. Yard waste roll carts may be purchased from the Public Works Department for \$47 each. If yard waste is put into plastic bags for pick up, it will not be removed because plastic bags do not comply with yard waste disposal requirements at the Orange County Landfill.

For more information visit www.townofchapelhill.org/leaves or call 969-5100.

Fliers say homeless shelter will be a danger to children

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

A flier attributed to Kevin Wolff's campaign for mayor of Chapel Hill has been circulated the past week, alleging that if a men's shelter is sited at 1315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., near Homestead Park, children will be endangered.

"Three hours ago a 4 year old girl was reported missing," the flier reads. "The parents said the girl was last seen playing on the playground in Homestead Park. The parents also said that there was an unknown man talking with the little girl before she vanished. ...

"No, this did not actually happen today, but it will if a Men's Homeless Shelter is put next to Homestead Park."

In May, the Chapel Hill Town Council approved plans for the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service's Community House Men's Shelter, which call for a two-story, 16,250-square-foot facility with 52 beds and 17 emergency cots for use during inclement weather.

The bottom of the flier reads "Paid for by Kevin Wolff for Mayor Campaign" and an email address and phone number are provided for those who want more information or to make a donation to the campaign.

Wolff has not responded to requests for comment.

The flier warns that if the shelter is placed on the proposed site, "a child will be assaulted, molested, kidnapped, or killed in that park."

"It's not a matter of IF this will happen ... it is a matter of WHEN."

The flier states that Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt has no children, "nor do many of the town council members," and that as a parent of two children who often play in public parks, Wolff is well positioned to relate to the perceived dangers of placing a shelter near a park.

Wolff has made three previous, unsuccessful, runs for mayor of Chapel Hill.

Tim Sookram is also challenging Kleinschmidt for mayor.

HALLOWEEN INFO

Street closures: Franklin Street from Raleigh to Mallette Street, Columbia Street from Cameron Avenue to Rosemary Street and Raleigh Street from Cameron to East Franklin will be closed at 9 p.m. and reopen after the street is cleared at 11:30 p.m.

Parking: No parking downtown; vehicles parked on the 100 block of East and West Franklin need to be removed before 6 p.m. or they will be towed.

Restricted items: Costume accessories resembling weapons

or actual weapons, alcohol, glass bottles, paint, fireworks, flammable substances, animals and coolers

Transit: Safe Rides will operate from 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. along detoured routes for UNC students, while Chapel Hill Transit service will end some routes early. More info at chtransit.org

Cover charge: All downtown bars will have a minimum \$5 cover charge and will not permit anyone to enter or re-enter after 1 a.m.

JUSTICE UNITED

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improvements are about helping solve a social-justice issue.

Michelle Johnson, a board of aldermen candidate, said she too believes closing the landfill is a step in the right direction toward bringing justice to a community that has experienced environmental racism.

"When you leave here, think about where your trash goes and how much you're consuming," she added.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton said he wasn't sure he knew enough about the economics of the landfill to make a decision to close it, but will support the commissioners if that is their decision.

Incumbent Chapel Hill Town Council member Matt Czajkowski answered with a resounding "yes" in support of the 2013 closure of the landfill.

"I applaud the county commissioners for making the courageous political decision, and now it is time for us to step up," Czajkowski said.

Council candidate Jason Baker

also agreed with the county commissioners decision and said he believes the towns need to shoulder responsibility and help pay for what has happened to the community.

Council candidates Laney Dale and Augustus Cho and may-or candidate Tim Sookram kept their answers brief, saying they agreed with the other candidates and supported the closure.

Incumbent Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said he has always supported the landfill closing sooner rather than later.

"I proudly objected to any extension of the landfill life," he said. "The Chapel Hill Town Council,

I believe, stands ready to be a leader and a partner with the county and Carrboro."

Council candidate Jon DeHart said he also supports the closure and looks forward to working to help the community.

However, not every candidate was in favor of the immediate closure of the landfill.

Incumbent Chapel Hill Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward said that while he feels a moral obligation to attend to the needs of the Rogers Road community, he can't fully support the 2013 landfill closure because it remains uncertain where the county's trash will then go.

"Are we all so fed up with what

we have right now that we are willing to put this in someone else's backyard?" he asked.

Council candidate Carl Schuler said that while he is in full support of the closure, the commissioners and towns need to look closely at where the trash will go once the landfill closes.

Council candidate Lee Storrow said that he has been a volunteer in the Rogers Road community and is excited by the opportunities for the community with the closure of the landfill.

Chapel Hill mayor candidate Kevin Wolff and town council candidate Donna Bell did not attend the meeting.

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Orange County has recently been awarded \$160,000 by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency under the 2011 Single-Family Rehabilitation Program. The program provides funds to assist with the rehabilitation of moderately deteriorated homes that are owned and occupied by lower-income households. Typical repairs may include roof replacements, door and window replacements, and electrical and plumbing upgrades.

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

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

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

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HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about celiac disease and Truvia.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Why is celiac disease so much more common these days?

That is a great question. Over the last 10 to 15 years, we are definitely hearing more about celiac disease. But is it more common? First, what is it? Celiac disease, sometimes called tropical sprue or gluten-sensitive enteropathy, is a reaction in the small intestine to gluten that causes the gut to absorb nutrients poorly. Gluten is found in wheat, barley, rye and corn. For better or worse, our largely carbohydrate diet is full of these grains. The only common grain that people with celiac tolerate well is rice. Many people with celiac disease will have diarrhea, abdominal pain and occasionally nutrient deficiencies. When people with celiac eliminate gluten from their diet, the symptoms

improve. So is it more common? We used to think that it occurred in one person in 5,000, but now we think it is more like one person in 400. Most or all of this difference is due to the fact that it is now much easier to diagnose. Diagnosis used to require a colonoscopy and a biopsy of the small intestine. Now a simple blood test can tell, with a great deal of accuracy, if a patient has celiac disease. Doctors and patients are more aware of celiac disease and it is easier to diagnose, but we're not sure it is more common.

Dear HOUSE Calls, What do you think about the new artificial sweetener Truvia? Is it better than the others?

Truvia is actually not new and it is not artificial. It comes from the leaf of a plant called stevia from South America. It has been used for a long time as a sweetener but has recently been commercial-

ized and has made a swift entrance into the soft drink and sweetener markets. It is being marketed as natural and therefore better than artificial sweeteners, but with regards to whether it is better, safer or healthier, the jury is really still out. Just because a product is natural does not mean it is necessarily better. The World Health Organization in 2006 said there was no significant cancer-causing potential or heart toxicity. Sometimes rare side effects are not apparent until products are in widespread use for many years. So the short answer is that, based on what we know now, it is probably safe.

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

Growing it here, growing it now

BY BROOKE PARKER
Staff Writer

"We can't afford to lose collective knowledge," said Daniel Smith, director and producer of *Growing it Here, Growing it Now*, of his latest documentary about real food and the gardeners making it grow in two Carrboro community gardens.

The genuine community and sharing of knowledge that is taking place at the two gardens – the Carrboro Community Garden and the neighboring Growing Healthy Kids Garden sponsored by Orange County Partnership for Young Children – inspired the documentary. Both gardens are located in Martin Luther King Jr. Park, at 1120 Hillsborough Road.

Smith filmed the documentary earlier this year in an attempt to show how such an informal community at the gardens is so productive. The documentary depicts gardeners of all ages participating, sharing stories and talking about how they contribute to the gardens.

"People have to get their hands dirty," Smith said, noting that the gardens continue to be a large investment of labor, and that he is impressed with the gardens' incredible productivity.

"It's very productive and very informal," he said. At the Carrboro Community Garden, for instance, there are no guidelines; members simply work on whatever needs to be done. The gardens are not just a place for work, but also a place for learning, Smith added.

"It's rich, what is going on here," Smith said. His documentary intends to "show what is involved, and the fact that it is something that can be done, and done now."

"I'm hopeful it will encourage prospective gardeners," he added.

Smith grew up on a farm in Iowa and found a piece of home at the Carrboro Community Garden when he moved to Chapel Hill in 2007.

Using the equipment available from and facilities at The Peoples Channel, Smith shot film, interviewed gardeners and edited all of

the material for the documentary.

"It's a one-person production, basically," he said, adding that the documentary is his first serious attempt at filming, and that he's satisfied with the outcome.

"I'm a visual artist and a writer, so it wasn't a leap to do this kind of work," he said.

Though the resources available through The Peoples Channel helped him pull it off, the production was all Smith.

"I pushed the recording sound at the same time as shooting the film," he said.

And his work hasn't gone unnoticed. *Growing it Here, Growing it Now* was selected for the fifth-annual Ava Gardener Independent Film Festival, which ran Oct. 6-9 in Smithfield.

Although Smith is in the planning stages of another documentary, he said he's not entirely sure what he will be tackling next.

Growing it Here, Growing it Now is a Common Curator production available on DVD for \$10. Email commoncurator@gmail.com for details.

Day of reckoning for UNC football

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

There is a Carolina football team today, but there is no Tar Heel football program at the moment.

Whether there will be one in the near future rests a great deal on what happens in Indianapolis on Friday. Chancellor Holden Thorp and Dick Baddour, retiring director of athletics, will face the infractions committee for what everyone hopes will be the end of the investigation into UNC football.

There were mistakes made,

horrible mistakes for an institution that prides itself on abiding by the rules. But the scope of the entire mess is not nearly as horrible as it has been made out to be.

The biggest issues were the three players who took large sums of money from agents. There is not a school with potential professional athletes that is not subject to the same fate. It could happen to Duke or Carolina basketball tomorrow.

The other issue was Butch Davis' blind spot, John Blake.

Blake is an egotistical, money-hungry person who preys on the athletes he is supposed to be coaching and teaching values, although Blake possesses few, if any.

Had Davis never hired Blake, Carolina may have won the ACC title last season and be on its way to being a consistent national power in football instead of a team hanging on a precipice.

The other issue was the "cheating scandal," over which Thorp foolishly called a press conference and branded all the players guilty. In the end, only a handful were found to have cheated.

Had Thorp kept his mouth shut publicly and handled the academic issues in-house, this whole mess probably would have been gone long ago.

The fact that he did not cannot help but leave the option open that he wanted to harm football and eventually fire Davis. The two were not on particularly fond terms. Davis did not have a great deal of respect for Thorp as a leader, and Thorp has proven to be a duplicitous character who has made serious errors in judgment on the academic and athletic sides during his brief tenure as chancellor.

For an example of a different way to handle these matters, consider Auburn University. The NCAA drove through Auburn,

Ala., waved at the Tigers' pay-for-play schemes and proclaimed the matter settled.

Nobody ever even accused the Tar Heels of such, yet there is a chance the NCAA could hammer UNC with even greater sanctions than the school has already placed upon itself.

If that happens and the team loses to Wake Forest on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Kenan Stadium, there may not be a football program to speak of in Chapel Hill for five to 10 years.

Here is an interesting fact you may not know.

The most utterly disgusting part of what has happened in Chapel Hill during the past two years, and across the country, is the vile hypocrisy of it all.

The NCAA is a corrupt organization as dirty as the schools it proclaims to govern. The former athletic director at Miami was a part of the committee that placed Southern California on probation. He waved his finger in the air and chastised the Trojans and head coach Pete Carroll.

Just a few months back, we learned Paul Dee, the man with his finger in the air, was the director of athletics at Miami while an agent was supplying women, drugs and about anything else the players wanted.

Dee even allowed corrupt booster Nevin Shapiro to run onto the field with the team a few times before games.

It is people like this who are going to sit in judgment of Carolina come Friday, although Dee has now retired.

UNC fans can only hold their breath and hope Thorp has not succeeded in destroying Carolina football, the revenue it could potentially generate and the overall enthusiasm for UNC athletics that so many people had before this all began.

SUPER CROSSWORD ALL WRAPPED UP

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Clues include: 1 "Instinct" (92 film), 6 Biblical region, 11 Dryden's "for Love", 14 "Zedong", 17 Hercule's creator, 19 Schedule, 21 "Dizzy" singer, 22 Oklahoma city, 23 Wood-working tool, 24 Riddle: Part 1, 27 Auxiliary verb, 28 Skates, 30 Ornamental vine, 31 See, 35 Down, 32 French cheese region, 33 Sports-shoe features, 37 is it?, 39 Lamb product, 42 High-flying whale, 44 Utah city, 45 Help with the dishes, 46 Skater, 47 Exile, 50 Riddle: Part 2, 56 Perfect, 58 Bando of baseball, 59 Brooks or Schreiber, 60 Foil kin, 61 Brindisi bread, 62 Stickpin locale, 64 Claude of "The Invisible Man", 67 Gaunt, 69 Nautical rope, 71 Trick-or-treaters, 75 Bank statistics, 76 On the QE II, 78 Pass into law, 79 Seize, 81 It may be common, 82 Competent, 84 Famed fabulist, 86 "Sea Hunt" shocker, 89 Actress, 90 Dvorak, 90 Answer to riddle: Part 1, 95 Fit to feast on, 97 Panatella kin, 98 Trusting sort, 99 Trusting sort, 100 Dismal, 102 Herring, 103 Riddle: Part 2, 103 Dee or, 106 Perfect, 106 Islamic greeting, 9 Femnant, 10 Bustle, 11 Bunch of battalions, 12 Christie or Costello, 13 Moor, 14 "Upstairs", 15 Simpson of fashion, 16 Desert rufuges, 18 Jan., 20 Singer, 25 Family-room features, 26 Orange, 29 "Bow site", 29 "By all means!", 32 Boxer Max, 33 First name in comedy, 34 Director, 35 With 51, 36 Across, 37 Python member, 38 Ballicwick, 37 Sticks one's neck out, 38 Layers, 39 Lambs' dams, 40 Hindu deity, 41 45, 45 Hitchcock film, 43 "Bang Bang" singer, 44 Hautboy, 48 Head, 49 Apostle, 49 Mezzo, 51 Come to a point, 52 Broad st., 53 Iodine source, 54 "Circus Boy" prop, 55 "dixie", 57 Harpsichord features, 61 Leg-puller, 63 Rachins or Thicke, 64 Genetic info, 65 Canine grp., 66 Adherent: suffix, 68 Legendary drummer, 69 Town in Galilee, 70 "... her poor", 72 Depend (on), 73 Once again, 74 Autumn color, 77 Showy flower, 80 Boar's beloved, 83 Fast-food favorite, 84 Pertinent, 85 Seth's son, 87 Sicily's highest point, 88 Like some sheep, 90 I'll give you a lift, 91 Word form for "eye", 92 Forearm bone, 93 Tra- "Blue", 96 Where to eat bryani, 100 Took in the late show, 101 Bath, e.g., 102 "Peanuts" pooch, 103 It suits many, 104 Indigenous Alaskan, 105 Nick of "The Prize of Tides", 106 Silly Caesar, 108 Grimm creature, 110 Feel certain, 111 "... fix", 112 Shopper's paradise, 113 Clove hitch, for one, 114 Forum wear, 116 Made one's mark, 117 Season fireworks, 118 Teachers' org., 119 - page, 120 - Jima, 121 Beatty or Brooks, 123 Actress Sara

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.

He's so Wise

Cryptoquote grid with letters X, Z, G, E, F, V, H, X, Z, U, F, A, X, Z, J, X, Z, E, V, C, T, J, L, J, B, B, U, J, A, G, X, E, A, G, X, Z, G, B, U, T, X, Z, G, Z, W, T, Q, J, F, C, Q, G, U, F, A, Q, U, A, G, F, E, W, A, Z, X, E, T, X, G, I, Q, J, K, D, J, F, C, T, G, G, P, Z, G, B, G, Z, U, T, P, U, R, G, U, T, P, B, E, F, A, ., - , J, B, K, Z, U, G, Q, W, F, D, G, B. Hint: Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 6, 5, 3, 4, 1, 2, 8, 9, 1, 7, 4, 5, 1, 3, 7, 4, 2, 4, 9, 5, 9, 6.

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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PET OF THE WEEK

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Community Briefs

Wish Tree Party

UNC women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell will host a Wish Tree Party on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill.

UNC team members will sign autographs and pose for pictures. The Wish Tree will be decorated with bear ornaments with the gender and age of a child in need. By selecting a bear ornament and purchasing a book, community members can help provide holiday gifts for local children.

Wish Tree Party is part of Christmas House, Chapel Hill Service League's signature annual community project to make the holidays brighter for families in need.

For more information contact Ellen Brown at ellenbrown1@gmail.com.

Poe celebration at the library

The Orange County Main Library will host a Halloween event for teens on Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

The evening will be a celebration of the mysterious life of Edgar Allen Poe, including candy, games, classic short horror movies and a chance to perform a dramatic reading of Poe's ghostly writings.

Halloween costumes or gothic attire is encouraged. Prizes will be awarded for the eeriest Poe reading, best costume and the winner of the spooky spirit photography contest.

Southern Village Halloween party

Southern Village will be transformed into Candy Village for a Candy Land-themed Halloween costume party on Saturday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the Village Green.

Triangle Youth Ballet will kick off the event with dance performances and Peppermint Twist lessons. Other activities include games, a candy castle bounce house and trick-or-treating around the village. CLAWS, Inc. will display their live owls on the Village Green, and will be accepting donations. In addition, PORCH will be collecting food donations.

Carrboro resident wins big at fair

Carrboro resident Caroline Fisher won first place at the N.C. State Fair in a handicrafts contest for decorative chicken eggs.

This was her first submission to a contest at the State Fair. Fisher is a craftswoman and artist.

Cheese day at farmers' market

In honor of American Cheese Month, the Carrboro Farmers' Market will host Cheese Day on Saturday.

Chef Amy Tornquist of Watts Grocery will sample dishes using Celebrity Dairy goat cheeses

and Chapel Hill Creamery cow cheeses in the market gazebo at 9 a.m.

Customers will also have the opportunity to sample local artisan cheeses while learning about what goes on behind the scenes of these local farms.

Saturday also marks the beginning of winter market hours. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays throughout the winter season.

Halloween blood drive

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority, Anna Maria's Pizzeria and the American Red Cross will co-sponsor the annual Halloween blood drive on Friday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The drive will take place at the OWASA administration building, located at 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro.

To participate, donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and have photo identification. Anna Maria's and OWASA will provide food. Donors will also qualify for a chance to win two airline tickets.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Kelly Chapman at 537-4370 or kchapman@owasa.org. Walk-ins are welcome after noon.

Carrboro Friends receives award

The Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries recognized the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library as a first-place winner in their annual Frances B. Reid Awards for outstanding Friends groups across the state. FONCPL presented the recognition certificate and cash award at the Annual FONCPL Awards meeting at the Chatham County Community Library on Oct. 22.

The Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library received this award in recognition of their struggles and successes in achieving their goal of a freestanding library in Southwestern Orange County, as well as their regular work of raising funds for the library, providing free books to needy citizens and providing two annual scholarships to local students. Present to receive the award on the group's behalf were Friends members Martha Tyson, Nerys Levy and Alex Brown, as well as Lucinda Munger, Orange County Library Director.

The Friends received this same award in 2002 for their Library Arts Program. Thanks in part to their ongoing advocacy, Orange County has committed \$5.5 million to the building of a Southwest Orange Regional Library once an appropriate site has been identified.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY OCT 27

Library Event — Lori Bruhns to lead a seminar on "Organizing for the Holidays." OC Main Library, Hillsborough, 5-6pm bit.ly/HolidayOrg

Enrique Penalosa — BikeCarrboro presents video and discussion of Enrique Peñalosa, visionary urban planner: Carrboro Century Center, 6:30pm, Free tinyurl.com/Peñalosa2011

Social Inclusion Series — A seminar aimed at addressing bullying and teasing. Emerson Waldorf School, 7-9pm emersonwaldorf.org/social-inclusion-registration/

Friends of Downtown — Monthly meeting with Barry Leffler speaking about Chapelboro.com. Franklin Hotel, 10am Free

Movie Showing — *Soldier's Girl* to be shown as part of Queer Movie Night. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

FRIDAY OCT 28

Tranactors Improv — To present *Suspense!* The ArtsCenter, 8pm artscenterlive.org

Stories Under the Stars — A costume contest will be followed by music and stories. Weaver Street Market lawn, 5:30-7pm Free

OC Artists Guild — Opening reception for the Open Studio Tour. The exhibit continues through Nov 13. Hillsborough Gallery, 121 N. Churton St., 6-9pm hillsboroughgallery.com

ArtWalk — Last Fridays ArtWalk. Downtown Hillsborough, 6-9pm Free

Alternative Medicine — Psychiatrist Stephen Barrett to present a lecture on Alternative Medicine: Hope or Hype? Celebration Assembly of God Church, 114 Weaver Dairy Road, 11am

Butch Walker — To share from his new book *Drinking With Strangers: Music Lessons from a Teenage Bullet Belt*. Bullshead Bookshop, 1pm

Vicki Essig — Exhibit, "Fragile and Strong," opens at ENO Gallery, Hillsborough.

The Spirits of Hillsborough — One-hour guided tours of Hillsborough's "ghostly sightings," sponsored by the Alliance for Historic Hillsbor-

ough. 7pm \$10 adults/\$5 children 732-7741

SATURDAY OCT 29

Plein Air — An exhibition of local art opens at Carrboro Branch Library, McDougle School Media Center. 969-3006

Cheese Month — American Cheese Month is celebrated with samples of local artisan cheeses. Carrboro Farmers' Market, 9am

Urban Farm Tour — Walking and biking tours available for the 4th

to raise money for Paws4Ever. The Beehive, 102 East Weaver St., 3-7pm Suggested donations: children \$5/ adults \$10

TUESDAY NOV 1

Fracking Lecture — Duke Professor Rob Jackson to speak on "Shale Gas and its Environmental Footprint." Seymour Senior Center, 7pm Free

W. Fitzhugh Brundage — To lecture on "Beyond Blackface: African Americans and the Creation of American Popular Culture." Wilson

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FRIDAY OCT 28

Annual Urban Farm Tour: carrboro-greenspace.org

Farmers' Market hour change — Carrboro Farmers' Market starts its winter market hours. The market will be open from 9am-12pm for the winter season

Zombie Fest — Exclusively for high school students, participants arrive as humans and leave as zombies. Southern Village Green, 4-11pm Free with requested canned goods donation to benefit PORCH 4pm

SUNDAY OCT 30

Pumpkin Fest — Village paths will be lined with intricately carved pumpkins. Fearington Village, 5-8pm Free

MONDAY OCT 31

Halloween Carnival — Carnival-style activities for all ages. Carrboro Town Commons, 6-8:30pm Free

CH Halloween — Homegrown Halloween on Franklin Street with the street closed to traffic from 9-11:30pm

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest WWII navy aircraft carrier pilot Dupree Smith. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

Paws4Ever fundraiser — Stylists offer hair, makeup or face painting

Special Collections Library, 5:30pm Free library.unc.edu

WEDNESDAY NOV 2

OC RSVP 55+ — Seeks volunteers for the VITA free income tax assistance program. Seymour Center, 10am 968-2056

Burrito Bash — For Paperhand Puppets. General Store Cafe, Pittsboro, 6-9pm

Certain Proof — The documentary *Certain Proof: A Question of Worth* to be shown as a benefit for New Voices. The William and Ida Friday Center, 6pm newvoicesnc.org

ONGOING

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

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A tax for
the future

There's been a lot of talk about the quarter-cent sales-tax referendum lately, and with that, promises of jobs and funding for schools.

Some hard-working residents of this county are skeptical about handing over more of their dollars to local government, and that's understandable. With no sign of this economic downturn making a change in the right direction any time soon, budgets are increasingly stretched and taxpayers are wary of anything that might further tighten their belts.

But it's important to remember where the roots of this referendum lie.

In the 2007 state budget, the legislature gave counties the option of a 0.4 percent land-transfer tax or a quarter-cent sales-tax increase to help compensate for money taken away from them in a deal to turn responsibility for paying for Medicaid over to the state. Out of that deal, counties lost state-supplied school-construction money that year and sales-tax revenue in subsequent years.

County leaders have proposed the quarter-cent sales-and-use tax – 0.25 cents on a \$1 purchase, or 1 cent on \$4 – that is projected to raise \$2.5 million annually, and have pledged to devote 50 percent of funds raised from the tax to economic development and 50 percent to schools. The economic-development portion of the money would go to funding infrastructure improvements needed to recruit new businesses and expand existing ones; funding for business loans and grants to grow businesses in Orange County; targeted business recruitment, retention and expansion efforts; and community branding and marketing.

To be honest, while a little vague, that sounds pretty good.

The schools are the pride and joy of this county, and their capital needs – facilities improvements, new equipment, etc. – have fallen to the wayside as budgets have tightened. This money would help ensure that our kids can continue to attend schools that meet their needs and keep them safe.

And the economic-development districts of this county have been waiting more than 20 years to see any action. County leaders are poised to make some real moves toward building the infrastructure needed to draw in businesses to those districts that will create jobs and increase tax revenue, lessening the huge burden on property owners. Those new businesses could pay back the county's initial investment and more, funding our schools and all those great things that make Orange County what it is well into the future.

Some will argue that any sales tax is regressive, and that's true. But as the county's budget is further gripped by this economic downturn – and the misguided Republican leadership in the General Assembly eliminates funding from safety-net programs and leaves our most vulnerable residents left to fend for themselves – our county truly needs the funding.

Moreover, as home to a major state university, this county has thousands of residents who don't own property, and thus don't share as much of the tax burden as their property-owning neighbors. In addition, alumni of that university and hundreds of thousands of other visitors – more than 1.7 million in 2010 – come to Orange County every year, injecting capital into our stores and restaurants (to the tune of \$144 million last year), and thus into our county's sales-tax funding. Let them share a little more of that burden too.

We've got some smart people at the helm of this county, and we've got to trust that our county government – which has worked hard to stave off property-tax increases the past three years running – would use these precious funds wisely.

Times are tough, and people are hurting. We trust that the county will use the funds to create jobs, keep our school systems some of the finest in the country and increase tax revenue from economic development, keeping Orange County the best it can be for years to come.

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Angels among us

JACKIE HELVEY

For anyone who thinks there are no such things as angels, I beg to differ. They are all around us, walking among us. I know this for a fact.

I was in a meeting with client/friend Mike Humphreys, a local realtor. I was complaining how difficult it had become for me to maneuver the exterior steps to my basement where my washer and dryer were; wet leaves or snow make it even more treacherous. I have tumbled down those steps before, so I've learned to use caution with them. Osteoarthritis in my right hip compounds the problem, making it difficult for me to walk without pain.

Mike's eyes lit up. "You know," he said, "I belong to a group of local realtors who each year selects someone who needs work done to their house and we do the work for them. Would you mind if I nominated you?"

"That would be great!" I responded.

A few months later, Mike sent me paperwork and the process began.

I received an email from Jo Ellen Munsee, a Chapel Hill realtor and the Fix-A-Home project coordinator, asking if they could come and look at my house. A group of strangers, the Greater Chapel Hill Association of Realtors Fix-A-Home Committee, arrived at my house for a tour.

Over the past couple of years, both of my daughters have moved home due to the downturn in the economy. With three households crammed into my house, it looked more like a storage shed than a home.

When it got down to the final three nominees, I felt odd about being in the running. As a small-business owner, I feel fortunate to still be in business. I'm not rich, as far as money goes, but I do manage to keep my bills paid. I expressed this to Jo Ellen – that I work for a living and am not destitute, and that there were probably other folks who needed it more. I asked to be taken out of the running.

She replied, "What goes around, comes around. Maybe this is your turn to receive."

My friend Valerie Schwartz came by with her truck and we filled the back with bags of blankets and various other items I had stowed in my bathroom closet, where they were considering putting the washer and dryer. We took the bags to the PTA Thrift Shop. Val spotted a lace tablecloth through the plastic.

"Oh," she said, "that looks nice."

"Don't even open the bag," I advised her. This was purge time.

The Fix-A-Home Committee had no way of knowing the can of worms they were opening up. The home inspector found pages of problems. Built in 1955, plumbing and electrical issues had to be addressed before laundry hook-ups could be

done, the backyard was overgrown, the roof had soft spots that needed to be fixed – to name just a few of the issues.

After assessing these issues, the group decided to move forward. This was not the two-day project they anticipated; it took months. Local-area businesses donated goods and skills to get it all done.

I was blown away, not only by the fact that all of these strangers were willing to help me, but by the kindness they showed during the process. Everyone showed up on time, with smiles on their faces.

Chuck Morton, a local realtor and friend who had recently hired me to design his website, showed up at my door one day.

"I'm here to help the plumber," he said. He also came back to help with the two-day final effort.

Jo Ellen and her husband, Bill Munsee, were primary players, coordinating everything and doing tons of work themselves. Interior designer Caroline Shillito showed me swatches, helped me make selections and met with the various providers. Alex Millager spent days building a beautiful brick walkway. No one ever made me feel inconvenienced by the process; in fact, quite the opposite.

The Fix-A-Home Committee is Christine Barnett, Brent Chambers, Terry Crook, Chris Guffey, Anne Hoole, Bill and Jo Ellen Munsee, Tara O'Donnell, Caroline Shillito and Betty Thompson.

Business contributions included Bagwell, Holt, Smith, Jones & Crowson; Ferguson; Fonville Morisey-Chapel Hill; Frazee Carpets; Fred Herndon Home Inspections; Garner Specialty Finishes; Gutter Solutions; Herndon Construction; Lawton Electric; N.C. Green Plumbing; PODS; Rice's Glass; Rubin's Bobcat Services; Sherwin Williams; The Home Team; Triangle Electrical Services; Two Men & a Truck; Well Grounded Landscape; Design and Build; Wood Done Right; and Yellow Dot Heating and Air Conditioning.

Volunteers included Elizabeth Anderson, Karen Apperson, Christine Barnett, Scott Barnes, Sam Brooks, Brett Bushnell, Brent Chambers, Chris Copley, Terry Crook, Janice Durham, Debbie Earp, Diana Eastwood, Kim Elliott, Mairead Garvey, Melanie Girard, Chris Guffey, Colleen Hall, Anne Hoole, Mike Humphreys, Mary Lisowsky, Chad Lloyd, Tom Mabrey, Leslie Mansfield, Andy Millager, Sue Millager, Becky Morris, Chuck Morton, Robin Mullis, Bill Munsee, Jo Ellen Munsee, Karen O'Dwyer, Jay Parker, Rachel Price, Alexis Rudolph, Caroline Shillito, Jennifer Stenner, Andrew Stults, Jackie Tanner, Betty Thompson, Larry Tollen, Mari Trosclair, Terri Turner, Maggie Tunstall, Bill Whitmore, Tom Wiltberger and Kathy Yusciewicz.

They have made a huge difference in my quality of life by fixing my home, and for that I am forever grateful.

LETTERS

Thanks to Meals on Wheels
volunteers

As Chapel Hill/Carrboro Meals on Wheels celebrates 35 years of "delivering more than meals" to adults who cannot prepare a meal for themselves, we would like to thank all of our many volunteer drivers, bakers and supporters for their dedicated service. Each weekday, our approximately 100 recipients get a friendly smile along with their hot meal, which is purchased from the K&W Cafeteria by the Meals on Wheels program. Once a week they also receive a newspaper provided by the Durham *Herald-Sun*, and twice a week Trader Joe's provides fresh fruit. Desserts are donated by Whole Foods to supplement the many desserts that are baked by our volunteers. These contributions enable us to provide important support for elders and the disabled who choose to live independently.

Our continued service to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area would not be possible without our 140-plus volunteers and the continued support of our donors. During our 35th anniversary year, we salute you all and thank you for all that you do for our community.

To learn more about our important service, visit our website, chcmow.org.

SUSAN WILLIAMS

Board chair, Chapel Hill/Carrboro Meals On Wheels

Proposed Family Dollar
would harm neighborhood

I moved with my husband and daughter to Carrboro three years ago when my husband took a position at Duke Hospital. We choose to live in Carrboro rather than Durham because we felt that Carrboro was a very special and unique place. We had heard that it was a place that valued community and put an emphasis on local business and taking care of its residents, regardless of race or socio-economic background. We have enjoyed living here these past three years, and have found these things to be mostly true.

However, since I heard about this proposed plan to build a Family Dollar store nearby where I live, I am beginning to think that perhaps I was wrong about the leaders of this town and what they value. I have a difficult time believing that the people who take pride in this supposedly community-oriented town will allow the opening of a business that will do nothing for Carrboro but seriously undermine a lovely neighborhood, destroy a peaceful and much-needed green space and bring an element of cheap consumerism to our town. If my family wished to live near a business like Family Dollar, we would certainly have chosen to pay a lower rent and live in Durham.

I sincerely hope that the decision-makers for this community will take a closer look at the ramifications of their choice and make a decision based on love of this unique place and its residents, rather than love of money.

SHELLY HEHENBERGER
Carrboro

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KIRK ROSS

Congratulations to all you Orange County residents who took

advantage of the early-voting period and cast your ballots in the elections.

In the first three days of early voting, 773 people voted in one of four sites available. Broken down, the tallies show 215 voted at the Orange County Board of Elections office in Hillsborough, 148 at Carrboro Town Hall, 146 at University Square and a whopping 264 at the Seymour Center.

The downtown tallies for both Carrboro and Chapel Hill are a little low due to the timing of fall break. Now that students are back and the towns are up to full speed, the numbers at Town Hall and U-Square should pick up.

Early voting is an important innovation in helping more people show up to vote. It's helpful in drawing in a broader representation of voters in the local races, and in the big election years like the one coming up, it aids in managing large turnouts, as it did in the last presidential cycle.

You may recall that in 2008, Orange County voters went to the polls early in record numbers. More than 55,000 voters cast their ballots early, compared to fewer than 20,000 who did so in the cold and snow on Election Day. The early vote was double that of the 2004 presidential contest and was a big part of the reason the county was able to record a healthy 77 percent turnout.

Orange County's numbers were part of a record 2.6 million early voters statewide.

Combined with other steps the state has taken to make it easier to get registered and vote, early voting has been responsible for allowing more people to participate in our democracy.

You'd think that would be something we could all agree is a good thing. But when it comes to politics these days, we don't agree about squat. And that's why after years of trying to get more people to vote, there are troubling signs that people in a position to rewrite the state's voting rules are changing course and trying to find ways to make getting registered and voting more difficult.

Vote suppression is not new, certainly not in North Carolina, where we are just a few scant decades from the time when intimidation was common currency and poll taxes and literacy tests were part of the political calculation.

This year, the legislature took a big step backward when, after a well-orchestrated campaign to inflate concern about voter fraud, it passed a Voter ID bill. Whether the measure really would stop anyone from committing fraud in the voting booth is dubious. What isn't debatable is that the bill would make it harder for people in demographics that tend to lean Democratic to vote. Thankfully, the governor vetoed the bill and the legislature failed to override the veto.

But some of the people who gather in Raleigh and write laws from time to time are determined to continue to mess with elections. The adjournment resolutions passed at the end of the session in June and the two subsequent mini-sessions include language allowing legislators broad authority to write and pass election laws. There is even a mechanism that would allow the legislature to pass local Voter ID bills, which are not subject to a veto, on a county-by-county basis.

Taken with a heavily partisan and polarized redistricting process and other efforts to make voting and registration tougher, it's clear that as long as the current leadership is in place in the General Assembly, they will find ways to game elections, not by getting more of their voters to the polls but by erecting barriers to voting that disproportionately affect the opposition.

I'm not sure what you call a system that relies on that tactic, but I'm pretty sure you can't call it democracy.

ENDORSEMENT LETTERS



Vote Foushee for alderman

It is my immense pleasure to write in support of my dear friend and colleague, Braxton Foushee. Braxton is currently serving as an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 411 of Union Baptist Church in Durham. As his scoutmaster, I must say that Braxton's honesty, loyalty and leadership impress me very much. It is from this vantage point that I am able to judge his character.

Braxton has been a mainstay in our troop for more than four years. With much enthusiasm, he quickly moved from committee advisor to a more active role as an assistant scoutmaster. He has demonstrated an incredible initiative and a strong dedication to our scouts that is both inspiring and motivating. Our troop would not have been successful without him.

Anyone who knows Braxton knows that he is a joyful and hardworking individual. He makes himself available to our scouts. He also works hard to build relationships with the parents of the scouts. He strives for excellence in all that he does. Because of his dedication, our troop has learned to work hard and set achievable goals.

I recommend Braxton Foushee with absolute confidence for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. As his scoutmaster and friend, I know he will work hard for the citizens of this town.

STANCL M. CLARK
Durham

Support Czajkowski for council

Matt Czajkowski brings a fresh, practical perspective to issues and instinctively helps others to find the right solutions to complex issues. Good government requires clear purpose, and Matt offers an unwavering commitment to common-sense ideas and action that Chapel Hill needs on the town council. I urge you to join me in keeping him on our town council.

CLIFF BUTLER
Chapel Hill

Vote Lavelle for alderman

Lydia Lavelle does a spectacular job not only on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, but as a guiding force throughout the Triangle community. Lydia sees the big picture; witness her influence on regional transportation and the Durham/Chapel Hill Metropolitan Planning Organization. On the home front, she's unfailingly mindful of citizen concerns.

Carrboro voters can reelect Lydia Lavelle with the same confidence she displays in keeping our "small town" on the map.

CATHERINE DEVINE
Carrboro

Vote Voller for Pittsboro mayor

You have an important date with your future when you go to the polls on Nov. 8 to elect your mayor. And your current mayor, Randolph Voller, is the No. 1!

Voller is a stand-up mayor who has focused on Pittsboro's needs. During three terms as mayor, it's become clear that his eye is on what is practical and what is needed now; he has not been involved with the rhetoric of inaction that is clearly the platform of his opponent. Nor is he one of a large number of N.C. politicians who have been paid off by the state's big money man, Art Pope!

On the contrary, Voller worked hard to: improve the water and sewer operations in Pittsboro; fight for increases in urban green space and recreational areas; focus on a resurgence of downtown economic development; push for – and receive – some \$2.6 million in federal stimulus to upgrade Pittsboro's water and sewer operations; and make certain, within his authority as mayor, to assure citizens of a transparent and democratically

open government.

But more than that, he has shown himself to be a strong player in both the county and the state when there are issues that involve the present and future of Pittsboro's status. And it is this long-term vision that has made him well known among so many people who do not live in Pittsboro but understand that as Pittsboro goes, so goes Chatham County – and beyond!

There is more to underline the positive character of this dynamic mayor, but we know that Pittsboro's citizens are of one mind: Vote for Randolph Voller for mayor on Nov. 8!

BILL SOMMERS
Pittsboro

Support Johnson for alderman

I am proud to support Michelle Johnson for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. Michelle was one of the first people I met when my family was getting ready to move to the area. What struck me then was her solid support of Carrboro as she tried to persuade our family to make our home here as she has. As I've gotten to know Michelle better, I'm even more impressed. She is a social worker, an artist, a yoga instructor and an activist. Even more, she is a wonderful listener, an invaluable trait in a government leader. Michelle knows how critical it is for community members to speak up on issues important to them, and she is eager to hear our opinions and work with us to make Carrboro an even better place.

NATALIE VIZUETE
Chapel Hill

Vote Coleman for alderman

I first met Alderman Dan Coleman in 1989 when we worked together to elect Jacquelyn Gist and Mike Nelson to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. His strong love for the town of Carrboro has motivated him to be involved in local politics over the past three decades and recently motivated him to put himself forward as a candidate for the board of aldermen. Dan is an out-of-the-box thinker who has wrestled for a long time with the issues of sustainability and how to maintain and enhance the things that make Carrboro a fun and stimulating place to live. Please join me in supporting him this election.

GREG GANGI
Carrboro

Support Lavelle for alderman

Carrboro has been fortunate to have Lydia Lavelle on its board of aldermen for the last four years. Lydia has shown herself to be a leader. Serving on local and regional transportation committees, as well as on the board of the Orange County Visitors Bureau, she is an alderman with a lot of knowledge. She also bases her votes on what is best for the whole of Carrboro.

Lydia will help our town grow and expand its economic base in smart and sustainable ways, while preserving the things that make Carrboro great. Please join me in voting for Lydia Lavelle for Carrboro alderman.

HEIDI PERRY
Carrboro

Vote Barrett for school board

Please join me in supporting James Barrett for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education. I have known James for about 15 years and know him to be a good guy who is very involved in our community. I have spoken to him many times about the issues that parents of exceptional children face and have found him to be thoughtful and supportive. He has been involved in Justice United for several years and understands the issues in our community and I feel he can speak for the families in our community who find it difficult to speak for themselves. Specifically, he has knowledge of the Myanmar refugees and Hispanic newcomers and their is-

sues. He grew up in this district and has two children in the district. James regularly volunteers in classrooms. James has done his homework – I have seen him at many school board meetings and I feel he understands the issues our district faces. He is taking his candidacy seriously and has put other community activities temporarily on hold in order to give his campaign the attention it deserves. In this time of economic uncertainty, we need school board members who can stand back and look at the big picture and do what is best for all of our children. I believe James Barrett can do just that.

LINDA VARBLOW
Chair, Special Needs Advisory Council

Vote Castellano for school board

Please consider voting for Kris Castellano for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education this Nov. 8. I began volunteering with Kris when our children started kindergarten in this district in 2001. We started as classroom volunteers and room parents and progressed to elected positions. Kris served on the School Improvement Teams (SIT) at the elementary, middle and high school level, while I served on the PTA boards for these schools. I have witnessed the countless volunteer hours logged by Kris in our schools due to working closely with her on these different but complementary positions. She has also served on many different district committees and has co-chaired the Spanish Dual Language Parent Group with me for many years. She is comfortable and confident addressing the needs of all staff, parents and students at the schools. She is an active listener, organized and is always willing to research an issue in order to follow up appropriately. She works hard for all students and is an advocate for families that are not well represented when it comes to creating school policies. I urge you to elect Kris Castellano for school board so she may be a voice for all students and their families.

TAMMY LEMOINE
Chapel Hill

Support the quarter-cent sales tax

Whether as a clerk in a corner store or in a corner office of a large business, jobs are a key factor to the economic health of Orange County. We need jobs at all skill and salary levels for the citizens of our county. If passed, the monies raised by a quarter-cent sales tax increase would be split between economic-development initiatives and schools.

Monies directed to economic development would help pay for infrastructure, a small-business revolving-loan fund and several other programs to promote and support our efforts to attract new companies and retain those that are currently here. For me, it is a clear choice: Failure to provide funds will prevent development of infrastructure and support programs which will have a negative effect on our ability to attract companies and the jobs they bring. Without those potential jobs, many of our citizens may have to endure long commutes or relocate in order to support their families.

Another area that will benefit from the passage of this referendum is the education of our children. A well-educated work force, at all levels, is a major decision point when companies consider moving to a new community, and in this, Orange County ranks among the best. To ensure our schools stay among the best, we must maintain/upgrade our school facilities so that we can provide the best learning environments possible. Again, for me, it is simple: Without well-maintained schools, the quality of our children's education will suffer and their ability to compete in the job market of the future will be compromised.

My support for this proposal is based on the belief that it will benefit our county through job growth. Therefore, I ask that you vote "FOR" on the quarter-cent

sales-tax referendum on Nov. 8.

EARL MCKEE
Orange County Board of Commissioners

Supporting Coleman, Lavelle and Johnson for aldermen

Please vote for Dan Coleman, Lydia Lavelle and Michelle Johnson for Carrboro Board of Aldermen. Dan and Lydia bring experience to the operation and success of the current board. They will continue to serve the public well. Michelle has a fresh and imaginative approach to town government and will work with all members to make the board of aldermen one of the best in a long time.

FRANCES SHETLEY
Carrboro

Vote Bell for council

When deciding for whom to vote for local elected office, we look for brains and the guts to use them. Donna Bell has demonstrated on the Chapel Hill Town Council that she considers each issue in front of the council carefully, asks the right questions to fully understand the issue and votes in the best interest of all Chapel Hillians. As demonstrated by her pushing for an ombudsman program, she is a great leader, representing "Chapel Hill values," and giving a voice to many who are not part of our local political conversations. Even when we don't agree with her, we truly appreciate her openness to considering all viewpoints and honesty in sharing her conclusions. If you are looking for better government that works for everyone in our town, please join us in voting for Donna Bell on Nov. 8 or in early voting.

JAMES AND SHARON BARRETT
Chapel Hill

Support Storrow and Johnson for council, aldermen

With great excitement I learned that two young, progressive and impressive candidates were running for office in both Carrboro and Chapel Hill – Michelle Johnson in Carrboro and Lee Storrow in Chapel Hill. I couldn't be happier. Both our towns will be enhanced by these leaders. Both are dedicated to diversity in the community and building a tax base while sustaining and enhancing services for those most in need. Michelle Johnson is especially inspired to focus on affordable housing and looks forward to serving on the Board of Aldermen. Lee Storrow, running for Chapel Hill Town Council, is youthful and yet already an experienced community advocate and leader with a special emphasis on health policy. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and works for the Alliance for Health. He interned for me at NC Prevention Partners and that's where I became aware of how talented and smart he was. I ask that my friends in both towns vote for Michelle and Lee as they forge their way into what I hope will be exciting political careers and involvement. They are current leaders with great potential to be even stronger future leaders.

MELVA FAGER OKUN
Carrboro

Support the quarter-cent sales tax

The quarter-cent sales-tax vote is back! And Orange County Justice United supports a "yes" vote. Why?

Because the money is needed for economic development throughout the county to keep the jobs we have and create new ones.

Because it is essential to help our schools make up for funds lost due to state and federal budget cuts.

Because we need strong schools to attract and keep good businesses in Orange County.

Because we don't want to tax just the homeowners of the coun-

ty to accomplish these goals.

Voting "yes" means the average Orange County resident will pay about \$18 extra this year with this sales-tax increase. But the state already lowered the sales tax by one cent, so you will actually be seeing a reduction! And there is no tax on medicine, groceries and gas.

Justice United is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of institutions that work together for the common good of the county. We understand that it takes a whole community working together across race, faith and economic status to ensure that our values, hopes and visions for a better Orange County translate into concrete actions. The health and financial stability of our community are important to us. We strongly believe that this sales-tax increase is the best way to raise the money we need for our schools and for our future economic stability. Please consider voting "yes." Early voting starts Oct. 20 and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

MOLLY DEMARCO AND TISH GALU
Strategy Team Members, Orange County Justice United

Support Castellano for school board

Please join me in voting for Kris Castellano for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education. Kris has a proven decade-long commitment to volunteering in our local schools, from the classroom level to district-wide committee work. For eight years, she has steadfastly served on School Improvement Teams (SIT), chairing the committees and serving as liaison to the district from the schools she represents. She has been an instrumental champion for the dual-language program – acknowledging the importance of foreign-language study as a tool for student success.

By serving on many district committees, Kris has gained an understanding of the complex processes involved in establishing school-district policies. Her experience on district committees will be an asset in this year of transitioning the first newly hired superintendent in two decades. In this year of change, Kris' knowledge and hands-on experience in the district will be essential to serving on the board of education.

Kris is committed to improving upon and creating effective communication channels between all students, teachers, administrators and parents. She strongly believes that engaging in open dialogue is what it will take to move the district closer to its goals. She has a cooperative spirit, a talent for problem solving, a concerned ear for listening and a resourcefulness that she will use to seek answers to difficult issues and questions.

With three children currently enrolled in the district's schools, Kris has a broad view of the issues. Above all, it is her extensive volunteer experience that gives her a comprehensive understanding of the needs of the student population at large. It is clear to me that Kris will add a new level of commitment, a fresh take on communication and a movement toward the goal of academic and social growth for every student.

Please join me by casting your vote for a dedicated, experienced and knowledgeable parent volunteer. Vote for Kris Castellano for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education on Nov. 8.

LYNN LEHMANN
Chapel Hill

Barrett responds to constituents

A few weeks ago, I had emailed a question to be answered at the school board candidate forum. I was unable to attend the forum, and my question was not chosen to be asked. After reading the notes, I still wanted my question answered. I emailed all the candidates directly, and they answered in a quick and responsive manner; however, I was pleasantly surprised that James Barrett already had the answer prepared on his website, on top of emailing me a personal response. I thought that was a very good idea, and

folks should go to his website and have a look!

BOBBIE CARAHER
Chapel Hill

Support Czajkowski for council

We chose to move to Chapel Hill for the quality of life here – it is an amazing place that we are fortunate to call home. But Chapel Hill faces fundamental challenges that will determine our future.

Our tax base is unsustainably lopsided. Our beautiful collegiate downtown (with the potential to be one of the best downtowns in the nation) is dysfunctional. We need a workable vision plan.

I encourage everyone to visit www.mattfortownnc.org to learn more about Matt Czajkowski and his proven track record and passion for Chapel Hill – we need Matt's experience, reason and skills on our town council more than ever.

A. CARTER LINSTEAD
Chapel Hill

Support Bedford, Burroughs, Kelley, Streater and Castellano for school board

Jamezetta Bedford, Mia Burroughs, Mike Kelley and Annetta Streater have shown the needed knowledge for our transitioning school system. They each intend for every student to count and want to retain good teachers. Kris Castellano is similarly experienced and competent for the current challenges. Reelect Jamezetta, Mia, Mike and Annetta. Elect Kris Castellano also to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

LYNNE KANE
Chapel Hill

Vote Barrett for school board

Please join us in voting for James Barrett for Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board. James will bring a balanced perspective to the issues facing our district. He is a committed community and school volunteer, and a thoughtful and caring parent. His professional-management and budget experience from his decades at IBM will offer our schools a breadth of sound decision-making. Jay and I wholeheartedly support James Barrett for CHCCS School Board.

GINA BURNS AND JAY FULKERSON
Chapel Hill

Vote Czajkowski for council

Recently, I was talking with another Chapel Hill resident about our property taxes. Both of us had moved from the county to the city years ago, and we were enumerating the services that came with the rise in our bills. We cited things like plowing and trash pickup, but, for both of us, the most important thing we felt we paid for with our taxes was a vibrant, safe, inclusive place in which to live. We worried that, in a time of economic scarcity, the things we love about Chapel Hill might be put at risk. Chapel Hill faces many challenges in 2011, and it's crucial that we have intelligent, careful, pragmatic leadership.

That's why I am enthusiastically endorsing Matt Czajkowski for reelection to the Chapel Hill Town Council. I've known Matt for more than 10 years and have tremendous respect for him personally and as a leader. Matt is willing to look at all sides of an issue, to ask tough questions and to work toward solutions that work. He has the skills to understand both our budgets and our community's concerns. He is a responsive, ethical leader.

Now, more than ever, we need excellent leadership for the town we love. So, please, join me in reelecting Matt Czajkowski to the Chapel Hill Town Council.

DABNEY GRINNAN
CHAPEL HILL

CARRBORO FIELD HOCKEY DEFEATS CHAPEL HILL



Carrboro goalie Kira Castle makes a save during the shootout.

The Carrboro High School field hockey team defeated Chapel Hill High School last week in a shootout following two overtime periods, after a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation play.

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Carrboro's Claire Scott protects goalie Colette Winkler.



Carrboro's Neela Mahanty fights for the ball.

School Briefs



Paw Say and her cousins Mya Kyi and Cho Cho Aye enjoy the international food at Frank Porter Graham Elementary's Diversity Night last week. PHOTO BY TIKI GWYNNE

Diversity Night at FPG

Frank Porter Graham Elementary School held its Diversity Night last week. One of every five students at FPG speaks English as a second language, and nearly half of those students are refugees from war-torn Burma. In addition to celebrating the 40 nationalities represented at the school, the night marked the occasion of the school's first School of Distinction ranking in five years.

Carrboro bike ride

The Town of Carrboro will hold the first Kidical Mass event, a 3-mile bike ride starting and ending at Carrboro Elementary School, on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The event is open to children of all ages and families are encouraged to ride together. A police escort will accompany riders. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bike and helmet, and healthy snacks will be provided.

Helmets are required. For more information or to reserve a helmet, contact bikes@recyclery.org

CHCCS nutrition awarded

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Child Nutrition Department was honored with 11 awards at last week's statewide Child Nutrition Conference. All 10 system elementary schools earned bronze-level recognition in the Healthier U.S. School Challenge Awards, while the district was honored with a 2010-11 Alliance for a Healthier Generation Award. Both awards recognize the district's commitment to improving the nutrition of meals served in school cafeterias.

New standards for CHCCS

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools teachers have started professional development on the new educational standards set for statewide implementation in fall 2012. The new standards emphasize critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Teachers were introduced to the new standards during the CHCCS Summer Institute and started using professional-development activities based on these standards last week. Students are expected to see fewer topics at each grade level, but to delve much deeper into them.

State education chair pays a visit

State Board of Education Chair Bill Harrison visited Ephesus Elementary School last week. He met with Superintendent Tom Forcella, Principal Victoria Creamer and Assistant Principal Tony Srithai. Creamer and Srithai escorted Harrison throughout the building and into several classrooms to observe the school's instructional activities.

CHCCS/OCS career expo

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and Orange County Schools will hold a career expo on Nov. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at University Mall. The event will feature vendors representing more than 80 careers. This is the event's fourth year, and vendors enjoy sharing information with students, parents, teachers and other guests.

Call 967-8211 for more information.

Football Scores

CARRBORO (7-3, 2-2)

Oct. 21: defeated Granville Central, 57-22
Oct. 28: at Providence Grove

CHAPEL HILL (9-1, 3-1)

Oct. 21: defeated Southern Vance, 17-12
Oct. 28: at Orange

EAST CHAPEL HILL (2-8, 2-3)

Oct. 21: lost to Hillside, 45-7
Oct. 28: at Person

ORANGE (5-5, 2-2)

Oct. 21: lost to Cardinal Gibbons, 35-20

Oct. 28: vs. Chapel Hill

CEDAR RIDGE (3-7, 1-2)

Oct. 21: lost to South Granville, 49-28

Oct. 28: vs. Northwood

NORTHWOOD (3-6, 2-1)

Oct. 21: defeated Union Pines, 42-7

Oct. 28: at Cedar Ridge

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The vote came after Steve Dear, who signed the petition, asked the board at its meeting to repeal the ordinance, and said he planned to start eating lunch on the corner next week.

"I find this to be unfortunate that we have to get to a point where we have citizens pointing out the inconsistencies of our application of this law and challenging us," Slade said.

Lavelle agreed. "There's not going to be any kind of constitutional argument someone's going to make to me to change that vote," she said.

The board is scheduled to revisit the issue on Nov. 22, and those who voted against the ordinance's repeal said they wanted to wait to consider it then so that neighbors

would be aware that they were doing so.

Broun said she felt those who live close to the corner should have been informed that the motion to repeal was going to be raised.

"It seems to me to be a lack of due process that's happening right now," she said, adding that behavior at that corner has been "an on-going problem."

In June, the board voted to take another look at the ordinance. Earlier that month, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice sent a letter to the town alleging that the ordinance is unconstitutional on First Amendment grounds and stating that it is "overbroad and vague" and has interfered with workers' ability to obtain employment during the late-morning and early-afternoon hours.

"What you're doing right now is actually a crime," Chris Brook, staff attorney with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, told gatherers at the corner on Tuesday morning.

"It looks like we're not going to have a problem being here this morning ... so we also potentially have a selective enforcement issue,"

he added.

Rafael Gallegos, associate director of the Chapel Hill and Carrboro Human Rights Center, told the crowd Tuesday that the current economic climate makes finding work that much harder for day laborers, whose families rely on them. The ordinance makes obtaining jobs especially difficult for day laborers in the winter months, during which many jobs are completed during the warmest part of the day, after 11 a.m.

Elimination of the ordinance "will send a message to those individuals that this community is interested in their well being," Gallegos said.

Angel Martinez, a day laborer who lives in Abbey Court Apartments, said that finding work as a day laborer has become one of his only options as manufacturing and restaurant jobs have dried up, and that the ordinance makes finding day-labor jobs much more difficult.

Elizabeth Haddix, a staff attorney for the UNC Center for Civil Rights, said the ordinance is a violation of both the first and 14th amendments.

It has "an avert and intentional

racial and discriminatory impact, which violates the 14th

Amendment," she said.

Haddix added that while some argue that the ordinance is needed to address issues of littering, public consumption and harassment, "state laws and the town code already address these offenses."

"This ordinance prohibits a person's very presence on this corner," she added.

Chris Kreutzer, who lives across the street from the corner, said he had no problem with day laborers using the corner to find work, but that "this corner has a lot of problems unassociated with people looking for work."

"People come here to drink. Prostitutes use this parking lot," he said, adding that people use the bathroom in his yard.

While there are laws in place to prevent such behavior, "They have clearly failed miserably on this corner," Kreutzer said.

He acknowledged that the ordinance is "imperfect," but, he added, "Until we find a better solution, I am very much in favor of it."



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tradition, going so far as to initiate a campaign to have the persimmon declared the state fruit. Sadly, not enough enthusiasts gathered around that cause. The scuppernon grape (*Vitis rotundifolia*) was declared the official State Fruit in 2001. But scuppernon is a vine, so it's appropriate to pick up the torch and lobby for the persimmon to become our official State Native Fruit Tree.

In the meantime, persimmons will be dropping fruit for several more weeks, so find yourself a tree and make daily visits to collect those ripened fruits from the ground before the possums and other critters beat you to it. Make certain the persimmon is ripe, soft to the touch; you'll never put an un-ripened one in your mouth a second time!

Most folks use persimmons for pudding and bread recipes, or beer. I prefer simply eating a ripe one as it is, and the pure pulp makes a great ice cream topping. Save the flat, long-oval, dark-brown seeds and plant them in the ground where you want your own persimmon trees. Plant several seeds some feet apart, for you need male and female trees if you want fruit.

I have my eye on what may be a dwarf tree growing along a roadside near Alamance Battleground. It produces abundantly every year and has the largest, most delicious fruit I've ever tasted. I'm taking Matt Gocke, the botanical garden's tree propagator extraordinaire, to see that tree. I hope Matt will succeed in producing lots of offspring from that tree, and I'd like to call them all, "Persimmon Pete's Delight."

What I am missing is Pete Ivey's persimmon recipe. Somehow I've missed obtaining it. I hope one of you out there has or remembers it. Please forward it to flora@carrborocitizen.com so it can be shared.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at *The Annotated Flora* (carrborocitizen.com/flora).



These Alamance County persimmons have breadth of more than 1.5 inches. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



A robust dwarf persimmon tree grows in rural Alamance County. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Postscript to a protest, University Day redux

As a postscript to the Speaker Ban marker dedication on the UNC campus: There were so many magical moments from that University Day celebration, but here's one "decisive moment" that will resonate with this photographer for a long time: the delight on the faces of Speaker Ban Law protesters spotting themselves and pals in the panoramic crowd shot of the historic demonstration on McCorkle Place, March 2, 1966 – 45 years after that event. My comrades-in-arms are, left to right: my wife, Lynne Vernon-Feagans; School of Education Dean Bill McDiarmid; Eric Van Loon; and James Medford. When I asked Medford, now a lawyer in Greensboro, for his take on the day, he wrote: "... the dedication of this marker reminded me again of the fact, often quoted in various forms, that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. The crowd of students who showed up for the speech by Frank Wilkinson, which Eric and I were looking at in your photo, were citizens attempting to exercise their rights under the First Amendment to the Constitution, which the Speaker Ban law had denied them. The amendment bears repeating: 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.'" When I asked the same question of Van Loon, now a Boston mediator who is the elected town moderator in Concord, Mass., he reflected: "On University Day, I was reminded of the political courage of the UNC student leaders, ambitious to run for future office, who risked being called pro-Communist but who (like those heralded in JFK's *Profiles in Courage*) risked their political futures to stand up for free speech and Constitutional rights."



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