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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Even in seed stage, hyssopleaf Eupatorium makes a nice roadside arrangement.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Oh, no; not another

emember that large

scientific name refer-

ring to some ancient king who

was a poison antidote? Back in August, I described the many

merits of boneset, Eupatorium

perfoliatum, and more recently,

two more Eupatoriums, flat-

dog-fennel.

topped, blue flowered agera-

Please have patience as I

indulge in describing another

begin bud formation. Single

populations of them begin calling attention to themselves

multi-stemmed plants or whole

along the roadsides, where not

in the path of frequent mowing.

Standing one to two feet

clouds hovering just above the

ground. Well, that's the image I

pull up whenever seeing them,

and I enjoy weeks of roadside

viewing as they gradually turn

from pale-green to pure-white

when they reach full flowering

we move into the early weeks

of winter, those plants are still

attractive as grayish dried ar-

rangements that last into the

opmental stages of this plant

are effective as a base or filler for flower arrangements.

dead of winter. All three devel-

in September-October. Now as

tall, they look like puffy little

Eupatorium. I begin noticing it

in early August, when the characteristic flat-topped inflores-

tum and the towering, feathery

thought one of the species

genus of wildflowers in the aster (composite) plant family with the

Eupatorium!

Kleinschmidt, Chilton, win

Rich, Pease take council seats; Easthom, Harrison re-elected

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

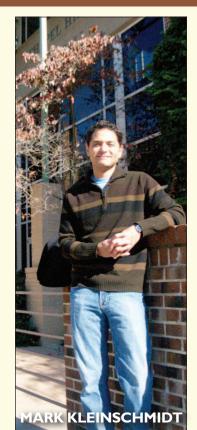
CHAPEL HILL — On Wednesday morning, Chapel Hill Mayor-elect Mark Kleinschmidt was sitting relaxed, coffee in hand, just outside the office now occupied by his predecessor, Kevin Foy.

In between receiving congratulations as various staff passed by, he was relating the events of the previous evening with Town Manager Roger Stancil, particularly the surreal experience of lights and cameras recording his every move.

Asked what the two had planned for the day, the new mayor quipped, "I think I'm planning what's for breakfast."

For now, the pressure of the campaign is off and there's at least some time to decompress, but Kleinschmidt said he's fully aware that the tight race, which

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Gist, Haven-O'Donnell, Slade victorious

BY BETH MECHUM

Staff Writer

Election season has come and gone, but the Carrboro Board of Aldermen will have a decidedly familiar look.

Voters re-elected Mayor Mark Chilton, who garnered more than 70 percent of the votes, with 1,658. They also returned aldermen Jacquie Gist and Randee Haven-O' Donnell, with 24.84 percent (1,507 votes) and 23.92 percent (1,451), respectively.

Sammy Slade will be the new face on the board, filling the seat left empty by John Herrera's departure, having received 24.09 percent of the votes (1,461).

Mayoral candidates Brian Voyce and Amanda Ashley received 19.56 percent (450 votes) and 7.43 percent (171), respectively.

Alderman hopefuls Sharon Cook and Tim Peck received 14.89 percent (903) and 11.49 percent (697), respectively.



Soon, the campaign signs will be pulled up, the fliers will be recycled and the town will get to business as usual. But for the elected, the work has just begun.

"Now is when the real work happens," Slade said. "One of the challenges, considering all of the significant bold actions I would like to see happen, is continual and sustained participation from the community."

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cences, the term for a plant's flowering branch structure,

For R.D. and Euzelle Smith, new school is a sort of homecoming

BY KATE GRIESMANN

The Smiths at the site of the future school in Northside.

Staff Writer

up at Open Eye.

CHAPEL HILL — The Northside neighborhood, once the heart of educational opportunities for Orange County's black students, is now the stomping grounds for another kind of student: those in the years between dorm rooms and graduation caps. In recent years, families have been moving out of the neighborhood, with the single-family homes now mostly being occupied by college students, drawn to Northside by the allure of cheap rent and being only blocks from campus. But, as the proposed site for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School system's newest school, college students may soon be sharing space with yellow school buses and backpack-toting

When it opens, Elementary School 11 will have strong ties to the district's past — not just in its placement, but also in its neighbors. R.D. and Euzelle Smith, for whom Smith Middle School is named, are two of the few longtime residents still living in the neighborhood and live just down the street from where the new school will be built.

"I told my wife when I came out of the service, 'I want a car," said R.D. with a chuckle. "She said,

'Honey, I want a house.' So, I built this house—and then I bought a car." That was in 1950, and R.D. and Euzella, age 91 and 90, respectively, have been there ever since.

After nearly 60 years of watching the neighborhood from their front porch, it's likely the Smiths know Northside better than anyone else. "It's gone from a single-family neighborhood to a student-oriented neighborhood," R.D. said. Through that transition, the homes have gotten a little worse for wear, and the sense of community that once existed has all but disappeared.

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Next up: filling a vacancy

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The swearing in of the new mayor and council members takes place in early December, but the constitution of the town's governing body will be incomplete until they take up the vacancy left by the resignation of Bill Strom early in the campaign season.

Strom, whose term would have expired December 2011, resigned on Aug. 1, after the end of the filing period. The timing meant that the vacancy would not be added to the ballot.

Mayor-elect Mark Kleinschmidt said the timing also put him and his colleagues in a tough

"I think given the division in our town that was so clearly defined in last night's results, it didn't leave us in a healthy place," Kleinschmidt said.

He said he thought it had been important that the current council signal to the voters that their expression on Election Day would matter. Agreeing to defer the decision to the new council, Kleinschmidt said, also was important to reassure voters.

He was happy to wait for the new council and said the decision not to automatically appoint the fifth-place finisher to the election was important.

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Author and BALLE proponent Michael Shuman discusses the BALLE effort with (I to r) Tim Peck, Sammy Slade Michael Maher and Dan Coleman at a recent meet

BY BETH MECHUM

Staff Writer

BALLE effort planned to boost local economy

On the heels of the town's recent Local Living Economy Task Force, members of the newly created Carrboro Local Motive effort say they hope to distill ideas discussed on the task force to stimulate local business in Carrboro.

Over the past month, the new group has held a couple of preliminary events and hopes to soon announce an official launch. Its stated mission is to create "an independent business network building on Carrboro's current resources to provide guidance and support to existing as well as new locally owned businesses."

Leaders say they've applied to become a network member of The Business Alliance for Local Living Econo-

mies (BALLE), which is a national network of local living economies

Ienny McMillan, owner of Nested, said the application is finalized and being processed, and she expects BALLE's acceptance in the next couple of days.

Michael Maher, owner of Wootini, said the group is focusing on creating awareness and getting more local businesses involved and aware of Local Motive's existence. So far, there have been a couple of interest meetings, and Maher said there are already many ideas on how to stimulate the local economy.

"We are creating an awareness campaign to get people to realize when they spend their money locally, it has much greater impact than driving to Southpoint or buying online," Maher said.

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music calendar



THURSDAY NOV 5

ArtsCenter: Sid 'N' Susie. 8pm.

Blue Bayou: West Trinity. 9pm Cats Cradle: The Jesus Lizard, Hex Machine. 9:30pm. \$20

The Cave: LATE: Chase Rice, Randy Whitt and Scatterbones. \$5 General Store Cafe: Bernie

Petteway. 7-9pm Local 506: F**k Buttons, Growing.

9:30pm. \$10 Nightlight: Old Bricks, Hymns-Ventricles, Attached Hands. 9:30pm.

FRIDAY NOV 6

ArtsCenter: Malcolm Holcombel 8:30pm. \$15

Blue Bayou: Room to Breathe. 9:30pm

Cats Cradle: The Old Ceremony, Modern Skirts. 9:30pm. \$10

The Cave: LATE: Vinyl Strangers,

General Store Cafe: Honey Dewdrops. 8:30pm

Harry's Market: Shawn Deena.

Local 506: Le Loup, Yardwork, Doug Keith. 9:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Blind Tiger String Band, Katie Herzog, Gmish Klexmer Band.

Open Eye Cafe: Hudson South.

SATURDAY NOV 7

ArtsCenter: April Verch Band. 8:30pm. \$15

Blue Bayou: Swamp Doctors. 9:30pm

Cats Cradle: Chatham County Line, Mandolin Orange. 9pm.

The Cave: EARLY: Rev. Brandon Hayes. LATE: Joe Swank and The

Zen Pirates, The New Town Drunks Local 506: Ezra Furman and The Harpoons, Middle Distance Runner.

Nightlight: Vanguard, Bad Idea, Shoot First. 10pm. \$5

Resevoir: Zoe Mulford, 8pm

SUNDAY NOV 8

Cats Cradle: Say Anything, Eisley Moneen, Miniature Tigers. 7pm.

Truckstop, Coffee Solo, Joshua Panda and the A-OKs Nightlight: The White Cascade,

The Cave: LATE: John Pardue,

Boat Burning, Starmount. 9:30pm.

THURSDAY NOV 12 Cats Cradle: Simplified. 9pm.

The Cave: EARLY: Will West LATE: The Sinful Savage Tigers

General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck. 7pm

Local 506: Lake Inferior, The Honored Guests, Gift Horse. 9:30pm. \$7

Nightlight: Impossible Arms. Pairdown, A Hope For A Golden Summer. 9:30pm. \$6

FRIDAY NOV 13

ArtsCenter: Intimacies.8pm. \$15

Blue Bayou: Cyril Lance and the Outskirts of Infinity. 9:30pm

Cats Cradle: Minus The Bear, Twin Tigers. 9pm. \$18/\$20

The Cave: Blackbeard's Lost Weekend with Pinche Gringo and The Lonesome Chihuahuas, Satan's Youth ministers, The Humms,

General Store Cafe: Mandolin Orange. 8:30-11pm

The Cave: Endway, The Youngers

Local 506: The Hidden Cameras,

Gentleman Reg. 9:30pm. \$10

ArtsCenter: Alela Diane and

Cats Cradle: Blind Pilot, The Low

The Cave: LATE: Silent Cinema,

Local 506: The Blakes. 9:30pm. \$8

Resevoir: Atlas Moth, Systems, Hog

Cats Cradle: The Get Up Kids,

Kevewn Devine, Mansions. 8pm.

The Cave: LATE: Spring Tiger,

9:30pm. \$8/\$10

Engine. 8:30pm. \$26

9:30pm. \$15/\$17

8pm

Local 506: The Devil Makes Three.

WEDNESDAY NOV II

Blue Bayou: Exxon Valdez Trio.

Cats Cradle: Lotus, Big Gigantic.

ArtsCenter: Steve Kimock Crazy

marissa Nader. 8:30pm. \$10

Anthem. 9pm,. \$10/\$12

One Man Machine. \$5

TUESDAY NOV 10

MONDAY NOV 9

Harry's Market: Demetri Resnick

Local 506: Times New Viking, Axemen, Whatever Brains. 9:30pm. \$10/\$12

Nightlight: Hawnay Troof, VVAQQRT, Kinoeye.

SATURDAY NOV 14

Blue Bayou: The Jacob Johnson Band. 9:30pm

Cats Cradle: Dan Auerbach, Justin Townes Earle, Jessica Lea Mayfield. 9pm. \$20

The Cave: Blackbeard's Lost Weekend with Dirty Little Heaters, The Electric Cycles, Nervous Habits, Rough Hands, Thee Crucials

General Store Cafe: OLLI New Horizons Swing Band. 8:30

Local 506: Fin Fang Foom, Ben Davis and The Jetts, Maple Stave.

Nightlight: The Binary Marketing Show, A Is Jump, Standard Minerals.

Resevoir: PJ Pacifico. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT



"O is for Owl"

Pen-and-ink watercolor by Clay Carmichael

15th annual open studio tour Nov. 7-8 & Nov 14-15

The Orange County Artists Guild will hold its 15th annual open studio tour Nov. 7-8 and again on Nov. 14-15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on the Sundays.

This event offers an opportunity to get to know local artists and to see not only their art, but their methods. Browsers and buyers alike are welcome. Visitors can inquire about commissions for larger pieces, serials, portraits and installations. In many cases, artists allow prospective buyers to take a work home for a few days on approval. For a list of all participating 2009 artists and locations, visit ibiblio.org/ocag/events







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11/21 STEEP CANYON RANGERS W/SHANNON WHITWORTH**(\$12) 0 11/23 FLICKER

TTACK O THE 50' REELS* FR 11/27 POST TURKEY DAY JAM

EMILIE AUTUMN**(\$15) **DAVE RAWLINGS** MACHINE**(\$20)

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CHRISTMAS SHOW**(\$14/\$16) TH 12/3 MIKE POSNER W/BIG SEAN**(\$15)



FR 12/4 WXYC 80S **DANCE****

SA 12/5 SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS**(\$12/\$14)

SU 12/6 RAEKWON**(\$17/\$20) TH 12/10 BRENDAN BENSON W/COREY CHISEL**(\$15)

FR 12/14 STREET DOGS, **ROGER MIRET AND** THE DISASTERS, STIGMA**(\$12)

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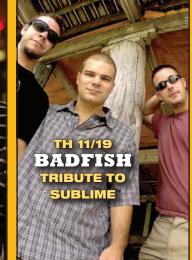
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OWASA mistake

OWASA said that it made an error in bills sent on Oct. 16 to 500, or about 2 percent, of its customers. Water use by the 500 non-residential customers in early October was incorrectly charged at the peak seasonal water rate of \$7.09 instead of the new off-peak seasonal rate of \$3.73, which went into effect on Oct. 1.

OWASA's next bill for these customers will include a credit to correct the affected customers' balances. The affected nonresidential customers are in Carrboro, the Southern Village and downtown Chapel Hill.

Individually metered residential customers, who pay increasing block water-conservation rates, are not affected.

UNC Homecoming this weekend

The UNC Homecoming parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 on Franklin Street. The parade, which will last for approximately 45 minutes, will begin at 11 a.m. at Columbia and Franklin streets. It will proceed east on Franklin Street past the Morehead Planetarium and then turn south onto Raleigh Road and continue into campus toward Cameron Avenue. The street will only be closed while the parade is in procession and will be

For all parade questions, call 962-5201 or email homecoming2009@gmail.com. For information on game day activities and transit options, visit touchdowntown.com

Veteran's Day at UNC.

More than 100 ROTC cadets and midshipmen will assemble in dress uniforms at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 for the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at UNC.

The free public ceremony will be outdoors at the Carolina Alumni Memorial in Memory of Those Lost in Military Service on Cameron Avenue. The memorial honors university alumni killed during wartime, from the Civil War to the Gulf War.

Members of the university and local communities, including veterans, are invited to attend. Limited parking is available in town pay lots off Rosemary Street. Attendees are invited to a reception after the ceremony.

For more information, call the aerospace studies department in the College of Arts and Sciences at 962-2074.

UNC American Indian Heritage Month

Performances and crafts will take over the Pit on Carolina's campus midday on Mondays in November, as American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated on campus.

Activities throughout November, organized by UNC's American Indian Center, will range from lectures to films to samplings of foods native to the Americas.

Events next week include:

- "The 'Identified Full Bloods' in Mississippi: Race and Choctaw Identity, 1898-1918," lecture at 5 p.m. Monday (Nov. 9), 116 Murphey Hall and;
- Traditional American Indian Harvest Festival, noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 10, rotunda, Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, School of Law.

To see a full schedule, visit americanindiancenter.unc.edu

Voller returned to office in Pittsboro

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

PITTSBORO – Randy Voller won a third term as mayor of Pittsboro Tuesday night, saying a burgeoning diversity in the community makes this a pivotal moment in defining the town's future, one that he hopes to shape with smart growth and inclusion.

Voller received 392 votes to challenger Bill Crawford's 328, a 54.14 percent to 45.30 percent margin.

In the race for two open seats on the Town of Pittsboro Board of Commissioners, incumbent Pamela Baldwin finished first, receiving 461 votes, while challengers Michael Fiocco and Andrew All-

den went neck and neck, with Fiocco prevailing, 345 votes to

Significant changes have taken place in Pittsboro since he was first elected four years ago, Voller said Tuesday night, as friends and supporters gathered at his Chatham Forest home to celebrate. He referred to the "dynamic of diversity of the community" that has brought a

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and new arrivals from a number of other countries - including Jamaica, India and Pakistan - and from the northeast and, increasingly, other communities within the Triangle.

"It used to be that people were coming to Pittsboro because it was less expensive to live here vis-a-vis Cary or Chapel Hill," Voller said. "Now people are coming here and

considerable Latino population see Pittsboro as a safe, interesting, eclectic community to live

> Voller points to express bus service to Chapel Hill as a key achievement from his last term that helps put Pittsboro "on the

> map."
> "Starting with that link means we'll get a link to Sanford and Southern Pines and Siler City and back to Raleigh," he said, "and [Triangle Transit]

small businesses downtown." Now that the town can offer mixed beverages - the introduction of which Voller championed in his last term - he hopes those businesses will include more bars and live-music

As for 10 years from now, "That's a tricky question," he

Proposed development could bring as many as 20,000 more

> residents to the community, Voller said. "We have a chance to do something great, or repeat some of the mistakes of the past."

> It's not a matter of "if we grow," Voller said, "but how we grow."

"And in the 'how' part of the equation, we need to discuss energy, sustainability, transit, how we build proper-

ties, how we design things. These issues, Voller said, are "ultimately why these elections really matter. Because people really need to be paying attention to who they're putting in office and the kinds of values

"That's why local elections make a difference."

that they're going to take for-

"It used to be that people were coming to Pittsboro because it was less expensive to live here . . . Now people are coming here and staying here, because they want to live here."

staying here, because they want to live here.'

Voller said people choose Pittsboro because it offers a welcoming environment to a "unique mix" of artists, entrepreneurs, "folks who are interested in things like sustainability, organic farming, biofuels - along with other folks who are working jobs in RTP and UNC, and retired folks who

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will probably someday come in here and start running some of

Two years from now, Voller hopes to see Pittsboro having successfully dealt with its wastewater treatment plant issues and, he said, "I think our water quality will have improved tremendously."

Also: "I think we're going to have a lot more development of

BALLE

FROM PAGE I

This includes fliers (some in the form of \$2 bills), a spending-local campaign to begin on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, and a float in the Holiday parade.

Members of the steering committee for Local Motive are using a website, Facebook page and word of mouth to get their message out.

There is also a checklist that Local Motive will use to decide which businesses in Carrboro can be considered part of the group, then businesses will receive a grade of how "local" they are, according to Maher.

For example, Rita's Water

Ice, though a franchise, is locally owned and operated with some sense of individuality.

"We want to be as inclusive as possible, but, however, people like Harris Teeter won't be part of Local Motive," Maher.

If Local Motive is recognized as a chapter by BALLE, businesses would get benefits such as having a voice at the national level, a mentoring program, ideas on initiatives and learning from others who have been there before.

"I think that Carrboro businesses really need each other, it's something that I find when they have an opportunity to connect, that there is a real desire to connect with each other," McMillan said.



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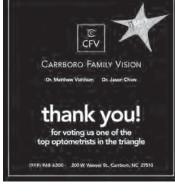
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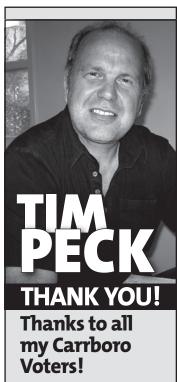
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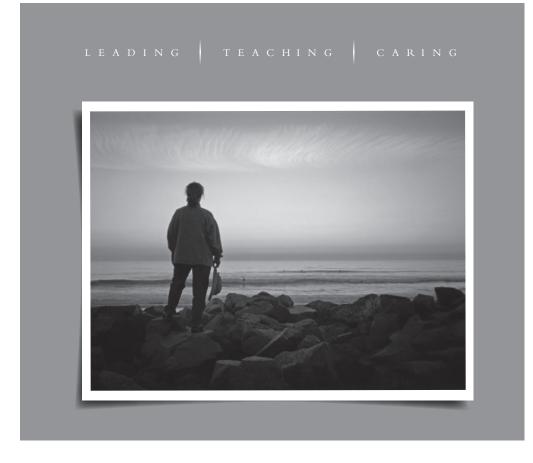




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Community

Community Briefs

Weaving sale to benefit Guatemala

The 23rd annual Mayan Weaving Sale, supporting aid to Guatemala, will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Reconciliation at 110 North Elliott Road in Chapel Hill. This year's sale is again dedicated primarily to the work of Rosario Diaz Vicente, a nurse, midwife, organizer of weaving and sewing cooperatives, founder and superintendent of a remedial school for non-literate persons aged 6 to 60 and manager of a revolving loan fund providing micro-loans for Mayan women. For more information, contact Bill and Joyce Peck at wpeck@

email.unc.edu or 929-6042.

Energy assistance program taking applications

The Orange County Department of Social Services will be taking applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program from Nov. 2-13 at its Chapel Hill and Hillsborough locations, 2501 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill and 300 West Tryon Street in Hillsborough.

Eligibility for the program is based on income, family size and amount of savings. A qualifying family of four can have a monthly gross income of up to \$2,022 and should have savings of less than \$2,200. To apply, residents should bring check stubs or verification of income received during October along with Social Security numbers for each person in the home listed on the application. Recipients of the Federal Food and Nutrition Program, formerly Food Stamps, are automatically screened for eligibility.

Alcohol and drug-free teen luncheon

The Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Free Teenagers of Chapel Hill & Carrboro invites you attend its fall luncheon meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Squid's Restaurant, 1201 15-501 Hwy. Bypass in Chapel Hill.

This meeting is an opportunity to report to the community on the many coalition initiatives and to hear from the public any concerns, celebrations or needs.

A complimentary lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 16 to Dale Pratt-Wilson at dalepratt-wilson@ nc.rr.com

Dambisa Moyo to speak

Dambisa Moyo, economist and New York Times best-selling author of Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa, will speak Nov. 11 at UNC.

Her address is part of the Business Across Borders series hosted by the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, the economic-development and outreach arm of the Kenan-Flagler

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, NOV 5 **Illustrated World of Charles**

Dickens — In conjunction with PlayMakers Repertory Company's production The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby (Nov. 11-Dec. 20), the Ackland Art Museum will present "The Illustrated World of Charles Dickens" (Nov. 4-Dec. 6), a selection of original drawings, illustrations and prints that illuminate the early Victorian world and literary culture of Dickens' England. 101 S. Columbia St. on UNC campus.

Calvary Chapel Concert

- Christian musician Dennis Agajanian will perform at 7pm at Calvary Chapel of Chapel Hill in the Timberlyne Shopping Center. Free and open to the public. For more info, 932-4733.

SATURDAY, NOV 7

Book Signing — Art Chansky will be at the Bull's Head Bookshop at noon before the UNC-Duke home football game to sign copies of his new book Light Blue Reign: How a City Slicker, a Quiet Kansan, and a Mountain Man Built College Basketball's Longest-Lasting Dynasty.

Peak of Autumn Hike — At Pennys Bend Nature Reserve, hike an 84-acre diabase glade and Piedmont prairie in northwest Durham, sponsored by the N.C. Botanical Garden. Fee is \$8 (members \$6). You must pre-register by calling 962-0522; directions given when

Holiday Boutique — Sponsored by Advent Lutheran Church. From 9am to Ipm at 230 Erwin Road in Chapel Hill. Unique handcrafted decorating and gift items available. Proceeds from the Boutique will be used for Advent's Missions and Outreach programs. For more info, 968-7690 or adventlutheranch.org.

SUNDAY, NOV 8 Carrboro CD and Record

Show — Forty tables of new and used CDs, vinyl records and music memorabilia, Carrboro Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. For more info, 260-0661

TUESDAY, NOV 10

Bill Leslie — Bill Leslie of WRAL-TV News will be at the Chapel Hill Public Library to read from his book of memories of his father and North Carolina 6-8pm, 100 Library

THURSDAY, NOV 12

UNC Book Signing — Adam Lucas, Steve Kirschner, and Matt Bowers will be at the Bull's Head Bookshop on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 3:30pm to talk about and sign copies of their new book One Fantastic Ride: The Inside Story of Carolina Basketball's 2009 Championship

Season **Ongoing**

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

Compassionate Friends

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

DivorceCare — Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Family to Family — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support their family member suffering with a mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or gbelder@ bellsouth.net.

Garden Tour — Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the garden. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Free Yoga — The UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program will offer free yoga classes in November. Yoga for Everyone on Mondays Ilam-12:30pm, Meditative Yoga on Fridays 10-11:30am. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101, in Chapel Hill. 966-3494 for more info.

Jazz at the Mall — University Mall presents free jazz concerts every Sunday afternoon, 2-4pm

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-IIam, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

Open-Mic Poetry — Tuesdays except first Tuesday, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

Walking Tour — The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill offers "Walk This Way," walking tours of Franklin Street every Sunday at 2 pm. \$5. 942-7818 or chpreservation@mindspring.com for more information. Reservations recommended for groups of five or more people.

Breastfeeding Cafe — an informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held ever Monday from 1-2pm at the Red Hen in Carrboro. A La Leche represenative will be there to provide information and answer questions,, 201 Weaver St.

Kids

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

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



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

Volunteers

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program — Seeks volunteers at least 55

years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/ RSVPindex.asp

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area. 942-2948

Orange County Literacy

— Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151

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The Town of Carrboro is receiving applications for upcoming vacancies on its advisory boards. There will be terms expiring on the Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, Appearance Commission, Transportation Advisory Board, Recreation and Parks **Commission, Human Services Commission, Economic Sustainability Commission, Environmental Advisory Board, and Arts Committee in February 2010.**

Interested persons should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 918-7309 or at swilliamson@townofcarrboro.org for application forms. Application deadline: November 30, 2009.

> Sarah C. Williamson **Town Clerk**

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — Meet Sammy! Sammy is a 2-year-

old border collie/lab mix who loves to snuggle. He is a little shy at first, but if he can put his head in your lap, he is a happy dog. He gets along great with most of the dogs at the adoption center. He has a long list of friends that he can go out with for play time and have a blast. He is respectful of cats. They make him a little nervous, but he never shows any aggression toward them. He is getting better with his confidence building and isn't tripping us as much when we take him out on



leash walks. (He's come a long way — at the begining he was terrified of a leash because he had no idea what it was, poor guy!) If you are looking for a loyal companion who will always be by your side, Sammy would be a great choice. Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet MOE!! If you've been thinking about adding a puppy to your family and are hoping

to find one who is sweet, eager to please and loves to cuddle - you're in luck! Meet Moe. This

adorable pit bull mix is around 3 months old and was the runt of her litter. She was born at the Animal Services Center and has been in foster care with her mom and siblings until recently. Now she's back and ready to find a new place to call home. She's a sweetheart of a puppy who is sure to add lots of love and laughter to a very lucky family. Visit her today at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see her online at co.orange.nc.us/ animalservices/





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FARMERS' MARKET

What's at Market?

Check out what's at the Carrboro Year-Round Farmers' Market . . .

New Item this Week: **BEETS**, kohlrabi, rape, carrots, boc choy, cauliflower, sweet potatoes, broccoli, lettuce, edamame *limited supply, chard, radishes, mustard greens, turnips greens, turnips, shiitake mushrooms *limited supply, green tomatoes, delicate squash, sunshine squash, cheese squash, butternut squash, eggplant, watermelons, corn, various varieties of tomatoes, basil, beans, tomatillos, okra, bell peppers, new potatoes, arugula, onions, wheat flour, garlic, salad mixes (spicy and non), collards, fresh herbs, kale, pecans, flowers such as zinnias, sunflowers, lilies, meats like goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, eggs, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes.

Sweet Potato Salad, serves 4 from Natalie Olson, Market Shopper

Ingredients

2 cups cubed cooked sweet potatoes* (2-3, depending on size) 1/2 cup chopped green pepper* 1/2 cup chopped celery 3 green onions*, sliced thin 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

2 tablespoons mayonnaise 1/4 cup plain yogurt Zest and juice of I lemon (about 3 tbls) 1/4 teaspoon salt Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Pierce the potatoes in several places with a fork. Place them in a single layer in the oven (it's a good idea to put a sheet of foil on the rack below them, to catch any drips) and roast until tender, about I hour. Remove from the oven and when cool enough to handle, cut each potato into cubes.

Place cubed, cooked sweet potatoes, green peppers, celery, green onions and walnuts in a small salad bowl. Stir together mayonnaise, yogurt, lemon zest and juice and salt. Combine with the sweet potato mixture and adjust the salt and lemon juice to taste. *Available at Market

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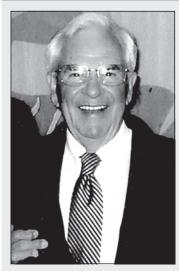
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OBITUARIES



James Page Jr.

James Carl Page Jr., 79, died Nov. 1, 2009 at UNC Hospitals. A longtime resident of Chapel Hill, Jim was born Aug. 19, 1930 in Thomaston, Ga. to James Carl Page and Georgia Mae (Dumas) Page.

Jim grew up in Thomaston, Ga. and Leaksville and Henderson, N.C. After graduating from Henderson High School in 1948, Jim completed two years at Mars Hill Junior College and went on to UNC-Chapel Hill, where he graduated in 1952 with a business degree. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Pi fraternity while at

Upon graduation, he began his career with Roses Stores as a manager, working in Dunn, N.C., Virginia Beach, Va., Williamston, N.C. and finally returning to his beloved Chapel Hill, where he remained until 1968. Ever an entrepreneur, he opened the Western Auto Store in Carrboro, which he ran until he retired in 1988.

Jim was married to Mary Frances Futrell (deceased) from 1954 to 1979, Edith Diggs Ray (deceased) from

1981 to 2007 and Joan Hartsfield since 2008. He is survived by his three children, Albert (Bert) Page and his wife, Marsha, of Dallas, Texas, Mary Bryan Fleenor and husband, Dale, of Orleans, Ind. and David Page of Chesapeake, Va.; grandchildren, Robert, Hudson and Bethany Page; C.J, Brittany and Nicholas Fleenor; and James, Robin and Daniel Page; and his dearest Anita Summers of Chapel Hill. Also surviving are his brother Bill and wife, Bernadette, of Bethlehem, Pa., Vic Davis of Carrboro, Don Davis of Tallahassee, Fla. and Robin Gainey of Raleigh.

Jim was a charter member of the Carrboro Business Association, a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and served as a board member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association. He was a lifetime member of the Jaycees and the Roosters Club and attended the Carrboro United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir for many years.

Jim will be remembered for his quick and cheerful smile, his generous spirit and his willing heart and hands, and greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service and a celebration of Jim's life will be held Nov. 28 at the Carrboro United Methodist Church, 200 Hillsborough Road at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions in the memory of Jim Page may be made to Carrboro United Methodist Church.

Irma Crawford

Mrs. Irma H. Crawford, 93, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at the Villines Rest

Home in Hillsborough following an extended illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Crawford; her parents, Charlie M. and Mattie Higgs; two sisters, Mattie H. Wagoner and Daisy H. Wilson; and four brothers, Cleave, Marion, Wade and Paul Higgs. She was a charter member of Fairview Baptist Church, a longtime Sunday school teacher and an avid sports fan who enjoyed taking part in them.

She is survived by one brother, Phillip Higgs of Texas, and one son, Donald Crawford (Jean) of Hillsborough; two grandchildren, Don Crawford (Kelly) and Carol C. Melton (Harvey), both of Mebane; two great-granddaughters, Donna Chapman and Callie Crawford; and two greatgreat-grandsons, Daniel Chapman and Corey Cates.

Verlia Mangum

Mrs. Verlia Mozelle Cates Mangum, 100, died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at Hospice at the Meadowlands.

She was a native of Orange County and graduated from West Hillsboro School. She was a charter member of the Hillsborough Church of God. She was a homemaker for her children. She was the widow of John Mangum.

Surviving are her daughter, Carolyn Draughon of Hillsborough; two sons, Wesley Mangum and wife, Janie, of Hillsborough and Dennis Mangum of Hillsborough; two sisters, Avo C. Turner of Danville, Va. and Jackie C. Carden of Hillsborough; one brother, Billie Cates and wife, Delores, of Hillsborough; nine grandchildren; and numerous

great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Phirtu Singh

Mr. Phirtu Singh, 76, of Carrboro, died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at Chapel Hill Rehabilitation and Health-

Mr. Singh was born in Chewar, India and was the son of the late Ramdev and Shanti Singh. He was a retired professor from North Carolina State University, where he taught in the chemistry department. After retirement, he also taught at North Carolina Central University and worked at NIEHS.

Mr. Singh is survived by his wife, Jayanti Singh, of Carrboro; one son, Raj Singh of Durham; two daughters, Rita Singh of Carrboro and Sheila Singh of Chapel Hill; and five grandchildren, Simi, Asher and Leila Singh, and Isabel and Lily Sharp.

James Crabtree

Mr. James Winfred Crabtree, 85, of 1521 Smith Level Road, Chapel Hill, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2009 at his residence.

Mr. Crabtree was born in Chapel Hill on Oct. 20, 1924 to the late Gurney and Lela Womble Crabtree. He worked with the physical education department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for 35 years until retiring

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Williams Crabtree, of Chapel Hill and his son, Steven Winfred Crabtree and wife, Dorothy Elizabeth, of Chapel Hill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James Ronald Crabtree, and a brother, Bynum Crabtree.

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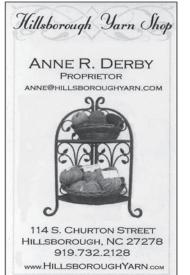
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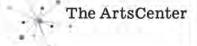
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CHAPEL HILL

A town divided, but how?

With the outcome as close in Chapel Hill as it was, there's little doubt that the town was divided as to which candidate it preferred for mayor.

But please take the rest of the speculation as to what the close vote means with an extra large grain of salt. The close race means a close loss on one side, a close win on the other and a lot of passionate supporters going through shock, remorse, relief and a whole host of other emotions. Plus, the candidates and most of their supporters are dog-tired. In short, it's probably not the best time to drill down the results and try to discern what it means for policy.

Unlike the political landscape, the challenges the town faces on Thursday, Nov. 5, are the same it faced on Tuesday, Nov. 3. No one disagrees that, with the economy as sketchy as it is, there's a real need for fiscal restraint and a hard look at budget priorities. And no one is saying that a reasonable approach to growth downtown and elsewhere is in order. Yes, the solutions offered vary by degree and approach, but the acknowledgement of the challenge is universal.

Like all elections, the views and comments of the candidates, their conduct and their beliefs have been scrutinized six ways to Sunday and filtered through the prism of each voter's world (or town) view. And, indeed, some citizens will spend the next couple of years sure that the label they placed on a certain candidate is accurate, no matter what that person does in office.

This is where politics pollutes policy, and the press does a real disservice in assisting in the pinning of labels on candidates or groups of candidates. In a divided town, there is a real danger that instead of the letting be of bygones, we'll see a permanent campaign. One look at the sorry state of discourse and chaotic crafting of policy at the national level and you can see where that will take us at the local level.

The new mayor and the new council are pretty familiar. The labels, though, are fairly new, overly broad and do not serve the town or its people. It would be best to discard them along with the mailers and yard signs and start from scratch than to use them as a basis for interpreting the motives and actions of the individuals the people just elected.

CARRBORO

A 'yes' vote

Unlike its big sister to the east, Carrboro did not see a close race. And labels, well, we throw them around here quicker than you can say tie-dye or Birkenstock, and they're pretty meaningless.

Politics in Carrboro is still small-town, a place where the person who wins the mayor's race is likely to be the person who gets in the most living rooms and listens to what people have to say.

As the election proved, there are many residents who are concerned about the challenges ahead, particularly in how the town will keep its fiscal house in order. But the results clearly show that among those who voted, there is a confidence in the current leadership to deal with those challenges.

There's a difference, though, between the voters expressing confidence and the voters green-lighting every idea espoused by the winners in the course of the campaign, especially if there's a price tag on it. Carrboro might not have been the hotbed of revolt against the current order that some have eagerly painted Chapel Hill as, but that doesn't mean that the citizens here are devoid of the same anxieties about taxes, spending and downtown.

The voters gave the mayor and board a resounding "yes," not a blank check. We are still in uncertain economic times, and the task of being good stewards of the public purse is paramount.

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Reform must protect community health care providers

MELISSA REED

How reproductive health care is dealt with in national health care reform is no small matter. And who provides this critical care is still to be determined.

For communities like ours, local health centers are where many people turn for trusted health care. In North Carolina, more than a half million low-income women need family planning services. Community health providers, like Planned Parenthood, often serve as an entry point for essential health care needs. For more than 90 years women have been visiting Planned Parenthood for their health care needs. The vast majority of our patients (75 percent) live

at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, earning less than \$32,000 for a family of four, making Planned Parenthood an integral part of America's health care safety net. Ninety-seven percent of Planned Parenthood's health services are focused on preven-

tive care to keep women, men and teens healthy and to help women and couples plan their families.

And Planned Parenthood isn't the only health center women rely on for preventive care.

Today, one in four women who receives contraceptive care does so at a women's health center. One in six who obtains a Pap test or a pelvic exam does so at a women's health center, as do one-third of women who receive counseling, testing or treatment for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. This basic health care is essential, particularly during difficult economic times, to give women the tools they need to protect and support their families. This is particularly true when you consider that women of childbearing age spend a remarkable 68 percent more in out-of-pocket health care costs than men, in part because of reproductive health-related needs.

As Congress works to enact health care reform, they must make women's

health a priority and ensure that productive health care is covered. While this fact should be a given, the truth is that family planning and reproductive health care are still not fully part of mainstream health care, even though 98 percent of women use contraception at some point in their lives.

Two recent reports underscore the need for women's health to be an integral part of health care reform.

A recent report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services titled "Roadblocks to Health Care: Why the Current Health Care System Does Not Work for Women" states that "women are more vulnerable to high health care costs ... [because] women's reproductive health requires more regular contact

"All of the bills currently under consideration in Congress add important protections to women's health care"

with health care providers, including yearly Pap tests, mammograms, and obstetric care."

And a 2009 survey conducted for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists found that women are delaying their annual exams as a result of the economic downturn.

These reports demonstrate the importance of ensuring comprehensive health care reform that meets the needs of American women and their families. To do this, health plans participating in any health insurance exchange must include community health providers in their networks.

Protecting community health providers, including local health departments, hospital outpatient clinic and independent family planning clinics, is fundamental to solving provider-access issues that will come with expanding coverage and ensuring Americans can access trusted providers wherever they live.

Each year, Planned Parenthood health centers across the country

perform nearly 1 million Pap tests, identifying 93,000 women at risk of developing cervical cancer. And we provide more than 850,000 breast exams a year. In North Carolina alone, Planned Parenthood provides these preventive health care services to more than 22,490 patients each year at its eight health centers across the state. Since the economic downturn last fall, Planned Parenthood Health Systems has seen an 11 percent increase in patient visits. And, not surprisingly, we have seen a 24.5 percent increase in overall contraceptive sales with a 76 percent increase in long-acting contraceptives such as Depo Provera, Implanon and IUDs. This increase in utilization comes just as funding streams have become more precarious.

All of the bills under consideration in Congress add important protections to women's health care: insurers could not charge women more for coverage based on their gender, surviving domestic violence would not be considered a pre-existing

condition and maternity care would be required coverage.

But opponents to health care reform continue to attempt to distort these protections in order to undermine the proposed bills in Congress. For instance, last month Sen. John Kyl of Arizona stated in a hearing that he didn't need maternity care, so requiring an insurance policy to carry something that he didn't need would just make policies more expensive. He didn't say whether or not he would support requiring insurers to cover Viagra, prostate exams or testicular cancer.

Let's hope other members of Congress ignore such ridiculous arguments. If health care reform is to live up to its name, American women must have access to reproductive health care and women's health providers.

Melissa Reed is vice president for public policy at Planned Parenthood Health Systems Inc.

to fix sales taxes CHRIS FITZSIMON It was tax Groundhog Day at the

Time has come

It was tax Groundhog Day at the General Assembly Tuesday as a packed committee room heard a detailed presentation by a national tax expert urging lawmakers to overhaul the state's revenue system by expanding the sales tax to more services and lowering the overall rate.

It was almost exactly three years ago in the same room that a committee of lawmakers and business and civic leaders heard a similar call at the first meeting of the State and Local Fiscal Modernization Study Commission, a group appointed by Gov. Mike Easley and legislative leaders.

Four years before that, on the sixth floor of a building just a block away, Easley told the members of the Governor's Commission to Modernize State Finances at their first meeting that he wanted them to come up with ways to make the state's tax code fair, predictable and efficient.

That commission's principal recommendation to the General Assembly was to broaden the base of the state's sales and income taxes and lower the rates. The proposal was largely ignored by the General Assembly in the 2003 session, despite the presence on the commission of key legislative leaders from the House and Senate.

The first recommendation on the list of proposals from the 2006-07 Modernization Commission was to broaden the sales tax base to include more services. That call was largely ignored by the General Assembly in the 2007 session.

The Institute for Emerging Issues released a report on tax reform in February 2006, in between the two government-created commissions, and it too was organized around a call for a broader tax base with lower rates to tie the system more closely to growth in the economy.

That brings us to Tuesday, the first meeting of the Interim Joint Finance Committee on Tax Reform, when lawmakers heard William Fox from the University of Tennessee discuss the problems with the current state sales tax and call again for the broadening of its base to include services and a lowering of the overall rate.

The Joint Finance Committee was directed by House and Senate leaders to consider tax reform after the first real legislative debate about it took place in the budget negotiations this past summer. Senate leaders wanted to raise revenue by expanding the sales tax to more services and broadening the base of the income tax.

House leaders objected, saying the idea needed more thoughtful debate, and the two sides agreed to work on tax reform before the 2010 short session that convenes in May.

There has never been much disagreement on two major points about the current state tax system: that it is in dire need of an overhaul and that it makes sense to broaden the overall base and lower the rates. And this is the first time that the House and Senate Finance Committee have met jointly to work on the problem.

But almost every service that is not currently taxed has a lobbyist. Throw in the knee-jerk anti-tax rhetoric of many of the forces on the right and you have a recipe that has derailed the proposals from commissions and left most political leaders cowering in the corner, afraid to make tax reform much of a priority.

That may finally be changing, thanks to the perseverance of Sen. Dan Clodfelter and a handful of other influential legislators and the economic downturn that has focused attention like never before on the state's antiquated system of raising revenue.

But the deck is still stacked against reform in 2010. Lawmakers are up for re-election next November, and more lobbyists than ever are patrolling the legislative halls. The political right is already exploiting the recession in its efforts to scare voters about health care and global warming and is ready to distort any meaningful effort to reform the tax code.

Despite all that, it will be a surprise if the Joint Finance Committee does not recommend some overdue expansion of the sales tax base. What happens next depends on the willingness of Gov. Beverly Perdue and legislative leaders to lead the right for tax reform next session and to confront the right's propaganda machine head-on and explain to the public what's at stake adequate funding for education, human services and public safety.

There are enough tax-reform recommendations on the shelf. The time has come today for something new — action.

riends of

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of

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Extraordinary creation of the Bolin Creek mural

DAVE OTTO

The Bolin Creek Community Mural was supposed to be painted at the Bolin Creek Festival last Saturday, but Mother Nature intervened with heavy rains, forcing cancellation. Sunday dawned with a sullen and chill pallor, but no rain. Emily Weinstein, the dynamo behind the project, immediately mobilized artist friends, and by early afternoon the mural began to arise like a phoenix. In four hours of joyous and furious activity, the team of artists – augmented by girl scout Leah Block, her mother, Janice, and Dave Cook, founder of the Friends of Bolin Creek - created an incredible work of art.

Pictured left to right are Alice Griffin, Janice Block, Leah Brock, Barbi Dalton, Dale Morgan, Emily Weinstein and Joe DiSabatino. Other artists, including Matt Fields, Ginny Chancel and Julie Jones, joined the team of manic muralists over the course of the long afternoon.

The mural provides an idealized view of Bolin Creek in dazzling color and bold strokes. By the end of the day, the blank circles in the picture were populated with a variety of Bolin Forest inhabitants, including the barred



PHOTO BY DAVE OTTO

Rain delayed work, but the Bolin Creek mural is now finished

owl, box turtle, pileated woodpecker, garden spider, green snake, woodland sunflower, green frog and fish. The Bolin Creek Community Mural is an incredible work of art and a vibrant image of the natural treasure that Mike Nelson, former mayor, loved to call the "heart and soul" of Carrboro. Finally, the mural is an amazing tribute to the creative frenzy of a group of artists and community members who devoted a long and chilling Sunday

afternoon to make it happen.

The mural is painted on six 4-

by-8-foot aluminum panels, which yield an 8-by-24-foot masterpiece in search of a home. We are looking for an outside wall in Carrboro or Chapel Hill where this work of art can be displayed and enjoyed by the public. If you are interested or have suggestions, contact Emily at Weinsteinart@bellsouth.net or 402-0160.

Dave Otto is co-chair of Friends of Bolin Creek.





THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

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Gist said Slade, who is 36, has already inspired younger members of the community to become more involved, and that was part of the reason she, Haven-O'Donnell and Chilton supported him.

"He has a lot of knowledge about local issues, including local economic issues, and I'm excited to learn more from him," Gist said. "He brings in a different set of tools and a different group of people that haven't really been very involved: his age group. That's going to be really neat."

The board members said the topic they heard raised most by citizens during the campaign was the local economy.

"The main issue a lot of people were expressing to me is the tax burden on homeowners," Slade said. "How to solve that is by diversifying the tax base and encouraging locally owned businesses, and, that way, take away the burden on homeowners."

How to diversify the tax base, Chilton said, is one of his main priorities.

"I think we're trying to look at how developing and fostering local small businesses is a way to generate more business activity within the town and the careful redevelopment of downtown Carrboro," he said.

Environmental issues were also at the forefront, as they always are in Carrboro. Slade said he is hoping to bring his experience and knowledge dealing with climate-change issues at the national and international level to Carrboro.

Chilton said he wants to continue to make Carrboro more walkable, with greenways and bicycle paths.

Gist said she was out at the polls from 6:30 a.m. to close, at 7:30 p.m., and heard a lot of concerns from citizens about the town's relationship with farmers.

"I spent a lot of time yesterday clarifying issues for people who had some misconceptions for the town's goals for farms and how the town spends its money," she said. She added that it was gratifying to come to some understanding with some people Tuesday, and that in her next term she expects that understanding to grow.

It's expected that Slade will fill Herrera's seat immediately instead of waiting until December, as was discussed in August.

When asked about the board looking remarkably similar to that in his past term, Chilton was proud.

"I think the message from Carrboro voters is that they mostly think the town is on the right track," he said, "and we'll continue on with many things we've been working on.'

2009 ELECTION RESULTS

Elections

CARRBORO MAYOR Amanda Ashley— 7.43% 171 Mark H. Chilton — 72.06% 1,658 Brian D. Voyce — 19.56% 450 Write-In — 0.96% 22 Total Votes — 2,301



CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Sharon Cook — 14.89% 903 Jacquelyn M. Gist — 24.84% 1,507 Randee Haven-O'Donnell — 23.92% 1,451 Tim Peck — 11.49% 697

Sammy Slade — 24.09% 1,461 Write-In — 0.77% 47 Total Votes — 6,066

CHAPEL HILL MAYOR

Augustus Cho — 2.65% 226 Matt Czajkowski — 47.46% 4,053

Mark Kleinschmidt — 48.62% 4,152 Kevin Wolff — 1.14% 97

Write-In — 0.13% 11 Total Votes — 8,539

CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL

Jon Dehart — 10.99% 3,054 Laurin Easthom —14.52% 4,035



Ed Harrison —14.69% 4,081

Gene Pease — 13.65% 3,794

Matt Pohlman — 12.93% 3,593

Will Raymond — 5.43% 1,509

Penny Rich — 15.40% 4,278 Write-In — 0.39% 108

Total Votes — 27,785

Jim Merritt —12.00% 3,333



CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Michelle (Shell) Brownstein — 27.35% 6,861 Susana L. Dancy — II.32% 2,841 **J.M. (Joe) Green — I6.33% 4,097** MaryAnne Gucciardi — I4.87% 3,731 Christine Lee — 12.35% 3.097

Gregory McElveen — 17.34% 4,351 Write-In — 0.43% 109 Total Votes — 25,087

HILLSBOROUGH MAYOR Tom Stevens — 94.99% 341 Write-In — 5.01% 18

Total Votes — 359 **HILLSBOROUGH TOWN**

COMMISSIONER Frances L. Dancy — 34.35% 236 **Mike Gering — 42.07% 289**Bryant Kelly Warren Jr. — 23.14% 159

Write-In — 0.44% 3 Total Votes — 687

VACANCY

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Council member Matt Czakowski, who lost to Kleinschmidt by a slim margin, said he would continue to advocate that the fifthplace vote getter be appointed to the vacant position. He said he understood why some council members said they wanted to look at the outcome to see if the fifth-place finisher was an incumbent, someone who had not applied for the position or was separated from the top four vote getters by a wide margin.

The fifth-place finisher was Natt Pohlman who had closely aligned himself with Czajkowski.

What we have here is quite simple," Czajkowski said. "Matt Pohlman lost by a couple of hundred votes."

Czajkowski said he would prefer the council act quickly on the vacancy. Rather than wait until January, Czajkowski said the mayor could call a special meeting to deal with the vacancy before the end of the year.

One concern raised as last night's vote totals came in was that incumbent council member Jim Merritt's loss means there will be no African-Americans on the board for the first time in decades.

Newly re-elected council member Laurin Easthom said the importance of African-American representation will play a role in the decision-making on the vacancy. She said Merritt, a native of Chapel Hill's Northside neighborhood, was an important resource on the council.

"Jim is a friend and he will be missed," she said. "There will definitely be a void, and I know the council will take that into consideration."

CHAPEL HILL

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wasn't settled until the last couple of precincts reported, means he and the new council will be under pressure to de-Kleinschmidt, a council

member since 2001, defeated fellow council member Matt Czajkowski by 99 votes, according to totals on Tuesday mayor's race in recent memory, is short of the 1 percent that would trigger a recount. The difference could still change once provisional ballots are counted. Czajkowski said Tuesday night he would not ask for a recount.

Orange County Board of Elections director Tracey Reams said the board of elections is scheduled to meet today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. to count 77 provisional ballots from Orange County and nine from Durham County. Until then, the vote total in the mayor's race stands at 4,152 votes, or 48.62 percent, for Kleinschmidt; 4,053 votes, or 47.46 percent, for Czajkowski; 226 votes, or 2.65 percent, for Augustus Cho; and 97 votes, Wolff. An additional 11 votes went to write-in candidates.

Kleinschmidt said if what he heard on the campaign trail is any guide, he expects citizens to focus on the town's budget.

"I heard that not just from people you'd expect, but also from a lot of old-school Chapel Hill supporters," he said. "I didn't hear as much of that four years ago or even eight years ago during the recession then."

People are worried about their own finances, he said, and want to know the town is focused on keeping its house

Kleinschmidt also said he razor thin and closer than any during the campaign about same way. growth will spur some rethinking in how the town approaches development. He said it was too early to say whether the town would embark on a major rewrite of its comprehensive plan and development rules, and that he will wait to hear reports from the town's Sustainable Community Visioning Task Force

in January. The mayor-elect praised Czajkowski and Cho for running good, issue-based campaigns. "I think the campaign was run very honorably," he

Czajkowski said he also thought that for the most part the mayor's race was a healthy battle of ideas.

"That was very much to the or 1.14 percent, for Kevin benefit of the people of Chapel Hill," he said.

Czajkowski said most candidates eventually focused on very similar issues. "The difference was in the approaches," he said.

He said he will continue

to raise the concerns he heard most during the campaign. As he met with voters, he said, he heard a great deal of concern about the effects of rising property taxes, along with even more frustration about the direction of downtown than he heard when he ran for council two years ago.

But while the voters were almost evenly divided, Czajkowski noted that the council that takes office in Decemnight. The margin, though expects that concerns raised ber won't be split in quite the see the council look very hard

> "I'm only one council memonly do my best to advocate for positions," he said.

Town Council

In the race for four seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council, Penny Rich, who ran unsuccessfully two years ago, was the top vote getter, with 4,278 votes. She was followed by incumbents Ed Harrison, who received 4,081 votes, and Laurin Easthom, who received 4,035. The fourth seat on the council was won by Gene Pease, who received 3,794 votes.

Rich follows in a pattern of newcomers as top vote getters, something she'll share with fellow council members Jim Ward and Laurin Easthom, both of whom topped the polls in their first council races.

Easthom said her win was a vindication of her efforts to spend a lot of time listening to voters concerns rather than developing a hard-and-fast platform and running on it. Like many of the candi-

dates who spent time in voters' living rooms, Rich said what she heard from voters was a strong emphasis on fis-cal responsibility: "It was said in different ways by different groups of people."

"People are concerned about money," she said. "Each and every one of us has had to redo our budgets."

Voters, Rich said, want to at its spending.

She said she'd also like to ber, and at this point I can see the town take a hard look at its plans for downtown, including the public-private development planned for the town-owned parking lot on the corner of Church and Rosemary streets.

> Rich said voters were concerned with the way growth was happening, especially as the Greenbridge and East 54 developments near completion. Building more luxury condos downtown, she said, doesn't fit with what voters were saying during the race.

> Easthom said she also heard a lot from voters on the way the town was growing. Like Rich, she said Greenbridge and East 54 worried people.

She agreed that the feedback might inspire some changes to the way the town has planned for development. Easthom said she expects the report from the town's Sustainable Community Visioning Task Force to be a springboard for discussion of an update to growth plans.



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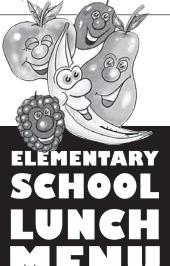
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

Fantasy?

I'm being more feminine and a little prissy. - Tom Delay, on the difference between serving in the House and appearing on Dancing With the Stars.



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MON 11/9 — Hamburger on a Bun; Fish Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Tater Tots; Peas & Carrots; Fresh Apple Halves

TUE II/I0 — Three Cheese Rotini; w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Tacos w/Lett, Tom,; Cheese & Salsa; "Fun on the Run"; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches

WED II/II — BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Vegetarian Baked Beans; Seasoned Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes

THU II/I2 — Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL

Two newcomers will join school board

BY KATE GRIESMANN

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools board of education will have two new faces and one familiar one taking seats at the table this term, as a little more than 25,000 votes were cast Tuesday in the school board race.

Michelle Brownstein was the top vote-getter with 6,861, or 27.35 percent of the vote. Gregory McElveen, the lone incumbent on the ballot, received 4,351 votes, or 16.33 percent, while Joseph Green was a close third with 4,097 votes, or 16.33 percent.

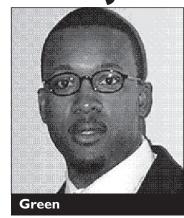
Now that the election is over, attention turns back to the board table, where the budget looms large on the horizon and is certain to be a top priority for the new term. Beyond balance sheets and

budgetary concerns, Green said fostering open lines of communication with school stakeholders was a primary goal.

"I want to be a person that families and teachers can reach out to," said Green, who said



he learned a great deal from families and teachers during the campaign process. "The most real part of it is talking to voters.'



children," Brownstein said. "It sounds like that message did resonate with them."

Brownstein also credited her network of supporters through-



"The platform I went on was more of a process of consensus, communication and collaboration toward the greater good for all students," she said. "So

initiatives, such as Professional Learning Communities.

"The overarching priority is helping establish a culture of excellence, where we do whatever is necessary to help all our kids," he said. "We have to make sure that all of our kids can be as successful as pos-

Though McElveen is a sitting board member, this was the first election in which he had participated. "I thought it was a great process to get to know the community," he said.

"I'm pleased to have gotten to know my fellow candidates. We had a great group

of people running."
For Green, get-

ting to know other board members was an important part of the election process as well, and another reason he is looking forward to serving a

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to work with other school board members," Green said. "It takes a lot of us it's not just one of us getting

"The platform I went on was more of a process of consensus, communication and collaboration toward the greater good for all students."

-MICHELLE BROWNSTEIN

Brownstein and McElveen echoed that sentiment and said their openness and ability to listen to voters was part of the reason they were elected.

"All along, I've been advocating for the success of all out the district for the high number of votes she garnered. Atop Brownstein's to-do list is tackling the learning curve of being a new board member, a process she started in June by attending board meetings.

I'll look through every issue role on the board. with that lens."

For McElveen, being on the board for another term means more opportunities to help close the achievement gap by implementing teacher-support

SMITHS

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Having each taught in the school system for 38 years, the Smiths also know a thing or two about what building a new school means.

Elementary School 11, which has yet to secure funding, was originally planned to open in 2010 but might be pushed back given budget constraints and a leveling off in enrollment numbers. The school will eventually sit on the property that once housed the Orange County Training School and Northside Elementary.

OCTS, which opened in the Northside neighborhood in 1924, was the county's only black school. At the time, Northside was Chapel Hill's largest black neighborhood, but the school served students from all over Orange County, some of whom walked miles to and from school each day. R.D. found employment at OCTS after moving to Chapel Hill in 1942. The next year, Euzelle started teaching there as well.

In 1951 the high school students moved down the street to a new building. Because the term "training school" did not denote the academic opportunities black parents wanted for their children, the new school was named Lincoln High School. R.D., who taught agriculture and shop, moved with them while Euzelle and the elementary students remained in the old building, which was renamed Northside.

"At Orange County Training School, all the students walked to school; at Northside Elementary, all the children walked to school — it was a neighborhood school," said R.D., who thinks it's going to take more

than a new school to bring the neighborhood feel back to the area. "When they closed Northside, they lost the neighborhood status."

The Smiths continued teaching until the 1980s. Along the way, R.D. spent several years as supervisor of transportation, a job that allowed him to stay in the classroom, and the couple raised four children. R.D. and Euzelle now have 10 grandchildren (one of whom attends Smith Middle School) and two great-grandchildren, all of whom live within 10 minutes of

Being the namesakes of a school and keeping up with the grandkids are enough motivation for them to take a continued interest in what the school system is up to.

While building a school will bring some stability to the neighborhood, there are some concerns as well. Because the demographics in the neighborhood tilt heavily to those under 25, R.D. expects that the students at Elementary School 11 will come from outside the area, which could add stress to the narrow and heavily traveled roads. "All the students will be bused in or driven in cars," he said. "This will be a traffic problem."

But an increase in traffic isn't enough to tamper Euzelle's evident excitement about the new school. "I hope they keep the old name, Northside," she said, adding that there's a lot of history in the area that will hopefully not be overlooked.

When it comes to what to call the school, R.D. has a different idea, mentioning the name Harold M. Holmes. Holmes was the principal at OCTS from 1933 to 1944 and was the man who hired R.D. and Euzelle. "That would be a nice gesture to name the school after him," he said.

School Briefs

Local teachers recognized

Raskis Elementary Principal Deshera Mack and director of Elementary Programs and K-12 Professional Development Sam Oertwig received Summit Recognition Awards at the Second Annual Summit for Courageous Conversations held last week in Baltimore.

The Pacific Education Group recognized educators, family and community members whose extraordinary passion, practice and persistence for leading Courageous Conversations and whose work to achieve racial justice and educational equity distinguish them and inspire them to persevere in the work.

Nov. 5 board of education meeting

There will be a board of education meeting tonight at Chapel Hill Town Hall, starting with a closed session at 6 p.m. The regular open meeting will begin at 7. There will be time for comments from the school improvement team, teacher organizations, high school students and citizens. The proposed tuition for N.C. Governors School will be discussed along with the approval of a high school online-learning facilitator. The school calendars for the next two years will be presented and there will be a report on the opening of school and a board planning conference.

Carrboro principal named principal of the year

Dr. Emily Bivins of Carrboro Elementary has been named the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' Principal of the Year for 2009-2010.

Bivins was selected for the honor by her fellow principals. She will now represent the district in regional and state competition.

Bivins has been principal of Carrboro Elementary since 2006. Prior to being named principal of Carrboro Elementary, Bivins served as the school's assistant principal. She also served as coordinator of elementary education for Cherokee County Schools, director of elementary instruction and staff development for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and as a classroom teacher at Estes Hills Elementary, McDougle Elementary and Alexander Wilson Elementary in

Bivins holds a bachelor's degree in education from Wake Forest University, a master's of arts degree in elementary education from Elon College, a doctorate of education in curriculum and instruction from UNC and a master's degree in school administration from

East to perform Rent

Jonathan Larson's rock opera RENT, School Edition, will be performed Nov. 12-14 at 7:30 p.m. at East Chapel Hill's Mainstage Audi-

Tickets are reserved seating and \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door and will go on sale starting Nov. 3 in front of the Black Box Theater at East during weekday lunch hour, 12:30 to 1 p.m. Visitors must sign in at the main office before going to the box office. Tickets also can be reserved by email at eastreservations@gmail.com or by calling 969-2787.

In RENT, School Edition, the material has been modified to ensure it is appropriate for high school age audiences to produce and view. Much mature content remains and this show is not recommended for younger audience

Culbreth specialist named social worker of the year

Stephanie Minter, family specialist at Culbreth Middle School, has been named North Carolina's School Social Worker of the Year for 2009-2010 by the state's school social worker association.

Minter was nominated for the award by Culbreth Principal Susan Wells and Assistant Principal Lynne Goodhand. In their application, Wells and Goodhand noted the numerous roles that Minter plays in connecting the school to the larger community and her positive attitude.

This is the second consecutive year that a CHCCS family specialist has won the honor. Last year, Carrboro Elementary's Kerry Sherrill received the award.

Community Connection to give out computers

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Community Connection Program continues its efforts to eliminate the digital divide among district students by partnering with Kramden Institute Inc. of Durham to award 60 students with free computers. The computer-award event is part of Community Connection's ongoing effort to ensure that every district student is equipped with the tools that are required to succeed in the 21st-century classroom.

The Computer Awards Day will be held in the Carrboro High School cafeteria on Monday, Nov. 9 from 5 to



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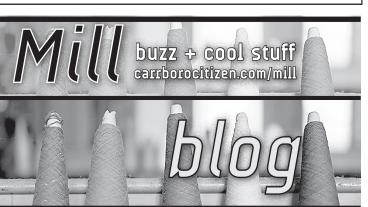
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Rum's ready to Rumble

BY JOHN HOLT Correspondent

From Alexandria, Va. to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to Baltimore, Md, Matt Rum has grown and exceled in each spot. A Chapel Hill resident from 1995 to 2005, Rum attended McDougle elementary and middle schools before moving to Baltimore. He now has earned a full scholarship and will play basketball at William & Mary this

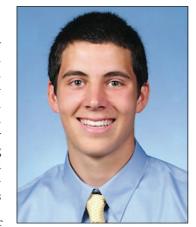
fall. Rum never envisioned himself leaving Chapel Hill. "I hated that decision at the time. I didn't want anything to do with it," Rum said. "I had to move into an all-boy's Catholic school ... That was a big change. School was a lot tougher there and everything got a little harder."

Rum began playing basketball when he was 5. The sport, though, began to pick up for him when he moved to Chapel Hill. "I played for the North Carolina Gators [AAU Team]," Rum said. "My dad and I would commute to Greensboro for the practices. We had some good success while I was a part of their team. We won two state championships, and then we moved to Baltimore."

Rum, who is 6'4, 180 pounds, attended Loyola Blakefield High School in Towson, Md. Loyola is an all-boys' private Catholic day school.

"Going to Loyola was probably the biggest adjustment for me, and moving from a public school to a private school," Rum said. "We had a dress code each day. We had to dress in a coat and tie, and that took awhile at first to get used to."

As soon as he arrived at Loyola,



though, he established a name for himself. He played on the varsity team for three years and led his school to a 19-13 record and a runner-up finish in the conference tournament his senior season. Rum was selected to the Baltimore Catholic League and Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association first team, having averaged 18 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2 assists and shot 85 percent from the freethrow line. He concluded his career with 1,191 points and helped Loyola reach the Baltimore Catholic League Championship game for the first time since 1993.

Rum received offers from a number of schools, including Boston University, Radford, Towson, University of Maryland at Baltimore County and Loyola University Maryland, before choosing William & Mary.

Rum didn't take any official visits to schools (recruits are each allowed five). He took an unofficial visit to William & Mary during his junior year and verbally committed to the Tribe soon

decision," Rum said. "I loved the campus. I wanted to come down South. I also really felt welcome with the coaching staff. It's a topnotch school."

After graduating from Loyola in June, Rum is thrilled at the opportunity awaiting him. The schedule for the 2009-10 season will feature quite a few competitive teams.

"My first college game ever, we play at UConn," Rum said. "We also play at Wake Forest and at Maryland. Richmond comes to play us at William & Mary. It's my dream come true."

Rum doesn't know how much court time he will see his freshman year, but he hopes for the best. "I'm hoping to play, and I know it's not going to be right away," he said. "I have a lot of upperclassmen and good guys ahead of me. I'm going to have to work hard for my time."

Rum has one major goal while being a part of the William & Mary program: "I want to make the NCAA Tournament. William & Mary has never ever been to the big dance. We have a really good team this coming year. Definitely, making the tournament one of my years there would be amazing."

If everything goes according to plan, Rum would like to continue to play basketball after his college career concludes in 2013.

"If I have a good enough career at W&M, I want to try to go over to Europe and play for a little bit," he said. "After that, I'm probably planning to come back and live in North Carolina."

Rum said he is pleased with "I felt that committing to the way things worked out. "It was William & Mary was the best a tough four years [at Loyola], but



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN HOLT

One of Matt Rum's goals at W&M is to make it to the NCAA Tournament.

it was worth it," Rum said. "It got me ready. Who knows what would have happened if I would have stayed in Chapel Hill. But it definitely worked out for the best."

William & Mary is not just the perfect fit for Rum, but also for those who have supported him throughout. Williamsburg is only three-and-a-half hours from both Chapel Hill and Baltimore.

"Î'm trying to put William & Mary on the map," Rum said. "Nobody even seems to know it's a Division I school. We definitely have to win to be recognized."

Whatever happens, Rum says he won't lose his memories of Chapel Hill.

"It was so tough to leave my friends in Chapel Hill and the area," he said. "It all started here in Chapel Hill for me. It'll always be

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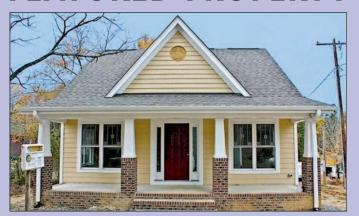
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PHOTO BY KEN MOOF Tiny black seeds are held in place for weeks by the delicately interlaced hair-like parachutes.

FLORA

FROM PAGE I

This Eupatorium hyssopifolium, hyssopleaf Eupatorium, copies the leaf arrangement pattern of its namesake, the holy herb, hyssop. The short narrow leaves scattered up and down the stems usually have fascicles (tight clusters) of smaller leaves emerging from the leaf axils. I recall my delight decades ago when I learned to observe that "fascicledleaves-along-the-stem" characteristic of this Eupatorium; until then they looked to me like any other roadside plant.

I remain in awe that plants like the whole group of Eupatoriums crowd so many tiny flowers into those variously structured inflorescences. It's remarkable how many different insect pollinators are attracted to those flower heads. Our admiration should not stop with the flowers.

A closer look at the seed heads of those various Eupatoriums reveals, crowded together, thousands of single little seeds, little nutlets, called achenes by botanists. An even closer look with your hand lens, which I hope you always carry with you, will further reveal that each of those seeds are crowned with a ring of filament-like hairs. These are the "parachutes" that carry those seeds aloft for wind dispersal. Now think about nature's efficiency with this strategy. First of all, those seed plumes, so interlocked as they are, prevent all those seeds from being dispersed at once. You will notice that some of those seeds will hang on for weeks. That's a plus for birds foraging during late fall and winter, and don't be concerned for the plants; there are so many seeds produced that enough of them will gradually take flight on the winds to establish new plants near and far.

There are other Eupatoriums out there that we may not have noticed, but they are all being noticed by pollinators and seed-eating critters. And don't fear, I won't describe any more. I believe during the past few weeks, we've taken a closer look at the most engaging and useful of them.



Remembering Marty, a hero among us

wo years ago this month, we lost Marty Ravellette of Carrboro, a true hometown hero. Born armless but never a whiner, Marty was quite simply a force of nature. He ran his own landscaping business (Marty's Hands-On Landscaping) and saved the life of an elderly motorist trapped in her burning car by kicking in the driver-side window so she could be rescued. My Sutton's lunch counter bud, Marty loved to guest lecture at the J-School. Ever the showman, he'd walk in and, without a word, write his name on the board (with his left foot) — and then regale the slack-jawed students with his life story. Later, at Suttons, he'd critique my kids' work with the precision of an English don. Marty's appearance taught undergrads a variety of lessons, including: Life 101, everybody has a story, and, especially — you ain't got nothing to complain about. His vacant chair at Sutton's lunch counter is still hallowed ground to me.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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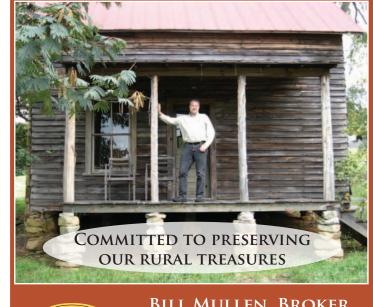














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