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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

(Top to bottom) Leaves of Weaver Street's willow oak, water oak, post oak and southern red oak.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

The oaks of Weaver Street

onths ago, a Carrboro reader, wanting verification of the identity of the Pecan, Carya illinoiensis, just outside the Weaver Street Market's exit door, suggested an article on identification of the nearby oaks.

Following up on that suggestion, I'm happy to promote appreciation for Weaver Street's stately oaks.

The signature tree of the market's gathering place is that huge willow oak, Quercus phellos. Though it appears to be a giant of the former hilltop forest, it was most likely planted 70 to 80 years ago. For comparison, visit those giant willow oaks up along the university's Polk Place, between South Building and Wilson Library. Those giants were planted back in the late 1930s. Willow oaks of lowland habitats are rapid growers in a cultivated landscape.

The two water oaks, Q. nigra, also of lowland forests, sited along the western edge of the canopied outdoor eating area, and the southern red oak, Q. falcata, out along the street side, were most likely planted in the 1960s. They are not as fast growing as willow oaks. It will be great to hear from a longtime Carrboro citizen who may recall the planting of these new trees to the old mill's grounds.

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'Best day I've had in a long time'

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

Change happened overnight, a fact noticeable throughout the community.

Stories flowed of the night before, of sitting and waiting alone for the results of a historic election or in a crowded club cheering on the calling of each state by the networks like it was a 360 dunk.

It was an exhausted Carrboro populace that trundled into work or down to the coffee shop Wednesday morning, but exhausted was not the word most commonly used. That word was "elated."

It's the first thing that came out of Marilyn Chaplin's mouth when asked how she felt that Barack Obama was now the country's president-elect.

Chaplin, who was just finishing up with a customer at the Midway Barber Shop, said she was too nervous to watch the returns come in, but the phone rang all night long.

Before heading into work in the shop that once belonged to her father and as of today still sports a poster of the president-elect in a barber chair, Chaplin once again donned her "Generation Obama"

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Marilyn Chaplin, a proud member of Generation Obama, takes a call at the Midway Barber Shop. She's making plans to head up to Washington D.C. for the inauguration.

Dems enjoy an OC sweep

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

Orange went blue in a big way. Preliminary numbers show that 74,920 voters in Orange County cast their ballots, a turnout of 71 percent, putting the county slightly higher than the state turnout of 68.61 percent, as a record 4.3 million North Carolinians voted.

You might not have noticed, though, if you were looking for signs in the form of long lines on Election Day.

By the time Tuesday rolled around, more than 55,000 ballots had already been cast at one of five early voting sites in the county, almost double the number in 2004. Compare that to the roughly 19,200 who voted on Election Day.

The early turnout and a steady cool drizzle didn't stop poll watchers and canvassers from making the best of matters.

"It's slow now, but it will pick up," Heiderose Kober said around midday Tuesday from her station at the Democratic Party tent set

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Pelissier wins at-large seat

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer Democratic candidate Bernadette Pelissier defeated Republican

on the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday. Pelissier received 48,037 votes, compared with Wolff's 21,085, or 69.5 percent to 30.5 percent. She fills the seat of longtime Commissioner Moses Carey, who lost

Kevin Wolff for the at-large seat

state senate. Pelissier won't be the only new face joining the board of commissioners. Democrats Pam

in the Democratic primary for

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Margaret Jemison, left, and Wendy Banning canvass Carrboro neighborhoods Monday, hanging Obama signs on selected

Seven candidates in the running to serve out Thorpe's term

BY RICH FOWLER

Staff Writer

Seven candidates made their cases to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday night to fill the seat left vacant after Bill Thorpe died in September. The person picked to fill his seat will serve out the remainder of his term, which will end in 13 months. The new council member will be selected by the council at its meeting on Nov. 10 and will be sworn in on Nov. 17.

"A lot of people have asked me whether one of the criteria is that you

have to be an African-American also a member of the Northern Area to fulfill Bill's seat," Mayor Kevin Foy said, "and I think the answer to that is no, you don't, but you do have to somehow demonstrate, in my mind anyway, that you will be a strong advocate, because no one advocated more effectively for minority interests [than Bill].'

Of the seven candidates, two, J.M. Green and James Merritt, are black.

Amy Chute went over council meeting agendas with Bill Thorpe during the last three years and worked on his 2005 election campaign. She is

Task Force. Chute said she applied because Bill Thorpe inspired her, but that because she is white she was reluctant to apply for his seat.

"I feel strongly that the African-American community deserves direct representation on this council," Chute said. "What I can say is that I'm a white person and I can't change that. What I can continue to do is to reach out to everybody in Chapel Hill."

J.M. Green moved to Chapel Hill a little over two years ago and is the director of UNC's Upward

Bound program, which helps local high school students from firstgeneration, low-income or underrepresented groups prepare for college.

"I'm already working with many in the African-American and minority community through the program I work with at the University," Green said. "I think it takes an individual who's willing to get out there and be with the folks who need this kind of support."

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Patients, pinwheels and promises

RECENTLY ...

By Valarie Schwartz

Destinations have many paths by which people arrive. Dawn and Phil Zachary found themselves in Chapel Hill during December 2006 via a path they would never have chosen when their then ninth-grade daughter Blaire became seriously ill. That's when they discovered the scrupulous care at North Carolina Children's Hospital. Healthy results for Blaire set her parents on another

Phil Zachary, president of Curtis Media and his wife, Dawn, co-chaired the 2008 Pinwheels and Promises fundraiser for the hospital on Oct. 28, creating a standard that future event chairs will find challenging to

The venue certainly set the tone. The invitation directed everyone to the Angus Barn in Raleigh, but once in the parking lot we were guided behind and below the venerable red farm-style buildings to the stunning Pavilions at Angus Barn, from which the smoke of a most aromatic fire drew us into the 11,000-square-foot structure with barn-shaped roofline outfitted for cool weather with canvas and clear plastic walls and windows. Inside were dozens of swan-shaped topiary-topped tables, where napkins the color of fall leaves fanned out of long-stemmed glasses against the backdrop of the massive fireplace producing the seductive scents, behind which Umstead Lake rested out the backdoors.

"The first Pinwheels and Promises luncheon was held Nov. 9, 2006 in Chapel Hill as an opportunity to raise awareness within the Chapel Hill community about North Carolina Children's Hospital and also to raise money to support the hospital," said Crystal Hinson Miller, director of external affairs and communications for N.C. Children's Hospital and one of 35 table captains chosen by the Zachary's.

'The event features a program filled with stories of hope from patients of the hospital, as well as a video, which provides an overview of hospital highlights, programs and services," Miller continued.

A diverse group, totaling 350 men and women from all over the Triangle and many walks of life, attended last week, learning about the 136-bed hospital where parents from all over the state, country and world bring 60,000 of the sickest children every year.

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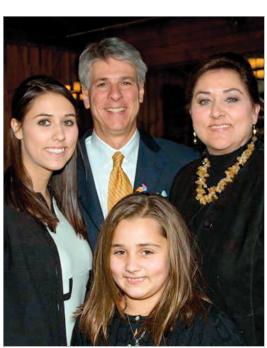
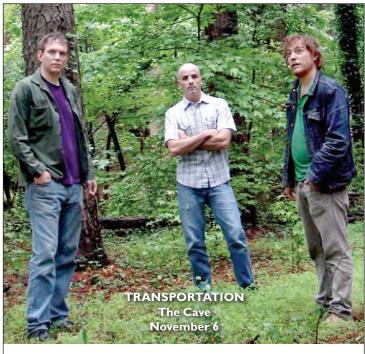


PHOTO BY IACKIE FRITSCH

Phil and Dawn Zachary, co-chairs of the Pinwheels and Promises luncheon benefitting N.C. Children's Hospital, with their daughters Blaire and Cathryn at the Pavilions at Angus Barn.

MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY NOV 6

Blue Bayou Club: Blaine Ziglar.

The Cave: EARLY: Songslingers Showcase. LATE: Transportation, Dawn Chorus

General Store Café: Bernie Petteway Trio, 8pm

Local 506: Phosphorescent, Virgin Forest. 9:30pm, \$8

Reservoir: Liquid Limbs, The Homewreckers. 10pm

FRIDAY NOV 7

The ArtsCenter: The Red Clay Ramblers. 8:30pm, \$15-17

Blue Bayou Club: Ape Foot Groove. 9:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Matthew Sweet, The Bridges. 8pm, \$18-20

The Cave: EARLY: New River Rock Skippers. LATE: Joe Romeo & The Orange County Volunteers

City Tap: Great Big Gone. 8pm Local 506: Bio Ritmo. 10pm, \$8-10

Nightlight: Ben Sollee, Kim Taylor. 8:30pm, \$10-12

General Store Café: Southpaw.

SATURDAY NOV 8

The ArtsCenter: The Red Clay Ramblers. 8:30pm, \$15-17

Blue Bayou Club: Deb Callahan. 9:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Mark Kozelek, Kath Bloom 8pm \$15-17

The Cave: EARLY: Latecomers, Stormfront. LATE: Dom Casual, The

Ghostwriter City Tap: Mike Nicholson. 8pm General Store Café: Bleumatics.

Local 506: Brooke Waggoner, Gambling the Muse, Luego. 9:30pm,



WEDNESDAY NOV 12

Blue Bayou Club: Braille Blues

The Cave: EARLY: Alex Bowers.

Local 506: Harmute, Lafcadio,

Nightlight: Blood Sugars, Electrical

Young, Where the Buffalo Roamed.

Blue Bayou Club: Lucy Sumner &

Mary Johnson Rockers. 9pm

Funeral, The Lisps. 9:30pm

Reservoir: Finn Riggins, Gray

THURSDAY NOV 13

Cat's Cradle: Badfish, Scotty

Don't, Simplified. 8:30pm, \$15-18

The Cave: EARLY: Last Watch.

LATE: Spider Bags, Rongo Rongo,

Local 506: Brightblack Morning

Light, Zomes. 9:30pm, \$8-10

Reservoir: The Moaners, The

Her New Band. 9pm

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Trampskirts. 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Calexico, The

Daddy Bryan Lee. 9pm

Acorn. 8:30pm, \$15

Late: Only Living Boy

SUNDAY NOV 9

Cat's Cradle: James McMurtry, The Dedringers. 7:30pm, \$15

The Cave: LATE: Illicitizen.

MONDAY NOV 10

Cat's Cradle: Flobots, Blue Scholars, Urban Sophisticates. 8pm,

Local 506: The Shaky Hands, Oscar Begat. 9:30pm, \$8

Nightlight: Dynamite Club, Homewreckers, Princess and the Criminals. 9:30pm, \$5

TUESDAY NOV II

Cat's Cradle: Mad Decent Tour: Diplo, Abe Vigoda, Boy 8 Bit, Telepathe. 8:30pm, \$12-15

The Cave: EARLY: Kate Edwards. LATE: Hudson K

Local 506: The Rosewood Thieves, Max Indian, Embarassing

Fruits. 9:30pm General Store Café: Laine and Avis duo, Rusty McIntosh, Max and

Ann Drake & Friends. 6pm Nightlight: Caithlin de Marrais, El May, Cory Hart. 9:30pm, \$5

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FRIDAY NOV 14

The ArtsCenter: ELM Collective and Charanga Carolina. 8:30pm,

Blue Bayou Club: Peter Tork &

The Blue Suede Shoes. 9:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Toadies, People in Planes. 7pm, \$13-15

The Cave: Potato Gun. LATE:

Dynamite Brothers, Razpa

City Tap: Blue Diablo. 8pm **Local 506:** The Huguenots, The

Sammies, Magic Babies. 10pm

Nightlight: Nourish International presents Global Music Jam hostedby WXYC DJ's. 9pm

Reservoir: Colossus. 10pm

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SATURDAY NOV 15

Blue Bayou Club: Da' Muthas. 9:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Bill Evans Soulgrass with Sam Bush, No Strings Attached.

7pm, \$18-22 The Cave: EARLY: Hwyl. LATE: Rooster For The Masses, Rat Jackson, Arizona

City Tap: Killer Filler. 8pm

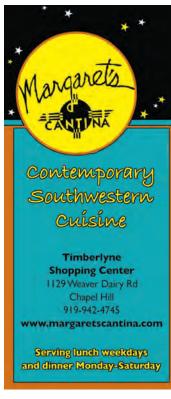
Local 506: Future Islands, Ear Pwr, Lonnie Walker. 10pm, \$5

Nightlight: Darsombra, Pacific Before Tiger, Ala Muerta. 10pm

SUNDAY NOV 16

Cat's Cradle: Black Sheep, Nice & Smooth, Orgone. 9:30pm, RSVP

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News Briefs

Bus driver charged in pedestrian death

The Chapel Hill Police Department charged James Willie Orr on Tuesday with misdemeanor death by vehicle in connection with the death of a pedestrian last week.

Orr was the driver of a Chapel Hill Transit Bus that hit Valerie Hughes, 33, in the intersection of South Columbia Street and Mason Farm Road at about 4 p.m. on Oct. 27. She later died at UNC Hospitals.

According to a statement from Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil, the Town of Chapel Hill conducted an internal investigation and Orr was terminated as an employee of the town on Monday.

Hughes is the second pedestrian to have died following a collision with a Chapel Hill Transit bus this year. Lisa Carolyn Moran, 20, of Scotland, was hit by a Chapel Hill Transit bus on Manning Drive near South Columbia Street in May.

Orr is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 12.

Disability and elderly care meeting

Community Connections will host a two-day Orange County community meeting on transitional care on Nov. 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Central Orange Senior Center in Hillsborough.

The meeting will focus on strengthening the services for older adults and adults with disabilities during times of transition.

The meeting is supported by a grant from the Duke Endowment and is being coordinated through the Community Connections project at Carol Woods, Orange County Department on Aging, Alliance of Disabilities Advocates and a wide range of community partners that work with older adults and adults with disabilities in Orange County.

The meeting is free and open to the public. RSVP to Heather Altman at 918-2609 or haltman@carolwoods.org

Commissioners talk tethering

The Orange County Board of Commissioners meets tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the F. Gordon Battle Courtroom on East Margaret Lane in Hillsborough.

The board will consider a proposed animal-ordinance amendment restricting the tethering of dogs. If approved, the ordinance would restrict tethering to no more than three hours within a 24-hour period, specify types of collars and equipment permissible for tethering and require minimum kennel sizes. Certain organized and lawful animal functions and circumstances would be exempt.

The board will also consider setting a public hearing on an educational-facilities impact fee for Dec. 1. For the complete agenda, visit www.co.orange.nc.us

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Halloween short on treats for business owners

MARGOT CARMICHAEL LESTER

Staff Writer

Despite predictions of mind-boggling gridlock and a horde of marauding revelers heading to and from Franklin Street, Halloween 2008 did not deliver as advertised.

"It was unbelievably easy," said Carolyn Hutchison, Carrboro's chief of police. She attributes the lack of incidents to what she calls the "media blitz" that instructed people to stay home or – if they must go out -- walk, bike and take public transportation.

Judging by the number of pedestrians, it

"Foot traffic was as heavy as we've ever seen it," said Capt. Joel Booker. "The sidewalk from [police headquarters] to Brewer Lane and Rosemary Street was full; people sometimes had to step into the street."

There were few calls to 911. "A few involving people being extremely intoxicated and three or four calls we don't usually get

about fighting and intimidating behavior," Hutchison noted. "Otherwise, it was business as usual."

Well, sort of. Restaurants saw fewer diners, despite reserved parking and special pro-

"Dinner business was way off, as most people that would go out to dine stayed away from Carrboro and Chapel Hill," said Mike Benson, owner of Southern Rail and the Station at 201-C E. Main St. "Bar business was good, but not that much better than other Friday nights when we have good weather."

Business also was off at the Open Eye Café at 101. S. Greensboro St.

"Business was probably less, and in a different way -- fewer folks hanging out, more fly-bys on the way to somewhere like a party, Franklin Street, etc.," said Scott Conary, who owns the café. "We would see some surges pre-party or pre-Franklin Street walk-up times, but retention was low."

The local police realize the restrictions

and warnings may have impeded business, but say they have to go for safety first.

"We're in the business of having to plan for the worst-case scenario," Hutchison said. "It wouldn't be prudent for us to not plan the

Business owners don't disagree, but they would like to see the town do more to encourage locals to come out.

"Let people know Carrboro is family friendly," Benson suggested, pointing to Southern Village and Meadowmont, which promoted a local Halloween and had large numbers of families early in the evening.

Conary agreed. "I would like to see us have some more events here in Carrboro to try to retain more folks now that the allure of Franklin Street has tapered off," he said. "But not street-closing kinds of stuff. We will try to have an event of some sort next year, music, etc., and see if we can get people happy to party in their own town."

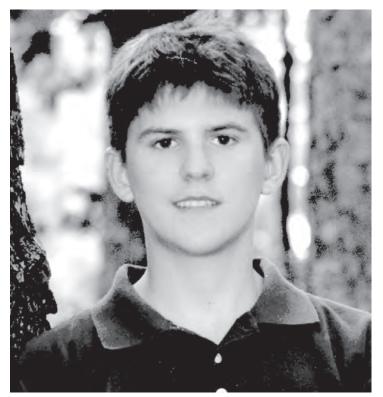
OBITUARY

Adam S. Raleigh

Adam Sanders Raleigh, 22, beloved son of Karen Sanders Raleigh of Durham and Donald J. Raleigh of Chapel Hill, passed away tragically on Oct. 31, 2008, a victim of gun violence.

Adam was born on Sept. 20, 1986, in Honolulu, Hawaii. In 1988 he moved with his family to Chapel hill, where he attended Seawell Elementary and Mc-Dougle Middle Schools, graduating from Chapel Hill High School in 2004. Adam played clarinet, tenor sax, and bassoon in the Chapel Hill High School Marching and Concert Bands all four years of his high school career. His band friends were among his closest.

He had a passion for marine sciences and knew more about sharks than any Chapel Hillian his age. He enjoyed fishing, always throwing back his catch. He loved animals, especially his dog Spunky and his mother's dog, Kenzie. Fond of music, he was a devotee of the group called Gorillaz. He read voraciously



and was partial to Stephen King novels, science fiction, and the Harry Potter series. He was an enthusiastic gamer. Adam also enjoyed traveling abroad and became fluent in Russian.

Adam never met a stranger. From a very young age, he was equally at ease sitting down with his friends or having serious conversations with adults. People remarked on his kindness, intelligence, and compassion. His friends knew he was always there for them.

Adam is survived by his mother and father; his uncles and aunts Donald S. and Beverly Sanders, Michael and Linda Raleigh, and Marsha and Jay McCormick; cousins Rebecca Raleigh, Mike Raleigh and Matthew McCormick; close family friends, Lawrence Champion, Stan Chojnacki, and Barbara Harris, and many, many more who loved Adam. He was predeceased by grandparents, Arlene and Orin Sanders of Kirkwood, Miss., and Lorraine and William Raleigh of Chicago, Ill..

Adam was the light of our lives and a blessing for all the years we were able to have him.

A visitation was held at Walkers Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill (942-3861), on Nov. 5, between 6 and 8 p.m. The funeral service will take place Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. at United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make a contribution in Adam's name to the Chapel Hill High School Marching Band or to North Carolinians against Gun Violence. They may also share their memories and photos on Adam's Facebook account under the address adamsraleigh@ gmail.com

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE I

Loren Hintz is a former member and chair of the town transportation board and is a teacher at Chapel Hill High School. He is co-chair of the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club Group and is a former Peace Corps volunteer.

"Shouldn't our government be so that everyone should be comfortable to contact any council member?" Hintz asked. "Anyone should be comfortable to contact any staff member or board member. The bigger picture is what are we going to do to create that situation?"

James Merritt is a retired school counselor and administrator. He is a Chapel Hill native who grew up and went to school during segregation and

is a Vietnam War veteran and a Purple Heart recipient.

families in Chapel Hill of Af- gardless of sex, race or age." rican-American descent that I do not know," Merritt said. "I don't want to think that I would only be an advocate for African-Americans. I think I would be an advocate for all citizens of Chapel Hill."

Gene Pease is the president and CEO of Capital Analytics, Inc. He is the president of the Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation, an OWASA board member and a member of the budget and finance committee.

"I've supported the affordable-housing initiatives, the free-fare bus, the renaming of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, some of the work Sally [Greene] is doing to end homelessness," Pease said. "I think I'm

aware of a lot of those issues and I support them and I try to treat There are not too many every issue as fairly as I can, re-

> Will Raymond is a software professional and a two-time candidate for town council who has served on a number of local boards, including the Downtown Parking Task Force and the Horace Williams Citizens Committee.

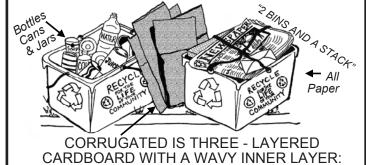
"I want to focus on what we have in common in this community, and the common concerns that we have in this community," said Raymond. "I'm concerned that there are a lot of folks in this community that

are getting short shrift and that the diversity we used to have in this community is rapidly disappearing." Donald Shaw is a profes-

sor of journalism at UNC, a current member of the Public Housing Advisory Board and is North Carolina director of Selective Service. He has served on a number of town boards since

"I knew Bill well enough to know that I couldn't fill his shoes," Shaw said. "I agree that the council should have African-American representation and ... it's very reasonable to me if the council decides to go that way."

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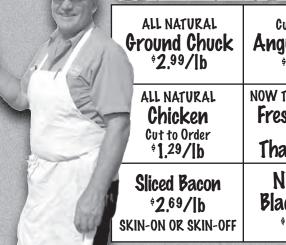


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Community Briefs

Meet-the-Author Tea

The Orange County Public Library will host an Author Tea with Valerie Raleigh Yow at 3 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the Main Library on West Tryon Street in Hillsborough.

Yow will read from and discuss her most recent book, Betty Smith: Life of the Author of A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. Yow is a psychologist, playwright and former history professor who lives in Chapel Hill. She has authored several books, including The History of Hera: A Woman's Art Cooperative and Recording Oral History: A Guide for the Humanities and Social Sciences, chosen by the American Library Association for its list "Outstanding Academic Titles of 2006."

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.co.orange.nc.us/ library/orange or contact any Orange County Public Library branch.

Women's History Symposium

The Women's History Symposium will be held Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Burwell School Historic Site on North Churton Street in Hillsborough.

The event will feature presentations and workshops celebrating and sharing women's history through the work of local researchers. The event is free and lunch will be available for \$8 per person.

To register, call 732-7451 or email director@ burwellschool.org before Nov. 12. For more information, visit www.burwellschool.org

Low Income Energy **Assistance**

The Orange County Department of Social Services will take applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program Nov. 3-14 at the department's Chapel Hill and Hillsborough locations.

The program gives families a one-time cash payment to help pay their heating bills. 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 \$1,944 and should have savings of less than \$2,200. To apply, residents should bring check stubs or verifications of income received during October 2008 along with social security numbers for each person in the home listed on the application.

The agency also runs the county's Emergency Assistance Program, which can help pay past-due heating, cooling and water bills to keep a resident's utilities from being turned off. It can also help with past-due rent payments and necessary medications for the uninsured.

Applications for all social services programs are available at both Orange County Department of Social Services locations: 300 W. Tryon St. in Hillsborough and 2501 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill.

To make a monetary donation to the programs, bring it to either of the department's locations or mail it to the agency at P.O. Box 8181, Hillsborough, N.C., 27278. Specify that donations are for the energy and crisis assistance programs.

Send your community events and announcements to editor@carrborocitizen.com

Community Calendar

Special Events

Orange County Open Studio Tour — Nov 8-9. Exhibitions at artists' studios throughout the county. 932-3438, www.orangecountyartistsguild.com

Latin American Film Festival — Nov. 2 to 21, at different locations

in the Triangle and elsewhere. latinfilmfestivalnc.com Harmonic Convergence — Nov. 7,

8pm. Barbecue, books and bluegrass. Fearrington Village Barn. 542-0394, www.chathamarts.org \$10-13

From DNA to the Dinner Table: Couples and Families in the **Treatment of Eating Disorders**

Conference — Nov. 8, 8:30am-4:45pm. Guest speakers on anorexia and other related topics. Friday Center for Continuing Education. 962-2118

Wine Tasting Benefit — Nov. 10, 5:30 -7:30pm. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while supporting the Youth Programs of the Dispute Settlement Center at the Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street. Purchase tickets at www.disputesettlement.org or call 929-8800 ext 10. \$35-40

Seventh Annual Carrboro CD and Record Show — Nov.16,

noon-6pm. 40 tables of new and used CDs, records and music memorabilia. Carrboro Century Center. 260-0661.

Lung Cancer Awareness Sym-

posium — Nov. 17, 4pm. Lineberger Cancer Center hosts panel discussion in lung cancer. Pre-registration required. 843-0937, www.unclineberger. org/events/lca

Moms Networking — Nov. 17, 6:30-8:30pm. Workshop on developing an effective business plan. Presented by Carl Baumann and Hugh Morrison of SCORE. Chapel Hill Public Library downstairs meeting room. RSVP and info at denise@momsnetworking.org, www.momsnetworking.org

Durham-Orange Quilter's Guild — Nov. 17, 7:30pm. Hillsborough textile artist Hollis Chatelain will lecture

on West African Textiles. Grace Church, 200 Sage Rd., Chapel Hill. 544-3285, www.durhamorangequilters.com

Holiday Faire — Dec. 6, 10am-4pm. Fun, games, and gifts. Emerson Waldorf School, 6211 New Jericho Road, Chapel Hill. 967-1858, www. emersonwaldorf.org

St. Matthew's Festival of the Society Tree — Dec. 6, 10am-5pm; Dec. 7 I-5pm. Handmade items for sale, carols and more. Proceeds benefit charity. www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

Pittsboro First Sundays — 12-4pm. Food, arts and crafts and music on Hillsboro Street. 260-9725, pittsboroshops.com

Dance

Firehouse Rhythm Kings Swing **Dance** — Nov. 8, 7:30-Hpm. Gypsy swing band plays from 8-11pm. Dance lesson at 7:30. Carrboro Century Center. triangleswingdance.org

Contra — Dec. 19, 7:30pm. Music by the Donnybrook Lads. Carrboro Century Center. 967-9948. www.csdadance.org \$8

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

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

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

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

Faith

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

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

Discovering Buddhism: How to **Meditate** — Mondays, 7pm. Kadampa Center for the Practice of Tibetan Buddhism, 5412 Etta Burke Ct., Raleigh. www.kadampa-center.org

Meditation Practices of Tibetan Buddhism: Shinay, Tonglen and Deity Practice — Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm. Through November. 968-9426, www.piedmonktc.org

Trouble In The Water — Nov. 19, 7pm. A young African-American man deals with racial alienation from within his own community. Filmmakers Roger Edwards, Jr. & Jim McQuaid will be on hand for a Q&A session after the screening. Internationalist Books & Community Center. 405 W. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. 919-942-1740. www.troubleinthewater.com

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

Health & Wellness

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

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

WomanHeart — Fourth Thursdays, 12:30-2pm. The national coalition for Women with Heart Disease Support Group is free and open to any woman with any form of heart disease. 403 W. Weaver St. WH-ChapelHill@ womenheart.org

Kids

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

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

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

Lectures & Discussions

Political Economy — Nov. 6, 7pm. Discussion of how profits are made and divided between labor and capital, and whether it is equitable. Chapel Hill Public Library. southplumb@gmail.com

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

I Called 911! Now What? — Nov. 16, 2pm. Coordinator of Durham EMS M. Kevin Wilson speaks. Judea Reform Congregation, 1933 W. Cornwallis Rd, Durham. 542-6199.

Literary

Travels with Herodotus — Nov. 20, 7pm. Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Book Club meets to discuss the book by Ryszard Kapuscinski. 918-7387, www. co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Twilight — Dec. 11, 7pm. The Movie/Book Club discusses the film and the Stephanie Meyer novel. Carrboro Cybrary. 918-7387, www.co.orange. nc.us/library/cybrary

Volunteers **RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program**

— Seeks volunteers to match other volunteers with opportunities for public service. 968-2056

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

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

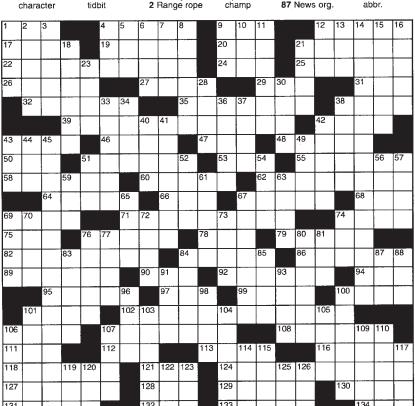
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Citizen **Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody

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by Linda Thistle

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THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:

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- 2. Bill Ayers was a member of what radical organization?
- 3. McCain was enmeshed in a banking scandal in the early '80s. Who was the banker at the center of that scandal?
- 4. At what law school did Barack Obama teach constitutional law?
- 5. Who co-sponsored McCain's campaign finance reform legislation?
- 6. What are the titles of Barack Obama's two books?
- 7. McCain's 2000 campaign for president was derailed by Bush campaign dirty tricks around the primary in what state? 8. What is the name of Jeremiah Wright's church?
- 9. T or F: John McCain started seeing his current wife while he was still married to his first wife.
- 10. In what state was Obama born? 11. T or F: Cindy McCain was once treated for addiction to painkillers.

Carrboro resident Mark Dorosin is the quizmaster each Wednesday at Trivia Night at The Station.

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Land & Table

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Time to order, **Turkeys**

A bittersweet note: one of the best ideas The Eater's had for a holiday celebration in Carrboro — a tofurkey shoot — has been rejected on the grounds that it would be too wasteful and encourage violence against replicas of birds made out of tofu. Drat. The staff wouldn't bite even if we promised to use a potato canon. Ah well at least that brings us to the subject of Turkeys.

The time to get your order in is now, especially if you're searching for a locally raised and/or hormone-free bird or one that is particularly large.

Cliffs is taking orders now as is Weaver Street and Whole Foods. We're talking fresh, here. Food Lion, Lowe's and H-T have quite a bit in stock of the frozen

More stores are touting the buy-a-complete feast idea. Whole Foods staffs a holiday meal planning table that opens each day at 11 a.m. They also have a fairly straightforward online ordering system at wholefoodsmarket. com/holidays/

WF's fresh turkeys are going for \$2.30 - \$2.50 a pound range depending on size.

Weaver Street is also offering complete meals — including a vegan feast — along with side dishes, roasting kits and preroasted turkeys from Plainville Farms at \$3.49 a pound. Vegan pies are available ala cart as well. Their fresh turkeys (veg diet, antibiotic & hormone free) are going for \$2.49.

Cliff is taking orders for fresh turkeys and special holiday cuts of other meats at 942-2196.

You can also order fresh turkeys directly from several farmers at the Carrboro, South Estes and Hillsborough markets. You might want to jump on that this weekend, though, as they tend to sell out fairly quickly.

Holiday table

Have you got a special recipe or a food tradition you want to share with faithful readers of The Eater? Send it on in. We'll be running your specialties (yes, that even includes spicy Chex mix) now through the end of the year. The email is eats@carrborocitizen.com

PROFILES IN AGRICULTURE: AN OCCASIONAL SERIES

New farmer ready with fall goodies

BY EMILY BUEHLER

Staff Writer

At a single folding table at the Orange County Farmers' Market in Hillsborough, Will Cramer sits on his tailgate behind small piles of produce: sweet potatoes just dug from the dirt, crispy heads of pale butter crunch lettuce and rumpled deep-green leaves of chard. Will's a new face at the market this year, but he's present every week, and always with a random assortment of good-looking vegetables.

It was the chard that drew me in. Hesitant to buy from a farmer I didn't know, I avoided his table for weeks; but as the spring greens at other tables gave way to tomatoes, cucumbers and summer eggplants, Will continued to unload bunches of chard each Saturday morning. Finally, I went over to get some, asking the first question that popped into my head, "So where is Verdant Furrows?" This was the name scrawled on a small cardboard sign by his stand.

It turned out that Will farms land at the Breeze Farm north of Hillsborough as part of the Farm Incubator program. Col. William C. Breeze donated 269 acres to N.C. State University to be used for organic, sustainable activities. Part of the land is farmed by students (or apprentices) of the Farm Incubator program, also called PLANT (People Learning Agriculture Now for Tomorrow) or Farming 101.

PLANT began early in 2008 with the intention of helping newcomers interested in farming get started. The program included an eight-week workshop, networking with mentor farmers, and access to production land (at the Breeze Farm), equipment and supplies at reasonable rental rates. About 40 apprentices took the class. The program will begin again in January 2009 with six workshops in which technical experts and local farmers will discuss the basics of agriculture and irrigation as well as business plans, farm management and marketing.

I've wanted an excuse to see the Breeze Farm, so I drive out on a cold Wednesday morning to meet Will at the land. As I pull up, I see the long brown rows of a large rectangular plot, right by the side of Walnut Grove Road. It's smaller than the rolling hills I



PHOTO BY EMILY BUEHLER

Will Cramer and his Verdant Furrows farm are new at the Orange County Farmers' Market.

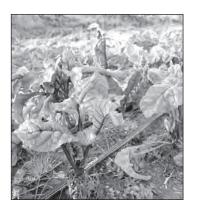
pictured, but far bigger than any garden I've ever seen. The space is shared by many of the former students, who take turns watering each other's rows. Some rows are planted with flowers, now a bit haggard in the cold, while one row is freshly dug (those were the sweet potatoes, Will tells me) and one has a white cloth tunnel protecting it from the cold.

It's hard to believe farming can still happen when it's this cold, but Will assures me he has plants in for the fall — beets, carrots, spinach, broccoli and lots of greens, like lettuce and salad mix; rounded, peppery tatsoi (also called baby bok choy); and hopefully the European salad green mâche. He folds back the white cloth to show me the small rosettes of mâche on the row — he planted them in May and they've been growing slowly ever since.

I'm dying to know how he grew chard all summer, with the oppressive heat and full sunshine beating down on his plants. "I don't know," he replies with a grin when I ask. He adds as an afterthought, "Maybe the okra shaded it." I look across the field and spot the tall okra plants, now bearing only a few monstrous pods, and they do indeed tower over the row of chard.

Will and I walk closer and I can see the chard plants are stripped of leaves from the ground up their sides — these are the leaves I've been eating all summer. I'm glad to see they still bear clusters of ruffle-y leaves in their middles. I'm suddenly in awe of the chard plants, wondering which ones grew the leaves I bought last Saturday morning. It's a bit like watching the cows at Mapleview Dairy from the porch of the Country Store as you eat your ice cream cone, or like meeting someone for the first time, but feeling you already know him well. In this case, it's a row of plants, but I still wish I could shake their hands and say, 'Thank you! I've been eating your leaves all summer!"

Will's desire to farm began with an interest in sustainability as he finished high school. He interned on a farm and loved it, and worked on farms in nearby counties, in the mountains and in Pennsylvania for the next four years. He also took a certificate program at Chatham County he wanted to get beyond interning and friends mentioned the PLANT class, which was also advertised on some listservs. He felt lucky to find it.



When the workshops ended, Will rented some of the Breeze Farm land and got to work planting summer squash, cucumbers, okra and beans. All of his inaugural crops did well, and on July 25 he went to sell at the farmers' market for the first time — he'd been able to get a space at the fledgling Orange County Farmers' Market.

"How'd that go?" I ask.

"Well, I've done better and better each week," he replies, again with a grin. "I sold out," he adds, "but I only made like \$20. I didn't have much to sell, mostly cucumbers."

Will plans to continue farming at the Breeze Farm site next year as well as at land owned by his new farming partner. They're getting the new land ready now. He hopes to be farming fulltime some day, although for now he still works a second job.

It's gotten even colder in the days since I was out at the Breeze Farm, and I've begun to wonder how much cold the chard plants can take before they wilt and die. Thanks to Will, I've had more than my fair share of chard this summer, but I want one last bunch before I have to say goodbye. I'll have to keep my fingers crossed on Saturday morning when I head down to the market. But if the chard is gone, I'll hold out for the spinach.

Will sells his produce at the Orange County Farmers' Market at the Public Market House on East Margaret Lane in Hillsborough, from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The market is open Saturdays through Thanksgiving, when it Community College. This year will switch to a winter schedule of alternate Saturdays.

> For more information about PLANT, contact Bev at the Orange County Agricultural Extension Agency at 245-2050.

Land & Table Briefs

Gazebo gourmet

Dorette Snover, owner and chef of C'est Si Bon Cooking School, will cook in the gazebo at the Carrboro Farmers' Market on Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Snover will share recipes for the holiday season. For more information, visit www.cestsibon. net/biographies.shtml

School market

A farmers' market will be held at UNC on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in honor of UNC's Sustainable Foods Week.

The market will be held on Polk Place on the UNC campus. For more information, contact Alena Steen at alenamsteen@ gmail.com

New market hours

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will begin operating under its reduced winter hours on Saturday.

The market will be open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday until March 14. The Wednesday Carrboro Farmers' Market and the Thursday Southern Village Farmers'

Market are closed for the season. The Wednesday Carrboro market will reopen April 8, while the Southern Village market will reopen May 7.



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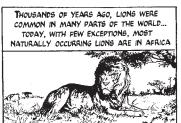
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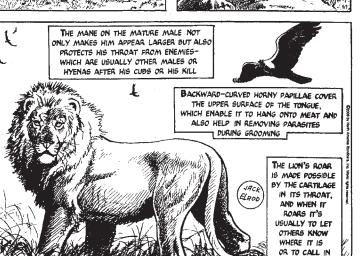






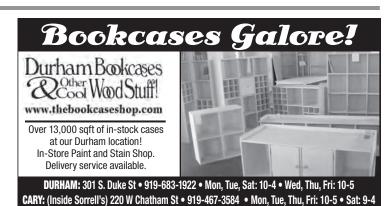


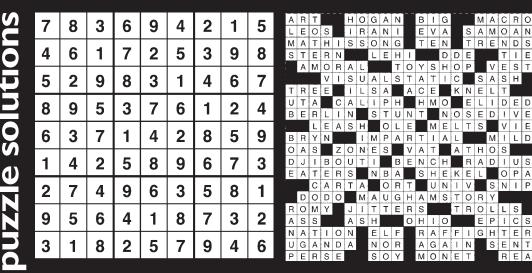






CHANGE YOUR LIGHTS TO LED





CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

You know that place between asleep and awake? The place where you still remember dreaming? That's where I'll always love you. - Tinkerbell

FOR THE RECORD

The tide is in

Your vote counted. There's proof. And not just your vote, but the actions you took to get registered, to be informed and whatever it took to put yourself in front of a ballot. The actions of your neighbors counted, the ones who convinced you and the ones who challenged your conclusions. The ones who took time last year, last month and two days ago to get someone else engaged in the process.

To be enfranchised takes effort. It means not being discouraged or daunted by the seeming impossibility of the task ahead but knowing that without the participation of individuals there is no nation – that unless the people speak, this country has no voice.

We are not unified. This was a bitter campaign and while many of us would hope that politics has been somehow cleansed, no doubt there will be equally ugly moments ahead. One can take some comfort in the failure of many of the nastier charges to take hold. There was too much on the line for too many to be enticed by the divisiveness that has worked so well in the past.

What's different in politics is a leap not just in numbers but in commitment. There were many new voters and a huge number of people volunteering and politicking for the first time. In particular, younger voters plugged in to this democracy in a way they haven't in decades and, for most of them, their candidate won and won big. With the awakening of a huge number of new voters, elections in this community are likely to change as well.

There was talk of a wave of new voters. It's not a wave – it's a tide. They're different things. A wave washes up, throws the swash around and recedes. Tides are much longer cycles, their effect more profound on the shoreline even though not as easily visible as the effect of the breakers.

This election brought millions more to the polls, millions who are likely to keep voting. People were also connected in ways that were only imagined in the last cycle – organizing, contributing, coordinating and communicating via digital means with the ultimate goal - and as the election proved, with the result – of making something happen on the ground. This was not the first election to make use of the cell phone and the Internet, but there are dozens of underdog candidates across the country who will take their seats in Congress and various state houses because they and their supporters successfully tapped into the resources of the local, state and national netroots. And there are dozens of candidates and incumbents who were unsuccessful because they discounted the web's immediacy and efficacy in putting one's words and images into the public

We are a different country than we were 48 hours ago. There is no denying the historic nature of the phrase "President-elect Barack Obama." Long after we are all through putting our spin on this, long after those of us who actually did live long enough to see this country's first black president are dust, schoolchildren will look down the line of presidents of the United States and see very clearly that a bright line was crossed on this week in November 2008.

Late Tuesday night, standing before an enormous throng with the eyes of the world on him, the president-elect was more sober in victory than one might have guessed. Perhaps it was because he too was awestruck with the historic nature of the moment and because he understands that this is not an end, but a beginning. The country is still at war and in the throes of an economic crisis. A new era has dawned, but the promise of a better future is still just that. The difference is that millions in this country and billions around the world sense that it is a little more possible that a bright day will come.

Let's get to work.



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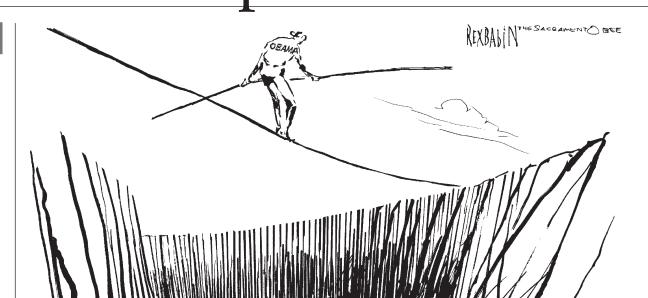
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The hope of a better day

Editor's note: The following words were delivered in Chicago's Grant Park by Barack Obama at the opening of his victory speech Nov. 4, 2008.

Hello Chicago.

If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.

It's the answer told by lines that stretched around schools and churches in numbers this nation has never seen, by people who waited three hours and four hours, many for the first time in their lives, because they believed that this time must be different, that their voices could be that difference. If there is anyone
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PRESIDENT-ELECT

answer.

It's the answer spoken by young and old, rich and poor, Democrat and Republican, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, disabled and not disabled. Americans who sent a message to the world that we have never been just a collection of individuals or a collection of red states and blue states.

We are, and alwayswill be, the United States of America.

It's the answer that led those who've been told for so long by so many to be cynical and fearful and doubtful about what we can achieve to put their hands on the arc of history and bend it once more toward the hope of a better day ...

Tuesday's undeniable progressive message

CHRIS FITZSIMON

People in North Carolina want things to be different in Washington and don't want to turn the state over to politicians more obsessed with taxes and stoking anti-religious fears than they are with improving education, expanding access to health care and helping people who are struggling to find jobs and keep their homes. That's the message from Tuesday's election in North Carolina.

Unless there is a major surprise when the provisional ballots are counted, Barack Obama will have carried the state in this election, the first Democratic presidential candidate to win since Jimmy Carter in 1976.

North Carolina is still a Southern state, and many people weren't sure they would live to see an African-American carry the state, much less be elected president.

The state's voters chose state Sen. Kay Hagan to represent them in the U.S. Senate, rejecting the most well-known politician in North Carolina, Elizabeth Dole, who was considered a political rock star and virtually unbeatable just a few months ago. Hagan received more votes than almost everybody else Tuesday night, defeating Dole by more than eight percentage points in a race that was called early in the evening by most major news organizations.

The conservative punditocracy blames Dole's stunning defeat on money from national Democrats, which they refer to not so subtly as "Chuck Schumer's money." New York Sen. Charles Schumer is the head of the Democratic Senatorial Committee.

But it wasn't money alone that defeated Dole. The two sides spent roughly the same amount on the race when you combine what the candidates raised and spent themselves with the funding from outside groups.

Charles Schumer didn't kick Elizabeth Dole out of office, the voters of North Carolina did, and the message was clear in the surprising margin of victory. The policies of the Bush Administration and Washington insiders like Elizabeth Dole who supported them were the wrong policies for North Carolina.

Dole's desperate and offensive attempt in the campaign's final days to portray Hagan as godless backfired, prompting outrage in North Carolina and around the country. People aren't nearly as concerned about who attended a fundraiser as they are with how they're going to pay for their child's next visit to the doctor.

The voters elected the first female governor in North Carolina's history, Democrat Beverly Perdue, who defeated Republican Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory by more than three percentage points in a race many Democrats thought she might lose. Perdue even defeated McCrory in his home county of Mecklenburg.

The conservative pundits don't seem to have an explanation for McCrory's defeat. Some credit Obama's coat-

tails, but Perdue received more votes than Obama. Others agree with McCrory that it was the strong support for Democrats in early voting in urban areas that doomed his gubernatorial bid, though he had the same opportunity as Perdue to influence the early voters. Maybe McCrory lost because voters want to hear more about the economy, education and health care than misleading claims about North Carolina taxes.

Democrats picked up a congressional seat, as Democrat Larry Kissell handily defeated 8th District Republican incumbent Robin Hayes in another clear rejection of the current economic policies in Washington that have left so many families reeling.

The folks scrambling to describe Tuesday as anything other than a call for progressive change point to the results in local-option tax votes and General Assembly races as evidence that voters sent mixed signals on Election Day.

Local proposals to raise the sales tax and the real estate transfer tax did fail in the counties that considered them, but it is hardly a surprise that people worried about their own financial situation would rather not pay higher taxes when given the direct choice.

The big Raleigh money of the realtors continues to buy the elections held on the transfer tax, but the realtors had far less success when they targeted state and local candidates who want to consider ways to raise revenue, including a transfer tax. Several realtors ran for the General Assembly with the strong financial support of their industry and lost, even in races they were predicted to win.

The General Assembly in 2009 will have almost the same partisan makeup it had in 2007-08. Democrats lost one seat in the Senate and now have a 30-20 advantage. There were a few changes in the House, but it remains in Democratic hands by the same 68-52 margin they enjoyed last session.

The right-wing pundits say the lack of Democratic gains in the Legislature in such a strong Democratic year was a setback and shows that voters aren't sold on any progressive agenda. But they know better.

Not too many weeks ago, Republicans were talking about taking control of the Senate by winning back seats in Republican areas that Democrats won two years ago. But the Democrats held all those seats but one, another sign of the progressive tide, not an indication of Republican strength.

North Carolinians want a more progressive state, a fairer state, a more hopeful state and want solutions to problems in their lives, not appeals to our fears and to our past. That was the message that 4.2 million people delivered at the polls Tuesday. Let's hope the people elected have the good sense to understand it.

Chris Fitzsimon is the director of NC Policy Watch.

Comments on the election

"I'm just so happy about it, I don't know what to do."

—Community organizer Rebecca Clark

"Elated!"

Marilyn Chaplin of Midway Barbershop when asked how she was feeling Wednesday

"This shows the Rogers Road community, 'We can.' As the nation chanted last night, 'We can.' Yes, we are able to work for the common cause of peace and prosperity for everyone on the globe."

Rogers/Eubanks community organizer Rev. Robert Campbell

"In 1961, four freshmen from North Carolina A&T went to a dime store to ask for service. They weren't allowed to eat there. That was the same year Barack Obama was born. To think of the changes for good that have taken place in his lifetime is to appreciate the magnificent change in values in America."

Civil rights attorney and UNC law professor Daniel Pollitt

"I think it gives hope for all students because of his commitment to education, but what it does for minority students is it gives them a very visible and positive role model, especially for African-American males."

Lorie Clark, a high school advocacy specialist with the Blue Ribbon Youth Leadership Institute for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

"The Democratic
Party has now reached
into the South and is
changing the electoral
map for the long run.
What we're doing
is creating a new
generation of voters
in the South who
will continue to vote
Democratic."

Thomas Mills, president of Thomas Mills Communications, a Democratic consulting firm based in Carrboro.

"I think this country has already been changed by the fact that so many people came together to make this happen....
It's not just about us, it's about the world.
Democracy actually works. Our hope in democracy has been restored."

Sue DeLaney, a doctor with the Wellness Alliance in Carrboro

"I think this could mean a whole change of direction. Heaven knows we need it."

State Senator Ellie Kinnaird.

day was similar.

precinct residents voted.

that skews Democratic.

SWEEP FROM PAGE

up behind the Cane Creek Baptist Church Activities Center, perhaps the prettiest polling place in the county. She always likes working at the poll behind the church, where even on a morning like Tuesday's the farms and fields visible from the vista are like something out of a postcard. In town, the turnout story Tues-

There was no waiting at the North Carrboro precinct, but not for lack of interest. An estimated 77 percent of the precinct's 2,464 registered voters had already cast their ballots. That left about 450 residents eligible to vote on Election Day. A poll worker at the precinct reported that this included a teenager casting his first presidential ballot and an 80-year-old woman who wanted to help make history. By day's end, 309

Though larger than most years, a heavy turnout in Orange County is not all that unusual. Neither is a tally

Results from Tuesday night show that 30,364 Democrats voted a straight ticket compared to 8,952 Republicans and 283 Libertarians. At the top of the ticket, Democratic nominee Barack Obama drew 53,712 votes in Orange County, contributing to a razor thin and, at press

time, unofficial victory in North

Carolina, a state that hasn't voted for

a Democratic candidate for president

since Jimmy Carter in 1976. GOP nominee John McCain received

20,226 votes and Libertarian candi-

date Bob Barr won 518 votes. There

for U.S. Fourth District Congress-

man David Price, giving him almost

72 percent of the vote to Republican

Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, a Cha-

pel Hill Democrat, also prevailed,

defeating GOP Charlotte Mayor

Pat McCrory with 65 percent of the

vote. That race tightened at the end

thanks in part to McCrory's cross-

party support, including Carrboro

William Lawson's 28 percent.

Orange voters came out heavily

were 313 write-ins.

Elections





(Above) Democratic Party canvassers John Betts (left) and George Hoag braved the rain and cool temperatures while working at a polling site on Weaver Dairy Road Extension. (At left) Voters line up during Saturday's last hour of early voting at Carrboro Town Hall.

ORANGE COUNTY 2008 ELECTION UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

PRESIDENT AND VP Obama/Biden (D) 71.84% 53,712 McCain/Palin (R) 27.05% 20,226 Barr/Root (L) 0.69% 518 Write-in 0.42% 313

STRAIGHT PARTY Democratic 76.68% 30,364 Republican 22.61% 8,952

Libertarian 0.71% 283

US SENATE Kay Hagan (D) 70.32% 51,949 Elizabeth Dole (R) 26.86% 19,843 Christopher Cole (L) 2.76% 2,039 Write-in 0.06% 42

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 4 David Price (D) 71.58% 51,834

William B.J. Lawson 28.42% 20,577 **GOVERNOR** Bev Perdue (D) 65.07% 47,812

Pat McCrory (R) 30.27% 22,239 Michael C. Munger (L) 4.66% 3,425 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Walter H. Dalton (D) 68.04%

Robert Pittenger (R) 27.83% 19,861 Phillip Rhodes (L) 4.13% 2,948

ATTORNEY GENERAL Roy Cooper (D) 77.57% 55,207 Bob Crumley (R) 22.43% 15,964 **AUDITOR**

Beth A. Wood (D) 69.57% 48,271 Leslie Merritt (R) 30.43% 21,109

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE Ronnie Ansley (D) 64.41% 45,041

Steve Troxler (R) 35.59% 24,890 **COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE** Wayne Goodwin (D) 68.92% 48,056

John Odom (R) 26.26% 18, 311 Mark McMains (L) 4.70% 3,275 Write-in 0.12% 87

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR Mary Fant Donnan (D) 67.00% 46,837 Cherie Berry (R) 33.00% 23,064 **SECRETARY OF STATE** Elaine F. Marshall (D) 73.61%

Jack Sawyer (R) 26.39% 18,434 SUPERINTENDENT OF **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

June St. Clair Atkinson (D) 71.81% 49.935 Richard Morgan (R) 28.19% 19,605

TREASURER Janet Cowell (D) 70.49% 48,909 Bill Daughtridge (R) 29.51% 20,478

NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 23 Ellie Kinnaird (D) 73.37% 51,649 Jon G. Bass (R) 26.63% 18,745

NC HOUSE OF **REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 50** Bill Faison (D) 100% 17,859 NC HOUSE OF **REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 56** Verla C. Insko (D) 100% 30,790

AT-LARGE Bernadette Pelissier (D) 69.50% 48,037 Kevin Wolff (R) 30.50% 21,085

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT I Valerie Foushee (D) 53.37% 50,472 Pam Hemminger (D) 46.63% 44,104 **COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

DISTRICT 2 Steve Yuhasz (D) 100% 54,584 SUPREME COURT **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE** Robert H. Edmunds, Jr. 33.72%

Suzanne Reynolds 66.28% 36,383 **COURT OF APPEALS IUDGE** John C. Martin 100% 45,148 **COURT OF APPEALS IUDGE**

Jewel Ann Farlow 31.64% 16,831 James A. Wynn 68.36% 36,370 **COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE** Sam J. Ervin, IV 42.77% 21,976 Kristin Ruth 57.23% 29,401

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE Cheri Beasley 70.68% 37,379 Doug McCullough 29.35% 15,508

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE Dan Barrett 24.46% 12.946 Linda Stephens 75.54% 39,973 **COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE** John S. Arrowood 66 98% 34 367 Robert N. Hunter, Jr. 33.02%

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 15B Charles (Chuck) Anderson 100%

44,019 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE **DISTRICT 15B**

Alonzo Brown Coleman, Jr. 68.62% 36,327 Betsy J. Wolfenden 31.38% 16,613 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE **DISTRICT 15B**

Glenn Gerdin 18.97% 9,367 Page Vernon 81.03% 40,019 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT Beverly A. Scarlett 100% 45,206 **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR** Roger Tate 97.39% 43,658

shirt replete with assorted buttons. On Wednesday, she was still answering the phone, "Obama Headquarters," and she and her fiancé, Pearly Jones, were planning a family trip to Washington in January.

"I just want to go and celebrate. I want to be there and be a part of history," Chaplin said. "I never thought I'd see an African-

Next door to the barber-

Thompson smiled broadly when asked about the election.

"I'm feeling very thrilled. I'm

Equally elated, if not more so, is Rebecca Clark, and from the home where she fought and organized for civil rights and helped marshal the power of the ballot, she reported that Wednesday, Nov. 5 was very fine indeed.

"Best day I've had in a long time," she said. She too was nervous and shooed everyone out of the house so she could switch back and forth between channels at will.

Obama's speech from Grant

Park "couldn't have been no better," she said, adding that John McCain's concession was gracious and well done.

the election was straightforward.

"This is letting us know that we have been lagging for a long time in going to the polls."

the enthusiasm of young people, especially those just turning 18 this year.

That, she added, is what "pulled the plow to this end."

Foushee said that while she didn't place expectations on

incoming board members, she believed the board's expansion would change the dynamic on

the board.

"What I expect the most is new energy," Foushee said. "The two new members in terms of expansion will be a welcome change.... I think it's going to

work in the board's favor." Foushee said she would like to see the board move forward with affordable housing, ending homelessness and bringing economic development that will help relieve the property tax burden.

Board Chair Barry Jacobs, whose term expires in 2010, said the board faces a great many challenging issues, including the budget, the waste transfer station, a new airport and more, adding that the expansion of the board could bring different

insight on various issues. "I think there will be a lot of enthusiasm. I think there will be a lot of challenging of assumptions," he said. "I think there will be more of a sense of business and less of a sense of individualism."

Foushee, Hemminger, Pelissier and Yuhasz will be sworn in as county commissioners on Dec. 1.

The message Clark took from

She chalked up the victory to

"He got them so energized," she said of Obama. "They were so motivated."

Mayor Mark Chilton. The county also backed Democratic state Sen. Kay Hagan's successful challenge against one-term Re-

> State Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, who prevailed in her bid for re-election against GOP challenger Greg Bass, was one of Hagan's early backers.

publican incumbent Elizabeth Dole.

"I'm delighted," Kinnaird said. "I always said only a woman candidate could defeat Dole."

Kinnaird was the only member of the county's legislative delegation in a contested race this year. Reps. Joe Hackney, Verla Insko and Bill Faison — all Democrats — will be returning to Raleigh. Faison did draw some opposition, with groups opposed to a new airport asking residents to not vote a straight ticket and withhold their vote for Faison as a demonstration of their ire over his support of the project.

Kinnaird said while she is savoring her victory, the job ahead for the Legislature is not going to be easy with a sagging economy and the state already looking at a massive deficit.

"My goal is to prevent cuts to the most vulnerable," Kinnaird said. She recalled the politically difficult decision she made to vote against her own party's budget because of deep cuts due to a similar deficit. "My job is to persuade my colleagues we can't do that again."

Tuesday night also saw the realignment of the new board of county commissioners with the addition of two seats and election by district for three of the seven commissioners. (See story, page 1).

BEST DAY

FROM PAGE I

American become president."

shop, at Hair Creations, Brenda

PELISSIER

FROM PAGE I

Hemminger and Steve Yuhasz,

who ran uncontested, will also

begin terms as commissioners,

five to seven members. Hem-

minger represents District

One and Yuhasz represents

Foushee also ran uncontested

and will begin a new term on

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county into districts and ex-

panded the board from five to

seven members. Board mem-

bers new and old said the ex-

pansion would both benefit

expansion will be a great asset

Pelissier said she thinks the

"You have two more people

who can be liaisons to the various

advisory boards, who can reach

board will bring a fresh per-

members, I think that means

it's an opportunity to just look

at how we do business as a

county government," she said.

The three new faces on the

"When you have three new

out to the public," she said.

spective, she added.

and challenge the board.

to the board.

Voters approved a referen-

Valerie

District Two.

the board.

Commissioner

"When you have the same people, you kind of get set in your

Hemminger, who recently submitted her resignation as chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, said she looks forward as the board expands from to joining the larger board.

"I think the challenge is that there will be three newbies on the board," she said. "I think there will have to be different kinds of dialogues going on." Hemminger said she would

like to see board members utilize technology to improve communications with the public and one another, which will be especially important in a tight budget year.

Yuhasz said he believed the bigger board would change the way the commissioners approach county business.

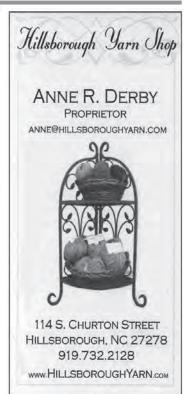
"There will be a different way of doing business with more members," he said. "I think it will be beneficial to the board to have a wider variety of opinions."

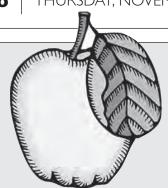
Yuhasz said his first priority on the board was to represent the people of District Two and that he felt that one of the biggest challenges facing the board would be balancing the budget in a difficult economic climate.











Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Lunch Menus

November 7 - 13

Elementary

Friday — Spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread; turkey corn dog; California mixed vegetables; sweet yellow corn

Monday — Hamburger on a bun; fish nuggets with wheat roll; lettuce and tomato salad; tater tots; peas and carrots; apple halves

Tuesday — no school! Wednesday — Chicken patty sandwich; baked potato with meat and cheese and wheat roll; traditional mixed vegetables; chilled pineapple tidbits; chocolate pudding **Thursday** — Oven baked

BBQ chicken with wheat roll; grilled cheese sandwich; "Fun on the Run;" baked beans, collard greens; chilled peaches

Middle & High

Friday — Pork rib-b-q on a bun; macaroni and cheese with wheat roll; traditional mixed vegetables; pineapple tidbits; fresh banana

Monday — Nachos with beer and cheese and salsa; chicken nuggets with wheat roll; baja black beans; chilled apricots; fresh apples

Tuesday — no school! **Wednesday** — Meatball sub; sweet and sour chicken; brown rice pilaf; asian mixed vegetables; fruited gelatin

Thursday — Fried chicken with wheat roll; mozarella cheese sticks with marinara dipping sauce; carrot and celery sticks; broccoli with cheese sauce; fresh orange

CHHS sports

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Sports Briefs

The Chapel Hill High School

Fall Sports Award Ceremony

will be held Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

in the Hanes Auditorium at

slideshow at the ceremony,

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The Carrboro Recreation &

Parks Department is accepting

volunteer coach's applications

ability to organize practices and

communicate effectively with

players ages 10-13, parents and

recreation department staff.

They must also exhibit the

ability to teach proper playing

Coaches must exhibit the

Marlatt at

School Briefs

Grove grants

Morris Grove Elementary School teachers recently received four grants from Donors

Mary Alice Lyons, K-2 literacy coach, received three of the awards. She received \$382 for "Lovely Letters: Kindergarten ABC Experts." This grant will fund magnetic alphabet letters and stamps to support letter identification. She received \$641 for "Mi Libro, Tu Libro" ("My Book, Your Book"). This grant will allow MGE to create a K-2 Spanish picture-book library for students and families to check out. She received \$396 for "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" These funds will purchase books to support second graders as they begin to study dialog.

Physical Education Teacher Lisa Frangipane received a \$323 grant for "Physical Education + Math=Orienteering." This grant will allow the PE department to

purchase a map and compass kit so students can learn orienteering skills.

Innovation day

Three schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district will take part in a statewide Innovation Day program on Nov. 18.

The event is designed to highlight innovation programs in every school district across the state. Carrboro, Glenwood and McDougle elementary schools will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to allow visitors to learn more about innovative school programs. Carrboro will showcase its Spanish Dual Language Program, Glenwood will showcase its Mandarin Chinese Dual Language Program and McDougle will highlight its SWIM approach to Positive Behavior Support.

A complete list of participating schools across the state is available online at www. ncpublicschools.org/innovate

PE grant

Seawell Elementary School physical education teachers recently received the 2008-09 Future Fisherman Foundations Physical Education National Fishing and Boating Grant.

Sherry Norris and Anita Hawks, along with fifth-grade teachers, other staff and parents, taught fifth-grade students about fishing practices, fish identification and pond life at Anderson Community Park on Oct. 29 and 30.

Rashkis chorus

The Rashkis Chorus will perform at the opening session of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association National Conference in Charlotte on Nov. 13.

The American Orff-Schulwerk Association is a national organization that promotes and supports teaching and learning music using Carl Orff's philosophy and process. The conference will be attended by music educators from all over the country.

Fifth-grade music students at Rashkis will also make marimbas with Australian composer and marimba maker Jon Madin. Madin will visit the school prior to the November conference.

Book Chat

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will host a Centennial Book Chat on Nov. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Morris Grove Elementary School.

Author Carole Boston Weatherford will be the keynote speaker. Breakout discussions will be held on three books focusing on issues of segregation and the segregated school experience – Weatherford's *Dear Mr*. Rosenwald, Mildred Taylor's Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry and *The Land*, also by Taylor.

In addition, Weatherford will moderate a panel discussion with alumni from segregated schools that operated in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Board meet

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meets tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the Chapel Hill Town Hall on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Top items on the agenda include:

• School Improvement Plans for schools not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress in

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• Superintendent Neil

Pedersen's evaluation;

• the school district's continuation budget; and

• the district's Capital Improvement Plan for

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Carrboro

Carrboro High School faces Northern Guilford High at Northern Guilford on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill High defeated Riverside High at Riverside last Friday 45-0. They face Jordan High for their last regular season game at Jordan on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

East Chapel Hill

East Chapel Hill high lost to Southern Durham High 0-39 last Friday at Southern Durham. They will play at Northern Durham High for their last regular season game at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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Carrboro High lost to Southern Guilford High I-0 at Southern Guilford last Tuesday, eliminating the Jaguars from the NCHSAA soccer playoffs.

Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill High lost to Sanderson High at home last Tuesday 0-2.

East Chapel Hill

East Chapel Hill High defeated J.H. Rose High 3-2 at J.H. Rose last Tuesday. The Wildcats lost to Richmond County High 1-2 at Richmond County on Saturday.

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Local tennis associations offer tennis to Latinos

BY DIONI L. WISE

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Dana Hughes, the event coordinator and a recreation supervisor with the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department, and Patti Fox, the community tennis coordinator for the Durham-Orange County Tennis Association (DOCTA), decided to create an event for the growing Latino community.

That's when the Hispanic Tennis Carnival was conceived.

"Patti Fox and I got together and we were trying to do an outreach for the Latino community," Hughes said. "And both of us know Carrboro has a growing [Latino] population, so we decided to do a tennis carnival, and it was modeled after the one in Greensboro. So [the U.S. Tennis Association] started the program, and we just took the program and modified it for our needs."

On Sunday, Oct. 12, Carrboro Recreation & Parks, DOCTA and the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) North Carolina hosted the free Hispanic Tennis Carnival at Wilson Park.

Carrboro Recreation & Parks offered follow-up lessons the past three Sundays.

The carnival, or "Carnaval de tenis hispano" in Spanish, started four years ago on the two courts at the Hank Anderson III Community Park. It has been hosted the past three years on the four courts of Wilson Park, where more than 50 participants performed drills and played games Oct. 12.

The turnout has been gratifying, said USTA North Carolina's Hispanic outreach coordinator, Liliana Camara.

"It has been great," Camara said. "We not only have the same people every year, but more because it's a lot of word-ofmouth and they tell their friends. It has definitely grown."



PHOTO BY DIONI L. WISE

Luis Alejandro Royo of Carrboro (left), a 15-year-old Carrboro High School student, runs to the opposite side of the court after returning a tennis ball in a game of "Around the World," or "Alrededor del Mundo" in Spanish, at the Hispanic Tennis Carnival at Wilson Park on Oct. 12. Royo's father, Luis Alfonso, follows his lead. The Royos moved to Carrboro from Colombia two months ago and attended the carnival to learn more about tennis and the community.

tennis to a population that traditionally hasn't been exposed to the sport.

"Just like they can go out and play soccer as a family, hey, you can go out and play tennis as a family," Fox said. Greensboro Camara, a

resident originally Colombia, said playing tennis could combat health problems. "Obesity is a pretty big

problem in Hispanic kids," she said. "There's a very high rate of obesity and type 2 diabetes.

"[Tennis] is a very healthy thing, and it's one of those things people can play their entire lifetime."

Although free rackets were given to the first 30 children, ages 5 to 18, to register for the carnival, the adults got in on the action too.

We involve parents, too," Camara said. "We have kids on one court and teach the parents on another court."

Luis Alfonso Royo, a teacher, brought his wife and two children to the carnival.

Royo partnered with his 15-

Fox said the carnival promotes year-old son, Luis Alejandro, on the court, while his 10-yearold daughter played with the pre-teen group one court over. His wife, Alexandra Romero, alternated her time watching the game from a bench behind a fence and taking photos of her family playing tennis.

"It's a great event for the Hispanic community because it allows kids and adults familiarize themselves with tennis, to get to know other people in the Hispanic community and to get to know the Anglo community," Luis Alfonso said.

"I always enjoy doing these, and I love to expose tennis to people who may not have had the opportunity to play it," Fox

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

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Biz Briefs

Financial options for local businesses

Small businesses are feeling the economic slowdown just as much as the rest of us. To help them learn more about financial options, Carrboro's Office of Economic Development invited loan officers from Durham-based Square 1 Bank and Chapel Hill-based Harrington Bank to address the Carrboro Business Association on Thursday, Oct. 30. Representatives of the Small Business Technology Development Center and U.S. Small Business Administration also were on hand.

"I'm definitely aware of the economy and the downturn since the products we carry are non-necessities," said Sara Gress, owner of the N.C. Crafts Gallery at 212 W. Main Street, Carrboro. "I'm not looking for financing right now, but I want to keep my options open. It's important to know what's available to keep us going during lean times."

Patrick Scheper, associate vice president of venture banking for RTP-based Square 1 Bank, said Gress is doing the right thing.

"It's important to be clear about expectations," he said. Square 1 serves primarily technology or life-sciences companies that have received or are about to receive venture investment. "We play alongside venture capitalists," Scheper said. Working with start-ups is a little riskier than most banks would like, but the presence of venture investment provides more stability than working with an unfunded, bootstrapped business."

Harrington Bank has a broader cli-

ent base, providing commercial banking services to a range of business types, including construction companies, retail businesses and small enterprises. "Commercial banks like us have a hard time making loans to start-up businesses," said Jim Evans, assistant vice president and commercial loan officer at Harrington. "Because we're lending your money, we have to be the most conservative with our credit standards."

Businesses need operating capital, said Ron Ilinitch, SBTDC's regional director. "The Self-Help Credit Union is a good resource," he said. "So is the Small Business Association."

The Economic Development Office has a list of local small business lenders, in addition to its own revolving loan fund. For more information, contact James Harris, director, at 918-7319.

Local business announces Toys for Tots campaign

Here's a way for you to give without giving a dime. During the month of November, Intrepid Media, the Chapel Hill-based social network, magazine and marketing tool for writers, will donate \$10 to Toys for Tots for every column submitted to www. IntrepidMedia.com

"One of the reasons why I'm doing this now is because of the bad economy," said Joe Procopio, IM's founder and CEO. "I believe a lot of the reasons behind this downturn could be the effect of a self-fulfilling prophecy

- we're so convinced that times are tough, we're actually making them tougher. So rather than complain about it, I decided to prophesize the other way and see what happens."

This is the latest charitable campaign for Intrepid Media, which has raised money for the Sago Mine families and the victims' families and survivors of Hurricane Katrina and 9/11.

"The Toys for Tots initiative kicks off a permanent schedule of rotating drives where we contribute ourselves and try to involve our membership as much as we can," Procopio said. IM will donate up to \$300 to Toys for Tots at the close of the campaign. For more information, visit www.intrepidmedia.com/toys.asp

Town council considers development projects

On Monday, Nov. 17, the Chapel Hill Town Council will discuss four development projects and will hear public comments on each.

- Southern Village: A six-story, 90,000-square-foot hotel or multifamily development located in the parking area in the commercial center between Market, Kildaire and Aberdeen streets.
- The Campus at Vilcom/Chapel Hill 40: A four-story, 80,000-squarefoot hotel and 155-space parking lot at the Weaver Dairy Road development.
- Old Chapel Professional Center: A two-story, 12,600-square-foot building and a one-story, 6,600-

square-foot building would replace two single-family homes currently on the property at 5620 Old Chapel Hill Road.

Fraley Property: A two-story, 49,000-square-foot office/retail building; a two-story, 78,500square-foot residential building; and 32 townhouses would replace two single-family homes currently on the property at 2214 and 2312 Homestead Road.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Blvd., Chapel Hill. Residents who can't attend may submit written comments by U.S. mail (address above) or email at mayorandcouncil@ townofchapelhill.org

Conference considers future of the Internet

What does the future hold for the Internet and companies related to it? Find out at the Internet Summit, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. Experts will discuss capitalizing on the Internet's shifting dynamics and trends and opportunities created by web 2.0 technologies, social media, online advertising, widgets, online video and other essential new web-oriented technologies. CED members get 20 percent off by calling Jessica Hegele at 226-0464 for the promotion code. For more information, visit www.internetsummitevent.com

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As Dawn Zachary described while opening the program, entering the hospital with a sick child means relinquishment. "It's the moment when mom and dad realize nothing is in our control," she said.

They already knew about the hospital Phil Zachary and Curtis Media started the annual radiothon/telethon for it in 2002 — and the outcome of their experience left them eternally grateful for the care Blaire received.

"The kids at UNC Hospitals are filled with hope and optimism," Phil Zachary began as he addressed the guests toward the end of the program, following the video and testimonials by two mothers of young patients featured in it. "They go there for treatment feeling frightened and looking for hope. Because of the care they receive, most leave with a bright and happy future."

With everyone primed, he asked the table captains to pass around baskets with pledge cards, asking that everyone present make a pledge at that moment for helping ensure that the work of the hospital continues "for every child regardless of ability to pay."

Almost \$50,000 was raised.

"In this economy we weren't really expecting people to give," Dawn said this week. "Dr. Alan Stiles [a doctor at the hospital] said, 'I don't care if we raise a dollar. It's about raising awareness. It's our state hospital and it's under-funded.' Afterwards, people kept coming up to me and saying, 'I had no idea [about the hospital]' and, 'Thanks for letting us give our money.' It was a special day. I'm honored to have been a part of it."

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com

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FROM PAGE I

The post oaks, Q. stellata, five to the west of the market, and that specimen that sports colored lights during the holidays, snuggled in the corner next to Townsend Bertram, are impressive. My hunch is that those oaks were not planted but are remnants of the original forest present back in the late 1800s when the original Alberta Cotton Mill was built.

Now fast-forward to present times. We all enjoy our comings and goings, our lingerings over coffee and weekly musical events. How we love the shade of those big trees, and how we take that shade for granted. Consider Weaver Street without the shade of those trees. Well, consider it seriously, folks, because our love for that annually installed and shortlived green turf and our weekly walking and dancing on that ground will lead to the eventual demise of those very trees that make the Weaver Street gathering place so special.

It sometimes can take



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Beneath the shade of Weaver Street's giant willow oak, foot traffic and chair legs compress the life sustaining tree roots just beneath the soil's surface.

a long while for human activity to kill a big tree, but eventually human activity will triumph. Look at the tops of our Weaver Street trees. Notice a few of those branches and limbs dying back. That is an early warning of the negative impacts of annual digging of the roots and laying of sod. Our constant carefree running and stomping that kills the sod continues to compact the ground containing those tree roots.

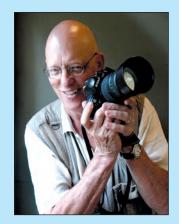
Perhaps we frequent-

ers of the Weaver Street gathering place can let go of our love for green turf and call for quarterly applications of bark mulch to soften the foot traffic on those life-sustaining tree roots that lie just beneath the soil surface. Frequent application of mulch may even be cheaper than the laying of sod. And those trees will be grateful for the frequent re-laying of an organic layer softening our footprints. Those impressive trees deserve our appreciation.

Newspaper backshop

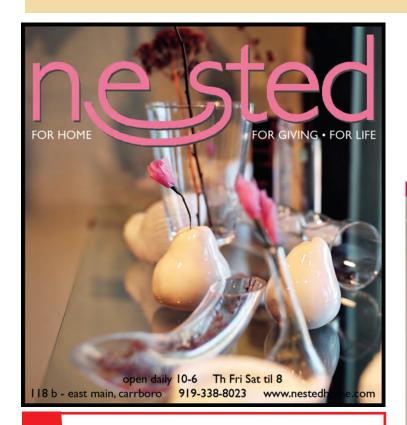
ack in the day, newspaper production was, well — a production. The term "hot type," is well-chosen, with copy and headlines being literally cast from molten metal. Many is the young reporter who caught the news bug in the dingy, inky Dickensian world of the newspaper "backshop," where women were not allowed, (presumably because the talk and the men were too coarse). But for a boy raised without a dad, the old *Chapel Hill Weekly* backshop was a grand place. This tableau, which I found recently at the *Tryon Daily Bulletin* in Polk County, brought all that back — metal engravings depicting the stuff of small-town life: civic leaders, socialites, servicemen, brides, grip-and-grins, a swearing-in. You can take the boy out of the newspaper backshop, but you can't take the newspaper backshop out of the boy. The smell of newsprint and printer's ink takes me home.





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