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From a distance, this yellow red maple looks like a hickory.

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

So many colors

Emerging from the forest interior last week, the afternoon sun was dazzling on the big tree ahead. That brilliant yellow made me think first of hickory trees, which, along with tulip poplars, southern sugar maples and elms, are the common local trees most associated with yellow fall colors.

Walking across the opening to take a closer look, I quickly altered my reasoning. Opposite simple leaves (definitely not hickory leaves, which are alternate compound leaves) with sharp angles between the leaf lobes and margins of sharp pointed teeth screamed out to me, red maple!

Indeed, I should have known better. That yellow was not the rich golden yellow (like yellow mixed with a bit of mustard) characteristic of our hickories. I had forgotten the description from Fall Color and Woodland Harvests by Bell & Lindsey, a recommended companion for any woods-walker in the fall.

But aren't red maples supposed to be red? Well, usually they are; that's one of the special attractions of fall in New England and the Carolina mountains. Red maple commonly occurs east of the Mississippi all the way from southern Canada down deep into Florida. With that broad natural occurrence, we can expect regional variations. Red maples seem most predictably red in cooler climatic regions. Here in the Piedmont, magnificent red red maples occur only occasionally. Hereabouts, I find myself most frequently looking at yellow red maples.

Now this particular yellow red maple was special, as so many of them are. Here and there,

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Shelton Station decision postponed

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

Following hours of discussion, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday postponed a decision on the proposed Shelton Station mixed-use development until January, saying they needed to hear more from the public and gather additional information before approving or rejecting the project.

The board did, however, vote 4-3 to approve zoning changes that would allow greater residential density in certain projects, possibly including Shelton Station. Board members Dan Coleman, Jacquie Gist and Sammy Slade voted against the

The project, proposed by Ken Reiter of Belmont Sayre, is a two-building, 125,000-square-foot development on 2.7 acres at 404, 406 and 500 N. Greensboro St. and 113 Parker St. A three-story building would face North Greensboro Street with 24,000 square feet of commercial property on the first and second floors and residential units on the third floor.

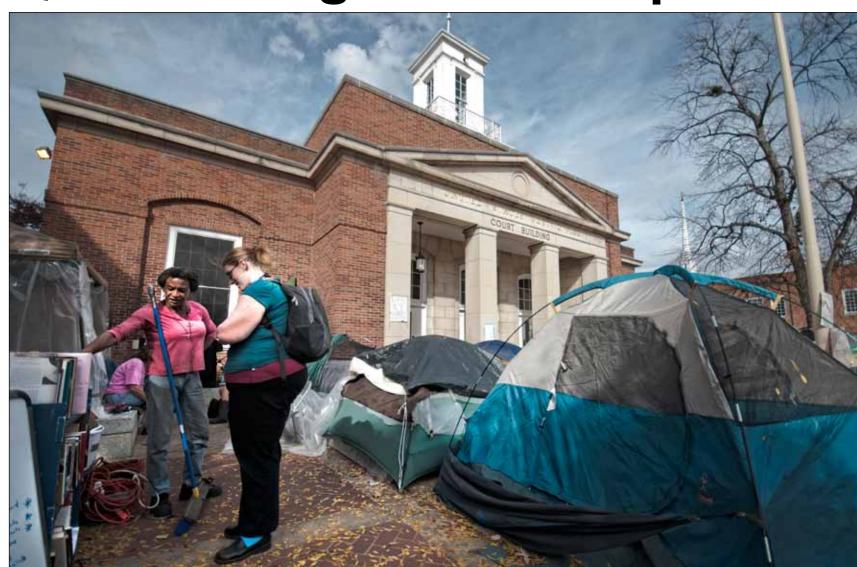
A four-story building, set back from the first and running perpendicular to Parker Street, would house 90 residential units with parking below them.

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A rendering of the proposed Shelton Station project COURTESY OF BELMONT SAYRE

Questions linger after occupation



Amanda Ashley, a member of the Occupy Chapel Hill movement, gives a visitor to the Occupy camp information about the movement on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY DUNCAN HOGE

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

In the aftermath of an incident in which a group of some 70 people occupied the former Yates Motor Co building at 419 W. Franklin St., questions have been raised about these individuals' connection with the Occupy Wall Street movement, and a broader dialogue has ensued about the aims of those in this community who identify with the move-

Concerns have also been raised about the police's response to the occupation of the Yates building.

The incident at the building, a former Chrysler dealership, began Saturday night, led, reportedly, by attendees of the Carrboro Anarchist Bookfair, and resulted in a dramatic encounter with police Sunday afternoon, with seven arrests.

A statement issued by Occupy Chapel Hill said the takeover was neither discussed nor authorized by Occupy's general assembly; rather, it was an "autonomous action by a group of people, many of whom do nevertheless identify as part of the larger Occupy Wall Street

The statement also expressed outrage

at what it called the "disproportionate and disturbing use of force by the Chapel Hill Police Department."

At a press conference held at Chapel Hill Town Hall on Monday, police Chief Chris Blue read a statement that said, in part, "According to the intelligence we gathered, there were concerns that our law enforcement officers would be met with resistance, including possible violence. Individuals who have engaged in the take-over of private property in other cities have been known to barricade themselves in, place traps in buildings and otherwise destroy property."

The press conference drew a number of the protesters who occupied the Yates building, and both Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and Blue were heckled repeatedly as they read statements to the crowd and answered questions.

Protesters held signs reading "Cops: Army of the 1%," "Civility? Not with police on our streets!" and "We are not intimidated" as they stood in the back of the room, shouting at Blue and Kleinschmidt that the police raid was violent and caused psychological injury.

When asked about the detainment of those outside the building, including a News & Observer reporter, Blue said

police detained everyone at the scene, as a number of people had been observed going into and out of the building. Blue said police determined who was related to the break-in, and released those who

"[The reporter] was treated like anyone else who was outside the front of the building at that point," he said.

Kleinschmidt said he was concerned about the detainment of the reporter and that he had asked the town manager to investigate it.

Chosen weapons

Kassandra Ofray, one of the protesters who was arrested on Sunday, said police made no attempt to contact the group before rushing into the building.

Blue confirmed that police did not attempt to have a dialogue with the people inside the building prior to entering, other than the police's initial entry into the building and encounter with the group on Saturday night, which police determined to be threatening.

'We had no sense of what threat might lurk in that building, although we certainly did have concerns based on the ... materials we had gathered," he said. "We were operating on the information

we had gleaned from watching the group

as well as the encounter we had." When asked about the weaponry used, which included long-range rifles, Blue said various weapons are selected for certain tasks based on the situation.

That is a tool that we use in a variety of applications, thankfully in this community not very often," he said.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton said he might approach such a situation dif-

"I would have gone for providing a little more warning to the people inside the building," he said, while adding that he didn't know all the details.

Regardless, he said, Chapel Hill responded in a manner that's in accordance with the law.

"There were certainly people in the Yates Motor Company building that believe in the nonviolent struggle for social change, but there were others who expressly do not," he said.

"I think it's a very difficult problem for the Occupy Chapel Hill General Assembly to deal with," he said. "The ground rules of the general assembly call for the broad inclusion of people who have a wide

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Elementary II funds approved

BY ROSE LAUDICINA

Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners gave staff the go ahead on Tuesday night to continue with the next steps in the funding and development of elementary school 11 in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district.

On Nov. 3, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education approved providing \$2.1 million of their fund balance to advance the construction of the proposed elementary school. Due to overcrowding in the district's elementary schools, the school board wanted to push up the construction of elementary 11 from 2013 to 2012 so that its doors could be opened in

County finance director Clarence Grier said that

plans to build the school had been delayed due to budget constraints, but because of low interest rates and a reduction of the county's debt services payments by \$2.6 million for next year, he feels the county is now in a good position to fund the project.

'They were at increased enrollment at the beginning of this year and next year they will increase over SAPFO [Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance] limits," Grier said, adding that the board's decision would have no financial impact for this fiscal year.

SAPFO requires that in order for new residential developments to be approved, adequate school space must be available.

Todd LoFrese, CHCCS assistant superintendent for support services, said that the accelerated plan for

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Chapel Hill mulls towing measures

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Following pleas from residents to tighten regulations on towing companies, the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday took a look at possible changes to the town's towing ordinance that would require companies to make some

The Chapel Hill Police Department has received 20 written complaints with regards to towing in the downtown area since April, and town staff have drafted changes to the towing ordinance

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY NOV 17

ArtsCenter: Shamrockers, Cyril Lance. 7:30pm

Carolina Student Union: Jorma Kaukonen, Stefan Grossman, Ernie Hawkins Tribute to Reverend Gary Davis, 7:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Manchester Orchestra, White Denim, The Dear Hunter. 7:30pm. \$16/19

The Cave: EARLY: Wesley Cook LATE: Stripmall Ballads

City Tap: Laura Thurston. 8:30pm General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7pm

Local 506: Big Daddy Love, Dark Water Rising. 9:30pm. \$7

Nightlight: The Fooligans, Bastages, Almost People. 9:30pm. \$5

The Station at Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio. 7pm

Kenan Music Building: UNC Percussion Ensemble. 7:30pm Free

FRIDAY NOV 18

Cat's Cradle: The Neil Diamond All-Stars, The Infidels. 9pm. \$10

The Cave:: LATE: Gross Ghost, Lachi and Meridian Gold City Tap: Blue Hazel. 9pm

General Store Cafe: Swift Creek.

Internationalist Books: Treeclmbr, Sibannac, The Weather Underground. 8pm. Free

Local 506: Zechs Marquise, Morgan's End. 8pm. \$8/10

Nightlight: Hammer No More The Fingers, Lonnie Walker, Free Electric State. 9:30pm. \$6/8

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

Talullas: Diali Cissokho, Kairaba. 9:30pm, \$5

SATURDAY NOV 19 Cat's Cradle: Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band, The Jason Adamo Band. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: Nikki Meets The Hibachi. \$5 LATE: Gravity's Pull, New Town Drunks

Chapel Hill Underground: Caltrop, Hull Ruscha. 9pm. \$5

City Tap: Gmish. 9pm General Store Cafe: The Back-

beat. 8pm. \$5 Local 506: Kingsbury Manx, Lilac

Shadows. 10pm. \$5 Open Eye: Saludos Compay. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve and the Bad Dog Blues Band, Chocolate Thunder.

SUNDAY NOV 20 Ackland Museum: The Loreleis.

ArtsCenter: Doug Prescot Band. 6:30pm

The Cave: LATE: Coastal Vision, The Grapes, The Screaming Crayons. \$5

Local 506: The Knux, Jordy Towers, Prefontaine. 9pm. \$9/11

Nightlight: Chuck Johnson, Fan

Modine, Mark Holland. 9:30pm. \$5

TUESDAY NOV 22 Local 506: Maria Taylor, Dead Fin-

gers, The Grenadines. 8:30pm. \$12 Nightlight: No Eyes. 9:30pm. \$5

WEDNESDAY NOV 23

Local 506: Cheap Time, Mannequin Men, Drama Queen. 9pm. \$8/9

The Station at Southern Rail: Gmish Klezmer Band. 7pm

THURSDAY NOV 24 The Station at Southern Rail:

Pussy Mountain. 10pm

FRIDAY NOV 25

Cat's Cradle: Greg Humphreys, Mark Simonsen, Stu Cole, Lizzy Ross, Jon Shain Trio, Tom Maxwell and the Minor Drag. 8pm. \$10

The Cave: LATE: Kenny Roby, Stephen Simmons

City Tap: Doug Largent Trio. 9pm General Store Cafe: Justin Johnson. 7pm

Local 506: 500 Miles To Memphis, Phatlynx, Lake and Hennepin. 9:30pm, \$8/10

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY NOV 26 The Cave: LATE: Puritan Rodeo,

Bloodroot Barter City Tap: Chatham County Slim, Papa Mike. 9pm

General Store Cafe: Diali Cis-

sokho and Kairaba. 8pm. \$5 Nightlight: Dex Romweber Duo,

Phil Cook and His Feat. 9:30pm. \$10/12

Open Eye: Erin Brown. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio. 7pm

FILM SCHEDULE 11/18-24 Fri, Nov 18 only! RETROFANTASMA FILM SERIES MURDER BY DEATH & THE 'BURBS starting at

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THE WAY Fri-Sun 7:00 | Mon-Thu 7:00 & 9:20 | Sat/

SPOTLIGHT: GROSS GHOST



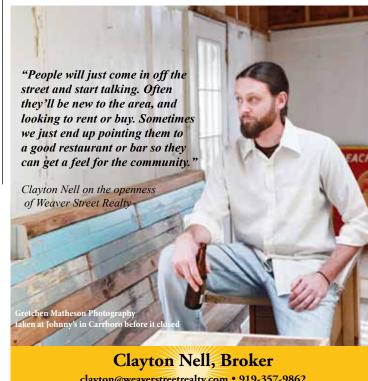
The only thing scary about Gross Ghost is how good the band can sound with so few instruments.

Comprised of a guitarist, Mike Dillon, and bassist, Tre Acklen, Gross Ghost has a complete garage rock sound, with Acklen's powerful and driving bass lines complemented by Dillon's guitar riffs and pop-powered voice that echoes throughout the tracks.

With one full-length album and two EPs to date and another album on the way, Gross Ghost has a strong collection of songs to choose from for their Friday, Nov. 18 performance at The Cave, but be sure to expect them to deliver plenty of their new tracks to get you hyped for

Local bands Museum Mouth and Spaghetti Western open the show, which starts at 10 p.m.

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

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030 Margin Call; Martha Marcy May Marlene; The Way; The Man Who Fell To Earth (starts Nov. 20); Murder by Death (Friday only); The 'Burbs (Friday only)

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TH 11/17**(\$16/\$19)

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ALL-STARS

W/THE INFIDELS SA 11/19 YO MAMA'S

<mark>IG FAT BOOTY</mark> BAND**(\$10/\$12)

W/JASON ADAMO BAND

FR 11/25 **POST TURKEY DAY JAM:** GREG HUMPHREYS,

MARK SIMONSEN, STU COLE, LIZZY ROSS AND

SONIA FROM DISAPPEAR FEAR; JON SHAIN TRIO,

TOM MAXWELL AND THE

MINOR DRAG**(\$10)

MUSIC BEAT AND LONNIE

WALKER**(\$12/\$14)

TH 12/1**(\$10/\$12) HEAR NC MUSIC

AND FILM FESTIVAL:

BIS ELLISON, HOLY OST TENT REVIVAL NIMAL ALPHABET, STRANGER DAY

FR 12/2**(\$15)

STEEP CANYON RANGERS W/GREG

HUMPHREYS

TH 12/8 BEIRUT W/PERFUME

FR 12/9 HOLY GHOST

W/MATRIMONY AND MIKE

QUINN(\$10/\$12)**

SA 12/10**(\$10/\$12)

OUTHERN CULTUR ON THE SKIDS W/JENNYANYKIND

FR 12/16 HOLIDAY SHOW

W/GUESTS STICKLEY

BROTHERS

AND PHIL COOK**(\$10)

GENIUS

SU 11/27 FUTURE ISLAND W/ED SCHRADER'S

Road, 968-3005

CAT'S CRADLE

Margin Call; Martha Marcy May Marlene; Take Shelter

THE LUMINA Southern Village, 932-9000

Happy Feet 2; Immortals; Jack and Jill; Puss In Boots; The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

LOCAL 506 (CH)

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CULTURE ON THE SKIDS

SA 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

PARTY WITH

THE WUSSES AND THE TEXAS PETERS**(\$15)

FR 1/13/12

SOUTHERN

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1; Happy Feet 2 3D; Immor-

123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

Contagion; Crazy, Stupid, Love;

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

tals 3D; Jack and Jill; Tower Heist; Puss in Boots 3D THE VARSITY

The Help; Battle for Brooklyn (Tuesday only)

NEIL DIAMOND ALL-STARS





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FR 11/18 ZECHS MARQUISE W/THE BRAND NEW LIFE AND MORGAN'S END WE 11/22 MARIA TAYLOR W/DEAD FINGERS AND THE GRENADINES

U 12/4 MACKLEMORE

& RYAN LEWIS

12/6 MAX BEMIS (SAY ANYTHING)

W/SHERRI DUPREE

SA 12/10 XIMENA SARINANA

SA 1/14/12 MIPSO TRIO / OVERMOUNTAIN MEN JIM AVETT**(\$8/\$10) W/GRAFFITI
TH 12/15 RACHAEL YAMAGATA
W/MIKE VIOLA SU 1/22/12 **ANTHONY GREEN****(\$15) 1/12 OTHER LIVES MEMORIAL HALL (UNC-CH)

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SA 2/11/12 FOUNTAINS
OF WAYNE**(\$20/\$23)
SU 2/12/12 SHARON VAN
ETTEN**(\$13/\$15)
W/SHEARWATER

ON SALE FRIDAY 11/18

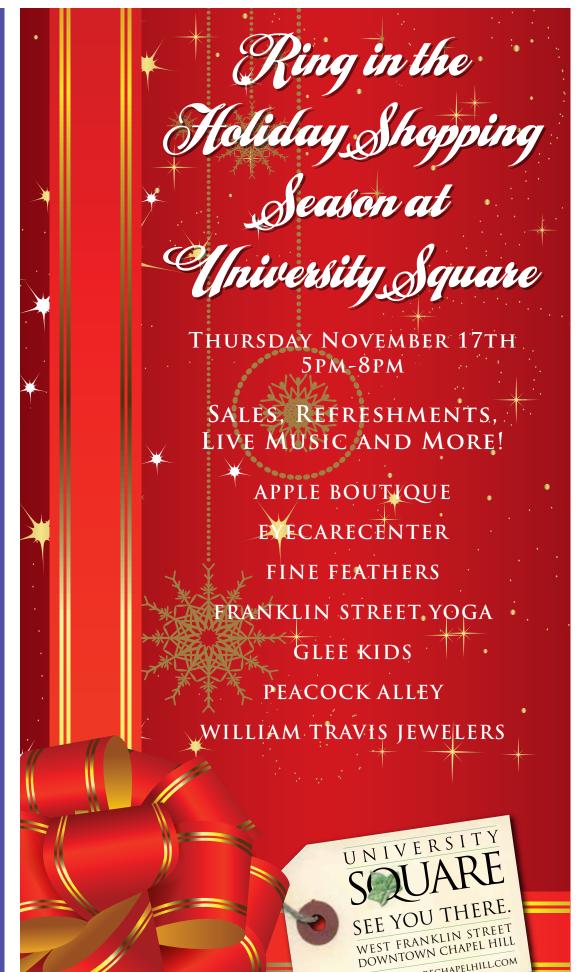
TH 2/16/12 **EMILIE** AUTUMN**(\$15/\$17)
SU 4/1/12 THE NAKED AND
FAMOUS**(\$15)
ON SALE FRIDAY 11/18

JEFF MANGUM OUT (NEUTRAL MILK HOTEL) FR 12/2 MICHAEL IAN BLACK SA 12/10 AMY RAY W/SHADOWBOXERS THE CLAYTON CENTER SA 2/11/12 TODD SNIDER LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)

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Briefs

Landfill gas to start making energy

Methane gas released from the Orange County Landfill will soon be transported via pipeline to a power generation system that will turn the gas into electricity in a process called methane flaring.

The project is a joint effort between UNC and the Orange County Landfill, and will give UNC carbon credits for pollution reduction, which will help the university meet its goal of reducing its carbon footprint to zero by 2050. The methane gas will be turned to energy at a facility located on the Carolina North campus and will be returned back into the grid.

If permitted, pipeline installation will begin in early 2012 and could be connected to the generator location in August 2012, allowing the process to start as early as the end of 2012.

Holiday closings next week

Most municipal offices will operate on holiday schedules Nov. 24 to 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Schedule changes include:

- Curbside recycling scheduled for collection on Thursday, Nov. 24, will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 26;
- Carrboro garbage scheduled for collection on Thursday, Nov. 24, or Friday, Nov. 25, will be collected on Wednesday, Nov. 23;
- Chapel Hill Transit will not operate on Nov. 24 and will operate on Saturday Service Nov. 25 and 26, and on Nov. 27 the U route will start at 1:50 p.m. at the Coffee Shop, the NU will start at 1:45 p.m. at the RR lot and EZ rider will operate from 1:45 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.;
- Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be closed on Nov. 24;
 - the Orange County Landfill will be closed on Nov. 24; and • the Chapel Hill Public Library will be closed on Nov. 24.

New chair for Orange County Dems

The Orange County Democratic Party elected Matt Hughes as the organization's new chair following former Chair Linda Chewning on Monday.

Hughes, 21, is from Hillsborough and previously served as first vice-chair of the Orange County Democratic Party. Hughes is the youngest Democratic Party chair in North Carolina.

The county's executive committee elected Connie Mullinx to succeed Hughes as first vice-chair.

Buses to the game on Sunday

Chapel Hill Transit will provide Tar Heel Express shuttle service on Sunday for the men's basketball game against Mississippi Valley State at 2 p.m. in the Dean Smith Center.

Shuttles drop off and pick up on Bowles Drive in front of the Smith Center. Rides are \$5 for round-trip and \$3 for one-way.

The shuttle will begin at 12:30 p.m. from the park and rides located at the Friday Center, Southern Village, University Mall

Shuttles will also be available from Carolina Coffee Shop at 138 E. Franklin St. for \$2 one-way and \$4 round-trip.

The buses will provide fully accessible service running every 10 to 15 minutes. The shuttles will operate for approximately fortyfive minutes following the game.

Comment on transit priorities

The Transportation Advisory Board will hold a public input session on transportation priorities today (Thursday) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

The public is invited to comment on Carrboro transportation priorities for the 2014-20 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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Town photo shoot for Lovetown Friday

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

Carrboro is still in the running to become the setting for Lovetown USA, a new reality dating show produced by the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) and the BBC, and producers are coming to town on Friday to see just what our little town is all about.

The show seeks to guide singles on the quest for love over a 30-day period, while examin-

ing the effects it can have on an American community. Producers are looking for a storybook, picturesque town with a population of about 15,000 and a strong sense of community to serve as the setting for the show, and Carrboro is among the finalists under consideration.

Producers will conduct a town photo shoot on Friday at 3 p.m. at the Town Commons, and all resi-

dents are encouraged to take part. "We want to fill it up with

Carrboro spirit. We want to see hoopers and dancers and musicians," said Annette Stone, Carrboro's economic development director.

Stone said producers will also interview existing couples on Friday about what it means to be in love in Carrboro, and she's hoping to find the oldest couple in Carrboro to take part.

Filming kicked off last week at various locations throughout Carrboro. Richard Jaimeyfield

of Dogwood Productions and Rachel Hazlett of Arcate Media produced a film about Carrboro including interviews with applicants to the show, which they submitted to producers on Mon-

They must've liked what they saw, because they're coming to town to see it for themselves.

Check out Carrboro's Lovetown video online at vimeo. com/32120178

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array of political and philosophical beliefs."

Differences

Reactions to the occupation of the building among Occupy Chapel Hill members have been varied.

Amanda Ashley, an Occupy Wall Street protester and Carrboro resident, said that "ideally these sort of approaches are reconciled within our general assembly."

"As in any political movement, there are differences of approach," Ashley said.

However, she noted, "We're all one group. We are united."

"If the open dialogue between the police department and Occupy had continued, I think this could have been resolved in a much more peaceful manner." Occupy Chapel Hill's relations with the police had been positive, she said.

Michal Osterweil, a lecturer at UNC, longtime Chapel Hill-Carrboro resident and an active Occupy Chapel Hill participant, said she believes the occupation will help bring a discussion of certain issues to the table, among them, the use of public space and abandoned property.

"Out-of-town landlords can hold on to private property, incurring very little costs, while buildings that could be put to potentially

good uses that would better serve the public good stand abandoned," Osterweil said.

While certainly legal, she said, "Given poverty, homelessness and a general need to have vibrant communities accessible to all," a question is raised of whether "the legal corresponds to the moral or ethi-

The occupation of the building has sparked a lot of conversation at the Occupy Chapel Hill camp about differences within the Occupy movement, said Lila Little, an Orange County resident who said she's been coming to the camp for three weeks.

"It's given Chapel Hill more opportunity to talk," Little said, "and people are more willing to stop by here and talk with us."

"I think they got off kind of light considering what they did," an occupier who goes by the name Sign said of those arrested. He said he believes the police did what they deemed necessary to secure the

But, he added, "I feel comfortable saying that I associated with a number of them that were in the building, and even now I am not going to disassociate with them because of what happened.

"They are going to do what they are going to do, and there is a certain amount of rule breaking that is going to take place."

'The cusp'

Osterweil characterizes Occupy Chapel Hill's connection with Occupy presences in other cities as significant but largely informal, one of "sharing news, ideas, stories, information, tactics and lessons."

"Hearing about things that have worked or not worked in other occupations, both in the U.S. and globally, has been an important part of our process."

"I would also say that we stand in solidarity with these movements," Osterweil said, "although we obviously recognize that each occupation has its particular strengths and weaknesses, and even problems."

She said efforts have been made to meet and network with nearby occupations.

Issues raised by occupiers across the country include a lack of oversight of Wall Street, wealth disparity, unemployment, the high cost of education, foreclosure rates and globalization.

Still, the movement faces criticism, and concerns from many who are generally sympathetic, that it has failed to clearly articulate a policy platform.

"When we think about movements, we tend to think of mobilized people fighting for a clear set of objectives, usually demands they place on those in power," Osterweil said. That, she said, is not the case with the Occupy movement.

"This is in large part because the broader movement sees the failures of the economic system to be closely linked with a dysfunctional and even corrupt political process, especially at the national level."

Making demands of the political system would suggest that the movement has faith in that political system, Osterweil said.

But one of the reasons the Occupy Wall Street movement is thought of as "agenda-less," she said, is because it's concerned with "systemic issues and, at this point, the most necessary and potentially radical thing the movement can do is to simply reveal the systemic nature of those problems and get people talking about them and po-

tential solutions." Many in positions of influence are taking note. In an op-ed piece last Sunday for the New York Times, economist Jeffrey Sachs wrote, "Those who think that the cold weather will end the protests should think again. A new generation of leaders is just getting started. The new progressive age has be-

"We are on the cusp," said Osterweil, not simply of a social movement with a clear-cut set of demands, but of a "society in movement,' in which ideas, problems and the unjust practices of corporations and politicians cannot simply take place without hundreds of thousands ready to respond."

Susan Dickson and Rose Laudicina provided reporting for this story.

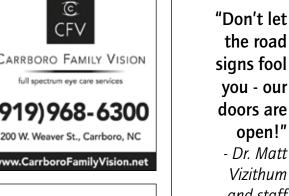


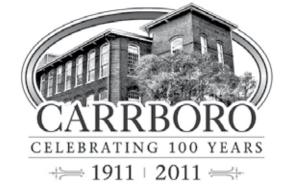


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Do you LOVE Carrboro and everything about it? Is Carrboro your kind of Town? How about taking that extra step and volunteering your services to your community? The Town of Carrboro is now accepting applications for the following boards:

Board of Adjustment Planning Board **Appearance Commission** Transportation Advisory Board Recreation and Parks Commission **Human Services Commission Economic Sustainability Commission Environmental Advisory Board** Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee (also open to Orange County Residents) Arts Committee Greenways Commission (seats will open in July 2012)

For more information, or to obtain an application form, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 918-7309 cwilson@townofcarrboro.org or visit the Town's website at http:// www.townofcarrboro.org/AdvBoards/advbrdapp.htm

OWASA Board of Directors (one Carrboro delegate seat - will open June 2012)

Orange County Solid Waste Management Advisory Board



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Heels tour the country JAGUARS AVENGE DSA LOSS for two victories

BY EDDY LANDRETH

Staff Writer

Top-ranked Carolina is predicted to accomplish even bigger objectives before this basketball season ends, but the Tar Heels had a start none of them will ever forget.

> Yes, the 67-55 victory over Michigan



Diego, Calif.

State in the opener was important, the but memories compass far more. The two teams

Eddy Landreth played on the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, which was docked in San

Watching the game was an astounding experience.

The game was attended by a large number of military personnel. Among those were many of the 5,000 who live and work on the ship. There were soldiers wounded from their service in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To top off the night, President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, sat courtside as part of this Veterans' Day celebration.

Obama chatted with the players as if he had known them his whole life.

"Having the president was pretty humbling," said UNC sophomore forward Harrison Barnes, who scored a team-high 17 points. "It wasn't so much about us as about him. It was a great experience."

The teams gave their jerseys to some of the wounded soldiers after the game.

"It was great," Barnes said. "To see the excitement on those guys' faces, for all the things they

"[Henson, Barnes and Zeller] scored 27, 20 and 17. You don't have to be a nuclear physicist to figure out that is pretty good." — Roy Williams

do for us. They literally give part of themselves just so we can live our everyday lives. It was gratifying to see they got so much enjoyment out of our jerseys."

The Tar Heels returned to their hotel immediately after the game, showered, dressed and caught an all-night flight to Asheville. On Sunday, Carolina played UNC Asheville to open the Bulldogs' new arena.

Carolina won the game 91-75 by going to their clear advantage: their big men.

Point guard Kendall Marshall fed Tyler Zeller, John Henson and Harrison Barnes a steady diet of passes down low, and the frontline players responded. Some of the early shots failed to drop, but eventually they fell like a steady rain.

Carolina shot 59.3 percent for the game and attempted just seven 3-point shots out of their 54 total field-goal attempts.

Zeller led the Tar Heels with 27 points, making eight of 13 field goals and going 11-of-13 at the free-throw line. Henson had a double double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. He blocked two shots, coming off nine blocks against Michigan State. Barnes, who settled for a lot of 3-point shots last season, attacked the basket much more in this game and was rewarded with 17 points to go with five rebounds.

When we have that size advantage, I think we're stupid to shoot 25 threes," said coach Roy

Williams, a native of Asheville. "We do want John, Harrison and Z, they were the only guys who got into double figures, [to shoot]. They took 34 shots between them. They scored 27, 20 and 17. You don't have to be a nuclear physicist to figure out that is pretty good."

Marshall's performance showed why he is so vital to the Tar Heels' great hopes for this season. His skills at the point accentuate the talents of his teammates. His 14 assists were one short of his career high.

"I did make some very poor passes against Michigan State," Marshall said. "I even made one tonight that I know Coach is going to get on me about, but at the end of the day, I was just trying to make plays to make our team better."

The team got a much-needed rest this week. The Tar Heels (2-0) do not play again until Sunday afternoon at 2 against Mississippi Valley State at the Smith Center, the first home game of the season.

Marshall said the memories from the opening weekend will stay with him for the rest of his life, but he also brought back plenty of fatigue.

"After that trip, I felt like I was halfway through the season," Marshall said. "It was a very emotional trip, very mentally draining. But I think if you want to be a great team, you have to learn how to persevere these things and figure out a way to win."



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Carrboro's Jack Snyder (#22) and Luis Royo (#9) squeeze DSA's Steven Disla.



Carrboro's Luis Royo heads the ball away

from DSA's Owen Ryan



Carrboro's Alex Callaham maneuvers past the slide tackle of DSA's Diego Cruz.

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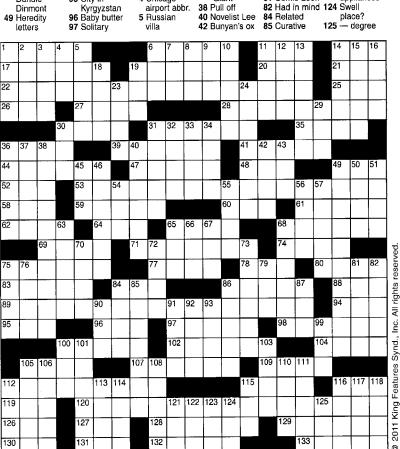
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Carrboro Elementary launches wellness program

BY TYSON LEONHARDT

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Students at Carrboro Elementary School will soon have more chances to be active and eat healthy, thanks to the school's new Wellness Team, which launched earlier this month at Carrboro's Kidical Mass bike ride event

The Wellness Team – founded by school nurse Rita Crain, physical education teacher Terry Oakes and first-grade teacher Amanda Weatherly, among other teachers and parents - will create health-promotion partnerships between the school and com-

Carrboro Elementary School Principal Emily Bivins said the wellness program was created in response to concerns about students' physical fitness and a district-wide push toward promoting healthier lifestyles both inside and outside the classroom.

"One of the challenges we're facing here at our school is a large percentage of students who are obese or on the verge of being obese," Bivins said.

The principal said the new student-wellness initiative will address why black and Latino students at Carrboro Elementary School have a higher tendency to be overweight than white students

But Bivins said the school hasn't been ignoring North Carolina's problem with youth obesity, with one out of three children throughout the state now considered overweight or obese.

Bivins said Carrboro Elementary has already implemented several health-conscious programs for students that offer access to more physical activity and nutrition education.

"For the last few years, the school has had wellness as one of its improvement plan initiatives, and we have done a number of different things in that time period," she said. We want to make sure all our children are having

enough physical fitness to be healthy, perform well and do the things they want to do."

Bivins said Carrboro Elementary School recently

fats and carbohydrates allowed in food served in the cafeteria, which now offers daily fresh fruit and vegetables and a vegetarian choice for every meal.

"One of the first things we did was eliminate flavored milk. The cafeteria used to serve vanilla and strawberry milk, but when we looked at their calorie content we saw that they had more sugar in them than in the same serving of soda," she said.

"You wouldn't think it would be unhealthy, because it's milk, but the kids were getting sugared up and crashing later, and that was affecting their performance in the classroom."

Bivins said the Wellness Team will look at other changes the school could make to ensure a healthy environment for students. She said the school district's move to a new

food-service management company, Chartwells, in 2010 provided inspiration for the school to ramp up its own efforts to improve student health.

'When you look at what's served in the cafeteria today, it's not the mystery meat and the gravy and powdered potatoes," she said. "Kids have better options. From baked chicken and rice to fresh fruits or steamed vegetables, the choices are definitely differ-

Bivins said several of the elementary school's other health and physical fitness initiatives will come under the jurisdiction of the new wellness committee.

Carrboro Elementary already partners with local farmers so teachers can use locally grown produce for



Emmaline and Sam Guffey strap on their helmets and ready to mount their bikes for the Kidical Mass 3-mile bike ride, which kicked off Carrboro Elementary School's new Wellness Team.

PHOTO BY TYSON LEONHARDT

the school day, there is just not another minute for physical activity, so this committee is looking for more collaborations within the community that will increase physical activity for our kids."

Carrboro Elementary School hosted one such collaboration Saturday, the Kidical Mass bike ride, a 3-mile course that started and ended on the school grounds. The ride, which included stops for healthy snacks and drinks along the way, was the first of its kind in North Carolina.

Kidical Mass is an international operation that sponsors children and family bike rides throughout the U.S. and Canada. Carrboro's Kidical Mass bike ride was jointly sponsored by The ReCYCLEry, a lo-

cal nonprofit bike cooperative, and Spoke 'n Revolutions, a local youth cycling team, and also served as the official kickoff of the school's Wellness Team.

Spoke 'n Revolutions founder Suepinda Keith said it's vital to get children in the community more involved in physical activity like biking.

"If we start our kids out at a young age, people become more aware of children on bicycles, so it makes it a safer environment for them, and that's important, because they need to feel safe riding their bikes throughout the community," she said.

Keith said it's fitting that Kidical Mass' first North Carolina bike ride was held in Carrboro, which is known for being a bike-friendly town.

'We're just trying to create healthy habits with events like this to get the kids and their parents excited about physical activity," Keith said.

Emily Moorman, a parent and third-grade teacher at Carrboro Elementary School, attended the bike ride with her husband and children. She said she thinks the Wellness Team and community partnerships like the Kidical Mass ride are critical in helping students become more physically active.

"It's super important because being active and eating healthy impact everything else that our kids do, including their learning at school," Moorman

Chris Guffey and his children, Emmaline and Sam, who both attend Carrboro Elementary School, all rode in the Kidical Mass event.

Guffey said he supports health and physical activity initiatives like the new Wellness Team and that it's important to engage not only students but their families as well.

'We try to bike or walk to school as much as we can, even though it can get a little tough when it gets to be 34 degrees outside," Guffey said.

Tyson Leonhardt 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.

School Briefs

Local high-schoolers honored

One student from Chapel Hill High School and another from East Chapel Hill High School were among nine semifinalists from North Carolina in the Siemens Competition for Science, Math and Technology. CHHS senior Jiawei (Julie) Cui and ECHHS senior Edgar Ferrer-Lorenzo received the honor. A record number of students entered this year's competition, which awards scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000.

Assistant sup't named Administrator of the Year

Denise Bowling, assistant superintendent for instructional services for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, was named Administrator of the Year by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Association of Educational Office Professionals (CHCAEOP).

CHCAEOP President Karen Patillo presented the award, noting Bowling's support of professional development for administrative employees. Bowling will retire at the end of this month.

Phillips student wins overseas award

Jenny Liu, an eighth-grade student at Phillips Middle School, participated in the Overseas Youth Chinese Cultural Knowledge Championship. She won the "Best Performance" award and was a part of the U.S. team, which came in fourth place out of 14 teams. The competition took place in China.

CHHS drama production

Chapel Hill High School's drama department will present *Look* Homeward Angel this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. each night in the school's Hanes Theatre. The play is based on the classic novel by Thomas Wolfe.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. Anyone who brings in a nonperishable food donation will get \$1 off, with donations going to PORCH, a local food bank. Friday night is Student Night, and any student who buys a ticket will get another for free.

School Lunch Menus

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"The goal of the

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Middle and High School: Baked Ziti, Garlic Bread, Locally Grown Steamed Broccoli, Baked Turkey Corn Dog w/Baked Beans

MONDAY 11/21

Elementary: Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta, Turkey & Cheese Wrap, BBQ Pork Riblet Sandwich, Steamed Broccoli, Glazed Carrot, Chilled Peaches, Raisins

Middle and High School: Cheesy Nachos w/Beef, Seasoned Corn.

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TUESDAY 11/22

Elementary: Roasted Chicken w/ Brown Rice, Turkey Corn Dog, Cheese Sticks w/Sauce, Baked Sweet Potato, Spinach Salad, Baked Apple Slices, Banana

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The hypocrisy of hiding behind disclosure

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It is no secret that many Republicans and the right-wing think tanks that support them are ferociously opposed to public financing of elections, preferring instead to allow private wealthy special interests to control our elections and our politicians after they are elected.

Republicans in the General Assembly have defunded North Carolina's public financing program for Council of State elections and ended a pilot program for elections at the lo-

Last year, former Charlotte Mayor and Republican gubernatorial candidate Pat Mc-Crory ran ads against public financing that were paid for by Americans for Prosperity, a group funded by many of the same special interests who don't want to lose the influence their campaign contributions buy them.

Both the politicians and the think-tankers on the right rail against the clean source of money that public financing provides as "welfare for politicians," and traditionally have had only one response to questions about campaign finance reform and the widely held view that wealthy special interests have too much say in who gets elected.

The folks on the right tell us that complete and immediate disclosure of campaign contributions is the answer, that voters deserve to know where a candidate's funding is coming from and can make their decisions on how to vote accordingly.

Democracy North Carolina's Bob Hall told the Associated Press recently that increased transparency is a tool like an X-ray that helps identify the problem of big, private money in politics, but does nothing to address it.

Hall is right. Politicians need a source of campaign funding that comes without strings attached, but they are not likely to get it in North Carolina with the Republicans in control of the General Assembly.

And despite the repeated assertions by Republican leaders about the need for total and immediate disclosure of campaign contributions, don't look for more transparency in political giving anytime soon either.

Rep. David Lewis, the House Republicans' point person on election laws, is the latest conservative politician claiming that he favors more disclosure over providing a clean source of money to pay for campaigns.

But Lewis and his Republican colleagues voted this year to slash the budget of the State Board of Elections that processes campaign finance reports and makes the data available to the public on its website.

State board director Gary Bartlett says the board has never had the resources to keep up with the campaign reports, and a recent audit confirmed it. Bartlett recently told the Greensboro News & Record that two things would have to happen for the board to catch up with all the reports filed: Staff would have to be doubled and candidates would have to be required to file their campaign reports electronically.

Lawmakers have refused to pass a law mandating electronic reporting and many legislative candidates still send in paper copies of their report, often filled out in barely legible handwriting. Those reports have to be keyed in by hand to be posted on the board website to give voters the information that Republicans say they deserve.

Then there's the Citizens United decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that not only allowed corporations to spend money influencing elections but also made it possible for people to give money anonymously to groups that pay for commercials against candidates for office.

Efforts in Raleigh and Washington to require disclosure of those contributions were bottled up by Republicans, the folks who claim to be so committed to transparency.

The truth is that most Republican political leaders like the campaign finance system just the way it is. The more special-interest money they can raise, the better. The less we know about where it comes from, better still. There's nothing democratic or transparent about that.

Chris Fitzsimon is the executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

LETTERS POLICY

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LETTERS

EZ Rider should provide answers

In January of this year, I wrote a letter to the editor about my sadness that EZ Rider was limiting its same-day service to medical appointments. Shortly after that time, they eliminated the service entirely, even when they had available drivers.

Also in January, I received a packet of information from Chapel Hill Transit's EZ Rider Demand Response operations manager, Tyffany L. Neal, asking that the forms be filled out and returned for approval.

I had been using EZ Rider since its inception, since I have a left hip disarticulation amputation, which necessitates my using a combination of crutches and a wheelchair for all my mobility. I am considered 100 percent permanently disabled by the Social Security Administration. I filled out the necessary forms, which included my physician's evaluation and signature. To my surprise, my request was denied. My doctor re-submitted the form, and it was again denied.

During this time, I was told by Ms. Neal that "amputees are not qualified." Also during this time, I discovered an unidentified man on my property who had a camera and was taking pictures of my house and driveway. He later identified himself as an employee of EZ Rider.

Finally, after five months, I sought legal intervention. That resulted in a letter from Ms. Neal granting me a conditional

This is the first time in my over 50 years as a severely disabled person that I have ever been treated with disrespect and been blatantly humiliated. My hope was that I had been targeted, and that no one else in a similar situation would receive this kind of abuse.

Transit forum, and her story is similar to mine in terms of her inability to get straight answers to her application for EZ Rider to assist in her obvious disability.

Nancy and I were told at the forum by one of the sympathetic attendees that our best avenue was to "get political" and seek the help of our state and federal representatives. It is sad that in our town of enlightened individuals, we must seek outside help. It is a real challenge to be a member of the disabled, elderly and poor population. But it is far more discouraging to be treated with such lack of concern and kindness.

> CARLA SHUFORD Chapel Hill

Marriage amendment would deny rights of citizenship

On May 8, 2012, the citizens of North Carolina will vote on an amendment to the state constitution titled the Defense of Marriage Act, providing that "marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be recognized in the state." The board of the Community Church of Chapel Hill, Unitarian Universalist, goes on record in the strongest possible opposition to this amendment. Amending the defining document of the state is a serious matter. What is proposed is denial of a right of citizenship - and a human right - to thousands of our citizens. Implications of such laws have been well documented. They can include denial of such rights as that to be with one's life partner at a time of serious illness, as well as a great many other restrictions. In 1964, with the Civil Rights Act, our nation's law rose above a history of discrimination on the basis of race. We must not now enshrine discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in our state constitution.

We stand with other churches committed to human rights, and with all those concerned with justice. We urge all who share such concerns to vote against this amendment.

> **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** The Community Church of Chapel Hill, Unitarian Universalist

Thanks, Carrboro voters

I'd like to thank the Carrboro voters for honoring me with another term in office on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. The position is both very challenging and deeply rewarding and I look forward to the coming term.

One aspect of my campaign that did not get much public attention was my decision to limit fundraising and spending. As an incumbent, I felt that my record was well known and

that I had the means to communicate with the voters with minimal spending. After deciding to spend less than \$1,000 (\$852 in the end), I turned away many offers of contributions. I was pleased that this decision was born out, and that I received 42 percent more votes than in 2007, despite facing opponents each of whom raised two to four times what I did. In Carrboro, at least, money need not play a primary role in political campaigns.

It is worth noting that the winners this year each surpassed the previous high vote mark for an alderman candidate set by Jay Bryan in 1995 (based on board of elections records going back to 1981). There are many factors that account for this, but I like to think that one of them is a high level of citizen satisfaction with current leadership and the direction the town has been heading.

I am pleased to be serving again with Lydia Lavelle as well as the addition of Michelle Johnson to the board. And I look forward to continuing to work with Carrboro residents on the many issues we discussed during the campaign.

DAN COLEMAN Carrboro Board of Aldermen

Say no to reality show

I say we vote Oprah off the Island. Carrboro is watery somewhat clear and clean. Oprah is oily - slick and defiling. They don't mix, thank God. Do we really want our town to be known as the dumping ground for another exploitive, trashy reality TV farce?

I'm all for promoting the businesses of Carrboro. But I'm appalled and deeply wary of the notion that our town will ben-However, I recently met Nancy Watkins at a Chapel Hill efit by becoming another titillative Kardashian train wreck. Who are we? For what do we stand? And can we stand to be known as the nexus of lonely hearts in the world of scripted reality? Does Carrboro want to be the next buffoon between the real and the forged worlds?

Oprah makes a living (a billion-dollar living) by exploiting people in need – those in need who are unable to pay the taxes on her noblesse oblige, and to those promoting their half-baked bunkum. Do the people of Carrboro want or need either? For once, this is the chance for Carrboro to take a principled stand instead of simulated posing. Are we Oprah people or not? Are we "The Paris of the Piedmont," or are we grasping sycophants who will sell our souls for cheap notoriety?

To my mind, Oprah exemplifies much of what is wrong with American culture. Her show, which is now a "network," panders to the empty, unfortunate among us who live vicariously in a vacant space. Her "fans" live, as George Hubert put it, "Betwixt this world and that of grace."

Are we real or are we fodder for what passes for yet another simulated and debasing reality show that is not real at all? If we should occupy anything, we should occupy Oprah and all her manufactured twaddle.

The choice is clear. Either we stoop to conquer or we sustain integrity. Either we choose cheap and dirty celebrity or we remain a community with the authenticity we claim to have. Make up your mind or let us become another Jersey Shore.

> WILLIAM GARGAN Chapel Hill

Congratulations, Hillsborough board

I want to embrace this opportunity to congratulate the Hillsborough municipal candidates! I take pleasure in writing this ahead of the election returns. Contrary to some sentiments expressed in previous editorials, I feel that the lack of opposition to these incumbents speaks volumes about their excellence on the job and the community's satisfaction with the results of their work.

I think I speak for many residents of rural Orange County who consider themselves part of Hillsborough but can't vote in municipal elections. We appreciate their dedication and tremendous efforts that benefit all of us. This is a special group who can work together toward what is in the best interest of our community without personal agendas getting in the way.

So congratulations to the candidates and thank you for your service and your commitment to improving our lives and community! We look forward to seeing even more great things in, and around, Hillsborough.

> MYRA GWIN-SUMMERS Hillsborough

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Never look away

VICKY DICKSON

"What was that last word?" he asked. "Arse," I whispered. Since he'd invited me to the performance of My Fair Lady, I knew I had to be polite to him. But I'd also been told not to talk during the show, and definitely not to repeat such words. So when he asked again, I resorted to lying: "I didn't hear it either."

I think I assumed that, being an old man, his hearing was just bad. But it did seem strange that "arse" was the only word in the show that he apparently didn't hear.

It seemed stranger still when, some time later, he invited my friend and me to his bedroom. We'd been sent to his house to return copies of The New Yorker that my mother had borrowed, and after his housekeeper had let us in he'd yelled down the stairs to ask if we minded him not being "formally dressed." I remember thinking that meant he didn't have a tie on. Turns out, it meant he was naked, except for a skinny towel draped around his middle, and wanted us to come upstairs and help him with his "exercises."

I can't say exactly what those "exercises" consisted of, because I cowered in a corner while they were going on. But I do remember that he stretched out on his bed and asked my friend to rub his leg. I remember how uncomfortable it made me to hear him telling her "higher, higher." But I didn't look in their direction, because I really didn't want to know what was happening. And later, I didn't tell my parents or anybody else about that afternoon at his house.

Given that I was a naïve 10-yearold at the time, perhaps my silence was understandable. It was a silence with consequences though: Five years later, my then-10-year-old sister had a similar encounter with that same neighbor, in which she was persuaded to rub his "leg." The incident upset her so much that she did tell my parents.

As a parent of daughters myself now, what happened next continues to surprise me. My mother apparently asked my dad to confront the neighbor, and his response to her was, "I can't do that. It might give him a heart attack." His doctor, who was also our family doctor, reputedly also refused to confront the man. As far as I know, nobody went to the police or otherwise tried to prevent the man from abusing more children.

My neighbor was a highly regarded and well-loved professor at UNC, so maybe they all thought his word would carry more weight than that of a couple of young girls. Maybe they thought they were protecting our family from the huge embarrassment of a court case. It all happened decades ago, before anybody really talked about child molestation, so maybe they just didn't know what to do. I really don't know; there's no one left to ask.

But what I do know is how easy it is to turn away, to say nothing. Years later, my dad told me another story, of the time his boss had begun to suspect a colleague of bringing young boys, after hours, to the dormitory attached to their office. His boss' solution, according to my dad, was to change the locks on the dormitory doors without

telling the colleague. It's possible that the details of that story are inaccurate, since my dad's memory was starting to go at the time he told it. The way he told it, though, was striking, since his boss and he were both publicly acclaimed, highly skilled lawyers, and neither seemed to appreciate the moral issues at play. The point simply seemed to be to protect the reputation of the institution that employed them both – to get the children off the campus.

I'm bringing up these stories now because I think the Penn State student protestors, and all those who sympathize with their point of view, need to understand why their beloved football coach had to go. Paterno had the power, and the moral obligation, to insist on a full investigation of the 2002 shower incident involving his former colleague, but he chose not to invoke that power. He chose, like my parents – and like me – to look away. And because he looked away, the alleged molestations continued.

It's vital that institutions like Penn State make it crystal clear to all their employees that ignoring a suspicious situation involving a child simply will not be tolerated. Otherwise, such institutions send the message that preserving reputations is more important than protecting children - and child molesters will take note.

THE CARRBORO CITIZEN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

What's wrong with this picture?

There are a lot of questions left in the wake of the raid on Joe Riddle Jr.'s real estate holding on West Franklin Street. The first, no doubt uttered by many of us when we first saw the photo of police in riot gear brandishing automatic weapons on the storied sidewalks of our lovely downtown, can be abbreviated with the letters W, T and F.

Without the image, the raid on people who took over a private building would have been another in a series of confrontations with our local anarchists, who seem convinced that they have a right to damage property in support of their cause.

With the image, which shows a rather fearsome-looking weapon being pointed at unarmed protesters, it is hard for anyone with a history in this town to come away feeling that the amount of force de-

picted was appropriate.

As Chapel Hill has grown from a sleepy little college town to a slightly less sleepy mid-sized college town, one thing hasn't changed: It still doesn't do very well when it comes to mass arrests.

In the civil rights era, Chief William Blake's force, occasionally supplemented by Orange County deputies and the N.C. Highway Patrol, had a heck of a time corralling ever-increasing protests. Equipment needs, overtime pay and injuries to police officers hauling away protesters were quietly a factor in the town's debate over a public-accommodations ordi-

I spent a little time in the back of the Chapel Hill paddy wagon used during those arrests, not because of any act of civil disobedience, but because one of my band-mates



bought the thing – an old Ford – at an auction and we used to drive it to gigs. Except for its vintage status and odd history, it was not a particularly impressive or intimidating

In the past couple of decades, the force has gotten a better set of

gear and learned a good deal about large group of people has proved to at Greenbridge a couple months tactics. That was certainly on display in 1996 when the department raided what had become an openair crack market on Graham Street. One Saturday afternoon, officers packed into the back of a big-box rental truck, which pulled into the delivery area of a motorcycle shop located at about mid-block. They poured out of the van and arrested iust about everyone they could get their hands on. They found some drugs and weapons, but in doing so broke a few principles embodied in the U.S. Constitution. The charges got tossed, and what was intended to be a major step toward taking back areas ruled by crack dealers turned into a public embarrassment. The town paid out about \$200,000 to settle lawsuits that re-

This latest attempt to arrest a

be another incident where the tactics employed, rather than the reason for the arrests, will overwhelm the discussion.

The debate is now not about whether the raid was justified, or even about the contention that at some point a property owner has an obligation to either put a key downtown property to use or get up off it. That's a shame, because we do have places downtown that have gone to rot and ought to be put to use. On that, the position of the anarchists and town leaders are not that far apart. A little patience and an attempt at dialogue might have resulted in a different outcome. Instead, as a friend of mine put it, the town went in hot.

To those of us who live here, the escalation of tactics by the anarchists, particularly the mini-riot

back, makes the police response at Riddle's place seem slightly more rational.

But to outsiders, the distinction between those occupying Peace & Justice Plaza on East Franklin and those trespassing at the old Chrysler dealership is not as clear.

Chapel Hill, which had been accommodating, if not downright friendly, to the Occupy movement, now joins the list of other cities that have dealt harshly with protesters and press people. The anarchists got exactly what they wanted - publicity and persecution. The town got exactly what it didn't want. The most shared story about downtown Chapel Hill is not so flattering, and people around the country are saying nasty things about us.

There's no Kevlar for that.

When being 'the Man' ain't so easy

Editor's note: This piece was edited down from a longer statement by the mayor.

BY MARK CHILTON

At about 3:30 or 4 on Sunday afternoon, I received a call from the acting town manager of Carrboro, calling to consult with me on a difficult situation. The Town of Chapel Hill had contacted the Carrboro Police Department to request assistance under the terms of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Mutual Aid Agreement. CHPD was preparing to remove some trespassers from the Yates Motor Company Building and wanted the Carrboro Police Department to provide backup.

Immediately, I was concerned. Removing protesters from a building can be a tricky thing, and I was already aware that the protesters included some avowed anarchists who live in Chapel Hill. Some of these same folks had been involved in the incident at Greenbridge a few months ago, and some of these same people were apparently part of a vocal minority within the Occupy Chapel Hill General Assembly. I had heard about them secondhand from others at the OCHGA nonviolence should not be adopted as a goal – that nonviolence was but one tactic of many, but not an end unto itself.

I told the town manager that I was reluctant to have Carrboro PD involved because I thought the situation could go badly, but I was also concerned that a Mutual Aid Agreement is a two-way street. If Carrboro declines to assist Chapel Hill in an ugly situation, then that could easily come back to haunt us when we are the ones in a bad spot, calling upon Chapel Hill for assistance.

This was not a situation that would be easy to deal with for any mayor, but I found it especially difficult because I don't believe in the use of violence. As a young adult, my hero was not an athlete or actor or politician; my hero was the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. And from Dr. King's life I had learned of the power of nonviolence. As I grew older, I learned from reading Dr. King's writings that he was not the progenitor of the nonviolent resistance movement. Dr. King drew his inspiration from Mohandas Gandhi (Mahatma, as an honorific term, not his first name). Through Dr. King, I learned the Gujarathi word that Gandhi coined for his political/ philosophical/moral theory of social change: satyagraha.

Satyagraha is the combination of two words of ancient Sanskrit origin. Satya means "truth" and agraha means "insistence," though neither word translates perfectly into just one English word. Gandhi explained what Satyagraha means: "Truth (satya) implies love, and firmness (agraha) engenders and therefore serves as a synonym for force. I thus began to call the Indian movement Satyagraha, that is to say, the Force which is born of Truth and Love or nonviolence." The point of Satyagraha is that meaningful and lasting social change can only come from nonviolent resistance to injustice.

As the U.S. is once again proving in Iraq and Afghanistan, we are very capable of bringing about change in the world through violence. But what kind of change is it? Thousands upon thousands have died, and what problems have been solved? And what problems have been created? As a nation, we have exacted our vengeance for 9/11, but we have only inspired more people to hate us. As Gandhi so famously put it: "An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind."

Believing in Satyagraha is more than just pacifism, more than just nonviolence. It's about more than just being nonviolent in the way you carry out your personal affairs. Satyagraha is the use of nonviolence to bring about social change, the use of interpersonal nonviolence to bring an end to the injustice of organizational violence. It was Satyagraha that brought an end to England's imperialist rule in India, to Jim Crow in the Southern U.S. and to Apartheid in South Africa.

I don't mean to be self-righteous or pie-in-the-sky in discussing the power of Satyagraha. I mean to be very practical and down to earth. Because for me, my belief in Satyagraha causes me real-life problems. It's all fine and well to sit around saying that who had been disgusted by this I don't believe in violence, but a splinter group's insistence that long time ago I decided to pursue nonviolent social change through local government. Yet, as a local elected official, I am responsible for operating our police department. And police departments ultimately draw their power from the legally sanctioned use of violence, or the potential thereof.

> Yet Gandhi wrote: "Satyagraha is a weapon of the strong; it admits of no violence under any circumstance whatsoever." It would be both extraordinarily difficult to run a police department based on a literal reading of that principle. There are some people who must be handled with force in order to protect the lives of others.

Even if a police department could be run on the principle of Satyagraha, it would probably be illegal to do so. When I get re-inaugurated next month, I will put my hand on the Bible and take a solemn oath to "uphold the laws and Constitution of the United States and the laws and Constitution of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith." And all police officers in North Carolina take an even more specific oath to uphold and enforce the laws of North Carolina. We can't turn a blind eye or protest nonviolently against the wrongdoing of crimi-

So what is a Satyagraha-believing mayor to do? I wish I had a grand philosophical resolution of this dilemma, but I don't. Instead, I take a down-to-earth approach that I imagine Gandhi himself would not entirely support. I take the view that my belief in Satyagraha compels me to work nonviolently for social change while still being prepared to use force to uphold the law. When a law is unjust, I uphold that law as mayor while nonviolently struggling to change the law to something more just.

After some extensive discussions, I advised the manager to send our officers as backup only. I wanted Carrboro to assist, but not to be directly involved unless the whole thing erupted into some kind of bona fide riot, in which case the Carrboro PD was to assist in restoring order. The manager agreed that this was a wise approach.

Autumn is advancing rapidly now and it gets dark by 6 p.m. I guessed that CHPD would prefer to carry out their plan before dark. It was already 4 when I hung up my cell; so if I was correct, the CHPD would be on the

I trusted the CHPD not to do anything extreme, but still I worried about how they would handle the situation, about how some of the protesters might respond, about how the Carrboro police could potentially be drawn into things if the situation went badly. I knew that no matter how it went, there would be a lot of second-guessing afterwards and that there would inevitably be conflicting reports about just what happened. So I decided to drive straight down to West Franklin Street to witness whatever might unfold between 4:30 and sunset.

I didn't want to get in the way of either the protesters or the police, so I went to Tallula's restaurant to order a cup of hot tea and observe what was happening across the street. I was just inside the restaurant ordering my tea when shouting on the street drew me and a waiter outside to see what was going on. About two dozen police officers were descending on the building shouting, "Get down on the ground! Everyone get down!" I paused on the sidewalk to judge whether it would be safe to move closer.

There were about eight protesters outside the building in the driveway and they all readily complied with police orders, lying face down on the ground. I judged it safe to walk down to directly across from Yates Motors for a better view. I watched as the officers used plastic zip ties to handcuff the people lying on the ground.

I was surprised to see that several of the officers were toting assault rifles, as that seemed like a greater show of force than necessary (though I am no expert on such matters). So far as I could see, the assault rifles were being held with their barrels pointed high in the air, away from humans, though the dramatic photo in Monday's News and Observer clearly shows that some of those rifles were at times pointed at people.

A crowd began to gather around me as I watched the scene unfold. I could see (poorly) through the windows that there were officers inside dealing with more protestors. Soon another six or eight people were paraded out into the driveway in zip-tie handcuffs and loaded onto an out-ofservice Chapel Hill Transit bus to be taken before a magistrate. Soon the crowd grew to 30 or 40 people, most of whom were jeering the police.

Ultimately, I'm not sure what to think about Sunday's events. The events I witnessed were not what I would have hoped for, not the way I would have handled a similar situation in Carrboro. Yet I did not see anything that was outside the standard and legally authorized use of police power. I was every bit as concerned for the safety of the police officers as I was for the safety of the protesters. When police go into a situation where there is some plausible reason to believe they might meet armed resistance, they have to come prepared for the maximum level of resistance within the realm of plausibility.

I am sure we will all take away various lessons from this experience. For me, it shows why Satyagraha is so powerful. Our community finds itself deeply divided over how this situation went down. How differently Chapel Hill might have been able to deal with this situation had it been clear the protesters were committed to nonviolence! Part of the power of Satyagraha comes from the fact that if the CHPD had dealt with expressly nonviolent protesters in the same way, then far more people in our community would have sympathy for the protesters. Changing the minds of those not involved in the protest, convincing more people to join in your resistance, swaying public opinion to your understanding of justice - that's the whole point of protest. As a protester, the best way to bring more people to your side of the debate is through nonviolence.

Now I fear that Sunday's display of force from the CHPD will entrench many of the protesters in their rejection of nonviolence as a basic organizing principle. And who knows how some of them may prepare for the next time? This is what Dr. King meant when he so famously said, "Violence begets violence." Each new act of violence only encourages the other side to escalate. And what does it all accomplish?

I write this in large part to say to my fellow agents of social change: Expressly reject violence. Do not give the police a reason to use violence, or even the immediate threat of violence. That was how Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King, Bishop Tutu, Cesar Chavez, Susan B. Anthony, Lech Walesa and Andrei Codrescu helped to change the world. Their actions prove that Satyagraha, expressly nonviolent resistance, can and does defeat the thing that should be the common enemy of all advocates for social change: violence in all its forms.

Mark Chilton is the mayor of Car-

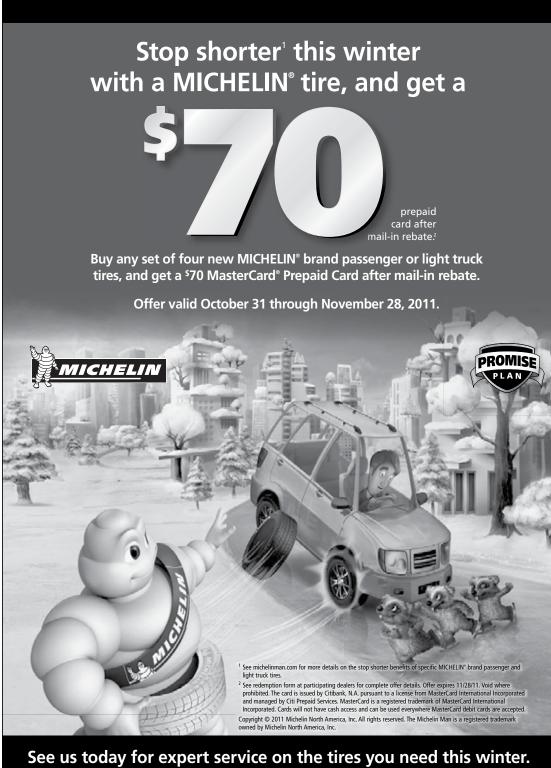


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HOUSE Calls

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

This week we respond to questions about processed food and restless sleeping.

Dear HOUSE Calls, What is the long-term effect of processed foods on the American public?

That is no small question. First off, let's recognize that not all processed foods are the same, and some companies are making a real effort to decrease the processed carbohydrates, trans fat and sodium contents in processed foods. Most of what we eat is processed. At the grocery store, usually the stuff around the edges is whole food (produce, meat, dairy) and everything else is processed to some extent. About 90 percent of the American diet is processed, and what may be worse is that 25 percent of Americans eat fast food every day, and 30 percent of children do so. Why do we eat processed foods? It is easier, cheaper and may taste better, but excess fat

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and carbohydrates can lead to obesity, diabetes and heart disease. Excess sodium can lead to high blood pressure. And there are countless artificial additives with lesser-known long-term health effects, though most are probably safe. One of the important points about processed food is that your diet is made up of what you eat and also what you don't eat. If you are eating out of a box, you are eating less from the produce aisle. Half our plate should come from the produce aisle in order to get a diet high in fiber, lower in calories and rich in vitamins and minerals. Lastly, not to get too sentimental, but eating out of a box or at the drive-through may reflect a cultural or social change from eating with families and talking.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I roll around a lot in my sleep, often keeping people awake. Is there a reason for that? Is it a problem?

That is a really interesting question. First, everybody moves in their sleep. We have studied people during sleep with video and find that sleep movement is universal and more frequent than most of us think. However, if sleep movement is causing problems for you or your bed partner, you may want to talk to your doctor about it. Sleep movement can interfere with deep sleep and leave the person feeling poorly rested after sleep. Often it is accompanied by an uncomfortable feeling in the legs known as restless leg syndrome. Sometimes sleep movement can be a real problem for bed partners, actually hurting them or just interfering with their sleep. We hope that helps you get started.

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

Community Briefs

Pre-Thanksgiving farmers' market

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will host a special holiday market on Tuesday from 2 -5 p.m. The market will give customers an opportunity to buy products for a truly local Thanksgiving,

including heritage breed turkeys, geese, stuffing, cakes, pies, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and more.

Chapel Hill Arbor Day

Chapel Hill will host its annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at a small neighborhood park adjacent to the north side of Ephesus Church Road between Landerwood Lane and Sharon Road.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt will present the Arbor Day Proclamation and accept the 2010 Tree City USA Award from representatives of the N.C. Division of Forest Resources. This is Chapel Hill's 12th consecutive year as a Tree City.

Additionally, students from Ephesus Elementary School will help plant an oak tree.

Support circles for the homeless

The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness will host a Summit on Support Circles for Our Homeless on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael St.

The public is invited to learn how to start or join a support circle with your congregation, work colleagues, friends and/or family. Support circles are teams of eight to 10 volunteers that partner with individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness into permanent housing.

Support circle teams provide their partners with practical support such as taking them grocery shopping or to appointments, helping work out budgets, tutoring for GED classes or other assistance. They also provide financial support for costs associated with moving into housing such as security deposits and furnishings.

For more information, contact Tish Galu at 225-2986 or galump@centurylink.net

Carrboro attorney honored

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the Fair Trial Initiative (FTI) celebrated its 10th anniversary and recognized three leaders of the capital defense community at its annual Osborn Awards Celebration. Carrboro attorney Jonathan Broun received the fifth J. Kirk Osborn Award, which recognizes Broun's excellence in mentoring and his outstanding advocacy on behalf of indigent men and women. Broun is the director of training at the Center for Death Penalty Litigation.

OneMain Financial collecting food

For the entire month of November, the One-Main Financial branch in Carrboro will be collecting non-perishable food to help feed those in need throughout the community. The collected food will be donated to the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service in time to be distributed to local residents before the holidays.

The local OneMain Financial branch is located in Carrboro Plaza.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY NOV 17

Rembrandt Lecture — Dr. Larry Wheeler will discuss "Rembrandt in America.'' Seymour Center, 2:30pm Free 933-5436

Movie Showing — Full-length documentary on Whale Wars, Whale Warrior: Pirate for the Sea. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

Dulcimer Players — To meet at Carol Woods Retirement Community, 7pm 929-5359

OCDW Meeting — Panel discussion of health care reform in North Carolina. OWASA, 7pm Free 593-1904

FRIDAY NOV 18

Contra Dance — With caller Dean Snipes. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm workshop/8pm dance \$8 csda-dance.org

Christmas Bazaar — All proceeds benefit mission projects. Christ United Methodist Church, Southern Village, 5-8pm, continuing through

John Ryan Haule — To speak on on the Future of Religion Binkley Baptist Church, 7:30pm \$5-\$15 jungnc.org

Artists' Salon — November's

topic is "Exploring Resources, Leveraging Assets, Crafting Your Path." The ArtsCenter, 6:30pm

Simple Gifts — An alternate gift and fair-trade market benefitting the Take and Eat Food Pantry. Evergreen United Methodist Church, 11098 U.S. 15-501, 3-7pm Friday/10am-4pm

SATURDAY NOV 19 Bake Sale and Breakfast—

Homemade crafts and food, a white elephant sale and breakfast are part of the offering with proceeds supporting local and global initiatives. The United Methodist Church, 200 Hillsborough Road, 8am

PlaySlam!— Presented by The ArtsCenter and the Playwrights Roundtable. The ArtsCenter, 8pm artscenterlive.org **Sheri Castle** — Local writer and

cooking instructor will be signing copies of her new cookbook. Carrboro Farmers' Market, 2-5pm **Movie Showing** — Family matinee

to be shown at Orange County Pub-

lic Library, Hillsborough, 2pm Free Call 245-2537 for movie title **AAUW Meeting** — Ellie Kinnaird will speak on "Education Reform

Efforts in North Carolina." Carolina Room at Carol Woods, 10am Thistle and Bluegrass — Steve

CUSTOM

Kelsea Parker

Hoge and the Enablers to perform, with proceeds benefiting UCCH

Music Outreach. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 7:30pm unitedchurch.org

MONDAY NOV 21

Cancer Workshop — Look Good, Feel Better, for women coping with cancer. Cornucopia Cancer Support Center, 5pm 401-9333

Federal Issues Briefing — Rep. David Price will speak at the annual briefing. The Carolina Club, UNC, Imorrison@carolinachamber.org **Book Group** — For adults, to

discuss Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel. Chapel Hill Public Library, University Mall, 7pm Free 968-2780

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest Karen Romines. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

TUESDAY NOV 22

Movie Showing — For teenagers. Orange County Main Library, Hillsborough, 5pm Free Call for movie title 245-2525

Mitch Silver — The president of the American Planning Association will speak on "What you need to know about the Demographic in the 21st Century." Chapel Hill Town Hall, 5:30pm Free

WEDNESDAY NOV 23 Holiday Farmers' Market -

Pre-Thanksgiving Farmers' Market. Eno River Farmers' Market, Hillsborough, 3-6pm

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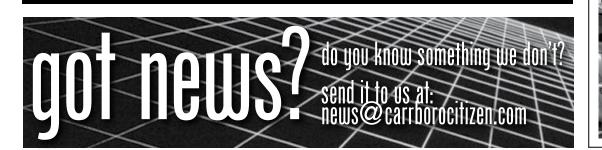




MAILBELTSAWLETTER

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Tis Folly to Believe

The most common of all follies is to believe passionately in the palpably not true. It is the chief occupation of mankind. - H. L. Mencken







SHELTON **STATION**

FROM PAGE I

The approved zoning changes allow greater residential density in developments in exchange for mutually agreed-upon conditions for site and building elements to be met in the project, such as sustainable-building features, affordable-housing provisions and more, as well as at least 20 percent non-residential development.

Gist warned that the zoning would open the door for dense apartment complexes in the downtown area.

"I think it would be opening Pandora's box," she said. "Within 10 years, downtown Carrboro will be coffee shops and dense student housing."

Other board members disagreed.

"I think that this mechanism would give us another tool in our toolbox," board member Lydia Lavelle said. "I see passing this mechanism as coming up with a way that we can then look at fu- of the board. "This is a quiet resiture developments and give and take with developments that come before us."

Board member Joal Hall Broun said the changes would still give the board the final decision on whether to allow projects to use the zoning. The board did not decide on Tuesday whether to allow the proposed Shelton Station project to use the approved zoning.

A number of residents spoke against the project, citing concerns about traffic, possible road changes and the project's effects on the character of the neighborhood. Developers have proposed adding a turn-lane on North Greensboro Street in front of the project, which would widen the road and sidewalks to 56 feet within the 60foot right-of-way, but could possibly cut into the yards of houses across the street.

"I'm not opposed to this project in the right place. I do not think North Greensboro Street is the right place for this project," said Braxton Foushee, a Williams Street resident and former member

dential neighborhood. The scale of this building is going to look like what we see at Greenbridge."

Residents also spoke in favor of the project, saying that it would bring increased density downtown, which would be good for both business and the environment and add needed workforce housing.

"I think it is affordable housing, and we keep talking about wanting affordable housing," said Giles Blunden. "This affordable housing is walkable to downtown. ... I think the merchants downtown will appreciate the extra business."

"I know it impacts certain people. Every project does that ... but the bigger public good is what has to be looked at," he added.

The board said they would like to collect more public input and information regarding how the changes to the road could affect neighbors before making a decision, and continued the public hearing until Jan. 24.

NEW SCHOOL

FROM PAGE I

the construction of elementary 11 was important because of overcrowding, saying that the district has already had to do some spot redistricting to help alleviate this issue, and that they will likely do so again next year.

There is no question that the time has arrived to move forward with this," Commissioner Earl McKee said.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs expressed his gratitude to the school board for the work they have done with elementary 11 and said that he appreciated their commitment to returning schools to the communities they will serve.

"I want to thank and congratulate the school board for following through on this return of schools to communities inside the municipalities rather than on the edges of municipalities so they can become integrated into the communities," Jacobs said.

The school is planned for a site in the Northside neighborhood in downtown Chapel Hill.

With approval from the board, the county hopes to acquire the funding needed by late March or April of 2012, and plans to reimburse the school board in full by

In other action, the commissioners heard a presentation regarding the Triangle Regional Transit Program from Patrick McDonough, senior transportation planner for Triangle Transit.

McDonough reviewed the light-rail system Triangle Transit hopes to see across Orange and Durham counties beginning in 2025. He discussed where stations might be located, what areas would be served and projected ridership numbers.

The commissioners will be discussing the light-rail system, which is part of the locally preferred alternative plan, in more detail at their Dec. 8 work ses-

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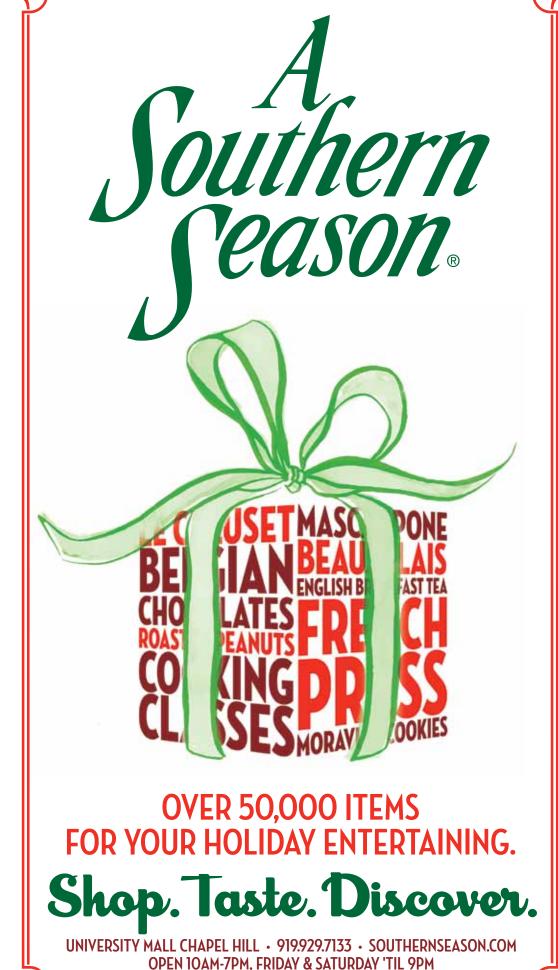
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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN 10 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011



Our local yellow-red maples often bear singular red leaves. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

With a sharp eye, you will spot witch hazel flowering in local forests.

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FLORA FROM PAGE I

scattered among the yellow, were a few brilliant red leaves. It's curious how nature expresses itself.

When shorter and cooler days halt the production of a plant's green pigment chlorophyll, the ever-present yellow pigments carotin and xanthophyll are then allowed to express shades of yellow.

The red and orange colors of black gum, sassafras and some of the maples erupt from anthocyanin compounds, which are produced by sugars and starches in the leaves after cessation of chlorophyll production.

While some tree species are characteristically yellow or red and orange, others, like some maples and the sweet gum, contain all these pigments. Variables of environmental influences from year to year result in the dazzling diversity of colors we enjoy. My favorite of all trees is the sweetgum, which year after year can exhibit all colors on the same tree.

I had returned last week to where the fall flora class two weeks ago determined that we had found peak color. Though the recent wind and rain had reduced much of the color of that particular scene, there remained many spots

of peak color showing off all around. Combined with the subtle beauty of the emerging winter landscape and a surprise encounter with a group of flowering witch hazels, Hamamelis virginiana, I became aware of a wonderful spiritual and sensory overload.

So here's a challenge for you. As peak color continues, overlapping with an emerging winter landscape, go exploring outdoors this week to discover your own sensory overload.

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Sunset, moonrise, Damascus Church

henever I begin suffering from "nature deficit disorder," I have only to slow down, ease off the gas pedal and observe. We live in a place of extraordinary beauty, if only we will seek it out. If you watch carefully, several times each year you'll catch the moon rising just as the sun is setting. I've been stalking this "decisive moment" at the lovely old Damascus Church just west of Carrboro, and was rewarded last week. For this photographer, that light is fleeting, perishable, fragile – and entirely mysterious.



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TOWING

FROM PAGE I

that would require towing companies to accept credit and debit cards, expand the towing ordinance limiting fees town-wide and require towing companies to notify the police department prior to towing a vehicle. Carrboro already requires towing companies to accept credit and debt cards as payment.

Residents argue that towing fees for cars towed outside of the central business district - where regulations limit such fees to \$100 - are too high, with some companies charging \$200, and that the cash-only policies of most companies are unfair. In addition, residents have complained that storage locations in remote areas are unsafe and that "walk-off" towing, which occurs when a driver parks at one business and visits another while parked there, is a predatory prac-

Towing companies say they have to recoup costs lost by the limited downtown towing fees by charging higher fees outside of the downtown area and that those who pay towing fees with a credit card could cancel the charges later.

Jeremy Edwards of George's Towing said the biggest complaint he hears from those whose cars are towed is that they didn't see signage telling them not to park there.

"People have to stand up and take responsibility for what they do," he said.

C.D. Mock said that when his car was towed, he called the towing company to ask for directions and was never told he could only pay for his car with cash.

When I finally find the place, my anger turns to compassion because there's three young 18-, 19-year-old college girls sitting in their cars in the middle of the night in ... a place that looks like something out of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," he said, adding that towing companies take advantage of university students. "We need these regulations."

Council members said they wanted to hear from business owners about towing practices, since they are the ones who contract with the towing companies.

"I think predatory towing is really bad for business," council member Gene Pease said.

Council member Laurin Easthom said walk-off towing is unreasonable.

"I don't think it's good for business in Chapel Hill ... to have to get in your car to go to another place across the street."

Council members also said they would like to consider requiring additional signage, such as a sign in every parking space in a lot.

The council will revisit the issue at a meeting on Feb. 13.

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