

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Dusty-pink leaves of maple-leaved viburnum with drupes.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

A late-fall color worth the walk

ots of trees are bare, cold temperatures reign, and yet our Piedmont flora continues to glow. The scarlet-red fern-like leaves of sumacs are still dramatic along roadsides and the rich burgundy-reds of highbush blueberries are noticeable against otherwise leafless forest edges.

If you venture into the forests, you will encounter the subtler colors of native viburnums, often called arrowwood because Native Americans used the hard straight stems of these shrubs for arrow shafts.

On a walk this past Sunday, I delighted in seeing leaves of maple-leaved viburnum, Viburnum acerifolium, taking on dusty-pink colors. A few of the plants still bore small clusters of black drupes, a surprise because the birds usually grab those preferred tasty morsels immediately. I'll wager that following the recent freezes, those fruit will be absent, though the leaves will linger. Some of the foliage was still green, just beginning to turn. You may remember having seen the viburnums' flat-top clusters of white flowers scattered throughout the local forests during the middle of spring. It's fun to visualize the spring appearance of plants when seeing them in their fall habit.

The maple-leaved viburnum is easy to spot; the Latin of its name, V. acerifolium, translates as "maple" (acer) "leaf" (folium). So you are looking for a waist-to-head-high shrub with opposite leaves, like maple trees, and a leaf shaped, in this case, like that of the red maple.

Keep a keen eye out for this pale pink-leaved beauty because, though common, it is scattered here and there throughout the forest. Sometimes you will discover a nice thicket of it on some of the forest slopes.

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Local unemployment on the rise

MARGOT CARMICHAEL LESTER Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: — This story is the first in a series about jobs and the local economy. If the recession has affected you or your business, please drop a line to margot@carrborocitizen.com and we might tell your story in an upcoming installment.

The U.S. Department of Labor released staggering unemployment figures for October (240,000 jobs lost nationally). But buried in the data was even more stunning news: September job loss data was revised up to 284,000 — making September 2008 one of the

worst month's for job losses in history. And, get this: At this pace, 2008 annual job cuts will surpass a million for the first time since 2005.

The national trend is borne out here at home. September unemployment claims in Orange and Chatham counties (see chart) were up dramatically for the year, as more of our own are out of work.

While it's pretty much impossible to say how much of the unemployment rate is directly attributable to the economic conditions (that sort of data isn't collected), the recession is having an impact on the numbers.

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LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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Table with 4 columns: ORANGE CO., Labor Force, Unemployed, Unemployment Rate. Rows for September 2008 and September 2007.

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SOURCE: North Carolina Employment Security Commission



An artist's tradition

BY RICH FOWLER Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Jinxiu Zhao usually goes by Alice because it's easier for people to pronounce. A typical day for her is busy, filled with the art she loves. She teaches classes for

seniors and children and is always cheerful and upbeat about it. She truly loves her work, and it comes through when you talk with her. Whenever she talks about her art or her students, she smiles.

Zhao paints traditional Chinese brush paintings, as well as Chinese

calligraphy, and she teaches young and old all over the state. The themes of her brush paintings emphasize nature and natural settings: flowers, trees, plants and the scenery around her.

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Tense times in Bingham Township

Airport, transfer station draw intense interest, ire

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — For those living in the roughly 73 square miles that make up southwestern Orange County's Bingham Township, the next few years seem to promise large and unwelcome changes.

Though sparsely populated compared to central and southeastern Orange, residents of the township, which stretches from the west side of Carrboro, have turned out in numbers at public discussions on a possible new airport and a solid-waste transfer station.

Earlier this month, an airport meeting packed the aging gymnasium at the White Cross Community Center. On Monday, a public hearing at McDougle Middle School on a waste transfer station drew hundreds out to argue against it.

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Tragedy hits Chapel Hill High again

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill High School community is mourning the loss of yet another student after the tragic death of senior Rodney Torain early Sunday morning.

Torain, 18, was killed in an automobile crash on Old Greensboro Highway just before 4 a.m. Sunday.

Ashley Bynum, 18, was driving Torain home with Laticia Farrington, 17, when a gold or silver small car began closely following their car, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol. The car then began to pass Bynum's vehicle, striking the car on the left and causing it to run off the road to the right then veer back onto the road and off the left side, striking a tree.

The car that struck Bynum's vehicle then sped away from the scene.

Trooper T.S. Wright said Torain was pronounced dead at the scene and Bynum and Farrington were brought to UNC Hospitals with non life-threatening injuries. They were later released.

According to Wright, the witnesses said at least two Hispanic males were in the car — a small, gold or silver four-door car — which should have sideswipe marks on the right side.

Torain is the second Chapel Hill High School football player to die this year. Atlas Fraley, also a senior and a friend of Torain, died Aug. 12 in his home following two football scrimmages. Although paramedics responded to a 911 call from Fraley and then treated him that day, the cause of his death has not been released.

Torain, like Fraley, was very involved in school and athletics and was well liked by his peers.

"He had a very positive presence in the school," Chapel Hill High Principal Jackie Ellis said. "He was an amazing young man."

Ellis said students seemed to be in shock following Torain's untimely death.

"It's been quiet," she said. "Of course, there's a lot of sadness.... It's just been trying."

A crisis team was brought into the school Monday morning and counselors were made available to students and staff members.

"It has hit across races, across socioeconomic," Ellis said. "He's just sorely missed, and it's evident in our school."

A group on the social networking website Facebook was dedicated to Torain and has drawn more than 150 members. One of the postings on the site states, "All you ever did was make people laugh, and it was that warmth that everyone will remember."

Tuesday night's Chapel Hill High men's varsity basketball game was canceled following the tragedy. Torain had been a member of the basketball team the past three years.



Rodney Torain

PHOTO BY LISA HAZEN

According to Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, crisis teams are available in each of the district's high schools.

Police are asking that anyone with any information regarding the incident or the vehicle that hit Bynum's car call (336) 570-6809.

Burn a few calories for a cause

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CARRBORO — This Thanksgiving Day, those of us hoping to justify indulging in that extra piece of pie can do so with several hundred runners by our side for the 12th annual Gallop and Gorge 8K.

The Gallop and Gorge — the final leg of the Cardinal Track Club's Le Tour de Carrboro race series — drew nearly 800 runners last year. The race is also the 2008 Southern Regional Championship 8K for the Road Racing Clubs of America.

This year's race is dubbed the Double B Gallop and Gorge in honor of Bobby Biles, one of the founders of the Cardinal Track Club, who left Carrboro for New Mexico earlier this year. Club President Jon van Ark expects a big crowd for the race.

"The Gallop and Gorge has really become a family kind of race," said van Ark, president of the Cardinal Track Club, adding that he's noticed an increase in family groups at the race over the past couple of years.

The race isn't just a good way to burn a few extra Thanksgiving calories; it's also a good way to give back during the holiday season. The Cardinal Track Club, which has more than 200 members, benefits four different community partners: Club Nova, El Centro Latino, Carolina Outreach and the Optimist Club of Chapel Hill. Proceeds from races and club dues — which totaled about \$16,000 last year — go directly to the club's community partners, which are selected every year through an application process.

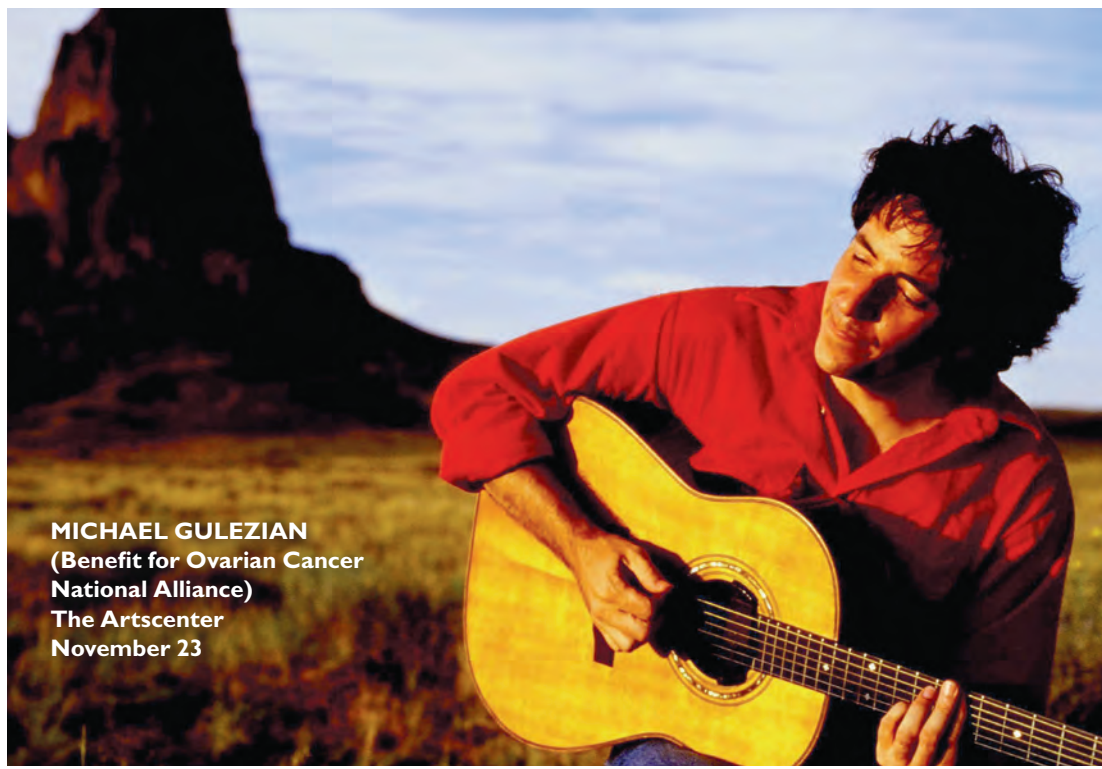
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PHOTO BY ROBERT DICKSON
On their mark: runners at the ready at last year's Gallop and Gorge on Thanksgiving Day.



# MUSIC CALENDAR



**MICHAEL GULEZIAN**  
(Benefit for Ovarian Cancer National Alliance)  
The Artscenter  
November 23

**THURSDAY NOV 20**

**The ArtsCenter:** Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen, Shannon Whitworth. 8pm, \$22-25

**Blue Bayou:** Matt Hill & the Buzzkills. 9:30pm

**Cat's Cradle:** Jedi Mind Tricks, Outerspace, Reef the Lost Cause. 9:30pm, \$16-18

**The Cave: The Cave:** EARLY: Brett Rosenberg & Holden Richards LATE: Luego, Tripp

**Local 506:** Centro-matic, One Baptist General, South San Gabriel. 9pm, \$8

**Nightlight:** Escapement, Club of Rome, The Puttys. 9:30pm

**FRIDAY NOV 21**

**Blue Bayou Club:** Edsel 500. 9:30pm

**Cat's Cradle:** Perpetual Grove. 10pm, \$15-20

**The Cave:** EARLY: Comedy with Johnny Cook LATE: SaintSolitude, The Whiskey Smugglers

**Local 506:** Stella By Starlight, Mike Posner & The Brain Trust, Juan Huevos. 10pm, \$6

**Nightlight:** CLARQ n CAROLINE, Shallow be thy Name, Impossible Hair, Tender Fruit. 9:30pm

**SATURDAY NOV 22**

**Blue Bayou:** Adrian Duke. 9:30pm

**Bynum Front Porch:** Breadfoot, Electric Bird Noise, Horseback. 6:30pm, \$5

**Cat's Cradle:** Mates of State, Brother Reade. 9pm, \$12-14

**The Cave:** EARLY: Brian McGee LATE: Awesome, Lud record release show

**Local 506:** Neil Halstead, Ryan Gustafson. 9pm, \$10-12

**Nightlight:** The Vinyl Records Show. 10pm

**Reservoir:** Caltrop, Night of the Wold, Curtains of Night

**SUNDAY NOV 23**

**The ArtsCenter:** Michael Gulezian, Shannon McArthur (Benefit for Ovarian Cancer National Alliance). \$5pm, \$18

**Cat's Cradle:** Method Man & Redman, Termanology. 9:30pm, \$30

**Local 506:** Sugar in the Dirt, Br'er, The End of the World. 9pm, Free

**MONDAY NOV 24**

**Cat's Cradle:** Augustana, The War. 6pm, \$15

**Local 506:** AA Bondy, The Dogwood Deddy. 9:30pm, \$8

**TUESDAY NOV 25**

**Cat's Cradle:** Gang Gang Dance, Rainbow Arabia. 8:30pm, \$8-10

**Local 506:** Anaturale, Athens Boys Choir, Farmer, Miss Mary Wanna. 9:30pm, \$7

**WEDNESDAY NOV 26**

**Cat's Cradle:** Pre Turkey Day Jam. 7:30pm, \$10

**The Cave:** EARLY: Alex Bowers

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**FRIDAY NOV 28**

**Cat's Cradle:** Manchester Orchestra, Dead Confederate, Kevin Devine, All Get Out. 7:30pm, \$10-12

**The Cave:** Green Level Entertainers. 8pm

**Local 506:** Blankface, I Was Totally Destroying It, Josh Moore. 9pm, \$6-8

**SATURDAY NOV 29**

**Cat's Cradle:** The Backbeat, Hege V. 8pm, \$12-15

**The Cave:** The Ramblers. 8pm

**Local 506:** My Radio, The Sundowners



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**MO 11/24 AUGUSTANA** W/THE WAR\*\*(\$15)

**TU 11/25 GANG GANG DANCE** W/RAINBOW ARABIA\*\*(\$8/\$10)

**WE 11/26 PRE TURKEY DAY JAM:** JON SHAIN, MARK SIMONSEN, DJANGO HASKINS, GREG HUMPHREYS (SONGWRITER SET); PIEDMONT SHEIKS; YOUNG NEIL AND THE DAMAGE DONE  
**FR 11/28\*\*(\$10/\$12) MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA** W/DEAD CONFEDERATE, KEVIN DEVINE, ALL GET OUT

**SA 11/29 THE BACKBEAT & HEGE V\*\*(\$9)**

**SU 11/30 FASTBALL** W/JULE BROWN\*\*(\$12/\$15)

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**SU 11/30 FASTBALL**

**SA 11/22 NEIL HALSTEAD LOCAL 506**

**SA 12/6 YO MAMA'S BIG FAT BOOTY BAND\*\*(\$10)**

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**SA 1/31/09 ANNUALS** W/JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD & WHAT LAURA SAYS \*\*(\$10/\$12) ONI SALE 11/22

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**TU 12/2 HAYES CARLL** W/JOHN EVANS BAND

**SA 12/6 RADAR BROS.**

**TH 1/15/09 GOD'S POTTERY**

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## News Briefs

### Merritt sworn in, hotel hearing delayed

The Chapel Hill Town Council started its Nov. 17 public hearing with the swearing in of new council member James Merritt. Merritt will serve the remaining 13 months of Bill Thorpe's term. Thorpe passed away in September.

Merritt acknowledged Thorpe's service and said that he wanted to continue Thorpe's commitment to the town.

"I give my sincere thanks to all the people who supported me in the community, and promise that I will do everything in my power to gain your trust," Merritt said.

In other action, the council delayed a hearing on a new building proposed for Southern Village.

Rosemary Waldorf, project manager for Bryan Properties, said it was agreed to delay the hearing at the request of the Southern Village Homeowners' Association.

"We'll work with them on answering any questions they have and any ideas they have," Waldorf said.

### County awarded housing grant

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency recently awarded Orange County with \$400,000 under the 2008 cycle of the Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The program provides funds to assist with the rehabilitation of moderately deteriorated homes that are owned and occupied by lower-income households. Typical repairs include roof replacements, door and window replacements and electrical and plumbing upgrades. Financial assistance is provided as a deferred, forgivable loan.

Orange County homeowners who are 62 or older or disabled and have incomes less than \$39,350 for a single-person household or \$45,650 for a two-person household are eligible to apply.

### Alternative Christmas Market

United Church of Chapel Hill will be holding its 19th Alternative Christmas Market this weekend on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The market will feature everything from art to rain barrels to knife sharpening, with a portion of the proceeds going to charity.

Eleven local artists will show and sell their work in "Art for a Cause," which will feature pottery, weaving, paintings, photography, jewelry, ethnic jackets and more.

A portion of the proceeds from the market will be donated to Church World Service, an inter-denominational aid group working to wipe out hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice. Thirty-five denominations participate in the group's activities, which have helped people in over 80 countries since its founding in 1946.

The church is located at 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill. For more information, visit their website at [www.unitedchurch.org](http://www.unitedchurch.org).

### Property Revaluations

The next Orange County property revaluation will become effective Jan. 1. Property revaluation is the process of recognizing monetary trends between buyers and sellers and reflecting that on similar properties. The last countywide revaluation was effective as of Jan. 1, 2005, and the market value of Orange County properties has since increased.

The Orange County Tax Assessor's Office will release the 2009 revaluation estimates online after Dec. 10, before the official revaluation notices are mailed early in 2009. To view the estimates after Dec. 10, visit [www.co.orange.nc.us](http://www.co.orange.nc.us), click on the What's New button and follow the link to new estimates.

## Board tightens fire-safety requirements

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve an ordinance amending the town fire code that would create additional requirements for fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads and stovetop fire stops and prohibit pine straw and similar materials within 10 feet of any structure.

The changes come on the heels of a fire at Highland Hills Apartments last year that left one dead, two injured and 20 homeless. According to Carrboro Fire-Rescue Chief Travis Crabtree, the requirements would improve safety for both residents and firefighters.

Under the amendment, pine straw and other highly flammable materials would be prohibited within 10 feet of any structure with combustible construction components, including single-family homes. Other restricted materials would include anything

that burns at a rate of 12 inches per minute or higher. Pine straw burns at a rate of 90 inches per minute.

In addition, the amendment would modify town sprinkler requirements such that each space within a non-residential building would be considered a separate building if spaces are completely separated by a four-hour firewall. The town code requires sprinkler systems in non-residential buildings larger than 6,000 square feet.

"For us to have a reasonable ability to put out the fire based on the staff and the current fire equipment we have, this was the size structure that we can apply water to to effectively make an attack," Crabtree said.

The modifications to the sprinkler would make it easier for businesses to come into compliance with town fire code. Furniture Follies, a used-furniture and antique store, appealed to the board in October to change the sprinkler requirements so that the store

could open in its new location on N.C. 54.

The amendment would also require additional sprinkler heads on balconies, decks, storage rooms and breezeways of newly built multi-family dwellings or those damaged by fire.

Fire extinguishers would be required in all common areas of multi-family dwellings for all buildings built prior to 2002. According to Crabtree, the fire extinguishers would cost about \$65, while the tamper-resistant cabinet would cost about \$390.

In addition, stovetop fire stops would be required in all residential dwellings, including single-family homes, for all new buildings and renovated kitchens.

The stovetop fire stops, which are small cans filled with powder that releases when activated, cost about \$50, Crabtree said.

"On most stoves, they are able to hook up to the range hood above it via a magnet," he said.

Robert Kirschner, a resident of a townhouse-style home, said if residents of structures similar to his townhouse must comply with new fire-extinguisher requirements, single-family houses should have to comply as well.

Mayor Mark Chilton said the requirements for such dwellings are there to protect multiple families.

"The reality is, when a fire breaks out in a multi-family building it's more than one family whose lives are at stake," he said.

Chilton said that in light of apartment fire inspections this summer that found many apartments without smoke detectors, he would like to see the board make an effort to make sure landlords are aware of the law requiring them to install functioning smoke detectors in rental units.

Crabtree said the fire department will install smoke detectors for residents and has installed about 200 through canvassing efforts.

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The next night, while some Bingham residents continued to make their case at an Orange County Board of County Commissioners work session on the transfer station, others conveyed their opposition to the airport at a meeting on Carolina North between the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees and the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Steering some of this dissent are two nascent organizations, Preserve Rural Orange and Orange County Voice. Both organizations, which already have websites and extensive email lists, started by focusing on UNC's efforts to build a new airport to replace Horace Williams. But since the county narrowed possible sites for a waste transfer station down to three parcels clustered around Orange Grove Road and Hwy. 54, the organizations have helped rally opposition to the station as well.

The latest county discussions on the transfer station came during a work session Tuesday at the Southern Human Services Center

held in part to recap Monday's extension of a public hearing on the site selection and in part to prepare for a potential vote on a final site on Dec. 11.

After reports from consultants Olver, Inc. on the latest public comments, the commissioners looked at the possibility of changing the site criteria, a point raised by several speakers the night before and reiterated during a brief public comment period at the work session.

"We're boxing ourselves in looking at one solution," Bingham resident Diane Chandler told the commissioners. The county, she said, is being short sighted and needs to explore new technologies for waste to energy and mandatory recycling at the university and UNC Hospitals.

While the transfer station would take up no more than 10 acres, maintaining a 200-foot buffer around the perimeter of the facility requires a site close to 27 acres.

Those opposed to the facility at the three sites in Bingham Township argued that if the site were to be located in an industrial area, it would not require as extensive buffering and, as a result, would not need to be so large.

Olver representatives said lowering the site size and identifying new sites would likely take 30 days.

In discussions on the idea, several commissioners said that although it seems appealing, many of the sites such a search would yield are likely to be close enough to Hillsborough to trigger a defensive annexation of the site.

Board chair Barry Jacobs noted that Hillsborough leaders have indicated that should the county try to locate a site too close to its borders, the town would annex the property. The result, Jacobs said, could be a protracted permitting process and the possibility of rejection by the town.

Commissioner Moses Carey said making changes now, after a year-long process to narrow sites under the existing criteria, would call into question the transparency of the process.

"If I were a citizen and saw us change that, I would question us," he said.

Changing the criteria also raised concerns among supporters of the Rogers-Eubanks Road community, which was chosen as the transfer station site last year but later moved far down the list after

the county re-opened the search process last year.

"I remind everybody here that the path of least resistance has always led through Rogers Road," Yoni Chapman, a member of the NAACP and the Coalition to End Environmental Racism, said. "I hope this will not be the case this time."

The commissioners also looked at the idea of a waste-to-energy facility.

Nelson said he would like to see the county pursue the idea, but that he did not want to see it linked to the transfer station.

Nelson emphasized that the county is on a tight timetable to open a facility by May 2011, the latest estimate of when the landfill would be out of space.

Jacobs asked the county staff to prepare a range of options on the transfer station issue including details on how a site size change would affect the process, the extent of an environmental impact analysis at the sites, a look at how fire protection would be provided and some ideas for a discussion on amenities for the host community should the site selection move forward.

## County wants answers on airport authority

Orange County Board of Commissioners chair Barry Jacobs got the OK to send a letter on behalf of the board to UNC Chancellor Holden Thorpe asking for more information about a proposed airport authority that would be charged with siting and building a new airport to replace Horace Williams.

The board approved sending the letter at its meeting Tuesday night.

The county is looking for answers on the scope of work of the authority, qualifications for membership in the authority, funding for the authority, work-

ing with the county on land-use planning and public input on plans and decisions.

Under the legislation passed last session by the General Assembly, the new authority would consist of 15 members, including one recommended by the speaker of the House, one recommended by the president pro tem of the Senate, eight members recommended by the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees and approved by the UNC System Board of Governors, three members appointed by the county board of commissioners and two

members appointed by towns.

In other action, after more than two years of discussions and revisions, the Orange County Board of Commissioners passed the county's new comprehensive plan.

The plan, the first major redrafting of the county's guide for land use since the 1980s, will be used to set land-development policies. The plan sets guidelines for growth and its impact on economic development, housing, land use, natural and cultural resources, recreations and parks, services and county facilities and transportation.

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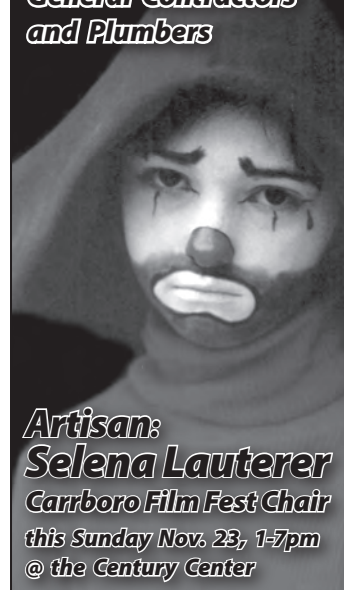
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## Community Briefs

### Christmas tree benefit

Bynum Front Porch is selling fresh-cut Fraser fir Christmas trees and wreaths to benefit the Bynum Front Porch Scholarship Fund. The fund will help send two Chatham County high school seniors to college.

To pre-order a tree or wreath, visit [bynumfrontporch.googlepages.com/christmastrees](http://bynumfrontporch.googlepages.com/christmastrees) and pay a \$20 deposit. The balance is due upon pickup and can be paid in cash or with a check.

Orders can be placed until 5 p.m. Dec. 1. Trees, wreaths and garland can be picked up at the Bynum General Store on Dec. 6 between noon and 4 p.m. and trees will be trimmed at the base and be stand ready.

### Children's Hospital fundraiser

The seventh annual North Carolina Children's Hospital live fundraiser will be aired on radio and television today (Thursday) from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. to reach out to more than a million people across the state.

Radio stations owned by Curtis Media Group will broadcast the N.C. Children's Promise live from the Children's Hospital lobby. In addition, television coverage will be provided by Time Warner Cable's News 14 Carolina.

Curtis Media will provide onsite entertainment, including Jason Michael Carroll, Jo Dee Messina, Darius Rucker, Heidi Newfield and Jimmy Wayne.

Listeners and viewers can contribute online at [www.ncchildrenspromise.org](http://www.ncchildrenspromise.org) or by calling 1-866-9-NC-KIDS.

### Mural restoration

Local artist Michael Brown will restore the "Musical Youth" mural on West Franklin Street today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday as part of the Painted Walls Project.

The Painted Walls Project is a joint effort of the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill, the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, the Chapel Hill Historical Society and the Town of Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission to catalog and restore the much-loved murals by Brown in downtown Chapel Hill.

Mansion 462 will donate a portion of proceeds from door admissions from all three nights to the Painted Walls Project. To donate to the project, visit [www.chapelhillpreservation.com/mural.htm](http://www.chapelhillpreservation.com/mural.htm)

## Noticias en breve

### Cuentos bilingües

Traiga a sus hijos de 2 a 8 años a escuchar cuentos bilingües en el museo Kidzu, y después hacer un proyecto de arte. Gratis, 2 veces al mes. Este sábado, el 22 de noviembre a las 2p.m. Los niños deben estar acompañados por un adulto. También tiene entrada gratis al museo todos los domingos de 2 a 5p.m. Informes al 933-1455. 105 E. Franklin St.

*Cultures Collide* (2001) Se trata de los efectos de inmigración en Postville, Iowa. Postville es sitio de grandes redadas de ICE en 2008, y habrá discusión del tema después de la película. Gratuita. En inglés. Domingo, el 23 de noviembre, 5.30 a 6.30p.m. 933-0398 CHI-CLE, 101 E. Weaver St., Suite G-1; También el domingo es el festival de film de Carrboro, películas cortas dirigidas por gente local. 1-7p.m., \$5 adultos/gratis para menores de 10 años. Carrboro Century Center.

### Películas

*Entre los muertos* (2004) Dirigido por Jorge Dalton sobre el tema de la muerte en El Salvador. Gratuita. El sábado, el 21 de noviembre, 7p.m. 962-2435. FedEx Global Education Center de UNC, 301 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill. *Postville: When*

### Mercado

Busque los ingredientes de sus platos favoritos para el Día de Acción de Gracias en el mercado especial. El martes, el 25 de noviembre, 3-6p.m. En el Carrboro Town Commons.

Comentarios y preguntas al [betsy@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:betsy@carrborocitizen.com)

## Community Calendar

### Special Events

**Back County Crimes** — Nov. 20-22, 8pm. Every small town has its secrets and the local doctor knows most of them. A community drama production nightly at Chatham Mills, 489 Hillsboro St. in Pittsboro. Tickets \$8 available at Chatham Marketplace and at the door. Not recommended for children under 13. Dress warmly.

**Knowledge is Power – Connecting to Resources** — Nov 21, 10am—2pm. The Orange County JobLink Career Center Partners are hosting a Customer Appreciation Celebration to help patrons network and learn how to advance financially. 503 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill.

**Alternative Christmas Market** — Nov. 23, 9:30-10:45am. University Presbyterian Church holds an annual market. Donate to charities and send gifts to the needy. 209 E. Franklin St. [www.upch.org](http://www.upch.org)

**Bird Club** — Nov. 24, 7:30pm. "Birding Alaska's Remote Corners" speakers Lena Gallitano and Norm Budnitz. Refreshments at 7:15. Binkley Baptist Church, Chapel Hill.

**Vegetarian Society Thanksgiving** — Nov. 27, 12-5pm. Triangle Vegetarian Society holds Thanksgiving dinner at Café Parizade. All food vegan. Reservation and information [www.trianglevegsociety.org/thanksgiving08/](http://www.trianglevegsociety.org/thanksgiving08/)

**Community Day: Art In Action** — Nov 28, 10am-4pm. Ackland hosts a day long event for families with storytelling, dance, crafts for kids and more. 966-5736, [www.ackland.org](http://www.ackland.org)

**Carriage Rides in Historic Pittsboro** — Nov. 29, 1-4pm. Carriage rides through downtown, starting in the Capital Bank Parking Lot. Free. 260-9725, [pittsboroshop.com](http://pittsboroshop.com)

**Christmas Tree Benefit** — Dec. 6. NC-grown Christmas trees and wreaths sold, proceeds benefit a Chatham County College Fund for Chatham students. Preorder trees at [bynumfrontporch.googlepages.com](http://bynumfrontporch.googlepages.com)

**Holiday Faire** — Dec. 6, 10am-4pm. Fun, games, and gifts. Emerson Waldorf School, 6211 New Jericho Road, Chapel Hill. 967-1858, [www.emersonwaldorf.org](http://www.emersonwaldorf.org)

**St. Matthew's Festival of the Society Tree** — Dec. 6, 10am-5pm; Dec. 7 1-5pm. Handmade items for sale, carols and more. Proceeds benefit charity. [www.stmatthewshillsborough.org](http://www.stmatthewshillsborough.org)

**Corks for Kids NC** — Dec. 7, 6:30pm. Champagne dinner at Acme Food & Beverage. \$75/person, tax and gratuity. Group seating 4-8 people. Reservations 968-1884. [corksforkidsnc.com](http://corksforkidsnc.com)

### Sunday Afternoons at the Seymour Center

— Dec. 7, 3pm. Carol Woods Jazz Combo presents Dixieland tunes with guest Foster Owen on banjo. Seymour Center, Chapel Hill.

**Holiday 5k and Family Fun Run** — Dec. 14, 2pm, registration at noon. Proceeds benefit community charity. T-shirts for 400 racers, face painting, refreshments and arts and crafts. Registration and information [www.sv5k.com](http://www.sv5k.com)

**Nightlight Arts & Crafts Fair** — Dec. 21, 2-6pm. All artists invited to sell works. Submissions of description, website links and photos due Dec. 7. [nlightinfo@gmail.com](mailto:nlightinfo@gmail.com), [www.nightlightclub.com](http://www.nightlightclub.com)

Pittsboro First Sundays — 12-4pm. Food, arts and crafts and music on Hillsboro Street. 260-9725, [pittsboroshops.com](http://pittsboroshops.com)

### Dance

**Contra** — Dec. 12, 7:30-11pm. Triangle Country Dancers present the Morrison Brothers with caller Adina Gordon. Carrboro Century Center. \$7-9, [www.tcdancers.org](http://www.tcdancers.org)

**Contra** — Dec. 19, 7:30pm. Music by the Donnybrook Lads. Carrboro Century Center. 967-9948. [www.csda-dance.org](http://www.csda-dance.org) \$8

**Contra** — Dec. 26, 7:30-11pm. Triangle Country Dancers present Bob Head, Mara Shea and others with caller David McMullen. \$7-9. [www.tcdancers.org](http://www.tcdancers.org)

**The Chocolate Factory** — Jan. 17, 2 and 6pm. Studio A Dancers present an adaptation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. East Chapel Hill High Auditorium. \$5. tickets available [www.dancecentrepit.org/blog](http://www.dancecentrepit.org/blog)

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

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

**Havana Nights** — First and third Thursdays, 10pm. Cuban Salsa. Mansion 462, 462 W. Franklin St. 967-7913, [www.mansion462.net](http://www.mansion462.net)

**Salsa/Mambo** — Third Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. [salsa\\_4u2@yahoo.com](mailto:salsa_4u2@yahoo.com), 358-4201, \$7

**Triangle Stardusters Ballroom Dance** — Second Saturdays, 8-11pm. Fred Astaire Dance Studio. 24702 Garrett Road, Durham. \$7 members, \$12 guests. Couples and singles welcome. 942-7232

### Faith

**Advent Lutheran** — 9am Bible study classes for all ages, 10:30am worship service. Advent Holiday Boutique, Nov. 8, 9am-1pm. 230

Erwin Road. 968-7680. [adventlutheranch.org](http://adventlutheranch.org)

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

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

**Meditation Practices of Tibetan Buddhism: Shinay, Tonglen and Deity Practice** — Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm. Through November. 968-9426, [www.piedmonkct.org](http://www.piedmonkct.org)

**Tibetan Buddhist altars, prayers and practices** — Nov. 27, 7 p.m.. Kadampa Center for the Practice of Tibetan Buddhism, 5412 Etta Burke Court, Raleigh. [www.kadampa-center.org](http://www.kadampa-center.org)

### Film

**Postville: When Cultures Collide** — Nov. 23, 5-6:30pm. A look at what happens when 300 Hasidic Jews and 400 Mexican immigrants move into a pig-farming town of 1500. How immigration affects small-town America. Film and discussion. CHICLE, 101 E. Weaver St. Suite G-1, Third floor. 933-0398, [www.chi-cle.com](http://www.chi-cle.com)

**Gateway: Facing the White Canvas** — 7pm, Dec. 9. Documentaries about artists Maud Gateway and Mary Paulsen. The General Store Café. Dinner available. \$3-5. [www.chathamarts.org](http://www.chathamarts.org)

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

### Health & Wellness

**Cancer support** — Weekly support free of charge for cancer patients and family. [www.cornucopiahouse.org](http://www.cornucopiahouse.org)

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

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

### Kids

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

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

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

### Lectures & Discussions

**Artists' Salon** — Nov. 21, 6:30-9pm. "Art in Second Life" featuring speakers Janet Kagan and Larry Taylor. West End Theatre at The ArtsCenter. Presented by the Orange County Arts Center. RSVP 245-2335, [arts@co.orange.nc.us](mailto:arts@co.orange.nc.us)

### Literary

**Keats and his circle reading Shakespeare** — Nov. 20, 5:45pm. Dedication of John Keats' Poems as the six-millionth book in UNC Library. Presentation and lecture. Wilson Library, UNC Campus. 962-4207

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

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

### Political

**Election Analysis** — Nov. 20, 7:30-9pm. Orange County Democratic Party and Democratic Women sponsor 2008 election analysis event. Speakers Hodding Carter III, Rob Christensen and Ferrell Guillory. Carrboro Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro. 929-0547

### Volunteers

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

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

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

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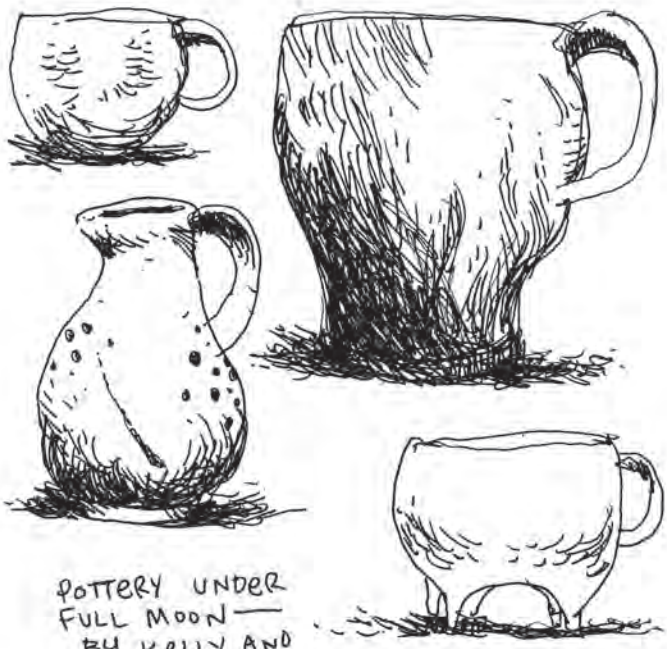
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FARMERS' MARKET

Pre-Thanksgiving Market

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: 3 — 6pm

We'll have over 23 vendors producing specialty items for your Thanksgiving feast such as maple sausage, smoked ham, smoked ham hocks, liverwurst, bacon, chicken, arugula, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, collards, fresh herbs, kales, leeks, shitake mushrooms (weather dependant), mustard greens, salad greens, spinach, sweet potatoes, turnips, turnip greens, winter squashes, pecans, locally-raised meats, eggs, cow's milk cheeses, breads, bread crumbs, pies, cakes, jams and relishes.

Recipe of the Week

Baby Bok Choy Sauté with Sweet Potato Home Fries
Recipe Provided by Market Intern Sarah Johnson

INGREDIENTS:

- 4-6 Baby Bok Choy\*
3/4 cup chopped broccoli\*
4-5 ounces fresh shitake mushrooms\*
4 cloves minced garlic\*
16-18 oz sweet potato (1 large or 2 medium sized)\*
1 tsp chopped rosemary\*
4 tbsp (1/2 stick) butter
Salt and pepper

PREPARATION: Wash ingredients well. Chop sweet potatoes into thin circular discs about 1/4th inch thick. Chop broccoli. Chop the very bottom of the stem off the bok choy, but try to keep the leaves attached. Stem and chop shitake mushrooms.

COOKING: Melt 2 tbsp butter in a large saucepan on medium heat. Add the minced garlic and sauté the garlic for a couple minutes until golden brown. Add bok choy, broccoli, and shitake mushrooms — let simmer for about 10 minutes or until bok choy and broccoli is tender. Season with salt and pepper.

At the same time, melt the other 2 tbsp of butter on medium heat and add the chopped rosemary in another large saucepan. Place the sweet potato disks in the pan and cook for 4-5 minutes on each side. Be careful not to burn either side of the fries. Season with salt.
\*Ingredients Available at Market



The Eater

Making something for Thanksgiving?

The holiday markets are gearing up to help put local produce, meats and treats on your holiday table.

The Carrboro Farmers' Market and South Estes Farmers' Market are holding special holiday sessions.

In Carrboro, the annual Pre-Thanksgiving Market is on Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 3 to 6 p.m. More than 23 vendors have signed up offering everything from Brussels sprouts to liverwurst. Special items include smoked ham hocks, winter squashes and greens. That said, it should be noted that desserts, including what is arguably the largest annual assortment of pies in Orange County, have become the star attraction of the holiday market. Demand is brisk, so you may want to stop by the market on Saturday and order your pie ahead of time.

Don't forget: market hours are now 9 a.m. to noon. Visit carrborofarmersmarket.com for more details.

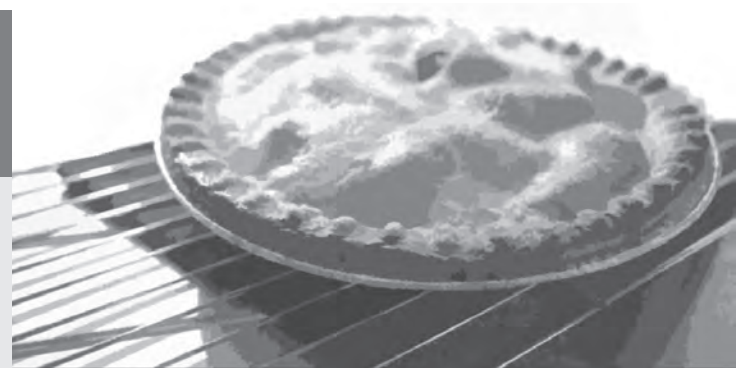
At South Estes, the special pre-Thanksgiving market will feature fresh meats and eggs, breads, winter squash, rendered lard, sweet potatoes, fall flowers, table center pieces and pottery serving pieces.

The holiday market kicks off the South Estes Farmers' Market's move inside. The market will be located right outside the mall entrance to A Southern Season from 9 a.m.—noon the first three Saturdays in December and the first and third Saturdays from Jan. 3 through March 21. The market moves back outside April 4. Visit southeastesfarmersmarket.com for details.

Pass the cranberries, chief

There's some debate about whether turkey was actually served at the first Thanksgiving, with one of the only accounts noting that four Pilgrim gents went out "fowling" for the feast. Some people say that means the birds were more likely geese, ducks and swans. Others, perhaps those with some knowledge of trying to down a duck with a musket, insist there were turkeys on the table.

Either way, there was very likely some variation of cranberry sauce around — probably as a dipping sauce for meat. The sauce — sugar, water, cranberries and whatever spices suit your fancy — is about the easiest part of the holiday meal to make from scratch and — what with the popping berries and all — probably the most fun.



T-day prep

The folks up at the university's eating disorders program got in the Thanksgiving spirit lately by sending out tips on how to manage the annual feast. They note that a typical American gains about a pound during the winter holidays. One thing they're emphasizing is not to try to go on a crash diet ahead of the feast. Weight maintenance rather than crash dieting or skipping lunch so you can gorge yourself later is the better approach. Other tips include:

- Go on a plateless recon surveillance of the spread first;
Eat mindfully (as in slowly and without a lot of distractions);
Eat for pleasure, not to prove something;
Practice saying "No, thank you" in a polite yet assertive way;
Get out and walk

(Not only does that last one get you away from food, it puts distance between you and any annoying relatives as well.)

And another one

With the economy the way it is, many places are cutting shifts, staff and reducing hours. That

may help some places survive this down cycle, but for others it may be too little too late.

The Eater regrets to inform you that Citrus in Southern Village has closed. That's the third (but who's counting) time a restaurant has had a hard time making it in the spot on Westgreen Drive, which is slightly off the beaten path from the SoVille main square. Despite being a little out of the way, it seems like the place could become a great neighborhood something. Here's hoping the next tenant figures out what that is.

Seal of Approval

Not sure if Timberwood Organics won the actual seal, but they were recommended in Good Housekeeping magazine. In an article on tips for shoe-string budgets in the November issue, Chapel Hill resident and busy "professional speaker executive coach" Susanne Gaddis suggested people try to buy a share in a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). She said having food delivered directly from the farmer saves her time and money. Timberwood's site is timberwoodorganics.org

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In exchange for funding, the community partners provide volunteers to help staff the club's races, which, van Ark said, helps increase their visibility in the community while providing much-needed help. For each race, the club needs about 40 to 60 volunteers.

The club organizes three races that make up Le Tour de Carrboro — 4 on the 4th, the Carrboro 10K and the Gallop and Gorge.

Founded by Biles and Dick Forbis, a longtime runner and track official, the Cardinal Track Club is the only running club in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

"The impetus for getting the club going was for putting

on races in Chapel Hill and Carrboro," van Ark said. "The Gallop and Gorge was the first race that they did."

The Gallop and Gorge is also the club's biggest race, having grown from about 200 participants the club's first year to an expected 1,000 this year.

"Our charter really is promoting health and fitness in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, van Ark said.

The club organizes several group runs a week and welcomes any and all participants, especially to the social run on Tuesdays.

"The goal of that one is to be inclusive," van Ark said. "You get to know the people on the social run."

The club also supports a running program called No Boundaries, which trains beginning runners. Locally, No

Boundaries also has programs for intermediate and advanced runners.

With a diverse group of members, the club is a "good fit for runners that like other runners," van Ark said.

The Gallop and Gorge is bright and early Thanksgiving morning, with the start scheduled for 8 a.m. on Roberson Street. First prize in the men's and women's groups is \$150, second is \$75 and third is \$50.

Participants can register for the race online at cardinaltrack.com, at Fleet Feet on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. or the day of the race. Registration is \$30.

For more information about the race or the Cardinal Track Club, visit cardinaltrack.com

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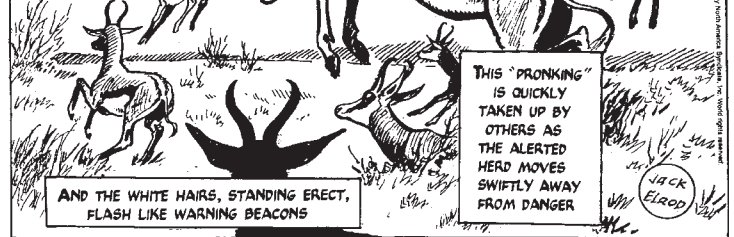
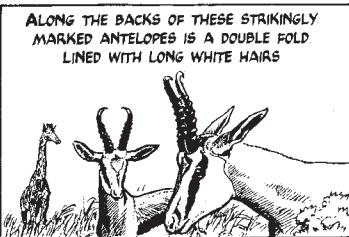
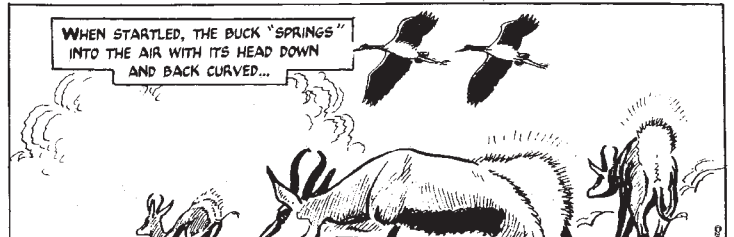
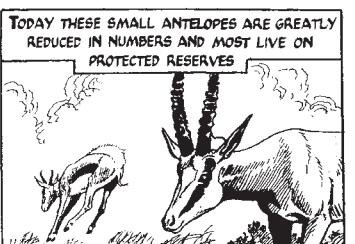
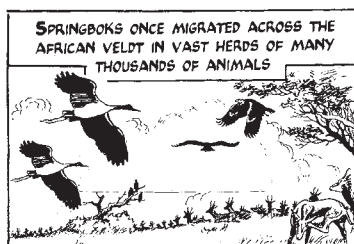
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## FOR THE RECORD

## Eat &amp; shop local

Last week we mentioned the importance of digging deep this season for what are very likely to be very big needs among local charities and nonprofits.

This week we'd like to steer you and your wallet again — this time for the sake of the hundreds of people who make their living in the shops and restaurants in our local economy.

One of the wonderful and unique attributes of all the towns in our coverage area — Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Pittsboro and Hillsborough — is that there is a thriving collection in each of locally owned and operated stores and food and drink establishments.

These are the places that allow us to use terms like “eclectic,” “cool” and even “funky” when describing to outsiders the place where we live. They add character to our community because they are a reflection of the characters that create, own and run them.

These spots are also where many local jobs are created and, unfortunately, in difficult economic times they're also the spots where jobs can be shed. As we noted last week, the nature of the downturn in the economy is widespread and will not miss this area as it has during past recessions. The market drop and the credit crunch have put all of us on notice that uncertainty and anxiety about finances are going to be around for a while.

Already we are hearing about shifts being cut, workers being let go and businesses in trouble. As noted in this issue, unemployment in Orange and Chatham counties is on the rise. In times like these, dining out less and lighter gift purchases are traditional places to trim.

Still, many of us will, out of habit, venture out to prepare for holiday gifting, feasting and celebrations. Most of us won't spend what we did in years past and that's why it's even more important to direct one's purchases in ways that can do the most good.

We'd like to ask that when you do venture out in the name of commerce, hunger and entertainment that you make an effort to range closer to home and concentrate your purchasing power for the benefit of your neighbors' shops and restaurants.

The big chains and shopping destinations might be the big lure this time of year. But keep in mind the little place around the corner, that cool spot downtown and your local artist, farmer, baker, restaurant worker and shopkeeper.

You share a lot more with them than a zip code.

## Next week's paper

Next week and twice in December, we are skipping back to a Wednesday edition. Thursday being Thanksgiving, we wanted to make sure you had your paper in hand ahead of time before the relatives show up and start hogging it. Likewise, we're coming out a day early for our Christmas and New Year's issues since they fall on Thursday this year too.

## Corrections

We had our postal zone right but our geography wrong last week in describing the location of Woods Charter School. The school is off of Andrews Store Road in Chatham County.

Photographer and very good friend of Bolin Creek Dave Otto shot the front page photo for the Flora column.

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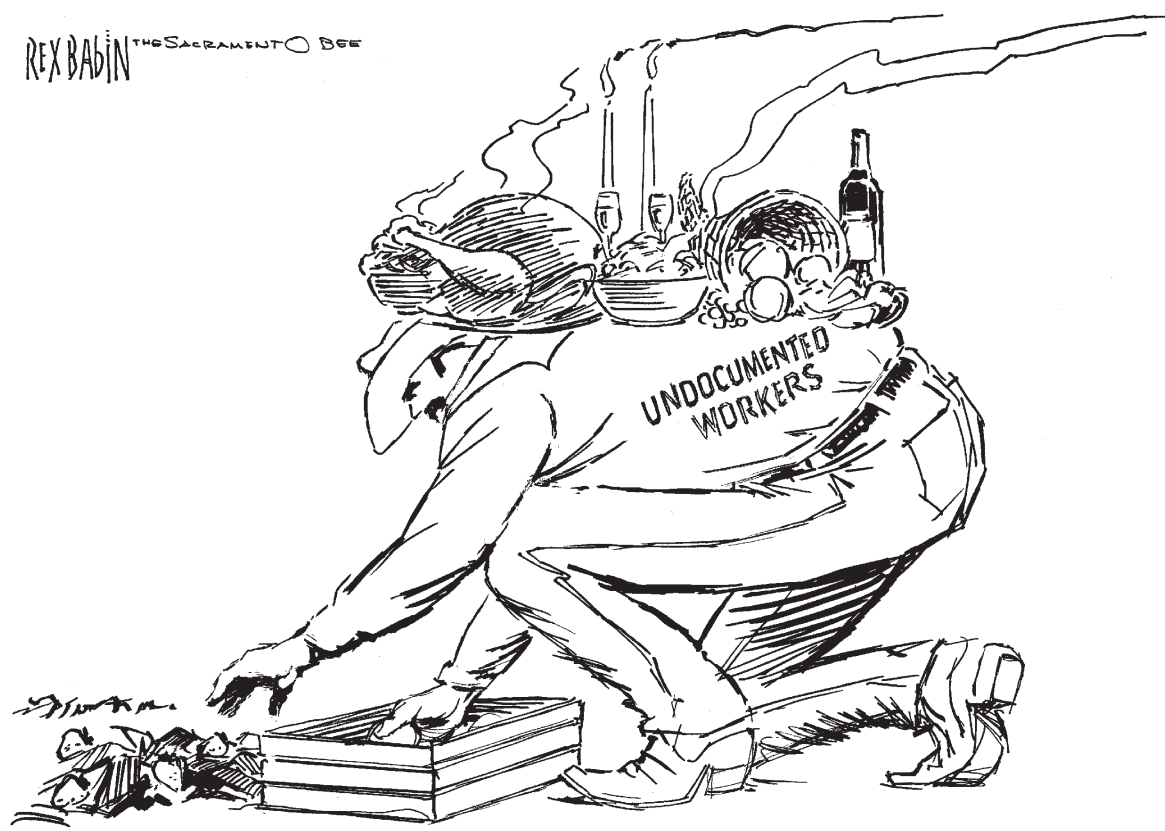
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## LETTERS

## Better answer

Orange County is on the verge of a hasty, shortsighted decision to construct a waste transfer station in Southwest Orange County, because the Eubanks Road landfill will reach capacity by 2011. A fleet of large dump trucks will haul upwards of 200 tons of garbage daily from UNC, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough to a collection point for transfer to even bigger semi-trailer haulers that will in turn take solid wastes to a Virginia landfill. So, narrow rural roads will be subject to endless pounding by trucks bearing tons of garbage. School buses, farm equipment, pedestrians and bicyclists will be menaced by heavy vehicles on shoulderless highways and enormous amounts of diesel fuel will be consumed transporting garbage hundreds of miles every day just to put the refuse in yet another landfill.

A better answer to solid-waste disposal is thermal decomposition in a state-of-the-art Waste To Energy (WTE) facility. WTE technology is a proven way to dispose of solid municipal waste and generate power by converting the heat of its combustion into electrical energy. WTE plants are in operation all over the world; they safely sequester heavy metal and other toxins captured in fly ash and generate far less pollution than 19th century-style landfills. Power generated by WTE technology is renewable energy not dependent on fossil fuels. WTE is a win-win solution that the county commissioners should consider before saddling rural Or-

ange County with dirty and dangerous mass transit for garbage.

RICHARD ECKBERG  
Hillsborough

## Criteria questioned

When ranking sites for a new waste transfer station, Olver Consulting weighed “technical, exclusionary and community specific” criteria.

Their recommendation to locate the facility in the extreme southwest corner of the county makes me question their consideration of cost to the towns and taxpayers who pay to have their waste removed.

The cost of hauling waste is directly related to distance traveled from waste generation to the transfer site and from there to processing locations. The three remaining sites are all in Bingham Township, 11 miles from the center of waste generation (Chapel Hill) with challenging distribution routes in all directions. Distribution relies on interstate highways as waste is hauled in semi trucks that do not operate efficiently at low speeds. Highway 54 and Orange Grove are two-lane roads, 14 miles from the nearest south- and westbound interstate, 10 miles from the nearest northeast-bound interstate and 16 miles to the nearest southeast-bound interstate route. Yet these sites were recommended over sites in the Hillsborough area where distance from the interstate can be measured in feet.

The cost of internal distribution between the existing Eubanks site and the new transfer station must also be consid-

ered, as some operations such as shredding lumber or hazardous collections will remain at one site or the other and material will be shuttled back and forth. The Hillsborough sites along the 85/40 corridor are 10 minutes from the existing landfill. The Bingham sites are 25 minutes each way by car, surely longer by garbage truck.

Every mile traveled by a gas-guzzling truck means more of our money spent on fuel, vehicle maintenance and employee time. The residents of Hillsborough may have won a victory when their sites were removed from the list, but it will come at a high price on their tax bill. The assistant town manager of Hillsborough told me that they had not yet calculated the cost associated with transporting their waste to Bingham. Likewise, the town of Chapel Hill has not made their numbers public; but given the fact that travel distances will more than double for both towns if a Bingham site is chosen, one can assume that costs will follow suit.

Our towns are struggling financially as it is. We should be clear about the cost associated with choosing a remote site over sites more centrally located. The commissioners may choose a Bingham site because there is a willing seller, so [that] it appears to impact the fewest people, ruffle the fewest feathers and is therefore an expedient choice. In truth, every taxpayer in Orange County is adversely impacted by this decision.

BRYNA RAPP  
Chapel Hill

## Use the lessons of the past

*Editor's note: Following is a statement by Nelo Jones delivered at a public hearing on a proposed solid-waste transfer station held by the Orange County Board of Commissioners at McDougle Middle School, Monday Nov. 17, 2008.*

Good evening, Chairman Jacobs and Other Members of the Board.

My name is Nelo Jones. I am a resident of the Rogers-Eubanks Community, co-chair of the Coalition to End Environmental Racism (CEER), and a member of the Roger-Eubanks Neighborhood Association (RENA).

For 36 years, the Rogers-Eubanks Community has hosted two municipal solid waste landfills, two construction and demolition landfills, a hazardous waste collection site, a recyclables sorting and packaging facility, a mulch/compost site, and a 1/3 acre leachate pond that even the county believed threatened our groundwater.

For these reasons, my community certainly empathizes with ANY community that might also become a host community for solid waste, and I am here tonight to ask that the county GUARANTEE certain provisions and compensation to the community asked to host the waste transfer station.

As suggested in the U.S. EPA Waste Transfer Stations manual, these provisions and compensation might include independent third-party inspections and video monitoring of the facilities, eliminating 3R fees, “funding for road [and] utility improvements,” and “financial support for regulatory agencies to assist with facility oversight.”

## Carrboro Board of Aldermen on civil unions

*Editor's note: Dozens of Orange County residents joined hundreds from across the state last Saturday to protest the recent Prop 8 vote in California and similar measures in other states. Following is a resolution passed last week by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.*

A Resolution in Support of Civil Marriage for Same-Sex Couples

WHEREAS, The Election Day victories by anti-gay activists in California, Florida, Arizona and Arkansas were a painful reminder that the gay rights movement still faces many challenges; and

WHEREAS, discriminatory marriage laws in the United States deprive same-sex couples of over 1000 federal rights and benefits automatically bestowed by civil marriage including, among others, health care coverage, tax benefits, divorce, domestic violence protections, privileges under immigration and naturalization law, inheritance rights, survivor benefits and child custody; and

WHEREAS, the denial of such benefits has been demonstrated to have significant psychological and social impact on the

physical, social, and economic well-being of gay and lesbian couples and their families; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court recognizes marriage as one of the “basic civil rights of man” fundamental to our very existence and survival” and “one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men”; and

WHEREAS, heterosexual relationships have a legal framework for their existence through civil marriage, which provides a stabilizing force. In the United States, with the exception of Massachusetts, same-sex couples are currently denied the important legal benefits, rights and responsibilities of civil marriage. Same-sex couples therefore experience several kinds of state-sanctioned discrimination that can adversely affect the stability of their relationships and their mental health; and

WHEREAS, the love that brings and binds two people of the same, or opposite sex, together transcends gender; and

WHEREAS, as Americans, we must

Unfortunately, for its 36 years of service to the county, the Rogers-Eubanks Community has never received ANY compensation. We consider this treatment to be unjust and immoral; we do not want another community to receive similar treatment.

For many Rogers-Eubanks residents, our community represents the legacy of ex-slave ancestors who attempted to prosper as they established a community. It represents the legacy of ancestors who wanted to preserve the land to live on and pass to their children and their children's children.

Our ancestors never envisioned a community blighted by pollution, deflated property values, and the loss of business opportunities. They never envisioned a community blighted by buzzards and vermin, the stench of garbage, and contaminated water. NO, as a member of the Rogers family — FIFTH-generation — I believe that this IS NOT what my ancestors envisioned. As CEER and RENA members, no, we cannot stand by and watch another community destroyed and its quality of life sacrificed.

We hope the people of Orange County and our local governments will use the lessons of the past and probe their consciences so that they do what is right for Orange County. Finally, we should ensure that as we look to waste-to-energy and other alternatives, let us make sure we do not bring this technology to Eubanks Road.

Thank You

Nelo Jones and the Coalition to End Environmental Racism

## Nonprofits in need indeed

JON WILNER

OK, I want to be bailed out. Well, not exactly me, but the organization for which I work — The ArtsCenter. Also, the Interfaith Council, El Centro Latino, the Rape Crisis Center, Kidzu, IPAS, Club Nova, the Arc of Orange County, Communities in Schools of Orange County, Extraordinary Ventures and every other nonprofit in our community and throughout the country.

Nonprofits employ hundreds of thousands of people, generate billions of dollars for local economies and provide necessary services in communities that would not otherwise be provided. Imagine our community without any of the nonprofits mentioned above (not to mention the scores that I have not mentioned). Most of these are “small businesses.” Yet, when I listen to what is being proposed to help small businesses make it through this economic crisis, all that I hear are plans for tax breaks or tax credits. Nonprofits do not pay taxes. How is the government, which is at least partially responsible for this mess, going to help the nonprofits survive? Nonprofits are among the most vulnerable “small” businesses in the country. We depend on donations from the disposable income of individuals, foundations and corporations as well as local government support. So not only are we not even on the radar of the financial geniuses in Washington, we are also beginning to feel the effects of there being little disposable income and tight municipal, county and state coffers.

To further complicate our dilemma, there is a war on appropriations. Not all appropriations are for bridges to nowhere. Appropriations help communities improve their infrastructures and support their diverse community needs. This is not “pork.” But since “pork” has become the sound bite for saving our economy, valuable appropriations will, no doubt, take a hit.

On average, nonprofits earn approximately 72 percent of their revenue, the rest being provided through fundraising. It is possible that in order to survive, some nonprofits may need to earn as much as 90 percent of their revenue. Or they can cut services and/or payroll, eliminate health insurance for already underpaid employees or compromise the quality of their services. This is unacceptable to me and it should be to all of you as well. Please help by contacting your local, state and federal government officials and make them realize the damage that could be done to your community if nonprofits are not “bailed out” too.

Jon Wilner is executive director of The ArtsCenter.

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# The Mini Depression and the maximum-strength remedy

ROBERT REICH

This is not the Great Depression of the 1930s, but nor is it turning out to be merely a bad recession of the kind we've experienced periodically over the last half century. Call it a Mini Depression. The employment report last Friday shows job losses accelerating, along with the number of Americans working part time who'd rather be and need to be working full time. Retail sales have fallen off a cliff. Stock prices continue to drop. General Motors is on the brink of bankruptcy. The rate of home foreclosures is mounting.

When Barack Obama takes office in January, he will inherit a mess. (Because I'm an informal economic adviser, I should remind anyone who reads this that it reflects only my thoughts and therefore should not be attributed to him or to anyone else advising him.) What to do?

First, understand that the main problem right now is not the supply of credit. Yes, Wall Street is paralyzed at the moment because the bursting of the housing and other asset bubbles means that lenders are fearful that creditors won't repay loans. But even if credit were flowing, those loans wouldn't save jobs. Businesses want to borrow now only to remain solvent and keep their creditors at bay. If they fail to do so, and creditors push them into reorganization under bankruptcy, they'll cut their payrolls, to be sure. But they're already cutting their payrolls. It's far from clear they'd cut more jobs under bankruptcy reorganization than they're already cutting under pressure to avoid bankruptcy and remain solvent.

This means bailing out Wall Street or the auto industry or the insurance industry or the housing industry may at most help satisfy creditors for a time and put off the day of reckoning, but industry bailouts won't reverse the downward cycle of job losses.

The real problem is on the demand side of the economy.

Consumers won't or can't borrow because they're at the end of their ropes. Their incomes are dropping (one of the most sobering statistics in Friday's jobs report was the continued erosion of real median earnings), they're deeply in debt and they're afraid of losing their jobs.

Introductory economic courses explain that aggregate demand is made up of four things, expressed as C+I+G+exports. C is consumers. Consumers are cutting back on everything other than necessities. Because their spending accounts for 70 percent of the nation's economic activity and is the flywheel for the rest of the economy, the precipitous drop in consumer spending is causing the rest of the economy to shut down.

I is investment. Absent consumer spending, businesses are not going to invest.

Exports won't help much because the rest of the world is sliding into deep recession too. (And as foreigners — as well as Americans — put their savings in dollars for safe keeping, the value of the dollar will likely continue to rise relative to other currencies. That, in turn, makes everything we might sell to the rest of the world more expensive.)

That leaves G, which, of course, is government. Government is the spender of last resort. Government spending lifted America out of the Great Depression. It may be the only instrument we have for lifting America out of the Mini Depression. Even Fed Chair Ben Bernanke is now calling for a sizable government stimulus. He knows that monetary policy won't work if there's inadequate demand.

So the crucial questions become (1) how much will the government have to spend to get the economy back on track? and (2) what sort of spending will have the biggest impact on jobs and incomes?

The answer to the first question is "a lot." Given the magnitude of the mess and the amount of underutilized capacity in the economy — people who are or will soon be unemployed, those who are underemployed, factories shuttered, offices empty, trucks and containers idled — government may have to spend \$600 or \$700 billion next year to

*"... a major stimulus is in order. Government is the spender of last resort, and the nation is coming close to its last resort."*

reverse the downward cycle we're in.

The answer to the second question is mostly "infrastructure" — repairing roads and bridges, levees and ports; investing in light rail, electrical grids, new sources of energy, more energy conservation. Even conservative economists like Harvard's Martin Feldstein are calling for government to stimulate the economy through infrastructure spending. Infrastructure projects like these pack a double-whammy: They create lots of jobs and they make the economy work better in the future. (Important qualification: To do this correctly and avoid pork, the federal government will need to have a capital budget that lists infrastructure projects in order of priority of public need.)

Government should also spend on health care and child care. These expenditures are also double whammies: They too create lots of jobs and they fulfill vital public needs.

Expect two sorts of arguments against this. The first will come from fiscal hawks who claim that the government is already spending way too much. Even without a new stimulus package, next year's budget deficit could run over a trillion dollars, given the amounts to be spent bailing out Wall Street and perhaps the auto industry and providing extended unemployment insurance and other measures to help those in direct need. The hawks

will argue that the nation can't afford giant deficits, especially when baby boomers are only a few years away from retiring and claiming Social Security and Medicare.

They're wrong. Government spending that puts people back to work and invests in the future productivity of the nation is exactly what the economy needs right now. Deficit numbers themselves have no significance. The pertinent issue is how much underutilized capacity exists in the economy. When there's lots of idle capacity, deficit spending is entirely appropriate, as John Maynard Keynes taught us. Moving the economy to fuller capacity will of itself shrink future deficits.

The second argument will come from conservative supply-siders who will call for income-tax cuts rather than spending increases. They'll claim that individuals with more money in their pockets will get the economy moving again more readily than can government. They're wrong, for three reasons. First, income-tax cuts go mainly to upper-income people who tend to save rather than spend. Most Americans pay more in payroll taxes than in income taxes. Second, even if a rebate could be fashioned, people tend to use those extra dollars to pay off their debts rather than buy new goods and services, as we witnessed a few months ago when the government sent out rebate checks. Third, even when individuals purchase goods and services, those purchases tend not to generate as many American jobs as government spending on the same total scale because much of what consumers buy comes from abroad.

Fiscal hawks and conservative supply-siders notwithstanding, a major stimulus is in order. Government is the spender of last resort, and the nation is coming close to its last resort.

*Robert Reich is a former secretary of labor and a professor at the University of California at Berkeley. He serves as an advisor on President-elect Barack Obama's economic transition team.*

## OBITUARY

### Kevin J. Brock

Kevin James Brock, 37, of Graham, died unexpectedly Nov. 3, 2008, at his home. Kevin was the beloved son of James H. and Claudia Grammer Brock, of Roanoke, Va. He is predeceased by his grandparents, Hassel and Virginia Brock and Randolph and Marguerite Grammer. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his loving wife, Casey Baxter Robertson; his brothers, Gregory S. Brock and his wife, Donna, and John R. Brock, of Roanoke; and his sister-in-law, Jody Baxter Robertson, of Chapel Hill. He is also survived by his in-laws, Major General (retired) H. Douglas Robertson and his wife, Tommie Baxter Robertson, of Chapel Hill; and Casey's grandmother, Mildred S. Reynolds, of Charleston, S.C.; his nephew, Harrison Brock and his niece, Lillian Brock, of Roanoke, Va. He also leaves to cherish his memory his aunts, uncles and cousins. His greatest joy was the love he had for his wife and family and friends.

His greatest passion was his music. He taught music in the Chapel Hill area and played at various venues on the east coast and in various musical productions in N.C. His greatest gift was the love and inspiration he gave to all of those who loved him and will miss him dearly. We will miss his kindness, his intelligence and his compassion. Kevin was the light of our lives and a blessing for all the years we were able to have him. We will cry a million tears and we will celebrate his brilliant life forever. You would have to listen to our stories and memories for many, many years to know the greatness and beauty of our beloved's spirit. A special service in the memory of Kevin's life was held Nov. 2008. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

### Betty E. Reap

Betty Efrid Taylor Reap, 77, passed away Nov. 5, 2008. Betty was born in Albemarle, N.C. on December 19, 1930 to the late James Hunter Taylor and Geneva Estelle Efrid Taylor. Betty was also preceded in death

by her two sisters, Mary Catherine Aldridge and Jean Elizabeth Varner.

Betty is survived by her husband of 52 years, Charles A. Reap, Jr.; her daughters, Ellen Patricia Reap Lamoureux of Pittsboro, Cynthia Lynn Chappell and husband, Raymond George Chappell of Chapel Hill, Linda Diane Randall and husband, David Randall of Renton, Wash.; her sons, Charles Augustus Reap III "Chuck" and his wife, Denise Smith Reap of Cary, Hunter Lee Reap and his wife, Robin Cook Reap of Durham; grandchildren, Andrew Lamoureux and Elizabeth Lamoureux of Pittsboro, Helen Chappell and James Chappell of Chapel Hill, Thomas Randall and Joshua Randall of Redmond, Wash., Charles A. Reap IV "Chip" and Rebecca Reap "Becky" of Cary.

She graduated from Albemarle High School, Presbyterian Hospital (Charlotte) School of Nursing and Queens College (Charlotte). She was a member of Omicron Chapter of the Kappa Delta Sorority. Mrs. Reap did some post-graduate studies at N.C. State

University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also had a real estate license.

She was a member of the University United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for 20 years. Later, she was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Chapel Hill.

She was evening nursing supervisor at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte and nursing arts instructor at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord. She was director of nursing at Stanly County Memorial Hospital in Albemarle. She was evening supervisor, rotating day supervisor and clinical instructor at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. She was an instructor of extension classes at Roxboro (N.C.) Technical College. Mrs. Reap was director of training and personnel at the Orange-Chatham Comprehensive Health Services in Carrboro. She served as health occupations instructor at Chapel Hill High School. She was also the continuing education instructor at Durham Technical College.

Mrs. Reap volunteered with the

Stanly County Heart Association (Secretary), American Red Cross (Instructor), Cub Scouts and Webelos Leader in Chapel Hill. She held various positions in the Chapel Hill Girl Scouts. She was a sustaining member of the Junior Service League. She was secretary of the Institutional Nursing Service Administrators, North Carolina State Nurses Association and worked in the Patient Education Center of North Carolina Memorial Hospital. She belonged to the Lake Forest (Chapel Hill) Garden Club.

She received honors as Chapel Hill-Carrboro Mother of the Year. One of her children wrote the nomination: "I believe that my mother is the best mother in the world. I firmly believe that if there were more mothers in the world like mine, the world would be an even better place to live." Additionally, she was honored by the Occaneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America, as Den Leader of the Year. She was included in "Who's Who of American Women."

## ARTIST

FROM PAGE 1

"My favorite painting subject was people when I was in China," Zhao says. "But now I am more interested in painting flowers and birds after I moved to the states, because North Carolina is so beautiful and has many nice plants and birds. They give me the inspiration to paint."

She also says that plants and birds make better subjects for her students to study.

Chinese calligraphy is difficult for those who aren't familiar with the written language, let alone those not used to writing with a large brush. In a small room at the Chapel Hill Zen Center on a Sunday afternoon, three people sit around a couple of folding tables, drawing Chinese characters on newsprint

with brushes. The faint smoky smell of calligraphy ink mixes with the smell of the old Chinese-language newspapers that keep the ink from bleeding through the paper and ruining the tables.

The students, at various levels of learning, keep working on getting their strokes right while Zhao walks around, checking her students' work, cheerfully encouraging them with an enthusiastic, "That's good!" or "Oh, that looks nice!" The mood is amiable, as everyone chats pleasantly while working on their calligraphy.

Halfway through the class, the students take a break to stretch and enjoy the Zen Center's koi pond.

This weekend, Zhao will be one of 11 artists participating in Art for a Cause, an art show that is part of the 19th annual Alternative Christmas Market at United Church of Chapel Hill.

"When I was little, I always had this dream," Zhao says. "I said I would go somewhere very far when I was very young. It's strange. I didn't know where to go. I just had this dream."

Zhao grew up in Huangshi City, an industrial city along the Yangzi River, about 800 miles south of Beijing. She started drawing around the age of two, and her passion for art has grown ever since.

When she decided to emigrate in 1995, her dream led her to Chapel Hill.

The first thing she noticed when she came to the U.S. was the blue sky and the clean air.

"America is so beautiful," she says, "everywhere you see is a painting, so that's given me inspiration. So when I paint here, I don't think I think so much about China."

Zhao started teaching soon after she came to Chapel Hill. "I showed my artwork to an American artist shortly after I arrived in North Carolina and she said I should teach. With the help of my American friends, I had my first brush-painting class in July 1995, with 18 people signed up." The class was a success.

Her classes range in size from one-on-one private lessons to large workshops. "The first time I taught at a teacher's workshop, there were 80 of them. I was so nervous," she said.

"After I came here, I tried different jobs. Interpreter, translator, secretary — but still my passion is painting.

"When I had a full-time job, I didn't have much time to paint. I like to teach and paint, so I decided to do this full-time."

With the help of Duke University's Asian/Pacific Studies Institute, Zhao started teaching workshops in K-12 schools all over the state to teach both students and teachers Chinese brush painting and calligraphy. Since 2004, she has taught over 60 workshops.

The students at the schools she visits send thank-you cards and notes and decorate them with the Chinese calligraphy and brush painting she's taught them.

Zhao appreciates the opportunity to teach people about Chinese cultural arts: "I can use what I know and what I can do to introduce Chinese art to them, plus they're interested in learning about a different culture. It's great."

"So even [though] now I'm here by myself — all of my family is in China — I don't feel I'm a stranger here because, like my Chinese friends say, I have new friends here."

Zhao teaches brush-painting classes at the Robert and Pearl Seymour Center in Chapel Hill, the Chapel Hill Zen Center, the North Carolina Botanical Garden and the Duke Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

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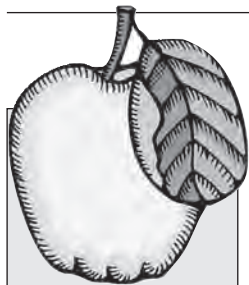
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### Elementary

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**Tuesday** — Cheese ravioli with garlic bread, chicken tacos, "Fun on the Run", seasoned pinto beans, mexicali corn, fresh orange wedges

### Middle & High

**Friday** — Baked BBQ chicken with wheat roll, cheese quesadilla with salsa, baked beans, collard greens, chilled peaches  
**Monday** — Chicken nuggets with wheat roll, beef tacos, spanish rich, sweet yellow corn, fresh apple  
**Tuesday** — Pork egg roll with wheat roll, chicken and noodles with wheat roll, brown rice pilaf, asian mixed vegetables, chilled apricots

# School board to select replacement for Hemminger

BY MARY LIDE PARKER  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education is set to select a new member tonight (Thursday) to fill the vacancy left by board chair Pam Hemminger.

Seven candidates have applied for the job: Mary Ann Gucciardi, Kyle Kaplan, Gregory McElveen, Deborah Musson, Eric Sullivan, Gary Wallach and Theresa Watson.

Gucciardi has been an education volunteer for several years. She attended the N.C. Center for Women in Public Service Summer Institute. Gucciardi wrote in her application that she could bring global views and cultural competency to the board, as she has lived abroad for 16 years of her adult life. She has also worked at the Department of Family Medicine at UNC. Gucciardi believes the greatest challenge facing the CHCCS system is the stress of growth.

Kaplan is a graduate student at UNC. He is a former public school teacher and Teach

for America corps member. He is currently serving as a Durham Public Schools School Board Fellow. Kaplan was recently appointed by the Chapel Hill Town Council to the Public Housing Program Advisory Board and the Justice in Action committee. Kaplan says the achievement gap is the biggest challenge facing our district.

McElveen works in corporate market research but has also been actively involved with minority students. He was a member of the Minority Student Achievement Network for three years and chair of the Minority Student Achievement and Support Committee at CHHS in 2005-06. He also participated in the development of the 2002-2008 CHCCS Strategic Plan. McElveen believes the greatest challenge is to achieve goal number one of the 2008-2013 strategic plan — "all students will graduate as high achieving learners with 21st century skills."

Musson is a substitute teacher. She has experience in both teaching and business. She is a certified teacher and has worked as a

service learning coordinator. She serves as the PTSA vice president at Phillips Middle School. Musson believes in the small-group learning model for eliminating the achievement gap — a program that puts small clusters of students and teachers together for at least two years. Musson said there are many challenges facing our school system, particularly budget shortages.

Sullivan is a technological business analyst. He has 30 years of experience in the CHCCS system, including teaching and incorporating technology into the classroom. He serves as newsletter committee chair for the Frank Porter Graham PTA. Sullivan believes the greatest challenge facing the CHCCS system is the growth of diversity, pointing out the need to expand ESL programs.

Wallach, who ran for school board in 2007, is a self-employed consultant. He is the vice president of the PTA Council. He was a founder of the Special Needs Advisory Council and serves as the co-chair of the

communications committee. He has worked as a community organizer in Brooklyn, NY and coached youth soccer. Wallach believes the biggest issues facing the CHCCS system include maintaining high standards with smaller budgets, meeting the needs of fast growth and closing the achievement gap.

Watson has taught a multicultural diversity course at George Mason University in Fairfax County, Va. She has also taught parenting classes for public school parents to assist them in creating the most conducive learning environments at home. She has served in the PTA and has experience working with exceptional children. She was the founder and director of Young Parent Institute Inc., a nonprofit organization that seeks to decrease teenage pregnancy and the drop-out rate of teenage parents. Watson believes the greatest challenges facing the CHCCS system are closing the achievement gap and developing an educational system that caters to all students.

## School Briefs

### Newcomer needs

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Newcomer Center at Chapel Hill High School needs donations for the 30 students served by the program.

The Newcomer Center is designed to provide support to English language learners who have just arrived in this country as they prepare to transition into a regular classroom setting at the middle or high school level.

Items needed include grocery and clothing gift cards, children's books, school supplies, new socks for boys and men, new underwear for boys or men in sizes 28-34, belts for boys in sizes 28-34 and toiletries.

According to Gloria Sanchez-Lane, family specialist at Chapel Hill High, many of the students are too old to qualify for other programs that would provide them with clothing and presents for the holidays.

To donate items, contact Sanchez-Lane at gsanchez-lane@chccs.k12.nc.us or 929-2106, ext. 1278.

### Carrboro music

The Carrboro High School orchestra and chorus will perform holiday music for the arrival of Santa on Saturday at 9 a.m. at University Mall.

The Carrboro High vocal music department is selling a variety of cheesecakes, with flavors including black forest, chocolate, caramel pecan, chocolate marble and more. Contact the Vaughts at 929-8363 to purchase one and arrange for delivery.

### Support schools

Support Carrboro High School by purchasing grocery certificates from the CHS PTSA for Lowe's Foods, Whole Foods and Food Lion.

The stores will donate 5 to 6 percent of certificate purchases to CHS.

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### School talk

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will host "Connecting the Dots: District Initiatives to Support Students with Special Needs" on Dec. 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Culbreth Middle School. The discussion will focus on what schools are doing to support children with academic and behavioral concerns.

For more information or to register for free child care (elementary school age only), contact Karen Patillo at 967-8211, ext. 234 or visit www.chccs.k12.nc.us and click on Departments, then Exceptional Children, then Upcoming Events.

### Board meet

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meets tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The top item on the agenda is the appointment of a school board member to fill the seat left by board Chair Pam Hemminger. Seven candidates have applied for the seat.

- Other items on the agenda include;
- the 2009-19 Capital Investment Plan;
- the 2009-10 continuation budget request;
- the animals in schools policy; and
- the physical fitness assessment.

### Design awards

Students from East Chapel Hill High School won awards in the Web and Graphic Design Competition at the 2008 state fair.

Students Chia Hsuan, Willem Prins, Cameron Starnes, Sally Mak and Parker Tew won awards in the graphic-design category. Students Karen He, Ryan Baptiste and Luke Hoffer had winning entries in the web page-design category.

To view the winning entries, visit the fair website at www.ncstatefair.org/2008/webgraphic/index.htm.



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Fifth-graders Claire Deselm and Katherine Esterley demonstrate Spanish-language podcasting, one of the many innovations that earned McDougle Elementary School a spot on Monday's statewide open house of leading schools.

## TRIVIA FROM HELL



BY MARK DOROSIN

### THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:

#### Vegas

1. Which Vegas casino looks like a pyramid?
2. Which Vegas casino features the fabulous dancing waters?
3. What county is Las Vegas located in?
4. What casino features a live-action 15-minute pirate battle?
5. What is the name of the medieval themed casino?
6. Which casino features the NASCAR-themed café and entertainment center, which includes virtual-reality NASCAR racing and a roller coaster called Speed?
7. Who is the mayor of Las Vegas?
8. What company owns the Caesar's Palace, Rio and Paris casinos?
9. Who is credited with creating the gambling mecca that became the Las Vegas strip?
10. Complete this lyric: "Bright lights city going to set my soul, gonna set my soul on fire..."
11. What does "las vegas" literally translate as?
12. Who starred as the head of security on the NBC series Las Vegas?

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

TRIVIA ANSWERS: 1. Luxor; 2. Bellagio; 3. Cook County; 4. Treasure Island; 5. Excalibur; 6. Sahara; 7. Oscar Goodman; 8. Harrah's; 9. Bugsy Siegel; 10. "I Got a Whole Lotta Love That's Ready to Burn, so get those stakes up higher"; 11. "from Viva Las Vegas!"; 12. James Caan

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69 Pop Art pioneer  
70 Impassioned  
71 "Graf —"  
73 Fleur-de —  
74 Raise spirits?  
75 Parisian  
77 Monastery garb  
78 Computer command  
81 Waterhorn, e.g.  
85 Hindu deity  
86 Restaurateur  
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88 Egyptian symbol  
89 Investigative  
91 Chatter box?  
93 Baby butter  
97 Cause confusion  
99 Fix a light  
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103 Pharmacist's concern  
105 Wall Street figure  
108 Half and half?  
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117 Cross inscription  
118 Use a dagger  
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121 Skater  
122 Epps or Sharif  
123 Bank (on)  
124 Seal school

### CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHYAPLUM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

#### "Leadership"

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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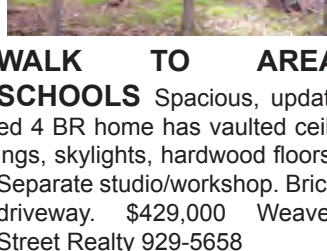
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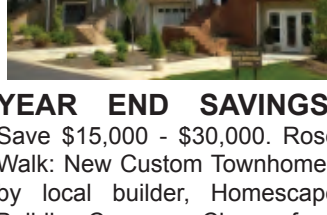
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### ECONOMY FROM PAGE 1

"It could be several points," said Andrew James, director of public information for the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. Before the recession in 2005 and 2006, the statewide unemployment rate was in the 4.5 percent to 5 percent range. "Now we are nearing 7 percent, so the slowdown might be the reason for that 2 to 2.5 percent increase."

Former Carrboro resident Kathryn Merritt is one of the unemployed. The writer/editor moved back to North Carolina in July after living and working in London for almost 15 years and has been seeking a permanent job in communications at UNC or for a nonprofit in Chapel Hill or Carrboro ever since.

Though she hasn't put a time limit on finding a gig, Merritt says she may return to London if something doesn't break soon.

"Even though the recession is hitting there too, I had regular work, good contacts and didn't have to worry about not having health insurance," she said.

### Longer job searches

According to data from the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, the length of Merritt's job search isn't unusual. Residents of the Old North State spent an average of just over three months looking for work so far this year. Still, that's better than the national average of 4.4 months reported by global outplacement firm Challenger Gray & Christmas.

"The biggest mistake job seekers make is being afraid and expecting results to happen too soon," said Steve Mullinix, a

psychologist specializing in job stress and career transition for HRC in Chapel Hill. "A lot of people feel, 'What's wrong with me?' as their searches drag on. But remember, jobs are found largely through networking and making contact - and it takes a while to get momentum up."

a change in careers," said the Hillsborough resident. "Perhaps that's the silver lining. This could be just the opportunity I needed to explore new ventures."

### Bottom line

North Carolina is home to a handful of growth industries like biotechnology, clean technology, information technology, health care and alternative energy. And most of those do have a large presence in our neck of the woods, which means things may at least be better here than elsewhere.

That helps Nelson, for one, stay hopeful.

"Historically, the Triangle has been insulated and, once again, we might experience a 'soft landing' as opposed to the high unemployment some areas of the country are beginning to experience," he said. "However, that doesn't make the job search feel any easier or less stressful. Looking for a job in this economy is hard no matter where you live."

### Active and open

County Commissioner Mike Nelson also is in the job market. He was working for a small, start-up nonprofit that launched just as the economy began to falter.

"Needless to say, it wasn't an optimal time to ask for donations," he said. Lack of funding led to his position's elimination.

Nelson's working his considerable network for leads on jobs that would utilize his communications, marketing, policy and management skills - whether in a nonprofit or commercial organization.

"I'm looking at this experience as an opportunity to explore options, and I'm open to

### TIPS FOR YOUR JOB SEARCH

**FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS:** Spend time and energy only on opportunities you're really interested in or that you have the best chance of landing. In a market like this, it's not worth wasting your time on red herrings.

**WORK THAT NETWORK:** Many jobs never get advertised, and those that do only yield 12.5 percent of job offers made. So augment your want-ad searches by reaching out to your address book and social media contacts and let them know you're in the market.

**TARGET YOUR PITCH:** Make an inventory of your specific skills and competencies. Figure out what you've got that others don't and understand how it will help a prospective employer or add value in a particular position.

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**This weekend features the only film festival that celebrates filmmakers that had even the most casual brushes with Orange County.**

**1 p.m.** — Doors Open  
**1:20** — Welcoming by Selena Lauterer

**1:30 p.m. — FILM BLOCK 1**  
**Learning from Andy** — The story of Andy Miyares, a Special Olympic swimmer with Down's Syndrome, who attends the 2007 Special Olympic World Summer Games.  
**Sadie Turns Seven** — On her seventh birthday, a girl takes a daring action.  
**Illuminant** — A surreal take on the cycle of life.  
**Thought Bubble** — The truth shall set you free...or at least create chaos and comedy.  
**Boyfriend** — A shy, artistic, high school student competes for the attention of his crush. Musician is local artist Lil'MaQ and the film is done almost exclusively in Carrboro. Look for familiar spots!  
**A Kid and a Goat** — A look at the world through the whimsical mind of eight-year-old, Dylan Skidmore, as he experiences his first agriculture camp in Waynesville, NC with his goat, Tinkerbell.  
**Lenny & Louie & Larry & Leo** — Based on a true story, this is the tragic tale of four fish who were loved and lost.  
**Running Down the Man** — Wild fly fisherman obsessed with chasing elusive "Roosterfish" down the beaches of Baja on foot.  
**2:45** — Block 1 Filmmakers

**3 p.m. — FILM BLOCK 2**  
**Boy with the Wet Thumb** — Have you every noticed what you put your thumb through each day? What do we get our thumbs into? Where do they lead us?  
**Forever** — Through memories and dreams, a boy experiences the love of his deceased mother — and helps his father do the same.  
**Afraid of the World** — It's Friday the 13th and anything can happen. A comedy about anxiety, attraction and the fine line between fantasy and reality.  
**Citizen Pratt** — Running for office? No problem — Citizen Pratt shows us how an ordinary person can break into the wonderful world of politics.

**Environmental Heroes** — Profiles three North Carolinians who are making extraordinary efforts to improve their environment.  
**Spitty: A Home Movie in Eight Tracks** — Told in eight parts, Spitty explores parenting and making art as a political act.  
**Greener** — Karen Greener is married, middle-aged and plump. When she meets her young next door neighbor, Amber, she realizes the grass may not always be greener on the other side of the fence.  
**4:15** — Block 2 Filmmakers

**4:30 p.m. — FILM BLOCK 3**  
**The Last Breakfast** — An encounter between a father and son during breakfast that is bound to be interrupted.  
**Still Life** — A woman reaches a milestone amidst memories. A stop-motion animation.  
**The Duel** — An abstract Western about two lonely gunmen who decide there's more dignity in death than there is in life. Ultimately they must win the duel within themselves before it's too late.  
**One Shot** — An affair between next-door neighbors unspools in a single take.  
**Gone in a Flash** — A grandmother urges her granddaughter to kill a neighbor's dog because it keeps pooping on her lawn. But it's just not that easy!  
**Home Bound** — Life, journey, reality and fiction — it's home bound.  
**Shoeblox Heroes** — A comic book reminds a man of his WWII hero brother.  
**Bottlecap Assassins** — A classic shoot-em-up film. But forget the guns — the weapons of choice are bottlecaps!  
**5:40** — Block 3 Filmmakers  
**5:45** — Break and tally audience award ballets. Trailers to play while audience award is calculated: *Outside In, A Brush with Murder, Red Gold*  
**6 — 6:20** — Kay Kyser Award announcements and presentations.  
**6:30** — After-event party at the Open Eye Café. Filmmakers and audience welcome!



**FLORA**  
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Far more common, making extensive thickets on low ground as well as upper slopes, is the closely related downy-leaved viburnum, *V. rafinesquianum*, also called arrowwood. This viburnum was named in honor of Constantine Samuel Rafinesque (1783-1840), who is underappreciated as an early American botanist and natural historian; if you take a little time to research his adventurous life, you'll find amazing anecdotes to share at your next dinner party.

Leaves of downy-leaved viburnum are opposite (like all viburnums), short-petioled, coarsely toothed (serrate) and egg-shaped (ovate), easy to distinguish from those of its longer-petioled, maple-leaved cousin. Its leaves are a nice coppery pink, not dusty pink. Both are quite drought resistant and make fine garden plants.

As noted many times in previous articles, we are fortunate in our Piedmont region to have the brilliant and subtle leaf color begin in late summer and slowly progress



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You may recall seeing flowers of maple-leaved viburnum last spring.

into winter. Take a walk on Thanksgiving Day and make note of how many trees and shrubs are still holding colored foliage. And don't forget to direct your viewing occasionally to the ground of the forests, forest edges and fields. You'll be surprised to spot amazing colors on stems of not-quite-dor-

mant perennials and the winter basal rosettes of other perennials and winter annuals that remain quietly active right on through the cold months. You'll discover a lot just by walking slowly and taking those closer looks. So bundle up and take yourself outdoors! There's lots to discover!



**ROCKY USA**

A couple of years back, while playing in the creek below my mountain cabin, I spied a rock that could only be described as a "fat North Carolina." Tossing it on the shore, I thought little of it until the next day, when, in the creek again, I spotted South Carolina. The next day, I found Virginia. And so the collection began. By summer's end, on the picnic table I had con-

structed — as Forest Gump might say, "for no particular reason" — a rocky representation of these United States. For the last two years, my granitic America has sat out on the deck, weathering the elements. But it wasn't until this week, following our historic election, that I saw my map again with fresh eyes. Instead of red or blue or even purple states, all I saw was a single, unified rocky tableau, and it did make me hopeful. Thanks, Barack.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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