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Merritt Pasture is great for winter explorations.  
PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Thankful for a new place to walk

This is the week of big gatherings of family and friends and a time for outdoor excursions together: Daily joggers and walkers will be sharing local pathways with larger assemblages of folks.

The wealth of trails and greenways offering us access to the natural areas of our community is worthy of our thanks.

Chapel Hill's most recent addition to its greenways, the Morgan Creek Trail: Merritt Pasture Access, is most definitely appreciated. Dozens of folks, from grandparents with baby strollers to dog-walkers and joggers, were making good use of this newest pathway this past Saturday afternoon. This Thanksgiving Day, I suspect it will be discovered by many.

From the parking area, located just east of Kingswood Apartments along the N.C. 54 bypass, one may explore west on the unpaved sewer easement along the creek toward Frank Porter Graham Elementary School, or enjoy the newly paved portion as it travels east.

The paved pathway to the east meanders through the forest and across the utility easement, providing close-up experiences with beautiful winter stems and seed heads of wildflowers and grasses. Generally, walkers seem more intently engaged with their dogs or conversations with companions than in observing the nature about them; last Saturday, however, one couple was eager to inquire about the fluffy clematis seed heads that had caught my attention.

In fact, between the parking area and the elevated wooden walkway approaching the James

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## Amid protests, town considers investigation

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** — Expressing opposition to tactics employed by police in the recent raid on occupiers of the Yates Motor Co building at 419 W. Franklin St., protesters filled Chapel Hill Town Hall on Monday night, spilling out of council chambers and lining the windows surrounding the room.

At the meeting, former U.S. Senate candidate and investment banker Jim Neal petitioned the council to call for the appointment of an independent review commission to research and report on the circumstances leading up to the decision by police and town officials to deploy a Special Emergency Response Team in response to the occupation. The council voted unanimously to refer the petition to town staff for review, which is in accordance with council procedure.

"I believe that the only way to bring this to resolution is to have independent

eyes ... come in to evaluate, from beginning to end, the events that happened," Neal said.

Town Manager Roger Stancil said the town is conducting an internal investigation of the events.

Concerns have been raised about the police's response to the occupation, which began the night of Nov. 12, led, reportedly, by attendees of the Carrboro Anarchist Bookfair, and resulted in a dramatic encounter with police the afternoon of Nov. 13, with seven arrests.

Residents have questioned the police's failure to attempt to communicate with those inside the building prior to the raid, in which police brandished long-range rifles and detained those on the sidewalk outside the entrance of the building — including a *News & Observer* reporter covering the occupation — before rushing inside.

Prior to the council meeting, a rally was held at the police station, with supporters chanting, "Who do you protect? Who do you serve?" and "Defy orders,



Protesters march down Franklin Street in a solidarity march organized by Occupy Chapel Hill last week. Protesters marched again on Monday. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

prove it's true: I hear cops are people too." A half-dozen drummers maintained a steady beat. Signs read, "CHPD: Follow Your Moral Before Your Manual" and "Apathy is Complicity."

Roughly 100 people then marched the half-mile up Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to town hall, chanting

and drumming, filling the northbound lanes, accompanied by the blue flash of police cruisers. An occasional car honked, in solidarity or annoyance.

Inside the meeting, protesters raised hands in support of speakers

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Town residents young and old form a heart on the Town Commons on Friday for a photo shoot for *Lovetown USA*, a new reality dating show produced by the Oprah Winfrey Network and the BBC. Producers are looking for a storybook, picturesque town with a population of about 15,000 and a strong sense of community to serve as the setting for the show, and Carrboro is among the finalists under consideration. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

## Northside, developers debate new plan

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** — As a moratorium on residential development in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods draws to a close, residents and developers sparred at a Chapel Hill Town Council public hearing on Monday over how best to move forward.

In June, the council voted to impose a six-month moratorium on residential development in the neighborhoods. The moratorium, which will expire on Jan. 21, applies to residential developments within the borders of the Northside and

Pine Knolls Neighborhood Conservation Districts and properties located on the north side of Rosemary Street, South Graham Street, Merritt Mill Road and Pritchard Avenue Extension.

Neighborhood residents have expressed concerns that the neighborhoods are losing their history as developers come in and modify single-family homes for student housing. Residents have cited parking issues, loud parties and garbage in the neighborhood as the student population has increased.

According to Christopher Payne, associate vice chancellor for student affairs at UNC, the university houses

56 percent of its approximately 18,000 undergraduate students on campus or in Granville Towers or fraternity and sorority houses, with more than 8,000 undergrads living off campus.

Town planning staff have worked with a number of stakeholders during the moratorium to develop a community plan for the neighborhoods, and have recommended a number of zoning changes for the Neighborhood Conservation Districts.

Recommended zoning changes include reducing the maximum height of a

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## Carrboro repeals anti-lingering law

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

**CARRBORO** — After months of consideration and calls for the repeal of Carrboro's anti-lingering ordinance, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously on Tuesday to rescind it.

Upon passage of the resolution, the packed boardroom erupted into loud applause. The resolution also included measures that the town look for ways to find funding for a community-resource officer to staff the corner and work to strengthen the town's anti-harassment laws.

"It's a great victory for the people," said Mark Dorosin, an attorney with the UNC Center for Civil Rights and former member of the board of aldermen. "The only lament I have tonight is that it's just long overdue."

"It's been four years, and the same issues that have always made this ordinance unconstitutional and, I think, discriminatory ... were the concerns the same day it was adopted."

Last month, a motion by board member Sammy Slade to rescind the ordinance failed, 4-3. Those who voted against the ordinance's repeal said they wanted to wait until last night's

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## Residents oppose proposed Family Dollar

BY ROSE LAUDICINA  
Staff Writer

Typically when somebody new moves into a neighborhood, current residents are welcoming. But this is hardly the situation on Alabama Avenue in Carrboro, where neighbors are joining together in an attempt to prevent a Family Dollar store from taking residence.

"It will completely destroy this neighborhood," Alabama Avenue resident Larry Worth said.

The store would be located off Jones Ferry Road, between The Pantry and Morningstar Mini-Storage, on a small wooded piece of land at the entrance to Alabama Avenue.

At around 8,000 square feet, accompanied by 26 parking spaces, and with the entrance off Alabama Avenue, residents worry that the store would bring increased traffic, noise pollution and unsafe conditions to their neighborhood.

Will Stronach of Stronach Properties, the developers of the project, said they believe the store will be a "positive addition to the community and will provide a much-needed service to

the citizens while creating tax revenue for the town."

However, neighbors say the store won't bring anything positive or needed to the area because there is already a dollar store located in Carrboro Plaza less than 2 miles away.

"I don't see why we need another dollar store," said Rebecca Bennett, a resident of Alabama Avenue.

"It's a lower-income type of business, and just because this is a low-income area doesn't mean we deserve this. We don't deserve this any more than a rich neighborhood does," she said.

Residents are also upset with what they are calling a lack of respect from Stronach Properties for having presented plans to town advisory boards without any contact with or input from the neighborhood.

"They never sat down with us," Anissa McLendon said. "They just said, 'We're going to clean up your neighborhood,' but we never asked them to do that."

McLendon has been spearheading

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## Lovette murder trial set to begin Monday

BY ROSE LAUDICINA  
Staff Writer

As a man accused of murdering former UNC Student Body President Eve Carson goes to trial, those who honor her memory are hopeful for some measure of closure.

On Sept. 23, 2010, Demario James



Lawrence Lovette

Atwater was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to the March 2008 murder of Carson. On Monday, the second man accused of killing Carson, Lawrence

Alvin Lovette Jr., will go on trial at the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough.

Last week, Lovette pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, armed robbery, felony larceny and first-degree kidnapping.

Lovette and Atwater were arrested in March 2008 after Carson was found shot to death on March 5 in a neighborhood off East Franklin Street. The two were indicted on charges of first-

degree murder on March 31, 2008.

Because Lovette was 17 at the time of the murder, prosecutors cannot seek the death penalty; if convicted, the harshest sentence he could face is life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors say Atwater and Lovette entered Carson's home on Friendly Lane in Chapel Hill and kidnapped her, then drove with her in her Toyota Highlander to ATMs in Durham and Orange County to withdraw \$1,400 from her bank account. The two then allegedly took Carson to a neighborhood near campus, where she was shot five times.

Because of the publicity surrounding the case, jurors will be selected individually, rather than as a group, so that a potential juror's prejudice will not influence the jury pool as a whole. Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall said it could take up to a week to select an unbiased jury.

### Remembering

Although Carson's death was more than three years ago and the last undergraduate class to attend school with Carson graduated in May, the Chapel Hill and UNC

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MUSIC CALENDAR



**WEDNESDAY NOV 23**  
**Local 506:** Cheap Time, Mannequin Men, Drama Queen. 9pm. \$8/9  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Gmish Klezmer Band. 7pm

**THURSDAY NOV 24**  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Pussy Mountain. 10pm

**FRIDAY NOV 25**  
**Cat's Cradle:** Greg Humphreys, Mark Simonsen, Stu Cole, Lizzy Ross, SONia, Jon Shain Trio, Tom Maxwell and the Minor Drag. 8pm. \$10  
**The Cave:** LATE: Kenny Roby, Stephen Simmons

**City Tap:** Doug Largent Trio. 9pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Justin Johnson, Black Bird Blues Jam. 8pm  
**Local 506:** 500 Miles To Memphis, Phatlynx, Lake and Hennepin. 9:30pm. \$8/10  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

**SATURDAY NOV 26**  
**The Cave:** LATE: Puritan Rodeo, Bloodroot Barter  
**City Tap:** Chatham County Slim, Papa Mike. 9pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Diali Cisokho and Kairaba. 8pm. \$5  
**Nightlight:** Dex Romweber Duo,

Phil Cook and His Feat, The Dogwoods. 9:30pm. \$10/12  
**Open Eye:** Erin Brown. 8pm  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Doug Largent Trio. 7pm

**SUNDAY NOV 27**  
**Cat's Cradle:** Future Islands, Ed Schrader's Music Beat, Lonnie Walker. 8:30pm. \$12/11  
**The Cave:** LATE: Bubba Joe and the Bruisers  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Tim Stambaugh. 4pm

**TUESDAY NOV 29**  
**Nightlight:** Secret Boyfrind, Rind, Visk, Isabel Gun. 9:30pm. \$5  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Goodnight Texas, Kelly McFarling. 10pm

**WEDNESDAY NOV 30**  
**The Cave:** LATE: Parafilm, Viva DeConcini. \$5  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Bibis Ellison and the Good Doc. 7pm  
**Nightlight:** Bevel Summers, Nature Films, Steve Kruger. 9:30pm. \$5

**THURSDAY DEC 1**  
**Cat's Cradle:** Bibis Ellison, Holy Ghost Tent Revival, Animal Alphabet, Stranger Day. 9pm. \$10/12  
**The Cave:** LATE: The Morningstars

**General Store Cafe:** Jazzbeau. 7pm  
**Local 506:** Eric and The Dimarzio's, Campfires and Constellations. 10pm. \$5/8  
**Nightlight:** Hendacatope, Ani Stark, Orgavin. 9:30pm. \$5  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** Brad Maiani Trio. 7pm

**FRIDAY DEC 2**  
**Cat's Cradle:** Steep Canyon Rangers, Greg Humphreys. 9pm. \$15  
**The Cave:** LATE: John Howie Jr and the Rosewood Bluff, Organs  
**General Store Cafe:** Mebanesville, Mayors Jam. 7:30pm

**Local 506:** Gasoline Stove, Sarah Shook and The Devil, Jonathan Rachels. 9pm. \$5  
**Moorehead Planetarium:** The Clef Hangers, The Loreleis. 7:30pm. \$12/\$8 students  
**Nightlight:** Mittenfields, Vannevar. 9:30pm. \$5  
**Open Eye:** Jake Melnyk. 8pm

**SATURDAY DEC 3**  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Red Threads LATE: Nick Driver Band, Alexis Marceaux and the Samurai  
**General Store Cafe:** Daniel Sean and David Waton, Doug Largent Trio. 7:30pm  
**Local 506:** Magnolia Collective, The Moaners, Stag. 10pm. \$8  
**Nightlight:** Nine Fingered Thug, Savage Knights, Yohimbe, Buttfinger. 9:30pm. \$5  
**Open Eye:** The Outliers. 8pm  
**The Station at Southern Rail:** The What? IV. 7pm  
**University Baptist Church:** Mandolin Orange, The Tomahawks, Skylar Guszasz, Brett Harris. 6pm

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

**CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM**  
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030

Anononymous; The Man Who Fell To Earth; Martha Marcy May Marlene; The Way

**CHELSEA THEATER**  
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

Into The Abyss; Like Crazy; Margin Call; Martha Marcy May Marlene

**THE LUMINA**  
Southern Village, 932-9000  
Arthur Christmas; Happy Feet 2;

Puss In Boots; The Muppets; The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part I

**REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6**  
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600  
Arthur Christmas 3D; Happy Feet Two 3D; Puss in Boots 3D; The Muppets; The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part I

**THE VARSITY**  
123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665  
Contagion; Crazy, Stupid, Love; The Help

SPOTLIGHT: FUTURE ISLANDS

**Future Islands will perform at Cat's Cradle on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 8:30 p.m.**

Future Islands met and formed in early 2006 while band members Gerrit Welmers (keyboard and programming), William Cashion (bass, acoustic and electric guitars) and Samuel T. Herring (words and vocals) were studying art at East Carolina University in Greenville. With a heavy reliance on the synthesizer, Future Islands describes their sound as synthpop. Ed Schrader's Music Beat and Lonnie Walker will perform as well. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 the day of the show. Doors open at 8 p.m.



PHOTO BY MIKE VORASSI

SPOTLIGHT: LIZZY ROSS



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIZZY ROSS

**Lizzy Ross will perform with Greg Humphreys and the Jon Shain Trio as part of the Post-Turkey Day Jam benefit show at Cat's Cradle on Friday, Nov. 25.**

Ross's voice is known for its blend of charming trills and rough, bluesy emotions, which has earned her comparisons to artists such as Grace Potter and Edie Brickell, among others. She is also known for her provocative songwriting, often weaving shrewd and personal lyrics into her music.

The Post-Turkey Day Jam benefit show on Friday will feature a variety of musicians, including Ross, Humphreys, Mark Simonsen, Stu Cole, SONIA from Disappear Fear, the Jon Shain Trio and Tom Maxwell and the Minor Drag. Tickets are \$10. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., and performances begin at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the show will go to the Inter-faith Council for Social Service.

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the neighborhood's efforts against the store. Her property is adjacent to the site of the proposed store; the dumpsters for the building, she said, will be located about 36 feet from her bedroom window. Stronach said plans include thoughtful landscaping to minimize the impact on the residential area. "We have designed screens

and buffers to minimize disturbance," he said. "We have worked really hard to ensure the development is attractive." Aware that some might accuse them of being against the store because of NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard), residents say they aren't opposed to something being built in the vacant space as long as it doesn't harm the community's feel. "We want something here that will help the neighborhood and will enhance Alabama Avenue," resident Phyllis Bland

said. "We have no problem with something built here as long as it is a win-win for everybody." McLendon has been collecting input from all neighbors about what they would rather see built on the land; suggestions so far have ranged from a police substation to a day-care center or park. Stronach Properties said they are finishing up the planning phase, and have yet to submit an application to the town.

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communities haven't forgotten her legacy and continue to come together to celebrate her life. At the fourth annual Eve Carson Memorial 5K for Education last weekend, people came out from all over North Carolina to run in her memory and raise money for the Eve Carson Memorial Scholarship, First Book and CEO 4 Teens. "I think this is great," said Chesare Bullock, who has at-

tended the race every year since it began. "It says a lot about Chapel Hill and UNC and the legacy that students leave behind." "People still care about her and haven't forgot what happened," she added. Elle Drumheller was a freshman the year Carson was killed and said that she makes a tradition of running in a 5K every year to honor Carson. Drumheller said she thought it was unfortunate that Lovette's trial was beginning around the same time as the 5K, and that she will be glad when it's over.

"I am hoping that justice can be served, and then everyone can start to move on and focus on celebrating her spirit," she said. Eric Locklear came from Person County to run the race with his wife, Jennifer, and son, Elan, and said he believes in due process and hopes that Lovette is granted a fair trial. "It is a tragedy for someone so young and bright to be killed so young, but she lives on in the memory of her students, friends and family," Locklear said.



**FR 11/25 POST TURKEY DAY JAM:** GREG HUMPHREYS, MARK SIMONSEN, STU COLE, LIZZY ROSS AND SONIA FROM DISAPPEAR FEAR; JON SHAIN TRIO, TOM MAXWELL AND THE MINOR DRAG\*\*(\$10)  
**SU 11/27 FUTURE ISLANDS** W/ED SCHRADER'S MUSIC BEAT AND LONNIE WALKER\*\*(\$12/\$14)  
**TH 12/1\*\*(\$10/\$12) HEAR NC MUSIC AND FILM FESTIVAL:** BIBIS ELLISON, HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL, ANIMAL ALPHABET, STRANGER DAY  
**FR 12/2\*\*(\$15) STEEP CANYON RANGERS** W/GREG HUMPHREYS  
**TH 12/8 BEIRUT** W/PERFUME GENIUS  
**FR 12/9 HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL** W/MATRIMONY AND MIKE QUINN\*\*(\$10/\$12)  
**SA 12/10\*\*(\$10/\$12) SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS** W/JENNYANYKIND  
**FR 12/16 HOLIDAY SHOW** MANDOLIN ORANGE W/GUESTS STICKLEY BROTHERS AND PHIL COOK\*\*(\$10)

**SA 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WITH THE WUSSES AND THE TEXAS PETERS\*\*(\$15)**  
**FR 1/13/12 ABBEY ROAD LIVE!\*\***  
**SA 1/14/12 MIPSO TRIO / OVERMOUNTAIN MEN / JIM AVETT\*\*(\$8/\$10)**  
**SU 1/22/12 ANTHONY GREEN\*\*(\$15)**  
**TU 1/24/12 WHERE'S THE BAND TOUR** \*\*(\$14/\$16) ON SALE 11/30  
**TH 1/26/12 DONNA THE BUFFALO\*\*(\$17/\$20)**  
**FR 1/27/12 THE OLD 97S\*\*** W/THOSE DARLINS  
**TU 1/31/12 KATHLEEN EDWARDS\*\*(\$20/\$23)** W/HANNAH GEORGAS  
**SA 2/11/12 FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE\*\*(\$20/\$23)**  
**SU 2/12/12 SHARON VAN ETTEN\*\*(\$13/\$15)** W/SHEARWATER  
**TH 2/16/12 EMILIE AUTUMN\*\*(\$15/\$17)**  
**TU 2/21/12 BLIND PILOT\*\*(\$15/\$17)**  
**TU 3/6/12\*\*(\$20/\$23) BOYCE AVENUE** W/SECONDHAND SERENADE  
**SU 4/1/12 THE NAKED AND FAMOUS\*\*(\$15)**

**LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)**  
**WE 11/22 MARIA TAYLOR** W/DEAD FINGERS AND THE GRENADINES  
**SU 12/4 MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS**  
**TU 12/6 MAX BEMIS (SAY ANYTHING)** W/SHERRI DUPREE  
**SA 12/10 GRAFFITI 6 (SIMENA SARINANA CANCELLED)**  
**TH 12/15 RACHAEL YAMAGATA** W/MIKE VIOLA  
**FR 2/24/12 OTHER LIVES**  
**ARTSCENTER (CARR)**  
**TH 12/15 AN EVENING WITH TREKKY RECORDS** COLLECTIVE FEATURING MEMBERS OF BUTTERFLIES, EMBARRASSING FRUITS, LOST IN THE TREES, MEGAFUN, MDTOWN DICKENS, MOUNT MORIAH, VIBRANT GREEN, HNMTF  
**MEMORIAL HALL (UNC-CH)**  
**MO 1/30/12 SOLD OUT** JEFF MANGUM  
**NEUTRAL MILK** HOTEL W/ANDREW, SCOTT & LAURA  
**CAROLINA THEATRE (DUR)**  
**FR 12/2 MICHAEL IAN BLACK**  
**MOTORCO (DUR)**  
**SA 12/10 AMY RAY** W/SHADOWBOXERS  
**THE CLAYTON CENTER (CLAYTON)**  
**SA 2/11/12 TODD SNIDER** LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)  
**WE 2/15/12 THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS** W/JONATHAN COULTON  
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Briefs

Body found in Bolin Creek

On Nov. 20, Chapel Hill police responded to a 9 a.m. call regarding an unresponsive man lying in Bolin Creek just north of the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Hillsborough Street intersection. Police have identified the man, who was pronounced dead at the scene, as 24-year-old Shane Scott Pease of Fort Bragg. A jogger traveling along the Bolin Creek Greenway spotted Pease, a Fort Bragg soldier. The cause of his death has not yet been determined and is still under investigation.

Rabid bat in Hillsborough

A bat tested positive for rabies last week after it came into contact with two Orange County residents. The bat was found flying around inside the residents' Hillsborough home. Animal control responded and removed the animal for testing. This is the ninth positive rabies result for Orange County in 2011 and the first case involving a bat.

Park and ride expansion meeting

Chapel Hill Transit will host a public-information session for the Eubanks Road Park and Ride expansion study on Nov. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road. CHT staff will begin with a presentation about the project study area. The public is invited to ask questions and share opinions. For more information, visit [chtransit.org](http://chtransit.org) and click on projects, or call CHT at 969-4900.

Gallop & Gorge on Thursday

The Cardinal Track Club will host the final race of the club's Le Tour de Carrboro series, the Gallop and Gorge 8K, on Thursday at 8 a.m. The race is an 8K loop that begins and ends on Roberson Street. Registration is \$30. Net proceeds from the series are distributed at the end of the year to the Cardinal Track Club's community partners. Little turkey kids' races will be held after the 8K race for children aged 2 to 9. Streets affected may be temporarily closed during the race. For more information, visit [cardianltrack.com](http://cardianltrack.com)

Talbert tabbed

Orange County Manager Frank Clifton announced Michael Talbert as the new assistant county manager last week. Talbert has served as interim assistant county manager since May 5 and previously served as the county's deputy financial services director. He will assist the county manager in directing departments and programs in Orange County government. Talbert's immediate focus will be to provide guidance during the transition of solid-waste landfill services and infrastructure upgrades in the Emergency Services Department.

EMS improvements considered

BY ROSE LAUDICINA  
Staff Writer

For Orange County Emergency Management Services, the update list is long and it comes with a big price tag. The Orange County Board of Commissioners pondered this on Thursday night during a discussion of emergency services coverage, capacity and system improvements. The board was given a report from county staff that included recommendations for improvements to emergency response times and communication through VIPER (Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders). However, the report came without any input or approval of the recommendations from the eight Orange County rural fire departments, Bryan Baker, president of the Orange County Fire Chief's Association, said in an email to commissioners.

In his email, Baker asked commissioners to seek a more comprehensive approach to improving 911 and first-responder services that would include input from a task force to be co-chaired by two commissioners and should include the county fire and sheriff departments, EMS, 911 center, county medical director and residents. Commissioners took the email request into account on Thursday when they asked staff to create a work group to engage multiple agencies impacted by decisions regarding emergency-services operations, including police departments and both town and rural fire departments. The total bill for EMS improvements could cost the county \$9 million in initial investments and \$3 million in annual operating funding over a three-year period. Orange County Emergency Services Director Frank Montes de Oca said that many of the

improvements could help reduce EMS response times from the current average of 18 minutes to the goal of 12 minutes. "In order to reduce response times, more units would need to be built near where the calls are coming from," Montes de Oca said. Commissioner Earl McKee, who used to be a rural firefighter, said he had heard that the Orange Rural Fire Department wanted to house an ambulance in their new station, which would help improve response times, especially in the rural areas. "That is an ideal location to serve the northern half of the county," McKee said. Commissioner Barry Jacobs voiced concern over whether the requested improvements would reduce response times in the rural areas as well, which he said he doesn't believe are represented in the 18-minute average. Jacobs asked for a breakdown

of response times by zones, so the board could see the exact response times for every area of the county and determine if proposed changes would help everyone. Also at the work session, commissioners discussed the impacts of fire-insurance districts. "Twelve hundred homeowners are impacted by being farther than 6 miles from stations inside their fire-protection district," Talbert said. "There might be another fire department that could help that is closer than 6 miles, but due to the way the lines are drawn they are not in their jurisdiction." To fix that problem, fire-insurance districts would have to be reworked, which commissioners learned at the meeting they have full authority to do. "We want to make sure those being negatively impacted by this insurance problem are helped as soon as possible," board Chair Bernadette Pelissier said.

Another phase completed on Weaver Street

CARRBORO — Another section of Weaver Street has opened, as the yearlong project to replace the street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old water main beneath it progresses. Last week, the project moved into Phase 5 as work on Phase 4 — the section of West Weaver from the RBC Bank driveway to west of Lindsay Street — was completed. Phase 4 has reopened, and the section of West Weaver from west of Lindsay Street to Elm Street will be closed for about four to six weeks, depending on weather and other factors. Contractors will complete water service connections, replace the curb and gutters and reconstruct the roadway. Work on the east block was completed in July, at which point the contractor began work on the second phase of the project in the west block. Work is progressing from east to west, toward Carrboro Town Hall. The water main was already replaced in the west block, while work was completed in the east block, and the overall project is estimated for completion by March of next year. Drivers should access most West Weaver Street businesses from the Greensboro Street end of the block. Pedestrian access remains open along the block, though pedestrians may be directed to one side of the street or the other depending on the proximity of construction activities. The contractor will typically work during daylight hours, Monday-Friday, though weekend work may occur depending on progress and scheduling. — Staff Reports

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previously scheduled meeting to consider it so that neighbors would be aware that they were doing so. The board approved the anti-lingering ordinance for the intersection of Davie and Jones Ferry roads in November 2007, after residents of the surrounding neighborhood complained of public urination and garbage in the areas around the intersection. Day laborers, many of them Latino, often gather at the intersection in hopes that contractors will come by and offer them work. The ordinance prohibited waiting at the intersection from 11 a.m. until 5 a.m. In June, the board voted to take another look at the ordinance after the Southern Coalition for Social Justice sent a letter to the town alleging that the ordinance is unconstitutional on First Amendment grounds and stating that it is "overbroad and vague" and has interfered with workers' ability to obtain employment during the late-morning and early-afternoon hours. Board member Jacquie Gist moved the resolution, including a provision "that [the board] work, in the early part of next year, to strengthen our anti-harassment ordinance to look at harassing speech to women as being hate speech." Gist, who previously voted against the repeal of the ordinance, has said that she's heard reports from women from the neighborhood who felt harassed by men at the corner. "That is a physical threat, and it is

hate speech," she said. A number of residents urged the board to rescind the ordinance, including recently elected Michelle Johnson, who will join the board in January. "For a community that has focused on progressive thinking and action, we must do better than this ordinance," Johnson said. Several day laborers also spoke before the board, noting the ordinance's infringement on their ability to find work and provide for their families. "I respect the community. I respect the police," said day laborer Santiago Hernandez, in Spanish. "What I want is to work." Hernandez said some employers come by the corner after 11 a.m., after he and other workers have been required by the ordinance to leave. Other residents spoke of the problems in the community that the ordinance helps to prevent. Chris Kreutzer, who lives adjacent to the corner, said that before the ordinance was instated he dealt with drunk men urinating in his yard and garbage on his property. "Since this ordinance has been passed, things have definitely improved on the corner," he said. "It was pretty bad [before the ordinance]," said Bill Madden, a resident of nearby Fidelity Street. "It's gotten a lot better. The community needs to take better action in policing, self-policing, that if you see somebody out of line, call the cops."

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Community Briefs

Davis named Horton recipient

Hargraves Center Supervisor Nate Davis was announced Friday as the recipient of the Calvin Horton Service Award.

Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil selected Davis, who has worked with the town for 38 years, based on recommendations from an employee committee. The award is given to a town employee who brings credit to the town with exceptional contributions to the community and represents the ideals of public service to citizens and peers in everyday demeanor and actions.

The award will be presented at a ceremony scheduled for early December.

Police dept seeks toys for children

The Hillsborough Police Department is welcoming gift donations from community members, which will be handed out to children at the main station by Santa and Mrs. Clause on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

About 60 to 70 children of all ages visit the police station each year for a chance to see Santa. The police department would appreciate donations of new, unwrapped toys to give to children who visit this year. Toys for children of all ages may be donated, as teenagers and infants also visit. No toy weapons or candy should be donated.

For more information, contact Cpl. Tereasa King at 732-2441, ext. 26. The main station is located at 127 N. Churton St.

Santa program assists seniors

The area office of the Home Instead Senior Care network, in partnership with the Orange County Council on Aging and Starbucks in Chapel Hill, will provide gifts and companionship to seniors who otherwise might not receive either this holiday season as part of the Be a Santa to a Senior program.

Participating local nonprofit organizations will identify needy and isolated seniors and provide those names to the local Home Instead Senior Care office. Christmas trees, which will be on display in Starbucks at the Eastgate Shopping Center Nov. 28 through Dec. 14, will feature ornaments with the first names only of the seniors and their gift requests.

Community members can pick up ornaments, buy items on the lists and return them unwrapped to the store with the ornaments attached. For more information visit [beasantatoasenior.com](http://beasantatoasenior.com)

Chapel Hill receives traffic award

For the fifth time since 2004, Chapel Hill was among 15 North Carolina communities recognized by AAA of the Carolinas for its efforts to promote traffic safety.

Chapel Hill received the award of outstanding N.C. Traffic Safe Community of 2011. This award represents communities with populations of more than 30,000 and is based on crash statistics, number of law enforcement officers per capita and the presence of a formal traffic safety program that includes year round traffic safety initiatives.

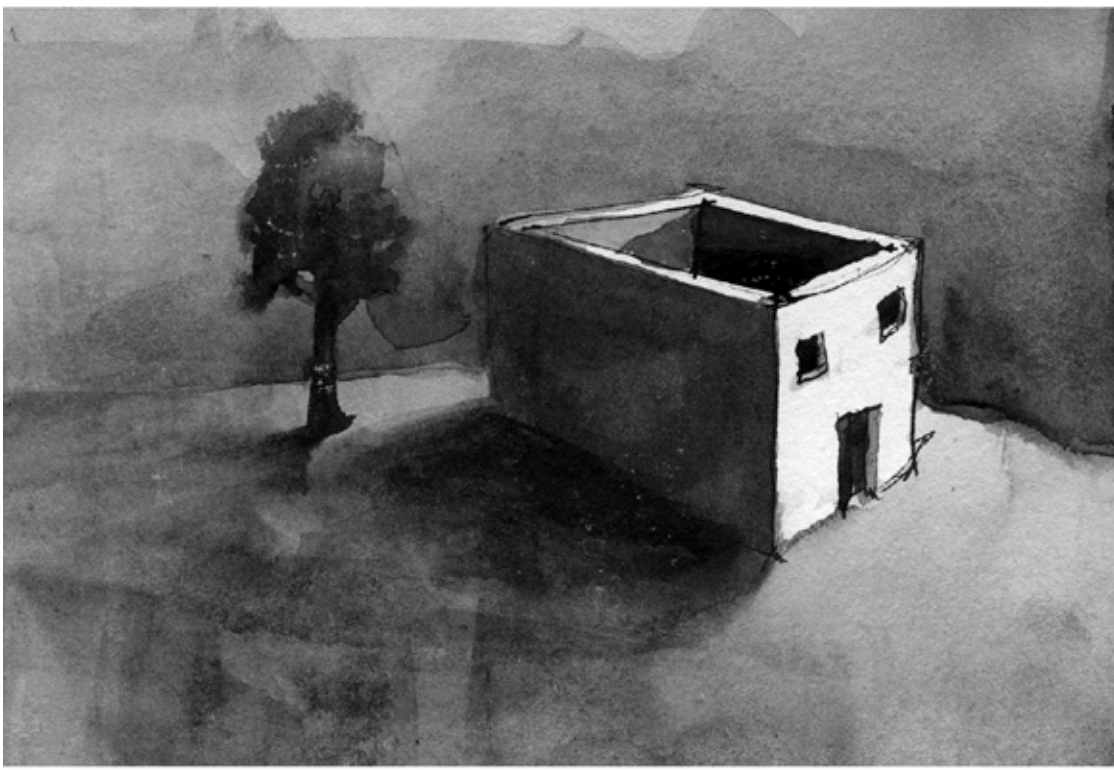


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HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about insulin levels and shin splints.

Dear HOUSE Calls, What can I do to control my insulin levels?

Insulin is one of the hormones that regulates blood sugar levels. It's necessary to get nutrients into the cells to make energy. People with insulin-dependent diabetes make no insulin and need insulin from a shot or pump to survive. People with non-insulin dependent diabetes usually have higher-than-average levels of insulin, but their cells cannot use insulin as well as others. This is known as insulin resistance, and when insulin resistance increases, the body compensates by increasing insulin production. High levels of insulin are often a precursor to diabetes, and controlling your insulin level can prevent diabetes. The best things to do to control your insulin level are

exercise daily; eat a balanced, healthy diet; and lose weight. We know that is a tall order, but losing weight if you are overweight is the best way to control insulin levels if you have diabetes or just high insulin. Working with a nutritionist or a specific diet program may be helpful. Foods high in processed carbohydrates (like sugar and white flour) may be particularly likely to increase insulin levels. We would also encourage you to work with your family doctor to set goals and determine appropriate medications.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Sometimes I get shin splints walking to class. What causes that?

Shin splints cause pain near the tibia or shinbone, usually on the inside of the leg. We think of this as an overuse injury, which usually comes from increasing use in a sporadic or intermittent fashion. For example, if you are

sedentary over the summer and then start walking several miles a day, you would be at risk for shin splints. This is a fairly common problem in runners, often from a training error in which people increase training volume too quickly. Additionally, people who pronate too much and those with relatively flat feet are prone to shin splints. The good news is that shin splints usually respond well to conservative measures such as relative rest, ice, over-the-counter arch supports or custom orthotics and more supportive shoes. We encourage you to keep up with the increase in physical activity while giving your shins a break. Try swimming or biking. We hope this helps.

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

Community Calendar

**WEDNESDAY NOV 23**  
**Holiday Farmers' Market** — Pre-Thanksgiving Farmers' Market. Eno River Farmers' Market, Hillsborough, 3-6pm

**FRIDAY NOV 25**  
**ArtWalk** — Last Fridays Art Walk, downtown Hillsborough. 6-9pm Free [lastfridaysartwalk.org](http://lastfridaysartwalk.org)

**Holiday Artwork** — Opening reception for "The Art of Giving," by 22 local artists. The show runs through Jan. 8. Hillsborough Gallery, 121 N. Churton St., Hillsborough 6-9pm Free [hillsboroughgallery.com](http://hillsboroughgallery.com)

**SATURDAY NOV 26**  
**Storytelling** — Storytellers, including Michael Malone, Jill McCorkle and Alan Gurganus, will narrate stories depicting various experiences of small-town life, to benefit the Orange County Historical Museum. Leland Little Auction Gallery, Hillsborough, 7:30pm \$18/20 [orangenchistory.org](http://orangenchistory.org)

**SUNDAY NOV 27**  
**Tree Lighting** — Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church, 100 S. Columbia St., 6-7pm 967-9440

**MONDAY NOV 28**  
**Bird Club** — Monthly meeting with Loren Hintz giving a slide presentation on the Honduran Emerald. Binkley Baptist Church, 7:30pm Free

**TUESDAY NOV 29**  
**Bingo** — For ages 50 and up. Carrboro Century Center, 2pm Free 918-7364

**5th Quarter** — Starring Andie McDowell and Aidan Quinn, recounts Wake Forest's 2006 basketball season. Fearnington Barn, 7pm \$5/\$3 students [chathamarts.org](http://chathamarts.org)

**Yoga in the Galleries** — Beginners are welcome, mats provided. Ackland Art Museum, 101 S. Columbia St., 12-1pm \$5 (free to members) [acklandRSVP@unc.edu](mailto:acklandRSVP@unc.edu).

**WEDNESDAY NOV 30**  
**Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** — Opens at the Paul Green Theatre and continues through Dec. 18. [playmakersrep.org](http://playmakersrep.org)

**THURSDAY DEC 1**  
**Friends of Downtown** — Dale and John Shelton Reed, authors of *Holy Smoke: The Big Book of North Carolina BBQ* to speak at the monthly

meeting. The Franklin Hotel, 9:30am Free

**Ask the Organizer** — Lori Bruhns will lead an open forum on preparing, planning and learning to manage time more effectively. OC Main Library, Hillsborough, 6-7pm Free 245-2536

**FRIDAY DEC 2**  
**Holiday Tea** — Seasonal music and light d'oeuvres for ages 50 and up. Carrboro Town Hall Parking Lot, 2pm Free 918-7364

**Music at Morehead** — The Clef Hangers and The Loreleis of UNC. Morehead Planetarium, 7:30pm \$12/\$8 students [moreheadplanetarium.org](http://moreheadplanetarium.org)

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by Linda Thistle

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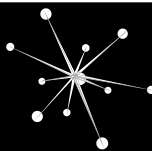
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# The Red Hen leaves Weaver St. for University Mall

BY CAROLINE KILARU  
Correspondent

The Red Hen has flown the coop. The shop, a gift and resale boutique for mothers and young children, has vacated its Carrboro location and will reopen in Chapel Hill's University Mall after Thanksgiving. Though the business had thrived on West Weaver Street for almost five years, The Red Hen had struggled recently due to the long-term construction project that has closed the street since March, owner DeeDee Lavinder said.

"Even before the construction started, the town told us we could borrow money if sales were low," Lavinder said. "That didn't make sense to me because there were no guarantees about when the project would finish, and return business might be slow."

Several months ago, Lavinder had considered closing The Red Hen due to the shop's sharp decline in business and the ongoing nature of the construction.

"Then we had the 'Save The Red Hen' event, which brought out so many people and so much love and community support," Lavinder said. "I thought, well we could close, or we could expand. There are product lines we've always wanted to carry but haven't had the space to, and we want to carry larger children's sizes to retain our customers over time."

As Lavinder began thinking about a possible move, the idea of University Mall became more appealing.

"The staff there was kind, I'd even say solicitous, in bringing us over," she said. "The location's more central for most of our customers, there's plenty of parking and we're excited to be close to the library's new space."

So Lavinder decided to take out a loan for the move and expansion of the store.



DeeDee Lavinder

"In my mind, it makes sense to take out a loan when you will use that money to generate more income," she said.

The new store will be located on the Dillard's side of the mall and will cover more than double the square footage of the Carrboro location.

"We'll have organic socks and tights, new toy and gift lines and up to size 16 for boys and girls," she said.

As for The Red Hen's former home in Carrboro? The space is owned by a group of investors, and Rep. Joe Hackney is the managing partner.

"We'll try to attract a new tenant as soon as possible, but we are sorry to see The Red Hen go," Hackney said. "We really liked them and think they have a good business model, but the construction just did them in the end."

The Red Hen will be open for the holiday season, with a soft opening on Friday and a grand-opening party on Dec. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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# The ArtsCenter cuts deficit

BY CAROLINE CORRIGAN  
Staff Writer

The ArtsCenter has made a tremendous financial turnaround since January, when the community arts organization was facing a deficit of \$265,000.

Since January, The ArtsCenter has taken several strategic measures to improve its financial situation, like eliminating the executive director and Youth Performing Arts Conservatory director positions, reducing the work week for some positions from 40 to 30 hours and cutting The ArtsCenter's membership in several organizations.

Jay Miller, The ArtsCenter's interim director, said that the organization's initial financial

struggle was due to its delayed reaction to the national economic downturn.

"Things were really slowing down, but we still had all the expenses we had ever had," he said, adding that the organization didn't make any real changes until about eight months ago.

By spring, The ArtsCenter had managed to cut the deficit almost in half, to \$130,000. The debt was further reduced in July when The ArtsCenter received confirmation of a \$100,000 grant from the Nicholson Foundation. Shortly afterwards, an anonymous donor presented The ArtsCenter with a new financial challenge.

"The donor told us that, if we could raise \$15,000 from the community over a course of three

months, then 'I will match it,'" said Julie Tomkovick, development director for The ArtsCenter.

Tomkovick said this "15K challenge" helped draw a lot of public attention to The ArtsCenter's needs.

"We got in touch with our members and attendees by email to talk about the proposition," she said. "Our goal was to raise \$5,000 every month, and every month we came in a little bit ahead of our goal."

The ArtsCenter ended up raising \$21,000 by the end of the summer, which was matched by \$20,000 from the donor for a grand total of \$41,000. With the help of the community, The ArtsCenter's staff and board successfully dug the organization out of the deficit it had faced at the

beginning of the year.

"It was one of those things where, once we got the momentum rolling, everyone wanted to be a part of it," Tomkovick said. "It was something that people could really visualize as being successful."

Miller said in order to help ensure The ArtsCenter's prosperity in the future, the budget will be downsized from \$1.6 million to \$1.2 million. Additionally, a search for a permanent executive director will begin in January.

Overall, Miller said he is optimistic about The ArtsCenter's future.

"It's a great organization with a great, hardworking staff," he said. "Morale is higher than it has ever been. We're on the right track."

## Briefs

### Retirement community receives award

Carol Woods Retirement Community received the Victor W. Marshall Award at the North Carolina Conference on Aging reception that was held in Charlotte last month. The award is given to an employer in North Carolina that has excelled in recognizing the valuable contributions older workers make in the workplace.

Carol Woods employs older adults in all aspects of the community, including nursing, security, administrative services, grounds maintenance and dining. In many cases, Carol Woods supports the transition to a different department or to a different work schedule as needs and interests change over time.

### Chatham offers incentives for Acme-McCrary

At a meeting earlier this month, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a points-based cash incentives agreement with Acme-McCrary, a 101-year-old hosiery and shape-wear manufacturer, to help relocate its warehouse and distribution facilities to the former Joan Fabrics building in Siler City.

Acme-McCrary, headquartered in Asheboro, expects to invest approximately \$500,000 in the 387,000-square-foot building and create at least 100 new jobs in addition to retaining 42 jobs in its Siler City facility. It also expects to maintain an inventory of \$35 million.

If Acme-McCrary meets its obligations for job creation and retention over a five-year period, Chatham County would provide incentive grants to the company on a declining basis. The grants will be paid from revenues in the county's general fund.

### Business of the year awards

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce is accepting

nominations for the Business of the Year awards, giving community members the opportunity to nominate deserving business and non-profits through Jan. 3, 2012.

Each year at its annual meeting, the chamber presents the Business of the Year Awards to outstanding chamber member businesses that have shown growth, innovation of product, exemplary customer service, response to adversity and/or contribution to the community.

Categories include small, mid-size and large business and nonprofit organizations.

For more information, visit [carolinachamber.org/annualmeeting/Nomination%20Info%202012.pdf](http://carolinachamber.org/annualmeeting/Nomination%20Info%202012.pdf) or contact Meg Branson at 357-9977 or [mbranson@carolinachamber.org](mailto:mbranson@carolinachamber.org).

### Twig donates proceeds to Boys & Girls club

For the second year, Twig will donate 20 percent of its sales from Nov. 18 to Dec. 4 to the Boys & Girls Club.

Customers who mention the promotion will also receive a free LED flashlight with any purchase.

### Architect awarded LEED fellow designation

The Green Building Certification Institute named Alicia Ravetto of Alicia Ravetto Architect to the inaugural class of LEED Fellows. Ravetto, along with the rest of the 2011 LEED Fellow class, was recognized at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in Toronto on Oct. 6.

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The Tillis and Berger arrogance club

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The House and Senate will reconvene Sunday night after Thanksgiving for the latest of the unusual special sessions called this year by Republican legislative leaders.

Sunday sessions of the General Assembly are extremely rare and there is no reason for this one, other than the arrogance of House Speaker Thom Tillis and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger.

There are no calendars available for the Sunday session with a list of bills for lawmakers to debate and committee meetings for them to attend. It is likely one will be posted in the next few days, maybe by the time you read this, but it won't mean much.

The calendar for the Sept. 12 special session didn't mention the anti-gay marriage amendment that lawmakers considered or the committee meeting in the House where legislators briefly discussed it.

That meeting was announced just a few minutes before it was held and no testimony from the public was allowed about the proposal to change the state constitution. Even law professors with concerns about the effect of the amendment on a wide range of laws were denied the chance to be heard.

A spokesperson for Tillis said this week that no agenda has been determined for the upcoming session and he wasn't sure when that would happen.

Tillis himself said at a town hall meeting recently that House leaders were talking to their counterparts in the Senate about what would come up next week. At some point, they may deign to tell the rest of us, but don't count on more than five minutes notice.

There is some discussion that the Senate will take up legislation that passed the House this summer that would gut the Racial Justice Act, a law passed in 2009 that allows death row inmates to present statistical evidence of racial bias in their sentences.

The Senate is unlikely to have any committee discussion about this life-or-death issue. Because the House gutted a Senate bill and replaced it with the Racial Justice Act repeal, the Senate only has to vote once to agree with the House changes to the original unrelated legislation and people on death row will no longer have the chance to prove that race played a role in their death sentences.

Tillis and Berger won't rule out discussion next week of capping the state gas tax, a change to the state certificate of need laws, adjustments to the budget, local bills to require voters to show a government-issued photo ID at the polls or veto overrides of everything from a statewide voter ID law to legislation allowing the state to explore the questionable practice of extracting natural gas from underground rock formations.

And there is undoubtedly more under discussion in the secret meetings between Tillis and Berger about public business. There is room under the adjournment resolution passed at the end of the last special session for the legislative leaders to take up anything they want starting Sunday evening.

All this secrecy and manipulation of the legislative process and the legislators themselves may sound like just another inside-the-Raleigh-Beltline political story that doesn't have much impact on the rest of the state.

That's just what Tillis and Berger are counting on, that nobody will pay attention as they treat the legislative branch of government as their own private power club, accountable to no one, with no notice to the people they represent about what they will be deciding about their lives and their communities.

You can call it a lot of things – arrogance, a disdain for the people, an abuse of power.

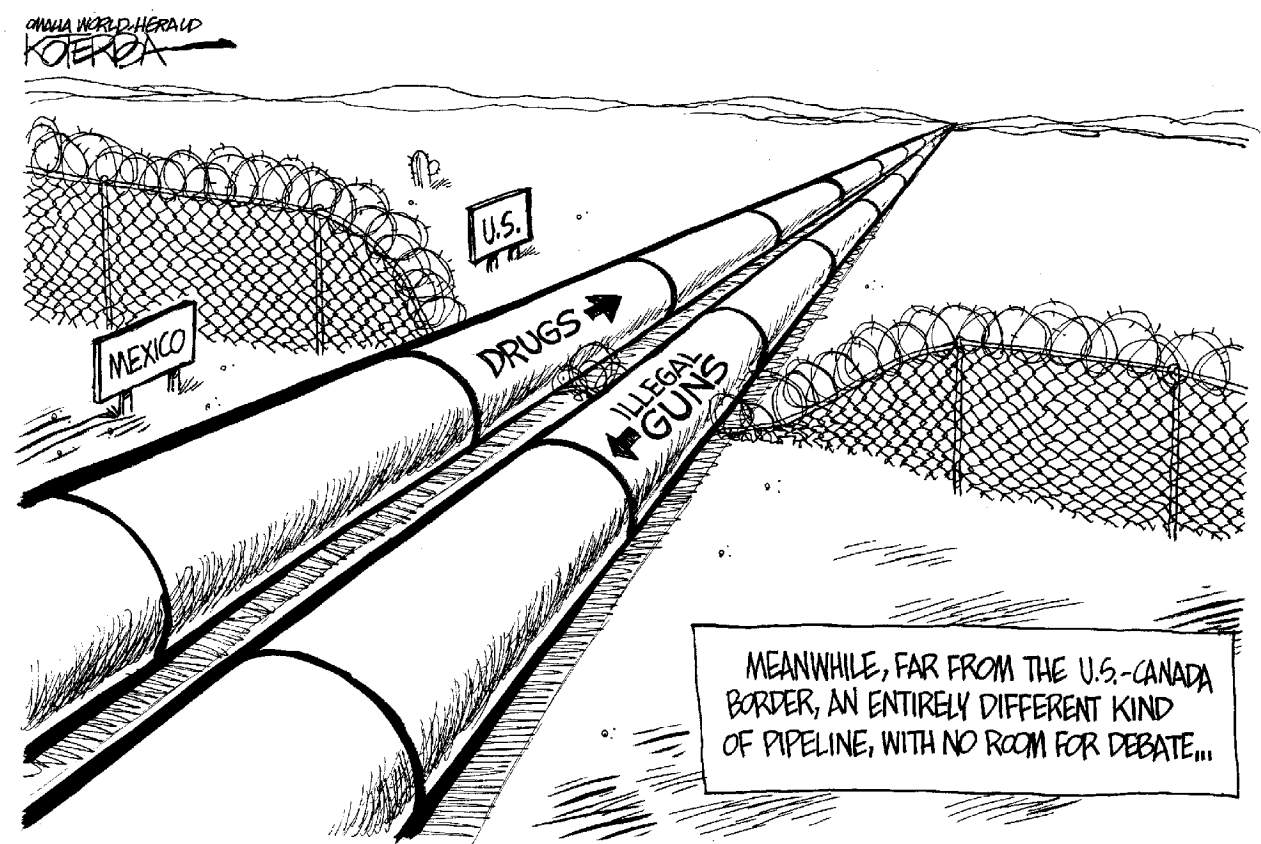
One thing you can't call it is democratic, and we deserve better.

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LETTERS

Child sexual abuse preventable

The recent controversy over allegations of child sexual abuse at Penn State University brings to light a sobering and poorly understood issue. Sexual abuse is every parent's worst nightmare, and understandably so. Experts estimate that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused, most by someone the family knows and trusts. The impact can be devastating. Survivors are at an increased risk for drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, PTSD and even violent crime. Youth-serving organizations fear few things more than finding evidence of sexual abuse within their own ranks.

The good news is that prevention is possible. Teaching children about personal safety is an important first step, and schools in Orange County have made abuse prevention a priority.

Several agencies in this community, including the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, are also leading a countywide initiative to train adults in child-protective strategies. Every parent can benefit from learning these skills for keeping their children safe.

We hope that parents, teachers, child-care providers and other concerned adults in the community will join us in prioritizing prevention so our community remains a safe place for children.

Learn more about adults' role in protecting children by visiting [chcymca.org/d2l](http://chcymca.org/d2l), or call OCRCC at 968-4647.

RACHEL VALENTINE  
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Rape Crisis Center

Protest speculation inaccurate

While I really appreciated the interviews with various people involved in the Occupy movement, I was less impressed with the speculation by people who weren't actually involved. The "What's wrong with this picture?" article (Nov. 17) said the anarchists in town are happy breaking things to further their agenda, then referenced the Greenbridge protest as a mini-riot. Something's either a riot or it's not, and in my book spraying silly string and moving furniture is not. The level of misinformation around this event should have been obvious when Tim Toben claimed in the *Indy* that a window had been broken, and later in that same article a list of damaged items noticeably did not include a window. As somebody who was one of the legal protesters outside, I can say that the reason for this discrepancy is because Toben was lying to drum up outrage around what was really not that crazy of a protest.

Similarly, the author implies the building occupation somehow damaged property. Anyone with one eye could see from the graffiti that had collected on the inside of the windows that the building was already unlocked. "Breaking and entering" is a charge that covers entering any building illegally and does not mean that anything was actually broken; not differentiating just sounds ignorant.

But the real problem here is that both these instances take the story of those in power as the truth, which is just bad journalism.

In Mark Chilton's essay, the level of historical revisionism engaged in when he claims that Indian independence, civil rights and especially the end of South African Apartheid were achieved through nonviolent means would make any high school history teacher blush. In the case of India, this view only flies if you view the entire movement as one man and entirely ignore all the armed groups fighting for liberation at the same time and that the British negotiated with Gandhi because he was the leader that wouldn't disrupt their business interests in India.

Similarly, the civil rights movement was a wide variety of groups including Deacons for Defense; Black Panthers; Monroe, N.C. NAACP; Black Liberation Army; autonomous militant groups in Oxford, N.C.; and of course Malcolm X – none of whom were nonviolent and all of whom were very influential in that movement.

As for South Africa, the ANC was every bit a militant group that engaged in armed struggle.

To rewrite history in this way one would have to be ignorant in a way I don't think Chilton is, and so it really just comes off as disingenuous.

MIKE COHEN  
Orange County

Chilton's nonviolent pursuit courageous

I applaud and thank Mayor Mark Chilton for his clear evocation of Satyagraha, or nonviolence, in pursuit of constructive social change, written in *The Carrboro Citizen* (Nov. 17). He was frank and courageous, as many politicians are not, in voicing his dilemma as both a practitioner of nonviolence and as mayor in last Sunday's police action. He had to decide what role the Carrboro Police Department should play when Chapel Hill police used assault rifles to remove squatters, a minority faction of the Occupy CH movement, from a vacant building (the two

towns have a mutual aid agreement).

He pointed to the futility of violence, whether national or local, and how it leads nowhere, whereas nonviolent action is more likely to persuade observers of protest. Violence only motivates more violence, as many critical historic events demonstrate, and results in the devastation and huge costs we have seen in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia.

The general assembly of the Occupiers agreed to nonprovocative actions and nonviolence. The minority faction chose another path, and the authorities arguably overreacted. Let us urge our leaders to gather more widely based intelligence and develop a more varied toolbox for law enforcement so that last week's event is the rare exception in public safety.

NANCY MILIO  
Chapel Hill

Chilton's claims questionable

In the Nov. 17 *Citizen*, Mark Chilton stated, "It was Satyagraha that brought an end to England's imperialist rule in India, to Jim Crow in the Southern U.S. and to Apartheid in South Africa." Truth values of those three claims range from questionable to false. Given stricter space constraints than Chilton's, I must be unduly schematic; readers should do their own research.

Chilton's account of South African history is astonishingly counterfactual. The initial tactics of the African National Congress were strongly influenced by the Gandhi-led struggle in Natal. Unfortunately, what worked somewhat against the British completely failed against the more determined, established Afrikaners: Increasingly efficient brutality suppressed the ANC's principled, organized nonviolence over five decades. After the 1960 Sharpeville massacre, Nelson Mandela, et al founded the ANC's military wing (Umkhonto we Sizwe), which, after three decades of armed struggle – sabotage, terrorism and regional war, not Satyagraha – forced the apartheid regime to sue for peace.

Gandhi returned to India in 1915, but the Indian National Congress achieved independence only after the Second World War. WWII not only drained British resources, it enabled the formation of the Indian National Army, which shattered Raj confidence in its native collaborators. (The INA's leader – Subhas Chandra Bose, or Netaji – is ignored by the dominant U.S. narrative, but is well respected in India.) The INC did, however, provide the UK a more face-saving exit: Violent and nonviolent action can synergize.

The end of (de jure) U.S. apartheid was nowhere forced by civil rights campaigners; it was imposed by the national regime, driven by predominantly Northern elites. The charisma of King, et al clearly encouraged the superior power to impose change on Southern states. But many decades of nonviolent protest preceded King, and King's tactics failed when confronting Northern segregation (in Chicago) and corporate power (with the Poor People's Campaign). One should not ignore the historical context in which movements succeed (in this case, notably, the Cold War) and fail.

The difficulty of making change commands a decent respect for unpleasant realities. Nonviolence works sometimes, but often fails against those who, like Chilton, are sufficiently "prepared to use force to uphold the law." Violence often fails, but clearly defeated (e.g.) African apartheid, European fascism and U.S. slavery. Chilton, a smart politician, is certainly telling folks here what we want to hear; too bad it just ain't so.

TOM ROCHE  
Carrboro

Radio show a sign of community

What a great community we live in! Last weekend, a group of very-talented artists donated their time at the Murphey School Radio Show to benefit Community Home Trust and Housing for New Hope. The old-time variety show was hosted by the Shared Visions Foundation at the beautifully restored, historic Murphey School in Durham.

At the top of the list of those to be thanked are the foundation's president and CEO, Jay Miller, and his very-talented wife and partner, Ebeth Scott-Sinclair. As musicians themselves, they had the vision to restore the Murphey School and the commitment and generosity to host these radio shows to benefit nonprofit organizations. I would also like to thank the show's producers, Minnow Media, and the many artists and sponsors who are too numerous to name here but are listed on [murpheyschool-radio.net](http://murpheyschool-radio.net). Finally, I would like to thank all the people who bought tickets to the show, thereby supporting the work of Community Home Trust and Housing for New Hope.

The shows were great entertainment; poignant at times, foot-stomping at others, and who knew Lee Smith was so funny? Thank you, to everyone involved.

ROBERT DOWLING  
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Women have right to know

CHASSIDY HANLEY

Does staring at a fetus allow women to make more informed decisions regarding abortion? According to North Carolina legislators and officials, it does. The new law, known as the Women's Right to Know Act, went into effect on Oct. 1, stipulating that there be a mandatory 24-hour waiting period prior to the procedure and subjecting women to mandatory counseling session. On Dec. 5, a lawsuit filed against the act will be heard to decide if the proposed section of the law that requires physicians to perform an ultrasound should be instituted.

In all fairness, our state legislators are focused on the right thing, but at the wrong time. The urgency to ensure a woman can make a fully informed decision regarding whether or not to become a parent should not be implemented while her feet are in the stirrups. This is almost as absurd as asking a woman who is about to give birth, "Are you sure you want to go through with this?"

Women should have access to these decision-making tools before an unintended pregnancy occurs. For instance, our policymakers can work to strengthen the new law, the Healthy Youth Act, that mandates comprehensive sex education in North Carolina schools. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, states that offer both abstinence and safer-sex education have the lowest rates of unplanned pregnancy among teens. Therefore, the Healthy Youth Act would help move the legislative goal of better informing women, since comprehensive sex education in schools has been proven to reduce the incidence of unplanned pregnancy.

Lawmakers should ensure that women have the right to know about abstinence as well as methods of safer sex. And, once given the educative tools, women should have access to agencies where they may implement their knowledge of safer-sex practices. Policies that promote these goals are proven to be more effective than suspicious policies that use an ultrasound to provide "information" about the progress of their pregnancy.

The Women's Right to Know Act promotes an environment that is likely to coerce an already-vulnerable woman into making a monumental, and deeply personal, decision impulsively with little time for any meaningful thought.

The Women's Right to Know Act does not encourage making an informed decision or strengthen a woman's sense of self-volition concerning her sexual health. Overall, policy should work to ensure women have the right to know how to make healthy sexual decisions, not to regulate moral decisions.

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# Turkey, with a side of salmonella

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’Tis the season. We will soon gather with loved ones and express thanks for our families, our friends and our health. It is also the season for reminders from the Department of Public Health to keep our holiday meals safe by washing our hands and thoroughly cooking our meat.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than 355 Americans are hospitalized every day from food poisoning. Eight of them die each day. This summer’s listeria outbreak and a more recent salmonella outbreak hit close to home and leave us wondering if that holiday turkey will be served with a side of food-borne bacteria. Who can we thank for that added risk this holiday season?

Cargill has recalled their ground turkey products twice this year due to the presence of a drug-resistant strain of salmonella affecting more than 36 million pounds of meat. Thirty-six million pounds of meat can feed about one in eight Americans. This expansive meat-distribution system revolves around concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs, or factory farms), which have been responsible for other nationwide food-borne illness outbreaks, like the salmonella outbreak of 2008 that affected 388 people in 42 states. So far, this time, the CDC has reported 77 cases of drug-resistant salmonella across 26 states, from Oregon to North Carolina, including one death.

While an obvious problem of this distribution system is the increased ability of a concentrated

illness to spread quickly to all corners of the country, another concern arises from the qualities of the bacteria themselves.

Concerned medical professionals associate the surge in drug-resistant food-borne illnesses to the 29 billion pounds of antibiotics given to animals in CAFOs every year. The Food and Drug Administration reported that 80 percent of all antibiotics in the U.S. are used in animal-feeding operations. The overuse of antibiotics in otherwise healthy animals to encourage rapid growth and prevent disease in the squalid conditions of factory farms has led to the creation of “superbugs” resistant to these very antibiotics. Research done at N.C. State University found these superbugs present in the hog farms in our own backyard.

This rise in superbugs has led to an increase in drug-resistant infections. For example, doctors at UNC found that a drug-resistant strain of staph infection (MRSA) that had previously been isolated to hospitals is now commonly acquired in the community by previously low-risk patients. The UNC study found that this strain of MRSA now accounts for the majority of staph infections in children, and its prevalence has increased significantly over the last decade.

Who is protecting our children and families from these bacteria? The CDC and public health departments across the country continue to make it the responsibility of consumers to prevent their own illness and death from food-borne bacteria, advising them to wash their hands and

counters and cook their meat thoroughly. Yet one in six Americans continue to get sick from food-borne disease each year. Who should really be responsible for preventing the 3,000 annual food-poisoning deaths that are caused by a livestock system run by a few corporations, which are allowed to thrive under our current regulatory policy? Instead of letting the responsibility fall to the American people, a few pen strokes in Washington could improve the safety and health of our food system, while saving almost \$3 billion in food-borne illness-related medical costs every year.

As we gather this holiday season to express gratitude for the health and safety of our loved ones, it is time for our representatives to protect that very health and safety instead of the financial health of the giant agricultural and pharmaceutical corporations that benefit from current livestock methods. FDA regulations on antibiotic use for animals protect an agricultural system that neither supports America’s small farmers nor its general population. While the American people diligently wash their hands before their Thanksgiving feast, the FDA needs to do its part and reduce our risk before it happens by regulating the use of antibiotics in food animals.

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# Here’s how the funds’ll flow

In the end, the vote wasn’t even close. With almost every elected official in the county behind it and only a few skeptics (like me) voicing their worries, voters in Orange County passed a referendum allowing for a quarter-cent sales tax to be levied, with 10,749 voting for and 6,965 voting against, or roughly a 61-39 percent split.

The upside to the county is pretty clear, with a new source of revenue estimated at \$2.5 million annually.

Whether you were for it or against it, there’s a strong interest in the next steps in the process, including when the funds will flow and how they’ll be spent.

The next steps in the process are fairly straightforward, according to assistant county manager Michael Talbert, who said the board of county commissioners is scheduled to adopt a resolution committing to the funding plans for the tax receipts at their Dec. 5 meeting. They’ll also send on a formal request for the tax to be levied to the N.C. Department of Revenue.

According to Talbert, it takes about three months to set up the tax, so collections will likely start on April 1. The county should see its first receipts from the tax about 45 days after that, and will be getting the money along with its monthly disbursements from the Department of Revenue after that.

Meanwhile, the recipients of the tax money – the county’s school systems and economic-development planners – are working out their logistics

The schools’ plans were spelled out in lists of priorities targeting repair and refurbishment projects and technology adopted by the districts over the summer. The two school systems will share half



of the tax money, based on the number of students in each system.

The other half of the tax money will go mainly toward infrastructure improvements to the county’s economic-development districts, with the first focus of infrastructure spending aimed at the Buckhorn/Efland area. Talbert said the county wants to improve each district, with the priority on the ones with the most potential for attracting businesses.

According to the county’s plans, that works out roughly west to east, starting in the Mebane/Buckhorn/Efland economic-development districts and working toward the Hillsborough and Eno districts.

The other main goal out of the box will be to expand the Efland sewer system out to areas promised when the system was set up 20 years ago. That will take the pressure off ratepayers and the county, which have been faced with shouldering the costs of a truncated system.

As for monitoring the use of the funds, Talbert said the county is setting up a tracking system. The tax revenues will go into a Special Revenue Fund and not co-mingle with other county revenues. The

county is also setting up a section on its website showing where the money is going.

There is some fallout to deal with in the win. The decision to run the referendum during the mainly municipal election cycle left some voters in the unincorporated areas rankled.

But after reviewing the election results, I’d suggest taking those complaints with a little grain of salt.

For starters, that logic only applies to the residents outside the towns in the Orange County school district. There was an election for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board, whose district covers a fair number of voters in the southern unincorporated areas.

Turnout numbers posted in the northern precincts were lower than normal, but not all that different from a typical primary year. At Orange Grove, a bellwether precinct with a spectacular view of the rolling hills of Dairyland, 508 voters, or about 15.5 percent of those registered, showed up to vote. The Orange Grove vote split 55 to 45 against – a lot closer than the Cheeks precinct directly north, which posted a turnout under 9 percent and voted overwhelmingly against.

You might be tempted to see a north-south divide in the results, but if anything it’s a rural-urban divide, since Hillsborough voters approved the tax. And given the circumstances, it’s probably not a good idea to play Rorschach test with the maps.

Regardless, it would be hard to make the case that the tax would have been defeated with higher turnout, since the increased number of voters would have not been exclusively in anti-tax areas.

## OCCUPY

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and waved in opposition. The meeting was kept mostly in order until protesters began a “mike check,” in which the group repeats the statements of one speaker for amplification, and council members walked out for a 5-minute recess.

Several council members said they would support an independent review of the events.

“I believe that we have generally good processes and generally good law enforcement. I am concerned about the loss of trust that this incident has precipitated,”

council member Sally Greene said, adding that she strongly supported Neal’s petition.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward agreed.

“Without the third-party assessment, I think we end up in the same place as we are now. We don’t have faith in the system right now.”

Council member Donna Bell questioned the need for an independent review, given that the town already has a Community Policing Advisory Committee for these types of reviews.

“They’re the committee who has been set up to ask the questions in these specific situations,” she said.

A number of the protesters Monday night were members of the Occupy Chapel Hill movement, some of whom participated in the occupation of the Yates building.

“The method of eviction of individuals from the Yates building was bad policing and bad town-policy implementation,” said Bert Gurganus, a participant in Occupy Chapel Hill.

“Our police forces are being militarized in the name of counterterrorism. I find this to be deplorable,” he added.

Frank Papa, owner of Phydeaux, a pet supply store in Chapel Hill, urged the council to appoint the independent commission.

“I need to know that if I call the police for, say, someone that needs to be trespassed from my business, that they are not going to come into my business with as-

sault rifles,” he said.

Michael Conner, who runs Internationalist Books, said when he read that police Chief Chris Blue’s justification for the tactics employed by police was that “known anarchists” were involved in the occupation, “My blood ran cold.”

Conner identified himself as “your friendly local neighborhood anarchist,” asking, “Should anarchists expect guns at other events that we bottom line?”

“When we have our Really Really Free Markets, should we be afraid that you’ll come with guns?” he continued.

“Do you believe that you will need to kill us to remove us from your community, and is that a reasoned response?”

### An apology?

Also on Monday, council member Laurin Easthom petitioned the council to issue a formal apology to the journalists detained in the police raid, including *News & Observer* reporter Katelyn Ferral and Reese News’ Josh Davis, but the motion failed, 5-3, with Easthom, Greene and council member Ed Harrison voting in favor, and Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and council members Donna Bell, Matt Czajkowski, Gene Pease, Penny Rich and Jim Ward dissenting.

The council then voted to refer the petition to staff for consideration.

“Freedom of the press is a cornerstone of our nation, and Chapel Hill is fortunate to have media outlets that still provide coverage to local events,” Easthom said.

Kleinschmidt said that while he was sorry for what happened to the journalists, he felt that it was important to hear a report back from staff on the events before taking any action. The crowd jeered him, at which point the mayor became noticeably frustrated.

“Maybe some of you don’t know who your mayor is, but I’ll tell you. Your mayor is a 25-year veteran of civil-rights and civil-liberties activism,” he said, noting his work as president of the N.C. ACLU and marching on Washington for women’s and LGBT rights.

“Your mayor appreciates the ... important work that you do because it’s that kind of activity that really gets the attention of people. I know because I’ve been doing it too,” he said.

“Your mayor has that level of appreciation, but I’m also not going to make a decision or take a position about the way our government works here locally without getting access to information that is very easy to obtain.”

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Children’s art contest

The Orange County Partnership for Young Children, the local Smart Start agency, invites young artists aged 6 months to 6 years to participate in the 2011-12 Young Children’s Art Contest. Children’s original drawings (8.5x11-inches) will be accepted through Dec. 16. Following an opening event at The ArtsCenter, 15 art pieces will be displayed in sites throughout the county and on the partnership’s website from February through October 2012. For more information or to download an application, visit orangesmartstart.org

Parent/educator workshop

Scroggs Elementary will host a parent and educator workshop titled “Transforming the Difficult Child” on Nov. 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school’s multipurpose room. Goals for the workshop include increasing positive interactions, minimizing negative interactions and setting and enforcing clear and consistent limits.

The event is open to staff and parents across the district. Registration is required. Child care will be provided and also requires registration. Email the number of adults attending and the number and ages of children requiring child care to nurturedheartapproach@gmail.com

Chapel Hill High student featured in magazine

Chapel Hill High School senior Kristen Powers is featured in this month’s issue of *Family Circle* magazine. She is included in an article titled “Five Teens Who Are Making a Difference.” Powers is the founder of the Green Tigers, Chapel Hill High’s environmental club. She also serves as a student member of the district’s Sustainability Committee. See the article at ti-

nyurl.com/73ekz9p

Education workshop in Chapel Hill

From Oct. 24-27, more than 700 teachers came together in Chapel Hill to discuss meaningful assessment in currently non-tested grades and subjects. Educators met in content groups ranging from the arts to world languages to science. Teachers received training on assessment design and completed various rounds of feedback, which will be used to generate materials for when they meet again in the spring.

CHHS cross-country alumni event

The seventh annual Chapel Hill High School XC Alumni 5k Run/Walk will be held at the Chapel Hill High track on Dec. 24 at 11 a.m. There will be food, a raffle and time to catch up with old teammates, family and friends.

Race registration will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. All proceeds will benefit the cross-country team, and T-shirts will be available.

CHCCS food-waste audits

For the second week in a row, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Sustainability Committee conducted a food-waste audit, this time at Phillips Middle School. Students sorted their lunchtime garbage into separate waste cans to help provide detailed measurements of what is being discarded in district cafeterias.

The final audit occurred last week at East Chapel Hill High School. District and Orange County Solid Waste staff will use the results to help develop plans that will improve efficiency.

School Lunch Menus

THURSDAY 11/24

No School

FRIDAY 11/25

No School

MONDAY 11/28

Elementary: Chicken Filet Sandwich, PB&J, Fruit & Cheese Plate w/Yogurt, Seasoned Green Peas, Ranch Potato Wedges, Fresh Apple, Chilled Peaches  
Middle and High School: Toasted

Cheese Sandwich, Black Bean Chili, Cinnamon Baked Apples, Buffalo Chicken Sandwich w/Oven Fries

TUESDAY 11/29

Elementary: Macaroni & Cheese, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Turkey Chef Salad, Seasoned Broccoli, Seasoned Cabbage, Blueberry- Peach Crumble, Fruited Jell-o  
Middle and High School: Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla, Glazed Carrots, BBQ Pork Riblet w/Tater Tots

WEDNESDAY 11/30

Elementary: BBQ Chicken w/ Wheat Roll, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Taco Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Collard Greens, Orange Smiles, Baked Apple Slices  
Middle and High School: BBQ Chicken, Wheat Roll, Baked Beans, Locally Grown Seasoned Collard Greens, Meatball Sub w/Mashed Potato

GREAT SEASON, JAGS!



Luis Royo goes airborne to stop Salisbury’s attack.

The Carrboro High School men’s soccer team suffered a heartbreaking loss in triple overtime in the 2A State Finals against Salisbury on Saturday. Sam Hickey had two goals against Salisbury. The Jaguars finish their remarkable season 24-2-2.

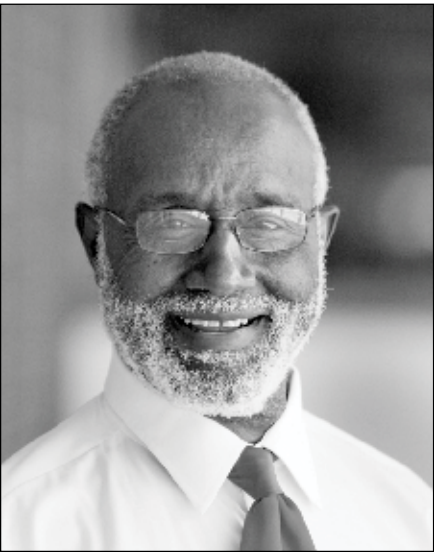
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Carrboro captain Connor Roach attacks.



Carrboro’s Thar Thwai contends with Salisbury’s Hanson Satyee.



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special thank you to the Foushee 2011 campaign team, especially Bill Wilcox (web design) and Cynthia Cole (printing.) I am proud of the campaign that I ran and the issues that I represented. I will continue to work in the Carrboro community and provide a voice for those who would not be heard otherwise.

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# Henson evolves into a powerful force

BY EDDY LANDRETH  
*Staff Writer*

Of all the things the Carolina basketball program has to be thankful for, John Henson's growth, development and tenure as a player has to be near the top of the list.

Two years ago, many people were ready to write Henson off as a bust, which is a testament to the ridiculous short-term view that has become as much a part of the college game as running and dunking.

Now the 6-foot-11-junior with the jetliner wingspan may turn out to be the national player of the year before all is said and done.

Coach Roy Williams has to be

thrilled that Henson and his family had the foresight and patience for him to continue to develop at UNC rather than run off to the National Basketball Association.

As for getting better, Henson just had to play at this level for a while and grow into his body and his game. His attitude has been great from day one. He is as pleasant a young man as you would ever hope to speak with, his smile brilliant and genuine.

He arrived in Chapel Hill



Eddy Landreth

highly regarded because of his athleticism and great length, but it became quickly apparent his talent was undeveloped.

Playing against former UNC players in the off-season has helped, he said.

"I told someone earlier this week, it's been two years in progress," Henson said. "What helped me was playing against the pros. They make you have to do a different move. It's something I've been working on. I just hope I can keep it up through March."

Former Tar Heel Rasheed Wallace has been especially helpful, Henson said.

"Rasheed, he texts me after every game," Henson said. "He gives me some pointers. We have a good

relationship. He has helped me a lot. Watching him, what he does against us in [pickup] games, I can say I stole some of his stuff."

"John's ability to score the basketball helps us so much," said sophomore Harrison Barnes, a star in his own right. "He gives us another threat down low."

"Last year, people saw him as a defensive player who was going to get you 10 points and 15 rebounds. Now, he had 18 [against Mississippi Valley State on Sunday]. It's going to make the defense collapse down, and we just have to hit our 3-pointers."

Henson had 14 rebounds and three assists to go with his 18 points against the Delta Devils. (UNC played Tennessee State on

Tuesday night after *The Citizen's* holiday deadline.)

The growth in Henson's confidence is as obvious as the touch and consistency on his baseline jump shot. One of his assists against the Delta Devils was a beautiful touch pass to fellow big man Tyler Zeller.

Henson and the Tar Heels will play on Friday and Saturday in the Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational. UNC will play South Carolina on Friday at 10 p.m. and then either Southern California or UNLV on Saturday.

This team is playing its way into form as a group and meshing together along the way. Henson and Zeller have a particularly nice chemistry.

"We understand each other offensively and even more so defensively," Zeller said. "I know he can block shots, so I am able to block out. I know he is a great rebounder, so I can take off and run. We know where each other is going to be."

The Tar Heels' front line is a special group, particularly now that Barnes is playing more in the vicinity of the bucket. Add in sensational freshman big man James Michael McAdoo, and Carolina has a front line that is second to none in college basketball.

And that's a blessing Williams and Tar Heel fans everywhere are grateful to have.

## NORTHSIDE FROM PAGE 1

second building on a property from 35 to 26 feet; reducing the maximum square footage for single-family dwellings to 1,750 square feet, down from 2,000 square feet; reducing the maximum floor-area ratio; and setting a maximum of four vehicles per property.

In 2004, Chapel Hill established the Neighborhood Conservation Districts to help prevent student-housing development, but according to town staff, developers have figured out ways around regulations. NCD regula-

tions prohibit new duplexes, limit single-family dwellings to 2,000 square feet and limit bedroom-to-bathroom ratios for houses occupied by unrelated residents. Town staff have identified several properties in the neighborhoods that were developed – within regulations – for student housing with as many as eight bedrooms.

A number of landlords said they opposed the four-vehicle limit for dwellings.

"I find that proposal to be a lose-lose proposition for the entire neighborhood," said Bill Gartland, adding that it would make the streets more congested and jeopardize the safety of students forced to park far from their

homes late at night.

Town planner Rae Buckley said complaints regarding parking are the most common ones from the NCDs.

Northside resident Keith Edwards said her community is threatened by the greed.

"I feel as if I'm fighting for my life, and I shouldn't have to feel like that. But the reason I feel like that is because investors with greed came into my community," she said, adding that investor landlords should have to take responsibility for their tenants' actions and the accompanying complaints that come to the town.

Residents also urged the town to enforce the regulations already

in place, and council members agreed that enforcement is a key element of the plan.

"We're just putting too much effort into the ordinance and not enforcement," council member Penny Rich said.

The council also heard from residents of other downtown neighborhoods with similar concerns about student housing, including Ramona Hutton-Howe, who submitted a petition on behalf of the Davie Circle neighborhood.

The council will revisit the proposed plan on Jan. 9.

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Gretchen Matheson Photography taken at Johnny's in Carrboro before it closed

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FLORA  
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Taylor Bridge, there are two species of native clematis sporting quite different seed heads.

For walkers interested in subtle discoveries along the way, there is much to reward observant eyes.

My special discovery of the day was along the southern edge of the pathway a short distance before the gentle ascent onto the elevated wooden walkway. There in the leaf litter were numerous recently fallen fruit of a pale hickory, *Carya pallida*. Those shiny little hickory nuts are described as tasty; I'll make an effort during this holiday to laboriously extract some meat from those smallish half-inch nuts to determine how tasty they may be.

Continuing on beneath the James Taylor Bridge, the path is sited close enough to Morgan Creek to provide nice views and a glimpse into the distant past where the stone foundation of an earlier bridge silently rests, almost hidden within the forest. What stories that old stone foundation must contain.

The paved path ends at the bottom of the extensive rolling former farm pasture of the longtime-resident Merritt family. To many, particularly the kids, this becomes the highlight of the greenway. The Town of Chapel Hill now manages the open pastureland to preserve several large populations of milkweed for butterfly habitat, with wildflowers and native grasses. For the winter season, most of the rolling hillside is open for kite flying and other pleasures so special to the kids.

Whether or not you explore this new greenway with special folks this week, wherever you choose to engage nature, remember to pause in thankfulness for all the trails through the nature around us.

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Pale hickory nuts are among many natural treasures spotted along the new greenway.  
PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



A blast from the past, 1975

In celebration of the opening of the UNC men's basketball season, here's a blast from the past, courtesy of Breadmen's Restaurant on West Rosemary in Chapel Hill: the cover of the 1975-76 Basketball Bluebook featuring three mod-styled hoopsters posing on the front steps of old Person Hall. Old-timers may remember the ivy and the statue replaced first by the Thomas Wolfe memorial and later by the present-day monument honoring the founding trustees of 1789. The photograph made me wonder who our cover boys were and what ever happened to the statue? With a little sleuthing, we found our answers. The three players are, left to right, Bill Chambers, Dave Hanners and Mitch Kupchak. The statue, "Youth Conquering the Wild," is by Anna Hyatt Huntington, and has been at the Ackland Art Museum "for many years ... moved there to protect it from the elements," writes Anne Douglas of UNC Facilities Planning. The rest of the team of "history detectives" who helped uncover this photograph's back-story include Steve Kirschner from UNC Sports Information, Bob Anthony from Wilson Library, Jay Gaidmore from the North Carolina Collection and Cecilia Moore, special assistant to the chancellor. Go Heels!

A THOUSAND WORDS  
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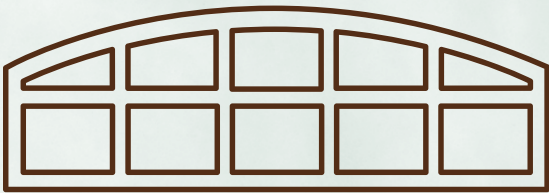
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