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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE
Evelyn Sims holding a native oregano for her garden.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Why we garden

When asked, "Why do you garden?" Evelyn McNeill Sims was at first a bit startled as she leaned back in her seat, and after a few moments of thoughtful silence responded, "Well, that's just what you do! I can't imagine not doing it!"

That sentiment was expressed last spring, a few days before I presented the Botanical Garden's 9th Annual Evelyn McNeill Sims Native Plant Lecture, an annual celebration of wildflowers endowed by Evelyn's daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Ed Preston, in 1990, on the occasion of Evelyn's 90th birthday.

The topic for this year's special gathering was "Why We Garden, A Conversation," based on Jim Nollman's book *Why We Garden*.

Timid at first to participate in a public conversation, folks at the gathering slowly warmed up to sharing their "Why We Garden" feelings. They described gardening for the beauty of flowers, fragrance of herbs, shade of trees, health of exercise, tastes of fresh fruit and vegetables on the table and attracting wildlife. Then they began sharing deeper feelings of gardening "to forget everything, to concentrate on nature, for sanity and peace, for bliss, for recovery from sorrow, to temper anger and to touch life and death in nature." Wow, that was some mighty honest sharing about gardening.

Now returning to Nollman's book, I find myself frequently rereading it, particularly the first chapter describing a "one-tree garden." His description of selecting the perfect spot for a single tree in one's garden explores the real meaning of gardening.

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School board appoints McElveen

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education voted unanimously last week to appoint Gregory McElveen as the newest member of the board.

The board selected McElveen from a pool of seven applicants to fill the seat left by Pam Hemminger, who submitted her resignation in order to serve on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

McElveen, 52, has lived in Chapel Hill for 14 years and works in corporate market research at IBM. He has six children, two that attend East Chapel Hill High School and four that have

graduated from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

He has been involved with local education for a number of years, through his work as chair of the Minority Student Achievement and Support Committee at Chapel Hill High School and on the district's Strategic Plan.

"I really do think that K-12 education is really important and vital to the success of our community," McElveen said. "I'm really interested and committed to the success of our youth."

McElveen said he looks forward to working toward implementing the board's articulated priorities, including closing the achievement gap; maintaining excellence for all students; and ensuring a safe,

responsive and inviting climate for students, teachers and parents.

He hopes to help the board refine policies to increase its effectiveness.

"The biggest challenge is going to be meeting all of the wants and needs of our district and the requests of our students and parents within this difficult financial environment," he said. "We don't want to let anything slip."

"We certainly don't want to begin pitting various members of the community against each other."

McElveen's term will expire next fall, when three seats on the board will become available. He will be sworn in Dec. 4.



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW
New school board member Gregory McElveen.



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Recently arrived Burmese refugees were among new students to the school system treated to their first Thanksgiving meal at a dinner hosted by Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools' Newcomer Center. The dinner, held at UNC's Center for Education Excellence, featured turkey, baked yams and all the trimmings. The Newcomer Center was established to help English language learners who are new to the country.

Chapel Hill looks at budget cuts

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council received a report from Town Manager Roger Stancil outlining how he plans to achieve \$2,482,000 in budget cuts for the remainder of this fiscal year.

The plan, reviewed at the council's meeting Monday night at Town Hall, includes \$1.8 million in reductions achieved mainly by not filling vacancies and freezing new positions. Stancil said the goal was to cut as much as possible without compromising services to residents. He acknowledged that some departments would be understaffed, but did not think it would cause severe delays.

"It should not be something people notice too significantly in the short term," Stancil said.

The \$1.8 million allocated by department would be held in reserve and require the town manager's approval to be spent. Stancil said he could reach the rest of the goal of a 5 percent reduction by delaying \$400,000 in post-retirement benefits and saving \$300,000 in debt service by delaying bonds on the proposed library expansion. The manager said given the uncertain financial situation, it is likely that waiting a year on the financing will be necessary anyway.

Mayor Kevin Foy asked Stancil how further reductions would affect services.

Stancil said that cuts beyond the \$2.5 million would likely require town service reductions or cuts. He warned that too great a reduction in town spending could contribute to the economic slowdown. "We have a responsibility to spend in this community," he said. Reducing that too much will contribute to the problem. "That has a spinoff effect in the community."

In other action, the council approved a new downtown parking plan to accommodate

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Housing starts not exactly starting

BY MARGOT CARMICHAEL LESTER
Staff Writer

It's all doom, gloom and pestilence if the latest housing data from the National Association of Homebuilders is to be believed.

Overall housing starts for October declined 4.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 791,000 units – and 38 percent less than October 2007's 1,182,000 units. That's the slowest pace on record since the U.S. government began tracking housing data in 1959.

The picture was no better in our

neck of the woods, according to figures from the Home Builders Association of Durham, Orange & Chatham counties.

"Through the end of October 2008, single-family detached housing starts are down 39 percent compared to the 12 months ending [in] 2007," says Nick Tennyson, the association's executive vice president.

"We finally got to the point where the issues that had been affecting the rest of the country began affecting us," he says. As a result of the mortgage and foreclosure crises, "builders that would have five or 10 spec houses under way went to zero." But, he says,

things may be looking up. "I just heard last week from a builder who sold five houses, so the market still has activity," he notes. "I think we've gotten to the bottom."

That's why Tennyson is bullish on the area housing market.

"People should avoid buying into the 'there's no money' mentality," he says. "There are a whole lot of people who want to help you figure out how to make a purchase, from builders to mortgage lenders to real estate agents. Especially if you're looking to buy in Orange County, it seems to me that now is the time."

| NOVEMBER - OCTOBER HOUSING STARTS BY COMMUNITY | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | Carrboro | Chapel Hill | Orange Co. | Siler City | Chatham Co. |
| 2007-2008 | 47 | 41 | 296 | 22 | 279 |
| 2006-2007 | 34 | 61 | 345 | 38 | 486 |
| 2005-2006 | 148 | 296 | 483 | 31 | 524 |

SOURCE: National Association of Homebuilders

A special kind of house warming on Neville Road

RECENTLY . . .

By Valerie Schwartz

"Don't my house look NICE?" Louise Hackney asked as she stepped outside her back door into the new garden of the Neville Road cottage where she has lived some 40-plus years, on Orange County property inherited from her father.

She looked at the azalea and gardenia bushes (one under every window) that will bloom come spring, the camellia already in bloom and the pansies dancing happily in the bone-chilling wind.

Hackney, 86, could feel no cold as she again surveyed the changes that had taken place in one week through the efforts of the 70-member "Fix a Home" team from the Chapel Hill Board of Realtors. Each year, through referrals from the Department of Social Services, a homeowner facing insurmountable needs becomes the target of the team's goodwill and muscle power.

The exterior makeover will no doubt top Hackney's list of gratuities this Thanksgiving. Last year found her grateful that her son, Thomas, a retired New Jersey detective had survived a crippling stroke. Rather than go into a nursing home, he moved in with his mother, who cares for him with help from her daughter, Helen, who lives across the street. He also spends time in the homes of his children, who live nearby.

"All around here is nothing but kin people," Hackney said. "I'd been wondering how I was going to get this side fixed," she said, referring to the backside of the house that had been repaired years ago with inferior materials. "The whole thing was rotting down."

No evidence of rot remains, as the back of the house was demolished down to the studs and totally replaced. The week's work included a power washing, then scraping away peeling paint from the entire home and painting on fresh coats; replacing



PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL WHITMORE
The Fix-A-Home Crew and Louise Hackney (center, in the chair).

gutters; landscaping the entire foundation with heavily mulched plants; and situating new rocking chairs and planters on the front porch.

"Lord have mercy, honey child, the Lord is good! I'm doin' something

right," Hackney exclaimed.

On the other side of the endeavor, Christine Khoury, chair of the Fix a Home committee looked and

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Community Calendar

Special Events

Photo Night — Nov. 25, 7:30-9pm. Steve Jessmore of the *Sun News* in Myrtle Beach talks about photography and shares his work. Carroll Hall Room 33, UNC Campus.

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/

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

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

Natural Ornaments — Dec. 1, 2-4pm. A holiday get-together to make natural ornaments. Natural materials provided; participants can also bring their own native plant materials. Free; call to pre-register: NC Botanical Garden Totten Center. 962-0522, www.ncbg.unc.edu

"100 for under \$100" — Dec. 1-31. ChathamArts Gallery exhibits

new artists in a special Christmas show. 115 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro. 542-4144

How the Grinch Stole Christmas — Dec. 3, 4pm. Readings in both English and Latin. Cookies, cider and hot chocolate provided. Show up early to get a seat. 962-5060.

Cybrary Benefit — Dec. 4, 5-9pm. Ten Thousand Villages will donate 10 percent of the night's proceeds to the Carrboro Cybrary. Eastgate Shopping Center. 929-8022

12th Annual William Lanier Hunt Campus Walk — Dec. 6, 2-4pm. Ken Moore will lead a winter walking tour of the UNC campus, highlighting the collection of broadleaf evergreens and recalling the stories of plants and people told by horticulturalist William Hunt. \$8/\$5 (members & students) 962-0522, www.ncbg.unc.edu

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

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

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

Benefit Tea and Raffle — Dec. 7, 3-5pm. For the Chapel Hill High School orchestra. Tickets \$8, \$5 students. Raffle tickets \$2. 200 S. Elliott Rd, Chapel Hill. www.chhsorchestra2008.wordpress.com

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

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

Nightlight Arts & Crafts Fair — Dec. 21, 2-6pm. All artists invited to sell works. Submissions of description, website links and photos due Dec. 7. nightlightinfo@gmail.com

www.nightlightclub.com

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

Film

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

Millworker — Nov. 25, 7pm. Documentary about the making of a stage play that was based on oral history interviews. Also showing is a short documentary about the Chatham Railroad. Adults \$5, students \$3. Buffet \$10 General Store Café, 39 West St., Pittsboro.

Health & Wellness

Support group — The Orange County Rape Crisis Center will offer a support group to survivors of childhood sexual abuse in January. Contact groups@ocrcc.org or call 968-4647 ext. 3002.

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

Working in the Congo for Doctors without Borders — Dec. 7, 5pm. Anna Freeman discusses her experiences in Rutshuru. This is a repeat of a presentation for those who missed it. 101 E. Weaver St, Suite G-1, 3rd floor. www.chi-cle.com

Literary

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

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

Contra — Dec. 19, 7:30pm. Music by the Donnybrook Lads. Carrboro Century Center. 967-9948. 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

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.dancecentre.net/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

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

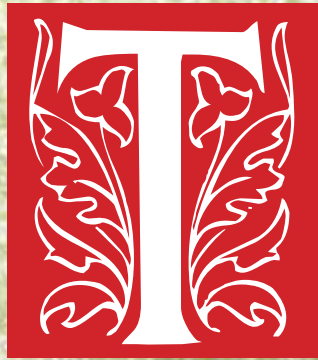
Triangle Stardusters Ballroom Dance — Second Saturdays, 8-11pm. Fred Astaire Dance Studio. 24702 Garrett Road, Durham. \$7 members, \$12 guests. Couples and singles welcome. 942-7232

Health & Wellness

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

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News Briefs

Kinnaird and Pollitt to marry

Ellie Kinnaird, the seven-term District 23 state senator and a Carrboro resident, and Daniel Pollitt, Kenan professor of law emeritus at the UNC School of Law and lifelong civil rights and civil liberties advocate, have announced their engagement to be married.

Kinnaird said that while no date or specific plans for the ceremony have been set, it's going to be a "low-key" affair.

Asked by *The Citizen* for comment on her betrothed, the bride-to-be enthused, "He's a treasure."

Aldermen to meet

The Citizen published a day early this week. As the newspaper went to press, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen were meeting in Town Hall.

Items on the agenda included a public hearing on a conditional-use permit request for the Colleton Crossing Architecturally Integrated Subdivision and a public hearing on amending the town's land-use ordinance relating to water-quality buffers.

The Citizen will post results of the meeting on our website at carrborocitizen.com/main

Whooping cough cases reported

Public health officials are on alert after five cases of whooping cough were reported at Estes Hills Elementary School.

Parents have received notification letters encouraging them to monitor their children for symptoms of whooping cough and to report illness to their medical providers. Individuals in close contact with the children with confirmed cases of whooping cough have been told to see their doctors for preventative antibiotics.

The school nurse is monitoring students and communicating findings with the Orange County Health Department. The staff at Estes Hills is working closely with the department to keep parents informed of all recommendations and investigation updates.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is an acute bacterial infection of the respiratory tract that is transmitted through close contact with an infected person's respiratory droplets. Initial symptoms are cold-like but progress to a cough that lasts at least two weeks. The cough is often characterized as paroxysmal, with rapid multiple coughs, followed by a loud "whooping" sound at the end of the coughs and sometimes vomiting. Infants may have apneic episodes, in which they can't breathe. Symptoms usually begin seven to 10 days after exposure but can take up to 21 days to appear.

Older children and adults tend to experience milder illness with whooping cough but it can result in hospitalization for infants and the elderly.

Most people have been immunized against whooping cough. A booster dose of the whooping-cough vaccine used for adolescents and adults is required for students when they enter sixth grade. But the vaccine is not 100 percent effective in preventing whooping cough, and immunity decreases over time.

Hard times hitting IFC at the holidays

BY BRITTANY JACKSON
Courtesy of The Carrboro Commons

With the economic downturn forcing people out of jobs and straining their financial resources, the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service in Carrboro is feeling the pressure of helping more families in need this holiday season.

The Holiday Meals program at IFC, which has been in existence for about seven years, provides households with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals each year, supported by donations from the public.

Partly because of the economic downturn this year, however, the organization made changes to the program. A limit of 350 households were allowed to sign up to receive meals, and a significant change this year is that each of those households must also be an IFC client.

"We want to support the people that have needed our services at other times during this last year," said Kristin Lavergne, IFC community services director.

"If someone has had to come for food-pantry assistance, then we know that there's a need there."

The IFC allowed households to sign up for both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals through the first week of November using the membership-card system launched in January 2007. With this system, members can receive groceries once a month.

Lavergne said the IFC food pantry has seen a higher demand in the community for this monthly service. From July through October 2007, the IFC gave away 3,383 bags of groceries; since July of this year, the number has increased to more than 4,000. Though the need has risen, IFC has had to turn people away because donations are down.

Last year, IFC asked for donations of \$20 to supply holiday meals. This year, with a \$25 donation the IFC was able to purchase one Thanksgiving meal consisting of a turkey, yams, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, bread rolls and a pie.

"What we provide is definitely not extravagance, but it's something basic and it's something that can at least help people have a gathering and invite family," Lavergne said. "I think there's a portion of the folks that come that probably wouldn't have Thanksgiving at all if we weren't able to provide it for them."



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW
Suzy Firestone, Hispanic services coordinator for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Inter-Faith Council through AmeriCorps, fills grocery bags for a family of three at the Inter-Faith Council food pantry at the IFC headquarters on West Main Street in Carrboro.

Beyond the need for monetary donations from the public, the IFC also needs volunteers each year to help organize and bag the food orders from Food Lion. Members of University United Methodist Church of Chapel Hill, who helped with Christmas last year, will do the same this year.

"Just being there, the reception you get from the clients and the people who get the bags of food is really neat," said Paul Schwenke, who attends University Methodist and is also on the IFC board of directors. "They're all so appreciative of what we're doing."

Volunteers from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, both located in Chapel Hill, are helping distribute food at the IFC food pantry in Carrboro this Thanksgiving. It's the first time volunteering with the program for both groups.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to get more hands-on experience with IFC," said Marilyn Alexander, director of outreach ministries at Holy Trinity. "We're striving to make it a more family-oriented experience, so some people are bringing their children to see how it actually works."

Lavergne, Alexander and Schwenke all said that they believe providing a Thanksgiving meal means more than the food itself, and more than just any other meal.

"Food is a basic need, but there is also a lot of emotion tied to food," Lavergne said.

"For families that struggle most of the time, it's hard enough not to have food or not know where your next dinner is coming from.

"But when Thanksgiving comes, it sort of accentuates the fact that you don't have [food] or can't provide for your family. Having a way to share this meal, even if it's not as lavish or extensive as you'd like, the fact that you have something is helpful."

Lavergne said that as of Nov. 17, just a week before volunteers began handing out meals, only about half of the needed donations had come in. To help families have a Thanksgiving meal this year, visit www.ifcweb.org/holidaymeals.html to donate your \$25.

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



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FOR THE RECORD

A year of difficult changes

From just a couple months out, you can see that 2009 is going to be a year of changes. Not all of them are going to be pleasant.

We are starting to see the impact of recessionary times and the financial meltdown hit closer to home. A lot of decisions are being made these days with the state of one's retirement plan in mind. University trustees heard a report last week that they were no different. The school's \$2.5 billion endowment has dropped by \$300 million or 13 percent. Tuition will go up this year.

The larger picture in state finances is equally bleak. Revenues are down more than \$300 million over what was projected and are not expected to pick up soon. Speculation of the budget gap ranges from \$2-3 billion. Sales taxes are likely to come in low this year as well. The state's situation has a trickle-down effect.

This week, the Chapel Hill Town Council got a look at what a five percent reduction would do. Carrboro, Hillsborough and county governments will be faced with the same. School projects in Orange and Chatham counties have been delayed or approved but unfunded.

The situation presents an enormous challenge at all levels of local government. Each department must be creative and frugal.

Drafting a budget is a painstaking and sometimes painfully slow process. Each year, we're certain, the process evolves with a great deal of attentiveness on the part of town officers and elected officials. The year ahead calls for an especially high level of engagement, first to do what can be done to maintain services and proceed with critical projects, and second to explain carefully the options available and encourage a public dialog.

The budget axe is going to fall — not a single jurisdiction in this newspaper's readership will be spared a share of the pain.

Plans shaping up on the statewide level are worrisome, with some calling for cuts to Medicaid along with steep cuts to other services being contemplated.

Upon her election earlier this month, state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird told us that she expects to spend the better part of the rest of her legislative career defending programs aimed at the most vulnerable in our society from getting cut too deeply.

There still seems to be almost no stomach in Raleigh for any revenue increases, be they tax hikes or closing major loopholes. The oft-stated cause of this timidity is fear that voting for a tax hike might open one up to negative advertising. Judging from the ads in the last election, no politician is going to be spared the charge no matter what they do.

Cutbacks at the state level make what happens at the town halls and county courthouses in Pittsboro, Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Carrboro even more critical. Very shortly, we'll get to the phase in the budget cycle when nonprofit and social service agencies present their annual requests for funding from local governments.

The temptation will be to be frugal and possibly look for savings there as well. Many of those agencies, however, are on the front lines of the aforementioned economic meltdown. They are the ones most directly meeting the needs of individuals and families who are struggling. With charitable giving down, many of these organizations are also struggling.

As we begin the conversation about where to cut and what to bolster, what we want and what we need from government, let us first and foremost remember the lifelines. There are many things that can wait another year. Our neighbors in need are not among them.

CORRECTION

Crossword clues

Last week's crossword puzzle omitted five clues, no doubt frustrating many readers. The clues are as follows.

ACROSS

51 Swell place?

96 Attract the IRS?

DOWN

3 Neighbor of Cal.

40 Certain Inscription

83 Potok's "My Name Is Asher —"

The newspaper regrets the error.

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ROBERT DICKSON

The days following Barack Obama's momentous election were exciting ones for our state's newspapers. Newsstand sales were brisk and several of our large corporate dailies found themselves having to print more copies to fill the demand for commemorative issues.

While the Internet has an immediacy that a newspaper can't match, I doubt many of us captured screen shots of our favorite news site to save for posterity. The medium that was so vital to Obama's big day isn't, ironically, the one that we'll use to remember it by. No, it's those dusty, yellowing old newspapers that will be pulled out in the decades to come when we want to prove to our grandchildren that, yes, we were there.

It's also interesting, and sort of sad, that one of our local newspapers decided to ignore the election completely. Their front page on Wednesday, Nov. 5 had not a word on this great event about which so many in this community cared so deeply. This was a deadline issue, I'd guess, but still a curious choice.

Other community newspapers in North Carolina did a much better job of reflecting the huge interest in this election. The North Carolina Press Association has compiled a gallery of post-election front pages. These can be seen on the web at www.ncpress.com/election-pages/index.html.

I'm particularly proud of the front page of *The News-Journal* in Raeford. My sister, Anne, and I are third-generation family owners of this newspaper, now in its 104th year, but it's my good friend Ken MacDonald who's in charge, and who creates the front page.

The headline in Wednesday's edition stretched all the way across the page and declared, "Praise Jesus, I can finally die now." This was heard above the din at a local community center as the West Coast polls closed and Obama's victory was assured.

You'd have had to grow up in Raeford in the '50s and '60s, as Ken and I did, to truly understand what this headline means to that community.

I can still show you a pair of bathrooms in an old unused warehouse with "White" and "Colored" stenciled on the doors. When I was a child, black people sat upstairs in the balcony of the theater while whites



sat below. I don't remember any signs dictating this behavior, but it's what we did.

And the local newspaper, run by my father, identified people in news stories by their race: white, black or Indian.

Raeford and Hoke County, along with the rest of this country, have changed a great deal since those days. African-Americans now serve as police chief of Raeford and sheriff of Hoke County and hold a majority on the county commission. Increasingly, votes are cast not on the basis of skin color but on the qualifications of the candidate. Community newspapers have played a vital role in this change.

Unfortunately for us newspaper junkies, the large corporate newspapers that now predominantly serve our area seem to be giving up on the idea of a printed newspaper, expecting that we'll all just happily crank up our computers and read their stuff on the web.

Maybe they're right, but I'm betting that a Ken MacDonald or a Kirk Ross, with their local knowledge and daily involvement in our communities, will continue to make our newspapers relevant, exciting and just plain fun to read.

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Suspension policies fuel high dropout rates

ROCHELLE WILLIAMS

North Carolina's education officials say they will raise high school graduation rates by supporting proven methods for promoting achievement, things like increasing access to pre-kindergarten programs and bringing new, qualified teachers to poor and rural schools.

They spend less time talking about how they will re-engage and nurture the millions of young people who are already failing, the ones whose personal and emotional problems have exacerbated academic ones.

The problem is that at least some officials are unsympathetic toward students who they view as troublemakers so they willfully ignore the direct link between North Carolina's dropout rate and statewide suspension numbers that are rising.

During the 2006-07 school year, one out of 10 students, or 308,010 of them, received an out-of-school short-term suspension, up 2.1 percent from the previous school year. Long-term suspensions, those that last for 11 days or more, increased 2.7 percent, to 4,682.

Unfortunately, the number of alternative learning programs that serve suspended students is not rising at the same clip, because too many local school districts do not believe they have a responsibility to educate rule-breakers while they are punishing them. State law

encourages schools to provide continued education for suspended students but stops short of mandating it.

State legislation requires that, unless granted a waiver by the State Board of Education, every district must have an alternative program or have an agreement with another school district to refer suspended, expelled and at-risk students to its program. Still, in most school districts alternative programs are small initiatives that do not serve all grade levels. Many are filled to capacity or have selective admission policies.

So every year, thousands of suspended and expelled students are left to their own devices where they become more at-risk of academic failure and more likely to engage in high-risk or delinquent behaviors.

Recently, at a meeting of the Joint Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation, a representative from the state Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention spoke about that department's efforts to highlight the disproportionate number of long- and short-term suspensions awarded to minority students. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is doing important intervention work with students and school districts in an effort to reduce the number of suspensions across the state. But it will take many years for those increased efforts to stem

the growing tide of suspensions across the state.

In the meantime, legislators and education officials who say they are committed to lowering dropout rates and boosting retention must stop allowing school districts to withhold education as a form of punishment. Until the Legislature requires every school district to meet the educational needs of students who are most at risk of failing, North Carolina cannot say it is seriously committed to helping all students reach their full potential.

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Mental health: half is not enough

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON

Television news cameras came early to Thursday's meeting of the Mental Health Oversight Committee, a fairly rare occurrence but understandable the day after state officials announced that three staff members of Cherry Hospital had been fired in connection with the death of a patient in April.

Video from a hospital security camera showing staff members playing cards while the patient sat slumped in a chair in the corner was released Tuesday, prompting widespread outrage and renewed attention to the disturbing conditions at the state mental hospitals.

The cameras were there to hear state officials talk about the incident and Dr. James Osberg obliged, telling lawmakers that the state was working to fix the problems in Cherry and other hospitals. Rep. Verla Insko replied that there has been a "culture of disregard for patients" for years.

Reports of neglect and mistreatment of patients have dominated most of the headlines lately about the state's troubled mental health system and should continue to draw media attention until state officials can guarantee the public that the hospitals are safe, adequately staffed and providing appropriate care for patients.

The report on the hospitals was scheduled for noon, but Osberg didn't speak until mid-afternoon, frustrating the news crews by bumping up against their deadlines. What the committee discussed before the update on hospitals provides a revealing picture of the status of the mental health efforts that began in 2001.

The reforms were based on the idea that most people with mental illness or a developmental disability should be treated in their local communities instead of state institutions. The plan called for fewer admissions to state hospitals, which would save money that would help pay for local services.

Before 2001, the services were provided by government, including area mental health centers and the state. The reform set up a new creature, Local Management Entities (LMEs), and the decision was made that the LMEs would not provide services, but would instead contract with private for-profit companies and nonprofits that would actually work with patients. That privatization should have set off alarm bells, but they never rang.

Lawmakers also neglected to adequately fund community services, and money set aside in a trust fund was used by Gov. Mike Easley to balance the budget. The money was never fully replaced.

Hospital admissions never declined and chaos ensued, leaving thousands of people without services while government officials blamed each other for the problems or misleadingly claimed they opposed the reform when it was enacted.

On Thursday, lawmakers heard that the LMEs are making progress overseeing community services after an infusion of funding from the General Assembly for emergency care and mobile crisis centers.

That prompted a couple of committee members to wonder if the system was returning to the structure in place before 2001 when the state built local centers that provided services. Sen. Martin Nesbitt agreed the reforms were poorly handled in 2001 and that the old system was dismantled before a new one was put in place, but said LMEs are on the right track.

That claim was partially based on a spread sheet provided by the Department of Health and Human Services that showed how each of the 25 LMEs was doing on a series of critical measures, like services to people in need, timely follow-up after inpatient care and the effective use of state mental hospitals.

The spreadsheet did show that some of the LMEs have met the goals set by the department in each area. The goals themselves are worth noting. One was that the LMEs should see at least 28 percent of patients released from a hospital in their area within a week of the patient's discharge.

Most LMEs are seeing more than 28 percent; some are seeing close to half the patients within seven days. But shouldn't we expect more, seven years after a complete overhaul of the mental health system? The first few days out of a hospital are crucial to a patient's adjustment, and yet more than half of the patients are on their own.

Forty percent of adults in the state with mental illness who need services are receiving them and that is slightly above the department's goal.

LMEs are improving, and lawmakers heard about several promising pilot programs that might help. But the state's own data shows that thousands of people are not receiving the services they need and ought to receive.

It is tempting for policymakers to frame this as a question of perception, the glass half empty or half full. But that doesn't work when it comes to people's lives. Half is not enough.

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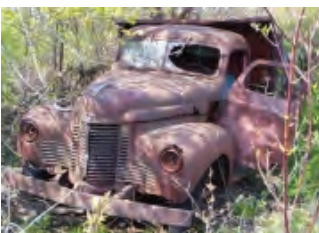
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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM 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.

"Arrogance?"

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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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PETS OF THE WEEK

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— Hey, I'm **Derby!** I'm a 9-month-old male lab mix, and I was found as a stray by a nice gentleman who took me to the local shelter in hopes of finding my original owners. After that did not pan out, Derby was transferred out to our adoption center. Since being here, Derby has become a social, playful sort who loves humans and dogs alike. He loves hanging out with his doggie friends in the play yard and is ready to come home! Come see me at Pets4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org



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FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

You may easily relate to walking around with a plant in hand considering where it feels just right to plant it. Nollman, in trying to site his little redwood tree, rescued from a neglected corner of his local nursery, thought back to what was growing on the site hundreds of years ago. In reflecting on what primitive humans may have dwelt there, he moved forward in imagining the same site when that little tree would be a giant, shading his great, great grandchildren.

For Nollman, "A garden is the place millions of people go to touch the earth, to smell the flowers, to use some of that fabled human brain power in the cause of participating with natural processes in the place they call home.... Gardening encourages a hands-on complicity with local nature.... It reflects an ecological longing by people everywhere to recognize themselves as an integral component of the ecosystem they happen to inhabit."

Evelyn Sims vividly



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE
Young Carrboro gardener Flora Arnsberger studying a bit of soil from beneath a big tree.

remembers her hands in the soil as a child growing up on the family homeplace. She still has her hands in the soil, planting and tending roses, herbs and wildflowers in her garden just outside her sunny door at Carol Woods.

Much of my own gardening time is occupied by walks in the woods and cruising the yard for what nature has planted. Frequently, I kneel down to touch the soil and examine the leaf litter, much as Evelyn caringly tends the soil around her plants. We are both, without really knowing

it, reaching far back in the evolution of human experience to a time when we shared a cooperative intimacy with the earth we call home.

At this time of thanksgiving, whether we garden on a window ledge or in the ground itself, let's take time out to reflect on the deeper meanings of Evelyn Sims' "Gardening is just what you do!" During this really busy period, take a child with you outside into garden or woods and remember to kneel down, feel the soil and give thanks for the earth we call home.



Bebo's Bunkum Jug Jumpers, 1967

"Jug band music got a hold of my soul ..." go the lyrics to a '60s tune — and for the motley crew who made up Bebo's Bunkum Jug Jumpers, nothing could be truer.

During 1966-67, our senior year at UNC, we were all eat up with jug band music, meeting for rehearsals up in Bebo's cramped dorm room in Old West, learning the tunes from scratchy 78s from the '20s.

Washington at Valley Forge,
Freezin' cold but up spoke George:
Bo-do-pee-oh,
Bo-do-pee-oh, DOH.

And you'd be amazed at the number of notes you can get out of a garden hose, my principle instrument after the jug. Other folks in the band were, left to right, Polk Ruth-erford on mandolin, Jack "Stretch" Herrick (yes, of the Red Clay Ramblers

fame) on tub bass, Zol on the dishpan and Bebo on banjo. We were all the rage of the coffee house scene, and I recall clearly playing at one frat party where my garden hose became a drinking tool, as it were. Ah, youth.

On his ukulele, daily, he would strum: rutta-tum-tum Dancin' and prancin'; then he'd holler:
Red hot MAMA!

A THOUSAND WORDS

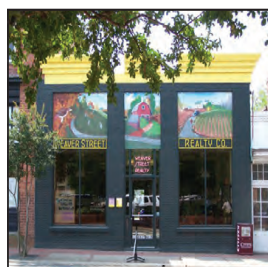
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