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Thursday, had a meeting the following Monday and was granted the opportunity to live and work by chocolate.

"I always wanted to have my own store," Droog said. Working out at the gym has been replaced by his new routine, which includes eating at least one chocolate every hour that he works.

Last week when I shared my hot chocolate discovery with Droog over a cup of the best hot chocolate I've encountered (made with Maple View Farms chocolate milk and Van Houten cocoa, served in Delft blue china that frequent customers call "the magical cups"), he realized that with all the chocolate he eats, he hasn't gained weight.

"If you are getting something you like and it satisfies your taste, you're not going to



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

A hot cup of chocolate is but one of the pleasures Bob Droog enjoys at Chocolaterie Stam, which he opened in March.

be looking for more," Droog, 39, philosophized. "If you eat something that doesn't satisfy, you keep looking for, and eating, more."

Eat chocolate, drink chocolate, buy chocolate gifts, and if you do, treat yourself to a visit to our own little chocolate

paradise at 1820 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. near Harris Teeter.

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Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-2746 or valariekays@mac.com

Community Briefs

Senior theater

The Prime Time Players company will present two one-act plays geared for a senior audience on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Robert and Pearl Seymour Center at 2551 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. "Life Begins at Eighty" is a play by local writer Charles Stern and deals with themes of infirmity and companionship. A musical interlude by Village Review will set up the next play, a comedy called "Gin and Tonic," involving a would-be Romeo. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 968-2070.

Film screenings

On Saturday, December 8, at 7 p.m., local filmmaker Todd Tinkham will show his two lat-

est films, *Alexa* and *American Road*. Tinkham recently won an award for cinematography at the Carrboro Film Festival. Also being shown are short films by Triangle filmmakers Jeffrey Moore and Agit Anthony Pren.

Admission to the show is \$4, popcorn and soft drinks are free. The show is presented by the Carrboro Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with BeeryMedia.com and is part of a new monthly series called Century Center Cinema.

Christmas fiesta

Young members of local Latino advocacy group Pa'lante will throw a "Celebracion" outside of WCOM after the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade on Saturday, Decem-

ber 8. Attendees can expect homemade Hispanic food and games including piñatas and a raffle. Pa'lante members will sing Christmas carols in Spanish in the parade. They also produce an hour-long radio show on Fridays on WCOM 103.5 FM.

Burrito bash

The General Store Café in Pittsboro will host a Burrito Bash to benefit the Hispanic Liaison. From 6 to 7 p.m., free salsa dance lessons will be given to warm up for Saludos Company's live performance at 7. There will also be an auction of local arts and crafts. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door and will include a burrito dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the Hispanic Liaison in Siler City or at the General Store Café. For more information, call 742-1448 or visit www.evhnc.org.

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**APS OF ORANGE COUNTY** — I'm Catfish, a 4-year-old male brown and black bloodhound. I am the epitome of a bloodhound. I make funny faces, plus I'm ready for a sniff or a howl anytime. I love other dogs too! The APS staff feel that my photos say it all, so don't you want to take me, a gentle giant, home? Visit me and my friends at [www.animalprotectionsociety.org](http://www.animalprotectionsociety.org) or call 304-2300. APS, 6311 Nicks Rd., Mebane.

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Community Calendar

Got an event you'd like to see in our calendars?

email us at: [calendar@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:calendar@carrborocitizen.com) or drop us a line: P.O. Box 248, Carrboro NC 27510. Please send calendar items no later than one week prior to publication.

Special Events

Mark Hewitt Pottery Holiday Kiln Opening — Sat, Dec 8, 9am-5pm; Sun, Dec 9, noon-5pm. For directions, visit [www.hewittpottery.com](http://www.hewittpottery.com) or call 542-2371.



A preview of work from Mark Hewitt's Kiln Opening. Many pottery works are on sale.

Coalition for Peace with Justice — Open house fundraiser with door prizes, items for sale. See the new office and resources available. Sat, Dec 8, 2-6pm. 1821 Green St, Durham (near 9th St). For more info, call 967-5181 or visit [www.peace-with-justice.org](http://www.peace-with-justice.org).

Vigil to Honor Human Rights Week December 10-16: Noon, December 12, Peace and Justice Plaza (corner of Henderson and East Franklin Streets), Chapel Hill. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Triangle Branch. Information: 942-2919.

Dennis Kucinich Fundraiser — Sat, Dec 8 at 211 N Elliott Rd, Chapel Hill. 7pm until people stop dancing, live music by People You Know plus auction with door prizes, wine, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. \$25 donation. For more info, call 942-0818.



Dennis Kucinich, 1978

St. Paul A.M.E. Christmas Cantata — 31st annual Cantata featuring St. Paul's senior choir. Sun, Dec 9, 4pm. St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 101 N Merritt Mill Rd, Chapel Hill.

Kids

Toddler Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. Dec 6: Miz Moon gets us in shape for holiday treats with "Exercise Before the Holidays." Dec 13: Share the holiday fun! All toddlers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz - Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-11, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, [www.dsicomedytheater.com](http://www.dsicomedytheater.com).



DSI Comedy Theater is tucked in the back of Carr Mill Mall.

Express Yourself! - Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Allows children & adults to explore their own creative paths through open-ended weekly art projects; registration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, [www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org).

Volunteers

Artist-In-Residence Programs — Classroom teachers of Chatham County are invited to host an artist-in-residence in their classrooms during the 08-09 school year. Interested teachers should contact Daryl Walker by Dec 12 at 967-3716, [dfwalker99@hotmail.com](mailto:dfwalker99@hotmail.com). For more info, visit [www.chathamarts.org](http://www.chathamarts.org) - Programs — AIE.



The Chatham County Arts Council is a nonprofit arts-advocacy group.

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

Goathouse Cat Refuge — Seeks volunteers to help with rescued cats & kittens. For more info, call Bonny at 545-2825 or email her at [brooze@embarqmail.com](mailto:brooze@embarqmail.com).

Classes

Meditation Practices of Tibetan Buddhism — Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm, through Dec 19. Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center, 35 Perkins Dr, Chapel Hill (off Weaver Dairy Rd across from Timberlyne Shopping Center). All are welcome! [www.piedmontkrtc.org](http://www.piedmontkrtc.org), 933-2138.

Botanical Illustration Open Studio — Fruits & Berries. Learn innovative layering techniques and exquisite dry-brush details involved in historical & contemporary botanical art. 4 Tuesdays beginning Nov 27, 1-4:30pm, at the NC Botanical Garden. \$125. To register call 962-0522 or visit [www.ncbg.unc.edu](http://www.ncbg.unc.edu).

Lectures

Progressive Media Discussion — The challenges of creating progressive media. Hosted by Triangle Socialist Forum, with Independent Voices TV and Triangle Free Press. Thu, Dec 6, 7pm, at the Chapel Hill Public Library. For more info, email [michael\\_pollock@yahoo.com](mailto:michael_pollock@yahoo.com).

KTD Monastery Speaker — The Practice of the Six Perfections: Fri, Dec 7, 7:30pm, Unity Center, Chapel Hill. The Aspiration Prayer of Mahamudra: Sat/Sun, Dec 8/9, 7:30pm, Carrboro. To register or obtain more info, call 968-0231 ext. 4. [www.piedmontkrtc.org](http://www.piedmontkrtc.org).

Health

Reflections of Self — A workshop on makeup and hair. Join other cancer survivors for an afternoon with representatives from Look Good, Feel Better and a local hair salon to learn how to style that wig and tie that scarf! Share tips, learn new ones. Mon, Dec 10, 1-3pm, at the Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center. Reservation required, 401-9333.

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer — A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, [www.cornucopiahouse.org](http://www.cornucopiahouse.org).

Museums

Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows - Science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit [www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org).



Gemini Astronauts Edward White and James McDivitt demonstrate one of the training simulators used in the Planetarium in the early 1960s. From the history at [www.moreheadplanetarium.org](http://www.moreheadplanetarium.org)

Wilson Library — A Nursery of Patriotism: The University at War, 1861-1945. Exhibit on war's historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manuscripts Dept (4th floor) at Wilson Library, UNC Campus, through Feb. [www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html](http://www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html).



Photographs from the "University at War" exhibit.

Theater

The Little Prince - By Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, adapted by Rick Cummins & John Scoullar; PlayMakers Repertory Co. Through Dec 16. 962-PLAY, [www.playmakersrep.org](http://www.playmakersrep.org). UNC Campus: Paul Green Theatre, Center for Dramatic Art, 120 Country Club Rd, Chapel Hill.

Dance

Ballroom - Triangle StarDusters. 2nd Saturdays, 8-11pm. \$12, students \$7. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough), 942-7232.

Havana Nights — Cuban Salsa. 1st

and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, [www.mansion462.net](http://www.mansion462.net).

Contra Dance — Presented by the Carolina Song & Dance Assoc with live music by The Donnybrook Lads. Newcomers workshop at 7:30pm, dance begins at 8. Bring clean soft-soled shoes, \$8 donation requested. Fri, Dec 21, at the Carrboro Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St, Carrboro. For more info, call 967-9948.

Old Time Southern Square Dance — With Blue Ridge Road Gang. Sat, Dec 8, 7:30pm. \$7, students \$5. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St, Carrboro. [www.ncsquares.com](http://www.ncsquares.com), [www.artscenterlive.org](http://www.artscenterlive.org).



Squaredance at the ArtsCenter on Saturday!

Comedy

Transactors Holiday Extravaganza — Improv show. Fri, Dec 7, 8pm. \$14, students \$7. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St, Carrboro. 929-2787, [www.artscenterlive.org](http://www.artscenterlive.org).



The Transactors will perform improv comedy at their Holiday Extravaganza.

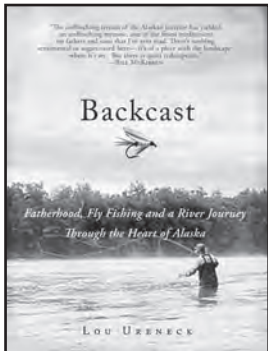
The Popular Kids - Troupe includes Kelly Crisp from the band The Rosebuds, Jeremy Lowe & Josh Bryant. Wed, Dec 12, 9pm. \$4. Local 506, 506 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 942-5506, [www.local506.com](http://www.local506.com).

Literary Discussion/ Open Mic

Sex & Culture - The Erotic Mind: Unlocking the Inner Sources of Passion & Fulfillment by Jack Morin, PhD. Thu, Dec 6, 6:30-8:30pm. Internationalist Books, 405 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 942-1740, [www.internationalistbooks.org](http://www.internationalistbooks.org).

Nancy Smith Thomas - Moravian Christmas In The South. Fri, Dec 7, 2pm. McIntyre's Fine Books, 2000 Fearington Village Center, Pittsboro, 542-3030, [www.fearingtonvillage.com/mcintyres.asp](http://www.fearingtonvillage.com/mcintyres.asp).

Lou Ureneck - Backcast: Fatherhood, Fly-Fishing & a River Journey Through The Heart of Alaska. Sat, Dec 8, 11am. McIntyre's Fine Books, 2000 Fearington Village Center, Pittsboro, 542-3030.



Lou Ureneck's Backcast is the winner of the 2007 National Outdoor Book Award.

Maggi Ann Grace — The author reads from her book *State of the Heart: A Medical Tourist's True Story of Lifesaving Surgery in India*. [www.stateoftheheart.name](http://www.stateoftheheart.name). Wed, Dec 12, 2pm, at the Seymour Senior Center. 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.



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Open Mic - poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays at 7pm, Market Street Books, Southern Village, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill. 933-5111, [www.marketstreetbooks.com](http://www.marketstreetbooks.com).



News Briefs

Rain barrels

OWASA is hosting a workshop in which attendees can construct their own rain barrels made from recycled materials. The workshop is Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the OWASA Community Room at 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro.

Materials and instruction will be provided for the assembly of one or more rain barrels. The cost is \$30 for the materials for one barrel. Class size is limited, so registration and pre-payment are required. To register, contact Marsha Fearington at 537-4275 or via email at mfearington@owasa.org

Toy drive

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, in partnership with the Orange County Department of Social Services, will hold a toy drive at Borders Books on Fordham Boulevard on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All toys collected will go to Orange County children in need through the first annual Orange County Toy Chest. The Toy Chest is a holiday store in which eligible parents can select 2-3 new toys per child to supplement their holiday.

Volunteer awards

Five Orange County volunteers recently received the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service 2007 Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The award honors people who have shown concern and compassion for their neighbors through volunteer service.

The volunteers include: Ana Prothro, Duke Hospice; Carol Gunn, Orange County Animal Services; JoAnn Pitz, Duke Hospice; John Mathivet, Orange County Habitat for Humanity; and Berneta Lemon, Orange County Disability Awareness Council.

Recycling reminder

Plastic bags cannot be recycled in Orange County, and cause serious problems with recycling collections.

Plastic bags jam compacting equipment which hurts productivity and increases the risk of employee injury and equipment damage. Residents should not place plastic bags in curbside bins, recycling carts at apartment complexes or at drop-off sites. Clean, dry and empty plastic bags can be recycled at most local grocery stores.


Sustainable salute

The Foundation for a Sustainable Community will honor UNC, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County uniformed service officers and community heroes at the Salute to Community Heroes tonight (Thursday) from 5:30-7:30 at the Carrboro Century Center. Participants should arrive by 5:15 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, contact Meg at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce at 967-7075, ext. 21, or mbranson@carolinachamber.org. Refreshments will be provided by Whole Foods Market.


| Water Report - December 5, 2007 |                            |
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| LAKE LEVELS                     |                            |
| University Lake                 | 6 ft., 9.25 in. below full |
| Cane Creek                      | 13 ft, 1.25 in. below full |
| Total Availability Supply       | 45.6% of capacity          |
| PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH        |                            |
| Jones Ferry Rd. Treatment Plant | 0.05"                      |
| Cane Creek Reservoir            | 0.02"                      |
| Normal rainfall for Dec.        | 3.14"                      |
| CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND           |                            |
| 7-Day Average                   | 7.657 million gallons/day  |
| 30-Day Average                  | 7.564 million gallons/day  |
| Source: OWASA                   |                            |

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A bizarre break-in at Southern Rail

By KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

A morning break-in at Southern Rail last week led to a strange sequence of events after one suspect was discovered not far away with a basket full of steaks, ribs and wine and another attempted to buy a power cord for a stolen laptop at the PTA Thrift Shop but was convinced to call the owner instead.

Carrboro police responded to a call at Weaver Street Market after Carr Mill security guard James Latta confronted a man for urinating in public behind the store.

According to a Carrboro police report the man, Andres Indacochea, threatened beat Latta up and returned to a bench on the Weaver Street lawn where Latta observed a black bag with several bottles of wine and a white ice bucket filled with packages of meat.

Officer Brad Ward inspected the collection of goods, which also included a children's menu from Southern Rail, and questioned Indacochea, who was bleeding from a cut on his right hand. After searching Indacochea, Ward found a Visa credit card and a bottle of Clonazepam. Investigators searching the area around Southern Rail found several items behind the restaurant, including a bottle of Château Peyraud — the same vintage in Indacochea's bag.

Officer Ward arrested Indacochea for possession of stolen goods, possession of a Schedule IV substance, breaking and entering and larceny because he had "an unexplained fresh cut on his hand, someone else's credit card in his pocket whose

name he did not know and was found within 400 feet of the restaurant with the stolen property," according to the report.

Indacochea was taken before a magistrate at the Chapel Hill Police department, but refused to be fingerprinted and photographed. He was given a \$50,000 bond and was ordered to submit to fingerprinting and photographs before he could be released. He also resisted attempts to transport him to the Orange County jail, the report said.

While investigators Anthony Westbrook and Chris Attack looked over extensive damage inside the restaurant and dusted for prints, a call came in at 11:40 a.m. that a subject was at the PTA Thrift Shop with a laptop from Southern Rail.

According to the report, David Tuttle, a clerk at the store, had been asked about a power cord for a Fujitsu laptop by Carlton Richardson, who said he bought the laptop on the street. After noticing a number inside the laptop, Tuttle persuaded Richardson to call the owner.

According to the report, when police arrived at the thrift shop, Richardson told them he bought the laptop for \$18 from a man matching Indacochea's description and knew it was stolen. After Richardson gave permission to look in the trunk of his car for his identification, investigators found several other items they believed came from the restaurant.

When Southern Rail owner Mike Benson arrived to identify the stolen laptop, he also identified a bottle of Chianti, a black Elon University computer bag and an XM radio receiver and docking station. Richardson was arrested for possession

of stolen property and told officers on the ride to the magistrate's office that "That was a stupid thing . . . I did this to myself . . . being greedy, yup being greedy," the report said.

Richardson was later released on a written promise to appear.

Police are also looking for a black male seen talking to Indacochea prior to the police arrival.

Benson lauded Tuttle's handling of the situation at the thrift shop and praised the security guards at Carr Mill for quickly putting together what was going on.

"James [Latta] was awesome," he said.

He also said he was impressed with the thoroughness and "bedside manner" of Carrboro police. "They fingerprinted and photographed everywhere and they were very nice about things. They said 'sorry about this, we know you're a new business and this must be really awful.'"

Benson said while he tried to make sure the place was secure, the thieves managed to pry apart some scrollwork and gain entry. The alarm system did not function as intended, he said, and allowed them about 30 minutes during which they smashed bottles and destroyed the restaurant stereo system and point of sale cash register system, ruining several expensive knives they used to pry open the cash registers.

While it was good to see some of the stolen items returned, he said the senseless destruction inside the restaurant took out between \$10,000 and \$14,000 worth of goods and equipment.

Benson said a crew is putting in rebar to reinforce areas where the thieves gained entry.

County commissioners consider methane capture

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday considered a possible gas recovery project at the Orange County Landfill as a way of reducing greenhouse gas.

Several private companies have recently approached the county hoping to develop a plan to trap landfill gas, primarily methane.

UNC is also interested in contracting with the county to recover the gas, but county and university officials have not yet been able to discuss the university's proposal.

County staff had recommended that the board request proposals from both

private firms and UNC, but university officials refused to bid against private firms.

UNC officials asked the county to postpone a decision so that university and county officials could discuss a potential plan.

"This is an extraordinarily important time we've entered where finally there's a market for this kind of methane gas," Commissioner Mike Nelson said. "I want to move ahead expeditiously. I've always wanted to do this hand-in-hand with the university because it makes the most sense with whatever may eventually happen at Carolina North."

He added, "I'm not going to be willing to wait forever. We need to move ahead." The board will discuss their options at a meeting on Tuesday.

In other county business, the board elected Commissioner Barry Jacobs as board chair and Commissioner Valerie Foushee as vice chair.

Jacobs was first elected to the board in 1998 and previously served as board chair in 2002, 2004 and 2006. He replaces Commissioner Moses Carey.

The board reappointed Donna Baker as clerk, Laura Blackmon as county manager and Geoff Gledhill as county attorney. — Susan Dickson

Residents escape another Carrboro apartment fire

By EMILY BURNS  
Carrboro Commons Writer

More than two dozen residents escaped unharmed as fire swept through J Building at Ashbrook Apartments, 601 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro, at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 28. The cause is under investigation.

Deputy Chief Trey Mayo of the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department hopes that investigations underway by the fire department, the State Bureau of Investigation and the insurer will find the cause.

Mayo noted that investigators have determined where in the building the fire started, but not what caused it.

Three minor injuries were sustained by responders.

A fire department press release said

firefighters rescued a number of pets.

Twenty-six residents, including 25 adults and one child, were displaced by Wednesday's fire. All of the residents were housed overnight by local hotels.

Captain Kent Squires said the fire was first reported at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday by a resident of Cedarwood Lane who saw flames through the woods that separate Cedarwood Lane from Ashbrook Apartments.

According to Squires, the fire took place in the J Building of the complex, which is made up of 15 units. Seven of the units were only damaged by water; eight were damaged by water, smoke and fire; and of those eight, four were destroyed.

Carrboro firefighters were assisted by several local fire and police departments,

including the Chapel Hill, New Hope and Chatham County fire departments, and the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The Ashbrook apartment complex is not equipped with a sprinkler system, but Squires said that the complex was built in accordance with fire codes that existed at the time of its completion. Building J is expected to be uninhabitable for some time.

This latest and most serious conflagration was the 7th in four days in a series of fires at Carrboro apartment complexes, many of which were built before sprinklers were mandated.

Jack Carley contributed to this report.

Emily Burns is a UNC-CH student writing for the Carrboro Commons, the bi-weekly online newspaper for Carrboro produced by Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class.

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For the Record

[Editor's Note: In honor of December 15, Bill of Rights Day, we present to you the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, collectively known as the Bill of Rights.]

Preamble

Congress of the United States begun and held at the City of New York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine. The Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution expressed a desire in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution. Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution. viz.

Articles in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress and Ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

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Update from the mental health mess

CHRIS FITZSIMON

When last we checked in on the disaster in North Carolina called mental health reform, things weren't going so well. Families were struggling to find services for loved ones with mental illness, two state hospitals were scheduled to close even though admissions were up and a new hospital is already overbooked and it hasn't opened yet.

Advocates, providers and consumers were finding it frustrating to deal with many of the local management entities (LMEs), the regional bureaucracies set up to oversee the delivery of mental health services by private companies.

Things are different now. Recent news reports revealed that \$20 million that normally pays for mental health services will now instead be allocated to LMEs to pay for administrative costs, which translates into a 5 percent cut in patient services.

Less money for services, more money for bureaucracy. That ought to help people with mental illness. It is not hard to believe there are administrative problems in the current system, but taking money away from patients is not the answer.

If there is one thing that everyone in the mental health community agrees on, it's that there is not enough money in the system to provide services in local communities. State consultants have said that. Advocates have said it.

Last year the North Carolina Psychiatric Association said it loudly in a report that found the state would have to increase spending by \$285 million to get the state's per capita spending anywhere near the national average.

Not long before the revelation that paperwork was more important than people came the news that state officials believe private companies overcharged the state \$45 million for community support services.

The response was to withhold 10 percent of the companies' payments until they reimburse the state for the over billing. State officials also placed a moratorium on any new companies providing community support services until the mess is straightened out.

A few weeks ago, more than 200 people in Ashboro gathered to listen to a panel discussion about the problems in the mental health system and they heard some straight talk from Dr. Michael Watson, who has spent much of his professional life in the mental health arena and now runs the LME that

serves Randolph County.

Watson said the problem with reform is that it was ideologically driven, relying on the market for everything, an approach that causes all sorts of problems as businesses fail and new ones start and profits drive every decision — and patients suffer.

This week a national progressive group encouraged Nevada state officials not to follow North Carolina's reform example as that state is exploring mental health options. Pretty sound advice, and the basis of the recommendation was to avoid the privatization of services that North Carolina's reform is built on.

That's something folks whisper in North Carolina but don't say much out loud, with the exception of people like Watson — that a fundamental problem with reform efforts is the reliance on private businesses and the market to provide services to people with mental illness.

The combination of privatization and still largely unaccountable but growing local bureaucracies to oversee it has created a maze that many families simply can't negotiate through.

Also this week, a reminder that all this is not just about LMEs and paperwork and state regulations. A study by Mental Health America finds that almost 12 percent of adults in North Carolina experienced serious psychological stress last year and almost eight percent had a major depressive episode.

The jury is still out on new Health and Human Services Secretary Dempsey Benton, but the experiences of many in the mental health community has left them with little faith that his department is capable of or interested in solving the current problems.

More worrisome is that none of the candidates for governor have seen fit to talk much about mental health reform in their campaigns, which makes you wonder how much they will pay attention after they are elected.

Dr. Watson summed up his presentation in Ashboro by calling on state officials to calm the mental health system, adequately fund it and make it a political priority. That makes a lot of sense.

There have been too many changes too fast in the system, far too little funding has been dedicated to mental health and nobody from Gov. Mike Easley to the five candidates who want to succeed him seem to care much about it.

In other words, the latest from the mental health reform front is that the disaster continues.

Exile on Jones Street

A Survey of Governance & Policy

KIRK ROSS

The Guv gets it

Affix blame, if you would, firmly with the campaign class — the pollsters, consultants and money folks — and shame to the candidates who listen to them. I'm talking about the reaction of our gubernatorial candidates to a ruling that allows undocumented immigrants the opportunity to a community college education in the state of North Carolina.

Immigration is the new gay and thanks to the steady work of demagogues, those afeared of being "soft" on immigration are trying to outrun each other to whatever quadrant political game theory says is safest.

You'd think we just open the gates to the English-hating hordes, but the ruling will affect only about 350 students, all of whom are paying out-of-state tuition and who for the most part came here when they were too young to know they were breaching the borders of a superpower. How would they know that one day they'd run afoul of the campaign pledges of those trying to outdo each other in how secure they say they'll make us.

Here's the rundown:

- Richard Moore says his experience as a federal prosecutor informs his right to say he doesn't support educating them. Illegal means illegal;
- A spokesperson for Bev Perdue told WRAL that she doesn't think anyone in the country illegally should be able to attend an NC community college;
- Fred Smith says plainly 'no way,' called on the Legislature to overturn the ruling and laid into Attorney General Roy Cooper. He also says the issue is "complicated";
- Bill Graham says educating the undocumented hurts NC workers' retraining and offers the preposterous premise that we shouldn't be educating people who are "unemployable" due to their illegal status. Dude, look around;
- Bob Orr says "me, too" to no education, but

LETTERS

Thank you note

EmPOWERment, Inc. would like to thank everyone who made our Build-a-Home Fundraiser on Nov. 13 such a success. The Carolina Inn provided an elegant setting and spectacular food as we celebrated EmPOWERment's 11 years of service through affordable housing, community organizing and grassroots economic development in Orange and Chatham Counties.

WCHL 1360 Talk Radio did a great job of getting word out about the event. Our other major sponsors — Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Myoshin, Community Realty, East West Partners, VLBP Construction & Painting, AT&T, Mi-Co and Harrington Bank — and many other businesses and individuals generously donated wonderful auction items.

We missed Lillian Lee, who was prevented by illness from acting as co-host, and we're grateful for her willingness to lend us her support. Jonathan Howes stepped up to serve solo as a cordial and welcoming host, Board President Jacqueline Overton opened the program, and our auctioneer, Aaron Nelson, inspired lively bidding with his lightning-fast patter. Holden Thorpe, Steve Allred and Tina Harrison from Equinox graciously provided lovely live music, our board members gave and helped secure donations, and Joel Sutherland, Clay Schossow, John Evans and Lauren Parrish gave moving testimonies about how EmPOWERment has helped them develop a business, secure housing and gain job skills.

We're also grateful to Carl Fox, Ellie Kinnaird, Verla Insko, Matt Czajkowski and the 150 other people who attended and showed their support for EmPOWERment. They gave us our best turnout yet, and their generous donations helped complete the puzzle that shapes lives, empowers neighborhoods and builds homes. We came close to putting this year's puzzle together, but we're a few pieces short, and we're always grateful for your donations.

Thank you all, **Delores Bailey** Executive Director EmPOWERment, Inc.

Play it safe

Walking home last Friday night (Nov. 30) after seeing some bluegrass at the Cat's Cradle I came across the friends of Debbie Key holding a memorial on the 10th anniversary of her murder. It touched me to feel the love and dedication of this woman's friends. It also gave me pause to think that even here in our little utopia, there are people who would inflict violence against other people. Let's face it, Carrboro is a fun place with art, music, places to meet and mingle, but not everyone has the best intentions. Be careful out there! Seeing Debbie's friends lighting candles in the cold of a winter's night made me proud to be part of a community where love and loyalty remain strong through years and tears. Rest in peace, Debbie. **Buddy Kelly** Carrboro

Send letters to editor@carrborocitizen.com



## OBITUARIES

### Paul T. Baker

Paul Thornell Baker, Emeritus Evan Pugh Professor of Anthropology at The Pennsylvania State University, died on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at the age of 80 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Baker was a pioneer in the field of physical anthropology and human population biology and ecology. He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Thelma Shoher Baker of Chapel Hill, NC; his son, Joshua (Nancy) Baker of Hillsborough, NC; his daughters, Deborah (James Elkus) Baker of San Francisco, CA; Amy (Carlyle) Carter of Minneapolis, MN; Felicia (Marc) LeClerc of Granger, IN; as well as nine grandchildren.

Born on February 28, 1927 in Burlington, Iowa, he was the son of Palmer Ward Baker and Viola Isabelle Thornell. He served in the US Army from June 1945 to November 1946 with the 34th Station Hospital and was stationed in Italy with the occupation forces. He entered the University of Miami as a youthful veteran and completed his undergraduate



Dr. Paul T. Baker

education at the University of New Mexico. He subsequently completed his Ph.D. at Harvard University in 1956. During his years at Harvard, he spent five years with the Quartermaster Corp of the US Army and conducted research in the Yuma desert, Arctic tundra, and the United States Army Identification Laboratory in Kokura, Japan. In 1956, he joined the faculty at The Pennsylvania State University and helped establish one of the most prominent departments of anthropology in the United States. He retired in June, 1987 and lived in Hawaii and California before locating to North Carolina.

Dr. Baker pioneered a major field of anthropological research known as human adaptability and established the research paradigm of human population biology that viewed human diversity as a byproduct of adaptive responses to stressful environmental conditions. Within the framework of adaptation and human population biology he undertook several major research projects over the course of his career. His field research, done in close partnership with his wife, focused on the cultural, physiological, and genetic aspects of adaptability around the globe. Dr. Baker's major research projects centered on human biological adaptation to high altitude in the Peruvian Andes, migration and human population biology in Southern Peru, and the effects of modernization and

acculturation on Samoans.

During the course of his career, Dr. Baker trained several generations of graduate students who continue his legacy; with their own graduate students, they constitute a sizeable fraction of all biological anthropologists in the United States. He was unfailingly enthusiastic about science and research, and generous with his time and attention, instructing graduate students in every aspect of scientific research and publication. His productivity and thoughtful approach to research was legendary, amounting to more than 200 publications, the majority of which were original research. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a recipient of the Huxley Memorial Medal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, the Charles R. Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and the Franz Boas Distinguished Achievement Award from the Human Biology Association. Dr. Baker's personal interests over the course of his life were sailing and traveling. For many years, he maintained sailboats in the Chesapeake Bay, Florida Keys and Bahamian islands.

The family expresses their special thanks and praise to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Dubose Health Center at The Cedars of Chapel Hill for the compassion and special care that Paul received over the past three years. Donations may be made in Dr. Baker's memory to the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern North Carolina, 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220, Raleigh, NC 27605-1351 or The Paul T. Baker Research Travel Fund in Human Biology and Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, 409 Carpenter Hall, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 16802.

Arrangements are being handled by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas. Online condolences can be made at [www.cremnc.com](http://www.cremnc.com).

## FLORA FROM PAGE 1

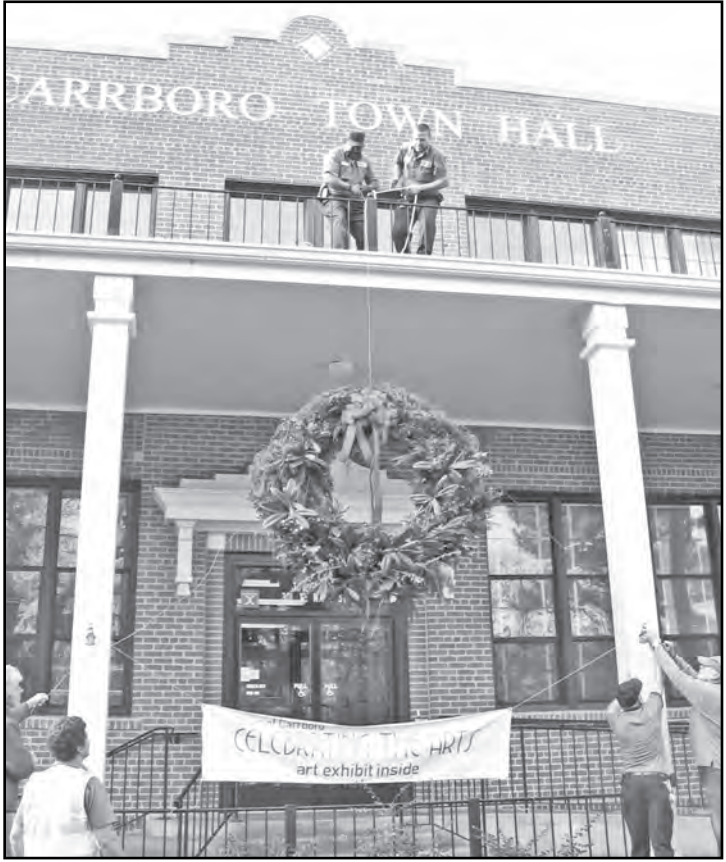
other wild critters.

The group has participated for years in the community's annual Carrboro Day, providing gardening information and plant identification and distributing free plants dug from the gardens of members and from community citizens who bring their own extra plants to share and swap on that first Sunday in May.

The third project is the annual holiday decorating of the Carrboro Town Hall. In the early years, the group created holly and pine swags with red bows for the four columns and wrapped the front railing with garlands of similar greenery. Then about ten years ago, a giant plywood cutout circle, rescued from the landfill, became a frame for a giant wreath to hang over the entrance. Now the hanging of this giant wreath has become an annual tradition accompanied by the placing of four smaller wreaths on the four columns.

Over the years, the group has committed itself to utilizing only native materials and the results are not your ordinary holiday wreath. The group generally relies on local cedar and pine and magnolia for the base, but you can count on some infrequently used materials, like sumac cones, broom sedge and cattails for accents.

This year the wreath goes up at 10 a.m. Friday morning. You are welcome to join in on the excitement of observing members of the Town's Public Works Landscape and Grounds Division hoisting that giant wreath into the air while members of the Carrboro Community Garden Club hang the smaller wreaths. I suspect there will be some surprises on those wreaths again this year.



Top: Carrboro Town staff hoisting giant holiday wreath into position above Town Hall entrance. Above: Garden group members get assistance from Town staff member in hanging one of the smaller holiday wreaths.



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**what's at the market**

**December 8**  
Arugula, beets, bok choy, broccoli raab, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, fennel, garlic, greens: chards, collards, frisee, Italian dandelion, kale, mustard, mizuna, and turnip; herb bunches - cilantro, dill, and parsley; lettuces: baby mix, green and red leaf, red and green bibb, frisee, and hydroponic lettuce - bibb, red oak, and lolita rosa; mushrooms - oyster and shiitake; persimmons - asian varieties, potatoes and sweet potatoes, pumpkins, radishes,

**recipe of the week**

**Simple Green Salad Seasoned with a Chapon from Kelly Clark, Market Staff**

**Ingredients**

- 1 heel stale French bread
- 1 large clove garlic\*, peeled, root end trimmed
- 2 heads lettuce\*, or equivalent, washed, gently dried and torn into bite size pieces
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Sherry vinegar
- Salt
- Pepper

**Some Tricks of the Trade**

- Use a large, deep salad bowl
- Wash lettuce carefully.
- Dry thoroughly
- Know what you like
- Splurge on a high quality extra virgin olive oil and vinegar
- Apply oil and vinegar to your salad,

**drop-by-drop, bit by bit**

- Toss gently
- Taste as you go
- Recognize what you like
- A simple green salad relies on your tastes
- Some days smooth, others tart
- Experiment

**Procedure**

Rub cut end of garlic all over the stale heel of French bread until bread feels juicy from the garlic. This is the chapon.

Put lettuce leaves and chapon in large, deep salad bowl. Sprinkle with olive oil. Toss gently. Taste. Add vinegar, a dash of salt, and several grinds of pepper. Toss gently. Taste. Add oil, vinegar, salt, or pepper to taste. Toss gently. Discard chapon. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

**MARK TRAIL**

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**CARING FOR AN ANIMAL IS CERTAINLY NO EASY FEAT, AND AFTER THE HOLIDAYS MANY WILL END UP IN A SHELTER...**

**Saturdays, December 8 - Dec. 22, 8 a.m. - Noon**

winter squash, green tomatoes, tot soi, turnips, pasture-based meats - beef, buffalo, chicken (limited quantities) goat, lamb, pork; charcuterie: bacon, bratwurst, breakfast sausage, chorizo, country ham, hot dogs, hot and sweet Italian sausage; eggs, fresh and aged cow's milk and goat's milk cheeses, pecans, pickles, jams, jellies, honey, wine, prepared foods, and crafts.

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## Lunch Menus

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### Elementary

**Friday** – Tuna Salad w/Crackers, Lettuce & Tomato; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple  
**Monday** – Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Chicken; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Fruit Cocktail  
**Tuesday** – Baked Potato w/wo Meat & Cheese; Ham & Cheese Sub; Green Beans; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Chilled Pears  
**Wednesday** – Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato; Fish Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Baked Beans; Fresh Banana  
**Thursday** – Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Garden Peas; Fresh Orange Wedges; Apple Cobbler

### Middle & High

**Friday** – Turkey & Noodles w/Wheat Roll; Baked Potato w/ or w/o Meat & Cheese and Wheat Roll; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Apricots; Chocolate Pudding  
**Monday** – Meatloaf w/Gravy and Wheat Roll; Corn Dog; Mashed Potatoes; Garden Peas; Chilled Pineapple  
**Tuesday** – Beef & Macaroni w/Wheat Roll; Turkey & Cheese Wrap; Tossed Salad w/Dressing; Fresh Orange  
**Wednesday** – Oven Baked BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich; Green Beans; Fresh Banana  
**Thursday** – Rotini w/Spaghetti Sauce; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Broccoli Cuts; Chilled Pears

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## Board considers elementary school name

By SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will tonight (Thursday) consider possible names for the district's tenth elementary school.

The school is under construction on the corner of Eubanks and Dromoland roads and is expected to open in the fall of 2008.

The district's school naming committee collected public input through an online survey throughout the month of October and received 83 suggested names from 194 people. Morris Grove Elementary was the most suggested name, with 71 votes, followed by Eubanks Elementary, which was sug-

gested by 13 respondents. The committee will present both Morris Grove and Eubanks as possible names for the board to consider.

Morris Grove was the name of a black school started by Morris Hogan, a freed slave, on a site adjacent to the site of the new elementary school. The school's original structure still stands.

Other suggested names for the new elementary school include: Chapel Hill North, Misaël Martinez, Hogan Farms, Howard and Lillian Lee, Old Rogers, Neil Pedersen, Charles Stewart, Hale, Alton Cheek, Northwest, Livy Ludington, Dromoland, Tar Heel Cove, Maya Angelou, Charles Kuralt, Twin Creeks, Mildred Coun-

cil, Harmony, Edith Wiggins, Anna Mercer McLean, Ronald Reagan, Green Planet, Hilliard Caldwell, Chapel Hill West, Virginia Dare, Euland, Burton W. Stewart, Forest View, Thomas Clayton Wolfe, Charles Drew, Hugh Banks, Klara Calderon-Guthe, Bill and Ida Friday, Maple View, William R. Davie, Strowd Roses, North Chapel Hill, Moeser, Northside, Edu-Saurus, Roy Williams, Piedmont, Orange, John Edwards, James Taylor, Levi Coffin, Eleanor Kinnaird, Pearman, Mahatma Ghandi, Carolina Drought, Eudro, Roadrunner, Bolin Creek, Rosa Parks, Blooming, Bill Gates, Alta Vista, Karen Reid, Dreamland, Deshera Mack, New Well, Carr Mill, Sunnyside, Oliver Smith-



PHOTO BY ROBERT DICKSON

Elementary 10 is under construction and awaiting a name.

ies, Julian Carr, Sherry Norris, Landfill, Century, Amy Rickard, Julie Dermody, Elm, Luther Hodges, Joe Herzenberg, Mohandas Ghandi, Elizabeth Cotton, Banks, Arlene Rosenfeld, Infinity, Halcyon and

Anne Sullivan.

The board will review the proposed names and make a final decision at a later meeting.

### CARTER FROM PAGE 3

As she was wrapping up her final business on the board, Carter took time to answer a few questions from *The Citizen*.

*What are the challenges you see ahead for the district?*

Part of it is continuing to educate all children and an emphasis on ... children of color, and those families that feel that they don't have a voice. It's not just people of color who feel that they don't have a voice. There are others that fit into that population.... For some reason, they don't feel attached to the district.... Also, exceptional education – I think it's an area that we need

to improve in.

When I came on the board in '94, the voice that was truly loud was that of parents of exceptional children ... It's good to hear. I always welcome the voices of our parents and of our students.

*What are some of the successes of the district during your time on the board?*

I feel we've made some strides in addressing some of the needs of African-American and Hispanic students. We're not there yet.... My regret is that I will not be at the table when some of those decisions are being made, decisions in improving the learning process of children and the instructional day of the child.... I won't be there. I'll often wonder what went on around those tables when I was not there. I have to

trust the persons that we've elected.

*What are some of the things you wish the board had done differently?*

Addressing some of the needs of the Blue Ribbon Task Force.... Some renovations of some of our older facilities and upkeep.... Keeping in mind that staff is extremely important. We often forget that teachers are the people who touch our kids' lives every day ... and if things aren't going right for [teachers] in the classroom, it's hard to be all you can be if you feel your individual needs are not being met ... I think that's something that our board and future boards need to be reminded of. We need to be sure that those teachers feel they are supported.

*You've been very involved in working to close*

*the minority achievement gap. What's it going to take to close the gap?*

There are three [primary] components: teachers, students and parents. One more piece is the community. I think we've done well in addressing some of the initiative in minority student education, but we haven't brought the community along.

Unfortunately, I don't think that I will be of sound mind and body when we close the gap

*Any final thoughts you'd like to share?*

Overall, it has been a great 13 years.

Going on the board, I always said it was not about me, it was about the children. I will be forever indebted to the community for being allowed to serve on the board."

## School Briefs

### School concerts

Chapel Hill-Carrboro high school music groups will perform winter concerts over the next several weeks.

- The Chapel Hill High School symphonic band and percussion ensembles will present an evening of multicultural music at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

The groups will perform music from Spanish, Caribbean, African, Korean and Russian musical traditions.

The performances are free and open to the public.

- The East Chapel Hill High School Choral Depart-

ment will perform their annual Winter Concert on December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The Concert Choir, Treble Ensemble, East Ensemble, East Men, Show Choir, Alley Cats, Chiefs of Staff and female barbershop quartet will perform at the concert.

The concert will be held in the East Chapel Hill High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

- The Carrboro High School chorus and orchestra will perform a concert on December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The chorus and orchestra will perform selections from Vivaldi's Gloria, highlights from Harry Potter and a little holiday music.

The concert will be held at Christ United Methodist Church in Southern Village. Congratulation bouquets will be on sale for \$5 before the concert. Proceeds benefit the orchestra and choral music programs at Carrboro High.

- The Carrboro High School Band will perform its Winter Concert on December 16 at 3 p.m. in the Carrboro High Café Commons.

### Teachers certified

Thirteen Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools teachers from eight schools achieved their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification during the 2006-07 cycle. The recipients were

announced on Tuesday as part of National Board Certification Day.

The teachers are: Ginger Brooks, Seawell Elementary; Briana Corke, Carrboro Elementary; Denise Cowan, Seawell Elementary; Al Donaldson, Carrboro High School; Mamie Hall, Culbreth Middle School; Natalie Holm, Carrboro High School; Stephanie King, Seawell Elementary; Megan Lambert, East Chapel Hill High School; Claire Nelson, Rashkis Elementary;

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CARRBORO HIGH WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(Dec. 4, courtesy Georg T. Gordon)  
Graham def. Carrboro 73-22  
Graham: 22 18 20 13 = 73  
Carrboro: 0 2 8 12 = 22  
Layne Mishoe was the top scorer for the Carrboro girls with six points. Liz Holman scored five points for the Lady Jaguars, including a three-point bucket and a two-point field goal. Madeline Gilmore contributed four points. Katherine Gilmore scored the first Lady Jaguar basket of the night midway through the second quarter.

CARRBORO HIGH MEN'S BASKETBALL

(Dec. 4 courtesy Georg T. Gordon)  
Graham def. Carrboro 86-60  
Graham: 20 23 31 12 = 86  
Carrboro: 10 18 9 23 = 60  
David Brooks topped the scoring for the Jaguars with 16 points, including one 3-point bucket. Brad Dimac added 14 points for the Carrboro varsity. Brooks Morgan contributed nine points, including one 3-point basket.

Chapel Hill Community Center re-opens

The Chapel Hill Community Center, closed for renovations since January, re-opened Wednesday. The center is at 120 South Estes Drive, across from the Post Office.  
Renovations that cost about \$2 million include a pool overhaul, a new roof, a new gym floor, new air conditioning and amenities for the handicapped.  
The climbing wall is expected to open next week.  
The community center also offers basketball, volleyball, trails, a playground and a rose garden.  
The pool will be closed this weekend for a few final touches and the town warns that those sensitive to chemical smells may wish to avoid the Center on Friday and Monday.  
The town is also building the Homestead Aquatic Center at 300 Northern Park Drive. A groundbreaking ceremony on January 22, 2007 kicked off the construction. Completion is projected for mid-2008.  
The Homestead center will include two pools, locker rooms and a meeting room.  
Call the Community Center at 968-2790 for additional information.



Left: Omni Lester (15) of the Carrboro varsity Lady Jaguars, works her way through the front court during the Tuesday, Dec. 4 game against the Graham Lady Red Devils. Right: Brooks Morgan (32) of the varsity Carrboro Jaguars is fouled by a Graham Red Devil during the Tuesday, Dec. 4 game in Carrboro.



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In Brief

Booster meeting

The Carrboro High School Athletic Booster Club will meet December 17 at 6 p.m.  
The meetings will be held in the Carrboro High School Dining Commons. All members of the Carrboro High School community are welcome to attend.

Aquatic victories

The Carrboro High School Jaguar swimmers and divers won their first meets of the season.

Last Thursday, Jaguar swimmers defeated Cedar Ridge High School at the Triangle Sportsplex. The men won 178-63; the women, 180-78. Individual event winners included Shelby Banning-Arndt, Ty Fenton, Natalie Hoge, Abby May, Troy Morelli, A.J. Poole, Ken Ryan, Rosemary Scanga and Emily Tysinger.  
The Jaguar divers defeated Cardinal Gibbons on Monday. Sarah Hubbard took second place for the women and Emily Johnston took third. Colby Isabel took first place for the men, Hayden Stults took second, MacKenzie Price third, Tyler Oleski fourth and JJ Strosnider fifth.

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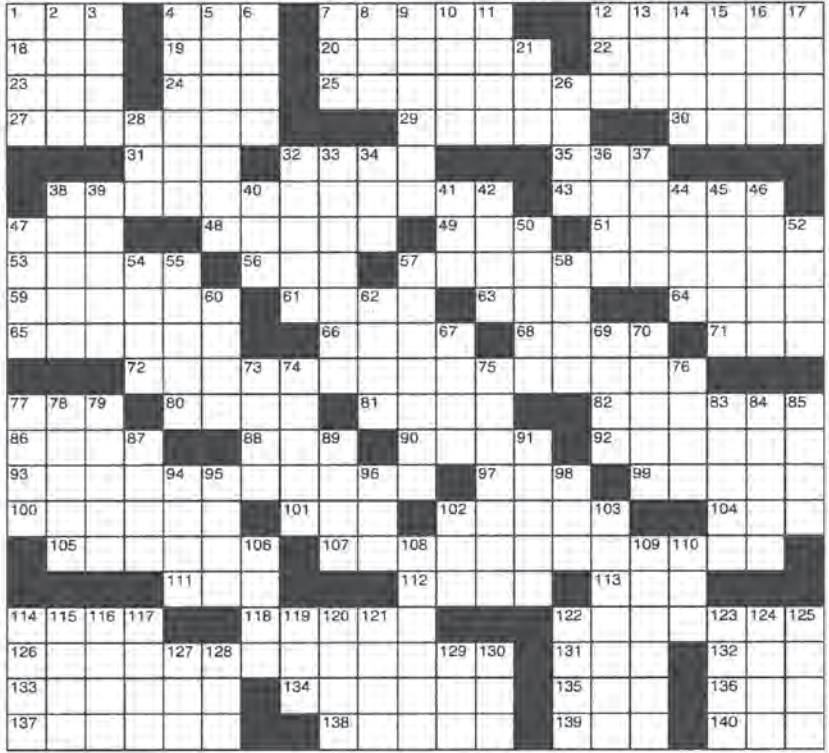
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the Haw River, Hawbridge School teachers decided to use the resources around them to educate their students.

“All of the classes utilize the river in some way,” Johnson said. The earth science class, for example, is building a nature trail along the section of the river behind the school.

All students in the class are creating their own stations on the trail, where they’ve conducted a habitat assessment to determine the native and invasive plants in that area.

For physical education, students canoe and kayak on the river.

“They moan and groan about it at the beginning,” Huth said. “But by the end, they’re sad that the season is over.”

In addition, students have participated in the Haw River Assembly’s River Watch Project, in which river watchers look for certain organisms to determine the health of the water.

Christine Rebrook, a sophomore from Alamance County, said she liked being able to use the river in her classes.

“It’s cool for biology and art, because we get to do stuff with the river,” she said.

Johnson said she uses the river “any time I can connect [the students] science learning



Michelle Dukes, 15, Sophomore from Liberty, and Kimberly Cline, 17, Senior from Graham, research presidential candidates together in history class.

with something outside.”

“The wildlife around here is pretty incredible,” she continued. “They absolutely develop an attachment to the river.”

Sometimes, Johnson said, she takes the students outside to just sit on the rocks by the river and take it all in.

**A different kind of curriculum**

Students must apply to attend the Hawbridge School, and because it’s so small the school does turn some applicants away.

“We hope to recruit students who are going to focus

on the environmental aspect and the art aspect,” Huth said. Most classes have no more than 20 students, while some have as few as two.

Once students are accepted, they must sign a partnership agreement with their parents and school faculty.

Morgan Smith, a junior from Greensboro who started at the school last year, said she came to the Hawbridge School because of its size.

“It’s a lot smaller than the public schools,” she said.

Alex Craig, a junior who previously attended Chapel Hill High School, said he too liked the school’s smaller classes.

“It’s much different than other schools,” he said. “You get more attention that way.”

Craig added that he liked the flexibility he had with his

curricula compared with some traditional high schools’ block schedules. The school year at Hawbridge is broken up into interdisciplinary units. This year, the units include pottery, power and energy, textiles, the river and sustainable environment.

“The main reason that we’re doing this is so they can see connections across disciplines,” Huth said.

During each unit, students go on fieldtrips, work on special projects and listen to guest speakers.

“Because we’re a small school, we’ve been able to go on so many field trips,” Johnson said.

The students will soon complete their river unit, in which they’ve studied some aspect of the river in all their classes. In music class, for example, the students studied music from areas along the Mississippi River, from New Orleans to St. Louis.

“Basically, the [interdisciplinary units] ha[ve] been so phenomenally successful that we’re bowled over,” Huth said.

Although the river unit is drawing to a close, the students’ study of the river is hardly complete.

“We’ll probably always do something with the river,” Huth said, “because it’s right there.”

**BOARD**  
FROM PAGE 1

some of the resulting projects built, but he noted that the permits are in the pipeline for a number of big projects that will help meet the goal established in 1999 to double the square footage of living space downtown.

He said the board’s job is to set the tone and policies and credited the town staff with actually making things work.

“Those are the folks who make it happen.”

He thanked friends and family for “tolerating my work here” and offered kudos to the volunteers on the town’s advisory boards and former and current elected officials for their work in guiding the town.

He reminded his colleagues still in office to keep the needs and best interests of the town in mind and not be tempted to push any specific agenda or philosophy.

He ended with a moment of characteristic candor saying, “I enjoy all to keep again the larger community front and center. And remember you have something great here and I would suggest you have something magical. Don’t blow it.”

His friend and fellow board member Joal Hall Broun read a detailed proclamation citing his efforts to steer a new course for downtown, affordable housing and other policies and noting in good-natured fashion the “certain thespian qualities” and lengthy, complex sentences he used in making his points.

Moved and seconded, the resolution honoring Zaffron passed unanimously. He shook hands with his “office mate” town clerk Sarah Williamson, Town Manager Steve Stewart and Town Attorney Michael Brough then walked over to the audience, wished new board member Lydia Lavelle success and strolled, plaque in hand, out of the room.

New board member Lydia Lavelle was then sworn in by District Judge Beverly Scarlett,

who she later noted was her study partner in law school. Lavelle’s swearing in was followed by the swearing in of Broun, Alderman Dan Coleman and Mayor Mark Chilton.

In remarks afterward, Lavelle said she was “honored, excited and humbled” by the opportunity to serve on the board. She thanked her partner Alicia Stemper and their two children for giving her “permission to wreak havoc on our family life.”

She said that while it’s true that since she lives in the recently annexed region of town, her experience during the campaign taught her that “our neighborhoods are much more similar than they are different.”

Broun singled out the late Hank Anderson for getting her involved in local policymaking and credited her father Leroy and late mother Mabel for setting an example by their participation in civic and religious life.

She said she would dedicate her new term in office to continuing efforts to increase and improve affordable housing choices and develop a wider degree of economic opportunity in the county.

Coleman thanked his family, supporters and the voters.

“I’m looking forward to the next four years, I’m looking forward to working with all of you. We’ve got a lot of challenges ahead of us. We’ve got a lot of opportunities. We’ve got a lot of ambition as a small town that in some way is maybe a little too big for its britches, but we’re always trying to pull them up and stretch them out. I’m looking forward to that work with you.”

Chilton thanked his family, the voters and residents.

“It is genuinely an honor. It’s a unique experience,” he said, “and most of the time it’s a lot of fun. And I sincerely appreciate the literal vote of confidence you’ve given me as your mayor.”

Before wrapping up for the evening the board elected Alderman John Herrera as mayor.



Mayor Mark Chilton with his son Alex is sworn in for his second term by Town Clerk Sarah Williamson.



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