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Partly Cloudy
43/27

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
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SUNDAY
40% chance of rain
49/31

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Robert Johnson's nature note page includes details surrounding a miniature landscape.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Taking a closer look with pencil and brush

Next time you take a woods walk, carry along a pencil and a little notebook or sketch pad. Wherever you pause along the way to take a closer look, make some quick sketches and written notes of what you see and how you feel. Pay attention to details like bud shapes, round or pointed, whether a leaf is dark or light green, perhaps a colorful beetle in the path. A simple sketch with color notes jotted on the sides guides you if you want to add color when you return home.

Some of you are thinking you're incapable of drawing and painting. Beware, there is art in everyone. We simply need to rediscover that childhood freedom and creativity that lurks buried within. Reflect on how we drew as children. Whether a tree or bird, we drew it. Then along came the well-meaning parent or other attending grown-up with an "Oh no, that's not how a tree looks!" and therein was the end of our artistic expression, sometimes, sadly, for the rest of our lives.

Back in late September, North Carolina nature artist Robert Johnson led a weekend class for a number of local outdoorsy types interested in keeping nature journals. Robert is like a contemporary Mark Catesby, except Robert does not have to rely on the harsh colonial travels on horseback through virgin territory. Robert makes long hiking and camping excursions into the wilds across America and from Alaska to New Zealand. In making his "nature notes," he likes to "hike light" to "keep it simple!" He goes equipped only with a small sketch pad and a pencil and a little color chart of his own design. Back at camp, he sets up for the evening to add watercolors to his sketch notes, sometimes redrawing several pages to make larger ones representing an entire plant and animal community.

SEE FLORA PAGE 12

County opts to truck trash to Durham

Millhouse Road removed from consideration for future waste facility

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

"Sometimes the best strategy is to punt," said Orange County Commissioner Barry Jacobs, and with those words he raised a motion at Monday night's meeting that the county ship its garbage to Durham County's transfer station for a three- to five-year period and to use that time to re-engage the county's municipalities in developing a long-term solid waste strategy.

The commissioners were tasked to vote on whether to place a transfer station on county-owned property — called the Paydarfar site (the name of its previous owner) — on Millhouse Road or on a previously approved site off N.C. 54 near Orange Grove Road, or to pursue a deal with Durham County to use its transfer facility.

Commissioner Mike Nelson asked that an amendment be added to the motion removing Millhouse Road from future consideration as a site for a transfer station, should the board later decide to construct one

in Orange County. Jacobs agreed, and the motion passed 6-1, with Commissioner Steve Yuhasz in opposition. Yuhasz said he opposed the amendment because he wanted to leave all options on the table.

The Millhouse site has drawn opposition for a number of reasons, most prominently because it's within a half mile of the county landfill. Supporters of the Rogers-Eubanks community, which is adjacent to the landfill, say that community has endured more than enough, having lived with the ill effects of the landfill for 37 years.

The N.C. 54 site also has met with strong opposition. Opponents have argued, among other things, that it's too far from where the majority of waste is produced and too far from a major highway.

'A long learning process'

New County Manager Frank Clifton spoke Monday night prior to the vote, listing the pros and mostly cons of each option.

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HOLIDAY FUN

This weekend kicks off the holiday season in earnest. Be sure to get your spot along the route for the annual holiday parade, which starts in Chapel Hill at 10 a.m. and winds through the downtowns to Carrboro Town Hall.

Also on tap: The Youth Performing Arts Conservatory and The Artscenter are teaming up to stage a play based on Dylan Thomas' classic poem *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. Any fans of hills made of ice cream, dessert spoons, excessive balloons and tons of useless presents should plan to attend. The show runs Dec. 11-13 And 18-20, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. And Sundays at 3 p.m. For more information, visit artscenterlive.org



Board wants help for Club Nova

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — Members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen say they're worried about the future of Club Nova and other local programs, in light of the crisis in the state's mental health system

Club Nova, a clubhouse designed to promote rehabilitation and reintegration into the community for individuals living with mental illness, is located on Main Street in Carrboro and recently has been reported to be facing financial troubles.

At its meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, the board heard from Natalie Ammarell, chair of former Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy's Mental Health Task Force. Ammarell spoke about the short-falls of the mental health system in Orange County — the most prominent and pressing being a shrinking resource base.

Ammarell said the 2010 North Carolina budget includes an approximate \$75 million cut to mental health services. That means funding to Orange, Chatham and Person counties is to be reduced next year by more than \$2 million.

Ammarell reported on the task force's recommendations, which include the placement of more UNC School of Social Work students in local mental health agencies with paid supervision; improved awareness of mental health issues among local law enforcement and safety personnel; and stronger leadership within the community on mental health, developmental disability and substance-abuse issues.

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A walk on the Hollywood side

RECENTLY...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Taking the "perp walk" might have been the best thing that happened to Travis Kukovich, owner of William Travis Jewelry, during this recession. Such a humiliating walk generally ends with doors slamming behind one; for Kukovich, some pretty marvelous doors opened.

This story twists together many threads, but in its simplest telling begins about six months ago, when Kukovich attended a cast party for *Main Street*, a movie shot in Durham, and starring Orlando Bloom. Kukovich was invited as a local artist and found himself elbow-to-elbow at the James Joyce Irish Pub in Durham, where to his surprise a gorgeous woman knew his name upon introduction. She frequents Floranblanca, a Costa Rican resort where Kukovich opened a second store three years ago (after a customer's husband — UNC trustee Rusty Carter — offered him space there while visiting Kukovich's University Square store. But that's another story).

Turns out the gorgeous woman is a supermodel and the girlfriend of Bloom, whom Kukovich met along with movie property master John Sanders from Wilmington — a good contact for a Chapel Hill jeweler.

Two days later, Sanders walked into the store, needing a simple repair. What he found was an answer for the movie he'd spend the summer on. He offered Kukovich an opportunity. Miley Cyrus plays a confused and searching teen in *The Last Song*, the latest undertaking



PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ
After the 'perp walk,'" Travis Kukovich, back in his University Square store.

by Nicholas Sparks, prolific author of such North Carolina-set books/movies (and in-state movie productions) as *The Notebook* and *Nights at Rodanthe*. Sparks, who lives in New Bern, teamed with Cyrus for her non-Disney debut. He created the vehicle, writing the screenplay before the book, to accommodate the shooting schedule. It showcases Cyrus as the central character in a love story between child and parents three years after their divorce. Her mother, played by Kelly Preston, insists that she spend the summer with her father, played by Greg Kinnear, who had moved from New York City to Wilmington.

Props-meister Sanders wanted emo goth (emotionally Gothic) jewelry for the character Cyrus plays.

Kukovich, a five-time Spectrum Award winner — the Academy Award-equivalent in jewelry design — and rated one of the top five jewelry designers in the country, was up for a challenge, so he designed a 32-piece line.

"Rarely do you get a part in a movie where jewelry plays a big role," Kukovich said.

But the part went to a cheap imitation before anyone even looked at his designs.

Kukovich hadn't had time to get a good head of steam worked up over the loss of time and materials before Sanders called, inviting him to the set on Tybee Island off the coast from Savannah.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



JUCIFER
Local 506
Sunday, December 13

THURSDAY DEC 10

Blue Bayou: Souless Dogs. 9pm Free

Cats Cradle: Brendan Benson, Cory Chisel. 9pm. \$15

The Cave: LATE: Mahoney, Terrance and the Tall Boys

General Store Cafe: Funku-ponya. 7-9pm

Local 506: The New Familiars, Cornmeal. 9:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Spider Bags, John Wesley Coleman, Blag'ard, Psychonaut

FRIDAY DEC 11

Blue Bayou: Tinsley Ellis. 9:30pm. \$18/20

Cats Cradle: The Movement, Shawn Fisher. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: Ashley Adkins Band LATE: Mandolin Orange, Big Fat Gap!

General Store Cafe: Shamrockers. 8:30-10:30pm

Harry's Market: Vintage Blue. 7-9pm

Local 506: Holiday Show with The Sundowners, Max Indian, Ryan Gustafson, Mount Moriah, The

Love Language, The Light Pines, Jeff Crawford, Josh Moore, Twelve Thousand Armies, The Tomahawks. \$8/10

Nightlight: Physics of Meaning, Joe Romeo, Perry Wright. 10pm

Open Eye Cafe: Luckys Starlight Lounge. 8pm

SATURDAY DEC 12

Blue Bayou: Fat Bastard Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$6/8

Cats Cradle: Salute to Pete Rock and DJ Premier with Skyzoo, Tyler Woods, Big Remo, Kaze, Thee Tom Hardy, Rapsody, Actual Proof, Cesar Comanche, Edgar Allan Floe, The Presidents, Jozeemo and K. Hill, Family Dollar Band. 9pm. \$18/20

The Cave: EARLY: Star FK Radium. \$5 LATE: Embarrassing Fruits, Bambara, Reed Benjamin!

General Store Cafe: Tommy Edwards Christmas Show. 8:30-10:30pm. \$5

Kenan Music Building: Charanga Carolina, Orquesta Gardel. 9pm. \$10/5 student with ID

Local 506: Benji Hughes, Luego. 9:30pm. \$8



TRECKY YULETIDE ORCHESTRA
Cat's Cradle
Tuesday, December 15

Nightlight: Juan Huevos, Wet Mango, Ex-Monkeys, Andy the Doorbum

Open Eye Cafe: Lisa Furukawa. 8pm

SUNDAY DEC 13

Cats Cradle: SWASO, Stranger Spirits, Robert Sledge and the Flashlight Assembly. 8:30pm. \$5

The Cave: Micah Schnabel

Hill Hall: Chapel Hill Philharmonia "Music for Dreaming." 7:30pm. Free

Local 506: Jucifer. 9:30pm. \$8

MONDAY DEC 14

Cats Cradle: Street Dogs, Roger Miret and the Disasters, Stigma. 8pm. \$12

Local 506: The Whigs, The Features, Mean Creek. 9pm. \$10/12

TUESDAY DEC 15

Cats Cradle: Christmas at the Cradle with Trecky Yuletide Orchestra, Dexter Romweber, Stuart McLamb, Des Ark, Whatever Brains, Organos, Veelee, Birds and Arrows, Mount Weather. 7:30pm. \$8/10

Local 506: Cage, Big Hell. 9:30pm. \$10

WEDNESDAY DEC 16

Blue Bayou: Lisa Kyle and Friends. 8:30pm. Free

The Cave: LATE: Bobby's Fever, Ben Davis and The Jetts, Bobby's Fever, Inspector 22. \$5

Local 506: Cool Kid Collective, Irvine. 9:30pm. Free

Nightlight: Monsonia, 97-Shiki. 9:30pm.

THURSDAY DEC 17

Blue Bayou: Half Baked Beans. 9pm. Free

The Cave: LATE: Stu Halloween and Taz Cole, Morgan Mcpherson

General Store Cafe: Tony Gallani Band. 7-9pm

Local 506: Jonas Sees In Color, Gossip Grows On Trees, En Serenade 8:30pm. \$7

Nightlight: Tickle Feather, Veelee, My Empty Phantom, Mike Dillon. 9:30pm. \$7

FRIDAY DEC 18

Blue Bayou: Will McFarlane Band. 9:30pm

The Cave: EARLY: Carrbros LATE: Kenny Roby and Scott McCall, Tim Stambaugh Band

General Store Cafe: Left on Franklin. 8-10:30pm

Harry's Market: Tad Dreis. 7-9pm

Nightlight: Americans in France, Impossible Arms, Drunk Tigers. 10pm. \$5

SATURDAY DEC 19

Blue Bayou: Jo Gore and The Alternative. 9:30pm

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: 6th Annual Evil Weiner X-Mas Show

General Store Cafe: Hindu-grass. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: The Whiskey Smugglers, The Pneurotics, Gambling The Muse. 10pm. \$6

Nightlight: Ghost to Falco, Inspector 22. 10pm

Open Eye Cafe: Sawyer-Goldberg Ensemble. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT



Arts & crafts anyone?

In addition to the various plays, parades and events mentioned on page one, the next couple of weekends are shaping up to be very artsy. Crafts, too.

Among the big events, some of which are sprinkled with music and food as well, is The ArtsCenter's third annual ELF Fair on Saturday. Handmade soaps, knit goods, jewelry, pillows, silk-screened clothing, ceramic vessels, holiday cards, imaginative magnets and lots of art are promised, according to organizer Amanda Barr (shown above at a recent arts fair at Johnny's).

Last year's fair was a big hit, with plenty of local art, and this year's promises to be even bigger; thanks to a wider array of vendors and the addition of Roulette Vintage in helping put together the event.

The event should be going on just after the Christmas Parade wanders through downtown Carrboro. It runs from 1 to 5 p.m. Music will be provided by Gmish, a "soul music klezmerim," featuring Citizen regular Phil Blank on accordion. Also, maybe, some rock-and-roll elves.

Also this weekend is the holiday edition of the 2ndFriday Artwalk. Visit 2ndfridayartwalk.com for a listing of galleries and artists and keep in mind that gifting local art is one of the best ways to buy local.

Next weekend, Johnny's is hosting a holiday fair of its own. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, there'll be crafts and foods on sale as well as local music and a wine tasting. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Carrboro Community Garden.



TH 12/10
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FR 12/11(\$10/\$12)**
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SU 12/13 SWASO, STRANGER SPIRITS, ROBERT SLEDGE AND FLASHLIGHT ASSEMBLY(\$5)**

MO 12/14 STREET DOGS
W/ROGER MIRET AND THE DISASTERS, STIGMA**(\$12)

TU 12/15 TRECKY RECORDS PRESENTS: CHRISTMAS AT THE CRADLE 2009
W/TRECKY YULETIDE ORCHESTRA, DEXTER ROMWEBER, STUART MCLAMB, DES ARK, WHATEVER BRAINS, ORGANOS, VEELEE, BIRDS AND AROOS, MOUNT WEATHER
A BENEFIT FOR THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY**(\$8/\$10)

SA 12/26
WINTER REGGAE JAM
DUB ADDIS & CRUCIAL FIYA(\$8/\$10)**

SA 12/26
IN JAPANESE
DANCE PARTY(\$12)**

TH 12/31(\$20/\$25)**
NEW YEARS EVE SHOW!
BILLY PRICE BAND

SA 1/9/2010(\$10/\$12)**
ABBEY ROAD LIVE!

SU 1/10/2010(\$15/\$17)**
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FR 1/15/2010
THE OLD CEREMONY(\$10)**

SA 1/16/2010
WHO'S BAD?*

SU 1/17/2010
DIRTY DOZEN BRASS
BAND(\$15)**

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TH 2/11/2010(\$25)**
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W/AMY RAY'S ROCK SHOW

FR 2/12/2010(\$15)**
JOHN BROWN'S BODY

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News Briefs

Campus blood drive set for Fetzer Gym

Campus and local community members are invited to give the gift of life this holiday season at the 11th annual winter Carolina Blood Drive.

The drive will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Fetzer Gym on the UNC campus. Parking will be free in the Cobb Deck off Country Club Road.

To give, you must be healthy, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated whole blood since Oct. 19 or double red cells since Aug. 25. Individuals 18 and younger must also meet specific height and weight requirements. Participation takes about an hour. To make an appointment for the drive or for more information, visit unc.edu/blood.

Holiday recycling schedule

Curbside recycling will not be collected on Friday, Dec. 25. The make-up recycling day is Saturday, Dec. 26.

Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25. Centers will resume normal hours on Dec. 26.

The Orange County Landfill and all associated services, including hazardous waste collection, electronics recycling and mulch sales, will close at 2 p.m. on Dec 24 and will be closed all day Dec. 25. Normal hours will resume on Dec. 26.

Curbside recycling will not be collected on Friday, Jan. 1. The make-up recycling day is Saturday, Jan. 2.

The Orange County Landfill and all associated services, including hazardous waste collection, electronics recycling and mulch sales, will be closed Jan. 1. Normal hours will resume Jan. 2.

More concern over Bolin Creek greenway plans

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

Various members of town staff and advisory boards have been planning a greenway along Bolin Creek for more than a decade, and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen was presented with a review of the Bolin Creek Greenway conceptual plan at Tuesday's board meeting at Town Hall. The board also received comments from the public about the plan.

Town staff and the greenways commission have been working with Greenways Inc. to develop the conceptual plan for new greenway trails along the Bolin Creek corridor between Estes Drive and Homestead Road and the Jones Creek corridor on the northern part of Lake Hogan Farms.

Sections of the plan, for south of Homestead Road and along Wilson Park, were given the go-ahead by the board, but it was the sections near Carolina North

Forest and Bolin Creek that had residents concerned.

The primary issue was a proposed creekside route, rather than an upland forest route or one along already-existing roads.

A 10-foot-paved greenway is proposed, and some nearby residents said they were concerned about what that would do to the integrity of the land.

"You can't just put that much impervious service near the creek without runoff in the creek," Carrboro resident Dickson Phillips said.

Other citizens expressed concerns related to nature conservation, public safety and over-use.

Mayor Mark Chilton said he was frustrated that much of this was coming out now, after such a long process.

Board members agreed there should be more public input and promised citizens there would be more workshops or hearings before other phases of the conceptual plan went through.



Kleinschmidt sworn in

New Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt was sworn in Monday night along with returning council members Laurin Easthom and Ed Harrison and newly elected council members Gene Pease and Penny Rich.

Kleinschmidt, who won by a slim, 106 vote margin, took pains to thank everyone who worked on his campaign and said the closeness of the race proved that every effort was important. He and fellow council member Matt Czajkowski, who lost the mayor's

race, acknowledged a hard-fought but civil campaign and said they looked forward to working together.

The new council did not wait long to get down to one of the largest issues pending from the previous council — naming a successor to Bill Strom, who resigned in August. As *The Citizen* went to press Wednesday evening, the council held a meeting to hear from applicants for the seat. The council is scheduled to meet Monday as well and could vote then on their choice. — *Staff Reports*

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ALDERMEN FROM PAGE 1

Ammarell stressed making mental health a local issue, suggesting that local governments work together to find both long- and short-term solutions.

"We need ways to promote collaboration, working together to try to overcome stigma," she said.

Alderman Jacquie Gist voiced interest in a standing inter-governmental group that

advocates for mental health service agencies.

Gist said she wanted to find a way to keep Club Nova open, and requested other board members join her in the effort.

"Nova is such a positive model," Alderman Rande Haven-O'Donnell said. "So if we can look further into it, that'd be great."

Board members agreed the facts are sobering.

"To see it all pulled together in one place is really depressing and really scary, like we're losing ground," Gist said. "These are discussions that we had back in the '50s, then again in the '70s."

The board also received with the results of a water survey conducted last summer in the Rogers Road community by community leader Robert Campbell and

students from UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health. The study showed contamination in the Rogers Road community drinking water.

Board members had questions about the cause of the contamination and the objective of the study

Gist, in particular, said that though the inference of the study seemed to be the landfill was causing contamination, she didn't think the facts really supported that.

The board moved to accept the report.

In other action the board:
 • set a public hearing for Jan. 26 on a land-use ordinance text amendment modifying a street-separation requirement;
 • approved an addendum to the inter-local agreement between

Orange County and Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough with regard to tax and revenue collection;

• amended the town code with regard to parking along East Carr Street and within municipal parking lots, stipulating a two-hour limit between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.;

• set a public hearing for Jan. 26 on a draft ordinance amending the land-use ordinance to revise stream buffer and associated provisions in regards to the Jordan Water Supply Nutrient Strategy;

• rejected the bids received for the Bus Shelter Installation project;

• and appointed Robin Michler as the Transportation Advisory Board's representative on the Greenways Commission.

A CLOSER LOOK PHOTO SHOW



Mushrooms, as seen by Giles Blunden and Wildflowers as seen by Ken Moore



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Community Briefs

Winter stories

Storytellers and musicians will entertain children of all ages on Dec. 10 at the Friends of the Library's 17th annual Winter Stories program in UNC's Wilson Library. The event begins with refreshments in the lobby at 5 p.m. and continues with music and tales from around the world in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room at 5:45 p.m.

The theme for this year's program is "A Seasoning of Stories and Song."

Attendees are encouraged to bring a new or gently used children's book to contribute to a drive for the Book Fairy, an organization that donates books to the Pediatric Oncology Clinic at UNC Hospitals. The need is especially great for preschool Spanish-language books and picture books or easy readers in English.

For information about the free public program, contact Liza Terll at 962-4207 or liza_terll@unc.edu, or visit library.unc.edu/blogs/news

Chapel Hill High School alumni run

The fifth annual Chapel Hill High School Alumni Run will be Sunday, Dec 27 at 1 p.m. at the CHHS track.

In addition to the main 5K Alumni Run/Walk, there will be a Munchkin Ramble for up-and-coming runners, raffle prizes, food following the run at the Lake Hogan Farms clubhouse and lots of time to catch up with old teammates, family and friends.

Race registration will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Money will benefit the Chapel Hill Cross Country Program.

Santa to visit Franklin Street

Franklin Street's Varsity Theatre will be showing the 1947 classic *Miracle on 34th Street* beginning Friday, Dec. 11. After the Saturday and Sunday matinee shows (1:00 and 3:20 p.m.), The Varsity invites moviegoers to visit with Santa upstairs in the party room. More information on The Varsity's events is available on the theater's website, varsity-onfranklin.com

Fish the Magish

The Fish the Magish holiday magic show will be Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Carrboro Branch Library, located in McDougale Middle School. Admission is free and the show is designed for ages 3 and up, as snowmen, elves and magical surprises bring the holidays to life.

The Friends of the Carrboro Library will hold their annual book sale in the McDougale Schools' Cafetorium on Dec. 19 and 20. The sale runs 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Willie and Company

Willie and Company, a ventriloquist act, is coming to the Carrboro Century Center on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m. as part of the Lollipop Series for children 3 to 5 years old. Peggy Miller is the voice behind Willie, Great Great Granny Gardner and Willie's little cousin, Hannah. Admission is \$3.

Christmas Cheer for a Cause

Christmas Cheer for a Cause is a family celebration benefiting the N.C. Food Bank and Toys for Tots. On Saturday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m., at East 54 Outdoor Plaza, there will be Christmas carols, treats and a visit from the Clauses. The event is free and open to the public and attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped child's gift or a non-perishable food item. For more information, call 929-0060.

Black named president of MOAA

Col. Fred Black, U.S. Army retired, was recently installed as president of the North Carolina State Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association (MOAA). The council serves to further the aims and legislative goals of the national organization and assist member chapters in effectively serving their members, their communities and the nation. There are 19 chapters in the council and over 18,000 MOAA members in North Carolina.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, DEC 11

Student Holiday Print & Art Sale — UNC's art department, in association with The Artery, the new UNC student art gallery, presents the Third Annual Student Holiday Print & Art Sale. 9am-9:30pm at The Artery, 137 East Rosemary St. Info: msonic@unc.edu, thestudentartery.blogspot.com.

SATURDAY, DEC 12

Mental Health Forum — The Mental Health Association in Orange County (MHAOC) will present its annual forum from 8:30-10:30am at Orange United Methodist Church, 1220 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The forum will include a panel of mental health professionals and consumers who will explore the topic, The Impact of Mental Health Reform on Our Community.

Kol Haskalah's Annual Hanukkah Celebration and Latke Cook-Off — The event will take place at the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ERUUF) in Fellowship Hall. Latke cooking starts at 2pm. Please drain liquid from potatoes, then bring your latke mixture for frying. Contact Cathy Moore (moorecathy@nc.rr.com) if you wish to participate. The Hannukah party starts at 5 pm — a brief service followed by the Warshauer family puppet show and a potluck supper.

ELF Arts and Crafts Fair — ELF is an imaginative holiday arts and crafts festival in Carrboro. Selection of handmade soaps, knit goods, jewelry, pillows, silk screened clothing, ceramic vessels, holiday cards, imaginative magnets and lots of art. West End Theatre of the Artscenter, 1-5pm



SUNDAY, DEC 13

Holiday 5K and One Mile Family Fun Run/Walk — Chapel Hill Service League will be hosting the sixth annual Southern Village Holiday 5K and One Mile Family Fun Run/Walk. The 5k will begin at 2pm at Market Street in Southern Village and the one mile Family Fun Run/Walk will take place at 3pm. Both races start and finish by the Weaver Street Market in Southern Village. All proceeds support the Chapel Hill Service League.

Music for Dreaming — Chapel Hill Philharmonia presents *Music for Dreaming*, at 7:30pm at Hill Hall Auditorium on UNC campus. The CHP classical concert features Elizabeth Tomlin, Duke Music Department, in Schumann's Piano Concerto. Conductor Don Oehler will also lead the orchestra in Mozart's *Symphony #25* and Borodin's *Polovetsian Dances*. Free.

TUESDAY, DEC 15

Death with Interruptions — At 7pm, the Contemporary Fiction Book Club meets to discuss

Death with Interruptions by Nobel Laureate José Saramago at the Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. Info: 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, www.co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary.asp

Bill of Rights Day — Reading of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution by any 10 volunteers present and proclamations read by designated members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Chapel Hill Town Council and Carrboro Board of Aldermen. All welcome to join this annual ceremony. Noon, East Franklin Street Courthouse steps, Peace and Justice Plaza.

Ongoing Cancer Support — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiainhouse.org

Compassionate Friends — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221, chapelhillctf.org

Introduction to Buddhism — Classes offered Wednesday nights, 7:30-9pm in December at Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center at 109 Jones Creek Place, Carrboro. All are welcome. The class is informal and designed for discussion. A brief sitting meditation will be included. Suggested donation for each class: \$5. 968-9426, piedmontkctc.org

DivorceCare — Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Family to Family — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support a family member suffering with mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or gbelder@bellsouth.net.

Garden Tour — Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the Garden. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Jazz at the Mall — University Mall presents free jazz concerts every Sunday, 2-4pm

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-11am, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

Open-Mic Poetry — Tuesdays except first Tuesday, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

Walking Tour — The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill offers "Walk This Way," walking tours of Franklin Street every Sunday at 2 pm. \$5. 942-7818 or chpreservation@mindspring.com for more information. Reservations recommended for groups of five or more people.

Breastfeeding Café — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from 1-2pm at the Red Hen. A La Leche representative will be there to provide information and answer questions, 201 Weaver St.

Kids

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

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

Express Yourself! — Art program for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrens museum.org

Volunteers

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program — Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the community. 942-2948

Orange County Literacy — Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring and creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151



2008 Holiday 5K and One Mile Family Fun Run/Walk to benefit the Chapel Hill Service League

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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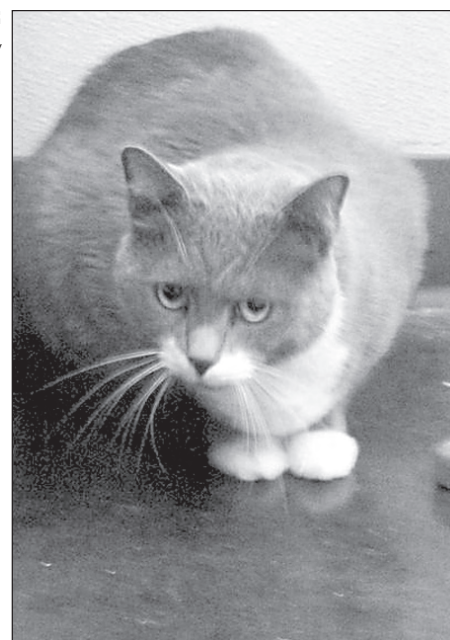
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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — Meet Tom Tom!

He is a new 4-year-old grey and white fella here at paws4ever. He is still nervous and adjusting to things here. Tom Tom and his friend Tiny were returned adoptions as a result of a divorce. Tiny is at our clinic right now with a cold, so now Tom Tom is very sad and misses his friend. Tiny will be back to keep him company as soon as he gets over his cold, and hopefully Tom Tom will cheer up a bit when he does. Tom Tom doesn't like being picked up, but is an affectionate guy. He will come over to you if you sit and talk to him. He does have a very loud motor, once he gets it revved up. So come on in and talk to our new friend Tom Tom and make him feel a little better. He would love to meet you! Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet Clover!

This cutie pie is around 4 months old, super petite and so sweet! She gets along great with other people and other kitties and would love to find a new place to call home this holiday season. Visit her at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see her online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption

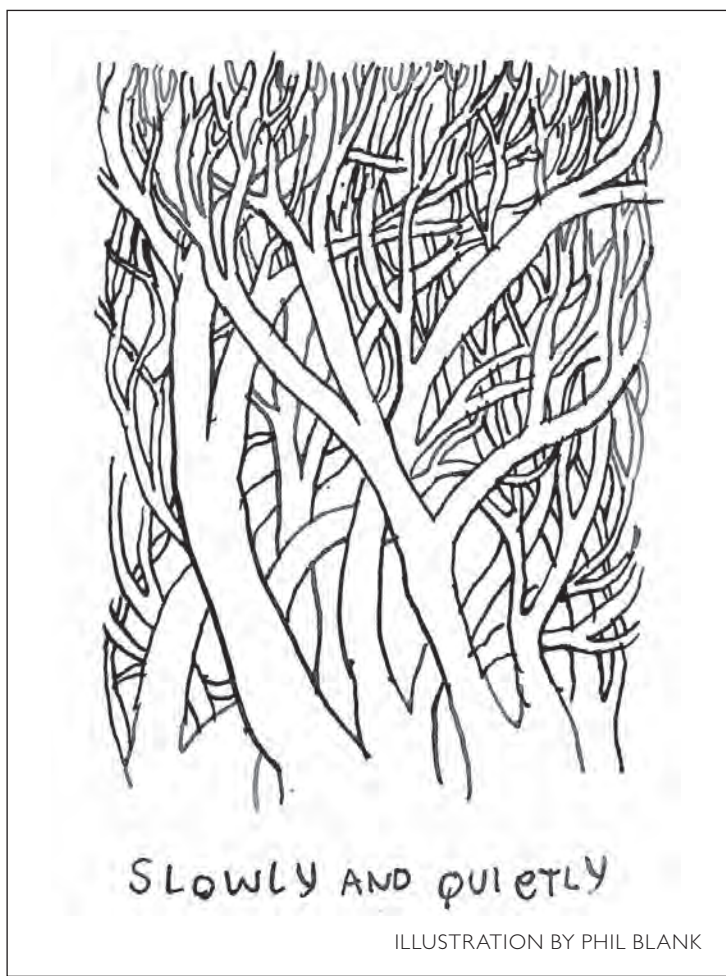


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The Recyclery, which offers repair and maintenance classes for cyclists and rehabilitates older wheels to keep them on the road, is looking for a new home now that its spot on Padgett Lane near the old Performance Bike shop is slated for demolition soon. If you've got an idea for a location, contact the organization through their website, recyclery.info/

Land & Table Briefs

Biofuels get stimulus grant

U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan's office announced this week that Piedmont Biofuels Industrial in Pittsboro will receive a \$139,249 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant for innovative clean-energy research and development. Hagan said she was impressed during a recent tour of the facility. The grant, she said, is an example of the growing interest in investments in North Carolina's sustainable-energy industry.

"Our research staff at Piedmont Biofuels is delighted to partner with the Department of Energy and continue our work in the next generation of biofuels production," said Rachel Burton, director of research at Piedmont Biofuels. Burton said Piedmont Biofuels will use the funds to develop advanced biodiesel production processes. These processes will enable biodiesel producers to reduce water usage and waste byproduct and use lower-grade feedstocks, such as poultry renderings.

The company currently has 19 employees and hopes to hire additional research staff. The company's commercial production facility in Pittsboro produces approximately 4,000 gallons of biodiesel a day using waste poultry fat or used cooking oil.

Markets recruiting

Farmers of Orange, which operates the South Estes Farmers' Market at University Mall near A Southern Season, is looking for new vendors to join the market for the 2010 season.

Applicants are asked to submit a New Member Application and Product Schedule before the Jan. 9 deadline. According to the group's website, "Applications are stronger which include tree fruits (peaches, apples, pears), honey, milk, eggs, flour, pasta, storage crops, winter crops, blueberries, melons, artisanal baked goods, cut stem flowers, asparagus or mushrooms."

Visit farmersoforange.org/join.html for more information.

The Carrboro Farmers' Market is also recruiting new vendors and has moved up its application deadline to Jan. 31. Rules and guidelines are at carrborofarmersmarket.com/apply.shtml

Berry good

N.C. State's N.C. MarketReady program has launched a new web resource for blackberry and raspberry growers in North Carolina called The Blackberry & Raspberry Growers Information Portal.

The portal contains all the resources pertaining to management and production of blackberries and raspberries that growers will need to start or expand an operation.

The site is the second in a series of "enterprise portals." A strawberries site was launched last year. Next up: tomatoes.

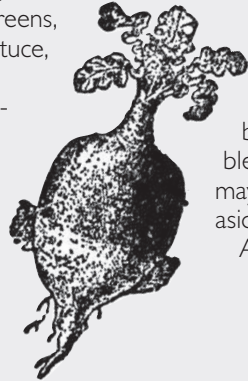
FARMERS' MARKET

Sat: 7am-Noon • Wed: 3:30-6:30pm Thurs/So. Village: 3:30-6:30pm

What's at Market?

Check out what's at the Carrboro Year-Round Farmers' Market . . . **New Item this Week: RUTABAGA,**

creasy greens, totsoi, dill, cilantro, turnips, beets, beet greens, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet potatoes, broccoli, lettuce, chard, radishes, mustard greens, turnip greens, shiitake mushrooms, green tomatoes, sorrel, acorn squash, muscadine grapes, butternut squash, greenhouse tomatoes, beans, bell peppers, new potatoes, arugula, onions, wheat flour, garlic, salad mixes (spicy and non), collards, fresh herbs, kale, pecans, dried flowers, meats like goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, eggs, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes.



Sorrel and Lolla Rossa Salad

Recipe Provided by Dorette Snover, C'est Si Bon Cooking School

Sorrel, lolla rossa, watercress, arugula or any combination of fresh, hearty, and forthright lettuce greens, washed and torn. Chiffonade greens and set aside in a large bowl.

Vinaigrette:

- 3 cloves garlic, smashed, salted and minced
- 2 t. sun-dried tomato, chopped finely
- Olive oil
- Balsamic vinegar

Crushed red pepper, sea salt and pepper to taste
Make vinaigrette by mincing garlic, chopping sun-dried tomato. Place in a large shallow bowl. Add balsamic vinegar and then olive oil, stirring with a fork to blend. Season to taste with salt and pepper. The dressing may separate slightly as it sits, not to worry. If possible, set aside for about 20 minutes for flavors to develop. Add greens and toss before serving.

Cliff's Meat Market

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FOR THE RECORD

A promising outcome

The county's "punt" on solid waste – using Durham's transfer station for three to five years while working on a new solution – is a significant and positive shift in the approach to what to do after the landfill closes.

That the commissioners added an exemption from a potential future waste facility for the community that has been host to the county's landfill for 37 years should be applauded. It is our hope that the county and the towns begin working together in earnest to upfit the infrastructure in the neighborhood and add the amenities that have long been contemplated but never realized.

The other important outcome of Tuesday night's decision is the effort to pull together the stakeholders and start a fresh and more collaborative search for a solution.

Further, the answer to waste in the long run may be foreshadowed in the short-term decision to work with a nearby regional partner. It should be noted that Chatham County recently adopted a plan to open a new landfill by 2015.

The chief lesson to be learned from both the waste transfer station process and the earlier, failed search for an in-county site for a new landfill is that pinning our hopes on one large, comprehensive facility may not be the best approach.

The solution may involve both regional partners and smaller, more-targeted local facilities. And, as this county has proven for decades, a big part of the answer is waste reduction and recycling.

That's why it is important for the county and the towns to get together early and often to address the issue. Top of the agenda should be the elimination of buck passing. Just because the current agreements make it the county's problem doesn't mean the towns bear no responsibility in what happens. And, as we saw with Hillsborough's aggressive actions on proposed sites in its vicinity, the towns can make it difficult to find a location near where the waste is created.

A unique moment

The Town of Chapel Hill has had some rather hefty accolades thrown at it of late. Just this week, the Daily Beast named it the smartest college town in America. Last month, the Triangle was named by the same publication as the smartest place in America. Chapel Hill also has hit the top of the lists for best place to start a business, best commute and best place to raise a kid.

There's also quite a bit of applause nationwide for the recent election of Mark Kleinschmidt as mayor, because, well, he's gay. Kleinschmidt's election was a bright point on a gloomy election night for gay-rights supporters, as Maine voters revealed a gay-marriage law.

Although the new mayor has been quite open about his sexual orientation, you would probably not know this even if you were following the close and hard-fought campaign for mayor.

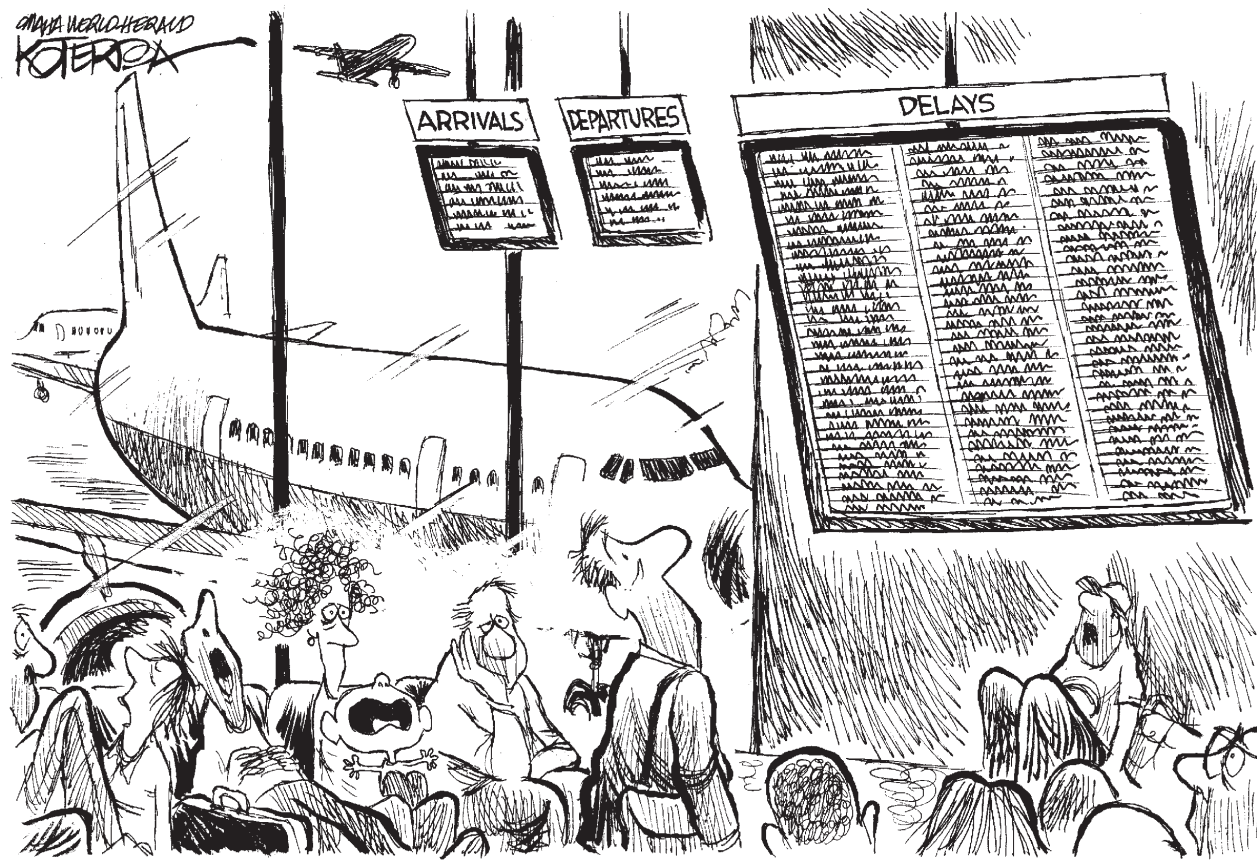
Save for a comment or two during the debates and a not-too-subtle 11th-hour flier, the subject never really came up.

With all due respect to the stride that Kleinschmidt's election represents, that the fact that he is gay was never an issue – not even a blip – is a testament to the community we live in.

After the election, Kleinschmidt said he was prepared in case an opponent or anyone else wanted to make it a negative; but like the rest of us, he was pleased to see an issue-based campaign.

At Monday night's swearing in, both Kleinschmidt and council member Matt Czajkowski, his chief opponent, noted the gentlemanly way in which such a close campaign was handled. That will pay dividends for all of us for years to come, because the election really was focused on the town's future and offered citizens clearer insights as to our options. And, as promised, this truly has been a sea-change election in Chapel Hill, with a new mayor and two new council members seated and a third due to be chosen shortly.

We do not expect all disagreements on issues related to the growth of the town, budgets, taxes and transportation to come to an end, but we do see potential that the relative comity of the campaign will be reflected in governance going forward.



UNC should show way to clean-energy

GILES BLUNDEN

UNC is the biggest producer of greenhouse gases in Orange County. According to Carbon Monitoring for Action, a group that tracks this information internationally, the coal-fired power plant on UNC campus produced 312,000 tons of CO₂ last year. While it is great that the plant is a cogeneration plant producing both heat and electricity that makes the fuel use far more efficient than buying it from Duke Energy, it is still coal, and there are better alternatives. A U.S. Department of Energy study shows that natural gas-fired plants produce 50 percent less CO₂ than coal. This is not a perfect solution, since it still produces significant amounts of CO₂. But cutting the production in half is significant – 150,000 tons. It is a good interim step on the way to weaning the university from fossil fuels.

UNC's greenhouse gas mitigation proposal suggests a future supplied by Duke Energy and moving to nuclear power to avoid CO₂ production. Why is this better than coal? There is not yet a viable means of disposing of the far more toxic nuclear waste. Whose backyard are we going to build these nuclear power plants in? Surely not ours. We can't even locate a rubbish transfer station here without years of contentious argument. Some poverty-stricken county will doubtless be the proposed home. Duke

Energy is a for-profit corporation, behold to shareholder profit. It has no mission of social responsibility and has proven time and time again that public health and social justice are not its responsibility unless it is regulated – and it lobbies hard to resist that.

UNC is a public institution sup-

UNC is a public institution supported by taxpayer dollars and should take a leadership role in moving to clean, healthy energy production immediately. Clean energy will be the largest international public-health and social-justice issue this nation has ever faced.

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Wind is not a good alternative here, but solar electric cells work. I have lived with solar electricity and without an electric utility connection for the past 13 years, and in that time my power has been off no longer than yours.

What UNC has been doing in reducing energy consumption in existing buildings is commendable, but that can go only so far. UNC should start today requiring that every new building built be a net energy-producing building. The synergies and progress that would be derived from that are enormous. It would move North Carolina into the forefront of tomorrow's carbon-free economy. It would kick-start the production of thousands of quality North Carolina green jobs that could not be outsourced. It would also produce the most efficient buildings possible, because it would be balancing the cost of energy production against the cost of energy conservation.

Remember that whatever they do, these buildings will be around for at least a hundred years. UNC could provide the research test bed for tomorrow's clean-energy world. If UNC can be a national winner in basket-

ball, why not clean energy? The Titanic did not sink from lack of navigational tools; it sank from arrogance and complacency.

Giles Blunden is an architect who lives in Carrboro.

How to develop a good teacher

CHRIS FITZSIMON

State lawmakers heard a mixed evaluation of the university system's performance in training teachers Tuesday from the director of a massive study of teacher development and performance. The report also gave generally positive reviews to the National Board Certification, much to the chagrin of the anti-everything right that has been trying to abolish state support for national certification for years.

The study, presented by Gary Henry from UNC, considered almost half a million test scores from the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years, along with the backgrounds of the teachers, to reach conclusions about what works and what doesn't in improving student performance, as judged by the test scores.

Even the summary of the findings was a blizzard of data, but Henry repeatedly stressed a few themes, some of which lawmakers have heard before.

Students with teachers teaching a subject out of their field did worse than students with in-field teachers. First-year teachers are less effective and even second- and third-year teachers are less effective in high school and the elementary grades.

The study found that the "equality of educational opportunity" is affected by the make-up of the class. Students do better if they are in a class with high-achieving classmates. Let's hope the researchers send a copy of the study to the gang of five on the Wake County School Board.

Students with teachers with master's degrees do better in middle

school and the elementary grades than students with teachers with bachelor's degrees. They do about the same in high school.

North Carolina rewards teachers who get master's degrees with 10 percent higher pay. Teachers who complete the requirements for National Board Certification earn 12 percent more. Lawmakers did not give teachers a raise this session, a fact that seemed lost on at least one lawmaker, judging from his questions.

The transition into middle school is where many of the problems begin, as the gains between the fifth and sixth grades are smaller than any other increases.

The lack of a pay raise was cited as one reason applications for the certification process are way up. Folks on the right have long disputed the effectiveness of the national certification, which involves as many as 400 hours of work outside the classroom, a demonstration of teaching technique and an evaluation of how well a teacher knows the subject he or she is teaching.

Those on the right continue to claim that certification is a meaningless waste of time and money that does

nothing to make a teacher better. The study presented Tuesday found otherwise, that students in high school and the elementary grades did better with teachers with National Board Certification. Students in middle school performed the same.

But researchers found that helping kids improve in middle school is the biggest problem. The transition into middle school is where many of the problems begin, as the gains between the fifth and sixth grades are smaller than any other increases.

The study found that middle school students with a math teacher out of his or her field did much worse than students with a teacher trained in math. Henry said the effect was so significant that it was the equivalent of those students missing 40 days of instructional time.

The information presented Tuesday is just the first stage of the report. Lawmakers will have even more data to use as they consider how to help develop more teachers who will help more kids succeed.

There are plenty of things the study doesn't address, of course; most notably, the dramatic effect of poverty on education, poverty made worse by the economic downturn and cuts to state safety-net services.

But it's a useful look at how variables in a teacher's background or education translate into student performance. And though the right doesn't want to hear it, it also confirms that National Board Certification and diverse classes are important, too.

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

Resolution on climate change

[Editor's note: Following is a resolution on climate change passed Tuesday night (December 8) by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.]

A resolution to take responsibility in a socially just manner for carrboro's portion of CO₂ in the atmosphere; toward getting the atmosphere back to a safe level below 350 ppm of CO₂

WHEREAS, If humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted, paleoclimatic evidence and ongoing climate change suggest that CO₂ will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm to at most 350 ppm, but likely less than that.

WHEREAS, to achieve the 350 ppm target, scientists have calculated that the major industrialized nations need to cut their CO₂ emissions by 40% from 1990 levels by 2020

WHEREAS, the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit (December 7-18) is the UN meeting and deadline for preventing dangerous global warming.

WHEREAS, the Obama administration in Copenhagen is expected to offer a promise the equivalent of 4% CO₂ emissions cut from 1990 levels by 2020.

WHEREAS, the climate bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as legislation currently pending in the Senate, would eliminate EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act to designate greenhouse gases as criteria air pollutants and to set a cap on such emissions.

WHEREAS, International and National scales of governance are failing to be responsible and to take the necessary action to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town of Carrboro commits to taking responsibility in a socially just manner for its share of CO₂ emissions in the atmosphere;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Carrboro will seek, and will facilitate the community at large, to cut CO₂ emissions by its proportion of the amount which is required to stabilize the climate back to less than 350 ppm of CO₂ in the atmosphere in time for a 90% probability for success as defined by the most up to date scientific consensus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be referred to staff for further evaluation of what measures will be needed to achieve this target for the Town of Carrboro and the community at large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the town of Carrboro will make a formal request to all the County commissioners, Representative Verla Insko, Representative Bill Faison, Speaker of the House Joe Hackney, N.C. Senator Ellie Kinnaird, Congressman David Price, U.S. Senator Kay Hagan, U.S. Senator Richard Burr, and President Barack Obama, to take any and all necessary actions required to facilitate for Carrboro the achievement of the responsible ambition to combat Climate Change in time for a 90% probability for success as defined by the most up to date scientific consensus.

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"This has been a difficult process for the county," Clifton said. "There is no easy solution."

Clifton recommended the commissioners choose option "B," reaching an agreement with Durham County to receive Orange County's solid waste at the Durham transfer station off East Club Boulevard, from which it will then be sent to a landfill, for three to five years. Durham has given verbal assurance that the facility can be made available.

The public was then given the opportunity to speak. Several speakers thanked Clifton for what they deemed a fair and thorough assessment of the options. Orange County Voice president Bonnie Hauser, who has spoken on a number

term, then was put to a vote. The announcement that it had passed was received with a standing ovation.

Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier offered an amendment, seconded by Nelson, that consideration of a new Orange County landfill be kept on the table. Pelissier and Nelson voiced their concerns about shipping the county's waste to another community.

"If we are concerned about trash in our own backyard," Pelissier said, "we must be concerned about where we're sending it."

Nelson said it is "not consistent with our values" to ship our waste to another, likely poorer, community.

The amendment failed by a 4-3 vote.

'A great victory'

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ganizations and dialog with the Orange County commissioners, the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Carrboro aldermen, a reasonable decision was made," Campbell said after the meeting.

"A great victory for the people," said Mark Dorosin, senior managing attorney at the UNC Center for Civil Rights, which has been working with the Rogers-Eubanks community on this and other issues.

"This restores my faith that hard work can pay off," said David Caldwell, a community activist and descendent of a family that's lived in the Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood for generations. "That 6-1 sounded so good."

Campbell said the decision to reach an agreement with Durham would give all parties involved time to mutually pursue a solution that would look into new technologies and that would be socially just and environmentally sound.

In other business at Monday night's meeting, Foushee was re-elected commission chair and Pelissier was elected vice chair, both by a unanimous vote.

OBITUARIES



William Monroe Bowden

William "Bill" Monroe Bowden, 70, of Chapel Hill, N.C. died Dec. 2, 2009 at his residence.

He was a native of Chapel Hill and was a retired veteran of the U. S. Navy. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Doris Bowden; son, Darrell Bowden (Kathy); daughters, Carol Incoe (Lathan) and Cheryl Barbour (Donnie); sister, Judy Johnson (Worth); brother, Roger Bowden (Brenda); grandchildren, Skyla Higginbotham (Travis), Crystal Parker, Celia Mullins (Justin), Jesse Bowden, Luke Turner and Joy Turner; two great-grandchildren, Alexi Bowden and Gavin Higginbotham; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maxine and Henry Monroe Bowden.

Thomas Jeffrey Cartier

Thomas Jeffrey "Jeff" Cartier, 67, of Chapel Hill, N.C. died on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2009 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill.

Born on Oct. 10, 1942 in Detroit, Mich., Jeff was the son of

Leo William Cartier and Marion Feeley Cartier. He was preceded in death by both parents.

Jeff was a resident of North Carolina for 50 years, lived in Chapel Hill since 1960 and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1982, he joined SAS Institute Inc. in Cary, where he enjoyed a rewarding 27-year career, most recently in the position of senior software developer.

A man of great spirit, intellect and humor, Jeff took pleasure in the beauty of the Carolina mountains, memories of back roads explored on a motorcycle, the Rolling Stones, his adored Scotties and duplicate bridge, where he achieved the American Contract Bridge League status of Silver Life Master.

He is survived by his closest friend and beloved wife of 38 years, Lani Cartier, and his sister, Patti C. Harris, both of Chapel Hill, and many friends and colleagues across the nation and the world.

The family would like to thank the physicians, nurses and medi-

cal staffs of both Rex Hospital in Raleigh and UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill who provided Jeff with care. Particular gratitude is expressed to the Emergency Medical Services teams of both Cary and Chatham County for their extraordinary professionalism and support.

June Whitfield Farrell

June Whitfield Farrell, 73, of Old Greensboro Road, died after a lifelong battle with muscular dystrophy.

She is survived by her son, Robert Ben Farrell Jr., and his wife, Robin Paschall Farrell; her daughter, Judy Farrell Tripp; six grandchildren, Robert Ben Farrell III, Rhonda Lee Farrell, James Luther Tripp, Lisa Diane Tripp, Marion Rachel Tripp and David Samuel Tripp; and one great-grandchild, Kaylee Hannah Farrell.

As music was such an important part of life, June wished that in lieu of flowers any memorial contributions be made to Antioch Baptist Church Music Fund.

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The property master had recognized the significance of the large silver, black-accented jewelry, but nobody listened until shooting began.

"John Sanders called saying, 'I'm in a potential bad jewelry place. What if we can get you a private showing with Miley and her mom?'" Kukovich recalled. Sanders told Kukovich to bring everything he had.

Kukovich packed a "jewelry store in a suitcase" and went on down, wearing jacket and tie, carrying \$120,000 worth of jewelry. Wearing his "Visitor" badge, he was shown around, wide-eyed with amazement at the inside workings of a movie set. Before long, word was buzzing that a man with jewelry was in the props trailer. Many of the

women on the set, including Chapel Hill artist Barbara Seinfeld, who was faux-painting for the film, paid him a visit.

Then Miley asked to see him.

He was nervous. What does a 38-year-old man say to a 16-year-old phenom?

"I told her I started making my first pieces when I was 12 and that I was about her age when I started doing it professionally. She was impressed with that," Kukovich said. She warmed to him and his designs.

Then he saw the serious-looking woman walking around.

Seasoned producer Dara Weintraub took one look at this rather slick-looking man sitting cozy-like with a suitcase full of jewelry next to Miley Cyrus, one of the hottest profit-generating commodities in the WORLD right now, and she just about flipped!

Through a communication oversight, Weintraub had not

been informed that Kukovich would be there. If she did not know who he was, he could not be there: PERIOD.

"She tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'Who are you? You have to leave here NOW,'" Kukovich said she told him, no more interested in his visitor's badge than the explanations he and Cyrus offered while Security arrived to remove him.

"She had me perp walked off the set," Kukovich said, still equally stinging from embarrassment and tingling with amazement at his good luck.

You see, after his ejection he was bigger than ever! Following a flurry of phone calls and Cyrus stepping up for him, he was soon back, with his suitcase store, sitting between Miley and her mother, Tish.

"Her mom was as down-to-earth and nice as she could be," Kukovich said. "Tish said, 'Do

you know what causes fame? Drama causes fame. You caused more drama than anyone else on this set today.' And she was right; the next day, everybody knew who I was!"

The producer made nice to him as well, and not only invited him back for the cast party, but also hired him to make the cast gifts. He designed large, silver dog tags laser-etched with the movie name and logo hanging on a long chain.

"It was very exciting," Kukovich said. He has since seen Cyrus on the red carpet wearing his jewelry.

"It all happened through North Carolina connections. It really inspired me to make a new line. It's a great thing during a recession and an extra lift as an artist."


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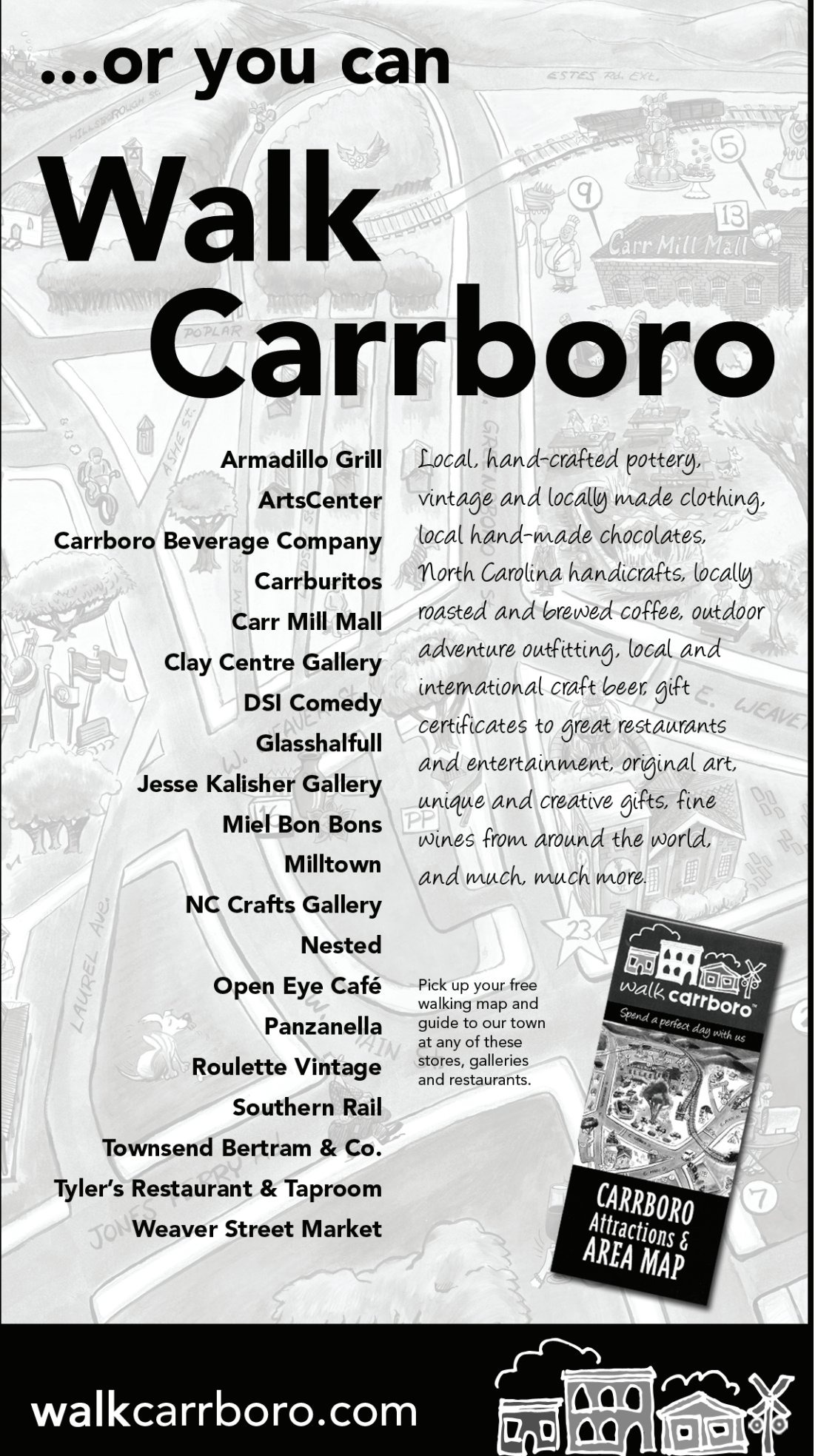
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School Briefs

New board sworn in
The recently elected members of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, Greg McElveen, Michelle Brownstein and Joe Green, were sworn in last Thursday. Mike Kelly was appointed chair of the board and Jamezetta Bedford was named vice chair.

Habitat Humanity benefit concert
The Habitat for Humanity clubs at all three area high schools are sponsoring the first annual Tri-High School Benefit Concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Orange County on Saturday, Dec. 12 in the East Chapel Hill High School auditorium. The concert will feature a cappella groups, jazz bands and more.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 7. Tickets are \$5 in advance and are being sold at the commons of all three high schools during lunch. Tickets at the door will be \$7.

Interim principal named for Frank Porter Graham



The CHCCS Board of Education appointed Susan Pegg as the interim principal of Frank Porter Graham (FPG) Elementary School at Tuesday night's board meeting.

Pegg retired in June as the principal of Seawell Elementary. She will begin her duties at FPG on Jan. 4.

Shelia Burnette, who has been the principal of FPG for three and a half years, is on medical leave. She has submitted a letter of resignation, effective at the conclusion of her leave on Feb. 26. The board approved the leave request and resignation Tuesday evening. FPG Assistant Principal Cindy Daniels will serve as the acting principal through the end of December.

The district will launch a comprehensive principal search shortly, with a goal of naming a new principal by June.

Grant for literacy backpacks

Frank Porter Graham Elementary School received a \$1,000 grant from the Piedmont Energy Membership Cooperative to purchase 28 dual-language literacy backpacks.

Kathryn Cole, FPG media specialist, in conjunction with dual-language teachers Jose Ruiz, Anna Sorin and Ariana Kanwit, will oversee the distribution of these backpacks, which will circulate among families within the dual-language program.

Each backpack contains an English/Spanish book pair along with a family activity card in dual languages. The backpacks will be highlighted at an upcoming Dual Language Literacy Night hosted in the FPG Library Media Center that will focus on reading

together as a family.

ECHHS holiday concerts

The East Chapel High band concert is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., featuring the concert and symphonic Bands performing lighter/pop music. The orchestra concert will round out the schedule on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. This concert will feature both the string orchestra and the chamber symphony for a night of lighter/pops music.

CHHS holiday concerts

The Chapel Hill High band concert will be at Hanes Theatre on Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free. The orchestra concert will be Dec. 11 at Hanes Theatre at 7:30 p.m. and is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and children. The chorus concert will be Dec. 15, also at Hanes Theatre, at 7:30 p.m. and is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and children.

The CHHS chorus department will premiere a concert entitled, "Festivals and Celebrations." The performance will feature students in all four of the CHHS curricular choruses, as well as four extra-curricular, student-run groups.

The performance will include festive music from the Christmas and Hanukkah traditions and celebratory pieces from Spain, Cuba, the Iroquois and Islam. And as a finale, all 120 CHHS chorus students will sing together.

Students named to N.C. Honors Chorus and Orchestra

District students were recently selected to be in either the N.C. Honors Chorus or the N.C. Honors Orchestra. Students from across the state auditioned to be in both of these prestigious groups. These students performed at the 2009 N.C. Music Educator's Conference in Winston-Salem. The Middle School Honors Chorus was conducted by Jonathon Willcocks of Chichester, England.

Both middle and high school students were selected for the N.C. Honors Chorus. At their audition, students had to sing a voice piece and perform a sight-sing in front of a single judge in a closed audition. Students also had to submit an audition CD before the closed audition. Of the more than 1,000 students who audition for the Honors Chorus, only about 15 percent are selected.

Students selected to the Honors Chorus are: Henry Branson, East Chapel Hill; Nora Burgard, Chapel Hill; Jessie Feng, Smith Middle; Rebekah Hirsh, East Chapel Hill; Claire Hoke, Smith; Camille Johnson, East Chapel Hill; Emily Johnston, Carrboro; Hae-Joon Lee, East Chapel Hill; Emma Lo, East Chapel Hill; Jammond Obie, McDougle; Cressler Peele, East Chapel Hill; Maggie Poole, East Chapel Hill; Dylan Smythe, East Chapel Hill; Louis Vaught, Carrboro; Lucy Yin, Chapel

Hill; and Katherine Zeng, Smith Middle. District choral directors for these students are: Jenny Anderson, McDougle and Smith; Kay Johnson, Carrboro; Sean Grier, Chapel Hill; and Desiree Davis-Omburo, East Chapel Hill.

Only high school students auditioned for the N.C. Honors Orchestra. Selection into the Honors Orchestra is based on the Eastern and Western Regional All-State audition the previous February. Only the top 10 positions are chosen for Honors Orchestra, so it's made up of the top 10 performers in each section of the state. Several hundred students audition in February before a panel of nine judges and only 85 students from across the state are selected.

The 14 students selected to the Honors Orchestra are: Sara Aratake, Chapel Hill; Dominic Brancazio, East Chapel Hill; Dian Chen, East Chapel Hill; Emilie Chen, East Chapel Hill; Rebecca Clemens, Chapel Hill; Sangin Han, East Chapel Hill; Mary Hu, East Chapel Hill; Young-Eun Hyun, East Chapel Hill; Aaron Krolik, East Chapel Hill; Forrest Li, East Chapel Hill; Irene Li, Chapel Hill; Abigail Lin, East Chapel Hill; Emer O'Reilly, East Chapel Hill; and Angela Yu, East Chapel Hill. District orchestra directors for these students are: Barbara Smith, Chapel Hill High and Ryan Ellefsen, East Chapel Hill.

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Carrboro a magnet for resale stores

BY JACKI HUNTINGTON
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

The typical thrift shopper is not so typical. At Club Nova's thrift shop at 103 West Main St., where shoes go for less than \$3, the crowd is, according to co-manager Ed Hudgins, a roughly even blend of races, ages and genders.

The thrift shops themselves are also a blend. Carrboro boasts more than 10 thrift stores, antique stores and other venues for shopping resale, with offerings ranging from fine antique armoires to used spatulas.

At Club Nova, where dolls, kitchenware and other standard resale fare decorate the small, colorful space, all sales contribute to funding the nonprofit's work to empower the mentally ill. In turn, members of the clubhouse can work in the thrift store alongside staff and volunteers.

Club Nova provides a service, Hudgins said. "Granted, it's not to the whole population. But if you consider the thrift shop, it is."

Sarah Robinson, 25, of Carrboro often visits Club Nova's thrift store.

"You have to come all the time to catch the new stuff," she said. Robinson doesn't work a lot, so she goes to the store knowing she'll be able to afford everything she needs — like a brand-new Marmot raincoat

for \$3, that would have sold for more than \$100 retail.

"I told them they should have priced it higher," Robinson said. "But they're not about that."

The PTA Thrift Shop, less than a block west of Club Nova, is called by some "Carrboro's department store," executive director Barbara Jessie-Black said. She said the store serves those who value affordability, craft materials, unique items, local causes and environmentally sound shopping.

"When you see all of the stuff that is donated, you see that we are a society of excess," Jessie-Black said. "That's the dark side. That's what keeps us in business."

About half of the items donated to the PTA Thrift Shop are suitable for sale, so the organization has an extensive recycling program for materials, such as scrap metal and cloth. Donated food is given to the Interfaith Council down the street.

Club Nova passes on its unmarketable wares to Friendship Clothing in Garner, a company that pays by the pound for old clothing and sends it overseas to populations in need.

Robinson, who does a lot of thrift shopping for the sake of conserving resources, believes that buying used is an important practice of sustainability.

"You don't have to buy new stuff," she said, "because it's already here!"

The nonprofit PTA Thrift Shop benefits 18 area schools, giving them between \$250,000 and \$300,000 each year.

At 201 Weaver St., The Red Hen is not so much a thrift store as an all-in-one resource for motherhood and child care, with an emphasis on sustainability as well as local and handmade products.

While it is easy to spend a lot of money caring for babies and clothing a pregnant belly, DeeDee Lavinder, owner of The Red Hen, prices her used items 20 percent to 50 percent lower than retail prices. She also answers questions and gives advice. There is a fully stocked diaper changing station in the store's bathroom and two play stations — one inside and one outside — to occupy children accompanying their parents.

These touches of quality — also evident in the sweet smell of the store and the way Lavinder steams every one of the used items of clothing before displaying it for sale — represent a concerted effort to lure customers away from buying new.

"We want to reach across the thrift gap," Lavinder said.

Christina Bohanek of Chapel Hill, shopping with her daughter Caroline, is a big fan of The Red Hen.

"It's because I'm cheap," she laughed. "Especially for babies. They grow out of [clothes] so fast, and they throw up on everything."



PHOTO BY JACKI HUNTINGTON
Christina Bohanek (right) of Chapel Hill browses the selection of colorful, baby-sized leggings at The Red Hen, a boutique of new and used items geared toward motherhood and child care. She is accompanied by her daughter, Caroline, and her friend Allison Ruddock.

Thrift shopping can be less an exercise of practicality than of collecting and treasure hunting. Joe Gilby, a Carrboro resident who volunteers at the Inter Faith Council across the street from Club Nova, visits the store at least three times a month, mainly to search for books.

"I'm a book nut," Gilby explained. He thrift shops more than he should, he added, recalling his growing collection of "junk." His prize finds include a book and tape set of Vietnamese language lessons, though he hasn't actually learned Vietnam-

ese yet.

Down the street at the PTA Thrift Shop, Adam Jih, another Carrboro resident and treasure hunter, crouches on the floor, flipping through large boxes of vinyl records. A collector, today he's in the market for jazz, surf and beach music. He also pulls out an album of Gregorian chants.

"I don't have a car anymore," Jih said, explaining his concentration on Carrboro thrift stores, "so I can't expand my horizons and go somewhere far away." Joe Wiggs, owner of Scaven-

ger Antiques at 102 A W. Main St., doesn't consider his store a thrift shop, but a principle of value also underlies his career in antiques.

"It's knowledge," he said. "Knowing what you're getting and not wasting money."

Jacki Huntington 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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UNC Notes BY FRANK HEATH

Basketball

We pore over the stats. We rewind the video. We worry that the Tar Heels may not beat Duke. We, as UNC basketball fans, are impatient for signs that our team is going to be a "contender" by the end of this 2009-10 season. We are, in general, impatient – this is one

of the things that come with success. We look up and down the roster and the schedule and there are so many questions and not as many answers as we are accustomed to.

The Tar Heels are 7-2 against a competitive schedule. This is not a Top 10-worthy record or performance, which is what

Carolina fans are used to. But it's not bad considering the experience and talent on the teams that UNC has played against.

Roy Williams – who has won two national championships at North Carolina in the last five years by getting individual players to do what they are best at, while also buying into what is best for their team – has a plan for this UNC basketball team. Roy has a plan for Larry Drew and John Henson and Dexter Strickland and Deon Thompson, A plan for Ed Davis and for Tyler Zeller and the rest.

Next Saturday at Texas, Carolina will face one of the most complete college basketball teams in the country. The second-ranked, 7-0 Longhorns start three seniors and a junior and have six players who score nine points or better a game. They have a swing forward who averages a double double, a 290-pound center who could likely pick John Henson up and throw him across half court and a freshman guard who was the highest-rated recruit in the nation last year.

The Tar Heels will have their hands full against the Longhorns, as they did earlier against Syracuse and Michigan State and Kentucky. These games against tough competition, while not always producing the direct results we would hope for, will benefit this team and these basketball players in the long haul. The puzzle pieces will, eventually, fall into place, as Roy and his staff continue to work on ways to best utilize the talents of the players



on this team. Players already are beginning to settle into roles and to recognize their skill sets and weaknesses. It will be a process. We, as observers, should be glad that we will have the opportunity to witness the development of a group of highly talented individuals into an integrated unit.

Soccer

What a week for UNC soccer! Last Friday, over the course of several hours, the men's team defeated Drake to advance to the College Cup, soccer's version of the Final Four, and the Carolina women beat Notre Dame to reach their NCAA Championship game. Then, on Sunday, the women won the championship, 1-0, over Stanford, which had been undefeated entering the game. It was UNC's 21st overall national title in women's soccer. The biggest

hero for Carolina was senior Casey Nogueira, who assisted on the winning goal on Sunday and scored the Heels' only goal in Friday's win over the Irish.

The UNC men (16-2-3) now play Akron (23-0; No. 1 national ranking) this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Cary for a shot at the title game on Sunday. In the other bracket of the men's College Cup are Carolina's ACC rivals Wake Forest and Virginia. UNC beat the Cavaliers during the regular season and played Wake to a 2-2 tie. Should the Heels defeat Akron on Friday, they'll be in the championship game Sunday at 1 p.m.

Football

In football, Carolina went down to defeat in a disappointing 28-27 loss to NC State in its final game of the regular season, tumbling from a probable slot in a Florida bowl game

back into the Meineke Bowl, against Pittsburgh, in Charlotte on Dec. 26. This will be the Tar Heels' second straight appearance in the Meineke and the Heels' third Charlotte bowl game this decade.

I can't imagine a more meaningless name for a bowl game, but if Carolina defeats Pittsburgh it will cap off a 9-4 season that appeared to be a near lost cause at its midpoint.

The UNC defense really came into its own in late-season performances against Virginia Tech, Duke, Miami and Boston College, in games when the Tar Heels needed their help the most. And Butch Davis and his staff were able to cobble together enough offense from their remaining uninjured players to pull off a 4-game winning streak that could just as easily have been a losing streak.

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Going a step beyond Catesby's colored sketches of almost 300 years earlier, Robert includes miniatures of the landscapes in which he discovers the subjects of his details. I can stand and contemplate a single one of his finished journal pages for many minutes and then want to go back again and again. Many of Robert's works describe the wild nature of North Carolina. Thirty-two of them are on exhibit at the N.C. Botanical Garden through Dec. 21, and well worth a visit.

In September, students accompanying Robert at Mason Farm Biological Reserve were

happy to discover new ways of looking, and with rediscovered child-like freedom made quick sketches and color notes, returning indoors to transform their notes into colored landscapes

and details. No two were alike, and all were beautiful. Some of those folks had never set pencil or brush to paper.

Simple sketching is a useful way to focus your eyes and feelings on a landscape and details found there. Even you can do it. So on your next nature walk, take along a sketch pad and pencil, take that closer look, and draw from the found inner child – and don't be critical of your work.

Make note; Robert Johnson will return to lead field sketching classes next spring at the Botanical Garden and next fall at the Museum of Natural Sciences.



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Margaret Morley in the mountains, 1900

Just how I came by this photograph, I can't fully explain — except that I discovered it recently while sorting through a box full of the detritus of 15 years of editing community newspapers in Western North Carolina towns such as Brevard, Black Mountain, Forest City, Marion and Sparta. I suspect some history buff must have submitted this photograph to the paper, but I'm embarrassed to admit I can't remember running it. Most likely, it just languished in my files for 30 years. A little present-day research reveals that this original 8x10 was made by Margaret W. Morley, a transplanted New Englander who roamed the Southern Appalachians around Tryon at the turn of the century. Bravely traveling the unpaved back roads and traversing fords by horse and buggy, Morley chronicled the lives of the highlanders in her 1913 book, *The Carolina Mountains*, where I discovered this image captioned only, "A Mountaineer's Home." In this compelling image, Morley has clearly asked the nine family members to come out on the log cabin's porch to pose for her photograph. I am struck by their modest body language — everyone shyly looking away from the camera — save for the bold teenager on the far left with the homemade broom, who is shooting a piercing look right back at the flatlander with a Kodak. Yes, I will be taking this photographic gem to the N.C. Collection at the Wilson Library ASAP.



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