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Leading others to local natural areas like Occoneechee Mountain is a special gift.
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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Gifts naturally

Accompanying the joy of the gift-giving season is often the stress of determining what to give. Here are a couple of ideas to avoid the potential exchange of “unnecessary stuff.” Give a gift of nature.

Consider giving memberships to local conservation groups like the Haw River Assembly, the Eno River Association, the N.C. Botanical Garden and the Triangle Land Conservancy – all “necessary stuff” in conserving the nature around us.

Or consider a gift of sharing a special place in nature you enjoy exploring. Describe your place in a card and wrap it like a present. For example, your gift may be a visit to nearby Occoneechee Mountain. You’ll enjoy introducing it to special folks who have never been there.

If you want to make it a really special gift, expand the gift to four seasonal walks or 12 monthly walks. This gift will require planning and time on your part. Many of our local nature preserves like the Botanical Garden’s Battle Park, UNC’s Carolina North Forest, the Triangle Land Conservancy’s Johnston Mill and Carrboro’s Adams Tract have interpretive kiosks with trail maps to guide you along diverse habitat experiences.

A great resource is right here in town at Carr Mill Mall. Townsend Bertram is a treasure trove of many free-for-the-asking regional trail maps. Among them are a Chapel Hill Bicycle & Greenways map and a guide to Carolina North Forest. Parking areas with interpretive kiosks are located at several of the entrances to Carolina North’s 20-plus miles of trails. One special

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Carrboro one of two reality show finalists

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

It’s official – Carrboro is one of two finalists in the running to become the setting for *Lovetown, USA*, a new reality dating show to air on the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN). But producers say they need more male applicants.

The show is being produced by the BBC for OWN, and on Tuesday the production team visited Carrboro and hosted a town hall meeting to answer questions and get a better sense of the town.

Bruce Toms, *Lovetown’s* executive producer, said the team had been searching for the right town over the past several months, and last week pre-

sented eight towns to OWN. Those were narrowed to two, but producers would not identify the other town. According to the Kingsland, Ga., town website, Kingsland is still in the *Lovetown* running as well, and producers held a similar town hall meeting there on Wednesday.

Toms said producers have been very particular in finding the right town for

the show.

“[Network executives] fell in love with this town. I love this town because it’s a unique town,” Toms said. “What popped off the tape for me and for the people at OWN was just that there’s such a great community spirit here.”

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'TIS THE SEASON – FOR THE FOUR-LEGGED TOO!



Zakiya Cagle, 10, and Carlos Taylor, 8, and a warmly bundled Lola watch the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade, held last Saturday in downtown Chapel Hill and Carrboro. When asked for Lola’s age, Carlos promptly responded, “She’s 7. That’s in dog years.” Hundreds, if not thousands, of residents came out for the

parade, which featured more than 60 entries, including the Orange County Jammers, the Chapel Hill High School Band and Santa Claus riding his sleigh. For more photos of the parade and Carrboro’s holiday tree lighting ceremony, visit carrborocitizen.com

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Vivid testimony in Lovette trial

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

Testimony continued in the trial of the State of North Carolina v. Lawrence Alvin Lovette Jr. this week, as expert witnesses were called to the stand, details about Carson’s last moments were told and the validity of testimony from Demario Atwater’s ex-girlfriend was questioned.

Lovette is accused of murdering UNC Student Body President Eve Carson on March 5, 2008, with Atwater, who has pled guilty and is currently serving a life sentence. The defendant has pled not guilty to all charges.

Jayson McNeil, a childhood friend of Lovette, provided testimony of the events surrounding Carson’s last hours, of which little was previously known.

McNeil said Lovette called him on the evening of March 4 and asked for a ride for himself and Atwater to Chapel Hill, but that he declined.

McNeil said that Lovette phoned him again on March 12, sounding anxious, having just learned of Atwater’s arrest, and again asked for a ride. McNeil picked him up, and claims Lovette told him what happened on March 5.

“He explained to me that they saw Eve Carson get into her car and they rushed her,” he said. District Attorney Jim Woodall had previously contended Carson had been taken from her house.

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CVS likely to build fence around property

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – Citing vandalism and safety concerns, CVS representatives announced last week possible plans to install a fence around property on the corner of Weaver and Greensboro streets, proposed for a new CVS development.

CVS Caremark has filed for a conditional-use permit and a rezon-

ing to allow it to build a two-story 24,000-square-foot building with a 24-hour CVS on the ground floor, office space above it and a 64-space parking lot on land occupied by the former WCOM building, two homes on Center Street and the offices of dentist Debra Seaton.

Following a number of changes to the plan for the proposed development, representatives held a neighborhood meeting last week. Plans have

drawn fire from nearby residents, who say the development wouldn’t fit into the proposed space and would increase traffic on an already burdened area.

Leigh Polzella, development representative for CVS Caremark, said the boarded-up house at 104 Center St. was recently broken into and the former WCOM building had been repeatedly vandalized, leading CVS officials to consider measures to secure

the properties. Polzella said officials were considering installing a fence around the WCOM building and its parking lot, as well as around the Center Street house.

In an email Tuesday, Polzella said CVS officials were coordinating site maintenance and looking into fencing materials in hopes of finding something less obtrusive than chain-link.

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A ‘person-centered’ approach to recovery

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

This is the final installment in a three-part series on the onset of psychosis in young adults, its treatment and UNC’s Outreach and Support Intervention Services program.

The UNC Outreach and Support Intervention Services program is the only one of its kind in the Southeast and among only a few such programs in the country.

Launched in 2005 with funding from the Duke Endowment and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, OASIS has scrambled for funding since those grants expired in 2008. About a quarter of its clients are uninsured; those with private insurance and Medicaid are covered for only certain services.

The program’s objectives are to engage young people in treatment of the onset of psychosis and assist them in regaining social and occupational functioning, aiming to prevent disability from a psychotic disorder. It’s a matter of redirecting the course of the illness

through early intervention.

Each client in the program has a “key worker” who’s responsible for engaging the client and family. That person serves as a case manager, primary clinician and therapist. Treatment planning is person-centered, focusing on the client’s goals.

OASIS sees young people who have had a first episode of psychosis or a new onset psychosis or who’ve had psychotic symptoms for less than three years. Typically, an illness like schizophrenia first occurs in late adolescence and early adulthood, though occasionally it strikes earlier.

Clients as young as 16 and as old as 36 have been treated at OASIS, but most are between 19 and 24, typically a tumultuous time in most anyone’s life. You’re trying to figure out who you are, where you’re headed – and now this.

Family members might notice a change in behavior. “It can go from isolating themselves to having a flat affect,” says OASIS program director Sylvia Saade, “like the emotions are not there or they feel they’re in a different space altogether. They’re into their own world.”

Or it could be something more severe: talking or smiling to oneself or a dramatic drop in academic performance.

At that early stage, the verdict’s still out on the course of the psychosis, and quite a few young people reach significant or full recovery, says Bebe Smith, an OASIS founder and co-director of UNC’s Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health, which administers OASIS.

“The exciting thing about early-psychosis work is that we’ve seen that with appropriate treatment, some people make very good recoveries from that initial stage,” Smith says.

“Some go ahead and become doctors or lawyers,” Saade says, “others adjust.”

‘On when you’re scared’

David Binanay was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 2006, when he was a year out of college.



David Binanay is founder of Music Over Mind and a professional musician.
PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

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MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY DEC 15

ArtsCenter: An Evening with the Trecky Records Collective. 8:30pm
The Cave: LATE: Time Sawyer Band
City Tap: David Quick. 8:30pm
FRANK: Mahalo Jazz. 6pm
General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 8:30pm
Local 506: Rachael Yamagata, Mike Viola. 8:30pm. \$10
The Station at Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio, The Breaks. 7pm
FRIDAY DEC 16
Cats Cradle: Mandolin Orange, Stickley Brothers, Phil Cook and His Feat. 9pm. \$10
The Cave: LATE: 100 Yorktown, Young Cardinals
City Tap: Doug Largent Trio. 9pm
General Store Cafe: Suzannah and Uncle John's Band, North Carolina Songwriters Showcase. 7:30pm

Local 506: Lizzy Ross Band, The Broadcast, Jeremy Gilchrist. 9pm. \$5/8
Morehead Planetarium: John Brown Jazz Orchestra. 7:30pm. \$28
Nightlight: The Big Lebowski Musical. 8pm. \$10/12
The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
SATURDAY DEC 17
The Cave: EARLY: Carpe Diem Saxophone Quartet LATE: P-90'S, SlatwterHaus 5
City Tap: Dmitri Resnik. 9pm
General Store Cafe: Triology, Tubby Ridge. 7:30pm
Local 506: Snnmmmm, Supreme Fiction. 9:30pm. Free
Morehead Planetarium: Julie Elkins, Jan Johansson. 7:30pm. \$16
Nightlight: The Big Lebowski Musical. 8pm. \$10/12
Open Eye: Zach Pekar. 8pm
The Station at Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve and Bad Dog Blues Band. 6pm

SUNDAY DEC 18
The Cave: LATE: Trellis of the Vine
Local 506: Big Fat Gap
Nightlight: The Big Lebowski Musical. 8pm. \$10/12
The Station at Southern Rail: Tim Stambaugh, Mahalo Jazz. 4pm
MONDAY DEC 19
The Cave: LooseScrews, Nathan And Arron
TUESDAY DEC 20
The Cave: Evil Weiner Christmas Show. 8pm. \$5
Nightlight: Le Weekend, Holiday Parking, Henbrain. 9:30pm. \$5
WEDNESDAY DEC 21
The Cave: LATE: The Fooligans, The Bamfs
Nightlight: 91 Noise Showcase. 9:30pm. \$5
The Station at Southern Rail: Gmish Klezmer Band. 7pm
THURSDAY DEC 22
The Cave: Jim Watson. 8pm. \$5
City Tap: Tracy Wiebeck. 8:30pm

General Store Cafe: Justin Johnson. 7pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 8:30pm
Nightlight: Magnolia Collective. 9pm. Free
The Station at Southern Rail: Pussy Mountain. 10pm
FRIDAY DEC 23
The Cave: LATE: Old 85
City Tap: The Debonzo Brothers Duo. 9pm
General Store Cafe: James Olin Oden, Black Bird Blues Jam. 7:30pm
Nightlight: Ghost to Falco, Morgan's End. 9:30pm. \$5
The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SPOTLIGHT: CHATHAM COUNTY LINE ELECTRIC HOLIDAY TOUR



The success of Chatham County Line has taken the band far beyond county lines – sometimes even country lines – for sold-out shows alongside The Raconteurs, Bon Iver and Nick Cave. On Sunday, they're back home again, for a performance at the Haw River Ballroom. While much of Chatham County Line's international success and critical acclaim can be attributed to the band's ability to combine the soul of bluegrass with the swing of country to create a sound that seems relevant and at home in today's music world, the band's live shows have also helped propel their fame. At live shows, all four band members sing around one microphone in sharp suits and ties, rarely pausing for banter with the crowd, instead opting to allow their music to speak for them. This type of dedication and polish is exactly what you can expect to see if you head out to Saxapahaw to the Haw River Ballroom on Sunday, Dec. 18 to see the Chatham County Line Electric Holiday Tour. The show is broken into two parts, with one acoustic set followed by a full electric set with special guests. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 8. Tickets are \$15-\$17.

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Southern Village, 932-9000
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked; J. Edgar; New Year's Eve; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; The Muppets

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked; Hugo 3D; New Year's Eve; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; The Muppets; The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1

THE VARSITY
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TH 1/26/12 DONNA THE BUFFALO**(\$17/\$20) W/WOODY PINES

FR 1/27/12 OLD 97S W/THOSE DARLINS**(\$18/\$20)

SA 1/28/12 ACOUSTIC SYNDICATE W/TOWN MOUNTAIN**(\$12/\$14)

TU 1/31/12 KATHLEEN EDWARDS**(\$20/\$23) W/HANNAH GEORGAS

WE 2/1/12 TYCHO W/ BEACON**(\$12/\$15)

FR 2/3/12 WHO'S BAD? MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE**(\$15)

SA 2/4/12 THEOPHILUS LONDON**(\$12/\$15)

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SA 2/4/12 MOUNTAIN GOATS W/NURSES

THE CAVE (CHAPEL HILL)

SU 2/5/12 RICKOLUS

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SA 2/11/12 TODD SNIDER W/ROSIE GOLAN

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WE 2/15/12 THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS W/JONATHAN COULTON FR 3/9/12

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FR 12/16 MANDOLIN ORANGE HOLIDAY SHOW!

TH 2/9/12 MARC BROUSSARD "LA ROUTE AU MARDI GRAS**(\$15/\$17)

SA 2/11/12**(\$20/\$23) FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE

SU 2/12/12 SHARON VAN ETTEN W/SHEARWATER**(\$13/\$15)

TH 2/16/12 EMILIE AUTUMN**(\$15/\$17)

TU 2/21/12 BLIND PILOT**(\$15/\$17)

TH 2/23/12 COREY SMITH**(\$15/\$20)

TH 3/1/12 HEARTLESS BASTARDS**(\$14/\$16)

SA 3/3/12 FUN.**(\$17/\$19)

TU 3/6/12**(\$20/\$23) BOYCE AVENUE W/SECONDHAND SERENADE

WE 3/15/12 GOMEZ.**(\$20/\$23)

FR 3/17/12 BOWERBIRDS**(\$12/\$14)

TU 3/21/12 NEON INDIAN W/PURITY RING**(\$12/\$14)

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Briefs

Weaver Street paving today

The final asphalt surface for West Weaver Street is going to be laid today (Thursday).

The asphalt will be placed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. starting at Greensboro Street and ending at Lindsay Street, where surfacing will stop until Phase 5 is complete. Town employees will be placed at different points along West Weaver to help drivers with parking and access to different buildings.

Phase 5 runs from Lindsay Street to Elm Street and is expected to be closed for two to three weeks. Phase 5 marks the final phase in the year-long project to replace the street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old water main beneath it.

Police investigate homicide

The Chapel Hill Police Department is investigating the shooting death of a male victim found Sunday in his home and is seeking any information related to the incident.

Drew Christopher Frasure, 41, was found by police officers dead with a gunshot wound at his home at 119A Ashley Forest Drive. A woman who called 911 following the shooting said she saw three young white men wearing hats run out of Frasure's apartment after she heard a gunshot. During the call, the woman said Frasure said he knew the men.

Anyone with information concerning the incident is asked to call the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515.

Miller named Citizen of Year

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2011 Salute to Community Heroes at University Mall Tuesday night, honoring those who are committed to making the community a better place.

This year's winners are: Brian Wilson, UNC Department of Public Safety Officer of the Year; Brook James and Erin Ray, Orange County Emergency Services Employees of the Year; Stephen Slagle, Chapel Hill Police Officer of the Year; Joseph Thomas, Carrboro Police Officer of the Year; Heather Robinson, Chapel Hill Firefighter of the Year; Carl Freeman, Carrboro Firefighter of the Year; Mary Andrews, Jim Gibson Volunteer of the Year; Bruce Runberg, Town and Gown Award; Drew Melvin, Irene Briggaman Lifetime Achievement Award; and Jay Miller, 2011 Citizen of the Year.

The chamber also recognized Nate Davis, this year's recipient of the W. Calvin Horton Service Award.

Winter break bus schedule

Chapel Hill Transit buses will begin to operate on their winter break schedule starting on Sunday, returning to their normal operating schedule on Jan. 9.

The CM, CW, D, J and NU routes that run during the week will end earlier, while the Saturday/Sunday U and NU routes as well as Safe Rides will not run. Monday through Friday EZ Rider service will end at 10:35 p.m.

For specific schedule information visit chtransit.org, email chtransit@townofchapelhill.org or call a customer service representative at 969-4900, ext. 1.

Closure on Airport Drive

Airport Drive was closed Wednesday at its intersection with Estes Drive Extension for the installation of an electrical duct bank for UNC.

A detour route is now indicated by signs. The closure is expected to last for two weeks.

County takes action on EMS

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

In their last meeting of the year, the Orange County Board of Commissioners once again focused a majority of their discussion on the county's Emergency Management Services, approving the creation of an emergency services workgroup to help remedy EMS issues.

The board has already had three recent meetings dedicated to EMS. However, unlike the previous work sessions and meetings at which much was discussed with little action taken, commissioners passed motions that showed the county is trying to move forward to quickly fix the issues.

Issues with the county's EMS include outdated technology in the call centers, outdated medical equipment and major commu-

nication and coverage problems with the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders system (VIPER), used by law enforcement and fire departments.

Following direction given by the commissioners at their Nov. 17 work session, Assistant County Manager Michael Talbert presented a plan to the board for the creation of an emergency services workgroup that would provide recommendations to the county regarding EMS problems.

Talbert proposed that the workgroup consist of eight members: two appointees from the fire chiefs' association, one appointee from the South Orange Rescue Squad, one municipal fire chief, two municipal police chiefs, the county sheriff and the emergency services director.

However, comments from the public convinced commissioners

to add four stakeholders to the workgroup.

Bill Waddell, president of the Orange Grove volunteer fire company, urged the board to add one or two Orange County residents and one or two commissioners to the workgroup.

"With this new workgroup, the emergency stakeholders, including the rural fire departments, can work together to find solutions," Waddell said, "things that work system-wide and that taxpayers can afford."

Foushee agreed with Waddell about adding both residents and commissioners to the workgroup, saying she felt it would be very beneficial.

Agreeing with Foushee's comments, McKee added that he wanted one resident to come from the rural area, while the other should come from a municipal

area.

Initially, board Chair Bernadette Pelissier was unsure about the practicality of adding residents to the workgroup, in which discussions would be extremely technical. However, after hearing support from multiple board members on the issue, she agreed it would be useful.

"The reason I have suggested adding citizens is not particularly for technical expertise," McKee said. "It is to bring perspective from a taxpayer's viewpoint and from someone that at sometime might need these services."

The board unanimously passed a motion on the formation of the workgroup, with the addition of McKee as the board representative, Foushee as the alternate, two seats for residents and a seat for the county's medical director.

LOVETTE

FROM PAGE 1

"He explained that they took her to a part of the woods and she was pleading with them and said they could take whatever they want, and they didn't have to do what they were doing," McNeil said.

Woodall asked McNeil why Lovette said they murdered Carson.

"He said he murdered her because she had seen their faces," McNeil said.

Woodall maintains Lovette shot Carson four times with a handgun before Atwater shot her in the head with a sawed-off shotgun.

McNeil's testimony came after that of Dr. Cynthia Gardner, the medical examiner who performed Carson's autopsy. Her testimony left some jurors in tears.

Gardner said that after the first four shots, Carson would have been alive and able to move and talk, while the final shot, into her temple, was immediately fatal.

McNeil recently pled guilty to drug charges, and is hoping to get a reduced sentence in exchange for his testimony.

Another witness who took the stand is also being accused by the defense of having ulterior motives for testifying.

In 2008, Shanita Love was dating Atwater and living with him in Durham along with her three children and his mother and three siblings. She testified about events that happened before and after March 5.

Love said that on the night of March 4, Atwater left their apartment around 10 p.m. and didn't return until 5:30 a.m.

However, she said wasn't aware of her boyfriend and Lovette's involvement until she

saw a photo on the news taken at an ATM of what prosecutors contend is the defendant driving Carson's car. She said Lovette was at the apartment, saw the picture, cursed, asked to use the phone and left.

Love also testified she was in the car with Atwater, Lovette and their friend Jeffery Charles Harris when Lovette disposed of the handgun prosecutors say he used to shoot Carson.

She later helped police find two of the three pieces of the gun.

Although Love said she did not remember throwing out any pieces of the weapon, when defense attorney Karen Bethea-Shields questioned Celisa Lehw, the Chapel Hill Police Department's lead investigator on the case, she said Harris told investigators Love had also thrown something out the window.

Bethea-Shields asked Lehw

if she believed the reason Love had so much information that had not previously been released, including the amount in Carson's accounts and the fact that Atwater had not sexually assaulted Carson, was because Love was there when the murder was committed.

"She never informed me she was there," Lehw said numerous times.

Initially when asked why she decided to talk with police, Love said that "it was the right thing to do." However, when the defense questioned her about her motive and the reward offered for information, Love said, "I did state that if I could get the reward, that would be nice."

While Love's involvement with the defendants after the murder could have led to her being charged in the case, she was granted immunity for her testimony.

LOVETOWN

FROM PAGE 1

Rob Bagshaw, an executive producer for the show, said Winfrey has been very supportive of the show.

"She loves the idea of *Lovetown, USA*, and she's seen some early footage of Carrboro, and loved it too," he said.

The show seeks to guide eight singles on the quest for love over a 30-day period, while examin-

ing the effects it can have on a community. Bagshaw said the show is more of a documentary series than a reality television show.

"There's no reality competition here. We are not eliminating," he said.

"You wouldn't see this on a big network, and that's because we really want to follow the singles that we choose. We want to really follow their journey and find the right match for them," Bagshaw continued.

The producers said that in selecting a town, they were looking for a place with a picturesque downtown, a strong community spirit and a population of about 15,000, including a good number of singles.

"We just think that Carrboro encompasses all of those things," casting director Katie MacIntosh said.

However, MacIntosh emphasized that the show needs more male applicants.

"Without single people that

want to fall in love, there is no show," MacIntosh said. "We need to balance out the scale a little bit."

The producers said they would welcome applicants of any age or sexual orientation from Carrboro and its surrounding areas, including Chapel Hill. Singles still have the chance to apply — email LovetownUSA@gmail.com for details.

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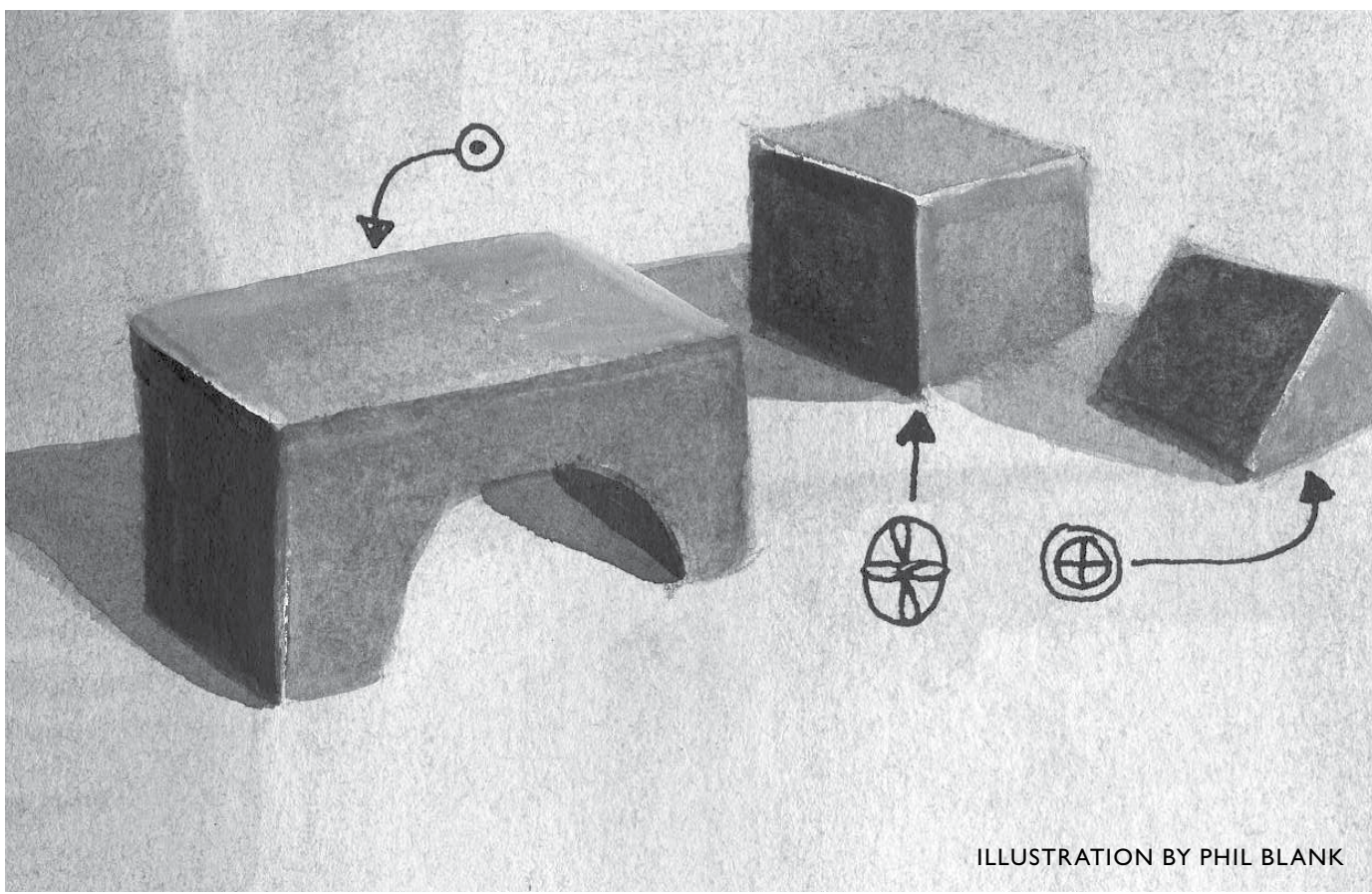


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HOUSE Calls

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

This week we respond to questions about bone spurs on the toes and colace for irritable bowel syndrome.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have a bone spur on my big right toe. I was told if I had surgery for it, it may grow back. Is that true?

That is a great question, and we think you already have the answer: Bone spurs are usually a reaction to chronic tendonitis or foot deformity, and solving the problem won't eliminate the cause. It also may not eliminate the symptoms. With bone spurs of the heels and toes, we think it is important to understand the cause and try all possible non-surgical approaches before considering surgery. Anti-inflammatory like ibuprofen can help with pain and inflammation, as can ice. Sometimes the most important thing is wearing shoes

that fit well; shoe modifications or custom orthotics can change the way your shoes fit. With toe spurs, the most important thing is often ample room in the toe box, which means no pointy shoes. You may want to see someone who specializes in orthotics, like a physical therapist who can help you with the best shoe fit for your problem. Surgery is a last resort, but if you do need surgery, it is still critical to correct the underlying condition that led to the spur. Hopefully if you do that, it will not recur.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have irritable bowel syndrome and find that taking a daily colace helps me regulate my bowel movements. Is there any problem with that?

We usually don't think of colace (generic docusate) for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Most patients with

IBS have diarrhea-predominant IBS or fluctuate between diarrhea and constipation. However, there is a subset with constipation-predominant IBS. We have many patients with chronic constipation that get some relief with daily docusate. It acts by softening the stools and drawing water into the colon. This is actually quite safe; just be sure to take it with plenty of fluids. We do discourage people from taking stimulant laxatives daily, but this type of stool softener (like docusate) has little downside, is cheap and is available without a prescription. So our take on this is if it helps you manage your symptoms, this is a perfectly reasonable approach.

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



Community Calendar

THURSDAY DEC 15

Movie Showing — Family movie night at Orange County Main Library in Hillsborough. 6pm Free Call 245-2536 for movie title

Bill of Rights Day — The reading of the Bill of Rights with proclamations read by Orange County commissioners and the mayors of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and remarks by

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FRIDAY DEC 16

Contra Dance — Music by The Donnybrook Lads and caller Linda Cooper. Carrboro Century Center; 7:30pm workshop/8pm dance \$8 csda-dance.org

Tap Ensemble — Footnotes Tapping Ensemble presents Nine Ladies Tapping and a Guy, as part of the

Choir, Chamber Choir and Girls Choir to present a Christmas Concert. Duke University Chapel, 7:30-pm. \$15 adults; \$12 seniors; \$8 children ncboyschoir.org

THURSDAY DEC 22

It's A Wonderful Life — Proceeds from the movie support Community Home Trust in its affordable housing efforts. The Varsity Theater, Franklin Street 6:45pm Donations requested 967-1545, ext. 310

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5K Run/Walk — 7th annual CHHS XC Alumni 5K Run/Walk, with proceeds benefiting the Chapel Hill High School Cross Country Team. Chapel Hill High, 11am \$10 adults/\$5 children villenain@ncrrc.com

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Twelve Days of Christmas celebration. Carolina Inn, 7pm Free

SUNDAY DEC 18

Moravian Love Feast — UUMC Chancel Choir and Covenant Handbells will perform traditional Christmas carols and Moravian Hymns. University United Methodist Church, 7pm chapelhilluumc.org

MONDAY DEC 19

Choir Concert — N.C. Boys

Rep. Verla Insko, Stephen Dear, Rafael Gallegos and Steve Peterson. Peace and Justice Plaza, noon 942-2535

Wrappers Needed — Volunteers needed to wrap presents for the Be a Santa to a Senior program, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care. Seymour Center, 1-3pm 933-3300

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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by Linda Thistle

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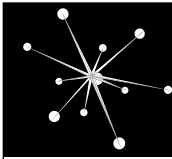
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Sixty-five years of leading a community

BY KEVIN COLLINS
Staff Writer

Upon first glance, it was business as usual at Chapel Hill's First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Thronged of familiar faces gathered in the dusty pews as they do every Sunday, eager to mingle with friends, sing their hearts out and give thanks for their many blessings.

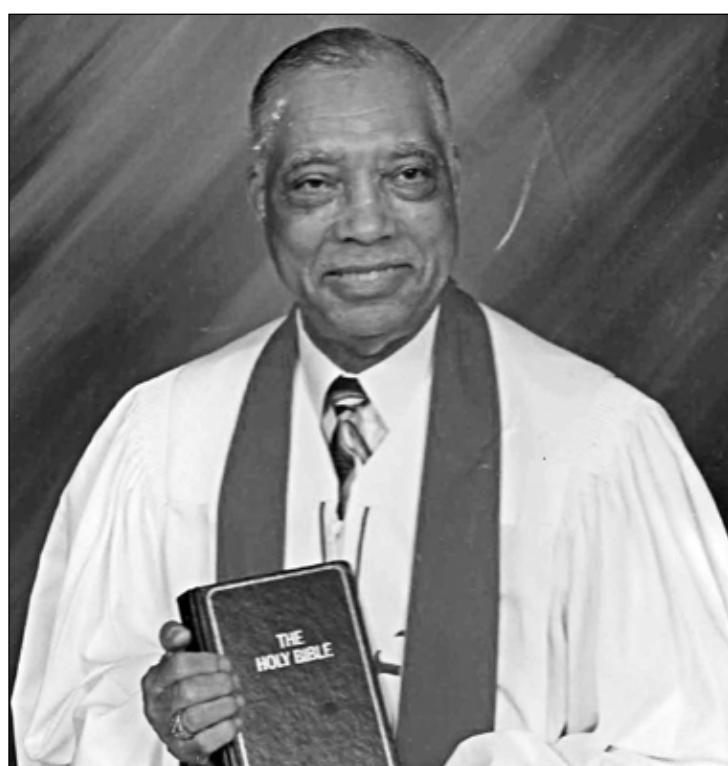
Not much has changed at First Baptist in the past 65 years – not the preacher, at any rate. Dr. J.R. Manley's bright, stoic visage and distinct Southern drawl have been a constant presence at the church for more than half a century. This past weekend, his parishioners were finally able to give back to the man who has done so much for them.

Members of the church celebrated Rev. Manley's 65th pastoral anniversary in style Sunday with an appreciation sermon fit for a man of his accomplishments. One by one, the preacher's friends, family and flock members expressed their gratitude for Manley, who has been a staple of Chapel Hill for as long as most residents can remember. It was easy to see the emotional impact these displays had on the beloved reverend.

"I don't know if I've ever been in a position that I'm almost speechless before," Manley said. "Thank you, thank you, thank you. I don't have words beyond those words. This day will live with me forever and forever and forever"

The sermon, combined with a special-appreciation banquet at the Sheraton Hotel last Friday, served as both a tribute and the start of a farewell tour. Manley will retire in January, leaving the church in need of a new leader for the first time in quite a while.

It is a position few in the fold can recall being in, but it



First Baptist Church's Rev. J.R. Manley
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will soon be a reality. With Rev. Manley largely ceding control of Sunday's sermon to the appreciative masses, it is obvious that even when he moves on, his spirit will remain in the hearts and minds of his eternally grateful students. His teachings were reflected in their words Sunday morning, and it was clear he has taught them well.

Manley was joined by family members from South Carolina and Virginia, men of God from across the state and old friends from across the country. His widespread acclaim is a testament to the accessibility of his message. Dr. Charles Bullock, assistant professor of theology and ethics at Shaw University Divinity School, highlighted Manley's notoriety outside the old walls of First Baptist Church.

"For his leadership style, he is known throughout Orange County, throughout North

Carolina, throughout the United States and beyond," Bullock said.

There were also plenty of personal stories shared by those who know Manley the best. Edric Cotton has been a lifelong member of First Baptist, and he relished the opportunity to celebrate the legacy of his longtime spiritual guide. He shared an anecdote about his young daughter, Priscilla, confusing Rev. Manley with a different holy figure several years ago.

"She said, 'Daddy, there goes God,'" he said. "I told her, 'Not quite, but pretty close.' He's been my God here on Earth my whole life."

As it turned out, Sunday's sermon was anything but business as usual at First Baptist. And considering their longtime leader will soon be moving onto another phase of his life, Sunday mornings just won't be the same.

Community Briefs

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Tree planting at Maple View

Join Preserve Rural Orange on Saturday at 10 a.m. to plant a maple Tree of Wishes at the Maple View Agricultural Educational Center at 3501 Dairyland Road, Hillsborough.

Local artist Sarah Cornette arranged the Preserve Rural Orange Tree of Wishes after being inspired by Yoko Ono's Wish Tree/Imagine Peace project. Bob Nutter and Allison Nichols of Maple View Farm have lent support to the project, generously providing a site to plant and care for the tree.

Community members are invited to come out to Maple View to dedicate the Tree of Wishes as an ongoing gathering place for children and adults to envision the future for rural Orange County.

Carrboro Farmers' Market holds special holiday markets

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will host two special markets this week to celebrate the holiday season.

The first will be its annual Holiday Gift Market on Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon, where shoppers can purchase a wide assortment of unique and locally made gifts from the market's farmers, crafters and artisans. The market gazebo will feature a display of these local gift items, as well as live demonstrations throughout the day.

The second will be a special holiday market on Dec. 22 from 2-5 p.m., where shoppers can stock up on local produce for holiday dinners. Award-winning chef and leader in the sustainable agriculture movement, Andrea Reusing of Lantern Restaurant, will join the farmers' market for this special occasion. She will offer samples of turnip soup with rosemary and Thunder Mountain Swiss, and will sign and sell copies of her new cookbook, *Cooking in the Moment*.

Canned pet food drive with Santa

Orange County Animal Services will work with Orange Congregations In Mission again this year to collect cans of pet food for pet owners

in need this holiday season and offer Pictures with Santa in conjunction with the food drive.

Canned dog or cat food can be donated at the Animal Services Center during regular business hours until Saturday. Anyone donating four or more cans will receive a voucher for a free picture with Santa from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Animal Services Center. Donations will also be accepted during that time.

All pet food donated will be delivered to citizens in need by OCIM. For more information, visit www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices.

Celebrate Bill of Rights Day

Community members are invited to read one of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution and hear proclamations by Orange County elected officials today (Thursday) at noon on the steps of the post office at the intersection of Henderson and East Franklin streets.

N.C. Rep. Verla Insko, executive director of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty Stephen Dear, member of the board of directors of Chapel Hill-Carrboro Human Rights Center Rafael Gallegos and member of Occupy Chapel Hill Steve Peterson will speak at the event.

For more information, contact Orange County Bill of Rights Defense Committee at 942-2535.

Early bird tax help

Special days of free tax preparation through VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will be held throughout January in Orange County for eligible "early bird" clients who have received income information from all their employers.

Interested clients should call after Jan. 16 to learn about eligibility, what to bring and to make an appointment.

Clients must meet eligibility guidelines. IRS-certified volunteers are trained to prepare computerized federal and N.C. tax returns.

VITA's regular tax season will begin Feb. 1, and service will be available Monday through Saturday by appointment or walk-in depending on the site.

The IRS, RSVP 55+, Orange County Government, Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill, the Women's Center and United Way of the Greater Triangle sponsor VITA.

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Deadline for submitting BUSINESS nominations is **Thursday, December 22, 2011.** For applications or more information please visit the website at: <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/housing/pmurray.asp> or contact the Human Relations Commission at 919 245-2489. Nomination information is also available at Orange County public libraries; and the Town Halls of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough.

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The GOP's 'could' and 'would' on Medicaid

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services convened Tuesday morning – you would think that would be a good thing.

The state Medicaid program faces a \$139 million shortfall that threatens vital services for the most vulnerable people in North Carolina.

But the committee's five-hour, nine-item agenda didn't include the shortfall at all. Sen. Martin Nesbitt found that odd and asked committee co-chair Rep. Nelson Dollar about it.

Dollar said the committee would not be taking up the shortfall but took the opportunity to correct what he said was misinformation circulating about the possible cuts to Medicaid services and reductions in reimbursements to providers.

Dollar said the General Assembly would not be recommending the cuts because it is too late in the fiscal year and there's not enough time for the cuts to save enough money.

That seems like yet another change in the position of Republican leaders about Medicaid as they continue to publicly disavow the potentially devastating cuts their own budget recommended.

In case you are keeping score at home, here's a quick chronology of the Republicans' escape-the-blame game.

The budget they passed in June counted on savings in the state Medicaid budget they knew were wildly unrealistic. Letters from Gov. Beverly Perdue made that clear before the budget was passed.

The budget also directed Health and Human Services Secretary Lanier Cansler to slash services and cut provider reimbursement rates if the savings were not realized. A few weeks ago, Cansler told a committee that as expected, the savings weren't there and asked leaders for guidance.

Dollar, with the television cameras rolling, told Cansler not to make the cuts or reduce the rates and said Republican legislative leaders would work with HHS officials to address the shortfall.

House Speaker Thom Tillis said the General Assembly could shift money from the state's savings account to make sure services were not cut.

"Could" was apparently the operative word in Tillis' statement, as last week his spokesperson said that Tillis didn't mean they *would* shift the money.

Dollar and the Republicans essentially told Cansler he needed to find the savings on his own, and under the budget law the Republicans passed, that means cutting services like vision and hearing care, prescription drugs and even prosthetics.

It seems like the Republicans were for the mean-spirited cuts before they were against them before they were for them again.

The cynical political gamesmanship has understandably caused great anxiety for people who rely on vital Medicaid services and their families.

Dollar bristles when advocates point out the contradictions between the budget he supported and the statements he has made and then disowned later.

And he throws out distractions to try to change the subject, like bringing up past problems in the Medicaid program that are regrettable but don't explain the decisions made in the budget or the flip-flopping on the shortfall the budget created.

The bottom line is that HHS officials are now left with a \$139 million shortfall and a law that orders them to cut services to seniors and people with disabilities to fill it. Tillis and Dollar could help by shifting money from the state savings account.

If they had any sense of decency and integrity, they would.

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LETTERS

No evidence of discrimination in death penalty sentencing

Regarding the Racial Justice Act, Chris Fitzsimon claims that "no one seriously responded to the studies cited by RJA supporters that prove race plays a role in who is sentenced to death in North Carolina." Actually I have responded to these claims for some 28 years, following the assertion that North Carolina murderers of blacks are less likely to get the death penalty than murderers of whites. I testified in the case of John Rook, a white man who raped and murdered a white woman. His attorneys unsuccessfully argued exactly this type of racial discrimination. This was long before the Racial Justice Act was passed.

In 2001 Fitzsimon issued a press release and held a news conference announcing a new study by UNC Political Scientist Issac Unah and UNC School of Law Dean Jack Boger, said to be "the most comprehensive race study to come out of the South in nearly two decades." The *News and Observer* reported on April 19 that Chris Fitzsimon, the sponsor of the study, "twice invited critics of the study to examine the data," but the authors said "they won't release all their data until they've submitted a scholarly report of publication." I have pointed out that their analyses were deeply flawed, and none of their three versions has been accepted for publication to this date. These versions contradicted one another; indeed, one version said "local prosecutors in the South who once made race-conscious decisions ... now appear race-neutral."

I have repeatedly asked Unah and Boger for their data but have been refused. It was produced in court in Durham two years ago, but Unah succeeded in having it sealed by the court. The past year has seen references to a new study by Catherine Grosso that claims to produce similar results, but it has not been subjected to peer review and no report has been issued. Like Unah, Grosso is trying to have the data sealed by the court; what do they have to hide?

It is a fact that murders involving white victims tend to be more aggravated than murders involving black victims and more deserving of the death penalty. Unah's data showed that 96 percent of the murderers of blacks are black themselves, so this supposed discrimination could be remedied by executing more black murderers. I doubt that this is what Fitzsimon has in mind.

I do not believe there is valid statistical evidence of racial discrimination in the death penalty. Death penalty opponents should focus their attention on other issues such as morality of the death penalty.

ELLIOT M. CRAMER
Chapel Hill

Holiday event brought community together in a 'wonderful' way

For the second year in a row, about 200 members of our community started the holiday season together by watching the holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Varsity on Franklin. This event was hosted by the affordable housing nonprofit, Community Home Trust, and our generous sponsor, Harrington Bank.

Like last year, we gave out every ticket for this community event, which brought together a diverse cross section of our community including elected officials and individuals who are homeless. I want to thank everyone who attended and those who generously donated to the Home Trust. I would also like to thank a homeowner in Northside through the Home Trust, Heather Ragan-Kwakye, for giving a moving testimonial before the movie began.

I want to thank everyone who came out to support Community Home Trust and affordable housing in our community. I hope to see you again next year.

ROBERT DOWLING
Executive Director, Community Home Trust

Donate to record 'Christmas Sing'

For more than 25 years, Chapel Hill's own Jim Watson, a founder of the Red Clay Ramblers and renowned old-time musician, has held an annual "Christmas Sing" at The Cave, Chapel Hill's oldest tavern. The show, which includes a set of audience participation caroling along with Jim soloing in his inimitable "high lonesome" tenor, is a true community tradition that has never been recorded. For this year's show on Dec. 22, I am leading an effort to have the show professionally recorded as a community archive and for possible future release of a not-for-profit recording. To make this happen, I have to raise \$1,000 for good quality professional recording. If you are interested in contributing, send a check to The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516, with "Christmas Sing" in the memo line. This is not a tax-deductible contribution; it's just a great opportunity to hold on to a precious tradition by one of our finest (and funnest) local treasures. Come on down that night; for only \$7, you can be a part of the fun.

BLAIR POLLOCK
Chapel Hill

Price owes Faison an apology

Sorry, but I will have to respectfully disagree with the language and premise of Renee Price's letter about Rep. Bill Faison.

1. Bill Faison did not attack Beverly Perdue. 2. Bill Faison did not say Beverly Perdue should step aside (that was the headline in a news story, not a quote by Bill Faison). 3. Bill Faison did not say she did anything improper – he said he thought she was distracted. 4. There are state and federal investigations underway and the Wake DA cannot/did not comment on the federal investigations. 5. There is reason to believe there may be more indictments/issues, so "reading" into an indictment reveals nothing legally of issues to come as every attorney knows. 6. This is not an "either/or" situation. I am a woman and can be supportive of women and men in elected office, so trying to make this a gender issue is wrong.

Renee owes Rep. Bill Faison an apology for her erroneous assumptions and misrepresentation of facts. He is a sitting member of the N.C. House of Representatives. Further, his direct quote on the matter is as follows (this can be found on his website billfaison.com/018_PRESS_RELEASE_for_NOV_30_2011_jb_final.pdf):

"I am concerned about the ongoing investigations into the campaign of our governor and I believe it has to be said that these first indictments look like serious issues. I cannot help but be concerned that our governor is distracted from the real issues in our state which are the high unemployment and underemployment that threaten our future. She has not said publicly and officially that she is a candidate for governor, leading me to question whether or not she will run. I understand there are ongoing federal and state investigations. My goal, like that of many Democrats, is to win the House and the governor's office in order to stop the radical social agenda and focus on the economy, jobs and education. I have said this at every event where I have spoken. I have not said she should step aside or not run; that is something she will have to decide. I will remain committed to the issues affecting our economy and will not be deterred. It is the single most important issue affecting all of us."

JEANNE BONDS
Raleigh

My current occupation

So, here I am, occupying a public place, by the Chapel Hill courthouse. I stopped to sit for a moment and watch the show. I'm not protesting, even though recently, I finally lost my truck, job and home. After the past few years of struggle, it's almost a relief. Not much to lose now. Why worry? The few tents pitched here remind me of a storm's aftermath. The few people milling around resemble storm victims, waiting for help to arrive, while knowing that it won't, but hoping anyway.

Some are young. Others are old. Here waits a real cross-section of society. These are regular people, trying to survive the anarchy of corporate rule. Survivors are what we are, now, in our own country. The occupiers have been considerate to me. They immediately offered me food, and warmth. They didn't yell about the man, or the system. They simply welcomed me, as if I belong in my own hometown. Most of them claim our village as their home, even while homeless, like me. Although I have been priced out of my village, Chapel Hill will always be where I belong. It is my hill, shared with the state.

Shivering here, I notice that the cold wind floats the soft voices of women singing, easing the chill, a bit. Funny, how that helps. It signifies community. That's what we've lost – each other. I suppose that if we must occupy yet another country, at least this time, it's our own. I'm reassured that someone is pointing at the problem, while they are laughed at, and insulted, for performing the public service. Walk on by. Live it up, for tomorrow.

CHARLES LITTLE
Chapel Hill

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Cigarette tax a common-sense policy

MARISSA HALL

Faced with a growing budget deficit, North Carolina lawmakers cut \$350 million from the state education budget this year. UNC is feeling the effects of these cuts; faculty members have not received raises in three years, hundreds of staff positions have been eliminated and class sizes have increased. Just last month, the UNC Board of Trustees approved one of the largest tuition hikes in recent history. In-state students will see a 15.6 percent increase in tuition and out-of-state students' tuition will rise by 6.5 percent.

Cuts in state education spending will continue to force the UNC system into difficult choices that hurt one of the state's greatest resources. The budget deficit cannot be met by spending cuts alone.

Raising the North Carolina cigarette tax is a common-sense policy that would generate nearly \$350 million in revenue without cutting education spending. In March of this year, state Rep. Jennifer Weiss and Sen. William Purcell introduced a bill (HB341/SB338) that proposed raising the state's cigarette tax from \$0.45 per pack to the national average of \$1.45. But in our current tax-phobic political climate, the bill went nowhere.

North Carolina lawmakers should make the responsible choice and pass HB341/SB338.

Passing this bill will have more benefits than just increasing state revenue. Although many North Carolinians are understandably opposed to tax hikes, taxing cigarettes would actually save taxpayers money in the long run. According to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, each pack of cigarettes sold costs North Carolinians \$7.17 in health care costs to treat the serious diseases caused by cigarette smoking. A \$1 cigarette-tax increase would result in an estimated \$1.8 billion in long-term health savings for the state.

Not only does a cigarette tax increase make good financial sense, it also has enormous health benefits.

Studies have shown that taxing cigarettes is one of the most effective ways to reduce smoking rates among children and adults. This year alone, nearly 10,400 North Carolina children will become daily smokers. The N.C. Alliance for Health estimates that a \$1 cigarette tax increase in North Carolina would lead to a 15.4 percent decrease in youth smoking rates and prevent 81,200 kids from becoming addicted smokers.

Gov. Beverly Perdue has joined many U.S. governors in declaring November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Due to successful awareness-raising campaigns, efforts to combat breast cancer have received incredible popular and financial support. But many people don't know that lung cancer is actually the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women in North Carolina. More than 6,670 North Carolina citizens will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year alone.

The use of tobacco products is the number-one cause of disability and death in North Carolina. North Carolina lawmakers and citizens alike have a responsibility to do everything they can to reduce lung cancer and other smoking-related diseases. Increasing the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack would be one major step toward reducing tobacco-related death and disability in our state.

Considering the enormous public health benefits and long-term cost-savings of this effective and common-sense policy solution, state policymakers should pass HB341/SB338.

North Carolina currently has the sixth-lowest cigarette tax in the nation. It's time for our state to catch up with the rest of the country.

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Stand up to the bullies



BY KIRK ROSS

One late night a few years back in a then-smoky club, a friend of mine who worked at a local social service agency was describing the difficulties faced by those who advocate for the homeless.

The conversation drifted around to the way so many people seem to prefer expressing compassion with a kind of detachment, how it's easier to send off a check to some worthwhile cause than to rub elbows with some unfortunate, unkempt human being walking the streets where you live.

"They're not dolphins, Kirk," my friend said. "If they were homeless dolphins, this town would be all over it."

I don't know if any of you have been really poor, wondered where your next meal was coming from, lived in a squat, a car or an abandoned house, but I have. I don't enjoy talking about those days and can't help but remember them. Life was hard. People were kind to me. Grace is real. To this day, the experience, as they say up at the university, informs my thinking. I could laugh at my friend's comment because, for a while, I swam among the not-dolphins. It's not a pretty life, but I can attest that everyone I met was an honest-to-God human being, and no matter what demons they were battling, somewhere inside every last one was a person who wanted a better life.

As important as it is to talk about the awful state of income disparity, I dread the results it has engendered among those defending greed and the myth of heroic self-reliance. It's hard to stay connected without every day hearing some blowhard disparaging the poor and unemployed as lazy deadbeats living off the rest of us. It's such easy politics, easy us-versus-them stuff.

Ronald "Morning in America" Reagan, who was president during the last great economic downturn, was a master at this. Tales of welfare fraud were among the red meat he tossed about in his first run for the presidency in 1976. In a country where most of the people receiving government support belonged to white, working poor families, he made the black, Cadillac-driving welfare queen public enemy number one.

In the race to the rhetorical bottom that seems to mark political discourse these days,

candidates and commentators have moved beyond Reagan's infamous welfare royalty to those grubby little poor kids who think they're entitled to a decent meal at school.

I checked and, actually, they are, and have been since the passage of the National School Lunch Act in 1946. And get this: Disadvantaged children are also entitled to a have a "fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education." So entitled, in fact, that the law spelling that out is even called Title I. It was passed in 1965.

Both of these laws were passed during times of deep partisan division by people who managed to rise above their disagreements to do the right thing. How we got to where such things seem impossible and beating up on poor kids is politically advantageous is beyond me.

After a decade in which millions more children have fallen into poverty, using their misfortune to win a few votes is a particularly contemptible tactic. Instead of addressing the cause — an economy that is enriching the few while the many slip farther behind — it's easier to build a straw man, to quibble over the definition of poverty, to point out that poor people have cell phones and televisions or suggest that maybe those poor kids in neighborhoods with sky-high unemployment rates ought to just get a job.

Maybe once the primary season is over the rhetoric will move a little closer to reality, but don't hold your breath.

Meanwhile, there's a daunting task ahead of us in the delivery of compassion to those who need it most.

Nearly half of the 2.3 million children in this state are in low-income families, with nearly one-quarter in families that make below the federal poverty level of about \$22,000 a year for a family of four. That's 15 bucks a day or less per person for everything — food, rent, clothes, transportation, hopes, dreams and so on.

Today was another morning in America in which a lot of people woke up hungry, cold or both. Many are little kids. It's all they've known, and it's not their fault. You should do something about that.

It's the season of giving. Please give a lot. The dolphins will love you for it.

OASIS FROM PAGE 1

In the early days of his illness, Binanay came to OASIS at least once a week.

"It was therapy, exercise, body health, medicine compliance, staying active, getting in groups and talking about your experience," he says.

"You have to get out there and have those new experiences. You have to go on when you're scared."

Success in the OASIS program is measured by both symptom and functional recovery. Some see their symptoms go away completely; others will learn to manage those that remain. The success rate in terms of functional recovery, meaning returning to school or work, is 60 to 65 percent.

Service utilization is another measure of success at OASIS, defined by how many clients receive disability benefits, are hospitalized or have legal issues.

"How much we can save in taxpayer dollars is extremely important to knowing if our intervention is working," Saade says.

OASIS is designed to serve 100 clients; the program is presently seeing about 130. It's difficult to turn away those in need when their other options are limited or nonexistent.

"Other countries do a much better job in terms of early psychosis than we do," Smith says, citing the UK, Australia and Canada in particular. These countries, she says, have countrywide initiatives targeting psychosis and getting kids into treatment very quickly if needed.

"Those countries do better because they have more cohesive health care systems and better social-welfare systems," Smith says.

Rebuilding

Life was good when Binanay was blindsided by his illness. He's musically gifted and was a campus leader at Cardinal Gibbons High



Sylvia Saade is program director of the UNC Outreach and Support Intervention Services program.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

School in Raleigh and then at Villanova University. Schizophrenia arrived unawares, as it will, and overwhelmed the Binanay family.

"They had to go through a recovery process as well," Binanay says of his family. "I think they're still recovering."

Family support very often plays a deciding role in recovery. Appropriate medication management to avoid or minimize side effects is another important element, says OASIS medical director Diana Perkins.

"You need a really good psychiatrist who knows these medications," she says.

Most importantly, recovery requires finding the right treatment for the individual, and, Saade says, staying mindful that the illness need not be a debilitating one.

"We must take away that image," she says, referring to popular perceptions of mental illness, "whether it is schizophrenia or bipolar or major depression, that I'm going to end up being homeless or on disability. No. We have people moving on with their Ph.D.s, getting married..."

Binanay is engaged to be married next year. He's also founded

a nonprofit called Music Over Mind, which brings music to hospitals and clinics while raising awareness about mental illness. He's in a band called Black Heart Kings.

Binanay's recovery took a long time, Perkins says. "He had multiple episodes until he figured it out."

"When I got sick, I couldn't speak, I couldn't remember," Binanay says. "Now it's like, 'Oh, I live here, I have this girlfriend, I play the violin.' I can recall these things. Before it was just blank."

"You have to rebuild the pathways of experience," he says, "and that's what I've done. I've stayed engaged, stayed active, and I've rebuilt those pathways."

Binanay says that OASIS helped him understand from a medical perspective what was happening while remaining open to what he interpreted as a spiritual experience.

His support team accepts his belief that, "The mind wants to do all these things; it wants to build and put all these things together, and solve. [But] the heart's already done it. The heart's already won."

That perspective, with OASIS' support, has helped provide a pathway to recovery.

"They help you walk back to reality," Binanay says. "They've really been the guide for me to come back."

"It's changed him," Perkins says, "because it does in the same way that anything that's traumatic or difficult will change the way you look at the world. But it's good; he's integrating in a way that's good, and works for him, and he's now moving forward in life."

Binanay believes that while he was once quicker witted, he's now more reflective.

"Whereas I once was like that," he says, drawing his fingertips to a point, "now it's more like this," cupping his hands. That's somewhat due to the medication, he says. "But that's a choice I made,

to be on medicine.

"I think I could go to some temple and get off my medicine, and I think I'd be OK, because now I know what to expect. But there's that risk that you may not be able to come back. It's been six, seven years to get to where I am today."

Meanwhile, "There are a few new medications on the horizon that look promising, that work a little bit differently," Perkins says. "We'll have to see how those turn out."

"We're also just now beginning to get a handle on the genetic basis of the illness," she says, "and what the different kinds of schizophrenia can be."

"We're really at a point where technology, science is allowing us to explore these things in a way that we just couldn't five years ago. So it's a really exciting time to be doing this research."

Will there be a cure in our lifetime?

"I think it's certainly possible," Perkins says, citing research she and others are doing with stem cells.

"Maybe if you catch it really early, you prevent it from happening in the first place."

The harvest

"Every day, every night, non-stop; you have to work at it," Binanay emphasizes. "You have to move it around. You can't just sit and let it heal itself."

He welcomes the opportunities he has to talk with new clients. "I know what it's like in the beginning, to be scared, to not know what's going on; the change is happening, but then it's, like, you do heal."

"I want to try to give back as much as possible, till the end, keep on pouring it out," he says. "Because I have so much to give. I just want to keep pouring it out."

"It's a process," Binanay says. "I've got these apples in my orchard that are ready to harvest, because I did the work every day."

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School Briefs

CHCCS teacher achievement

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools had 13 teachers from nine district schools achieve their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification in their fields during the 2010-11 certification cycle. The recipients were announced this week as part of a White House event hosted by President Obama, and certified teachers in North Carolina receive a 12 percent salary increase.

Teachers receiving their certification are: Amy Sasscer, Morris Grove Elementary; Kim Mellor, McDougle Elementary; Lois Jarrell, Morris Grove Elementary; Christopher Struts, Carrboro High; Keith Gerdes, East Chapel Hill High; Katie Savelli, Phillips Middle; Ingrid Meyrial, Phillips Middle; Amy Evers, Seawell Elementary; Frances Diggs, East Chapel Hill High; Audrey Dawson, Phillips Middle; Lisa Albury, Scroggs Elementary; Amanda Lumsden, Ephesus Elementary; and Kimberly Lindekugel, Chapel Hill High.

For more information, visit nbpts.org

Ephesus Girls on the Run

The Girls on the Run team at Ephesus Elementary ran in the Reindeer Romp 5k on Dec. 3. The team was joined by staff members Susan Wendel, Marne Meredith and Victoria Creamer. Girls on the Run is a national organization that focuses on

self-esteem and character education lessons with girls aged 8-12 while training to run a race.

CHCCS goes green

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district has received a Green Plus Certification, and the district's accomplishments were recognized at a school board meeting earlier this month. The program, which is housed in Chapel Hill, recognizes organizations for their commitment to a triple bottom line of environmental sustainability, social responsibility and economic sustainability.

CHCCS was honored for several initiatives led by the Sustainability Committee, including the garden grants, Green Giants and a commitment to purchasing local food and materials. For more information about the program, visit gogreenplus.org

Culbreth cleans up

Students at Culbreth Middle School spent last Friday afternoon cleaning up trash around their school's campus as their first service project for the new Environmental Science Club. About 200 pounds of trash was collected, most of which was sorted and recycled. The club was started earlier this year and consists of about 20 members, with several service projects in the works for next semester.

School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY 12/16

Elementary: Chicken Nuggets, Turkey Corn Dog, Garden Salad, California Vegetable Blend, Tater Tots, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Apple

Middle and High School: Vegetable Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Herbed Broccoli & Cauliflower, Baked Turkey Corn Dog w/Baked Beans

MONDAY 12/19

Elementary: Crunchy Beef Taco w/ Lettuce & Tomato, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Caesar Salad, Black Bean & Corn Salsa, Seasoned

Turnip Greens, Assorted Fruit, Raisins

Middle and High School: Pulled BBQ Pork Sandwich, Ranch Potato Wedges, Bean & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Burrito

TUESDAY 12/20

Elementary: Cheese Sticks w/ Sauce, Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll, Vegetarian Baked Beans, Seasoned Green Peas, Assorted Fruit

Middle and High School: Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta, Seasoned Green Peas, Buffalo Chicken Pop-

pers w/Tater Tots

WEDNESDAY 12/21

Elementary: No School
Middle and High School: No School

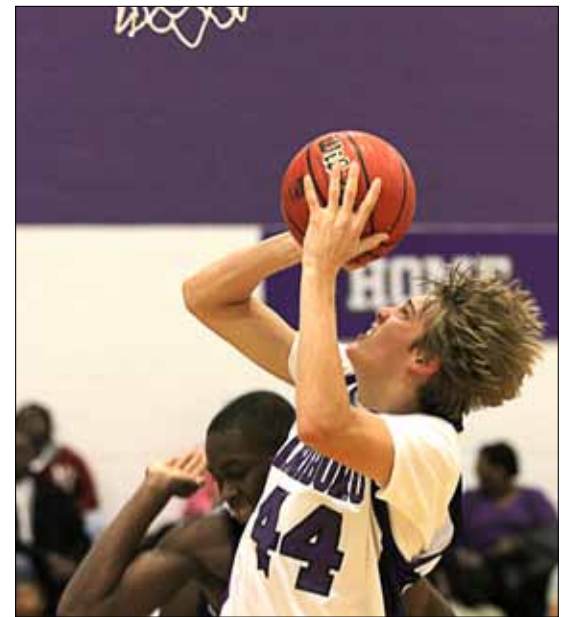
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Middle and High School: No School

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Marlin Johnson (#40) contributes to Carrboro's smothering defense with the help of McLean Phipps.



James Scott heads to the basket.

The Carrboro High School men's basketball team extended its dominance on Monday by topping the North Carolina School of Science and Math, 78-36. NCSSM couldn't escape Carrboro's stifling pressure on defense and relentless fast break. Jaguar Keenan Van Name dominated on offense with 24 points.

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Residents have criticized CVS's neglect of the property, which is overgrown with weeds.

Amanda Ashley, a member of Occupy Chapel Hill, said Occupy Chapel Hill had offered to assume responsibility for and maintenance of the building on the corner of Weaver and Greensboro streets in exchange for its use as an indoor space for the movement's efforts.

However, Polzella said in an email to Ashley that CVS officials were still in the process of assessing the condition of the properties to determine safety and fit-for-use criterion.

At the meeting, Polzella also said she wanted to clarify that CVS' initial plans in purchasing the property were to prevent Walgreens from buying it and developing a competing drugstore across the street from the current CVS store, and thus had no motivation to sell the property at this point. Weaver Street Market previously owned the WCOM property.

Plan changes

Chris Bostic, site engineer for the project, presented a number of changes to the development plans, including the addition of a 20,000-gallon underground cistern to collect water from the roof and two rain gardens to treat parking lot runoff.

Bostic said the plans also reduce the number of proposed parking spaces from 69 to 64, enabling an increase in the buffer between the parking lot and Center Street. Center Street residents have expressed concern about the headlights of cars shining directly into their windows throughout the night, and Bostic said the new plans include a 5-foot brick wall to address that.

Jeff Herrick, a Center Street resident, said the plans still concern him.

"I appreciate you put a little more setback, but to have a 24-hour parking lot 30 feet from our front porch is still really difficult," he said.

Richard Walker, the architectural representative for the development, said changes also include the addition of more windows. Because of CVS's store model, which includes merchandise lining the perimeter of the store, the windows will serve as display windows.

The project must be approved by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, which will hold a public hearing prior to its consideration.

