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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

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Red-berried holly is a special tradition this time of year. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Bringing evergreens indoors

When I was a youngster, bringing evergreen holly branches indoors at Christmas time just seemed like the thing to do.

Now, because of protective landowners and deer hunters, it's difficult and dangerous to attempt to collect a few holly branches from the local woods, like in the old days.

How well I remember one Christmas when my dad and I cut a little holly tree from my aunt's farm, thinking it would be a nice change from the traditional red cedar.

I didn't know then about the heritage of bringing holly and other evergreens indoors during the winter solstice.

Christian symbolism includes references to the spiny-leaved holly branches being the "crown of thorns" of Christ, whose blood colored the berries red.

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Elizabeth Edwards dead at 61

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Elizabeth Edwards, who rose to national prominence as the wife of a presidential candidate but will be remembered here as an author, mother and advocate for health care reform, died Tuesday morning at her home in Chapel Hill surrounded by friends and family.

Edwards, who used her own experience with cancer to educate and inspire others, had recently stopped treatments and her family announced over the weekend that she was in hospice. She was 61.

On her Facebook page Monday, she posted the following note:

"The days of our lives, for all of us, are numbered. We know that. And yes, there are certainly times when we aren't

able to muster as much strength and patience as we would like. It's called being human. But I have found that in the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious. And for that I am grateful."

After moving to Chapel Hill, Edwards spent much of her time in the national spotlight, first in assisting the political efforts — including two runs at the presidency — of her husband, former U.S. Sen. John Edwards, then in dealing with the very public breakup of her marriage.

She chronicled her life and her determination to live her last days to the fullest in three books.

In more recent times, she had become more of a local, opening a small furniture store on Rosemary

Street and volunteering at McDougle Middle School.

A graduate of the UNC School of Law, she was a passionate Tar Heel fan and often attended basketball games at the Smith Center.

Her passing was noted with profound sadness throughout the county as well as her adopted community.

"My thoughts and prayers will continue for Elizabeth's family as they go through this very difficult time," said state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird. "She will be very much missed."

At Tuesday night's Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting, Mayor Mark Chilton offered condolences on behalf of the people of Carrboro to the Edwards family, saying they had the sympathy of the whole town.

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Last Saturday, with close to an inch of snow falling south of I-40 and two inches or more in Hillsborough and points north, the tree at Carrboro Town Hall was resplendent in holiday spirit as it awaits the annual lighting ceremony this Friday. For a look at upcoming festivities, see our holiday calendar on page 4. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

For local economic development, 'collaboration' the new buzz word

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

Proponents of a nascent effort to create a new means of economic development in Orange County may not agree on everything, but all will accede that their task would have been easier if the sales tax had passed.

Whether it was just a bad year to try to pass a tax, or the fact that the size of the decimal point on the ballot made it look to some like a 25 percent hike instead of a quarter-cent, the tax was narrowly defeated in November, taking down with it plans to pump hundred of thou-

sands of dollars each year into economic-development efforts.

Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said that while the additional money — estimated at more than \$970,000 annually — would have been a great boost, the loss at the polls should not deter the idea that a change is needed in the way economic development is done throughout the county.

"We've got to get on this," Nelson said in a recent interview. The current way of doing things, he said, is inefficient and lacks the kind of cooperation between the business community, the university and local

governments that has proven effective elsewhere.

Nelson said a separate public-private entity similar to the one at work in Chatham County is needed if the public is ever going to see a return on its investment in economic development. Such an entity would not only foster collaboration, but, like in other places, it could attract additional capital.

"I think the private sector would financially support these efforts in addition to government," Nelson said.

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Claremont plans to change

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed in principle on Tuesday to relax affordable-housing requirements for development of the next phases of the Claremont subdivision, clearing the way for a redesign of the project.

Citing a lackluster market and larger than expected losses on affordable units, Zinn Design Build requested a change in Phases 4 and 5 of Claremont to drop the 16 affordable units and forfeit the density bonus that came with them. That would drop the total number of units allowed in the new phases from 96 to 75.

In lieu of affordable housing, the company plans to utilize Carrboro's small-house ordinance with 25 percent of the units a mix of 1,100- and 1,350-square-foot homes.

At its meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, members of the board

of aldermen said they were willing to grant the request, which would still be subject to further review by the board as a modification to Claremont's Conditional Use Permit.

Board member Jacquie Gist said given the market, the smaller homes and their smaller price tags would be welcome.

"I, for one, want to see smaller houses built for a number of reasons," she said. "I think [the small-house ordinance] is an underutilized tool that we have."

Board member Joal Hall Broun said she would agree to the request, but cautioned about getting in the habit of it.

"At what point do we say the market has improved?" she said.

In making his case, Omar Zinn of Zinn Design Build said affordable units in earlier phases of Claremont had sat unsold for several months.

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Council approves tree protection, sidewalk plans

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — After months of tweaking, the Chapel Hill Town Council added a stripped-down set of new tree-protection rules to its land-use ordinance.

The new standards, approved by a 6-1 vote at a Town Hall meeting Monday night, are aimed at capturing CO2 emissions, reducing the urban heat-island effect and preserving the town's historic tree canopy. They set a 30 percent minimum canopy coverage for multi-family residential and smaller commercial properties and a 40 percent standard for institutional and mixed-use properties, with modifications in the requirements possible for green uses, affordable housing, stormwater management and preserving community character. The law also sets standards for establishing and preserving rare and specimen trees and significant stands of mature trees.

Several changes to the proposed ordinance were made after a Sept. 27 pub-

Clinic renovation delayed

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Monday to postpone a decision on floor plans for renovations to the county's Health and Dental Clinic in Hillsborough, citing a need for more clarity in how the \$1.47-million project will be funded.

The board voted in September to close the county dental clinic at Carr Mill Mall and consolidate dental services at the Hillsborough clinic, which county officials said would yield \$113,000 in annual savings and provide increased access to care through extended operating hours. The \$1.47-million renovation of the dental and health clinics will be funded with Medicaid Maximization and Dental Equipment capital project funds, which can only be used for programs that earned the funds by providing care to Medicaid patients.

The county operates a part-time dental clinic at Carr Mill Mall two days a week and one at the Whitted Human Services Center on West Tryon Street in Hillsborough three days a week. Under the approved plan, the Hillsborough dental clinic will serve patients five days a week when the Carrboro clinic closes.

The vote to close the Carrboro clinic drew criticism from Carrboro and Chapel Hill officials, who expressed concern that residents of the southern part of the county would forego care if that clinic were closed. County officials said more transparency was needed regarding the renovation funding, since cost saving was a reason cited for the closure of the Carrboro clinic.

"I think if we approve it without the public's understanding, people are just going to wonder what we're doing," Commissioner Alice Gordon said. "I think it has to be clear to people how we went from \$113,000 savings to a \$1.47-million expenditure."

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MUSIC CALENDAR



TWO NIGHTS!
STROKE IT NOEL: FULLY ORCHESTRATED PERFORMANCE OF BIG STAR'S 3RD
Cat's Cradle
Thursday, Dec 9 and Friday Dec. 10

THURSDAY DEC 9

Cat's Cradle: Stroke It, Noel. 8pm. \$17/20

The Cave: EARLY: Amy Alley LATE: Mumu Tutu, Oakcrest, Bubba Joe and The Bruisers

Local 506: Crowfield, Wylie Hunter and The Cazadores. 9:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Nick Coward and the Last Battle, Lost Trail

FRIDAY DEC 10

Cat's Cradle: Stroke It, Noel. 8pm. \$17/20

The Cave: EARLY: Dylan Gilbert, Joe Norkus LATE: Thee Dirtybeats, The Old One Two

General Store Cafe: See No Weevil. 8pm

Local 506: Tom Maxwell, Bustello, The Breaks. 10pm. \$5

Nightlight: PIPE, Caltrop. 10pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Sarah Howell. 8pm

SATURDAY DEC 11

Cat's Cradle: Gene Ween, Billy Warden and the Floating Children. 9pm. \$17/20

The Cave: EARLY: Burke LATE: Tripp, Jeff Hart and the Ruins, Adrian "Hardkor" Krygowski

General Store Cafe: Tommy Edwards Annual Christmas Show. 8pm. \$5

Local 506: Transportation, Wesley Wolfe, Fan Modine. 9:30pm. \$5

Nightlight: Uncle Woody Sullender and Seamus Cater, The Carib-

bean, John Le Sueur. 9:30pm. \$5
Open Eye Cafe: Saludos Compay. 8pm

SUNDAY DEC 12

Cat's Cradle: Relient K, Sherwood, Deas Vail. 7:30pm. \$15/18

The Cave: LATE: Glasgow, Instant Jones

MONDAY DEC 13

Cat's Cradle: Justin Townes Earle, Caitlin Rose. 8pm. \$15

Interntionalist Books: World History. 6pm

TUESDAY DEC 14

Cat's Cradle: Thriving Ivory, Juke Kartel. 8pm. \$10

The Cave: LATE: Rumpelstiltskin

Nightlight: Spaghetti Western, Dan Kinney, Mephisto Scruggs. 9:30pm. \$5

Jack Spratt: Chris Reynolds

WEDNESDAY DEC 15

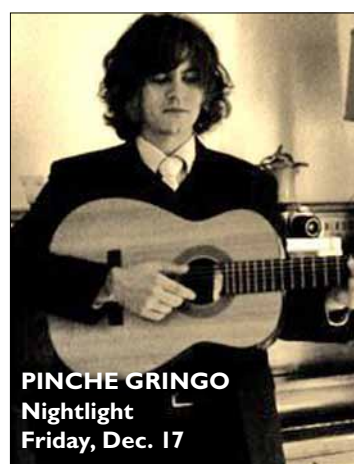
Nightlight: I Am Dynamite, Mumu Tutu, Dirty Slang. 9:30pm. \$5

THURSDAY DEC 16

Cat's Cradle: Christmas at the Cradle to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society with The Trekkly Yuletide Orchestra, The dB's, The Old Ceremony, Filthybird, Phil Cook and His Feat, The Tender Fruit, Yardwork, Cassis Orange, In The Year Of The Pig. 7:30pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Jason Myles Goss LATE: George Tisdale Band. \$5

General Store Cafe: Tony Galliani Band. 7pm



PINCHE GRINGO
Nightlight
Friday, Dec. 17

Local 506: Spiralfire, Temporary Empire, Brainbows. 9pm. \$6

FRIDAY DEC 17

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Penny Prophets, Stella Lively

General Store Cafe: Nikki Meets the Hibachi. 8pm

Local 506: The Whiskey Smugglers, Gambling the Muse

Nightlight: Big Picutre, Pinche Gringo, mark Holland. 9:30pm. \$5

SATURDAY DEC 18

Cat's Cradle: K.O. Kid, King Mez, Afika NX, The Apple Juice Kid, Eolewition. 9pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Williams and the Cavalry

General Store Cafe: Triology. 7pm

Local 506: Luego, Don Dixon, Bj Barham. 9pm. \$6

Open Eye Cafe: Dylan Gilbert. 8pm

MOVIES

We suggest you call for exact show times

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CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

127 Hours; Fair Game; My Dog Tulip

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows-Part I; Love and Other Drugs; Morning Glory; Tangled; The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

THE VARSITY

123 E. Franklin St., 967-8865

A Christmas Story

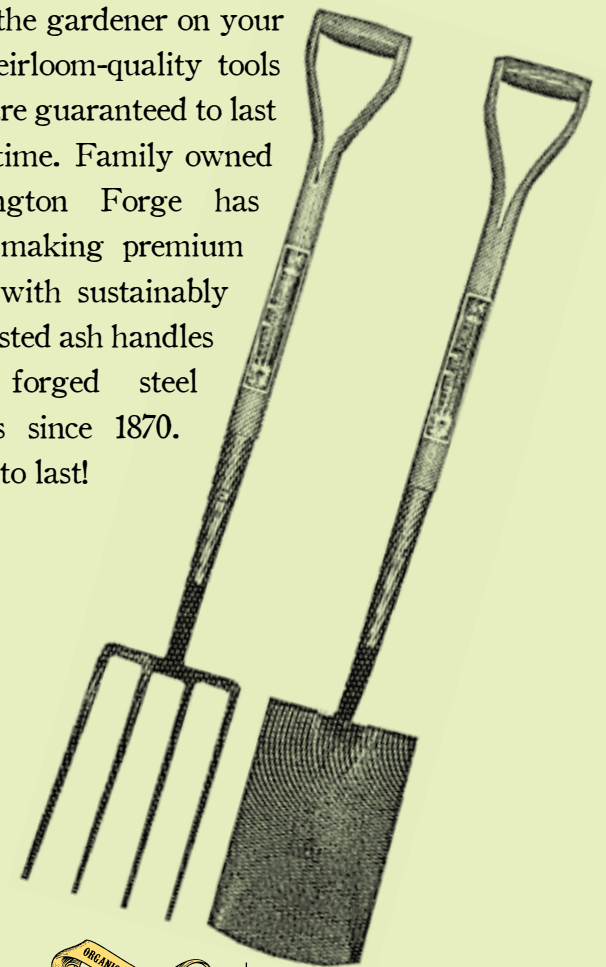
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BRIAN DEPALMA'S DRESSED TO KILL at 7pm
THE FAN at 9:30pm
127 HOURS Nightly at 7:15 & 9:15pm;
Sat & Sun Matinee at 2:15 & 4:15pm
THE SOCIAL NETWORK
Sat-Thu at 7; Sat & Sun Matinee at 2pm
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SPOTLIGHT: CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO HOLIDAY PARADE



SPOTLIGHT: Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Presented by the Chapel Hill Jaycees, the parade will be a celebration of community spirit, featuring the Heelraiser, Santa, doggie drill teams and plenty of marching musicians. The route runs through downtown Chapel Hill and Carr-

boro from the Morehead Planetarium on East Franklin Street to Carrboro Town Hall.

Awards will be presented for Best of Parade, Most Original, Best Holiday Theme, Most Creative and Best Scout Troop.

The parade will be broadcast on The People's Channel.

Also on Saturday is the Elf Fair, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The ArtsCenter. For more details, see the holiday calendar on page 4.

CAT'S CRADLE

SU 12/12 RELIENT K
TU 12/14 THRIVING IVORY

SA 12/11 GENE WEEN (SOLO)
TH 12/16 TREKKY RECORDS CHRISTMAS AT THE CRADLE**(\$8/\$10) W/TREKKY YULETIDE ORCHESTRA, OLD CEREMONY, FILTHYBIRD, CHRIS STAMEY, PHIL COOK, TENDER FRUIT, YARDWORK, CASSIS ORANGE, IN THE YEAR OF THE PIG PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NATIONAL MS SOCIETY
FR 12/17 THE GOOD LIFE DANCE PARTY W/DJ FORGE**(\$8/\$10) *HIGH SCHOOL ID REQUIRED NO ALCOHOL SERVED
SA 12/18 K.O. KID, KING MEZ, AFIKA NX, APPLE JUICE KID, EVOLEWTON**(\$8/\$10)
WE 12/22 GREAT DOG ALMIGHTY**(\$5) W/BABY COPPERHEAD AND LIMBS (REID JOHNSON & MARIA ALBANI PERFORMING SCHOONER AND ORGANOS SONGS)
TH 12/23 WYATT EASTERLING**(\$15) W/RICHARD MCDEVITT AND JOHN SANTA
MO 12/27 JIMMY JAM BENEFIT CONCERT: CORTETE W/CORTETE, UNION TOWN FRANK'S GARAGE AND WYATT EASTERLING**

TH 12/9 AND FR 12/10 BIG STAR'S THIRD!: TWO FULLY ORCHESTRATED PERFORMANCES OF BIG STAR'S THIRD ALBUM**(\$17/\$20) EACH NIGHT BAND FEATURING: JODY STEPHENS (OF BIG STAR), MIKE MILLS (OF REMI), MITCH EASTER, CHRIS STAMEY, JEFF CRAWFORD & CHARLES CLEAVER, MEMBERS OF LOST IN THE TREES, BIRDS AND ARROWS, AND THE NC SYMPHONY. GUEST VOCALISTS INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE LOVE LANGUAGE, THE ROSEBUDS, THE OLD CEREMONY, MEGAFUNA. PROCEEDS BENEFIT KIDZNOTES AND NEW ORLEANS MUSICIANS CLINICS
SA 12/11 GENE WEEN (SOLO) W/BILLY WARDEN AND THE FLOATING CHILDREN**(\$17/\$20)
SU 12/12 RELIENT K (ACOUSTIC) W/ SHERWOOD, DEAS VAIL**(\$15/\$18)
MO 12/13 JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE W/CAITLIN ROSE**(\$15)
TU 12/14 THRIVING IVORY**(\$10) W/JUKE CARTEL

FR 12/31 ARROGANCE W/GUEST NO EYES NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**
SA 1/8 ACOUSTIC SYNDICATE W/ACOUSTIC MANNER**(\$12/\$14)
WE 1/12 THE WALKMEN W/LOWER DENS**(\$15/\$17)
FR 1/14 ABBEY ROAD LIVE (BEATLES TRIBUTE)**(\$10/\$12)
SA 1/15 THE LOVE LANGUAGE**(\$10/\$12)
TU 1/18 AGAINST ME W/CHEAP GIRLS AND FENCES**(\$12/\$14)
ON SALE 12/10
FR 1/21 1999: A TRIBUTE TO THE ARTIST (PRINCE TRIBUTE)**(\$10/\$12)
SA 1/22 AND SU 1/23 YO LA TENGO W/WILLIAM TYLER **(\$20) EACH NIGHT
FR 1/28 COSMIC CHARLIE (GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE)**(\$10/\$12)
SA 1/29 BEST COAST/ WAVVES W/NO JOY**(\$16)
TU 2/1 LISSIE**(\$12/\$15)
FR 2/4 WHO'S BAD? ** MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE

TH 2/10 TAPES N TAPES W/ OBERHOFER**(\$14/\$16)
MO 2/14 YANN TIERSEN**(\$18/\$20) ON SALE 12/10
SA 2/19 ROONEY W/EISLEY**(\$15/\$17)
TH 2/24 PIETASTERS**
FR 2/25 LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES**(\$15/\$17)
SU 2/27**(\$18/\$22)
THE GET UP KIDS W/MINIATURE TIGERS AND BRIAN BONZ) ON SALE 12/16
SA 3/5 GREG BROWN**(\$28/\$30)

ALSO PRESENTING
LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
WE 12/8 CROOKED FINGERS W/COTTON JONES, AND MOUNT MORIAH
WE 1/12 THE GHOST OF A SABER TOOTH TIGER
TH 1/27 THE MOONDOGGIES
SA 1/29 FRONTIER RUCKUS FR 3/4 PARLOTONES
NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL) TU 1/18 RIVER CITY EXTENSION
LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)
SA 12/11 CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS W/SKEADIDDLE (LOW ANTHEM HAS CANCELLED)
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Briefs

CVS update

Representatives of the proposed redevelopment of downtown land recently optioned or purchased by CVS Caremark will meet with neighbors of the project Wednesday at Town Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Engineers will present a plan for a mix of uses for a 23,000-square-foot building on 1.35 acres at the corner of Greensboro and Weaver streets and hold an open discussion on the development and its impact. A preliminary site plan and building layout will also be made available at the meeting.

Towns hear about OWASA management plans

Residents asked Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County leaders to ask the Orange Water and Sewer Authority to reconsider its forestry-management plans for areas around its reservoirs. In requests Monday and Tuesday to the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Orange County Board of Commissioners, citizens representing a coalition of environmental groups asked that the boards urge the utility to change its plans to clear cut areas within the Cane Creek and University Lake watersheds.

The OWASA board of directors is scheduled to meet Thursday to discuss public comments and consider next steps.

Leaf collection picks up

As autumn fades, leaf collection continues in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough.

Chapel Hill residents are encouraged to place loose leaves that are free of limbs and debris at the curbside for weekly pickup. Crews can't collect yard waste in plastic bags because the bags are not compostable.

In Carrboro, residents are also encouraged to put their loose leaves curbside, but off all drains

and sidewalks. Leaf pickup will take place about every two to three weeks depending on weather conditions and departmental workload.

Hillsborough is asking its citizens to place all loose leaves, free of limbs and debris, at the curbside for leaf pickup. Leaf pickup follows the same schedule as neighborhood trash pickups. Hillsborough will deliver the leaves in the winter to anyone who wants them for mulch or compost. For more information, call public works supervisor Ken Hines at 732-1270, ext. 78.

Bill of Rights celebrated

The Orange County Bill of Rights Defense Committee is sponsoring a reading of the Bill of Rights Wednesday at noon at Peace & Justice Plaza at the old post office in downtown Chapel Hill.

The mayors of Carrboro and Chapel Hill and members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners will help lead the reading.

In 1788 at a meeting in Hillsborough, the legislature of North Carolina declined to ratify the Constitution, citing the lack of a bill of rights.

Developers' info session on Jordan Lake Rules

The Chapel Hill Town Council adopted the Jordan Lake Rules Monday night, a requirement by the state as part of an overall nutrient-reduction strategy for the lake. The new stream buffer requirements will affect maintenance and development within the 50-foot buffer along streams subject to the Jordan Lake Rules. An information session for developers and consultants will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Chapel Hill Public Library to introduce the new ordinance and discuss the requirements. RSVPs should be made to Sue Burke at sburke@townofchapelhill.org

Town manager releases statement on disciplinary action, CAI contract

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil issued a memorandum to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday stating that the town has clearly defined procedures for disciplinary actions against its workforce and that those procedures have been adhered to in the recent firings of Kerry Bigelow and Clyde Clark, former Public Works Department employees.

The statement further asserted that the town did not contract with Raleigh-based Capital Associated Industries (CAI) for the purpose of interfering with the right of its employees to organize. Stancil wrote that CAI provides management advice, project work and consulting on a range of employments matters.

"Since my time with the Town," Stancil wrote, "we have never engaged a person or firm, including CAI, for the purpose of interfering with the right of employees to organize."

Bigelow and Clark filed a grievance against the town and a complaint with the Equal Em-

ployment Opportunity Commission after being fired from their jobs in October. They say they were targeted for having filed grievances in the past alleging racial bias in job placements and promotions.

Their attorney, Al McSurely, has questioned CAI's role in an investigation of complaints against the men, saying, "My best hypothesis is that the town believes the union is making inroads."

Stancil countered in his memo that the town "does not tolerate discrimination, harassment and other forms of mistreatment within its workforce or in its relationships with residents and visitors."

He further stated that the town not only recognizes the right of workers to organize but supports it with such efforts as "dues deduction from paychecks for those who choose that option and provision of space for employee organization news postings in Town facilities."

Stancil wrote that when he received notice that Bigelow and Clark would appeal their firings, he had the option of hearing the appeals or forwarding them to

the town's Personnel Appeals Committee. He chose to hear the appeals and delegated Deputy Town Manager Florentine Miller to return decisions.

The hearings were held last week and Miller's decisions are expected by mid-month. If either or both of the men aren't satisfied with the outcome, they may appeal to the Personnel Appeals Committee, which is comprised of community members selected by the town council.

At Monday night's town council meeting, local NAACP chapter president Michelle Laws made another appeal for the council to review the actions against the men.

Laws told council members that as they begin to celebrate the holiday season, "I hope that you're mindful of these two workers, whom we believe have been unfairly and unjustly terminated from their employment here with the town."

Steve Bader, a representative of UE Local 150, which has supported town workers who have filed grievances, added that Bigelow and Clark have thus far been denied unemployment benefits.

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Board members indicated that they would like to take a closer look at the project at a work session in January.

The plans' redesign is intended to serve county health and dental clinic needs for seven to 10 years and includes structural improvements to the building. If commissioners open bidding and award a bid in January, the project is estimated to be completed in June.

"The sums of money that are being used to do this work have

a limited application," County Manager Frank Clifton said. "The issue is being able to provide services to the public that's in need and try to do that as best we can."

The board will revisit the plans at its meeting on Tuesday.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to maintain the county's four-year property revaluation schedule, citing the need for transparency in the process. The board had considered delaying the next revaluation for two years given the relatively flat property values in the county and the \$200,000-plus cost of a revaluation.

Until 1993, the county used a six-year revaluation cycle, but then moved to a four-year cycle. With the 2009 revaluation, officials heard strong opinions about assessed values, which some property owners said were unfairly high.

The next revaluation will occur in January 2013.

Also on Monday, the board voted unanimously to elect Bernadette Pelissier as chair and Steve Yuhasz as vice chair. Newly elected Commissioner Earl McKee and re-elected commissioners Alice Gordon and Barry Jacobs were sworn in at the start of the meeting.

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Briefs

Free December rides on new Siler City shuttle

Chatham Transit has launched service to Siler City with stops at key retail, employment and commercial destinations. Ride will be free through the end of December.

The shuttle's route has 25 stops. Two vehicles running in opposite directions leave Siler City Town Hall on weekdays at 8 a.m., making six trips around the circuit, with the last trip ending at 6:15 p.m.

After December, the cost for a one-way trip will be \$1 or \$3 for an all-day pass. Complimentary service is available for residents with disabilities each weekday.

For more information, visit chathamtransit.org or call Chatham Transit at 542-5136.

Eno River Farmers Market to start winter hours

The Eno River Farmers Market has shifted to winter hours, but still has plenty of eggs, meat, cheese, baked goods and prepared foods, plus vegetables like beets, radishes, turnips, carrots, lettuce and greens all winter. Vendors are taking special orders for the holidays for pies, breads and side dishes.

Winter hours are from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday until April. The market will be closed on Christmas and New Years Day.

Carrboro market crafts fair

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will feature its Seasonal Craft and Gift Market this Saturday to celebrate the holiday season. Local farmers, artisans and crafters will be displaying Christmas crafts and gifts in the Gazebo area of the market

from 9 a.m. to noon. Additional lures for shoppers include live music and free hot chocolate.

Library collects food for fines

The Orange County Public Library is collecting donations of nonperishable food items, new toys and clothing for the Orange County Holiday Program in lieu of late fees until Friday.

A can or box of unexpired, nonperishable food will be good for \$1 off late fees, while a new unopened and unwrapped toy or article of clothing will be good for the entire balance of library late fees in the donor's account. Donations will be accepted at the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle School and the Cybrary and in Hillsborough at the Main Library.

For more information about the Orange County Holiday Program and Toy Chest, visit orange-countync.gov/holidayprogram

CCT! receives mentoring grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently awarded Chatham County Together! (CCT!) a three-year grant for the organization's mentoring programs.

CCT! will use the grant to focus on mentoring youth in Chatham County aged 4-17 who have a parent or parental figure incarcerated in a state or federal institution. CCT! seeks to match 175 youth with mentors over the next three years. To do that, it will need to raise \$47,320 in matching funds required by the grant.

CCT! will hold a volunteer orientation at 6 p.m. on Jan. 25 at 208 N. Chatham Ave. in Siler City. For more information, contact Justin Lane at justin@chathamcountytogether.org or 663-0116 or visit chathamcountytogether.org

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 urinary tract infections and diagnosing Alzheimer's disease.

Dear HOUSE Calls,
I'm 29 years old and get urinary tract infections twice a year for no apparent reason. Going to the doctor is expensive and time-consuming, so I asked my doctor to give me a prescription for an antibiotic that I can take when I get symptoms. She refused, and so I found another doctor who was willing to try this approach. Do you think this is reasonable?

We're glad you found a doctor that met your needs, but we are sorry you had to change doctors. To try this approach, a woman needs to have multiple uncomplicated urinary tract infections, be good at self-diagnosis and be able to communicate with her doctor. At least three studies have shown that self-treatment can be appropriate in such cases. On the other hand, if you were to misdiagnose your urinary tract infection or get a complication (like a kidney infection), you could have serious problems. Finally, we are increasingly interested

in minimizing the use of unnecessary antibiotics. So, hopefully, you see the dilemma in addition to the opportunity. We would have hoped that you could have had such a conversation with your former doctor. When we feel like this is an appropriate approach, we still ask our patients to come in for a visit once a year to check a urine sample and make sure the plan is still working.

Dear HOUSE Calls,
I believe my mother may have early Alzheimer's. What test can you do to diagnose it early? Does early diagnosis matter?

The diagnosis of Alzheimer's is generally based on clinical evaluation (history, physical exam, lab tests, tests of memory and thinking and often brain imaging). Multiple criteria exist to diagnose Alzheimer's, but no single test makes a diagnosis. We can think of many reasons to take your mom to her doctor to discuss this issue now. Perhaps the most important reason is that there may be other causes — such as mini-strokes, depression or drug side effects — that have effects that look

similar to Alzheimer's. Aggressive control of risk factors (high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and smoking) can make big differences in the progression of many forms of dementia. We also have some prescription medicines that are most helpful in the treatment of mild to moderate Alzheimer's. These medicines can lead to small improvements in thinking and the daily activities needed in self-care. However, their long-term benefits are less clear, as Alzheimer's is a progressive disease. A final reason to consider a doctor visit is that an accurate diagnosis can help families make informed choices about maximizing their loved ones' quality of life, and then make plans. Plans for end of life can be made for loved ones while they are still able to participate in this critical decision. We hope you will consider going with your mother to see her doctor. Good luck.

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.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Carrboro Tree Lighting

The annual ceremony takes place on the lawn at Town Hall on Friday from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Big Parade — The annual Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

ELF Fair — The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at The ArtsCenter and features sales of soap, knit wear, baby stuff, jewelry, soy candles and arts and crafts from Oaxacan artists, along with music by Billy

Sugarfix, holiday movie installations and plenty more.

South Estes Farmers' Market craft fair

The special Holiday Craft Market at the South Estes Farmers' Market runs from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday and features artisans and crafters from around the area.

Symphony Concert

The North Carolina Symphony will perform *Deck the Hall! Holiday Pops for Kids*, an hour-long holiday joyride at Memorial Hall, Saturday at 2 p.m.

Home tour — The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill's annual Holiday House Tour takes place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and features 10 historic homes and a stop at the The Carolina Inn.

Ye Olde Pittsboro Christmas

Carrige Rides from noon to 2 p.m. and a fictitious walking tour of downtown at 4 p.m. are among the featured attractions for the annual Candlelight Christmas event in downtown Pittsboro on Saturday.



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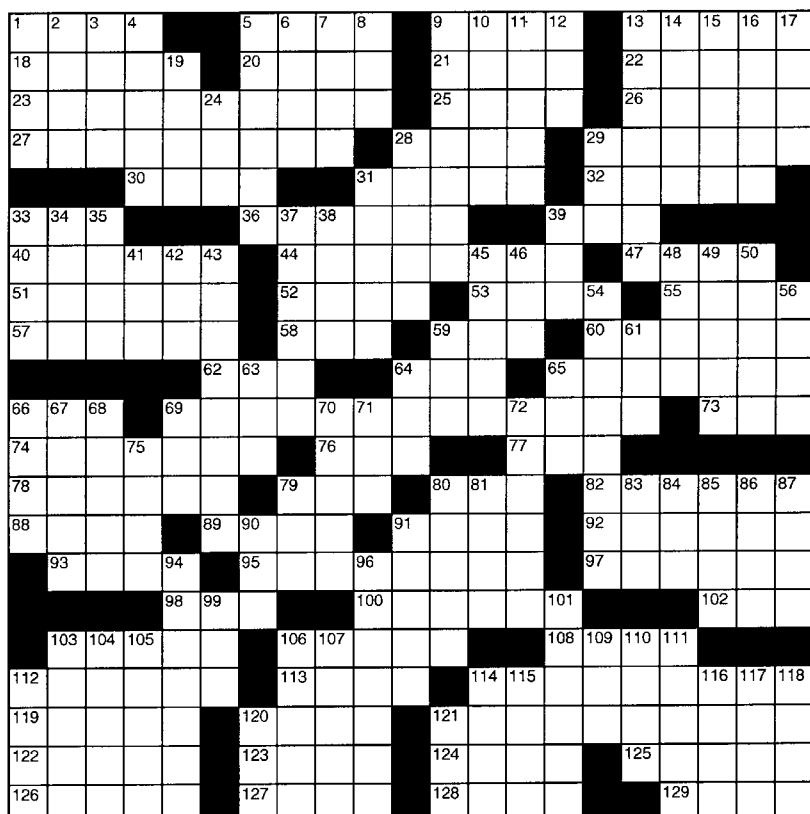
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24 Actor Kilmer
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34 Sleuth Nancy
35 Kids connect them
37 Jockey giant
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41 Drollery
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91 Freeway
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96 Jack of "The Odd Couple"
99 Poetic preposition
101 "Hiroshima"
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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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EDWARDS FROM PAGE 1

Her family and friends have set up a website — elizabeth-edwards.org — where individuals may leave their remembrances. In announcing her death, the family issued the following statement:

"Today we have lost the comfort of Elizabeth's presence but she remains the heart of this family. We love her and will never know anyone more inspiring or full of life."

"On behalf of Elizabeth we want to express our gratitude to the thousands of kindred spirits who moved and inspired her along the way. Your support and prayers touched our entire family."

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Edenton Street in Raleigh.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wade Edwards Foundation, which benefits the Wade Edwards Learning Lab at wade.org

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FRIDAY DEC 10

Book Drive — In celebration of Where the Wild Things Are, Book Harvest will collect gently used books for children and young adults. Outsiders Art and Collectibles, Durham, 5:30pm Free outsiders-art.com

U-Mall ArtWalk Events — 2nd Friday ArtWalk includes a sculpture exhibit, art, free tango lessons and hors d'oeuvres. University Mall, 5:30pm universitymallnc.com

Tree Lighting — Carrboro Town Hall 6pm

Charley and The Chocolate Factory — Opens at The ArtsCenter. Performances Dec. 10-12, 16-19 \$10-15 artscenterlive.org

W. Calvin Horton Award — To be presented to Maggie Burnett, Office Manager for the Chapel Hill Public Works Department. TOC Public Works Building 3, 6850 Millhouse Road 1:30pm townofchapelhill.org

SATURDAY DEC 11

Holiday House Tour — Sponsored by The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill. 1-5pm \$20/25 chapelhillpreservation.com

Swing Dance — Music by Capital Transit. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm lesson/8pm dance, \$9 members/\$12 guests triangleswingdance.org

Holiday Parade — From the Morehead Planetarium to Carrboro Town Hall. 10am

Craft Market — South Estes Farmers' Market. 10am southestesfarmersmarket.com

Cantri Concert — In appreciation of the Strowd Roses Foundation. The Chapel of The Cross, Franklin Street, 7:30pm \$10

ELF Fair — Fourth Annual ELF Fair, an imaginative holiday arts and crafts festival featuring local artisans. The ArtsCenter, 11am-5pm artscenterlive.org

FAN Workshop — For parents of special needs children to prepare for higher education. Registration required. Orange United Methodist Church, 9:30am Free 942-8083, ext. 2

Ackland Art for Kids — Drawing for Kids for ages 9-12 and Ackland Art-Ventures for ages 6-9. BYO paper and dry media — crayon, pencils, etc. 10am-noon Free ackland.org

SUNDAY DEC 12

Holiday 5K — And One-Mile Family Fun Run/Walk will support Chapel Hill Service League. Southern Village, 2pm 370-7492

CH Philharmonia — Performs "Musical Revolutions." Hill Hall Auditorium, UNC Campus, 7:30pm Free

WEDNESDAY DEC 15

Letter Writing Night — Write and send birthday cards to political prisoners. Internationalist Books, 405 W. Franklin St., 7pm

THURSDAY DEC 16

Tap Concert — Footnotes Tap Ensemble will perform as part of the Twelve Days of Christmas Celebration. Carolina Inn, 7pm Free footnotestapensemble.org

FRIDAY DEC 17

Contra Dance — Music by the Donneybrook Ladds, caller Dean Snipes. Century Center, 8pm \$8 tcdancers.org

Jill McCorkle — Is the featured guest at a Meet the

Author Tea. Chapel Hill Public Library, 3:30pm Free chapelhill-publiclibrary.org

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

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

Food Drive — Farmer Foodshare and the IFC join to provide fresh food for local families. Contributions may be made at the South Estes Farmers' Market, Carrboro Farmers' Market or theabundancefoundation.org/farmerfoodshare

Holiday Music — University Mall, Nov 26-Dec 24 universitymallnc.com

Paintbrush Forest — 30 area artists collaborate to explore the relationship between people and trees. Proceeds from the book's sale and original artwork benefit Haw River Assembly Further information paintbrush-forest.com

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Swiss Chard Sauté (serves 6)

Recipe Provided by Market customer: Bev Carr

1 Lb. Swiss Chard 1 Tbsp. Butter 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
1/2 Cup Finely Chopped Onion
1 Clove Garlic, finely minced
1/4 Cup Currants or Raisins
2 Tbsp. Pine Nuts, lightly toasted (optional)
6 Pitted Kalamata Olives, finely chopped
Salt & Pepper to taste Squeeze of Lemon (optional)
Trim and reserve stems and ribs from Swiss Chard leaves, discarding only the tough portions. (Do not discard stems & ribs.) Cut stems & ribs into 1" lengths. Stack several of the leaves, then roll into a cylinder, and slice into 1" strips. Repeat with remaining leaves.

Heat butter and oil, then add Swiss chard stems & ribs and onions. Sauté for a few minutes, stirring occasionally until soft. Add Swiss Chard leaves, garlic, currants and olives, lower heat, and cover pan. Cook for about 4 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Add pine nuts, season with salt & pepper and lemon juice to taste, and serve.

Show some warmth this Christmas

Although blankets have been coming in, there's still a need for more than 200 more in Blanket Orange County's annual drive for warmth.

New and gently used blankets can be dropped off at the following locations on or before Friday, Dec. 10:

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- Cedar Ridge High School, 1125 Grady Brown Road, Hillsborough
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, 104 S. Estes Drive, Chapel Hill
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, 980 MLK Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill
- Children's Center at Carol Woods, 7511 Sunrise Road, Chapel Hill
- H2Only Cleaners, Southern Village, Chapel Hill
- H2Only Cleaners, 400 El-

liott Road Ext., Chapel Hill

• Orange County Visitor's Bureau, 501 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill

• UNC Wellness Center, 100 Sprunt St., Chapel Hill

• University United Methodist Church, 150 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill

• UPS Stores, 1289 N. Fordham Blvd. (next to Holiday Inn on Hwy. 15-501), Chapel Hill

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In an eleventh-hour surrender to the Home Builders Association and power companies in September, the NC Building Code Council derailed a planned 30% upgrade in energy efficiency requirements for new homes.

The Council's capitulation could waste millions in federal energy efficiency dollars intended to help implement these low-cost, common sense measures.

Appalachian State building specialists and green builders insist the 30% upgrade would bring immediate cash savings and greater comfort to homeowners.

Simple measures — better insulation, windows, lighting, duct sealing — don't require expensive technology or redesign. These upgrades would create jobs for North Carolina manufacturers and installers.

The HBA's waste-energy plan would promote construction of high-risk, multi-billion dollar nuclear plants and send customers' rates soaring years before plants are completed.

The 30% efficiency upgrade is central to North Carolina's shift to a clean energy economy.

Energy efficiency is the fastest, surest way to make urgently needed reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

"The proposed changes would more than pay for themselves, putting money in the pockets of homeowners, making their homes more valuable yet cheaper to heat and cool, and reducing the demand for energy."

— Jack Betts, *The Charlotte Observer*

TAKE ACTION!

Don't let the Home Builders Association stick homeowners with soaring energy costs and more dangerous power plants.

1. Make a quick call or email to Governor Perdue. Urge her to replace Council members who cater to the HBA with those who represent the public interest. Contact Governor Bev Perdue at (800) 662-7952 or governor.office@nc.gov.
2. Urge NC Building Code Council Chair Dan Tingen to pass the 30% energy efficiency upgrade: dan@tingen.com.



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FROM THE EDITOR

Poverty in Orange County

The stream of statistics from the recent census continues to flow, and among the numbers coming out in the days ahead are even more solid estimates of people in poverty.

In a country with a 9.8 percent unemployment rate, expect little happy talk. Here in Orange County, the effects of long-term unemployment are apparent from the number of individuals seeking food assistance. When I sat down with IFC executive director Chris Moran a couple of weeks ago, the focal point of the conversation was less about the hotly debated new men's shelter and more about how the organization and many like it are going to keep up with demand for food and assistance. The organization is now providing help to 3,100 families. They come from all walks of life, and for many it is a new experience.

The most up-to-date estimates of poverty in Orange County come from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey and show poverty among all ages in Orange County to be at 18 percent. If you're inclined to believe that number is greatly skewed by the student population, please note that the rate dips only slightly to 16.6 percent for families with children under 18 and back up to 19.4 percent for those with children under 5. Besides, as Moran pointed out, "students are people too."

(The poverty level for an individual in North Carolina is \$10,830; for a family of four, it's \$22,050.)

There'll be a more detailed breakdown on local poverty in the weeks ahead as the annual data that drives Title 1 school funding and other assistance programs is released.

We have a long history of congratulating ourselves on this county's high quality of life. In the 1990s, when unemployment rates were almost a third of what they have been of late, that was an easier sale. But we are witness to an era when more and more of our neighbors have joined the ranks of the unemployed, underemployed and uninsured. This at a time when support for those in poverty from the state and federal level, as well as support for the university, this county's top employer, are likely headed south.

Local governments as a result will no doubt have to again look long and hard at their support for local nonprofits and agencies and make some difficult choices.

But the chief bulwark against the effects of poverty is not in the deeds of government, it's in the hearts of one's neighbors.

This season, if you can dig a little deeper, then by all means dig a little deeper. If you've got a little time to help out, there's a place for you. If you've got a little extra food, a coat or blanket or two, well, there are people lining up every day in need of such things. They're counting on you.

—Kirk Ross

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Where the Easley mess should lead us

JANE PINSKY

Gov. Mike Easley's court appearance on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving was too late; the penalty, a \$1,000 fine, was too little; and the ultimate victim was the confidence of the citizenry of North Carolina. It was also pitiful — a former governor who could have left an admirable legacy has become the first governor of N.C. to be found guilty of a felony related to his work as governor.

The Easley "scandal" has been percolating for a number of years. Stories about Easley's questionable actions began surfacing in the media in 2006, and several reporters pursued the story. But it was not until Gov. Bev Perdue took office in 2009 that the records about the former governor's travel became public. It soon became clear that Gov. Easley had stretched the law if not broken it.

What he did most of all, however, was encourage North Carolinians to be cynical about the integrity of their state government. An Elon University poll earlier this year confirmed this sad reality. It showed that almost 70 percent of North Carolinians thought state government was corrupt.

So where do we go from here? At the N.C. Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform, we believe the path is clear: We must take the spotlight that the investigation into Easley has shined on how things have been getting done in North Carolina and create clear, bright lines about how we expect government officials and state employees to behave. Here are a few ideas.

First, the state should require that anyone raising money for a statewide political campaign file a regular report with the state Board of Elections that specifies from whom they have solicited money and to what candidate or party it has gone.

Second, anyone serving on a major board or commission should only be able to make a contribution to a candidate. They should not be able to fundraise for that candidate.

Third, statewide campaigns should be required to report their fundraising results on a regular basis

— no less often than once a week.

Fourth, anyone contracting with the state should not be able to make a campaign contribution to the campaign of the person approving, signing or over-seeing his or her contract.

Fifth, state employees should not be permitted to go immediately from working for the state to working for a business or industry that they have overseen or regulated while they were working for the state.

Sixth, members of the Council of State should be required to keep logs of all visitors and all phone calls. These records, along with a log of all of their emails, should be clearly delineated as public documents.

Seventh, logs of all travel on state airplanes and boats or in a state-owned car by elected officials should be reported quarterly except during elections, when they would be reported monthly.

Eighth, all travel by the governor and her/his family when they are accompanied by a state highway patrol trooper should be reported quarterly, except during an election, when they would be reported monthly.

Ninth, it should be required that all "earmarks" in the budget or other bills specifically identify the person who inserted it.

Tenth, lawmakers should immediately enact greater transparency in the operations of the General Assembly.

Last and far from least, lawmakers should heed voter demands and bring an end, once and for all, to partisan redistricting by establishing a nonpartisan commission.

Ultimately, nothing will absolutely stop someone who wants to commit a crime from committing it. But there's also no doubt that more sunlight on the process will dissuade many from giving into temptation and at least slow down some others. In the process, it should also make our state government a little more open and honest, and maybe even make some lemonade out of the lemons Easley left behind.

Jane Pinsky is director of the N.C. Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform.

Look and think before slashing services to people with disabilities

VICKI SMITH

Disability is a natural part of the human experience. It does not discriminate. It crosses all income brackets, striking every age group at any time. The disability experience is open to people of all races, cultures and ethnicities. It accepts people with any religious belief, welcoming all points of view into its embrace. It does not differentiate based on gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. Disability is bipartisan, pulling members of every political point of view into its chambers.

One out of five North Carolinians will have a disability during his or her life. These disabilities include physical disabilities resulting from spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury, intellectual disabilities, deafness and blindness, and mental illness, including bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia or post-traumatic stress syndrome. Nothing about disability is simple. It is a complex phenomenon that affects every part of society. Disability has a profound impact on everyone with whom it comes into contact. Experiencing a disability *changes* forever the individual with a disability and their family and friends.

If that change wasn't challenging enough, North Carolinians with disabilities are now faced with an even greater challenge. With Republicans now in control of the General Assembly, new leadership will decide how services for thousands of people with disabilities will be funded. This scares the heck out of much of the disability community — the threat of less government usually translates into cuts in critical government-funded programs like Medicaid. That fear is reinforced by what is predicted to be a \$4 billion shortfall in revenue. North Carolina is in dire straits.

And that puts the few gains made with recent mental health reforms at risk. Individuals who have been successfully living in their communities may have their services cut to the point that they have to move to more restrictive settings. Cuts will result in greater costs down the road, because the needs of people with disabilities just don't go away.

Fewer community-based services will result in unnecessary transfers to other more expensive envi-

ronments — emergency hospitalizations or jail.

But there is an alternative. Instead of focusing on cuts to Medicaid, why not take this opportunity to stop following the flawed plan of mental health reform — one that everyone agrees has failed — and really move from relying on more expensive institutional care to developing comprehensive community services? Community-based care is not only cheaper in the long run, it improves quality of life, creates jobs, benefits the larger community and is what almost all people with disabilities want. Instead of simply making cuts, reducing immediate costs for the short term, let's fix the service system. Instead of smaller government, wouldn't it be better to have smarter government?

Why is the state still making decisions based on a plan that has failed over and over again? How can the governor or the General Assembly know where to make cost-saving changes until a thorough evaluation of the current plan has been completed? Expanding and strengthening community-based services is common ground for the disability community and the Republican leadership if legislators take a hard look at costs. Why not call for a moratorium on any new major changes until a new plan can be developed? For example, constructing expensive and flawed buildings — like the new Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro — is pure politics and part of the flawed planning started under the Easley administration.

Since change is inevitable, let's be smart about it. Cutting services now without deliberate and thoughtful thinking will cost more in the long run. Decisions about government-funded services are not just about money — they are about people. These folks are not strangers; they are sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters. We know what disability is and what it is not. Disability is not a political issue. Disability cannot be categorized as a special interest. It is everyone's interest. There is common ground — let's use it to build a strong foundation for the future.

Vicki Smith is executive director of Disability Rights North Carolina.

Remembering John Lennon

DAN COLEMAN

The news came over the radio 30 years ago this week: John Lennon had been murdered outside his Manhattan apartment building. If you grew up with Lennon, especially if holding a sensibility toward his music and politics, his death marked a profound loss, one that still resonates.

For me, news of Lennon's death brought tears and a profound feeling of grief, far beyond that felt for any public figure before or since. It is challenging to attempt to explain why this was such a singularly tragic event. Doing so seems alternately too episodic, too nostalgic, too personal and invariably inadequate.

I was an ardent Beatles fan, like so many teens in the late 1960s. But when the Beatles broke up, my attachment went with Lennon. I believe this was because he had become a kind of anti-celebrity, creatively engaging with pressing political issues and effectively blending his personal life with political endeavors.

The year 1969 was formative for many coming of age at the time, but I was too young to participate directly in the era's events. This was a year of great political theater, as anti-war protests grew increasingly varied and creative. Government and industry have since learned to prevent the recurrence of anything like the courtroom circus that was the Chicago Seven trial or CBS' ongoing censorship battle with the Smothers Brothers (over, for example, airing Pete Seeger's first televised appearance since being black-listed in the 1950s).

For me, the strangest, most captivating and most inspiring event that year was John and Yoko's "Bed-In for Peace." During weeklong wedding events in Amsterdam and Montreal, they opened their hotel room to friends and the press, announcing their wedding as a moment of opposition to the Vietnam War and of promoting peace. It was here that Lennon, along with a chorus of well-known figures, sang and recorded the soon-to-be peace anthem "Give Peace a Chance."

Since the 1967 Summer of Love, the great vision of the counterculture had been one of love, peace and happiness. But on the cusp of the new decade, the peace movement was becoming factionalized and efforts to "bring the war home" were using more radical tactics. Rallies were facing violent reprisals from the National Guard, agents provocateur and right-wing opponents. Any sense of love and happiness was increasingly hard to find.

It was left to John and Yoko to say to the world, here is our love and it is to serve the cause of peace — an amazing message that no one, certainly no celebrity, has been able to repeat so effectively since.

The Bed-In was followed by the December 1969 release of the song "Happy Christmas (War is Over)," with the Harlem Children's Choir in the background singing "war is over, if you want it." That prompted the Nixon Administration to begin a years-long, unsuccessful effort to deport Lennon in what Sen. Strom Thurmond called "a strategic counter-measure" against his influence.

Lennon's advocacy broadened from primarily a concern with peace to an indictment of a broad range of contemporary injustices. His 1972 album, *Some Time in New York*, included such songs as "Woman is the Nigger of the World," "Attica State" (about the New York prison riots) and "Sunday Bloody Sunday" (about that year's massacre in Northern Ireland). But, as with the Bed-In, he coupled protest with a sense of hope and of the possibility of a better world.

The sensibility that spoke so provocatively to me with the Bed-In for Peace came to full bloom with what, along with "All You Need is Love," is Lennon's most beautifully inspiring song, 1971's "Imagine." Here Lennon offered an idealistic prospect of life with no possessions, no heaven, no hell and no nations, instead offering a utopian vision of all the people sharing the world and living life in peace.

Now, decades later, multiple conflicts rage in a global context much less stable than 30 or 40 years ago. In the United States, protests have been marginalized through government repression and media indifference. Much of the citizenry is pacified, misdirected and distracted. This week we can honor the memory of John Lennon by reflecting on his vision and on the possibility of meaningful public engagement, which was so central to his life.

Dan Coleman is a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

DEVELOPMENT
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Orange County Commissioner Barry Jacobs said he also wants to see a sweeping change in the county's approach to economic development.

He notes that there are two chambers of commerce and three economic-development administrators in the county along with a major university with its own economic-development office.

"Six groups that don't do a very good job of working together," he said. "We talk about working together, but all it is talk." Jacobs, who proposed a comprehensive review of the county's economic-development efforts and alternatives at Monday's board of county commissioners meeting, said the defeat of the quarter-cent sales tax underlines the urgency for "a new paradigm."

He said the review should be a springboard for a county-led effort to build a new partnership. Forming it, he said, will require an end to the turf wars between local governments that have made it difficult to collaborate.

"Everybody's operating in their silo as opposed to realizing we're all in this together," he said. "We're frozen in place."

Buy-in

As word has spread of an effort to create for Orange County a similar kind of system to that of Chatham County or those reviewed by local delegations during intercity visits to Madison, Wis., and Asheville, elected officials in southern Orange County weighed in with a mix of concern and polite applause.

At a recent Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, council member Laurin Easthom said she worries about the council giving up control over what might happen within its borders. With a sizable recent investment in a new economic-development office and effort, Easthom and other council members are wary about where the town will fit into a new system.

Across the Norfolk Southern line into Carrboro, the topic has come up several times at town hall. At Tuesday night's board of

aldermen meeting, board member Randeé Haven-O'Donnell, the town's representative on the county's Economic Development Commission, told her fellow board members that there remains a wide gulf between the county's vision and Carrboro's continued focus on local businesses and markets.

"We've been in meetings with [the county] where they quickly dismiss us," she said. She and other members urged that the town take time at its planning retreat in late January to decide how to present their ideas to the county in light of the new effort.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said that while it may be difficult to put together a new collaboration, the towns

"Everybody's operating in their silo as opposed to realizing we're all in this together. We're frozen in place."

can't afford to sit it out. Since the Chapel Hill brand is one of the area's prime recruitment tools, the town, he said, "has to be at the table."

Chatham and Durham counties have done a good job of exploiting the Chapel Hill brand, he said. "It's time for us to do the same."

Kleinschmidt said he thinks it makes sense to get beyond the idea of turf. Recent collaborations with the county and Hillsborough have convinced him that economic development outside the town's boundaries has a positive effect on the town as well.

One of the main reasons to increase commercial activity is to help reduce the tax burden on homeowners, Kleinschmidt said in a recent interview. "The county's share is the bulk of that tax bill. In as much as we can assist the county in reaching its economic-development goals, the better the tax value for our citizens."

Right now, he said, there is no proposal to look over and the council is likely to want to make sure the efforts are in sync with the town's values.

"It will have to be done thoughtfully," Kleinschmidt said of the potential collaborative effort. "It's hard to predict how it will end up."

The council, he said, won't be willing to abandon its duty to oversee development to a third party, and finding ways to measure success and provide accountability will be important parts of any deal.

In Carrboro, finding a way to work with a new economic-development entity could be even more complicated. Like Chapel Hill, the town has its own economic-development office, and recently members of the board of aldermen have underscored their differences with the county on strategies for boosting business.

"To me, you don't go into a collaboration assuming what you're going to collaborate about," board of alderman member Dan Coleman said in a recent interview. "We need to be clear about our common interests."

Coleman, a strong proponent of the town's local-business focus, said that while there will likely be places where the town and the county won't share the same goals, there are several areas of agreement, such as promoting green enterprise and support for local start-ups.

"I don't think there is a 100 percent difference between the county and Carrboro, but there are major differences," Coleman said.

One disagreement is over infrastructure improvements for economic development, which the county has focused along the U.S. 70 corridor near Hillsborough. Coleman said since it draws the majority of its tax revenue from residents in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, the county should also be willing to invest in infrastructure in southeastern Orange County.

Jacobs said he's convinced the various public and private entities can find common ground. Local governments have come together in the past to hammer out tough agreements on growth, transportation and water and sewer boundaries. Looking back at how those agreements came together could be instructive, he said, because everyone had to give a little. "Right now, we don't have much appreciation for how we did work together in the past," Jacobs said.

Coming next: Well, how did we get here?

CLAREMONT
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"In a robust housing market, it's easier to absorb that loss," he told the board. "Today's market is anything but robust."

Zinn said in addition to changes to the development on the southern side of Homestead Road, the company is considering the development of a small commercial site on the north side of the road. Under its present zoning, the site has a limited number of possible uses, including child and adult day care and low-traffic commercial space.

In other action, the board approved a plan to spend Carrboro's share of a stimulus grant for energy-efficiency retrofits. The plan, developed in conjunction with the Southeastern Energy Efficiency Alliance and the Town of Chapel Hill, will make \$55,000 in retrofit funds available through the town's

revolving loan program, which will target the project to help small businesses.

Another \$5,000 will go to upgrades to residential properties. Board members said they would like to see those grants used to fill in the gaps in winterizing programs for elderly, low-income residents.

Also on Tuesday, the board set the outline for its annual retreat and agreed to spend several hours together at the OWASA public room on the afternoon of Jan. 30.

With economic development the major proposed topic, the board debated how detailed to get given the change slated for early next year with the retirement of longtime economic and community development director James Harris.

Board member Dan Coleman argued that it would make sense to have Harris' replacement on hand when board members hash out their views on the subject.

Broun said given the ur-

gency and various proposals about how to proceed with economic development, she was uncomfortable with a long delay. She and Gist agreed that it was important for the board to have a lengthy discussion to get members' views out.

Gist asked that the board schedule a presentation at the retreat from Ed Camp, executive director of The ArtsCenter, on the relationship of the arts and economic development.

Board member Sammy Slade said he also wanted to see a discussion at the retreat on the effects of climate change.

In addition to a general discussion about economic development, the board agreed to a tentative agenda for the retreat to include a review of its Local Living Economy Task Force recommendations, a review of demographics and statistics, economic development and the arts and climate change and town policies.

COUNCIL
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Greene said while the new law is better than what's on the books now, some of its supporters will be disappointed that it's not stronger, especially in protecting trees on residential properties.

"There's a lot of support for doing something now so that in the future there's still a tree canopy something like we have now," Greene said.

Also on Monday night, the board approved an update to its sidewalk construction plan and authorized town transportation engineers to move ahead on designs for several sidewalk projects on a master priority list. The town has about \$1.3 million in sidewalk bond money and state transportation funding available this year for the projects. Plans are to prepare designs and begin working through the list starting in the spring.

The council again heard from both sides of a dispute

over a proposed North Graham Street sidewalk. The project, listed as the town's 66th priority and thus not likely to be built in the near future, was objected to by some Graham Street and Northside residents out of concern for encroachment on their properties.

Council member Donna Bell, a Northside resident, said she understood the concerns and acknowledged that the sidewalk would probably not be built. But Bell warned that once a new elementary school proposed for the neighborhood is open, the demand for a sidewalk will increase greatly.

The council's top 10 newly approved priorities are:

- Ephesus Church Road, south side, east of Sharon Road to Colony Woods Drive;
- Ephesus Church Road #2, north side, Colony Woods Drive to Pope Road;
- University Drive, north side, Pittsboro Street to Ransom Street;

- Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, east side, Timber Hollow Court to Homestead Road;
- Culbreth Rd, south side, Cobble Ridge and Rosburn Way
- Weaver Dairy Road, west side, Erwin Road to Arcadia Place;
- Weaver Dairy Rd, east side, Erwin Rd to Arcadia Place;
- Estes Drive, south side, Burlage Cir to Franklin St.;
- Country Club Road, west side, Ridge Road to T Parking Lot; and
- Pinehurst Drive, Burning Tree Drive to Driskel Court.

In other action Monday night, the board approved changes to town traffic-calming plans, approved spending \$34,816 to assist the N.C. Botanical Garden Foundation in its purchase of conservation land adjacent to Stillhouse Bottom and tightened its parking enforcement powers on town park-and-ride lots.

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School Briefs

Budget communication effort

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has launched an effort to keep staff, parents and other community members informed about the difficult budget situation facing the district in 2011-12 with three budget communication projects.

Superintendent Neil Pedersen will host a one-hour webinar on the budget outlook on Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. Participants may type in questions to the webinar panel, who will answer as many as possible. Participants must register for the webinar in advance to access it and may register by visiting www.gotomeeting.com/register/506585065.

There will also be a 17-minute PowerPoint presentation on the 2011-12 budget website at www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/2011-2012-chccs-budget. This presentation addresses anticipated local, state and federal revenues; the political climate surrounding this year's budget process; budget development in the district; and the communication plan for the unprecedented financial situation.

The district has posted an online survey to collect questions, feedback and suggestions on the budget from various stakeholders. The survey is available online at research.zarca.com/clients/ChapelHill/survey.aspx?sid=14

Second forum on superintendent search

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will hold its second public forum on the superintendent search on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the East Chapel Hill High School auditorium.

In the process of selecting a replacement for Superintendent Neil Pedersen, who announced he will retire in June, the board would like to hear from staff, students, parents and other concerned citizens regarding the qualities the new superintendent should possess.

For more information about the superintendent search, visit chccs.k12.nc.us and click on Superintendent Search under the Quick Links tab.

Noodles to donate to CHHS boosters

If diner's today (Thursday) at Noodles and Co. tell the cashier they are there for Chapel Hill High School, the restaurant will donate 25 percent of the proceeds to the Chapel Hill High School Athletic Boosters.

Patrons can dine in or take out, and the offer will run from 5 to 9 p.m.

Noodles and Co. is located at 214 W. Franklin St.

CHHS students interview vets for documentary

Students in Chapel Hill High School's Information Technology Academy traveled to Bedford, Va., last month to visit the National D-Day Memorial as part of their integrated unit on World War II and documentary about D-Day.

Students toured the memorial and interviewed WWII veterans and family members. The interviews were filmed for the documentary.

The students plan to travel to Normandy over spring break.

School Lunch

Friday 12/10

Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, WW Roll, Herbed Potatoes, Squash & Onions

Monday 12/11

Sloppy Joe on WW Bun, Baked Potato, Turnip Greens

Tuesday 12/13

Vegetable Lasagna, Succotash, Blueberry-Peach Crumble

Wednesday 12/14

Oven Fried Chicken, Brown Rice, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Baked Local Sweet Potato

Thursday 12/15

Roast Turkey w/ Gravy, WW Roll, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Mashed Potatoes



This year's Heels – a whole new ballgame

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

This is not last year's basketball team.

Those words are meant for those worried that UNC is going to take another swan dive.

This team may not win any championships, but this is *not* last season's team. Period.

But wanting to do well is different from understanding how to go about it, how to work together and what Coach Roy Williams means when he says something. That's a reality that makes winning more difficult than meets the eye.

As for the talent, let's get one thing straight. Aside from defending national champion Duke, every team in the ACC would trade its team for the overwhelming majority of these kids. And we know that even Duke's Mike Krzyzewski wanted freshman Harrison Barnes in the worst way.

What gets lost in the 21st century cult of the freshman is

that 99 percent of the players in college travel a natural learning curve, the same as they did back in the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s.

All one has to do is look at John Henson. Most people want to blame Williams for holding Henson back a year ago, which is nonsense. Williams did not hold anyone back.

Last year's group happened to be especially immature, with no natural leader to step forward and take charge.

Look at Henson now. He's only scratching the surface of what he could be – but, oh my, what a surface. With a wingspan of at least 7' 4", he has learned how to rebound at this level. He always knew how to block shots. And now he is learning to weave through players and make shots in a way that I have not personally seen since Ralph Sampson at Virginia.



Now, I'm not comparing Henson to Sampson; but to those old enough to remember Sampson taking that thin body of his and snaking through a crowd to score, tell me Henson does not remind you of him.

The sore spot on the team has been Larry Drew, and for good reason. Not everything that has gone wrong with UNC in the last year and a half is Drew's fault, but the point guard is the leader on the court. He has to accept the responsibility for success and failure, of his teammates as well as himself.

He also has to come to a meeting of the minds with his coach. Dean Smith won two national championships with guards who had no more talent than Drew. And Williams has already said that Drew has the capability to become the best defender at the point he has ever coached.

Drew needs to take care of the ball, go north and south instead of east and west and make sure his teammates are in the spot, then get them the ball.

Freshman Kendall Marshall is the perfect player to push Drew. Marshall's basketball IQ is as high as one could hope to get. He looks to get the ball down court in scoring position as soon as he gets it, and no Carolina point guard has passed so well since Easy Ed Cota – who, by the way, went to three Final Fours without playing much defense.

The biggest development will come when Drew can prove his words have become knowledge, lessons that he translates onto the court every night.

"If things are getting kind of heated, and my teammates look at me and I'm relaxed and poised, then that is how they are going to be," Drew said. "It all starts with the point guard, offensively and defensively."

OBITUARIES

Peachee Wicker

At about 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, our wonderful, incredible mom, Marie Louise Peachee Wicker, passed away while sleeping. Peachee (as she was known) had been having severe trouble breathing since early in the morning; by the evening, she was able to rest, to sleep, and finally to depart. She passed away while in her own room at the DuBose Health Center at The Cedars of Chapel Hill, N.C., surrounded by her oldest daughter, Beth, her son, Thomas, and her son's fiancée, Liliana. Earlier in the day, she had a chance to speak by video chat with her daughter Fields (then in Mumbai, India), and earlier in the week, also by video chat, with her granddaughter Mary Elizabeth in London, England.

Peachee led a remarkable life, from growing up in the Great Depression (her father was laid off from the Dodge Brothers Company in Detroit), to helping tend to the war wounded from the Battle of the Bulge (those that returned to the U.S. for further recuperation), being one of the first women to graduate from UNC with a master's in psychology, becoming the first female placement director for the NCSU School of Engineering, helping integrate the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, aiding in developing the groundbreaking initiative First Start in Chapel Hill and, while a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board, being a driving force behind hiring school counselors for the elementary and

middle schools in Chapel Hill. Peachee led Girl Scout troops for a number of years, exposing girls to the joys of nature and the arts.

After leaving the school board, Peachee remained very active in the community, volunteering at the N.C. Botanical Garden, becoming president of the Chapel Hill Woman's Club and active at the state level, hosting a large number of foreign students who were studying at UNC-Chapel Hill (some of whom still call her Mom over 30 years later) and, for several years, organizing the Eagle Scout ceremonies for Boy Scout Troop 820 (a job that, when she left, was handed over to a group of three men; she considered the 1:3 ratio to be appropriate). She was also instrumental in the North Carolina Woman's Club's support of the N.C. Wildlife Federation, receiving recognition from them on this, and she became active with the Orange County Senior Center. In 2004, she moved to the Cedars of Chapel Hill, quickly becoming admired, loved and, not incidentally, known as a force to be reckoned with.

During all of this, Peachee maintained a strong focus on what she considered to be her greatest achievement and her greatest legacy: raising her three children. Nothing else she ever did gave her more pleasure or more pride, and she loved all of them dearly.

Peachee's husband, Jake Wicker, passed away in 2003.

She is survived by her three children and their families: Beth Wicker Walters with husband George Walters Jr. and daughter Mary Elizabeth Walters; (Jane) Fields Wicker-Mirurin and husband Paolo Mirurin; and son Thomas Wicker and fiancée Liliana Gerardo Paolmeque.

She was a wonderful, incredible and amazing person. We will miss her dearly. We already do.

A celebration of Peachee's life is planned for Friday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse Ballroom at The Cedars of Chapel Hill. Friends are encouraged to come willing to share stories of Peachee's life as we all remember her many kindnesses and achievements. In keeping with her love of tea and food, a casual "tea" will be served.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to an endowed scholarship in her honor at the University of Richmond (Peachee's alma mater, and a college she was faithful to for her entire life):

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We would also ask, in keeping with Peachee's lifelong desire to help others, that you bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food bank in Peachee's memory.

Judy Jernigan Bosniadis

Judy Jernigan Bosniadis of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Dec. 5, 2010 at Duke Hospice in Hillsborough, N.C., of cancer.

She was born Judy Margaret Jernigan, April 30, 1944, to Margaret Hayes Jernigan and the late Leonard Thell Jernigan, owners of Thell's Bakery in Chapel Hill from 1954-84.

Judy married Joseph Ragan of Daytona, Fla., in 1968 and they were divorced in 1972. She was married to the late Angelo Bosniadis of San Francisco from 1982-90.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret Hayes Jernigan, of Chapel Hill; her son, Ryan Joseph Ragan of San Francisco; her daughter, Joey Ragan Butler of Atlanta; grandchildren, Sophia Jayd Butler and Boden Yorke Butler; sisters, Cheryl Jernigan-Wicker of Chapel Hill and Barbaree Jernigan-Lighthall of San Francisco; brother, Leonard T. Jernigan Jr. of Raleigh; nieces, Abigail Greene Ryan, Chloë Perkins Greene, Elizabeth Manly Jernigan and Margaret Hayes Jernigan; nephew, Franklin Boyd Sewell of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; and grand-nephews and grand-nieces, Kingston Greene Ryan, Valentine Hayes Ryan, Otto Roman Sewell and Zoë Isabella Sewell.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 16 at Carolina Meadows, second floor, main building, 100 Carolina Meadows, in Chapel Hill.

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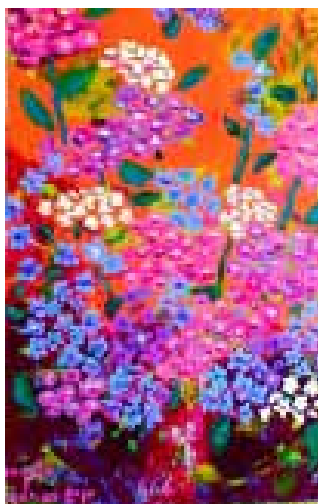
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Pedagogy
Last night, you know, I'm sure there are easier ways to learn these lessons. President Obama's criticism Tuesday's election results.



Carrboro Community Garden Club's giant evergreen wreath is a seasonal tradition for Carrboro Town Hall. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
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One story describes a little shepherd boy feeling sad that he had only a holly branch to offer the Christ child. When the baby Jesus touched the branch, the berries turned a beautiful red.

Alternatively, the Romans used gifts of holly as good-luck charms during Saturnalia festivities and, during that time, Christians were forbidden to decorate with holly.

The ancient Druids and other early Europeans considered the holly very sacred and hung branches outside entrances and brought branches indoors as protection against witches and evil spirits. Friendly forest elves and fairies were believed to inhabit the evergreen limbs of holly and were

thus provided warmth and comfort inside dwellings during the cold winter solstice period.

Boughs of evergreen cedar, spruce, fir and pine were all similarly considered special plants during the winter solstice.

Mistletoe, a common plant parasite on oaks and hickories, was particularly revered by the Druids, who associated it with renewal and rejuvenation at the end of the year. It later became a symbol of love, a tradition still enjoyed by folks today.

Tomorrow, the big holiday wreath goes up on the front of Carrboro Town Hall, in time for the Friday evening tree lighting and carol singing. Take time in the next week or two to take a closer look at the evergreens on that giant wreath, a creation of

members of the Carrboro Community Garden Club. For more than two decades, that group has provided the holiday greenery that adorns our Town Hall.

See if you can identify the diversity of the evergreens used. The group makes an effort to use only locally native plants. You will undoubtedly find holly, as well as pine and cedar. If you look really close, you may even find a sprig or two of mistletoe.

Whatever legends appeal to your personal feelings, pause this season when you bring holly and other greenery indoors, and consider it special, a symbol of warmth, protection and a connection with the natural world..

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Nancy Sitterson: A Village Mom

No doubt, many people will best remember Nancy Sitterson as the wife of former '60s-era UNC Chancellor Carlyle Sitterson. But to many of us townies, she was so much more. Back when Chapel Hill really was a village, we local kids had village moms and dads we didn't even know about – and certainly took for granted. As they would say these days, they had our backs. Nancy Sitterson was one of those village moms. At her memorial service last week, I sat with classmate Scott Parker, who, like me, remembers the many acts of kindness and concern that the indefatigable Nancy bestowed upon us – not just as kids, but throughout our adult lives. How do you thank someone for that kind of service? Here's a small start: I was lucky enough to grab this shot last fall when the town honored Nancy (along with former UNC Chancellor Bill Aycock, right) as one of 12 new "Town Treasures" with a plaque from then-Mayor Kevin Foy and stunning black-and-white photographs by Catharine Carter. A town treasure, indeed.



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