

This Weekend

FRIDAY
100% Chance of precip
36/32

SATURDAY
40% Chance of precip
36/25

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
38/20

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PHOTO BY TIM STAMBAUGH
Locked-in-ice sweet gum ball and stones.

Winter weather slams area

BY KIRK ROSS AND BETH MECHUM
Staff Writers

It was awfully pretty, what with the big moon and all.

But the major winter storm that dropped eight inches of snow on Carrboro and Chapel Hill will more likely be remembered for causing a near-complete shut down of travel and commerce and days of closed schools, icy roads and widespread inconvenience.

The snow, followed in quick succession by several hours of ice pellets and a day and half of cold rain, was one of the largest winter storms of the past several years. Cooler temperatures, however, kept it from causing the same kind of widespread power outages as the devastating ice storm of 2003.

The storm kept most businesses closed through the weekend, with both Chapel Hill and Carrboro all but shut down on Saturday.

After two days off, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools resumed on Wednesday with a delayed schedule, with school officials saying parking lots and buildings had been cleared of major snow and ice. The two snow days will be made up on Monday, Feb. 22 and Monday, April 5, both originally teacher workdays.

“For folks who have concerns about spring break, April 5 is Easter Monday — it is technically not part of spring break,” said Stephanie Knott, CHCCS assistant superintendent for community relations. Spring break is scheduled for March 29-April 2.

“Spring break is untouched, and we’ve got to hope that we don’t get any more bad weather to keep that true,” said Knott, adding that several districts in the state have already had to eat into their spring break to make up for inclement weather. Should more winter weather come through the area, the next student makeup day would be Memorial Day.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
A DOT snow plow heads down Smith Level Road on Monday.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Take an Avatar walk

Several days ago, I went to see *Avatar*, and have to say that a recent assessment of the movie by Carol Kaesuk Yoon in the *New York Times* resonated with me.

Rather than taking issue with possible scientific inaccuracies or questioning implausible notions, Yoon focused on what she describes as “the heart of biology: the naked, heart-stopping wonder of really seeing the living world.”

Yoon appreciated the director for engaging the entire viewing world with compelling images of “kinds of wonderfully shocking similarities and dissimilarities among living things that have largely been the prerogative of biologists — especially those known as taxonomists, who order and name the living things on Earth.” She concludes: “Maybe *Avatar* is what we need to bring our inner taxonomist back to life, to get us to really see.”

I moved through the day reflecting on that notion of reawakening the taxonomist in each of us “to really see.” It was in that context that local musician, songwriter and keen woods-walker Tim Stambaugh and I engaged each other over afternoon coffee at Johnny’s on West Main Street.

Referring to the recent *Flora* ice flowers story, Tim wanted to share his image of an ice-trapped sweet gum ball he discovered while exploring a frozen-swamp forest floor. To my inquiry, “Where did you find that?” Tim described a woods path along Price Creek that borders a small cypress swamp forest in the shallows of University Lake.

That sweet gum ball made me think of the fantastic plant images of *Avatar*’s other world. Viewing *Avatar* made me want to visit a tropical rain forest, so that I could see fantastic *Avatar*-like plants here on Earth.

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PHOTO BY JOCK LAUTERER
The last light of day highlights the snowscape as Marvin Meacham’s cattle graze outside an old homeplace on Meacham’s farm on Poythress Road, on the line between Orange and Chatham counties.

Scientists, students, Sierra Club call on UNC to drop coal

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

With the smokestacks and coal silos of the UNC co-generation plant as a backdrop, climate change researcher James Hansen joined students, university scientists and members of the Sierra Club’s Coal Free Campus campaign on Tuesday to ask the university to end the use of coal at the plant.

José Rial, a professor in the department of geological sciences, said his work in the Arctic compelled him to speak out. A glaciologist, Rial said he has seen new research that shows an even faster sea level rise than previously predicted.

“I don’t know about this plant,” he said, gesturing to the Cameron Street facility, “but I know what’s happening in the arctic as a conse-

quence of thousands of plants like these.”

Stewart Boss, a freshman at UNC and one of the local organizers of the coal-free campus campaign, said he wants to see UNC maintain its leadership in environmental responsibility.

Future generations will hold today’s leaders responsible, he said.

Pat Leighton, who lives near the co-generation plant, noted that Duke University cut its coal consumption by 70 percent last year, while UNC’s plan calls for phasing out 20 percent of its coal use by 2025.

“I want to see UNC compete with Duke in this arena as well as on the basketball court,” Leighton said.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS
Students and faculty at UNC want to see the university end its use of coal.

Carrboro midwife offers an alternative

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

Cheryl Means was tired of the merry-go-round of doctors she and her unborn child met with each month.

To her mind, it was a good idea gone wrong.

“Every visit that you have every month, you see a different doctor, and the idea is that when you give birth there will be a friendly face there waiting for you at the end.”

Means was drained from explaining the same things to different doctors.

“I started to feel like I was the only one who knew what was going on from visit to visit, and had to repeat my story over and over,” she said. “I started to look around at options to have more of a one-on-one experience.”

That experience led her to Deb O’Connell and her newly opened Carrboro Midwifery practice. She was in transition to O’Connell’s practice when her water broke 10 weeks early. Means called her doctors’ office, and the doctor on call wasn’t even from the same office.

She ended up seeing yet another doctor she’d never seen before. And once that doctor got her stabilized and shipped to Duke, Means delivered with four more doctors she had never met.

The system didn’t work for her. Means now goes to O’Connell for her post-labor checkups.

Kara-Ann Hensley’s situation is different. She’s 34 weeks pregnant with her third child and has decided she’d be most comfortable with a home birth after two pregnancies with midwives at a birthing center.

She’s low-risk and experienced with birthing. Means and Hensley are two of O’Connell’s first patients at Carrboro Midwifery, tucked in beside Carrboro Pediatrics on Fidelity Drive. After working as a midwife at UNC Hospitals for three and a half years, O’Connell is exploring her passion for midwifery and home birthing on her own turf.

A calling
O’Connell has been a nurse since 1996, and said that after attending a midwifery presentation she found her calling. She graduated from midwifery school at Stonybrook University in 2001 and has been practicing in some form ever since.

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Deb O’Connell of Carrboro Midwifery with 3-month-old Judah Tonken

PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW



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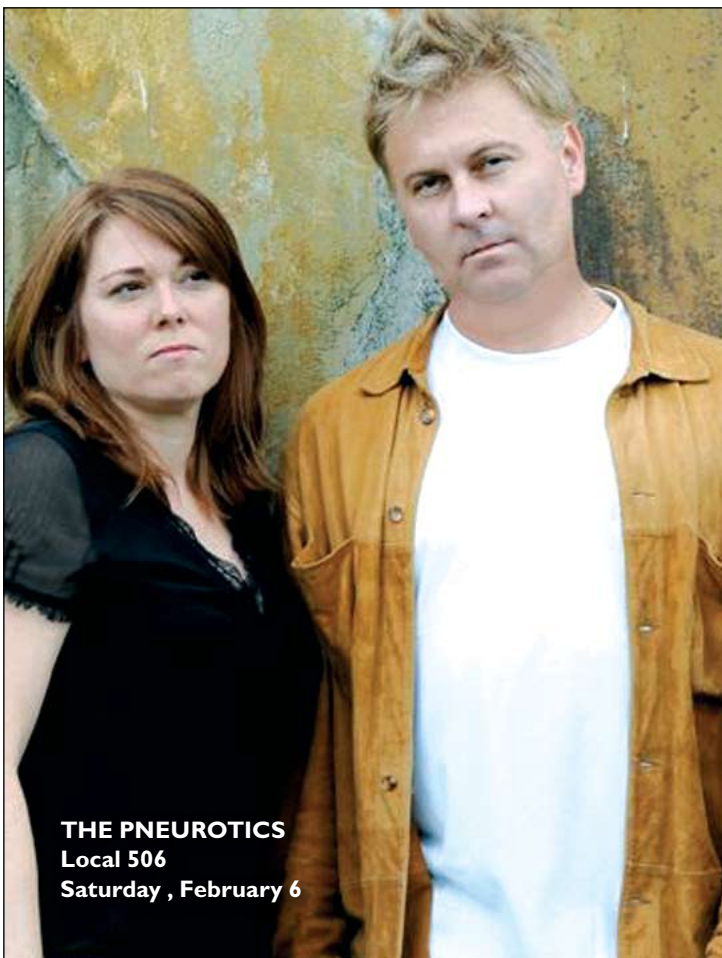
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MUSIC CALENDAR



THE PNEUROTICS
Local 506
Saturday, February 6

THURSDAY FEB 4

Blue Bayou: E-Train Manning. 9pm. Free

The Cave: LATE: It's Just Vanity

General Store Cafe: Bernie Petteway Trio. 7-9pm

Local 506: Neil Hamburger, Daiquiri. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10

FRIDAY FEB 5

ArtsCenter: Cedric Burnside and Lightnin' Malcolm. 8:30pm. \$15

Blue Bayou: Under the Sun. 9:30pm. \$6/\$8

Cat's Cradle: Toubab Krewe, Freeing the Fire. 9:30pm. \$14/\$16

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Brand New Life

Chatham Mills: Tannahill Weavers. 7:30pm \$19

General Store Cafe: Joe Bell and the Stinging Blades. 8-10:30pm

Harry's Market: John Chasteen. 7-9pm

Local 506: Retribution Gospel Choir, Free Electric State, Rat Jackson. 9:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Embarrassing Fruits, Secret Message Machine, Brambler Ramblers. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Tampa Blue. 8pm

SATURDAY FEB 6

Blue Bayou: Chalwa. 9:30pm. \$6/\$8

Cat's Cradle: Mickey Mills and Steel, Jamrock, dub Addis, Truth And Rights, Joel Keel, DJ Ras J. 9pm. \$15/\$20

The Cave: EARLY: Ox Magnolia LATE: Sinful Savage Tigers, Mandolin Orange

General Store Cafe: Lizzy Ross. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: Dylan vs. Petty for Haiti: Big Fat Gap, Birds and Arros, Gambling the Muse, It Is Rain On My Face, Mandolin Orange, Mary Johnson Rockers, The Pneurotics. 9pm. \$5 minimum

Nightlight: Mountains, Horseback, Tape, Ghost Hand. 9:30pm

Open Eye Cafe: Heath Tuttle. 8pm

SUNDAY FEB 7

Local 506: Cold Cave, Nite Jewel. 10pm. \$8/\$10

MONDAY FEB 8

Local 506: Soihadto, It Is Rain On My Face. 9pm

Nightlight: Sound Painting Orchestra Residency. 8-10pm. Free

TUESDAY FEB 9

Cat's Cradle: Jonathan Richman. 9pm. \$10/\$12

DPAC: Steve Winwood. 8pm. \$39.50/\$57.50/\$65.50

Memorial Hall: Jennifer Larmore and Anotine Palloc. 7:30pm. UNC students \$10/public \$30 & up

WEDNESDAY FEB 10

Nightlight: Motor Skills, Lizz King, Mario Eggplant. 9:30pm. \$5

THURSDAY FEB 11

Blue Bayou: Bleumatics. 9pm. Free

Cat's Cradle: The Give Up The Ghost Traveling Show, Brandi Carlile, Amy Ray's Rock Show. 8pm. \$25

The Cave: LATE: Jimbo Mathus and Tri-State Coalition. \$5

General Store Cafe: Dave Youngman Quartet. 7-9pm

Local 506: Simplified. 9pm. \$8/\$10

Nightlight: Graveyard Fields, Alcazar Hotel, Come Hell or High Water. 9:30pm

FRIDAY FEB 12

Blue Bayou: Rootzie, Shacktown. 9:30pm. \$6/\$8

Cat's Cradle: John Brown's Body, Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad.

Vintage Fresh. 8pm. \$15

The Cave: LATE: Demolition String Band, The Moaners, Pneurotics

General Store Cafe: Straight 8's. 8:30-11pm

Harry's Market: Over the Hill. 7-9pm

Nightlight: LATE: Zardoz, Ruscha. 10pm

Open Eye Cafe: North Columbia. 8pm

SATURDAY FEB 13

ArtsCenter: Karla Bonoff. 8:30pm. \$27

Blue Bayou: Blues World Order Mardi Gras Party. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10

The Cave: EARLY: Chocolate Martini Therapy

General Store Cafe: OLLI New Horizons Swing Band. 7-9pm

Local 506: The Mugs, Graveyard Fields, Butterflies. 9pm. \$7

Open Eye Cafe: John Pardue. 8pm

Got anything for the music calendar? Send submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

DEMOLITION STRING BAND

The Cave
Friday, February 12



TU 2/23
CAGE THE ELEPHANT

FR 2/5(\$14/\$16)**
TOUBAB KREWE
W/FEEDING THE FIRE

SA 2/6 BOB MARLEY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
MICKEY MILLS AND STEEL, JAM ROCK, DUB ADDIS, TRUTH AND RIGHTS(\$15/\$20; \$3 DISCOUNT FOR UNC STUDENTS)**

TU 2/9 JONATHAN RICHMAN(\$10/\$12)**

SOLD OUT! TH 2/11 BRANDI CARLILE
W/AMY RAY'S ROCK SHOW

FR 2/12 JOHN BROWN'S BODY
W/GIANT PANDA GUERRILLA DUB SQUAD AND VINTAGE FRESH**(\$15)

SA 2/13 NC COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL
EDDIE BRILL, MIKE MACRAE**

SU 2/14 THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE(\$20 OR SPECIAL COUPLES RATE: \$36 PAIR)**

MO 2/15 TORTOISE
W/DISAPPEARS**(\$15)

WE 2/17 URBAN SOPHISTICATES, THE BEAST, INFLOWENTIAL, KAZE
BACKED BY ORGANIX**(\$6/\$8) SHOW RESCHEDULED FROM 1/30

FR 2/19 SWASO
W/VIOLET VECTOR & THE LOVELY LOVELIES, THE GUNS OF EL BORRACHO**

SA 2/20 NC COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL(\$17)**
MC FRONTALOT

SU 2/21 HAITI RELIEF BENEFIT

TU 2/23(\$14/\$16)**
CAGE THE ELEPHANT
W/AS TALL AS LIONS, MORNING TELEPORTATION

WE 2/24 THE CLIENTELE, VETIVER(\$13/\$15)**

TH 2/25 STATE RADIO
W/BIG D AND THE KIDS TABLE, COBALT AND THE HIRED GUNS**(\$15)

FR 2/26 SAM BUSH BAND
W/MISSY RAINES & THE NEW HIP**(\$20/\$23)

SA 2/27(\$20/\$25)**
RHYTHM HEALS
CONCERT WITH: N.E.D.

SU 2/28 NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL-STARS(\$16/\$18)**
W/CITY CHAMPS

WE 3/3 COPELAND(\$14/\$16)**
W/I CAN MAKE A MESS LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS, PERSON L, DEAS VAIL

FR 3/5 BOWLING FOR SOUP(\$14/\$16)**

SA 3/6 ROGUE WAVE(\$10/\$12)**

TH 3/11 CIRCA SURVIVE
W/GOOD OLD WAR AND THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**(\$15)

FR 3/12 KICKIN GRASS BAND AND ADRIENNE YOUNG(\$10/\$12)**

SA 3/13(\$10/\$12)**
THE LOW ANTHEM
W/LISSIE AND ANNIE AND THE BEEKEEPERS

TH 3/18 THE BLACK LIPS
W/BOX ELDER**(\$10/\$12)

SA 3/20(\$10/\$12)**
THE ROSEBUDS

SU 3/21(\$14/\$16)**
DEERHUNTER

TU 3/23 RX BANDITS
W/THE BUILDERS AND THE BUTCHERS AND ZECHS MARQUISE**(\$14/\$16)

SOLD OUT! TH 3/25 THE XX W/JJ

FR 3/26(\$10)**
THE SOFT PACK
W/NODZZZ, BEATERS

MO 3/29 KING KHAN & THE SHRINES
W/THE FRESH AND ONLY**(\$14/\$16)

TU 3/30 MAJOR LAZER
W/RUSKO**(\$15/\$17)

WE 4/1(\$15)**
CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS

FR 4/2 THE BIG PINK
W/A PLACE TO BURY STRANGERS**(\$13/\$15)

SA 4/3(\$12/\$14)**
MIDLAKE

SU 4/4(\$14/\$16)**
YEASAYER W/JAVELIN



WE 4/7
MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA



TH 3/25
JOANNA NEWSOM
CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)



TU 2/9
JONATHAN RICHMAN



SA 4/3
MIDLAKE



TH 2/25
STATE RADIO

MO 4/5(\$13/\$15)**
TED LEO AND THE PHARMACISTS
W/SCREAMING FEMALES AND PINK FLAG

WE 4/7 THE MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA
W/THE FEATURES, BIFFY CLYRO AND O'BROTHER**(\$14/\$17)

TH 4/8 THE TEMPER TRAP
W/KISSAWAY TRAIL**(\$12/\$14)

FR 4/9 BOWERBIRDS
W/MIDTOWN DICKENS AND VEELEE**(\$12)

TU 4/13 THERMALS
W/PAST LIVES AND BELLAFFEA**(\$12/\$14)

FR 4/16 JEDI MIND TRICKS(\$16/\$18)**

TH 4/22 NEEDTOBREATHE
W/WILL HOGE AND MATT HIRSH**(\$15/\$18)

SU 4/25 FRIGHTENED RABBIT**

MO 4/26 QUASI
W/LET'S WRESTLE**(\$10/\$12)

TH 4/30 KAKI KING
W/AN HORSE**(\$15)

SA 5/1(\$12/\$14)**
BEACH HOUSE
W/WASHED OUT

SU 5/2(\$17/\$20)**
THE ENGLISH BEAT

WE 5/5(\$12/\$14)**
THE ALBUM LEAF
W/SEA WOLF ON SALE 2/5

FR 5/7 MEGAFUN
W/MOUNT MORIAH, GREAT WHITE JENKINS**(\$10)

FR 5/14 NEIL DIAMOND ALL STARS
W/NEW TOWN DRUNKS**

TH 6/3(\$20/\$22)**
REVEREND HORTON HEAT, CRACKER W/ LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS

ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
WE 3/3 TIM BARRY (OF AVAIL)
W/NINJA GUN AND JASON KUTCHMA

SA 3/6 JENNY OWEN YOUNGS, BESS ROGERS, ALLISON WEISS

WE 3/17 FRUIT BATS
W/BUE GIANT (EX-VIVA VOCE)

TH 3/25 SHEARWATER
W/WYE OAK AND HOSPITAL SHIPS

THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)
SU 2/14 JOSEPH ARTHUR

TU 3/2 BEN SOLLEE/ DANIEL MARTIN MOORE
(DEAR COMPANION TOUR)

SA 3/13 OVER THE RHINE

CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)
TH 3/25 JOANNA NEWSOM

DPAC (DURHAM)
SA 3/27 WILCO SOLD OUT

Unabashedly Annabelle

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer



Morgonn Ewen is best known in the comedy world as musically inclined, self-proclaimed white trash girl Annabelle. Ewen's sketch comedy is bolstered by her background in singing and acting, and she earned her comedic chops working clubs and bars in Toronto. She'll be one of the opening acts for the sketch portion of the North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival, with shows this Thursday at 8 p.m. and Friday at 7:30 p.m., both at DSI Theater.

Ewen took some time away from her preparation to speak to *The Citizen* about herself and her show, *Annabelle Goes it Alone*.

TC: Ever been to Carrboro?
Morgonn Ewen: No

TC: What have you heard about our fair city?
ME: I've heard a little about it, not necessarily the history, but I know Zach Ward is from there, and another friend of a friend is from there.... When I went online to look at stuff, it looks big on football and basketball.

TC: When and why did you start performing comedy?
ME: One of my first jobs I've ever had was at Yuk Yuks comedy club as a waitress. I used to work amateur night, and that was pretty interesting to look at these first-timers come up and the comics sit in the back and watch it all. It was a real lesson

to sit in a room full of brand new comics who were really, really scared to be up there, but had a deep passion for it... After going into music and theater, almost two and a half years ago, I was taking classes on and off at Second City. Everybody kept asking me if I was going to audition for the conservatory program, and I put my name in at 5 p.m. on a Friday, and I auditioned, and got it.

TC: Describe your act?
ME: She's a woman who's eternally optimistic, regardless of what she runs into. She's got a unique perspective on the world, and that perspective helps her.

TC: Your favorite comedian?
ME: Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Also, Louis C.K.

TC: Why should people see you?
ME: It's definitely a very, very fun show. There's music involved, funny songs, and it's something definitely a little different.... I've had a lot of women in the room kind of dig what I'm talking about - not that it's just chick lit. Plus, I'm performing with two other awesome acts.

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SNOW FROM PAGE 1

To get ready for the storm, crews from Chapel Hill and Carrboro public works departments joined with Department of Transportation crews in laying down brine.

George Seiz, Carrboro's public works director, said the brine mixture helps prevent the snow from binding with road surfaces, making removal easier.

Both towns have adopted a strategy of keeping main roads as clear as possible through the storm to keep them passable for emergency vehicles and any public transit that is still operating.

After clearing out the main arteries, crews focus on secondary roads. Many of those throughout southern Orange County did not see substantial clearing until Tuesday.



PHOTO BY NICK HOFFMANN

Seiz said warmer weather also made a contribution to the work.

"Mother Nature played a key role with mild temperatures, and started melting off the snow pretty well," Seiz said.

Crews from both towns worked 12-hour shifts to keep efforts moving around the clock.

Richard Terrell, Chapel Hill's operations manager for public works, said as of Wednesday there were no serious trouble spots, though crews

were still spreading sand and pushing slush away in some areas.

"We worked around the clock, including last night," he said on Wednesday. "As of 3:30 today, we went back to our normal schedule."

Asked how the crews held up, Terrell said there was some expected wear and tear, and days of working 12-hour shifts took their toll. "I can tell you they were happy to get back to their regular schedule today," he said.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said town crews did a good job of getting the town back in shape, especially getting bus routes ready. The town operated with a limited schedule over the weekend, but did run its Tar Heel Express routes to UNC's basketball contest against Virginia at the Smith Center.

Kleinschmidt said he has not heard much in the way of complaints about the cleanup and road clearing.

"The only concern people have raised has been about sidewalks," he said. Clearing the walks is often more difficult. And while early on it was hard on pedestrians, most sidewalks are in better shape as of Wednesday, the mayor said.

Carrboro sidewalks were a key focus after the downtown thoroughfares were cleared.

Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff's

Meat Market, said he appreciated the effort in getting the central business-district sidewalks cleared.

"They were out there working really hard, and I really want to thank them for that," he said Tuesday evening.

With cold temperatures and a sprinkling of ice pellets creating a crust on top of the snowfall, the storm proved to be a godsend for anyone with an interest in sledding.

Southern Community Park and Carrboro High School were hot spots for sledding, where anything from tarps to cardboard to actual sleds were pressed into service.

Despite heavy enthusiasm and slick conditions, UNC Hospitals only reported one sledding-related injury. In all, about a half-dozen weather-related injuries were treated at the Emergency Department,

most due to falls.

As the roads cleared, trash and recycling crews returned to work. Commercial trash haulers also returned to the streets to pick up a growing backlog of trash at area apartment complexes.

Now town officials and a wary populace are keeping an eye on this weekend's weather. It may have been a balmy 50 degrees on Wednesday, but colder weather is heading this way. Precipitation is in the forecast, depending on temperatures, that could mean ice pellets, rain or snow.

"We're watching it," Terrell said. "You have to. In this area, you just never know."

Updates on service schedules and weather warnings will be posted to *The Citizen's* MILL blog at carrborocitizen.com/mill

Kate Griesmann contributed to this report.

News Briefs

Part of Fordham Boulevard will be closed

A northbound lane of U.S. 15-501/Fordham Boulevard will be closed intermittently for about four months during the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Fordham Boulevard between Manning Drive and Old Mason Farm Road.

In addition, the outside left turn lane from Manning Drive to Fordham Boulevard will be closed during these times. Traffic will not be altered during UNC home basketball games and other special events. Crews will be working on the project between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

News offices sold

The News and Observer Publishing Co. announced the sale of its Franklin Street headquarters for its *Chapel Hill News* and *Durham News* newspapers to Scott Maitland. Maitland, owner of Top of the Hill restaurant and brewery plans to turn the former press room into a liquor distillery.

He paid \$2.15 million for the 0.8-acre site, which includes about 10,000 square feet of office space and 10,000 square feet of warehouse space. Maitland will lease office space to the *NC&O* for its western Triangle news and advertising staff.

MIDWIFE

FROM PAGE 1

Her first experience came while she was a student, with the Amish community in Lancaster, Pa., and her journey has now brought her to practicing home births on her own in Carrboro and surrounding areas.

Home birthing with a midwife is an alternative to what 99 percent of women in the U.S. choose to do — have their babies in a hospital.

"The women that tend to choose home birth are women that are really committed to child birth and feel for themselves that their home will be the place they feel the safest," O'Connell said, "and for a woman in labor, that's huge, because it can really impede a woman's progress in her labor if she doesn't feel safe."

Both Means and Hensey say that trust and relationship building were primary considerations in their decisions to opt for a midwife.

"One of the benefits of having a home-birth practice is getting to know your clients, and they do really need to get to know you, because it's such a professionally intimate relationship," O'Connell said.

She said not all women are suited, mentally and physically, for home birthing. "If you're committing yourself to a home birth, you have to be committing yourself to a natural childbirth," she said.

O'Connell is required to meet certain qualifications and requirements to ensure home birth is appropriate and safe for a woman. She is also required to have physician backup.

Safety concerns keep many women from choosing to home birth: If something goes wrong during delivery, there might not be enough time to transfer the woman to a hospital.

In fact, this happened when O'Connell witnessed her first home birth. It did not scare her away. O'Connell has now attended more than 800 home births, and only once — during the first one she ever attended — has something gone terribly wrong.

"If anything, it gave me a stronger sense of respect for the birthing process," O'Connell said of that first experience, "and that bad things do happen, but they happen to women in hospitals just as much, if not more."

Means said she wasn't comfortable telling friends and family about her decision to go with

a home birth, out of concern that they'd be scared for her safety.

"I knew they'd flip, she said. "We were going to tell them afterward."

Hensey said she didn't have any fears, and her friends and family didn't either.

"Once you have one pregnancy, they sort of know what you need, when you need it; so I think they trust the woman to know when something is wrong," she said. "The only thing I'm worried about is that I'll have the baby before anybody gets here, because Deb lives in Carrboro and I live in Raleigh."

Which helps explain why O'Connell will be hard pressed to find vacation time in the near future — she's always on call. It's a bit different than her days in hospitals; but it's her passion and her calling. Vacations will have to wait.


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Briefs

El Centro Latino

El Centro Hispano of Durham plans to open a Carrboro branch to fill the gap left by the closing of El Centro Latino in Orange County. A public meeting to talk about the collaboration and meeting the needs of the Latino community in Orange County will be held Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Seymour Senior Center at 2551 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill.

Black comic heroes

African-American comic book heroes will be the topic of a free public lecture Feb. 22 at Wilson Library at UNC.

Randall Kenan, associate professor of English, will present "It's Clobbering Time! Comic Books and Creating the Idea of Black Masculinity" at 5:45 p.m. in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room. A reception at 5 p.m. in the Melba Remig Saltarelli Gallery will allow visitors to view the Rare Book Collection exhibit "Popular Culture in Print," to be up Feb. 22 through May 31.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, FEB 4

Ping Pong Thursday — Nightlight Club in Chapel Hill presents a free Ping Pong Thursday event, from 5-9pm. 405 1/2 W. Rosemary St. in Chapel Hill. For more info, 960-6101, nightlightclub.com

The Secrets of Starbucks — UNC alum and Temple University professor Bryant Simon will read from his book *Everything But the Coffee: Learning About America from Starbucks* at 3:30pm at Bull's Head Bookshop. Free and open to the public. More info at 962-5060.

SATURDAY, FEB 6

Community Day at Ackland Art Museum — Ackland Art Museum in Chapel Hill presents Community Day, a day-long program of workshops, tours, and other events. 10am-2pm. Admission is free. More info at 966-5736, ackland.org.

Havdalah Celebration — Kol Haskalah hosts a Havdalah celebration at Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4907 Garrett Road in Durham. A presentation by NC Museum of Art docent Connie Schertz about the museum's Judaica collection to follow. Bring a dessert to share. 7:30-10pm. For more info, 942-0990, cgminton@mindspring.com.

SUNDAY, FEB 7

OneSong Productions's Feb 48! — For the sixth year in a row, a bunch of zany teenagers will write, rehearse, produce, and perform a new play. All in 48 hours \$8, \$6 Members, \$5 Students. 7:30pm at the Carrboro ArtsCenter.

TUESDAY, FEB 9

The Happiness Hypothesis — At 7pm, the Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Book Club meets to discuss *The Happiness Hypothesis: Finding Modern Truth in Ancient Wisdom* by award-winning psychologist Jonathan Haidt. Carrboro Cybrary, More info at 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us

Ongoing

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

Compassionate Friends

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

Yoga for Everyone — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from 11am-12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494.

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

Knitting for Premies — The Chapel Hill Public Library sponsors this weekly knitting group to provide baby blankets for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UNC. The group will meet Tuesdays from 1-2:30pm through Feb. 16 in the library's conference room. More info at 968-2780.

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group will meet every Wednesday at Weaver St. Market in Carrboro at 9:15 a.m. Then, there will either be a hike or carpool to the designated site. If questions, contact Julie at 967-3221 or Marilyn at 932-1411.

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

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

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

Tutoring — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-2441, ext. 26 to register.





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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCVPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

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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.

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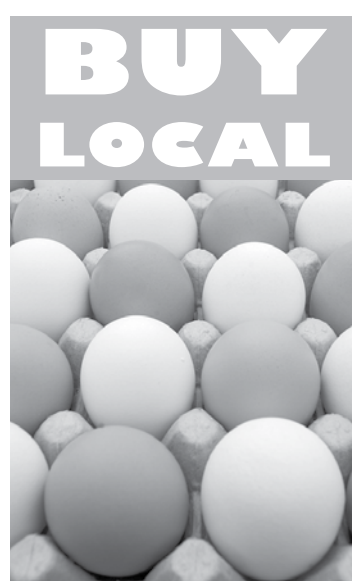
FRI 2/5 — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Turkey & Cheese Wrap; Garden Salad; Traditional Mixed; Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple Tidbits

MON 2/8 — Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Garden Salad; Baja Black Beans; Chilled Apricots

TUE 2/9 — Pork BBQ on a Bun; Macaroni & Cheese w/Whole Grain Macaroni & Wheat Roll; "Fun on the Run"; Coleslaw; Seasoned Green Beans; Chilled Pears

WED 2/10 — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Hot Dog on a Wheat Bun w/Chili; Garden Peas; Fruited Gelatin; Fresh Banana

THU 2/11 — Turkey & Cheese Sub on a Wheat Bun; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Dipping Sauce; "Fun on the Run"; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh NC Grown Apple Slices



School Briefs

Crumbs from the Table re-scheduled for this weekend

The East Chapel Hill High School theater department will present *Crumbs from the Table of Joy* this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

It's 1950 in the South and Godfrey Crump has just lost his wife. Finding solace in Father Divine and the Peace Mission Movement, he pulls up stakes and moves his teenage daughters to Brooklyn. Told through the eyes of his 17-year-old daughter, Ernestine, *Crumbs from the Table of Joy* details a story invoking the boundaries of race, gender and society.

Previously purchased tickets will be honored. Tickets are \$5 at the door, with sales starting at 6:30 p.m.

Armadillo Grill receives certificate of appreciation

Students participating in Chapel Hill High School's Tobacco Reality Unfiltered (TRU) Crew presented the manager of Armadillo Grill in Carrboro with a certificate of appreciation for the restaurant's compliance with the new smoke-free law. The TRU Crew at Chapel Hill High School recently earned the distinction of being the most active TRU group in Orange County during the fall 2009 semester.

Documentary featuring CHCCS aired Monday

The documentary *High Five: Achieving the Dream* premiered on UNC-TV on Monday, Feb. 1. The original special profiles the professional learning community initiative and examines how the Triangle High Five Regional Partnership works to improve public education in Triangle-area schools.

The High Five Regional Partnership was formed in April 2004 as a union of five school districts and five business partners. The school districts are the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, the Orange County Schools, the Durham Public Schools, the Johnston County Schools and the Wake County Public Schools. The five business partners are the News and Observer Publishing Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, SAS, Progress Energy and Capitol Broadcasting.

The five-year partnership agreement formally ended in June 2009. The five school districts continue their collaboration to reach the organization's 2013 goal of eliminating high school dropouts in our area.

Board of education meeting Thursday

There will be a Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meeting this Thursday at Chapel Hill Town Hall. The work session includes discussions on the honors course options for social studies and science for 2010-12, delaying expansion of the Dual Language Program to McDougle Elementary for an indefinite period of time and the Capitol Investment Plan.

Wedding dress display

A charming collection of dresses and memorabilia will be displayed at University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill as part of Chapel Hill student Ellie Simpson's fundraiser on behalf of Rock Against Cancer this Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The display will include items belonging to several generations of church members and will include dresses, photographs, invitations and other keepsakes.

A suggested donation of \$5 will benefit Rock Against Cancer (rockagaincancer.org), an organization that brings the healing power of music to children battling cancer.

For more information, contact University Baptist Church at 942-2157 or visit ubc-ch.org

Calligraphy class at Chapel Hill public library

UNC sophomore Zoe Wei, a gold medal winner at the National Youth Calligraphy Competition in China, will conduct a class in East Asian Calligraphy at Chapel Hill Public Library this Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. The class is free, but advance registration is required to ensure enough brushes and ink for everyone. RSVP to mpiskor@nc.rr.com. For more information, call 968-2780.

Chapel Hill High School teacher wins national honors

History teacher William V. Melega received the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

The VFW chooses three teachers each year for the award, one each from elementary, middle and high school. Teachers are nominated by their peers and enter into local and statewide competition.

Each teacher receives \$1,000 dollars for their professional development and another \$1,000 goes to their schools. In addition, the teachers receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in March to receive their awards.

Melega had previously won Chapel Hill High School Teacher of the Year and is known for bringing his history lessons to life.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Ray Crabtree

Ruth Ray Crabtree, 90, of Chapel Hill, N.C. passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at UNC Hospitals after a brief illness.

Ruth was born on June 16, 1919 to Lollie and Brownie Ray. She married Eric Crabtree in 1939 and had five children. Ruth is survived by her sons, Ray Crabtree and his wife, Sheila, and Robbie Crabtree; her daughters, Sally Mann and her husband, Larry, Elgie Hurst and her husband, Johnny, and Sarah Williamson and her husband, Wayne; six grandchildren; and one great grandson.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Ruth's devoted caregiver, Nekia Rose Scurlock.

Lenora Wagoner Marcouillier

Mrs. Lenora Wagoner Marcouillier, 70, of Fayetteville, N.C. died at her home on Saturday morning, Jan. 30.

Mrs. Marcouillier was an Orange County, N.C. native. She was preceded in death by her parents, Brantley and Alma Wagoner. She was a member of Cane Creek Baptist Church and a graduate of Hillsborough (N.C.) High School, class of 1957.

Mrs. Marcouillier is survived by her husband, Ronald Marcouillier; one daughter, Dawn Rimmer-Bonds; one step-daughter, Tammy King; three sons, Dale Rimmer, Dean Rimmer and Darryl Rimmer; 11 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister, Wanda Wagoner.

Funeral service will be conducted by Pastor Jack Edge at Cane Creek Baptist Church in Orange Grove on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. Visitation with the family will be held from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Charles Hines

Mr. Charles David Hines Sr., 70, of Hillsborough, N.C., died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010.

Mr. Hines was the son of the late Edgar Miller and Sarah

Borland Hines. He was a member of Mars Hill Baptist Church and a graduate of Hillsborough (N.C.) High School.

He was past master of Eagle Lodge #19, a member of Durham Your Rite Masonic Bodies, past member of Sudan Shrine Temple and a member of the Amran Temple.

Mr. Hines served four years in the United States Navy and was retired from UNC and Bio Meiceux.

Surviving are his wife, Norkie E. Hines; a daughter, Andrea H. Hughes, and her husband, Dave, of Hillsborough; a son, Charles David Hines Jr., and his wife, Amy, of Hillsborough; three grandchildren, Macy Hughes, Sawyer Hughes and Darah Hines; sisters Nellie Tunstall of Hillsborough, Mary Catherine Roberson and her husband, Jack, of Pittsboro, N.C., Shirley Brown and her husband, Eddie, of Richmond, Va., Sarah Jane Norton of Durham, N.C. and Irene Laube and her husband, Elzie, of Hillsborough; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hines was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold Hines and Edgar Hines, and his stepmother, Hazel Hines.

Nancy Jean Connelly Dunn

Nancy Jean Connelly Dunn, 77, of Chapel Hill, N.C. died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 at UNC Hospitals.

Mrs. Dunn was born March 24, 1932 in Detroit, Mich., daughter of the late Patrick J. and Angela Dreyer Connelly. She was schooled in Detroit and also attended Michigan State University and the University of Detroit. She lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., Rivervale, N.J., Trumbull, Conn. and Stamford, Conn. before moving to Chapel Hill in 1997. She would have celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Nancy was the loving wife of Bob Dunn, mother of Kelly and Dave Dunn and grandmother of Jack Dunn.

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FOR THE RECORD

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This has certainly been a hard week of work for those charged with keeping roads clear and travel safer during the recent spell of bad weather. Given the predictions of another jolt of winter for this coming weekend, it doesn't look like there will be much rest.

Along with the other key public-safety functions, keeping roads clear and passable, especially major thoroughfares, is a prime mission for local government and the local operations of the state Department of Transportation.

It is something of a habit for those from areas much more accustomed to this kind of weather, and much better provisioned to handle it, to kvetch about the devastation even a small snowfall wreaks on schedules. And it is something of a habit among those who grew up in the "let it melt" era, when the towns pretty much shut down until the sun did the work, to not expect much.

This is changing, and for good reason — our community is not nearly as compact a place as it once was. Neighborhoods are more spread out and places of employment are scattered about as well. Employees and students at UNC are coming in from all directions, and access in and out of the park-and-ride lots is all the more critical.

Each storm is a learning experience. We now see much better pre-storm work on the roads and, for the most part, the recent storm showed that a better-coordinated effort between local and DOT crews can quickly free up the main roads.

But as many residents know, once we get to the secondary roads the record of recovery from a major winter event is spotty at best. On some roads, shady spots, areas with poor drainage and steep hills remain slick and hazardous long after the storm has passed. This is a long-standing problem that ought to be addressed.

The condition of the secondary roads is one of the key factors used to determine when schools reopen. Local commerce is also greatly affected when employees can't get to work and customers can't get to the stores and eateries. There is also a safety issue: If you can't get out of your neighborhood, chances are that fire and EMS crews will have a hard time getting to you if you need them.

Some towns are much worse in this department than others. As many commuters learned this week when they got to Raleigh, having the interstates and highways clear doesn't help if the roads are a mess not far off your exit.

Part of the task of dealing with the storms takes place long beforehand. Towns have to have the equipment, supplies and contingency funds to adequately deal with storms and disasters.

But when the time comes, there has to be a willingness to see the job through. Scrimping on snow removal, clearing sidewalks and dropping extra sand on slick spots is penny-wise and pound-foolish. Closed stores and businesses running on limited schedules means less revenue for the private and the public sectors.

We applaud all those who have been working steadily to free us from winter's icy grip. And we encourage leaders in all towns of the Triangle to review plans and policies to see to it that the crews are well-equipped and well-staffed and fully supported in taking the fight well beyond the main roads.

Kudos

Thanks to all the restaurants, clubs, musicians and merchants who have rallied to do what they can to help the people of Haiti.

The events and the outpouring of donations have shown the true heart of our community. Last week, Mediterranean Deli pledged a full day's receipts and was packed from open to close. Hearts for Haiti are dotting the interior of the Orange County Social Club. Car's Cradle and Local 506 are hosting another round of benefits this week. In addition to raising funds, these efforts serve as reminders that even though the disaster has moved off the front page the need for assistance has not waned.

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Paying to lobby public officials for the public

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It has been hard to miss the headlines in your local paper about your city slashing the budget or your county commissioners scrambling to find cuts to respond to last year's revenue shortfall or to compensate for the cuts the state has imposed.

Local school systems laid off teachers, increased class size and closed in-school health clinics. Cities and counties slashed services, laid off workers and delayed many construction projects.

Budgets have never been tighter, we are told, yet local governments across North Carolina continue to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to hire lobbyists in Washington to influence Congress, where people we elect are supposed to represent us.

The federal lobbying reports filed in the last few days show that 25 cities and counties in the state hired lobbying firms in Washington in 2009. Mecklenburg County spent \$150,000 and Winston-Salem and High Point both spent \$120,000. And it's not just the bigger cities.

Wilson also spent \$120,000 on a lobbyist. Ayden hired one for \$40,000. So did Ahsokie and Washington County.

Most of the local governments paid The Ferguson Group to represent them. The individual lobbyist they hired was Deborah Bryant, who ran the state's Washington Office from 1993-99.

UNC campuses have also struggled with budget cuts, reducing class offerings, postponing hiring professors, expanding the size of many classes. They have raised tuition too, forcing families to pay more to send their children to college in the middle of the worst economic crisis in 75 years.

But like local governments, UNC schools have managed to find the money to spend on lobbying. UNC-Chapel Hill hired its own lobbyist

governors are frequently seen in the legislative building. Some of them are there every day as paid lobbyists for private interests too.

In 2009, 37 local governments in the state paid lobbyists to patrol the halls of the Legislative Building. The lobbyists are not full-time. They are hired guns with a long list of clients. Most of them are former members of the House and Senate.

So far, no member of the board of governors who is also a corporate lobbyist has been hired as a lobbyist by a local government, but that confusing day is surely coming.

The local governments that use our money to influence our lawmakers include big cities and suburbs like Cary and Concord. But small towns are playing the game too, places like Woodfin, Weldon and Louisburg.

Here's something for local officials to think about when they are deciding which employee to lay off or which services to the community to end or reduce:

Maybe they could rely on the people in Congress and the General Assembly who are elected to represent them to speak out for their issues in Raleigh and Washington and stop asking the rest of us to pay for people to lobby our own government.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of NC Policy Watch.

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LETTERS

Carrboro misguided

It gives one pause: An alderman elected by the vote of less than 10 percent of the Carrboro electorate gets a quarter-page in *The Citizen* ("Getting our bearings toward making things better," 1/28/10) to promote an agenda that has been discredited and whose perpetrators are in the process of losing their jobs and being prosecuted. It's as if *The Citizen* thinks that the other 90 percent of Carrboro-ites might be interested in his outdated and misguided opinion.

You have to love the irony of James Hansen being greeted in Chapel Hill by snow and temperatures in the teens.... Despite revelations of data exclusion, data destruction, manipulation of simulations, suppression of conflicting hypotheses, just plain bad science and bad scientists just plain behaving badly and maybe even criminally, the new-ice-age/global-warming/climate-change adherents continue to worship at the altar. My favorite finding of the stonewalled, manipulated data from NASA and James Hansen is: "It's as if Minneapolis stopped reporting and its average temperature was extrapolated from readings in St. Louis." Ever been to Minneapolis in the winter?

As far as Carrboro's record on the environment, let's review:

Carrboro's aldermen and women finally got cardboard into the recycling mix last year, but they continue picking

up yard debris (otherwise known as composting material) and transferring it to the landfill, where it is turned into composting material and resold to the homeowner (who placed it on the street for pickup in the first place), who takes it back home. They are also proceeding to pave over as much of Carrboro as they can with unnecessary sidewalks and a paved path through the Adams Tract. They have successfully created a myriad of bicycle lanes that cyclists shun in pref-

erence of the roadway. Implementation of their "connectivity" policy results in less connectivity and more unnecessarily driven miles per year. And their idea of beautification is to populate the side of the roads with signs, signs, everywhere a sign; most of which are unnecessary and a distraction.

In a world where NASA is now a climate research organization and the Department of Transportation is providing funding for environmental projects, I guess it makes sense that Carrboro aldermen and women are the voices of environmentalism. I can't wait for Transition Carrboro-Chapel Hill's "big bang"; bound to be as trite and predictable as the clichés describing it.

GORDON COOK
Carrboro

Support group starting

I am the mother of a daughter who has fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). Since adopting her 15 years ago, I have done everything that a mother can do to help her child, but our lives remain an incredible daily struggle. In this light, I am starting a support group in the Triangle to bring together other caregivers of children with FAS with the intention of meeting once a month.

It is my hope that we can not only help each other but also help educate the public about this problem that affects too many children worldwide, as well as in our own community. FAS is often misdiagnosed or undiagnosed. FAS, which develops due to prenatal alcohol exposure, represents a cluster of symptoms often including developmental delays, poor coordination, small motor-skill difficulties, impulsivity, mental retardation, short attention span, frequent "melt downs," poor hygiene, learning difficulties, poor social skills and seizures, to name a few.

You may contact me at kathyhotelling@embarqmail.com or 265-3390. Location and day/time of the group will be determined by the majority of interested caregivers.

KATHY HOTELLING
Pittsboro

Join CHPD for community conversations

CHRIS BLUE
ASSISTANT CHIEF

Starting this weekend, the Chapel Hill Police Department plans to undertake a unique approach to hear about our community's expectations of us. Beginning on Feb. 6, we will hold a series of community conversations to hear how we are doing as an organization. Each session will last no more than two hours and will be managed by an outside facilitator. The input will be used to develop a strategic plan aimed at improving the community-oriented policing program in Chapel Hill.

We're hoping that residents, merchants, students, and other community stakeholders will attend one of the sessions to help us think about the following questions:

1. What first comes to mind when you think of the Chapel Hill Police Department?
2. In what ways is the Chapel Hill Police Department active in your community?
3. Are there additional ways you want the Chapel Hill Police Department to serve your community?

"We hope that you will join us as we begin this important work. We'll supply the coffee and doughnuts."

4. If you think there is a gap between what you want from the Chapel Hill Police Department and what you get, how can we work together to close that gap?

5. What else would you like the Chapel Hill Police Department to know or do?

The conversations will be held on the following dates at the locations shown below:

Saturday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. — Chapel Hill Public Library

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. — United Church of Chapel Hill

Saturday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m. — St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thursday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m. — Har- graves Community Center

We hope that you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let us know how we are doing as your police department and how we can better meet the expectations that you have for us. We invite you to join us in talking about our relationship with the community and we are committed to renewing some of our long-held community relationships and forging some new ones. If you would like to attend one of the public conversations, please RSVP to outreach@townofchapelhill.org

If you can't attend, please send any comments to the same email address.

We hope that you will join us as we begin this important work. We'll supply the coffee and doughnuts.

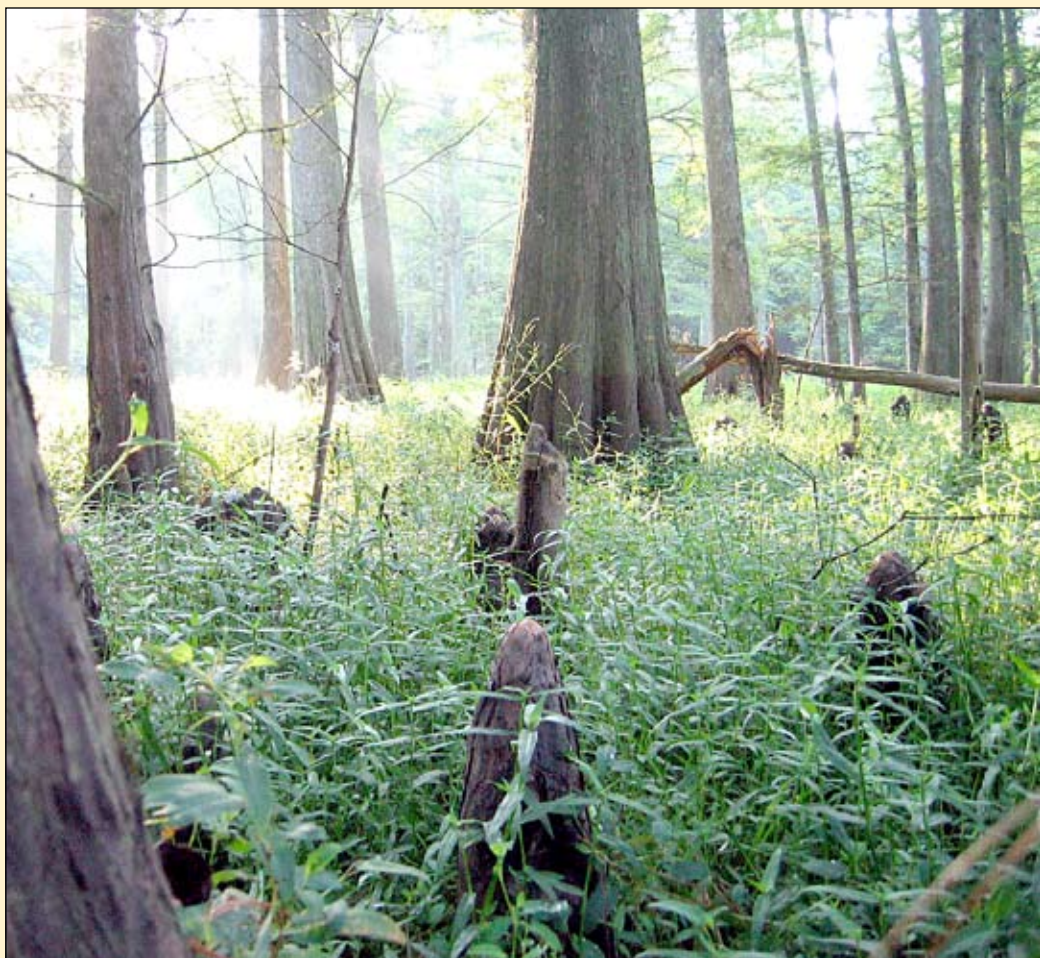
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An Avatar view of a local swamp forest.

PHOTO BY TIM STAMBAUGH

FLORA
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Tim was animated in describing the changing seasonal wonders of the woods path where he discovered the locked-in-ice sweet gum ball. I asked to see more images of his woods path. Tim's close-to-the-ground perspective of the forest floor in summer is now implanted in my head. The awesomeness of that view makes me realize that I don't need to travel to a tropical rain forest to have Avatar-like experiences. As Yoon suggests, we

merely need "to tap into our inner taxonomist to really see."

I challenge us all to explore our local woods with new energy, taking time to really see. Take an Avatar walk.

Carrboro's Adams Tract is so close to town that one would not expect to have an Avatar experience. But you can. Stand quietly in that stately pine forest and contemplate how the trees are all connected and related to other living components. Further along the trail, stop and consider those giant oaks and hickories and

maples; ponder how the skyward mingling limbs are descriptive of interactions. Settle yourself on the ground for a few minutes at the edge of one of those patches of evergreen ferns. What is their role on the forest floor and how many other different plants can you find with them? Down along Bolin Creek, sit with lichen and moss-covered boulders with wildflowers and tree seedlings clinging to crevices.

All around, look up and down and "take in the heart-stopping wonder of really seeing the living world."



Surprise Party at 99

PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Anne Edwin got a pleasant surprise on the morning of Jan. 28, when a couple of family members, friends and neighbors at Chapel Hill's Adelaide Walters Apartments gathered to celebrate her 99th birthday. Carrboro Citizen photo-journalist Ava Barlow also dropped by to snap the festivities and catch Roy Carlton wishing her a happy birthday. Mrs. Edwin moved to Chapel Hill in 2002 from Largo, Fla. to live near a niece, and has made many friends here. They describe her as a "fashion plate" who loves shopping and wearing beautiful clothing. As 84-year-old party organizer Claudia Cannady put it, "Her appearance doesn't indicate her age, and neither does her involvement with her neighbors." Another well-wisher at the party said, "Anne, you give us all something to live up to."

A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER



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CLIMATE
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The university released a Climate Action Plan in September of last year. It's near-term strategy called for replacing 20 percent of coal with torrefied wood or another coal substitute.

And while the plan, and the fact that the school had developed a strategy, drew praise, environmentalists raised concerns that it did not go far enough.

Hansen said the focus on coal makes sense because of how dirty a fuel it is and the degradation that's been caused by mining practices — especially mountaintop removal in Appalachia — and because much cleaner alternatives are available.

"Global climate change," he said, "is an issue of intergenerational injustice."

The United States, he said, must be a leader among developed countries in ending coal use.

"We really need to take the lead in phasing out coal, and our universities should be taking the lead in that," Hansen said.



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

José Rial from UNC's Department of Geosciences talks about the effect of climate change on the arctic glaciers he's studying.

Hansen was on campus as part of a speaking tour on climate change.

Prior to his visit, UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp announced a new 35-member energy task force headed up by Tim Toben, who is developing the Greenbridge project and is chair of the state's Energy Policy Council.

The task force has been

charged with evaluating UNC's carbon-reduction plans and learning what other universities are doing.

Hansen said he was encouraged by the new task force.

"I am heartened that the university is responding in a positive way," he said.

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