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Partly Cloudy
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SATURDAY
Clear
54/29

SUNDAY
Clear
61/36

C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Teacher wins national award
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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Sycamore balls dangle festively beneath a Carolina Blue sky.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Another tree with balls

Last week, I admired sycamore balls dangling from a young tree at the northeast corner of the YMCA parking area.

Also last week, Botanical Garden director Peter White shared a digital image of mounds of tawny-colored fluff, sycamore seed, assembled in irregular patterns by the rain running along the curb of his usual Carrboro-to-campus bicycle commute route. During his daily commutes, Peter has become a keen observer of curbside botany. Observing organic debris that accumulates along drainage ditches and gutters offers engaging “what’s that?” puzzles as well as clues to nature’s seasonal actions.

Closer examination shows that the fluff is an accumulation of hundreds of tiny seeds, each seed attached to a plume of fuzzy hairs that, when dry, lifts each sycamore seed far and wide on wind currents.

As described in the Jan 8, 2008, Flora, the mighty sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) is easily identified by the white color of its upper trunk, easily seen from a distance, particularly in the winter months. The lower trunk of the tree is recognized by contrasting brown and green exfoliating bark. It can’t be confused with any other North Carolina tree. It normally occurs in river bottoms, but is frequently seen in urban areas, because, like other river-bottom trees such as river birch and willow oak, it tolerates harsh urban conditions.

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Broun, Phelps to challenge Jacobs in Dem primary

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

Carrboro Alderman Joal Hall Broun filed last week to run for the at-large county commissioner seat, setting up a three-way primary between her, former Hillsborough Mayor Joe Phelps and incumbent Commissioner Barry Jacobs.

In an interview Wednesday, Broun said she is concerned about the county’s future in an era of constrained budgets.

“The county is at a critical moment,” she said.

And while she’s taking on a longtime incumbent, Broun said her decision was one of timing and not animosity toward Jacobs.

“I felt it was time,” she said. “I’m running for the seat and not against any person.”

Broun joined the board of aldermen in early 1999, when she was appointed to fill out the term of the late Hank Anderson. She was elected to the board that fall.

Phelps, who owns Phelps Realty in Hillsborough, served as mayor of Hillsborough from 2001 to 2005, when Tom Stevens defeated him by 43 votes.

Jacobs is a three-term incumbent on the board of commissioners and has served several terms as chair and

vice chair. This is the first election cycle that he had to decide whether to run as an at-large or district candidate. Voters approved a change to the make-up of the board of commissioners in 2006. The commission expanded from five to seven members two years ago, with three at-large members and two each from the two districts, which closely mirror the geography of the county’s two school districts.

The winner of the at-large Democratic primary will face Republican Greg Andrews of Efland.

The at-large race is not the only con-

tested Democratic primary for a seat on the county commission.

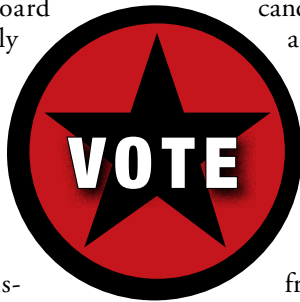
Renee Price of Hillsborough, who serves as vice-chair of the county Commission for the Environment, and Earl McKee, a farmer from Rougemont, will square off in the District 2 primary. No Republicans filed to run in the District 2 race.

Incumbent Alice Gordon, who is running in the District 1 race, did not draw an opponent from either party.

School board

The primaries aren’t the only races on the May 4 ballot. Four seats are up for grabs on the Orange County Board of Education.

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Ignore the weather, it’s baseball season

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

The clink of metal cleats just doesn’t sound the same on a frozen baseball field. It creates an empty thud, appropriate for the emptiness of a baseball field when the weather is too bad to practice.

The snow, rain and cold temperatures have gotten students some extra days off from school, providing plenty of snowman-making practice and excitement for a region unused to it. But it hasn’t exactly been good for the Carrboro High School baseball field, which has barely had a chance to thaw before it’s refrozen.

And forget about tarp coverage. Only the pitcher’s mound and batter’s box have that shelter from the elements, but Carrboro coach Nat Tyn-dall said he’s yet to go through a year where the tarps haven’t been ripped down the middle at least once.

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PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Carrboro High hurler Bobby Mook pitches in a scrimmage at Chapel Hill High last weekend.

Orange, Chatham score high marks in health

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

Feelin’ good, Orange County? According to a report just released by the Robert Wood Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, relatively speaking, you are – and Chathamites aren’t doing so bad either. The County Health Rankings report indicates that Orange is the second-healthiest county in the state, with Chatham checking in fourth.

The report ranks all counties in each of the 50 states in two categories: health factors – the sum of influences on the health of a county’s residents – and health outcomes – the actual health of those residents. Orange ranked first out of all 100 North Carolina counties in health factors and second in health outcomes (losing out to Wake County), while Chatham ranked 11th in health factors and fourth in health outcomes.

Robeson County ranked lowest in the state in health factors, Columbus in health outcomes.

Mortality (how long we live) and morbidity (how physically and men-

tally healthy we feel, as determined by surveys) were given equal weight in establishing health outcomes. Orange was second in mortality and fourth in morbidity. Chatham was ninth in mortality and second in morbidity.

Health factors were comprised of four categories: social and economic factors (education, employment, in-

and first in the three other categories. Chatham ranked eighth in social and economic factors, sixth in health behaviors, 48th in clinical care and 49th in physical environment.

Orange County had nine high-level air pollution-ozone days (as measured in 2005), as compared to a state average of four, which accounts for its low

ties such as Bear Creek and Goldston as a factor in Chatham scoring low in physical environment. She also pointed out that while the county has fewer health care options than she would prefer, surrounding counties offer considerably more, which helps account for the county ranking higher in health outcomes than health factors.

“We’re a very diverse county, and we have health issues and disparities that we need to overcome,” Coleman said. “This [report] is just a snapshot in time. We still have challenges, but we’re pleased.”

Much of the data gathered for the report was collected four or more years ago, and Coleman said Chatham has made good progress recently on its health care concerns, pointing to the just-released 2009 Health of Chatham report, which indicated improvements in health education, teen pregnancy and recreation facilities.

While the County Health Rankings bring encouraging news for local health administrators, according to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, North Carolina ranks 36th in the nation in overall health factors.

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— HOLLY COLEMAN, Chatham County health director

come, community safety and family and social support), health behaviors (tobacco use, diet and exercise, alcohol use and unsafe sex), clinical care (access to care and quality of care) and physical environment (environmental quality and built environment). Orange finished 32nd in physical environment

physical-environment ranking. Chatham’s poor showing in that category was due to slightly more air pollution-ozone days (six) than the average and relatively poor access to healthy foods.

Chatham County Public Health Director Holly Coleman pointed to the lack of grocery stores in communi-

Library issue sparks debate at council retreat

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Due to weather issues, the Chapel Hill Town Council was unable to complete its 2010 retreat, but council members agree the work that did get accomplished was positive.

“We liked the quality of work that we did, but we’d like to have time to finish,” council member Gene Pease said. The retreat was originally scheduled for two full days, Jan. 29-30, but was rescheduled to shortened days for Feb. 28 and March 1 because of snowfall at the end of January.

The main points of emphasis at the two days of retreat were the successes and failures of 2009, town finances and the fiscal 2011 budget plan and the council’s goals for 2010.

The six 2010 goals were very similar to those of 2009: stewarding organizational development; championing downtown; continued focus on land use, transit and development; maintaining and improving community facilities and services; improving the town’s fiscal condition and planning for Carolina North.

Each of these goals was further devolved into action steps on how to complete them. For example, stewarding organizational development (which Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt would rather refer to as “changing the way the government works”) calls for “learning from Carolina North experience to strengthen collaboration with UNC.”

Goals and action steps were discussed in detail and at length, leaving some of the goals to be discussed at

some later, as-yet-undetermined date.

The goal of continuing to focus on land use was not discussed, as it was deemed too complex for the amount of time, available and planning ahead for Carolina North was left out due to time constraints.

Pease said the council decided the most important issues this year were economic development initiatives, including affordable housing and ways to maintain services without increasing taxes.

“The whole budget process is high-interest, it’s clear that the citizens don’t want a tax increase, and we’re going to be working on and struggling on trying to make that happen,” Pease said.

There were both calm and heated discussions between council members, with one of the most heated involving the ongoing library issue. Two of

the most spirited debaters were Kleinschmidt and his former mayoral opponent, Matt Czajkowski.

The debate is centered around when to decide whether to use the \$16 million in bonds approved by the voters in 2003. Kleinschmidt suggests making a decision soon, while Czajkowski would rather wait until June, when the budget is finalized.

Pease said the council expects to make some decisions on moving forward by the end of March. He also said that the library issue was probably as emotional as it got at his first retreat as a council member.

“We’re learning to work together in a very positive and polite, respectful manner, and we don’t all agree on everything, which is a good thing for the town to have diversity of opinion.”

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Free flu vaccine clinic to be held at Town Hall

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MUSIC CALENDAR



P.O.S.
Local 506
Friday, March 5

Casey Burns exhibition at Hi Gallery Friday, February 26 and Saturday February 27.

THURSDAY MAR 4

Arts Center: Dervish. 8:30pm. \$24
Blue Bayou: Didact. 8-10pm. Free
The Cave: EARLY: Brandon Herndon and John Pardue's Songslingers Showcase
General Store Cafe: Dave Youngman Quartet. 7-9pm
Local 506: Big Fat Gap, Feeding The Fire, Rocket Surgeon. 9:30pm. Free
Nightlight: The Smokey Littles. 9pm. Ben Davis and The Jetts, Inspector 22, Gross Ghost. 9:30pm. \$5
The Station at Southern Rail: Bar Hop Quartet. 10pm

FRIDAY MAR 5

Blue Bayou: Haw River Rounders. 9:30pm. \$6/8
Cat's Cradle: Bowling For Soup, The Dollyrots. \$14/16
The Cave: LATE: Brian McGee and The Hollow Speed, John Howie Jr. and The Rosewood Bluff
General Store Cafe: Mandolin Orange. 8-10:30pm. \$5
Local 506: P.O.S., Dessa, Astronautalis. 9pm. \$10
Nightlight: The Lisps, Jay Cartwright. 9:30pm
The Station at Southern Rail: DJ Craig P's Old School Revue. 10pm

SATURDAY MAR 6

Blue Bayou: Persons of Interest. 9:30pm. Free
Cat's Cradle: Rogue Wave, Avi Buffalo. 9pm. \$14/16
The Cave: EARLY: Bad Dog Blues Band. \$5 LATE: Jeff Hart and The Ruins, Sea Cow
General Store Cafe: Too Much Fun. 8-10:30pm
Local 506: Jenny Owen Youngs, Bess Rogers, Allison Weiss. 9pm.
Nightlight: Future Islands, Wizzards of Rhyme, DJ's MothersBrothers, DJ Family Vacation
Open Eye Cafe: Acoustic Garage. 8pm
Pinhook (Durham): Austin Lucas, Mary Johnson Rockers, Django Haskins. 10pm. \$5

SUNDAY MAR 7

The Cave: LATE: Astronomers
Local 506: Cymbals Eat Guitars, Bear in Heaven, Freelance Whales. 9pm. \$8/10.

MONDAY MAR 8

The Cave: LATE: Teadora and Bethany Dinsick

TUESDAY MAR 9

Arts Center: Justin Townes Earle, Joe Pug. 8:30pm. \$16
Local 506: Awesome Color, Tyvek. 9:30pm. \$8
Nightlight: Mount Moriah, Sandwitches, Filthybird. 9:30pm
Reservoir: Music Hates You, Pegasus, Death Came Down the Mountain
The Station at Southern Rail: Skinny Bag of Sugar. 10pm.

WEDNESDAY MAR 10

Cat's Cradle: The Trails, Old 86. 8pm. \$9/12
The Cave: EARLY: Taz Halloween and Stu Cole LATE: Money
Local 506: Stars of Track and Field.

THURSDAY MARCH 11

Cat's Cradle: Circa Survive, Good Old War, The Christmas Lights. 7:30pm. \$16
The Cave: EARLY: Lindsey Collins. LATE: Spirit Family Reunion, Whiskey Smugglers. \$6
General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau. 7-9pm

Local 506: Danielson, Ortolan, Ben and Vesper. 8pm. \$10/12
The Station at Southern Rail: The Sundowners. 10pm

FRIDAY MARCH 12

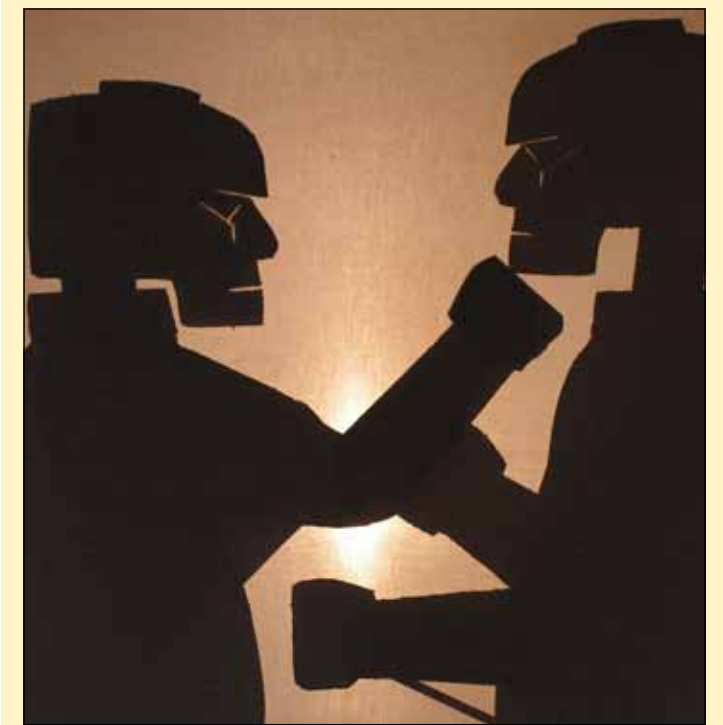
Arts Center: Terrance Simien and The Zydeco Experience. 8:30pm. \$17
Cat's Cradle: Kickin Grass Band, Adrienne Young. 9pm. \$10/12
The Cave: EARLY: Weatherkings LATE: Pierced Arrows, Shit Horse. \$10
General Store Cafe: The Swang Brothers. 8-10:30pm
Harry's Market: Durham Ukalele Orchestra. 7-9pm
Local 506: The Morning Benders, Miniature Tigers, Acrylics. 9:30pm. \$10
Nightlight: Women in Hip-Hop Sohipotome
Open Eye Cafe: The Carrbos. 8pm

SATURDAY MAR 13

Arts Center: Over The Rhine. 9pm
Blue Bayou: Gasoline Stove. 9:30pm. \$5
Cat's Cradle: The Low Anthem, Lissie, Annie and The Beekeepers. 9pm. \$12/14
The Cave: EARLY: Alex Wilkins, Worst Case Ontario LATE: Jerry Leger, Kenny Roby
General Store Cafe: Applesauce. 8-10:30pm
Local 506: Suckers, Miles Benjamin Anthony Robinson, Shilpa Ray and Her Happy Hookers. 9pm. \$8
Nightlight: Benefit for Haiti: Scientific Superstar, Anamanaguichi, Sabre Pulse, Henry Home Sweet, Starscream, Virgo 9, Barron.

The CAROLINA THEATRE
 Durham's Historic Movie Palace
 Film Schedule
 Friday, March 5 - Thursday, March 11
The White Ribbon
 Nightly at 7 & 9:35 PM
 Sat & Sun Matinees at 1:45 & 4:20 PM
Crazy Heart
 Nightly at 7:10 & 9:20 PM
 Sat & Sun Matinees at 2 & 4:00 PM
 309 West Morgan St. Downtown Durham
 www.carolinatheatre.org | 919.560.3030

SPOTLIGHT: LOVE AND ROBOTS! A PUPPET ROCK OPERA IN O'S AND I'S



This one-of-a-kind show will be at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro for two weekends, Feb. 25 through March 7, and at Saxapahaw Community Center and Paperhand Studio March 12-14 and 19-21. Check artscenterlive.org for times, prices and tickets for the Carrboro show. Tickets for the Saxapahaw show will be sold at the door.

Since 1998, Paperhand Puppets has been using corn starch, bamboo, old house paints and other assorted junk to create giant puppets, masks, shadow plays and performances for all ages. The puppets tell stories, beat drums, paint cardboard, sew cloth, get sweaty, push boundaries and carry heavy things for the entertainment of all participants.

MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

CHELSEA THEATER
 Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

The Last Station; Crazy Heart; The White Ribbon

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
 309 W Morgan St., 560-3030

Crazy Heart, nightly at 7 & 9:35 p.m., Sat/Sun matinees at 1:45 & 4:20 p.m.; The Last Station, nightly at 7:10 & 9:20 p.m., Sat/Sun matinees at 2 & 4 p.m.

LUMINA
 Southern Village, 932-9000

Cop Out; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief; The Wolfman; Valentine's Day; Up in the Air; Alice in Wonderland; Blind Side; The Hurt Locker

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Cop Out; Shutter Island; Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief; The Wolfman; The Crazies; Valentine's Day

VARSITY THEATER
 123 East Franklin St., 967-8865

Avatar; Monty Python & the Holy Grail; Mary Poppins

CAT'S CRADLE

 MO 3/29 KING KHAN & THE SHRINES
 FR 3/5**(\$14/\$16) BOWLING FOR SOUP W/DOLLYROTS
 SA 3/6 ROGUE WAVE W/AVI BUFFALO**(\$14/\$16)
 WE 3/10 THE TRAILS / OLD 86**(\$9/\$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 THE LOW ANTHEM W/LISSIE AND ANNIE AND THE BEEKEEPERS**(\$10/\$12)
 TU 3/16 KOOL KEITH**(\$15/\$17)
 TH 3/18 THE BLACK LIPS W/BOX ELDERS**(\$10/\$12)
 FR 3/19 CUNTRY KINGS**(\$8/\$10)
 SA 3/20 THE ROSEBUDS W/MOUNT WEATHER**(\$10/\$12)
 SU 3/21**(\$14/\$16) DEERHUNTER
 TU 3/23 RX BANDITS**(\$14/\$16)
 W/THE BUILDERS AND THE BUTCHERS AND ZECHS MARQUISE
 SOLD OUT TH 3/25 THE XX W/jj
 FR 3/26 THE SOFT PACK W/NODZZZ AND BEATERS**(\$10)

SU 3/21 DEERHUNTER
 SU 3/14 HERE WE GO MAGIC LOCAL 506
 SA 3/13 THE LOW ANTHEM

WE 3/10 STARS OF TRACK AND FIELD LOCAL 506

MO 3/29 KING KHAN & THE SHRINES

TU 4/13 MONOTONIX

SU 3/14 HERE WE GO MAGIC LOCAL 506

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SA 3/27 REGGAE RELIEF FOR HAITI DUB ADDIS, MICKEY MILLS & STEEL, JAMROCK AND MORE**(\$10)
 MO 3/29 KING KHAN & THE SHRINES
 W/THE FRESH AND ONLYS**(\$14/\$16)
 TU 3/30 MAJOR LAZER W/RUSKO**(\$15/\$17)
 WE 4/1 CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS**(\$15)
 FR 4/2 THE BIG PINK**(\$13/\$15)
 W/A PLACE TO BURY STRANGERS
 SA 4/3 MIDLAKE W/JOHN GRANT**(\$12/\$14)
 SU 4/4 YEASAYER W/JAVELIN**(\$14/\$16)
 MO 4/5 TED LEO AND THE PHARMACISTS
 W/SCREAMING FEMALES AND PINK FLAG**(\$13/\$15)
 TU 4/6 WIZ KHALIFA W/YELAWOLF**(\$12/\$14)
 WE 4/7 MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA W/THE FEATURES, BIFFY CLYRO AND O'BROTHER**(\$14/\$17)
 TH 4/8 TEMPER TRAP W/KISSAWAY TRAIL**(\$12/\$14)
 FR 4/9 BOWERBIRDS W/MIDTOWN DICKENS AND VEELEE**(\$12)

SA 4/10 COREY SMITH**(\$15/\$20)
 TU 4/13 MONOTONIX W / THE THERMALS, PAST LIVES AND BELLAFEA**(\$12/\$14)
 FR 4/16 JEDI MIND TRICKS**(\$16/\$18)
 WE 4/20 NEW MASTERSOUNDS
 W/SALVADOR SANTANA**(\$10/\$12)
 WE 4/21 JAY CLIFFORD**
 TH 4/22**(\$15/\$18) NEEDTOBREATHE W/WILL HOGE AND MATT HIRES
 FR 4/23 THE OLD CEREMONY**(\$10/\$12)
 SA 4/25 EDWARD MCCAIN**(\$15/\$20)
 SU 4/25 FRIGHTENED RABBIT**
 MO 4/26 QUASI W/LET'S WRESTLE**(\$10/\$12)
 TU 4/27 GOSSIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED
 FR 4/30 KAKI KING W/AN HORSE**(\$15)
 SA 5/1 BEACH HOUSE W/WASHED OUT**(\$12/\$14)
 MO 5/3 DAVE BARNES W/BEN RECTOR**(\$15)
 WE 5/5 THE ALBUM LEAF W/SEA WOLF**(\$12/\$14)

TH 5/6 KASHMIR** (LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE)
 FR 5/7 MEGAFALUN W/ MOUNT MORIAH, GREAT WHITE JENKINS**(\$10)
 SA 5/8 STEEP CANYON RANGERS**(\$12)
 FR 5/7 SHARON JONES & THE DAP KINGS**(\$25)
 FR 5/14 NEIL DIAMOND ALL STARS
 W/NEW TOWN DRUNKS**
 SU 5/16 ELUVIUM**(\$10/\$12)
 W/JULIANNA BARWICK ON SALE 3/4
 TH 5/20 THEE SILVER MT. ZION MEMORIAL ORCHESTRA**(\$13/\$15)
 FR 5/21 THE ENGLISH BEAT**(\$17/\$20)
 SA 5/22 RAILROAD EARTH W/THE INFAMOUS STRINGDUSTERS**(\$20/\$23)
 SA 5/29 CONVERGE, HARVEY MILK W/GAZA, LEWD ACTS, BLACK BREATH**(\$15)
 WE 6/2 OF MONTREAL W/NOOT D'NOOT, JAMES HUSBAND**(\$22)
 TH 6/3**(\$20/\$22) REVEREND HORTON HEAT, CRACKER
 W/LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS
 FR 6/18 IRIS DEMENT**(\$28/\$30)

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 3/10 STARS OF TRACK AND FIELD
 SU 3/14 HERE WE GO MAGIC W/LAKE INFIERIOR
 WE 3/17 FRUIT BATS W/BLUE GIANT (EX-VIVA VOCE)
 TH 3/25 SHEARWATER W/WYE OAK AND HOSPITAL SHIPS
 THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)
 SA 3/13 OVER THE RHINE
 CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)
 TH 3/25 JOANNA NEWSOM W/JENS HANNEMANN
 TU 5/11 JOSH RITTER & THE ROYAL CITY BAND
 DPAC (DURHAM)
 SA 3/27 WILCO SOLD OUT
 DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH)
 TU 4/6 ARCTIC MONKEYS W/SLEEPY SUN
 MILLENNIUM CENTER (WINSTON)
 WE 4/7 WEEN
 LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)
 TU 5/11 OK GO
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News Briefs

Spring Break transit schedule

From March 6-14, Chapel Hill Transit will be ending week-day services earlier in the evenings on the CM, CW, D, J, NU and V routes due to UNC's spring break.

The U and NU routes will not operate on Saturday, March 6 and 13 or on Sunday, March 7. The U and NU routes will begin at 2 p.m. on Sun., March 14.

Safe Rides will not operate from Friday, March 5 through Saturday, March 13. Safe Rides will resume on Thursday, March 18.

Shared Ride Services will end at 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 7.

CHT will resume normal schedules on Monday, March 15.

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

Hillsborough seeks lost email addresses

The Hillsborough Police Department has started issuing crime reports by email again. The reports give a snapshot of significant recent reports.

Due to a computer failure, many addresses from the previous subscription list were lost and are not retrievable. To subscribe to the reports, send an email with your name to ci.hillsborough.nc.us/contact/police-reports

The reports also will be posted on the Town News section of the town's website.

Citizens Police Academy

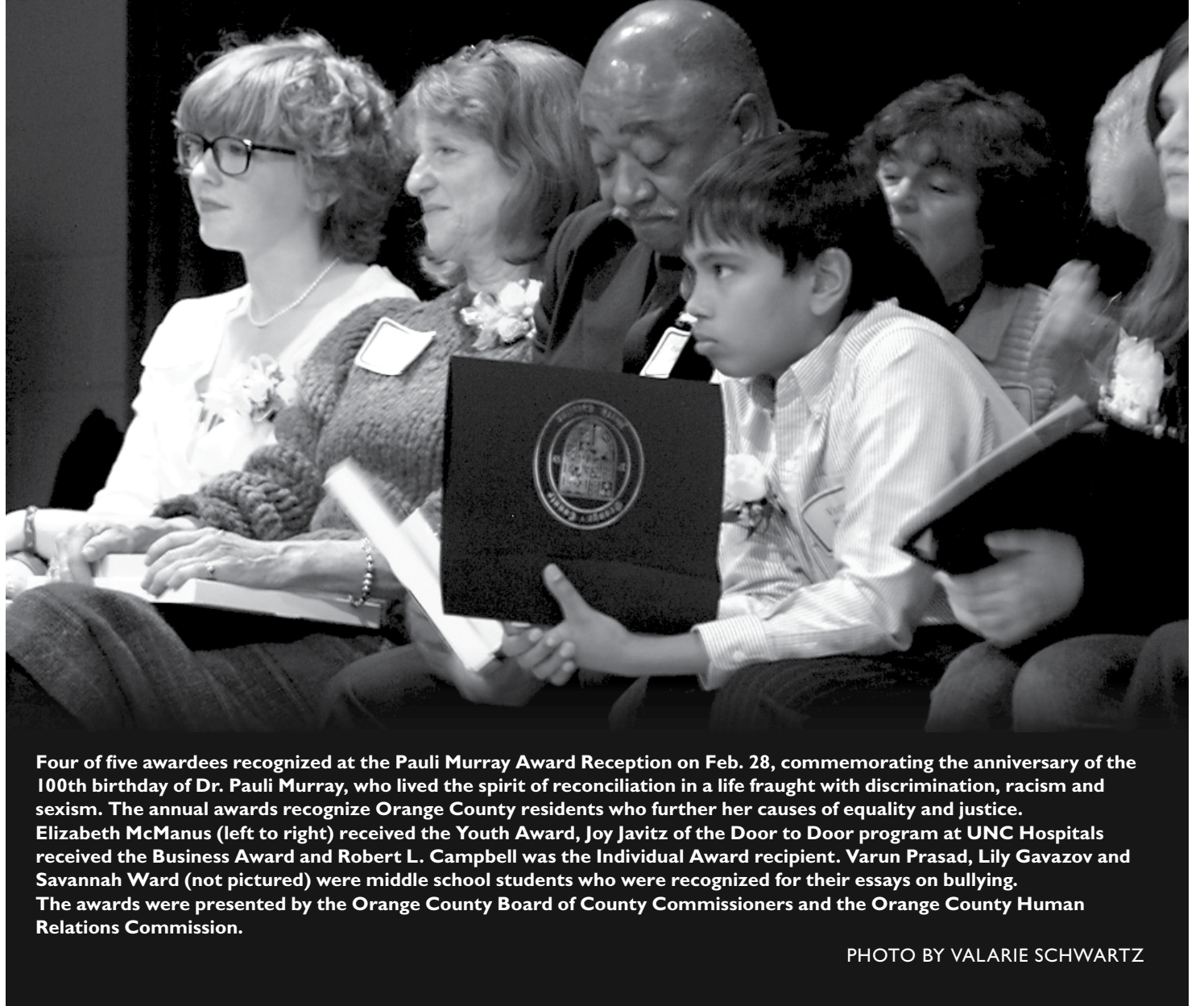
The Chapel Hill Police Department will begin hosting a Citizens Police Academy on Tuesday, April 6. The academy is a 10-week program designed to introduce participants to the inner workings of their police department. Meeting one night per week, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., participants will receive information on topics including basic law-enforcement training, the criminal justice process, patrol operations, traffic enforcement, use of force, firearms, investigations, crisis unit, K-9 unit, gangs, community services and special emergency response

Successful completion of the Citizens Police Academy does not certify participants as police officers or give them police powers, but provides the opportunity for graduates to gain a better understanding of the daily operations of the police department and, conversely, the police department to become more aware of community feelings on safety and police department response.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, live in Chapel Hill and pass a background check. Prior felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions within the last year will prevent participation.

Applications are available at the Chapel Hill Police Department or online at townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1322. For more information, contact Assistant Chief Chris Blue at 968-2760 or cblue@townofchapelhill.org

'You give me hope'



Four of five awardees recognized at the Pauli Murray Award Reception on Feb. 28, commemorating the anniversary of the 100th birthday of Dr. Pauli Murray, who lived the spirit of reconciliation in a life fraught with discrimination, racism and sexism. The annual awards recognize Orange County residents who further her causes of equality and justice. Elizabeth McManus (left to right) received the Youth Award, Joy Javitz of the Door to Door program at UNC Hospitals received the Business Award and Robert L. Campbell was the Individual Award recipient. Varun Prasad, Lily Gavazov and Savannah Ward (not pictured) were middle school students who were recognized for their essays on bullying. The awards were presented by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Upon accepting the Pauli Murray Youth Award, Elizabeth McManus, a 16-year-old student at Chapel Hill High School was unaware she would be encouraged to speak, but collected herself enough to thank the 125 or so attending in the Little Theater of New Hope Elementary School.

She had been facing them from the stage with the other recipients and presenters, enjoying the talented offerings of the St. Ambrose Jazz Quartet, which was positioned on the main floor directly in front of McManus, a breath of spring in a colorful dress and red high heels.

The music and presentations were interspersed with performances of the "Sacrificial Poets,"

a young-adult group advised by Michael Irwin, a Chapel Hill High School English teacher. One by one throughout the program, student-poets stood from their seats all around the room, reciting, rapping or reading their latest works on inequality, slavery, domestic abuse, sexism and more, emotionally rocking and bonding the audience while reminding them why Pauli Mur-

ray's work must continue.

With all this emotion in the room, McManus stood at the podium and said how happy she was to be there, hearing the music and the poets, and seeing so many people there for the occasion.

"You give me hope," she said with tightly held emotion. "You give me hope that we will find justice and equality."

Health department to offer free flu vaccines at Carrboro Town Hall in honor of Tom Robinson

The Orange County Health Department and the Town of Carrboro are teaming up to offer free H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines at Town Hall in honor of the late Tom Robinson.

Robinson, whose Carrboro-based seafood market is a downtown landmark, died last month from pneumonia caused by H1N1.

The vaccine clinic will be held at Carrboro Town Hall on Saturday, March 13 from

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The vaccines are free of charge and county health officials are cautioning those who remain unvaccinated that despite a lull in attention, the threat of serious illness from H1N1 is still significant.

The vaccine is available to all persons 6 months of age and older, without regard to residence. County officials report that the vaccine supply is currently plentiful in both the

injectable form and nasal mist.

In addition to the Town Hall clinic, the health department operates weekly walk-in clinics on the following schedule:

- Tuesday — 2 to 6 p.m. at the Whitted Building, 300 West Tryon St., Hillsborough;
- Wednesday — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Whitted Building;
- Thursday — 2 to 6 p.m., Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead

Road, Chapel Hill

- Friday — 12:30 – 4:30 p.m., Southern Human Services Center.

Please note that some young children will require two doses and may receive the booster dose from the health department or other local health care providers.

For more information, please call the health department's nurse line at 605-2051. — Staff reports

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Community Briefs



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This year's Carrboro Mite League basketball champs are the Carrboro Jazz, after an 11-0 season. Front row: Ryan Shafiei, Ben Campbell, Will Atkinson and Will Wagner; second row: Cole Phillips, Zach Anderson, D.J. Lynes and Jake Smith; Back row: Erik O'luanaigh and Max Stein-Seroussi.

NCBG plant sale opens

Thanks to warmer weather this weekend, the North Carolina Botanical Garden's daily plant sale will open for the season on Saturday.

The opening will feature the hardiest spring plants. The garden's selection of native perennials, ferns and woody plants will continue to expand as the weather warms. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. All sales support the garden's outreach and conservation programs.

Project to encourage community bonding

Individuals with disabilities and their allies in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, UNC and the Triangle are being invited to participate in a special art and social networking project by artist Park McArthur. The project, Presence Is Progress, is being organized and sponsored by the Town of Chapel Hill's Public Arts Office.

Presence Is Progress was conceived as a series of collective mobilizations/performances to encourage community bonding, public awareness, dialog and questioning. Each mobilization will utilize different pathways and sidewalks between Carrboro and Chapel Hill. The mobilizations are designed to highlight existing and new relationships

between the participants, the participants and the surrounding architectural infrastructure and the participants and the observers who witness the mobilizations.

The first Presence Is Progress mobilization will take place Saturday, March 6 at 2 p.m. at the Carrboro ArtsCenter, 300 East Main St. It will last 30 minutes and end with food and time for socializing. A second mobilization will take place March 27 in Chapel Hill. A website, presenceisprogress.wordpress.com, has been set up for updates, questions and comments.

Eve Carson memorial garden to be dedicated

UNC will dedicate the new Eve Marie Carson Garden on March 4 at 4 p.m. Named for Carolina's former student body president, the garden is located on Polk Place, off Cameron Avenue behind the Campus Y. A tribute to Carson, the garden also is intended as a place of honor for all Carolina students, past and future, who passed away before they graduated.

Speakers at the event will be Chancellor Holden Thorp; Bob Winston, chair of the UNC Board of Trustees; Student Body President Jasmin Jones; former Student Body President Seth Dearmin; and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Peggy Jablonski.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Growing Your Own Food

— Chatham County Center of Cooperative Extension will offer an introduction to food gardening, including fruits and vegetables. It will cover the basics of garden site requirements, plant needs, soil preparation, variety selection, planting times, and harvesting. The program will be 7-9pm, in the Auditorium, lower level of the Agriculture Building, 45 South Str. in Pittsboro.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Presence Is Progress

— A Community Arts Project sponsored by the Chapel Hill Public Arts Office with the purpose of people traveling together. Meet at the Carrboro Arts Center for a 30-minute mobilization about town at 2pm. It will end with food and time for socializing and reflection.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Children's Hike

— Join Triangle Land Conservancy for a children's hike at Johnston Mill Nature Preserve in Orange County. Naturalist Maria Hitt will lead children and their guardians on a search for wildlife, interesting plants and birds. You may want to bring binoculars. The recommended age for this hike is 5-12 years old, but kids of all ages are welcome. Register at TriangleLand.org/calendar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Powerdown Show and Discussion

— Transition Carrboro/Chapel Hill is hosting a Powerdown screening and discussion from 6:30-8:30pm at Flyleaf Books, 752 MLK Blvd, in Chapel Hill. From 6:30-8:30 pm. There is no charge. There will be two episodes of The Powerdown Show with a facilitated discussion afterwards.

Adolescent Education Speaker

— "Making Changes: The Path Through Adolescence" a public lecture by Peter Snow, author and master teacher, Edinburgh Waldorf School at the Brown Room in Emerson Waldorf High School, 6211 New Jericho Road, in Chapel Hill, 7pm



Friends of Downtown — With coffee at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10, Friends of Downtown meet the last Thursday of every month on the second floor of the Franklin Hotel. An update on what's happening downtown will follow a weekly speaker.



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.

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

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

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

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 repersentative 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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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PAWS4EVER — Meet Onyx! She's a little 3-yr-old girl with a whole lot packed in. She is thought to have some deer or maybe even frog in her because of the way that she loves to hop around. She is always dancing, jumping, hoping, and on occasion has been caught doing a jig in her kennel. She loves throwing around her toys, making them squeak and then pouncing on them for an extra bit of excitement. In Onyx's day, there is never a dull moment. She is 100 percent happy and always has a silly grin on her face. Getting a picture of her was quite the challenge because she wanted to show us all her cute poses at the same time! Sometimes dogs don't realize that us humans are not as fast as them, or our cameras. If you are an active person seeking a life-long best friend that will never slow ya down, she's your woman. Come on in and ask the staff about our friend Onyx; they will happily show ya the way to Onyx's room of happiness and cheer. Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org



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LANGUAGES HEARD ON BOLIN CREEK TRAIL: RUSSIAN, FRENCH, SPANISH, ENGLISH, SQUIRREL

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ELECTION
FROM PAGE 1

The close of the filing period saw a flurry of activity for the school board election, with former chair Keith Cook among those filing. Cook stepped down as chair in 2004 after admitting he plagiarized parts of a graduation speech he gave to Cedar Ridge High School. He was defeated for re-election the same year.

Also filing in the school board race last week were former county budget director Donna Dean Coffey, Laura Nicholson, Greg Williams and incumbent Anne Medenblik. They join incumbent Debbie Piscatelli and challengers Brenda Stephen and Will Atherton who filed last month.

Election notes

The Orange County Board of Elections has opted not to set up an early-voting site at Car-

rboro Town Hall. Citing cost concerns, the board decided to limit the early-voting sites to the Morehead Planetarium and the county elections office in Hillsborough.

In the last local primary, which featured a referendum on a proposed land-transfer tax, the county operated four early-voting locations sites and 1,777 residents cast their ballots at the Carrboro site. Early voting opens on April 15.

Thanks to Ruby Sinreich of OrangePolitics.org for correcting information published in a recent election story on who can vote in the primaries. Under North Carolina law, unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in a party primary as long as the parties agreed to them doing so.

In recent primaries, both parties have allowed unaffiliated voters to cast a primary ballot. A check with Orange County elections officials indicates that so far both parties are on track to do the same this year.

OBITUARIES



Thelma McBride Holloway

Thelma McBride Holloway of Chapel Hill, N.C. passed away after a long illness on February 26, 2010. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Holloway was born on February 22, 1928 in Troy, N.C., the daughter of E.L. McBride and Ella Temple. After graduating from the Watts School of Nursing in Durham, N.C. in 1947, she began a long career as a registered nurse, providing compassionate and loving care as both a staff nurse at UNC Hospitals and with private patients. It was during her time as a student nurse that she met her husband, Charles, whom she married on October 25, 1947. They were an inspiration to their family and friends

for their love, faithfulness and devotion to each other.

Mrs. Holloway was a long-time member and active volunteer at University Baptist Church, where she and her family have been members for over 63 years. She derived great joy in the time spent with family and friends and sharing her much-covered cakes and bread. She was a loyal member of several bridge clubs, delighting in the fellowship of her friends.

Known as "Mama 2" to her grandchildren, she was a woman of gentleness and faith. Mrs. Holloway faced her life and her death with grace, patience and kindness, and will be remembered by her family and friends as the sweetest person in the world. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. She will be missed deeply by all who had the honor to know and be loved by her.

She is survived by her husband, Charles, and her daughters, Linda Mortenson and her husband, Rod, of Greensboro, N.C. and Susan Holloway Phillips and her husband, Chip, of Raleigh, N.C.; her son, Frank Holloway, and his wife, Amy, of Hardwick Vt.; a daughter-in-law, Janice Holloway Ascher, of Durham; 10 beautiful and accomplished grandchildren; and three adorable great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Estelle Boroughs and her husband Woodrow, of Southern Pines.

She was preceded in death by a son, Chuck, and two sisters, Lillian Rosser and Bobbie Jean Wicker.

A memorial service celebrating Mrs. Holloway's life was held on Sunday, February 28th at the University Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mrs. Holloway's memory to the University Baptist Church.

Thomas Robinson

Thomas Marshall Robinson Jr. died on Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 at UNC Hospitals following a brief illness. Tom was born in New Hanover County, N.C. on Nov.19, 1951. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Marshall Robinson and Merle Parker Robinson, of Wilmington, N.C. Tom earned a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill as well as studying marine biology in Norway at the University of Oslo. He also pursued post-graduate studies also in biological sciences at UNC.

Tom combined his academic specialization and knowledge of the seafood industry and the North Carolina coastal region to start his own wholesale and retail business, first in Chapel Hill, N.C. and then in Carrboro, at Tom Robinson's Seafood. Tom took great pride in providing an excellent seafood supply to restaurant clients and friends in Orange County and be-

yond. His many customers and friends came to count on Tom for providing not only the freshest catch available but also enlightening educational chats in the process. His customers knew that when they purchased seafood from Tom, they would become more knowledgeable consumers and a bit enlightened on Tom's philosophy of the world.

Throughout his life, Tom traveled the world and made great friends everywhere he went. He maintained active relationships with friends not only in North Carolina and throughout the U.S. but also in Canada, France, Belgium, Norway and elsewhere.

Tom was a longtime environmentalist and he cherished his time applying his biological knowledge to the cultivation of various fruits and vegetables at his farm. He relished the opportunity to train racing pigeons and was a willing teacher of this ancient pastime to family and friends.

Tom is survived by his sweetheart and life partner, Kay Hamrick of Chapel Hill, and two sisters, Kathleen and Jane.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. at Walker's Funeral Home on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Carolina Coastal Federation.

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FROM THE EDITOR

One word: Plastics

"C'mon people, let's get it together!" I'll never forget doing a story several years back on trash collection in Chapel Hill. This was during the big debate over rollout carts and once-a-week pickup.

I rode along with a Chapel Hill crew running one of the downtown backyard pickup routes. It was right after graduation, and the experience was enlightening.

The above quote was uttered when one of the "runners" hopped off the truck to discover that a group of trashcans were full of a mix of garbage and beer bottles and no liner. That meant hoisting and dumping into the truck a heavy, wet container full of mostly recyclable material.

I muttered that quote to myself when I got word from several folks that even though we are now able to recycle rigid plastics throughout Orange County, folks in the highly literate and educated community have a hard time with the numbers 2 and 5.

As a proud patron of the Ferguson Road Solid Waste Convenience Center, I know that despite the extensive signage, there are some people who just can't make the connection between what's in their hand and what's in the bins and dumpsters. The staff there, at the landfill and at the other convenience centers scattered about the county, spend a lot of time directing and redirecting people to the right spot to recycle something.

And, I know, it's always a chore to re-educate the customers when you change things around. But the addition of bins for rigid plastics like yogurt cups, plastic toys, stadium cups and plant pots seems like a no-brainer. Unfortunately, it seems it is, but not in a good way.

Thanks to those working at the staffed centers, the bins are generally being used for what they're for. At the unstaffed recycling spots, we're not doing so well.

Aside from the inconvenience – and cost – of having to re-sort the plastics from cans and bottles and other stuff, the need for better and more thoughtful participation in the program is more than just a reduction in the waste stream heading to the landfill.

Recycled plastics are a growing industry not far from here, and the program has promise to be a strong financial plus for the county.

So, yeah, let's get it together people – for the environment and the bottom line.

Idiot at the levers

After years of voting for off-budget wars, rampant giveaways to various industries and trillions of dollars in tax cuts that went mainly to the wealthy, Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky suddenly decided he didn't like deficit spending and held up a bill that funds unemployment insurance extension and highway construction projects and stops a major cut in reimbursements to hospitals and clinics. The move affected 500,000 unemployed North Carolinians, several highway projects and the patients and practitioners in our health care centers.

That one arrogant grandstander can pull this off is proof enough that something is wrong with the U.S. Senate (as if after the health care debate we needed more proof). What's also wrong is the spin that Bunning's blunder was the work of a lone rogue. It's hard to say the man's delusions were solely his when not only did his own party not stop him, but several leaders – also newly minted converts to fiscal prudence – jumped to his defense. The number-two Republican senator even tried to suggest that unemployment insurance is a disincentive to get back to work. Note to Sen. Kyle: You have to apply for jobs regularly to continue to get the checks.)

The lack of compassion, comity and common sense should be a reminder that as the GOP looks at the fall congressional elections and licks its chops, it has become a hostage to bitter ideologues with no real regard for the little people for whom they claim to speak.

Correction

A photo that ran with a story on Abraham Palmer's home bakery should have identified the subject as Abraham Palmer.

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Time for a better way on libraries

ALEXANDRA BROWN

The latest library debate is becoming farcical. The Chapel Hill Public Library wants Orange County to contribute more to the town's budget. The county says no. Chapel Hill says if there is no county increase, they'll begin to charge library patrons who live outside the Chapel Hill town limits. Both sides refuse to budge. I am reminded of the Dr. Seuss story, *The Zax*, and, as the story goes, they will never compromise and will remain firm in their positions as the world goes on around them. Let's find a way around this.

In all the recent articles and letters, I am struck by the fact that many of the "pro" CHPL folks (in quotes because none of us is anti-CHPL) don't seem to realize a few things:

Orange County taxpayers living outside of Chapel Hill do pay for libraries, including CHPL. Not enough, for sure (particularly for funding of the county libraries), but these folks need to stop acting like those of us who live outside Chapel Hill are contributing nothing to their budget.

Clearly, the current library services of Carrboro and southwest Orange County are inadequate, hence the burden on CHPL. It therefore makes (common) sense that if the citizens of this area were better served by the county libraries, the burden on CHPL would be greatly reduced. Charge county taxpayers outside Chapel Hill more for county libraries if you like.

According to state law, if CHPL charges a fee for patrons who reside in Orange County, it will lose the

\$250,000 it currently receive from the county. CHPL says it has roughly 12,000 patrons from Orange County who don't live in Chapel Hill. Many of these users are probably lapsed. Some are infrequent users who wouldn't bother to use CHPL if it would cost them. Some, no doubt, simply can't afford to pay any fee. Let's say 7,500 (a generous number, I think) were willing to pay for the privilege of using the library. CHPL

properly fund the current branches in the county system instead of constantly threatening them with cutbacks or closure. Let's hold the county commissioners to their 2009 promise to designate funds for a full-service Southwest Regional Library and to their commitment to increase per capita spending on library services (Orange County ranks in the bottom third in the state). Let's exact a promise from them that if Chapel Hill carries through with its threat, or maybe even if it doesn't, that \$250,000 will go directly to funding the branch libraries, current and proposed, in Orange County. Let's keep the Town of Carrboro involved in a constructive way, like providing a site for the Southwest Orange Regional Library. Let's remind all our local officials to re-read the 2007 Library Tax Force Report collecting dust on their shelves. Let's keep our libraries in mind when we vote.

Residents of Carrboro and southwest Orange County make up 35 percent of CHPL's patrons. I'll say it again; if these citizens had adequate library services, the burden would be off CHPL. They wouldn't need to expand. Everybody wins.

This doesn't have to be complicated or contentious. The answer is simple. Fund the Southwest Orange Regional Library.

Sometimes you need to look around instead of straight ahead.

Alexandra Brown is a resident of White Cross and a former employee of the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle schools. She is treasurer of Friends of the Library.

Let's find a solution that provides adequate library services for everyone in Orange County, not just those fortunate enough to live in Chapel Hill.

would have to charge about the same as Chapel Hill residents pay in taxes for CHPL (\$34) just to break even if/when it loses the \$250,000 the county contributes. To reach the \$1 million Chapel Hill thinks the county should pay, a charge of \$134 per non-town resident would have to be levied. Naturally, the more CHPL were to charge, the smaller the pool of those willing and able to pay. It's a hollow threat. If the Chapel Hill Public Library tries to charge non-Chapel Hill residents anything less than an exorbitant yearly fee, the library will end up with less than it wants, and possibly even less than it has.

Let's work on building around the Zax. Let's find a solution that provides adequate library services for everyone in Orange County, not just those fortunate enough to live in Chapel Hill. Let's

Why don't cell phone bans reduce collisions?

(And why Chapel Hill's ban might be different)

KENNETH C. MILLS

In traffic safety, we've seen study after study demonstrate that phoning while driving increases crash risk. The data come from a variety of studies over years: lab studies, simulator studies, on-the-road studies, driving-record analysis, phone-record analysis and collision data. Many authors conclude that phone use increases crash risk four-fold and that such behavior is equivalent to driving while legally intoxicated. (Texting is another matter altogether; new studies find a 20-fold increase in risk while text messaging.)

However, this year the Highway Loss Data Institute (HLDI, an affiliate of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety) released a rigorous study that found no reductions in crashes after handheld phone bans take effect. Comparing insurance claims for crash damage in four U.S. jurisdictions before and after such bans, the study found no decrease in claims compared with nearby jurisdictions without such bans. The HLDI researchers were perplexed by the results because their data didn't match the existing literature.

There may be many reasons why cell

phone bans don't work, not the least of which are the impossibility of enforcement and no real consequences to the driver. However, according to Alert-Driver data with more than 4,000 drivers, the bans send the wrong message. They focus on the cell phone instead of risky attitudes and behaviors. Studies show that most small distracting activities, including phoning, eating, putting in a CD or fidgeting with the kids, increase crash risk. Cell phones per se are not the only culprits. The prime suspect is the attitude that, "I can get away with something else and drive."

As long as drivers minimize the negative consequences of doing the small stuff when they drive, there is no incentive for them to change risky behavior. Instead of an attitude of, "Being inattentive could hurt or maim someone else for life," the prevailing attitude is, "It's OK to do if I don't get caught."

So people switch from handheld phones to hands-free, under the illusion that they are safer. Or they wait until they are at a stop light to bend down and text, phone still in the lap when they move. They choose to have a fast-food bag on their lap and a drink in one hand. This week, I witnessed a

student reading notes on her steering wheel while going 45 mph on the N.C. 54 bypass. Studies show driver overconfidence is a prominent risk factor.

A true sense of public outrage is starting to emerge about inattentive drivers. People are becoming alarmingly conscious about what the person in the next car is doing: phoning, eating, grooming, etc. Why? They know it can kill them.

The point is that a ban on cell phone use without a significant change in public attitudes about inattentive driving is likely to fail. However, the citizens of Chapel Hill and Carrboro are progressive in their attitudes about health and safety. The proposed ban by the Chapel Hill Town Council represents a grassroots effort to cut down on risky behaviors. We have a strong judicial community, an involved citizenry and a sense of identity around public health. A local ban will get the attention of the media, and that is important. We need to send the message that inattentive driving attitudes and behaviors are unacceptable and dangerous to our community.

Kenneth C. Mills is a resident of Chapel Hill.

LETTERS

Why we need to change cell phone use

At the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting on Jan. 25, I petitioned the council to open discussions about prohibiting handheld cell phone usage while driving in Chapel Hill. I also proposed that the town hold a public forum on this topic, where concerned citizens could express their opinions. Since the election, I have heard from many citizens who feel that it is becoming increasingly dangerous to drive in Chapel Hill because people are not paying attention to the road. The problem is particularly bad on campus.

Currently, there is no ban on handheld cell phone use while driving in North Carolina, though drivers under 18 and school bus drivers are banned from all cell phone use while driving and all drivers are banned from texting while driving. Local jurisdictions in North Carolina may need specific state statutory authority to ban cell phones. This is a question that Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos will pose to the N.C. legislature if Chapel Hill chooses to go forward with a ban. Throughout the country, there are seven states that ban handheld cell phone use while driving. Six states allow localities to ban cell phone use while driving and 11 jurisdictions in those states have done so. Localities are prohibited from banning cell phone use in eight states.

Studies conducted by the National Safety Council show that driving while talking on a cell phone is extremely dangerous and puts drivers at a four-times greater risk of a crash. A study conducted by Harvard Center of Risk Analysis concludes that 6 percent of crashes in the United States are due to driving and cell phone usage. That equates to 636,000 crashes, 330,000 injuries, 12,000 serious injuries and about 2,600 deaths each year.

My fellow council members raised many good points at the public forum, such as how the ban would be enforced and who would enforce it on campus. It was also stated that the citizens and students must be educated about the ban and about the dangers of driving while talking on the phone. While we wait for the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee's report, due April 15, we will continue to explore how to legally navigate this issue if we choose to move it forward, and to work with local law enforcement to better understand how enforcement would work if this ban were to become law.

PENNY RICH
(Rich serves on the Chapel Hill Town Council)

Win-win on greenway

I have been following the discussion about the proposed Bolin Creek Greenway, and found myself agreeing with both sides: paved greenway to provide more accessibility vs. unpaved to preserve more of the natural setting. Recently, my opinion has tipped over to the paved option. Dave Otto provided more support for this option by pointing out that the paved greenway, when built, would represent a very small fraction of the entire wooded area. I agree. I personally prefer to walk on unpaved, natural paths through the woods. But I recognize this is not a viable option for those with handicaps, mothers with baby strollers and bicyclists. So, let's have a paved greenway to provide more accessibility. I can still wander off into the woods if I want. A win-win for everyone.

NILS BRUBAKER
Chapel Hill

CHHS teacher wins national award

BY KATE GRIESMANN
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Bill Melega, a Chapel Hill High School social studies teacher, will be honored in Washington, D.C. this month for winning the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Melega, who has worked at Chapel Hill High School for 13 years, is the first teacher from North Carolina to win the national award.

"This is a very humbling award," said Melega. "Chapel Hill High School teachers work really hard — as do all teachers — and many times our efforts go unrecognized, but I would like everyone to know how good and caring teachers in Chapel Hill-Carrboro really are."

For the contest, Melega was asked to submit descriptions of how he teaches and other documentation of accomplishments and professional development. One of the items Melega sent in was a film he had made about Chapel Hill's connection to Pearl Harbor, which is part of a classroom documentary series on U.S. conflicts in the 20th century. The submissions were enough to carry Melega through three rounds of competition before he

landed at the national level.

Though he knows little about the evaluation and selection process, Melega was told that competition at the state and national level was fierce. Along with recognition in Washington, D.C., Melega and Chapel Hill High School will each receive \$1,000 to be used for professional development.

Melega plans to use the prize money to work on another installment in the documentary series, which has proved to be a useful and popular teaching tool. "The further we move from the events, the more is lost to history," said Melega, who has taken several educational trips to Europe and around the United States with his students. "My students say that if they cannot travel somewhere with me, then seeing me in person in an historical location really brings it to life."

Thus far Melega has created films about the Korean War and World War II, and Vietnam is next on his list.

"The History Channel, Discovery Channel and Military Channel are great for an older audience, but my job is to bring it to life and make it interesting for young people to understand



Chapel Hill High School's Bill Melega with two survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack during a recent trip to the Pearl Harbor Memorial.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL MELEGA

what happened in Vietnam: why it happened and how it affects today," he said.

Melega's dedication to engaging his students is undoubtedly one of the reasons he was selected as the National Citizenship

Education Teacher. But bringing history alive for teenagers is also the fulfillment of a goal Melega has had since the fifth grade, when he decided that he would spend his career as a teacher.

"I remember looking around the room and seeing how everyone was listening to everything our teacher said, and thought that he had the greatest job in the world," said Melega. "It is especially rewarding when stu-

dents come back from college to visit or they send emails thanking me and telling me that they did not realize it at the time, but they learned so much in my class."



LUNCH MENU

FRI 3/5 — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Turkey & Cheese Wrap; Garden Salad; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Fresh Pears

MON 3/8 — Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Garden Salad; Baja Black Beans; Chilled Apricots

TUE 3/9 — Pork BBQ on a Bun; Macaroni & Cheese; w/Whole Grain Macaroni & Wheat Roll; "Fun on the Run"; Coleslaw; Seasoned Green Beans; Chilled Pears

WED 3/10 — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Hot Dog on a Wheat Bun; w/Chili; Garden Peas; Fruited Gelatin; Fresh Banana

THU 3/11 — Turkey & Cheese Sub on a Wheat Bun; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Dipping Sauce; "Fun on the Run"; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh Apples

School Briefs

Online parent survey

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro School system is once again planning to administer a parent survey to collect feedback about school and district programs and services. This year, for the first time, the survey will be administered primarily online. Parents who have an email address on file with the district received instructions via email on Friday, Feb. 26. Parents who did not have an email address on file should have received a paper copy of the survey this week.

All surveys must be completed by parents no later than Friday, March 19.

Phillips team has most knowledge

The Phillips Middle School AVID Team of Taiesha Alston, Maddy Pearce, Hannah Burroughs, Quincy McDuffie, Isriel Settles and Teara Holt won the second annual AVID Black History Month Knowledge Bowl.

The Knowledge Bowl was held Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Hargraves Community Center. The event was sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. to encourage student success and stimulate interest in African-American history among young people.

CHS jazz bands perform

Chapel Hill High School's jazz band and combos performed at the 33rd annual Carolina Jazz Festival held at UNC.

The event is a regional version of the national "Essentially Ellington" Jazz Festival sponsored by Wynton Marsalis of Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York.

The jazz band earned the Outstanding Big Band award and one of the combos was recognized as the Outstanding Jazz Combo. Six students received Outstanding Soloist awards. They are, Alex Boyd, Nora Burgard, Grame Roberts, Sam Salvesen, Alex Smith and Max Tice-Lewis.

The jazz band also was invited to perform at Memorial Hall prior to the Feb. 25 North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra Concert. Drew Carter is the band director.

The CHHS and ECHHS jazz combos will perform a joint concert on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in the East Chapel Hill High Auditorium.

CHCCS Recognized by Triangle United Way

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have been honored by the Triangle United Way for the Best Sustained Campaign Performance in Orange County. The award was presented Feb. 25 at the Triangle United Way's 2010 Campaign Awards held in the Durham Performing Arts Center. CHCCS was the only school district recognized at the event. CHCCS employees contributed in excess of \$49,000 during the 2009 United Way Campaign.

Unity Dinner

Carrboro High School held its second annual Unity Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 25. The dinner was the school's culminating event for the observation of Black History Month. The CHS Jazz Band, under the direction of Frank Jones, provided entertainment during the meal. After dinner, a program was held in the school's gym featuring the CHS step team and musical performances by students.

Prior to the dinner, the school sponsored an Advocacy Walk, intended to highlight safety concerns of students who walk to CHS. The group met at Frank Porter Graham Elementary and walked to Carrboro High. Along the way, group members noted roads without sidewalks, bus stops in awkward locations, streets without crosswalks and muddy paths.

Music and bonanza for charity

Partners in Health and Doctors without Borders will be the beneficiaries of a performance event being co-sponsored by Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high schools. The event will be held Sunday, March 7 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center and kicks off with a welcome and performance by

Chapel Hill poetry and spoken-word group Sacrificial Poets. They will be followed by Lucky 13, a CHHS women's capella group. PATO, a band from ECHHS, will be next on the schedule. They will be followed by a battle of the guitars that will pit musicians from the two schools against one another. The first half of the show will conclude with a performance by Bipolar Express, a CHHS band.

After a brief intermission, the program will resume with another appearance by the Sacrificial Poets. BoardStiff, an ECHHS band, will be next. They will be followed by the Alley Cats, ECHHS' women's capella group. Ukulele Orchestra, a CHHS band, is next on the program. The last musical group of the afternoon will be the Beau Brummels, ECHHS' men's capella group. The Sacrificial Poets will wrap up the day's schedule.

A \$5 donation is recommended but larger donations are appreciated.

Teacher awarded grant

Kitty Heller, a teacher at Carrboro Elementary School, was selected to receive an environmental education grant. The award is part of N.C. Beautiful's Windows of Opportunity Grants and was made possible by a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. These grants reward teachers in the Duke Energy service area and are a reflection of the teacher's commitment and creativity in involving their students in environmental stewardship.

Heller will use the award to work with first-grade students, teachers and staff to identify and mark native North Carolina trees on the school campus. Students will write and publish a tree guidebook with drawings, poems and photography to describe locating the trees.

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MARK TRAIL

THE OSPREY, INTIMIDATING AS IT APPEARS WITH ITS LARGE SIZE AND POWERFUL BEAK, IS OFTEN THE VICTIM OF THIEVES

UPON SEEING THE OSPREY CATCH A FISH, THE LESS-SKILLED FISHERMEN AMONG THE HAWKS AND EAGLES WILL TRY TO TAKE ITS DINNER AWAY...

THE OSPREY, KNOWN AS THE FISH HAWK IN NORTH AMERICA, IS THE SIZE OF A SMALL EAGLE, AND IN FLIGHT, ITS LONG, NARROW WINGS SPAN ABOUT 5 FEET

NEVER FOUND FAR FROM SHORE, THE BIG BIRDS ARE AT HOME IN BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENTS... THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO KEEP THE SAME NEST IN USE FOR OVER 100 YEARS

AND IF IT LEAVES ITS NEST UNGUARDED, SEAGULLS WILL STEAL THE MOTHER'S PRECIOUS EGGS

BUT TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, SMALL SHORE BIRDS MAY BOLDLY ENTER THE NEST WHILE THE OSPREY IS STILL THERE...

AND ATTEMPT TO STEAL BITS OF FISH FROM RIGHT UNDER THE FISH HAWK'S NOSE

OSPREYS ARE USUALLY FOUND ON THE COAST, BUT THEY ALSO MAKE THEIR HOMES BY LAKES AND RIVERS

MANY OF THE OSPREY POPULATIONS MIGRATE SOUTHWARD IN WINTER AS FAR AS NORTHERN SOUTH AMERICA

puzzle solutions

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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: What?

Nobody goes there anymore - it's too crowded. - Yogi Berra, while talking to Stan Musial and Joe Garagiola about Berra's restaurant in St. Louis.

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GUY B. PHILLIPS

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Carrboro boys take NCHSAA 1A/2A swimming championship



PHOTO BY WENDY BANNING

The Carrboro boys' swim team took an early commanding lead in the state championship last month and never let up, compiling a score of 368 points and winning by 202 points over second-place finisher Bishop McGinnis. The Carrboro girls' team finished a close second to West Davidson. Pictured is the gold medal-winning 400-yard freestyle relay team. From left to right: Caleb Camp, George Beatty, Chris Gondek and Sam Strosnider.

BASEBALL FROM PAGE 1

Softball and baseball players practice in what amounts to a wind tunnel downhill from Carrboro High. Even on sunny days, the wind chill keeps players in long sleeves and the gusts knock their caps off their heads.

"The players have good spirit, and are getting pumped up," Tyndall said. "But of course you have to get pumped up when it's so cold."

Tyndall is reluctant to hit as many grounders with leather balls and a soaked field, so on those dampened days players and coaches go over strategy and base signs instead of playing around in the mud.

Senior, Bobby Mook who pitches and plays infield, said it's been tough, and he'd like to have more practice.

"We need to be out here throwing every day," Mook said. "It'd be nice to be able to get grounders every day. Just not being able to practice as much as we'd want to makes it harder."

Mook said the cold weather puts extra strain on the arms of the players as well. Catcher Alex Billman added that it causes more cramp-ups than usual. This makes it harder for players to loosen their arms and muscles.

The weather has shortened an already short preparation time for the 2010 Carrboro baseball season, and the players say they're just ready to get started on what they hope to be a winning season.

"We need to start developing the mindset that we should win every game we play," Mook said. "We need to work on that confidence as a team."

"Coach said take it game by game, week by week, don't think about what the main outcome will be, just focus on the game," Billman added.

That mindset started this past weekend with scrimmages against Graham and at Chapel Hill High School. The games had no meaning in the standings, but served as a way for the players to get rid of some restlessness caused by days of no practice.

Games will be in full force this week and the next couple of months, when temperatures rise. There's nothing quite like the pop of a baseball glove or the ping of a bat to announce that spring is here.



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The spiky sweetgum ball differs from the sycamore ball. From left to right: spiky sweetgum ball (notice a few tiny seeds in upper left); intact sycamore ball, seed ends making the outer surface; sycamore ball exploded, displaying numerous hairy plumed seeds; the inner hard core, a pioneer's button, still attached to the twig.

FLORA
FROM PAGE 1

The smooth sycamore balls are fun to compare with the spiky sweetgum balls described in last week's Flora. Balls of both trees are similar in that they hang on long cord-like peduncles at the ends of tree branches and both are having a major drop during this early spring season. Though the spiky sweetgum balls are dropping now, they dispersed their seed back in the fall.

Sycamore balls are made of countless hairy-plumed seeds that seem to be glued together. The ends of the seeds form the surface of the ball.

It is nature's wisdom that now is the time for sycamore seeds to be dispersed. You will often find flattened clumps of seed fluff on the ground beneath the big trees. You may get a glimpse of the seeds flying above, singly or clustered, or you may be lucky to witness one of those hanging balls suddenly explode to release a cloud of fluffy seed to be carried aloft.

Following the release of the seeds from that sycamore ball, you may find a smaller ball still hanging. That is the very hard core that was commonly used by Native Americans and pioneers for shirt and jacket buttons. If you have an opportunity to

examine one close up, you will be impressed by how hard that little center core is, and by the durability of the attached stem, the peduncle, by which it was attached to the tree.

A good place right now to compare the balls of both trees is below the playground area of Carrboro's Wilson Park. There are great specimens of both trees with balls on the ground and hanging aloft.

While taking a closer look, pause and wonder how those tiny seeds can become such giant trees, and be awed at the natural mechanism that holds onto those seeds and then disperses them so opportunistically.



Lillie Pratt: It Might As Well Be Spring

Spring seems downright shy about making its entrance this year, causing us to seek out signs of winter's end and buds a-bustin'. So I'm taking comfort in this image from down on Franklin Street – the venerable Lillie Mozelle Pratt, 82, dressed for the late-winter chill and accompanied by her son Benjamin, 49, who works with special-needs kids in local schools. Lillie, the last of the original Flower Ladies, always has a kind word for her longtime customers – and if you've been taking her picture for 40 years – a kiss. Now that's enough to bring on spring for sure.

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