

Sookram has a 'different outlook' for mayor

By Sofia Morales
Staff Writer

Tim Sookram has often turned to literature for advice.

While making the decision to enter the race for mayor of Chapel Hill, Sookram remembered a piece by Douglas Adams that describes a planet run by lizards.

On Adams' planet, none of the citizens question their reptilian rulers and continue to vote them into office while later complaining about them. "A lot of people are like that

with politics," Sookram said of the current political system.

"I just saw there was a low barrier to entry, and I felt like doing my fair share of trying to affect change in the community," he said. Sookram, who moved to Chapel Hill a year ago, said he doesn't think his short time in town will be an obstacle in addressing the challenges Chapel Hill faces.

"I think I can provide a different outlook as opposed to someone who has been here for a long time," he said.

Sookram said he wants to address urban development, government inefficiencies and issues like bike lanes, transportation opportunities and the town's

walkability.

"I've noticed that on the street I live on folks are contemplating shutting down bus stops," Sookram said. "It is going to make it tough for anyone who works at UNC or works downtown or goes to school there."

Sookram graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in French but is now an independent web designer, he said.

Despite not having a background in politics, Sookram said he believes his skills as a programmer will help him if he is elected mayor.

"Basically, anybody that works in programming is looking for fixing problems and making effi-

ciencies, trying to see the product through the eyes of the users and trying to improve it," he said.

"So I feel like that same kind of strategy would help us into trying to figure out what the problem is and how we could make it better."

Aside from creating websites, Sookram said he likes listening to music, watching movies on Netflix and playing the guitar and singing in his band Gentle Robot.

Desmond Mullen, the band's drummer, described Sookram as quiet, clever and thoughtful, and said he thinks Sookram's talent with languages sets him apart from other candidates.

"I think he would make a good mayor because he would consider

the ramifications of his actions," Mullen said.

In November's election, Sookram will run against incumbent Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and former mayor Kevin Wolff, who has run three previous times.

"I think having a competitive mayoral race is always a good thing for the community," Kleinschmidt said.

"It is a vehicle for the community to discuss some of the important issues. I look forward to having conversations with (Sookram) and Mr. Wolff about their visions for Chapel Hill."

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Tim Sookram, who moved to Chapel Hill about a year ago, has entered the race for town mayor.

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» Bipartisan Gang of Six senators offers debt plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The prospects for a significant debt-ceiling compromise were revived Tuesday, as President Barack Obama signaled possible support for a plan being offered by the so-called Gang of Six senators that includes steep spending cuts and an overhaul of the tax code.

Making a surprise appearance in the White House briefing room, Obama said the package crafted by the bipartisan group is "broadly consistent with the approach I've urged," and called it a "very significant step" in the months-long negotiations over raising the nation's debt ceiling.

An executive summary of the Gang of Six plan outlines an immediate \$500 billion in spending cuts, with a total of \$3.7 trillion in deficit reduction in the next decade.

It includes entitlement reforms — a major concern of Democrats — and "fundamental" tax reform, something that Republicans have been wary of throughout the debt negotiations.

The president said that following the House vote on its debt-ceiling plan, he would call House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to arrange for a new round of talks at the White House this week.

"There's going to have to be a broader agreement on the part of all the leadership that we're going to get this done in a serious way, and we've got a tight deadline to do it," Obama said.

Murdoch deals with scrutiny, cream at Parliament hearing

LONDON (MCT) — News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch endured not only verbal blows but also an attempted physical attack Tuesday during his historic appearance before a committee of the British Parliament to account for the alleged illegal activities of reporters at his newspapers accused of hacking people's cell phones.

The hearing was interrupted when it appeared that someone tried to strike the 80-year-old Murdoch, perhaps with shaving cream.

The crowd gasped, and his son James Murdoch — who was sitting next to him at the witness table — leaped to his father's defense. Rupert Murdoch's wife, Wendi Deng, who was sitting behind the mogul, jumped up and reached out to slap the offender.

Murdoch told members that he did not think he was ultimately responsible for the phone-hacking scandal that brought down the News of the World tabloid, a 168-year-old institution, and now threatens his global media empire.



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» President Obama speaks in the White House last week. Obama has expressed tentative support for a debt compromise offered by senators.

Bill Gates focuses energies on 'reinventing the toilet'

SEATTLE (MCT) — Bill Gates is turning his penchant for cutting-edge invention on the most unglamorous of devices: the toilet.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is launching a program Tuesday aimed at "reinventing the toilet," and providing \$42 million in grants to create and test new approaches to improve sanitation in the developing world. The projects were being announced at a conference in Rwanda.

The new grants aim to develop affordable latrines, promote sanitation in communities and find new ways to capture and store waste, processing it into energy, fertilizer and even fresh water.

Israel seizes another protest flotilla as part of blockade

JERUSALEM (MCT) — Israeli naval vessels on Tuesday seized a French-flagged protest boat carrying 16 pro-Palestinian passengers as it attempted to break through Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Israeli officials said the takeover occurred without the kind of violence and bloodshed that erupted more than a year ago, when nine Turkish activists on a similar protest flotilla were shot and killed by Israeli commandos who came under attack by passengers.

Israel vowed to transfer any humanitarian supplies carried by the ship to Gaza by land, but passengers told Israeli soldiers in a radio communication that they had no cargo.

Schuler focuses on local economy

By Sarah Glen
City Editor

Carl Schuler traveled more than 800 miles from his hometown of Ottawa, Ontario, before finding his way to Chapel Hill.

A nurse consultant at the UNC Center for Heart and Vascular Care, Schuler can often be seen on South Campus conducting clinical trials as a study nurse.

But after working in scrubs for more than 20 years, Schuler has decided to apply his medical background to a new field: politics.

In the company of fellow newcomers Lee Storror, Laney Dale, Augustus Cho, Jason Baker and Jon DeHart, Schuler will run for a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council against incumbents Matt Czajkowski, Donna Bell and Jim Ward.

Schuler said his decision to seek office progressed from participating in the Vineyard Square Homeowners' Association and attending council meetings.

"I think it's a natural extension," he said. "The decision was really one of timing."

If Schuler gains a seat on the council, he said he wants to focus on growing the local economy.

"We've already got the comprehensive plan moving forward, but that won't be in its final stage until next year," he said. "We need to look at our resources and make

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Laurin Mancour,
Former ACRP president

sure we're on target, especially with projects like Carolina North."

Schuler, who received his bachelor's degree from Indiana State University, is also a member of the Good Neighbor Plan Advisory Committee and the Association of Clinical Research Professionals.

Laurin Mancour, who served as president of the area chapter of ACRP when Schuler was secretary, said Schuler always looks at situations from a fresh perspective.

"He has the ability to transcend process and procedure and make sure to not lose sight of the overall big picture," she said. "He has a talent for understanding things and spotting possible challenges."

Ro Moser, the current president of the ACRP chapter who has known Schuler for three years, said she has always counted on Schuler to take initiative and create innovative ideas.

"With the political landscape as it is right now I'm always impressed when people want to reach out and do something," she said. "Carl has the energy and interest to examine issues thoroughly."

During his time at the University, Schuler has also participated in UNC's employee



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Carl Schuler, a nurse consultant, stands in front of his office building. Schuler will run for a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council.

forum, an experience which he thinks has thoroughly prepared him for a position in local politics.

"It's really a microcosm of living up to the covenants and bylaws of the community," he said. "We do much of the same things that would go on at council."

Schuler, who recently began playing the saxophone again after a 25-year hiatus, said he also has an interest in the local arts scene.

"This area's lifestyle is what keeps me here," he said. "I enjoy the interesting mix of people."

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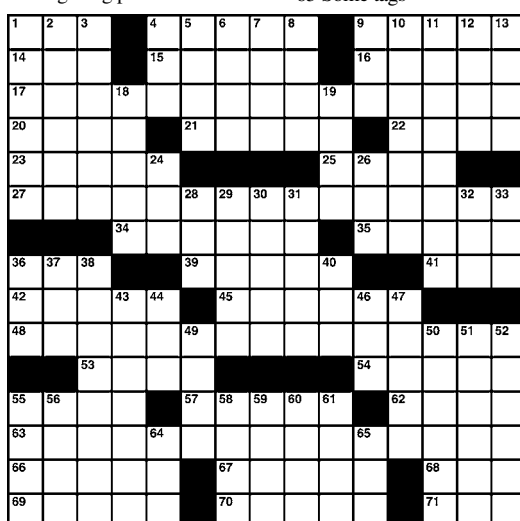
ACROSS

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- 4 Mozzetta wearer
- 9 Sat
- 14 "Exodus" hero
- 15 Intimate
- 16 Key scene for bursting bombs?
- 17 Biopic about a time-traveling composer?
- 20 "... like ___ buzzing in blind fury": Pyle
- 21 Go after
- 22 Traveling, in a way
- 23 Builder's options
- 25 ___ avis
- 27 Biopic about a composer who is unrecognized in public?
- 34 Heavy
- 35 Rondeaux, e.g.
- 36 Go astray
- 39 Switch words
- 41 Political pacifier
- 42 Reuled quarters?
- 45 Devised, with "up"
- 48 Biopic about a composer from a WWII hero's perspective?
- 53 Absorbed by
- 54 Legendary luster
- 55 Tiny amount
- 57 Sting
- 62 Zilch
- 63 Biopic about a composer fighting his inner demons?
- 66 Grenoble's river
- 67 Put to the test

DOWN

- 28 Abbas's gp.
- 29 He appeared in eight consecutive U.S. Open finals
- 30 Love overseas
- 31 Figure
- 32 Ins. plan
- 33 1/48 cup: Abbr.
- 36 Yearbook sect.
- 37 Games org.
- 38 Historic game
- 40 Musical syllables
- 43 1953 Best Supporting Actor Oscar winner
- 44 Big bang producer

- 46 L.A. Galaxy's gp.
- 47 Three-time A.L. shutout leader of the '60s-'70s
- 49 Pharmacy concern
- 50 Trouble
- 51 Louisiana folk music
- 52 Daze
- 55 Wading bird
- 56 Brewery feature
- 58 Evening flier
- 59 Full do
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- 64 Brought
- 65 Some tags



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