

News Briefs

Campaign for Change office opens

Campaign for Change opened its Chapel Hill office last Friday. The office will be the headquarters for the Democrats' campaigning on behalf of Senator Barack Obama in Orange and Chatham Counties. Campaign for Change is a project of the North Carolina Democratic Party working on behalf of the Obama campaign. Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy spoke at the opening of the office.

Democrats hold open house

The Orange County Democratic Party is holding a New Headquarters Open House on Sept. 2 from 5 to 7:30 pm. They are expanding into larger offices for the 2008 general election. The new office is at 121 South Estes Drive, Suite 102A, Chapel Hill, in the same complex as the current location. Visitors will meet OCDP activists and officers and learn what they can do to help the party win in the Nov. 4th election. For more information call 919-933-9662 or emailcontact@orangedems.com.

University political talks

Memorial Hall on the UNC Campus will host a discussion of the 2008 Presidential Campaign. by David Brooks of *The New York Times* and E.J. Dionne of *The Washington Post* from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 9. Brooks and Dionne have been named the 2008 Frey Foundation Distinguished Visiting Professors in the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information contact Dee Reid and deereid@unc.edu or 843-6339. And on Sept. 10 in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center UNC faculty will discuss many issues in the political landscape from 7 to 9 p.m. The discussion is expected to cover political science, public policy, journalism, law, social work and immigration and discuss elections including the presidential and North Carolina races. For more information, see www.alumni.unc.edu/ccll.

AC thefts

The Chapel Hill Police Department is investigating a number of thefts of air conditioning units that have occurred over the past two weeks. Thefts of air conditioning units have increased recently because of the copper and aluminum contained in the units. Units are either stolen entirely or the top is unscrewed and the copper is removed. According to police, construction sites and vacant houses are being targeted because the units usually aren't watched. In addition, business units are targets because they are usually located at the rear of a building, where there is no activity. Residential air conditioning units are stolen during the day when no one is home and at night when residents are asleep. Police encourage anyone who sees or suspects air conditioning unit thefts to call 911 immediately. If anyone has information about these or other metal-related thefts, call either the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515. Calls to Crime Stoppers are confidential and anonymous and the caller may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,200 for information that leads to arrest.

Commissioners table sales tax referendum

BY RICH FOWLER
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HILLSBOROUGH — There will not be a referendum to raise the county's sales tax on the November ballot. The Orange County Board of Commissioners decided Tuesday night to table the referendum for this election cycle. If the measure had been ap-

proved by voters, the county could have raised the sales tax rate by one-quarter cent, which could have raised about \$1.8-\$2.2 million. Timing played a large role in the decision to keep the referendum off the ballot for now. "All the reasons to go forward are valid," Commissioner Alice Gordon said, "but I'm not sure we have time to do it right,

and I'm not sure it would pass even if we did." Other commissioners had concerns over the economic impact of a sales tax increase on county residents. "Not only is now not a good time," said Commissioner Moses Carey, "but I'm not sure when there's going to be a good time, because we're passing along a lot of other expenses to our residents

that are basic necessities of life.... They're at their limits." Board Chair Barry Jacobs said that the proposed sales tax would be needed eventually to regain what the county lost in the reshuffle of Medicaid financing. Sales tax referendums have been proposed in 21 counties and have only passed in three of them.

Study: spanking linked to abuse

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CHAPEL HILL — Spanking has been, and still is, a common method of child discipline used by American parents. But mothers who report that they or their partner spanked their child in the past year are nearly three times more likely to state that they also used harsher forms of punishment than those who say their child was not spanked, according to a new study led by the Injury Prevention Research Center at the UNC. Such punishments included behaviors considered physically abusive by the researchers, such as beating, burning, kicking, hitting with an object somewhere other than the buttocks or shaking a child less than 2 years old. "In addition, increases in the frequency of spanking are associated with increased odds of abuse, and mothers who report spanking on the buttocks with an object — such as a belt or a switch — are nine times more likely to report abuse, compared to mothers who report no spanking with an object," said Adam Zolotor, M.D., the study's lead author and an assistant professor in the department of family medicine in the UNC School of Medicine. Although some surveys show evidence of a modest decline in spanking over the

last 30 years, recent surveys show that up to 90 percent of children between the ages of 3 and 5 years are spanked by their parents at least occasionally. Zolotor and co-authors conducted an anonymous telephone survey on parenting of a probability sample of 1,435 mothers in North and South Carolina in 2002. Statistical analyses of the survey data found that while any spanking was associated with increased risk of abuse, spanking with an object was strongly associated with abuse. "This study demonstrated for the first time that parents who report spanking children with an object and parents who frequently spank children are much more likely to report other harsh punishment acts consistent with physical abuse," Zolotor said. The study says that efforts to reduce spanking, especially with an object, through media, educational and legislative means may reduce physical child abuse. The American Academy of Pediatrics states that "striking a child with an object is unacceptable and may be dangerous." Zolotor said the study supports this policy statement by underscoring that while spanking increases the likelihood of physical abuse, frequent spanking and spanking with an object are far more likely to lead to abuse.

Man charged in break-ins

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill Police Department has charged Johnny Wilber Lee Gray in connection with a string of vehicle and two residential break-ins on Tuesday. The break-ins occurred in the area of Telluride Trail. Officers responded to reported vehicle break-ins and spotted Gray, 38, who fit the description given by a witness. Officers apprehended him in a vehicle on Sweeten Creek Road and took him into custody after finding in his possession items belonging to several victims. Gray, a resident of 544 Liberty St., Apt. C in Durham, has been charged with 28 counts, including nine counts of felony breaking and entering to a vehicle. He is being held in Orange County on \$130,000 bond. **County to hold zoning hearing** **ORANGE COUNTY** — The Orange County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the F. Gordon Battle Courthouse on East Margaret Lane in Hillsborough. The board will hear public comment regarding a zoning amendment allowing the development of a 45-lot single-family subdivision on 12 acres in the Cheeks Township at the northwest intersection of Tinnin Road and School House Road. In addition, the board will hold the third and final public hearing of the comprehensive plan update process to hear comments on the draft comprehensive plan in its entirety.

OBITUARIES

Hattie H. Burnette

Hattie Burnette passed on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008. Services were held Aug. 20 at Holland Chapel AME Zion Church and she was buried in the church cemetery. She is survived by one daughter, Brenda Burnette-Minor; one brother, William Hubbard. Services by Jones Funeral Home.

Marcia L. Jenkins

Marcia Lynette Jenkins was called home by the Lord on August 19, 2008. Marcia was a most loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother — an angel on earth guarding and supporting her loved ones. Now she has left us to be our guardian angel from heaven. Marcia is survived by her husband, Bruce; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jenkins; children, Krystina Grimstead and Michael Reeve;



her sister and brother, Janet Adamson and Robert Jenkins; aunts and uncles, Charles and Anne Tolleson and Bobby and Genny Jenkins; plus three beautiful grandchildren, Matthew, Dallas, and Trey. Marcia was born in Brunswick, GA on March 3, 1949 and raised nearby on St. Simon's Island, graduating from Glynn Academy in 1967, and later receiving her bachelor's degree in special education from Kansas State University and a master's degree in counseling from Georgia State University. Marcia spent her entire career working to reach out and help others in one way or another. She strived to live her personal life in a manner that exemplified her belief in God and love for others. Marcia not only talked-the-talk, but walked-the-walk by taking in unwed mothers and volunteering at shelters for abused women and children. Visitation for friends and co-workers in the Raleigh area will be from 5:30 – 7:30 pm on Aug. 21st at the Cremation Society of the Carolinas. The address is 2205 E. Millbrook Road in Raleigh, NC. Details of the Memorial Service and Internment at the family home on St. Simon's Island, Ga. is forthcoming. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Oncologist Dr. Kenneth Zeitler, Pastoral Counselor Terri Kuczynski, and the entire staff at Rex Cancer Center for their compassion and care during Marcia's illness. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marcia's memory to the Angel Fund — providing assistance to cancer patients with financial needs — c/o Rex Healthcare Foundation, 2500 Blue Ridge Road, Suite 325, Raleigh, N.C., 27607.

Thomas H. Jewett Aug. 14, 2008. A devoted husband and son, a patient, generous father who never failed the people he loved, Tom was a true Southern gentleman. Born in Wilmington, North Carolina, July 4, 1922, he grew up in Winston Salem. After two years in the infantry during WWII, he returned to graduate from the University of North Carolina in 1947. He joined the newly formed Coca Cola Export Corporation in July 1947, retiring as Assistant Treasurer of the Coca Cola Corporation and Senior Vice President and Treasurer of the Coca Cola Finance Corporation in 1984. During his years at Coke, Tom worked in Hawaii, Manila, Japan, New York, Nassau, Buenos Aires and Atlanta. After retirement, he taught at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. At the time of his death he lived at Fearrington Village in Chapel Hill, N.C. He will be missed and remembered by Jean Curtin Jewett, his wife of 61 years; his six children: Kelleher, Curt (Maria), Robert (Amy), Susan (Marsha), Leslie (Patrick) and David (Paula); and nine grandchildren (Valerie Jewett, Beth Toriello, Tom and Joe Jewett, Patty, Danny, Andrew, Sarah, and Emma Paddon): "Love has no ending."



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