

News Briefs

Comprehensive Plan update

Orange County will hold a public information meeting on January 28 to gather input regarding the county’s Comprehensive Plan Update before the first draft is compiled and presented to county advisory boards for review and comment.

The updated comprehensive plan will be an official public document that includes analysis of existing and predicted conditions and will serve to guide growth and development within the unincorporated areas of the county through the year 2030. The plan also will serve as the statutory basis for many of the county’s land-use regulations and for the application of zoning districts.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road. Additional public meetings will be held on a draft plan in March.

Free tax help

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, or VITA, offers free tax service for low-to-middle-income clients without complex returns. Trained volunteers can provide free electronic filing regardless of age or county of residence. Appointments will be taken starting mid-January 2008 for service beginning in February. Hospital and home visits can be arranged for the homebound or disabled. For appointments or information, call 968-2070 in Carrboro, 245-2015 in Hillsborough or 542-4512 in Chatham County. Spanish-speaking clients may call 245-2010 in Orange County or 742-1448 in Chatham County.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross will be holding several Blood Drives in the month of January at the following locations and times:

Wednesday, January 16 at UNC Hospitals from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 966-8468.

Saturday, January 19 at Ebenezer Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 990-8489

Sunday, January 20 at New Sharon United Methodist Church in Hillsborough from noon to 4:30 p.m. Call 732-5144

Monday, January 21 at The Carolina Inn from 1-5:30 p.m. Call 966-4744.

Thursday, January 24 at the UNC Red Cross Club from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visit [unc.givesblood.org](http://unc.givesblood.org) for more information.

ArtsCenter to host open house

The ArtsCenter will host an interactive open house for the African-American community on Sunday, Jan. 13 from 2:00 to 5 p.m. The open house will feature a community-led roundtable, refreshments, local entertainment and tours of the facility.

Organizers say the event is part of the center’s ongoing effort to make sure programming better reflects the community.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. with entertainment by Turbo in the Earl and Rhoda Wynn Theater, Teli and Mabiniti on Kora and Balla in the gallery, and T.J. demonstrating Capoeira in the dance studio. Whole Foods will be providing refreshments, and tours of The ArtsCenter will also be offered. ArtSchool teachers will be on-hand to provide mini classes and demonstrations and staff members will be available to answer questions and hear feedback. At 4 p.m., participants will gather in the West End Theater to provide feedback and suggestions in a community-led roundtable. The event is free and open to all.

Retired police detective honored

Retired Chapel Hill Police Detective J.D. Parks on Tuesday was inducted into the N.C. Law Enforcement Torch Run Hall of Fame.

Parks was honored for his 14-year involvement with the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, for which he sold t-shirts and hats, organized raffles and hosted other events. In addition, Parks was instrumental in organizing a golf tournament, which is now the largest Torch Run tournament in the state, raising more than \$60,000 annually. During Parks’s 14 years, the Chapel Hill Police Department raised more than \$825,000 for the athletes of the Special Olympics.

Parks now works for the UNC Department of Public Safety, where he holds the rank of Investigative Captain.

Police say suspect connected to other break-ins

By Susan Dickson  
Staff Writer

Carrboro Police say a suspect apprehended early Sunday morning after breaking into the Carrboro Laundromat and the Tienda, Taquería y Carnizería Toledo’s on Jones Ferry Road is connected to a string of holiday break-ins.

The suspect, Fernice Anderson Lowry, 30, whose address is listed as the streets of Carrboro, was apprehended by Carrboro police after the Carrboro Laundromat alarm went off and police discovered Lowry in the ceiling above the laundromat.

Lowry allegedly broke into several businesses at the Willow Creek Shopping Center on

Jones Ferry Road on at least two different occasions over the holidays by tearing through the businesses’ walls. Police already had a warrant for Lowry’s arrest when he was apprehended early Sunday because of the prior break-ins.

According to Captain J.G. Booker of the Carrboro Police, Lowry faces at least 9 different charges related to the Willow Creek break-ins, plus charges related to the break-ins at the laundromat and the tienda.

In addition, Booker said Lowry could face additional charges.

“There are three other [breaking and entering cases] that I’m aware of ... that he is very likely to be the suspect in,”

Booker added. “They’ve just got to confirm the evidence.”

According to a police report, police had approached the Carrboro Laundromat early Sunday after the alarm sounded and heard a thumping noise inside. They then checked the doors of both the laundromat and the tienda, which share a building, and found that all were secure.

Behind the laundromat, police found a shoe print at the scene that was similar to prints found at the scenes of the other recent break-ins, according to a police report. In addition, police discovered that a hole had been made in the roof over the tienda.

Police sent a K-9 inside to look for the suspect, but could

not locate him.

According to a police report, police then noticed that sheet rock behind the dryers was damaged, and then looked behind the sheet rock above the dryers, where they located Lowry.

According to the report, Lowry “commented that he had nothing to live for and that he would be getting three shots and a cot,” and “said that we were doing him a favor and that if we were going to shoot him then to go ahead and shoot him.”

Police seized a screwdriver, a pocketknife and a hammer from Lowry.

Lowry was arrested and taken to the Orange County Jail, where he is being held on \$35,500 secured bond.

PlayMakers to present Pulitzer winners

UNC NEWS SERVICES

The PlayMakers Repertory Company will bring audiences the excitement of the rotating repertory experience from Jan. 26 through March 2, with two mainstage productions running on an alternating schedule.

Both plays – *Doubt, A Parable* and *Topdog/Underdog* – are recent Broadway hits that won Pulitzer Prizes.

All performances by PlayMakers, the professional theatre in residence at UNC, are in the Paul Green Theatre, inside the Center for Dramatic

Art on Country Club Road. For a complete schedule of performances, visit <http://www.playmakersrep.org>.

Tickets are \$10 to \$40. Special events will include:

- dual opening festivities on Feb. 2, with *Topdog/Underdog* performed at 2 p.m. and *Doubt: A Parable* at 8 p.m.;
- free public director’s talks and set previews at noon on Jan. 16, with Andrew Barr for *Doubt: A Parable* and noon Jan. 23 with Raelle Myrick-Hodges for *Topdog/Underdog*, both in the Paul Green Theatre;
- free post-show discussions on Feb. 6 and Feb. 10 for

*Doubt* and Feb. 13 for *Topdog/Underdog*; and;

- all-access performances for attendees with special needs on Feb. 19 (*Doubt*) and Feb. 26 (*Topdog/Underdog*).

*Doubt, A Parable* is set in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964, where a strong-minded principal wrestles with conscience and uncertainty when faced with concerns about a male colleague. The Tony Award winner by John Patrick Shanley is an exploration of paranoia and suspicion that calls into question faith, justice and assumptions about the nature of

truth. Shanley also received an Academy Award for his original script for the film *Moonstruck*.

Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks’ *Topdog/Underdog* is the story of African-American brothers Lincoln and Booth, whose names were given to them as a joke by their father. Abandoned by their parents as teenagers, they fight for position and legitimacy in the world. Haunted by their past and their obsession with the con game three-card monte, they are forced to confront the shattering reality of their future.

DEBATE FROM PAGE 1

Tomasky, in the midst of reporting on the New Hampshire primary when he spoke with *The Citizen*, said he does not expect to “dissent from a syllable” of what Fein will charge has been done.

“On the merits, this bunch has probably done a number of impeachable things,” he said. But there are the merits and there’s the political reality.

Barring new charges, developments or information, impeachment is “politically impossible,” Tomasky said. “It’s going to be impossible to get enough votes in the Senate.”

Knowing that, moving forward on impeachment doesn’t make sense and risks creating a backlash that could alienate some people at a time when there is a real opportunity to build a progressive majority.

Though he doesn’t agree it would be, Tomasky said there would be voters “turned off by what they see as an overly parti-

san maneuver.”

The two sides square off at 7 p.m. sharp. The event is free and, in the words of its excellently designed poster, “For the Preservation of the Union, all Public Citizens are urged to attend.”

More information is available at [coalitionfortheconstitution.com](http://coalitionfortheconstitution.com)

Water Report - January 9, 2008	
LAKE LEVELS	
University Lake	6 feet, 6.75 in. below full
Cane Creek	14 ft., 2.5 in. below full
Total Availability Supply	43% of capacity
PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH	
Jones Ferry Rd. Treatment Plant	0.00 in.
Cane Creek Reservoir	0.00 in.
Normal rainfall for Jan.	4.24"
CUSTOMER WATER DEMAND	
7-Day Average	6.664 million gallons
30-Day Average	6.458 million gallons
Estimated days of water remaining	237 (based on average demand, assuming no further rainfall.
Source: OWASA	

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Fein v. Tomasky

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**HISTORIC DEBATE**

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2008

Carrboro Century Center at 7:00 p.m.

**BRUCE FEIN**

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CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER

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**MICHAEL TOMASKY**

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JOURNALIST

[Impeachment] “The Dumbest Move the Dems could Make”

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