THE CARRBORO CITIZEN 8 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

School Briefs

Swing dance and auction

Chapel Hill High School will host its 15th annual Swing Dance and Silent Auction on March 12 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the school's

The dance will feature music by the CHHS Swing Orchestra, professional swing dance instruction and food.

Tickets can be purchased from any CHHS band member or by contacting Alena Callimanis at 942-0896 or alenac@us.ibm.com. Tickets purchased in advance are \$5 for students and

Students win UN contest

Students from East Chapel Hill High School and Carrboro High School are among the winners of this year's United Nations contest for high school students. The contest is designed to encourage students to learn more about the U.N. by creating original projects that pertain to the U.N.'s mission.

The winners and their awards are:

- David McDonogh, junior, East Chapel Hill High: \$750 1st place award for "Timor East and West";
- Kathy Dai, freshman, East Chapel Hill High: \$500 2nd place award for "U.N. Leadership Roles in Humanitarian Aid";
- Joe Baker, Parker Edwards, and Adam Glasser, seniors, Carrboro High School: \$250 3rd place award for "U.N. Aid for Indonesia";
- Maryam Ali, freshman, East Chapel Hill High: honorable mention for "Violence Against Women";
- Rachel Hainline, senior, East Chapel Hill High: honorable mention for "Poverty Reduc-
- Yuyi Li, sophomore, East Chapel Hill High: honorable mention for "Blood Diamonds."

BRMA seeks volunteers

Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate is accepting mentor applications from community members with the willingness to develop a caring, committed relationship with a child. BRMA is a mentoring and student-support program dedicated to improving the achievement of minority students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Volunteers must be over 21 years of age and able to make a two-year commitment to volun-

teering. Volunteers must complete BRMA's full screening and training process.

Prospective volunteers can contact Graig Meyer at gmeyer@chccs.k12.nc.us or 918-2170. For more information about job requirements, program objectives, volunteer expectations, student descriptions compensation and training, visit blueribbonmentors.org. The spring registration for new mentors ends March 17.

Pedersen featured in two publications

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen appears in an article in the winter edition of the national magazine Scholastic Administr@tor. To read Pedersen's remarks about what makes a great teacher, visit www2. scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3755567

Petersen was also featured in an article in the winter edition of Education Executive Magazine titled "Programs of Progress," about his school system's efforts to create a better learning environment for its students. The article is available at nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/redcoat/ eduexec_2011winter/index.php?startid=92#/94

Chapel Hill High to present The Glass Menagerie

Students at Chapel Hill High School will perform Tennessee Williams' The Glass Menagerie in the school's Hanes Auditorium today (Thursday) through Saturday at 7:30 each night.

The PG-rated play is a timeless tale of the fra-

CHHS student Nora Burgard will direct the performance. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

Project Graduation needs donations

Project Graduation, an annual all-night, alcohol- and drug-free celebration for graduating seniors in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, needs donations.

The event, to be held June 11 at the UNC Student Union, is free for all seniors. To donate, visit projectgraduationchees.org or mail cheeks (made out to Project Graduation) to Project Graduation, P.O. Box 17043, Chapel Hill, NC

Heels continue to grow

BY EDDY LANDRETH

Staff Writer

North Carolina is closer to being one of the best teams in America than most of the media and fans around the nation understand.

"You going to tell me that two of the better teams in the country are not us and North Carolina?" Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said after the defending national champions had to come from behind to win at Cameron Indoor Stadium. "The team we played tonight is not as good as anybody in the country? Come on, they can play with anybody.

"They were as good a team as we've played; there's no question about it," Krzyzewski said. "They have such good talent, and Roy has them in a system that suits them so well. They run so well. [John] Henson has an impact that shows up in stats, but he has more of an impact than that. He is really good. I don't think there's a more unique guy than him."

This Carolina team's chemistry, or blend of personalities and styles on the court, is outstanding. UNC is gifted and possesses a unique talent base on which to build a far greater team by the time this season finishes.

Losing to Duke inflicted pain on the Tar Heels; but if pain can be a good thing, this was. The Tar Heels will continue to grow and mature from a game of this stature, played in an arena that was so loud the noise hurt one's ears.

"Tonight we made each other better," Krzyzewski said. "Both teams got something out of it. Going forward, both teams will have a chance to cause some trouble for people."

Why is UNC good? That's a good question, coming one season after the Tar Heels lost 17 games, particularly given that Carolina is relying heavily on three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior who has not played much before this season because of

injuries. In looking at this team, one has to start with Henson. He snatches rebounds half a foot above where most big men can reach. He blocks shots so often and with such timing that he seems to get inside opponents'

In the bounce-back victory against Clemson this past Saturday, Henson blocked the Tigers' first four shots and helped to push their offense to the perimeter for much of the game.

Offensively, he is simply uncanny in his unorthodox manner of driving to the basket. He is able to put the ball on the floor without losing it, and, taking two long strides from the free-throw line, lay it in the bucket for two points. He can shoot hook shots that no one playing college basketball today can dream of blocking.

"His reach is unbelievable," Krzyzewski said. "I don't think there's a better shot-blocker in the country. He is unique. He's as good a big guy as there is in the

Kendall Marshall is an ideal point guard for this group because he is a skilled passer who puts the ball into people's hands right where they want it, to score.

Harrison Barnes is quietly starting to realize his great potential. The drive and dunk he had at Clemson, energizing the team, is a prelude of dominance

"When that happened, I said, 'OK, we're going to win this game," Marshall said. "It took

the crowd out of it. Everything went silent. They didn't see it coming. We didn't see it coming."

This Carolina team is developing into a more effective defensive force with every practice and game. And as the players learn to try to go one-on-one less, move without the ball and make the socalled extra pass, their offense is going to get better and better.

The offense will also improve when Leslie McDonald and Reggie Bullock learn to spot up in the right places and then shoot jump shots with confidence. Both would benefit from driving more and shooting some mid-range

The real X-factor for this team is 7-foot Tyler Zeller. When he learns to focus the entire time he is on the court, to always be ready to catch the ball and make strong moves to the basket or kick it out to the perimeter when doubleteamed, this team will be incredibly difficult to guard.

As a group, the most important thing for the Tar Heels for the rest of the season is to improve their desire to win and be willing to put in the extra work and attention needed to hear what Coach Roy Williams is teaching, rather than just listening to the sounds from his mouth.

Friday 2/18

WW Dbl Stfd Cheese Pizza; Open Face Turkey S'wich; Chicken Salad Plate; Oven Fries; Green Bean Salad; Blueberry-

Peach Crumble; Raisins

Monday 2/21 Sloppy Joe on WW Bun; Chicken Pot Pie; Fruit & Cheese Plate/ Yogurt; Vegetable Soup; Steamed Broccoli; Apple; Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday 2/22

Bean & Cheese Burrito; Chicken Filet Sandwich/WW Bun; Turkey Chef Salad; Lettuce & Tomato; Tater Tots; Orange Wedges; Chilled Pears

Wednesday 2/23

Cheesy Nachos w/ Beans; Turkey

Hot Dog; Chicken Caesar Salad; Seasoned Corn; Chilled Peaches; Seasoned Green Peas; Baked Apple Slices

Thursday 2/3

Meatloaf/Wheat Roll; Ham & Cheese Hoagie; Brocc/Chs Stfd Baked Potato; Mashed Potatoes; Local Fresh Collard Greens; Petite Banana; Fruit Cocktail



Spotlight



FOOD TRUCK ROUND-UP

Seven food trucks from around the Triangle will assemble at Johnny's of Carrboro this Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. to help raise money for local nonprofit Table. Participating will be Will & Pop's, Joey D's Hotdogs, Only Burger, Parlez-Vous, Valentino's Italian, Local Cookie and the Johnny's Taco

The event also will feature live music and beer specials.

Five percent of all sales will go to Table, a coalition of college students and community volunteers committed to feeding hungry children in the Chapel-Hill Carrboro area. Table also will be accepting canned donations for its food bank. For more information, visit tablenc.org



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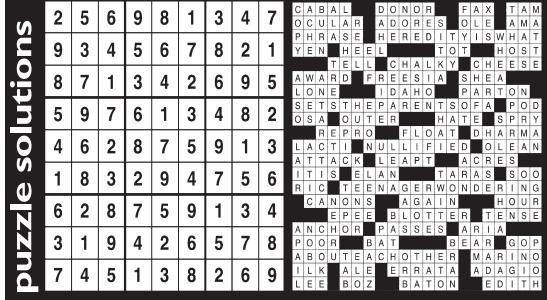
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: The Truth Can Hurt

I wouldn't mind being the last man on earth ... just to see if all of those girls were telling me the truth. - Ronnie Shakes