

Waste planners seek landfill site

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The Chapel Hill Department of Public Works is considering up to four possible sites for a future solid waste landfill and will identify those sites in January, a Chapel Hill solid waste planner said Monday.

The sites under review will be kept secret until the final report of the Regional Solid Waste Task Force is released, said Blair Pollock, solid waste planner for Chapel Hill.

Officials are keeping the sites confidential in an effort to focus public attention on the problem at hand rather than on the specific sites, he said.

The preliminary results of a year-long study by HDR Engineering Inc. were presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council by council member Nancy Preston Monday night, but the final recommendation of the task force will not be presented until the task force has considered input from a public forum next month. The forum is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, at Jordan High School in Durham.

The final recommendation will be released in January with the locations of the sites under consideration, Pollock said.

The regional task force is made up of representatives from Orange and Durham counties. It has no legislative power, and the member governments are still far from complete cooperation on regional issues, Pollock said.

Regional authorities have been discussed for 15 years, but critics argue that independent authorities, like the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, take on a life of their own, he said.

Preston said the goal for completing the next phase of the solid waste management program is 1995. To meet that date, the new facilities will have to be under construction by 1990, she said.

Working out the political details of the program will take more time, Preston said. "We don't know that any of it is going to be joint with Durham County," she said.

Pollock said the task force will concentrate more effort on the

political and legislative aspects of the solid waste problem, including cooperative regional agreements and enabling legislation from the General Assembly.

"The institutional issues are intense," Pollock said.

There is some pressure to work out the political problems; Orange County's landfill will reach capacity in 1997. The task force is considering both alternative sites and technical solutions in an effort to meet the area's solid waste needs.

The problem is complicated by the high rate of growth in the region, which demands both development space and watershed area for water resources. These requirements have reduced the area available for a landfill, Pollock said.

So far the task force has concentrated on researching alternative approaches and environmental issues, Preston said.

"Environmental concerns were taken into account, but the siting study was very cursory," she said. "It's pretty obvious that there's very little land available."

Pollock said the sites under consideration are capable of handling about 10 years worth of the county's waste at current projections, but with the amount of available land shrinking, planners must look for technical solutions to the problem as well.

"What do you do 10 years after that if you don't reduce the volume?" Pollock asked. "It's going to be very difficult. Part of it is going to have to be a technical fix — we better hope like hell we get to the technical fix."

The preliminary report of the task force listed several options for consideration, including a regional recycling program and a series of alternate technology solutions.

The regional recycling center would reduce the amount of garbage sent to the landfills of Durham and Orange counties by 30 percent by the year 2000, Pollock said. That may seem like a small percentage, he said, but it equals 50,000 tons of garbage a year.

"Come on, we're going to recycle 50,000 tons of stuff," Pollock said. "That's a lot of stuff."

Chapel Hill Police Roundup

■ An Arlington Street residence was vandalized Friday night in a variety of ways. Someone set a roll of bandages on fire inside a mailbox, spray-painted the mailbox post, spray-painted foul language on the sidewalk and driveway, threw rolls of toilet paper in the yard and placed tacks behind the tires of one of the cars parked at the residence.

■ An armed robbery took place Saturday on Piney Mountain Road near Eastridge Drive. A Sedgefield Drive resident accepted a ride from a stranger, who pulled a weapon on him and took his wallet and an undetermined amount of cash.

■ Several incidents of auto vandalism took place over the Thanksgiving weekend. At Bolinwood Apartments Sunday, a truck was vandalized when someone broke several items off the vehicle. Approximate damage to the vehicle was \$150.

A car parked on Kings Mill Road Sunday had its windshield smashed, possibly with a metal stake. Damage to the windshield was estimated at \$300.

■ A Chapel Hill man was arrested Sunday after police found him driving a vehicle that had been reported stolen earlier in the evening.

Someone broke out the left rear passenger window of a car owned by a Carrboro man and took the car while it was parked at Squid's at 1201 N. Fordham Blvd.

An officer located the car on Hickory Drive and arrested the man he found operating the vehicle. Richard Kelvin Edwards, 19, of 426 Hickory Drive, was arrested and charged with felonious larceny of a motor vehicle, breaking and entering a motor vehicle and driving with no operator's license.

■ Police received only seven noise complaints over the long weekend, including one from Lakeview Mobile Home Park and one from Tar Heel Mobile Home Park.

■ At 3:15 a.m. Wednesday, someone opened the unlocked door of a Gimghoul Road residence and turned on the lights. The trespasser ran out of the house after the resident yelled at the person.

■ A Chapel Hill man was arrested Saturday after officers responded to a report of an assault on a female at University Mall.

Witnesses at the scene said a purse snatching had occurred, and an officer found a suspect hiding behind a clothing rack in Belk's alteration room. After police found the victim, she identified the man and he was arrested.

John Edward Morava, 25, of 111B Cedar Lake, was charged with assault inflicting serious injury and communicating threats.

■ Several residential break-ins occurred over the Thanksgiving holiday. An unknown suspect entered a Carr Street residence Sunday by prying open a locked door and took several items.

A Rosemary Street home was broken into while the residents were away on vacation, and the thief took several items. The thief entered the house through an unlocked window.

Someone broke into a Basnight Lane residence Sunday by using a brick wrapped in insulation to break the rear bedroom window after cutting the screen. Police have not yet compiled a complete list of what was stolen.

— compiled by Will Lingo

Make Christmas merry for a foster child

By JULIE CAMPBELL
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In an effort to make Christmas enjoyable for all children in the community, the Orange County Department of Social Services is asking citizens to be volunteer Santas for area foster children.

Sharon Lee, supervisor of foster care and adoptions for Orange County, said employees of the social services department have made wish lists for children living in foster homes.

Individuals or groups who want to participate in the program should call the social services department. An employee there will describe the list of foster children, and the caller chooses which child to sponsor, she said.

"The department asks that people buying Christmas gifts for the children spend at least \$35 on new items for each child," Lee said. The gifts for the children should be brought to the department by mid-December.

If someone is financially unable to spend \$35 or more, a smaller contribution may be put into a fund that the social services department uses for

children throughout the year.

The social services department pools \$5 and \$10 contributions into a year-long fund and uses them to buy items for the children that the family could not otherwise afford, such as a prom dress, dance lessons or music lessons, she said.

The Santa program for foster children was coordinated 15 years ago in Orange County, Lee said.

"Orange County is always responsive," she said. "All our kids get sponsored."

Jane Maske, an adoptions social worker for the social service depart-

ment, said foster families find it difficult to afford Christmas presents. Therefore, contributions from the community make the holiday better for the children and their substitute families.

Foster kids are confused and troubled because they are not with their natural families, Maske said. So presents at Christmas make the differences between a foster family and a natural family less dramatic.

The program is two-pronged, she said. "Children receive presents at Christmas, and the contributions sent to the department can be used

throughout the year," she said.

Individuals or groups in Orange County who want to participate in the Santa program for foster children should call the Orange County Department of Social Services at 968-4501.

Those who want to make financial contributions should make checks payable to the Orange County Department of Social Services for the foster children's Christmas fund. These checks should be sent to Orange County Department of Social Services, 300 West Tryon Street, Hillsborough, 27278.

Some construction projects running behind schedule

By DANA PRIMM
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Some of the major construction projects on campus are on schedule for completion while others have encountered unforeseen delays, officials said Monday.

Construction on Ruffin and Mangum residence halls is due to be completed on schedule by June or July, in time to open for the Fall 1989 semester, Wayne Kuncl, director of housing, said Monday.

The housing department has plans to renovate Stacy Residence Hall next fall, he said.

A smaller construction project in the parking lot outside Cobb Residence Hall is also on schedule and should be completed by Friday, said Wade Davis, Physical Plant superintendent.

Workers are digging in that area to install about three plastic tubes,

he said.

Steve Harward, UNC telecommunications manager, said one of the tubes will be used for a broad-base cable system, a system to transfer data and video services on campus using the same technology as a cable television plant.

The other tubes can be used in the future for telecommunication systems when needed, Davis said.

But other projects are behind schedule, officials said.

The Union Station, a new snack bar under construction in the former vending area of the Student Union,

is scheduled to open Jan. 9, said Thomas Shetley, director of Auxiliary Services.

The snack bar was first scheduled to open by the beginning of this semester but has had several scheduled completion dates, he said.

"Things are moving mighty slowly," he said. "The Lord willing, we will be open for spring semester. We are running a month behind on everything."

Removal of asbestos, work with several outside contractors and a delay in the installment of a tile floor have all contributed to the delay,

Shetley said.

"I am not going to blame the Physical Plant," Shetley said. "We have had to depend on so many outside contractors. We also didn't anticipate finding asbestos. That made it go over another month."

The construction in the UNC Student Stores is running about two weeks behind, said Rutledge Tufts, general manager of Student Stores.

The stairs that had to be knocked down took much longer to destroy than was expected, he said.

The wall outside the store by the Pit was supposed to be moved closer

to the Undergraduate Library and the front doors of the building were scheduled to be opened by the textbook buying rush in January, but the delay will mean that the front doors will not be opened until February, Tufts said.

"We are doing the best we can," he said. "We are having sales and putting out a lot of merchandise, but it will be a little harder for people to find things. I hope folks won't be deterred. The construction crews work at night, which makes the atmosphere much more pleasant and there is no real interruption."

Protesters demand rationale for weapons

From Associated Press reports

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Opponents to the New Production Reactor (NPR) at the Savannah River Plant said Monday they want to see the Department of Energy (DOE) justify the need for the further production of nuclear weapons materials and be accountable for adequate safety oversight and cleanup of existing facilities.

The environmental groups said they will tell DOE officials just that at an environmental impact hearing Tuesday in Aiken near the 300-square-mile Savannah River Plant facility.

A news conference Monday afternoon in Columbia was called to discuss the \$3 billion NPR. Attending were Frances Hart, of the Energy Research Foundation; David Albright, of the Federation of American Scientists; Dan Reicher, of the

Natural Resources Defense Council; Paul Leventhal, president of the Nuclear Control Institute; and Jim Beard, national coordinator for Greenpeace's nuclear campaign.

"Justification (for the proposed NPRs) should also assess alternatives that could eliminate the need for any plutonium production capabilities, and significantly delay the need to build new production reactors to produce tritium," said Albright,

whose group of 5,000 scientists is the oldest arms control group in the country.

In August 1988, the DOE announced plans to build two new production reactors worth \$6.8 billion over 10 years to replace the aging reactors at the SRP. The production reactors, one at the SRP and a smaller one at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, would primarily produce tritium, but also would

churn out plutonium when necessary.

Leventhal said if the two NPR projects went ahead as planned, the DOE would produce almost three times as much tritium as is needed annually to maintain the tritium inventory of the 23,000 nuclear warheads currently in the nation's arsenal.

Albright said the government should instead concentrate on nuclear arms reduction agreements.

Tornadoes

gency Response Team. Fifty families will require long-term housing assistance because of the extensive damage to their homes, he said.

About one-third of the houses damaged were destroyed, Hargrove said.

Police allowed only those people with identification to go near their

homes Monday morning to prevent looting.

As many as 15,000 homes were without power immediately after the storm, said Kyle Hampton, a Carolina Power and Light spokesman. Between 1,500 and 1,600 homes in Raleigh were still without power as of 6 p.m. Monday, he said in a telephone interview. Power was to be restored to most of the homes Monday night.

But as many as 500 homes were estimated to be too damaged to have power returned without an inspection, he said. "Some homes are so heavily damaged they will have to be

inspected by a building inspector before we supply them with electricity," Hampton said.

Power crews were to inspect those homes throughout the night, he said.

Four hundred customers in Louisburg were expected to have power restored Monday night. All other counties affected by the tornadoes had their power back by 5 p.m. Monday, Hampton said.

The Red Cross set up shelters during the day for those needing assistance, but Martin Middle School was the only one still open Monday night, Hegele said.

Raleigh officials concentrated on cleaning the streets of debris from fallen trees, broken glass and parts of houses to let traffic through, Hargrove said. Officials were requesting that drivers avoid the area, but traffic was clogged on Highway 70 Monday night.

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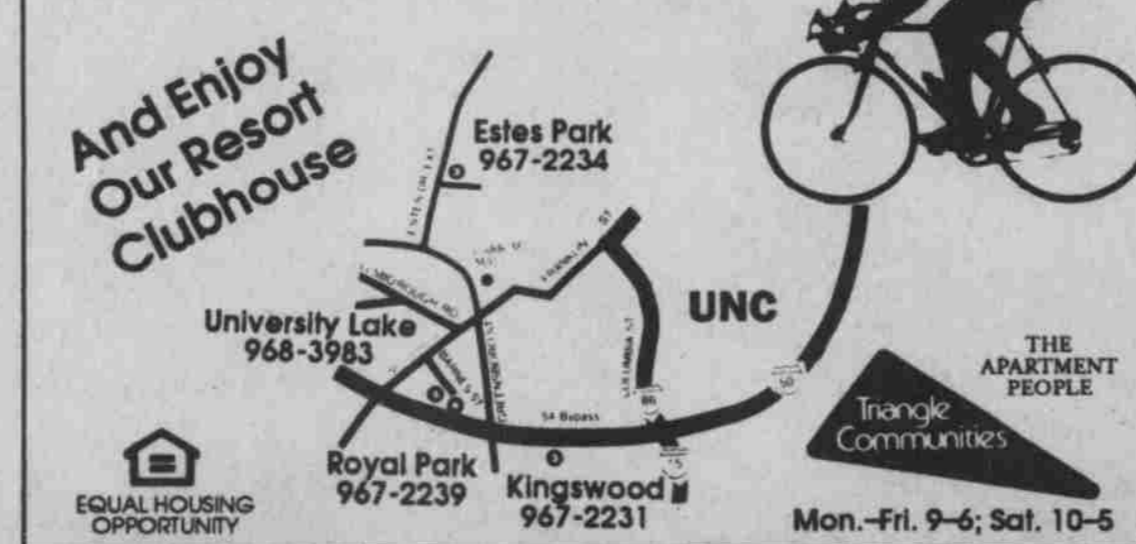
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