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Probation officers resign posts

Correction department asks for time

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Several N.C. Department of Correction officials found to have inadequately supervised the two men charged with Eve Carson's death have quit.

Robert Guy, the department's director of community corrections, announced the resignations during a Friday meeting

of the Durham Crime Cabinet, The (Raleigh) News & Observer reported.

On the same day, Durham prosecutors reiterated their intent to pursue a first-degree murder charge against Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, in the death of Duke University graduate student Abhijit Mahato.

They will do so despite not hav-

ing evidence to prove Lovette was the triggerman, prosecutors told a Durham judge during a bond hearing. Stephen Oates, 19, also is charged in that death.

Lovette and Demario James Atwater, 21, are charged with first-degree murder in Carson's death.

In a report released April 2, the Department of Correction identified errors in handling the probation each had been serving for prior crimes.

Guy said on Friday that no one



Lawrence Alvin Lovette faces two first-degree murder charges. His probation officer stepped down.

had been fired and did not identify everyone who had stepped down. Guy did indicate that Chalita Thomas, who was directly responsible for Lovette's probation, was

one of the employees who had quit.

Three Wake County managers also were reassigned last week.

Guy pleaded for patience from Durham County government officials while the department evaluates its weaknesses, adding that it would take more state funding to adequately address them.

The investigation and review were launched after the N&O

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Battle ends a long term

Helped revive the local NAACP

BY MAX ROSE
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Fred Battle spent a week in jail. He was one of thousands of students at N.C. Agricultural & Technological State University who police arrested for sitting at F.W. Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro to protest the exclusion of blacks.

"They couldn't house everybody," he said with a laugh.

More than 45 years after he got his civil rights start, Battle is stepping down as president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch of the NAACP.

Battle, a lifetime Chapel Hill resident, leaves after almost 15 years in the position and with many challenges still to come.

"It was a dream to have him in the community," said Chapel Hill Town Council member Bill Thorpe, who has known Battle for 35 years.

Battle led the successful push to change the name of Airport Road to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in 2005. He said he noticed that the only Chapel Hill public facilities named after black people were in black communities or housing projects.

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NAACP branch President Fred Battle announced his resignation.



Eugene Farrar, first vice president, will replace Battle on June 1.

LOCAL FAMILY RESIDES ON THE BRINK

Future unclear, even with home

BY MAX ROSE
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Some stories make it easy to believe in miracles.

Three-year-old Mitchell Greene wrestles with the family dog on the floor of his Chapel Hill home. A week before, Mitchell was in his father's arms,

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A slideshow of more photos.

wheeled on the highway and falling 150 feet into a river basin.

"I'm kind of a daredevil," he said.

Shannon walks with a slight limp but still can't get work as a firefighter. The family stands on the brink of disaster, only one tragedy away from starting over. They cannot plan for the future, too occupied with the present.

"I basically put God first in my life and then when things like that happen all I can do man is just get on my knees and

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Shannon and Billie Jean Greene embrace while waiting in the N.C. Memorial Hospital emergency room to check up on Shannon's leg, which he injured in a motorcycle accident in 2005. The Greens, a family of four, moved to Chapel Hill in early January after their house burned down.

County border lines to be re-evaluated

Implications for resident tax rates

BY ANDREW DUNN
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MEBANE — On the outskirts of town, neighborhoods turn to farmland and the boundary between Orange and Alamance counties all but disappears.

As development continues to expand through the area, the counties now will be formally declaring the border through a state geographical information system survey.

Orange County Tax Assessor John Smith said he hopes to have the new line established by January.

For the people who own the about 35 parcels crossing the boundary line, the re-evaluation could mean significant — and sometimes unpleasant — changes.

Right now there are three lines that divide the counties: the line Alamance County favors, the one Orange County favors and a line created by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Because of the discrepancies, the counties must tax properties that cross the lines based on his-



Mebane farmer Claude Lynch inspects his hayfield. The undecided line between Orange and Alamance counties winds somewhere through it.

tory or a special agreement.

Carol McCormick, who lives on Morrow Mill Road, said her land was surveyed in 1849 and has been passed down in her family for generations.

Though she pays taxes in Orange County, she said that according to

the geological line, her land should be almost entirely in Alamance.

"The welcome to Orange County signs have no basis in reality," she said.

The deed, McCormick said, sets the land's boundaries based partly on the position of a Richard Jones'

County tax rates

Orange County
 > Base of \$0.95 per \$100 of property value
 > \$1.45 for county plus Mebane city tax

Alamance County
 > Base of \$0.58 per \$100 of property value
 > \$1.08 for county plus Mebane city tax

barn, a birch bush, bends in Cane Creek and a gum sapling.

Though the confusion often leaves her roads uncleared after snowfalls, McCormick said her main concern with the changing border is whether her children will be taken out of the Hillsborough-based schools they attend.

But for other landowners who will begin to pay Alamance taxes, the change could be financially sweet. Orange County property taxes are higher than in Alamance County.

"If more of my land would fall

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Clefs play Memorial Hall to mark 30 years

BY CATARINA SARAIVA
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Rewind the UNC a cappella scene 30 years, and you'll find the Morrison Dorm Singers, a barber shop quartet-style group that sang primarily at the dorm.

Thirty years later, that same all-male a cappella group, now known as the Clef Hangers, still wear the bow-tie-and-vest outfit they did in the late 1970s.

Joined by 78 alumni, the all-male a cappella group will celebrate and remember three decades of tradition, bonding and music at two concerts this week.

"We have a great appreciation for our traditions, that's why the 30th anniversary is so important to us because we can meet the people who ... fostered the traditions that are so important to us," said Anoop Desai, the group's president.

In honor of those traditions, the Clefs will perform at Memorial Hall today and Saturday. The Saturday performance is already sold out, but tickets remain for tonight.

Tickets for the show can be purchased today in the Pit or at

ATTEND THE SHOW

Time: 8 p.m. today; 8 p.m. Saturday
 Location: Memorial Hall
 Info: www.clefshangers.com

the door.

Desai said the 78 former members who plan to attend the official anniversary show represent more than half of the group's alumni.

Today's show will feature Brendan James, an '02 alumnus who took his singing career pro after his tenure with the Clefs.

The pianist/vocalist, who signed with Universal Records and toured the East Coast, will play a set during the first half of tonight's show.

"Making it in the music industry is so tough," said Andrew Simpson, a member of the group.

"This is a great opportunity for him to perform to a larger crowd." During Saturday's show, present alumni will join current Clef members to sing "Hark The Sound" as is traditional at all Clef concerts.

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Friday's article, "Concert to benefit Carson's fund," incorrectly states that Tau Kappa Epsilon is the newest fraternity at UNC. The fraternity is considered a colony at UNC and has yet to receive recognition from the University as an official chapter of the fraternity.

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OLYMPIC PROTESTS

Students at UNC gathered to support the Olympics on Friday in light of recent torch relay protests. The summer games also have sparked protests at Duke.

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BANG ON A CAN

An eclectic group ranging from traditional Burmese music to the rock sounds of a Wilco musician were highlighted Saturday in Memorial Hall.

this day in history

APRIL 14, 1966 ...

A student stands up during breakfast in Lenoir Hall, gets everyone to stop talking and speaks about how free speech is repressed on campus. He wins a \$15 bet.

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