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Carrboro Town Hall
301 W. Main St., Carrboro

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300 W. Tryon St., Hillsborough

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2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

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5800 N.C. 86 North, Hillsborough

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- 2) They fill out a registration form.
- 3) They provide proof of residency.

President

Barack Obama (D)
John McCain (R)
Bob Barr (L)

U.S. Senate

Kay Hagan (D)
Elizabeth Dole (R)
Christopher Cole (L)

Governor

Bev Perdue (D)
Pat McCrory (R)
Michael C. Munger (L)

Lieutenant Governor

Walter H. Dalton (D)
Robert Pittenger (R)
Phillip Rhodes (L)

Attorney General

Roy Cooper (D)
Bob Crumley (R)

Auditor

Beth A. Wood (D)
Leslie Merritt (R)

Commissioner of Agriculture

Ronnie Ansley (D)
Steve Troxler (R)

Contested races on the ballot

Commissioner of Insurance

Wayne Goodwin (D)
John Odom (R)
Mark McMains (L)

Commissioner of Labor

Mary Fant Donnan (D)
Cherie Berry (R)

Secretary of State

Elaine F. Marshall (D)
Jack Sawyer (R)

Superintendent of Public Instruction

June St. Clair Atkinson (D)
Richard Morgan (R)

Treasurer

Janet Cowell (D)
Bill Daughtridge (R)

N.C. State Senate District 23

Ellie Kinnaird (D)
Jon G. (Greg) Bass (R)

County Commissioner At-large

Bernadette Pelissier (D)
Kevin Wolff (R)

Non-partisan Offices:

Supreme Court Associate Justice

(Vote for ONE)
Robert H. (Bob) Edmunds, Jr.
Suzanne Reynolds

Court of Appeals Judge

(Vote for one of each pair)
Jewel Ann Farlow
James A. (Jim) Wynn

Sam J. Ervin, IV
Kristin Ruth

Cheri Beasley
Doug McCullough

Dan Barrett
Linda Stephens

John S. Arrowood
Robert N. (Bob) Hunter, Jr.

District Court Judge District 15B

(Vote for one)
Alonzo Brown Coleman, Jr.
Betsy J. Wolfenden

Probation reform priorities detailed

BY REBECCA PUTTERMAN
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The N.C. Department of Correction is deciding how best to spend \$2.5 million reforming a probation system which state and federal audits deemed broken.

The 2 percent budget cuts implemented by Gov. Mike Easley don't directly affect public safety agencies — but the next year will still be tight.

"We don't want to slow down on the priority projects," said Robert Lee Guy, director of the Division of Community Corrections.

"Here we are trying to expand resources and at the same time we're going to have to cut and reduce spending. It's going to be a tough legislative session."

Last week, corrections officials presented their priorities to the N.C. General Assembly Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee.

They called for additional staff and an improved information sharing to help the overwhelmed system cope with high case loads.

The shooting deaths earlier this year of former Student Body President Eve Carson and Duke graduate student Abhijit Mahato highlighted the problems because the suspects were cited for previous probation violations.

Audits conducted earlier this year by the National Institute of Corrections and Wake and Durham county probation offices yielded recommendations for reform ranging from changes in state criminal statutes to better communication.

"The arrest alert ... is our top priority. We've been working on

that around the clock since the summer," Guy said.

The arrest alert, which will be ready for use at the end of November, will alert probation officers when a person in their charge is arrested.

Right now, it could take weeks for a probation officer to find out when their charge violates probation — the case with Lawrence Lovette, a suspect in both Carson's and Mahato's deaths.

"The IT system would have caught everything," said N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, co-chairwoman of the joint oversight committee.

"I'm hoping we can make a change." The department is also looking to combine information systems so that magistrates and officers at every level will have access to the same criminal records.

A pilot program is being conducted in Wake County by a local technology firm.

The department's other priority is new staff. They decided last week to hire 20 officers and six supervisors.

But Guy said he is concerned about officers' salaries. He plans to ask for a salary raise for them — probation officers are paid \$6,000 less than the Durham Police force.

"They have a morale problem. They really can't function," Kinnaird said in support of a pay raise for probation officials.

"That affects public safety and the safety of the people who are working there."

The department's meeting next week will discuss further budget allocations.

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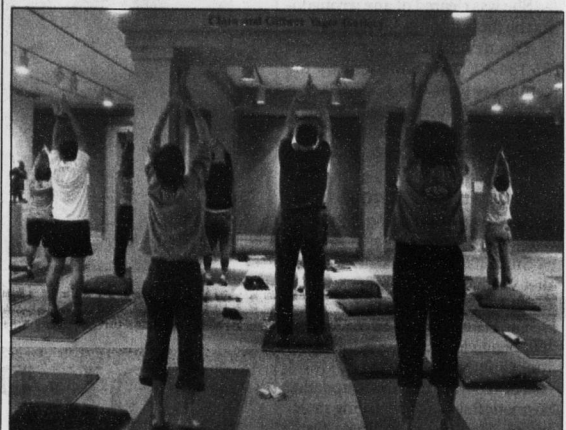
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