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A vet celebrates the repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell'

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Little chickadee takes a turn at a tree-cavity watering hole. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Birding and botanizing

There are birders and there are botanizers. Birders are not necessarily ornithologists and botanizers are not necessarily botanists. Most of them, however, are passionate in their observational pursuits. Some botanizers, like many birders, keep life lists of their sightings.

I've begun many times to keep a life list of birds, wildflowers and trees. But making notes of what, when and where for each observation is simply beyond my powers to remain focused. "Oh, what is that bird up in that tree? Wow, let's go gather some of those ripe persimmons. I'll try to remember which blue aster that is when we return."

Keeping a life list is an enviable discipline, but it's not for me. I am too easily excited about making the same observations over and over again. Each time I see or hear a common bird, like a red-bellied woodpecker, I respond as if it's a first-time discovery. Similarly, every time I stop to admire a common tree, like the American beech, it's a really, really special moment.

The Citizen's December MILL included descriptions of several local birding resources and "hot spots." Hopefully, that will be followed in the not-too-distant future by a description of botanizing hot spots. I've saved a copy of the birding hot spots for future reference, though for me a birding hot spot is wherever I manage to sight or hear a bird. Memorable experiences are those least anticipated.

I had such an experience recently while exploring the short Winmore neighborhood nature trail. I heard the busy chattering of what I thought was a wren. When I looked up, I was surprised to see

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Planning Board approves new shelter proposal

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — With just a short discussion of stipulations and a few tweaks requested, the Chapel Hill Planning Board on Tuesday night unanimously approved a request by the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service for a special-use permit for Community House, a transitional shelter for homeless men.

The board, at a meeting at Town Hall, heard presentations on plans

for the two-story 16,250-square-foot building, proposed for a 1.8-acre university-owned parcel near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Homestead Road. The university has provided the town with a 50-year lease on the property at virtually no cost.

The plans for Community House include a dormitory with beds for 20 residents and smaller rooms to be shared by either two or four men, with a total of 32 beds.

The IFC also is requesting that a downstairs meeting area be useable for emergency shelter for up to 17 men.

At the meeting, IFC executive director Chris Moran repeatedly stressed the differences between the existing shelter and kitchen in the old town municipal building at 100 West Rosemary St. and the new location. The IFC is working on a separate proposal to relocate all of its kitchen and food programs in a new building in downtown Carrboro.

"The whole idea of this project is to end homelessness 52 people at a time," Moran told the board.

The program, he said, is based on IFC's Project Homestart, a 14-year-old program for homeless women and families in a cluster of housing on Homestead Road near the Southern Human Services Center. The program requires increasing levels of responsibility on the part of the participants.

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Grounds for justice



Local NAACP chapter president Michelle Laws visits Pritchard Avenue Extension, where her social activism began to take shape. PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

The playground is in many respects a microcosm of the real world. There are rules to be observed and hierarchies to reckon; infrastructure (bats and balls and slides and swings) is required.

It was on such grounds that Michelle Cotton Laws became an activist.

Born in Chapel Hill to a young, single mother who was sent north by her family to college, Laws was raised by her grandmother, Annie Freeman (later Annie Freeman Peay), in Pritchard Avenue Extension public housing.

Ms. Annie was one of a group of women, including Mildred Pierce and Carrie Farrington, who served on the public-housing residence council. "These women were fierce," Laws admiringly recalls, in seeking justice.

A few moments with Michelle Laws...

Young Michelle was totted along to meetings, one of which involved playground equipment.

"The merry-go-round was wobbly, the sliding board was coming loose and all this stuff," Laws says.

"So I got up and made an appeal. I was, like, in the fourth grade. And I made an appeal about how we too in the public-housing communities deserved good playground equipment.

"I do remember them being so proud of me. And that was when I first got recognition from the community. I remember Miss Carrie telling my grandma, 'That child can talk. She sure can talk.' They just loved to hear me talk."

"So I decided then that anytime times would come where I could speak on behalf of our community, I would."

And she has.

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Rocky flop for Volunteers

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

The 2010 Music City Bowl between North Carolina and Tennessee was not just another bowl game — not by a long shot.

This football game so far exceeded what we ordinarily call exciting on an ordinary day as to exist within a different realm.

A fifth-year senior quarterback saved the day by throwing the ball onto the ground to preserve one precious second, a singular second Carolina then used to force overtime and eventually stage the most improbable victory in this bowl season and in UNC history. This one will live alongside eight points in 17 seconds in basketball.

One has to weave through all the games played since the Stanford band took the field and aided and abetted a win against California to find a similarly amazing moment in college football.

No victory could better epitomize a team, from every coach to the last walk-on, and the way it overcame a punishing number of injuries and offenses by players who shamed a school known for conducting its sports programs in the so-called right way. The manner in which Carolina defeated Tennessee in double-overtime should make it all the sweeter for the players, coaches and fans, who know that card-carrying members of the



ABC (Anybody But Carolina) Club were probably vomiting in the nearest toilet after the game.

This is the year in which Carolina haters expected to see the school and its football program ruined and coaches and players showed how deeply the talent runs and how fierce the determination now exists in Carolina football.

This game led to individual redemption as well. Shaun Draughn found himself watching from the sideline as Johnny White and

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There's no stopping this Bus



Bus Hubbard PHOTO BY ***

UNC News Services

At the center of McCorkle Place stands the Davie Poplar, the massive tree scarred by lightning and hurricanes.

The Davie Poplar marks the spot where a delegation from Raleigh in 1792 chose to start what would become the nation's first public university. Davie Poplar Jr., grown from a cutting planted in 1918, and Davie Poplar III, grown from the original tree's seed, are planted nearby.

For a half-century, another fixture on this campus has been Bus Hubbard.

The last of seven children, Hubbard was born March 9, 1934 on the family

farm in northern Chatham County, in a community of wood-frame houses, dusty roads, tobacco patches and gospel churches where amens on Sunday mornings echoed through the surrounding pines. His first day on the job was in March 1953 — and even now, at the age of 76, he is not quite ready to consider when his last day might be.

Fifty-eight years is a long time to do anything, especially a job that entails climbing the tallest trees on campus to cut out dead limbs and broken branches. And for as long as anyone can remember, it's been his job alone.

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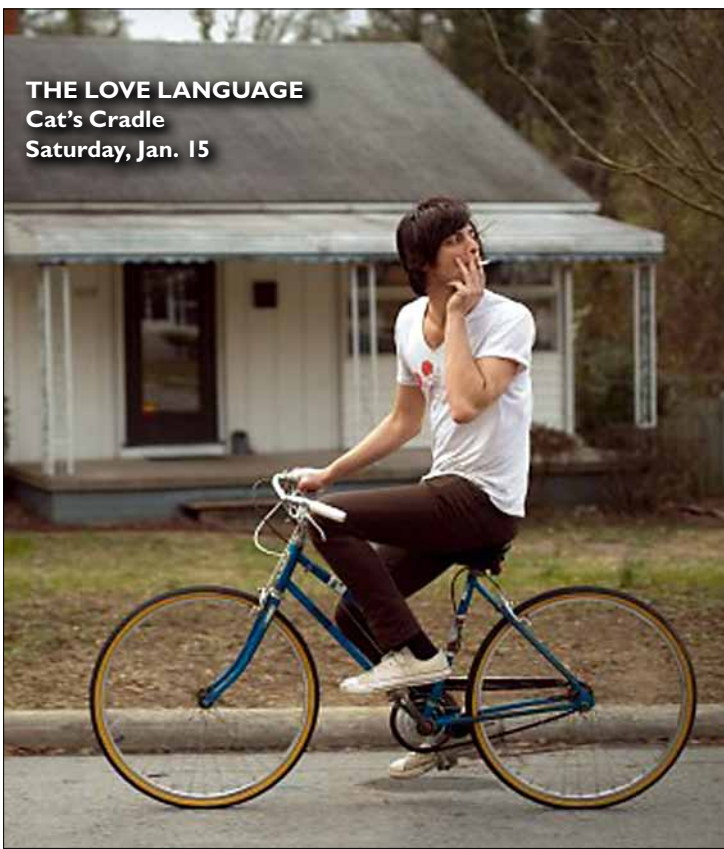
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MUSIC CALENDAR



THE LOVE LANGUAGE
Cat's Cradle
Saturday, Jan. 15

THURSDAY JAN 6

General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau. 7pm

Local 506: Wintersiege, Arachnatron, Stokes The Flame. 9pm. \$5

Nightlight: Chuck Johnson, Ezekial Graves, Savage Knights, neill Prewitt. 9:30pm. \$5

FRIDAY JAN 7

The Cave: LATE: Rootzie, Foul Mojo

General Store Cafe: Diali Keba Cissokho. 8pm

Jack Sprat Cafe and Bar: Ease, SkyBlew, Tuscon, Lazurus, Azon Blaze, Drigue London. 8pm

Local 506: Supreme Fiction, DJAngo Haskins, Big Fat Gap, Semi-Formal, Mary Johnson Rockers,

Wylie Hunter and The Cazadores, Birds and Arrows, The Tomahawks. 9pm. \$8

Nightlight: Embarassing Fruits, Wesley Wolfe, Wood Ear. 10pm. \$3

Open Eye Cafe: Beside the Fire. 8pm

SATURDAY JAN 8

ArtsCenter: Jonathan Byrd, Dromedary. 8:30pm. \$14/16

Cats Cradle: Acoustic Syndicate, Acoustic Manner. 9:30pm. \$12/14

The Cave: EARLY: The Tell Tale Hearts LATE: Thee Dirtybeat

General Store Cafe: Gypsy Jazz. 8pm

Internationalist Books: Jake Hughto. 11:30am

Local 506: Mayflies USA, North Elementary, The Library. 9:30pm. \$6

Nightlight: Butterflies, Ladycop, Filthy Bird. 10pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Erin Brown. 8pm

University Mall: Keith Henderson. 2pm

SUNDAY JAN 9

The Cave: LATE: The Sour Notes, Lake Isle

Local 506: Stella Lively, Fan Modine, Tripp, This Year's Model, Wylie Hunter and The Cazadores, Luego, Stranger Spirits, Approaching April. 8pm. \$5

MONDAY JAN 10

The Cave: LATE: Ladycop, Junior Astronomers

Jack Sprat Cafe and Bar: Mike Blair. 9pm

TUESDAY JAN 11

The Cave: LATE: The Riff, The Fooligans

Flying Burrito: Tim Stanbaugh and Friends. 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY JAN 12

Cats Cradle: The Walkmen, Lower Dens. 9pm. \$15/17

The Cave: LATE: Ascetic Parade, The Departures

Local 506: The Ghost of a Saber Tooth Tiger, Julianna Barwick. 9pm. \$15

Nightlight: Jason Ajemain, Hush Arbors

THURSDAY JAN 13

Local 506: Hadwynn, Jack The Radio, Jess Ray and the Ray Tag Army, Wind and Willow. 8:30pm. \$6

Nightlight: Ami Dang, Art Department

FRIDAY JAN 14

ArtsCenter: Mangum and Company Shout Band. 8pm. \$12/14

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WE 1/12 THE WALKMEN W/LOWER DENS**(\$15/\$17)
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SA 1/15 THE LOVE LANGUAGE**(\$10/\$12)
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SA 4/2 THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART W/TWIN SHADOW **(\$12/\$14) ON SALE FRI 1/7
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SA 1/29 FRONTIER RUCKUS
FR 2/25 JOHNATHAN RICHMAN
FR 3/4 PARLOTONES
MO 3/7 TENNIS W/LA SERA AND HOLIDAY SHORES
FR 3/18 MICHAEL SHOWALTER
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Briefs

140 West Franklin groundbreaking

An official groundbreaking this past Wednesday means construction is about to start for the 140 West Franklin building project at the intersections of Franklin, Church and Rosemary streets in downtown Chapel Hill.

The \$55-million mixed-use development will include 140 homes, 18 of which are affordable units, 26,000 square feet of ground-level retail space and 337 parking spaces. The building will stand four stories tall along Franklin Street and step back to eight stories tall at the center. It is expected to take about 24 months to complete.

Chatham sets landfill meetings

Chatham County will hold a series of four community meetings to present proposed criteria for siting a new landfill and take comments from the public on the process and methods. The criteria will guide the next phase of the siting process, when the county's project team will narrow the list of nine potential sites down to three.

The meeting schedule is:

- Jan. 11, 10 a.m. to noon at Western Senior Center in Siler City;
- Jan. 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek;
- Jan. 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro; and
- Jan. 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Moncure Fire Department

Information that will be discussed during the community meetings can be found on the Landfill Information section of the Waste Management department's website: chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=1402

Inactive voters to be contacted

Starting today, the Orange County Board of Elections will mail non-contact voter cards and address confirmation cards to registered voters with whom there has been no contact since the last two general elections.

The forwardable-address confirmation card includes a postage-paid return card and requires a response from the recipient. If the confirmation card is returned as undeliverable or the return card is not returned within 30 days of the date the card was sent, the registrant will be listed as inactive.

Under state rules for maintaining voter rolls, election officials have identified 10,493 voter registrants who have not been active.

If you receive a card addressed to someone who doesn't live with you, the board asks that you not discard it. Simply write "not at this address" and return. No postage is required.

UNC loses a favorite son

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Chapel of the Cross for one of the University of North Carolina's favorite sons, Douglass Hunt, who died on New Year's Day in the hospice at the Meadowlands in Hillsborough. He was 86.

After a long legal career and a stint as assistant to the secretary of the treasury in the Johnson

Administration, Hunt was successfully convinced to return to his alma mater in 1973 by then-Chancellor Ferebee Taylor. For the next three decades, Hunt, a member of the Carolina class of 1946, served the university, holding the title "special assistant" to a succession of chancellors until his "partial" retirement in 1996. Chancellor Holden Thorp

lauded Hunt's dedication to the university and said his passing was particularly sad because of the connection between Thorp's family and the Hunts.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Jane and the Hunt family. By any measure, Doug Hunt was one of Carolina's model citizens," Thorp said. "His love for and knowledge of the Uni-

versity was especially intense. The University community has lost an incredible resource. I am also proud to have had a long-standing personal connection to Mr. Hunt because he babysat my father when he lived in Rocky Mount. The Thorp family has always considered him a great friend." — Staff Reports

LAWS FROM PAGE 1

At 42, Michelle Laws is a community leader and the first female president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro chapter of the NAACP. The fierce desire for social justice that was nurtured on that playground led her, as a UNC student, to hone her chops at the forefront of the drive to establish a freestanding black cultural center on campus.

She's been a resolute advocate for the civil rights of university employees and recently has spoken on behalf of Kerry Bigelow and Clyde Clark, public works' employees fired by the Town of Chapel Hill, and against perceived resegregation of the Wake County schools.

Along the way, she's learned that though the wheels of justice may move slowly, they do in fact budge.

"As Dr. King has said, the moral arc of the universe indeed is long, but it always bends back toward justice. I have to believe that. I do believe that."

Beyond race

Michelle Laws' work is about "pushing back" against what she calls the three greatest ills: ignorance, racism and poverty.

"It's about fighting against those evils, and the way in which they manifest themselves. We have a duty to treat everybody like everybody else. I've been blessed to come a long way from public housing, and I believe that to whom much is given much is also required."

Laws earned an undergrad degree from UNC in mass communications and a master's in sociology from N.C. Central. She worked in Washington, D.C. for the National Crime Prevention Council, was legislative liaison for the state Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and now teaches sociology at Central.

She cites a number of mentors, black and white — among them, lifelong community leader Rebecca Clark; her grandmother; her great-grandmother, Annie Cotton; Valerie Foushee, now an Orange County commissioner; and Al Baldwin, a sociology teacher at Chapel Hill High School.

"I know that my path was opened in a very different way," she says, "and I believe it was to equip me to fight for others. I don't take that lightly.... It's a fight for human dignity and human rights."



Michelle Laws

PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS

It's a fight, Laws says, that transcends race:

"Right now, I think it's more of a class struggle, though certainly there's this intersectionality of race and class that we can't disentangle."

"I have trouble convincing well-to-do, affluent black folks that they need to be a part of the struggle. I have [black] people who will look at me as if I'm absolutely crazy when I talk about the agenda of the NAACP and why it's so important to fight for education, to continue to fight for fair and affordable housing, for us to continue to fight for jobs.

defeat, after defeat," she says, "that battle, in a lot of ways, gives me hope that eventually things do indeed turn out in favor of those who are fighting for what's right and just."

But, she adds, the battle was also sad to experience.

"It was sad because most of those residents out there were service workers. They worked for families, they worked for the town, they worked for the university as housekeepers and so forth." Despite their service, they were abandoned, she feels, in their struggle for fundamental amenities.

Effecting real change will take true courage, Laws says. "We haven't seen it in our president. It takes courage to say that I'm going to push back because it's not right." On the pressure put on President Obama to extend tax cuts, for example: "I dare you. I dare you." That's what I was hoping he was going to say. Courage.

Of the future, she says, "I'm hopeful; I'm hopeful. I don't know if optimism is warranted at this point. But my faith requires that I be hopeful."

Her greatest joy, Laws says, is "when I'm part of a movement where there's such great diversity, and people are coming together in this human spirit, and saying, 'Doggone it, we may go down like the Titanic,

"As Dr. King has said, the moral arc of the universe indeed is long, but it always bends back toward justice. I have to believe that. I do believe that."

"You really want to get me mad? Put me in front of what I call 'bourgy,'" as in bourgeois, "black folk ..."

But the journey brings its rewards. Laws speaks of the long struggle for environmental justice in the Rogers Road community, where her grandmother eventually moved and her great-grandmother lived until passing away at 103.

As community members fought to keep a solid-waste transfer station out of their neighborhood, arguing that, after nearly four decades of proximity to the county landfill, they'd carried a sufficient burden for the greater community, Laws spoke before the county commissioners of a "foul odor that smells of racism and classism."

"The tenacity and the determination to stick with what you know is right, after defeat, after

'No shame in losing'

As president of the local chapter of the NAACP and champion of the disenfranchised, Laws sees education as the first priority: investing wisely in public schools, closing the achievement gap and assuring affordable access to colleges and universities. Economic disparity is of equal concern.

Though not by any means anti-capitalist — she points out that her husband, Quintin Laws, comes from a long line of entrepreneurs — Laws laments "this uncontrollable greed on Wall Street, people going uncensored, unaccountable, and acting like it's an entitlement."

Meanwhile, "the unemployment rate in the African-American community is in double digits; it's awful. Then you dis-aggregate that even more, and you look at black males ..."

but we're going to fight."

"I'd almost rather be on that ship, going down like the Titanic, with people fighting for human rights and social justice, than to be on the other side with the people that we're fighting against."

"There's no shame in losing, only in not fighting."

That fight, Laws says, is in her DNA.

"I don't know anything but that."

"I still believe in the good in mankind and that if you keep reminding people of that, you keep insisting that that's indeed the standard — that it's not an exception; that's the standard — then eventually that moral arc will bend back."

And though the merry-go-round may wobble, a solid shoulder, a sound voice, will right it.

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Briefs



Link Spring lot on the Eno

Trail link preserved

The Eno River Association announced this week that the group has secured a key Orange County connector for the state's Mountain-To-Sea Trail.

In late December, LinkBros LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company owned by the Link family, donated a one-acre tract of land on Pleasant Green Road to the association. The property, which has approximately 200 feet of frontage on the Eno River, will be transferred by the association to the State of North Carolina for inclusion in the Eno River State Park. This will allow for completion of a section of the statewide trail through the Eno River State Park between the Cabe Lands area and Pleasant Green Road.

When the Mountains-to-Sea Trail is completed, it will stretch 1,000 miles from Clingmans Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains to Jockey's Ridge on the Outer Banks. To date, more than 500 miles of footpath have been built across the state in segments that are joined by temporary connectors on back roads and state bike routes.

The Link brothers — John M. Link Jr., Thomas E. Link and Robert E. Link — said they donated the land in memory of their great-grandfather, Emmett Green Link, and their mother and father, Peggy Sykes Link and John M. Link Sr. The family has deep roots along the Eno River.

Bells and prayers for Haiti

The Church of the Advocate is sponsoring a gathering in downtown Carrboro on the Jan 12 anniversary of last year's earthquake in Haiti, which caused widespread destruction and killed 300,000 people.

Part of a nationwide effort to raise public awareness about dire conditions in Haiti, organizers ask those attending to bring bells if they can.

The gathering, on the lawn at Weaver Street Market, will begin at 4:30 p.m. with prayers and a moment of silence. At 4:53, the time the earthquake struck, those who have bells will ring them for 35 seconds, marking the quake's duration.

Paws4Ever to open resale store

Paws4Ever, a pet adoption and training advocacy group, is seeking donations and volunteers as it prepares to open its new resale store in Hillsborough on John Earl Street, next door to My Secret Closet and Lulu's Reduz in Hillsborough.

The store's grand opening is scheduled for Jan. 13 at 11 a.m.

Information on volunteering at the store and the type of items needed can be found at paws4ever.org/page/ReSaleStore.

Quinn returns for Wagner, Elgar showcase

British conductor Andrea Quinn joins the N.C. Symphony for a night of virtuoso masterworks on Jan. 13 at Memorial Hall.

Quinn was a finalist in the search for the N.C. Symphony's music director, the position currently held by Grant Llewellyn, six years ago. She has worked with many of Britain's leading orchestras, including the London Symphony Orchestra and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The symphony will host a pre-concert talk with Dr. Leticia Glazer in Gerrard Hall on Jan. 13 at 7:10 p.m.

HOUSE Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with *The Carrboro Citizen* to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



This week we respond to questions about eye exams and artificial sweeteners.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I was diagnosed with diabetes six years ago. I understand that I need to have an annual eye exam to monitor for the effects of diabetes, but I can't stand the glaucoma test. Is there an alternative to having a machine touch my eye?

You don't have to get screened for glaucoma to be screened for the effects of diabetes (known as diabetic retinopathy). Eye doctors recommend a comprehensive, age-appropriate eye assessment, but many should be willing to help you some rather than not at all. Glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy are two of the most common causes of blindness in the U.S. There are a variety of tests that can be used to screen for glaucoma without touching the eyeball, so talk with your eye doctor to see if you

have other options. Or negotiate the frequency of the exam. You may also be able to get retinal photographs done at your family doctor's office and have them read by an eye specialist. We've been doing this at our practice for a year. It has been a great experience and a convenient test for diabetic retinopathy. We really want you to get your annual diabetes eye exam, so don't let glaucoma screening stop you.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Over the past several years, I've read numerous articles and websites about the side effects of sugar substitutes, such as making people more hungry or mimicking the signs of lupus. So what's the deal, are diet sodas and artificial sweeteners OK?

This is a really tough question, and we might lose a lot of friends no matter how we answer. With a reasonable intake, there is sparse evidence of harm from any of these

products. But that does not mean they are 100 percent safe for all people at all levels of consumption. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration uses the acceptable daily intake (ADI) to describe safe intake of these products. For Splenda, it is about six cans, though it's more for aspartame. As to the claim that these sodas can make you hungrier, there is some physiologic data in support of that. But if a diet soda satisfies a sweet tooth and helps you avoid dessert without pushing you to a carbohydrate-heavy snack, it is probably OK. As with most things, we preach moderation. One or two diet soft drinks per day are probably OK; 10-20 may not be.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCVAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc... Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

"The "New" Math?"

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Tuesday 1/11
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Wednesday 1/12
BBQ Chicken, WW Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans

Thursday 1/13
WW Rotini w/ Three Cheeses, Roasted Italian Vegetables, Seasoned Peas

Calendar

THURSDAY JAN 6
Audubon Society — Monthly membership meeting with Ginger Travis and Norm Budnitz discussing birding and kayaking on Jordan Lake. N.C. Botanical Gardens, 7pm Free

Movie Screening — *The Witness*, the story of a man who feared animals for most of his life before becoming an animal rescuer: Internationalist Books, 7pm internationalistbooks.org

SATURDAY JAN 8
Swing Dance — With Russ Wilson and His Mighty Mighty Men. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm lesson/8pm dance \$9/\$12 guests triangleswingdance.org

Youth Performing Arts — Registration begins for new workshops for students in grades 3-12. Artscenterlive.org

SUNDAY JAN 9
Adult Storytelling — With Garry Lipson. Bynum General Store, 7pm bynumfrontporch.org

N.C. Botanical Gardens — A reception for “Nature ... the way we see it,” an exhibition by North Carolina Artists. N.C. Botanical Gardens, 2-4pm Free ncbg.unc.edu

MONDAY JAN 10
“Time Out” — This week’s guest is former Ambassador Michael Cotter. 5pm. WCOM/103.5

TUESDAY JAN 11
Craft Night — Learn to crochet. Internationalist Books, 7pm

Wednesday Jan 12
Letter Writing Night — For the birthdays of political prisoners. Internationalist Books, 7pm

Sierra Club Talk — Lyle Estill will speak about the issues raised by using biofuels. Chapel Hill Public Library, 7pm Free

Prayers and Bells for Haiti — A ceremony marking the one-year anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti. Weaver

Street Market, 4:30pm; Prayers with silent reflection, 4:45pm; those who have bells will mark the duration of the quake by ringing them for 35 seconds, 4:53pm vicar@TheAdvocateChurch.org

THURSDAY JAN 13
Autism Program — The Autism Society of North Carolina presents an informational session. Chapel Hill Public Library Meeting Room, 7pm 865-5092

Weight Loss Challenge — Beginning of an eight-week class offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. townofchapel-hill.org

Saturday Jan 15
“The Blue Bird” — Dance theater performance suitable for all ages. East Chapel Hill High Auditorium, 2pm and 6pm \$8 studioadancearts.com

Ongoing Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia House for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiahouse.org

Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

Compassionate Friends — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church, third Mondays 7-8:30pm 967-3221 chapelhilltc.org

Book Drive — MLK Jr. Children’s Book Drive. Books may be dropped at the Seymour Center Monday-Friday, Jan 3-14. Books will be distributed to children centers, school children, local shelters and the UNC Children’s Hospital.

Hospice Volunteers — Six-week training program starting Jan. 14. UNC Health Care Building. Timberlyne. Info and registration: mhoneycu@unch.unc.edu 542-5545

OBITUARIES

James Lane
James Franklin Lane passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010 at the University of North Carolina Hospitals after a brief illness. Jim was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his death.

Jim was born on March 9, 1925 in Smithfield, N.C., the son of Rosser and Mattie Poindexter Lane. He served as a flight officer in the United States Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945. After completion of his military service, he enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating in 1949. Jim found his true career when he joined the North Carolina Memorial Hospital (now UNC Hospitals) in 1955. His first position was as the unit manager of the Psychiatric Center. Jim gained increased responsibility, becoming an assistant and associate hospital director and managing a number of departments throughout the medical center. He retired from UNC Hospitals after 32 years of service in 1987.

Jim continued to have a full life after retirement, enjoying golf and spending time with his golf buddies. He was an active member of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill and the American Legion. He was a passionate Tar Heel fan and could be found at many UNC basketball and football games. He was also a proud member of the Roosters.

Jim was known for his positive outlook on life and his deep concern for others. He was interested

in the lives of others and could remember the smallest details of information people shared with him. He would help anyone and will be remembered for his kindness and concern.

Jim was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Reba Lane. He is survived by his sons, James F. Lane Jr. of Kinston, N.C., and David R. Lane and his wife, Linda Lane, of Carrboro, N.C. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Catherine Lane Campos, Robert Lane, Amelia Lane and Stephani Lane, and nine great-grandchildren. Jim is also survived by his sister, Marguerite Hussey, of Wilson, N.C.

The family would like to extend appreciation to the staff of UNC Hospitals Cardiothoracic Intensive Care for their excellent care and compassion. The entire staff played an important role in the final days of Jim’s life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Medical Foundation of North Carolina to benefit the UNC Hospitals Cardiothoracic ICU (CTICU) or to the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill.

Anne Schroder

Dr. Anne L. Schroder, curator and academic program coordinator at the Nasher Museum at Duke University, died after a brief illness on Dec. 23, 2010, in Chapel Hill. She was 56.

Schroder had worked at Duke University since 1999, starting at the former Duke University Mu-

seum of Art. After the Nasher Museum opened in 2005, she oversaw museum collections, worked with faculty to organize exhibitions and coordinated the museum’s student internship program. She published and lectured widely on 18th-century art and served as adjunct assistant professor of art history at Duke.

One of Schroder’s favorite works of art in the permanent collection was a French painting by François Gérard, “Clytemnestra Hearing the News of Iphigenia’s Impending Sacrifice (1787).” Schroder discovered the painting in November 2001 in the Paris gallery of French art broker Etienne Breton of Blondeau and Associés. The artist’s name was not known, the Greek scene in the painting was unidentified and the painting’s varnish had yellowed with age. At Schroder’s recommendation, the Duke University Museum of Art bought the painting as an unattributed painting from Jacques-Louis David’s studio. After four years of sleuthing, in 2006, Schroder confirmed that the anonymous work was painted by the young François Gérard.

In 2009, Schroder was able to increase faculty and student use of the museum’s collections, thanks to a \$500,000 grant received that year from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Schroder curated and oversaw many installations from the museum’s permanent collection, including the museum’s inaugural exhibition, “Nature, Gender, Ritual” (2005), and also coordinated

exhibitions with faculty. Before Schroder came to Duke University, she held curatorial positions at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, and taught art history at the University of Florida and the University of Minnesota. Schroder earned doctoral and master’s degrees in art history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor’s degree in art history from Smith College. She was president of Historians of Eighteenth-Century Art and Architecture and alumnae admissions coordinator of the Smith Club of the Triangle, Inc.

Schroder was preceded in death by her father, Hughes Spalding Schroder, and is survived by her husband, Eric D. Vance, son, Spalding C. Vance, mother, Frances Longino Schroder, brother, Fr. Danielemoses Hughes Schroder, and sisters, Gwin White, Elizabeth Schroder Boyle and Mary Schroder.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to the Smith College Fund and directed to scholarship support. Gifts may be made online, by calling (800) 241-2056 or by mailing a check to the Gift Accounting Unit, Smith College, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA, 0106. A memorial service in Chapel Hill, NC, is planned for Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Dr., Chapel Hill. A graveside service will take place in Atlanta at a later date.

LANDRETH FROM PAGE 1

Anthony Elzy took his job and ran with it throughout the regular season. He bounced back to gain a career-high 160 yards, score a touchdown and earn the MVP award in his final game as a Tar Heel.

Yet no one showed his experience and resiliency more than quarterback T.J. Yates. He did not have his finest game overall; that would be one of the two games this season in which he threw for more than 400 yards. What he did do was respond to a Volunteer touchdown by marching UNC down the field just moments before halftime to hit Erik High-

smith with a 39-yard TD pass to retake the lead, 17-14.

But Yates’ biggest play of the day lay ahead. With time running out in regulation and the field-goal team racing prematurely onto the field, Yates maintained his composure and spiked the ball, reserving one golden second for Casey Barth to kick the game-tying field

goal and send the game into overtime.

And finally there was Quan Sturdivant, a linebacker who spent much of his senior season injured, picking off a Tennessee freshman quarterback in the second overtime and then making the smart play by just going to the ground so the UNC offense could finish the victory.

The whole evening was so remarkable that it is still hard to fathom that it actually occurred. But there it was, Butch Davis yelling “How ’bout them Tar Heels” as bottles, cans, cups and who knows what else came flying from the Tennessee fans in the stands.

If there was any doubt how sweet this was for Carolina, that bitter rain cemented it.

SHELTER FROM PAGE 1

“We’re not proposing an emergency shelter,” Moran said. Discussions are under way among local congregations, he said, to develop an emergency shelter program. The cot space for 17 men downstairs would be used until that program is fully in place.

A health care clinic for the residents would be located at the new building and staffed from a corps of volunteers.

Moran listed several areas of concern raised by neighbors of the proposed facility and pledged to develop a “good neighbor plan,” including a community-watch program in conjunction with the neighbors and local law enforcement.

In answer to one frequently raised concern, Moran said that sex offenders would not, by law, be allowed at the shelter because it is too close to a nearby preschool.

He said that in a recent meet-

ing with Chapel Hill Police Chief Chris Blue, he was advised that police would likely add patrols to the area and be vigilant about individuals trying to use the park overnight.

Several IFC officials and supporters spoke in favor of the proposal, including Pastor Richard Edens of United Church, which is adjacent to the shelter site and would share driveway access to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Edens noted that when IFC first opened, it was located on Cameron Avenue next to his church. His congregation, he said, is a strong supporter of the new project.

“We welcome them as a neighbor again,” he said.

Speaking against the proposal was Mark Peters, who has helped organize opposition.

Peters asked the planning board to hold off making a decision because residents have not had enough time to review all the paperwork associated with the new project, including a nearly 100-page review and analysis by the town’s planning staff. He distributed a number of stipulations

that he and others had drafted for the board to consider.

Prior to the vote, several board members acknowledged residents’ fears about the shelter.

“I think a lot of the opposition is based on fear of the unknown,” board member George Cianciolo said. “I think the basis of the fear is unfounded, but I think the fear is real.”

Planning Board Chair Michael Collins said much of what Peters and others are asking is out of the purview of the board. The board held a separate vote to send Peters’ request and comments to the town council, which is expected to open a public hearing on the matter in late March.

Afterward, Peters said he was disappointed that action was taken so quickly. The board had 35 days to make the decision, he said, and could have given neighbors more time to look over the materials and offer their comments.

The shelter proposal now moves on to the town’s Transportation Board, which will review it on Jan. 13.

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This is the year that our little town of Carrboro turns 100.

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On March 3, 1911, the community's name was changed to Carrboro and we began a century-long journey to become what you see all around you. It's been a remarkable journey through a remarkable century extending from a time of mules and privies to one of fiber optics and a surge of "urban farming."

Come March, we will have our first formal celebration, and on Carrboro Day, which is May 1 this year, there'll be a larger-than-usual shindig commemorating the anniversary.

A lot of citizens and officials are busy planning these events, and we've no doubt they'll be splendid and very Carrboro.

But, to be honest, this was not the best of times for the town to throw a party, and the budget is a little tighter than many had hoped.

Still, we look forward to publishing updates on the plans for the festivities and will encourage your attendance with great enthusiasm.

In the meantime, *The Citizen* would like to solicit our readers to contribute their ideas – big, small, earnest and whimsical – for the celebration of all things Carrboro.

We'd also like our readers, especially you old-timers, to contribute anecdotes and reminiscences about our town and the characters that have inhabited it along the way.

It will be our delight to publish your stories, along with any guidance you might wish to offer those in officialdom as they prepare for the centennial. And perhaps your idea will garner enough popular support to be folded into the festivities.

So don't be shy. Send your thoughts and ideas on the subject to the email or snailmail addresses listed below.

As always, we'll print the ones we can and pass the others around the office to amuse our hard-working staff.



We neglected to tell you that the gorgeous photograph of a cardinal in the snow that graced the cover of this month's MILL, folded into last week's *Citizen*, was the masterful work of local shooter Stan Lewis. You can see Stan's work at stanlewisphotography.com

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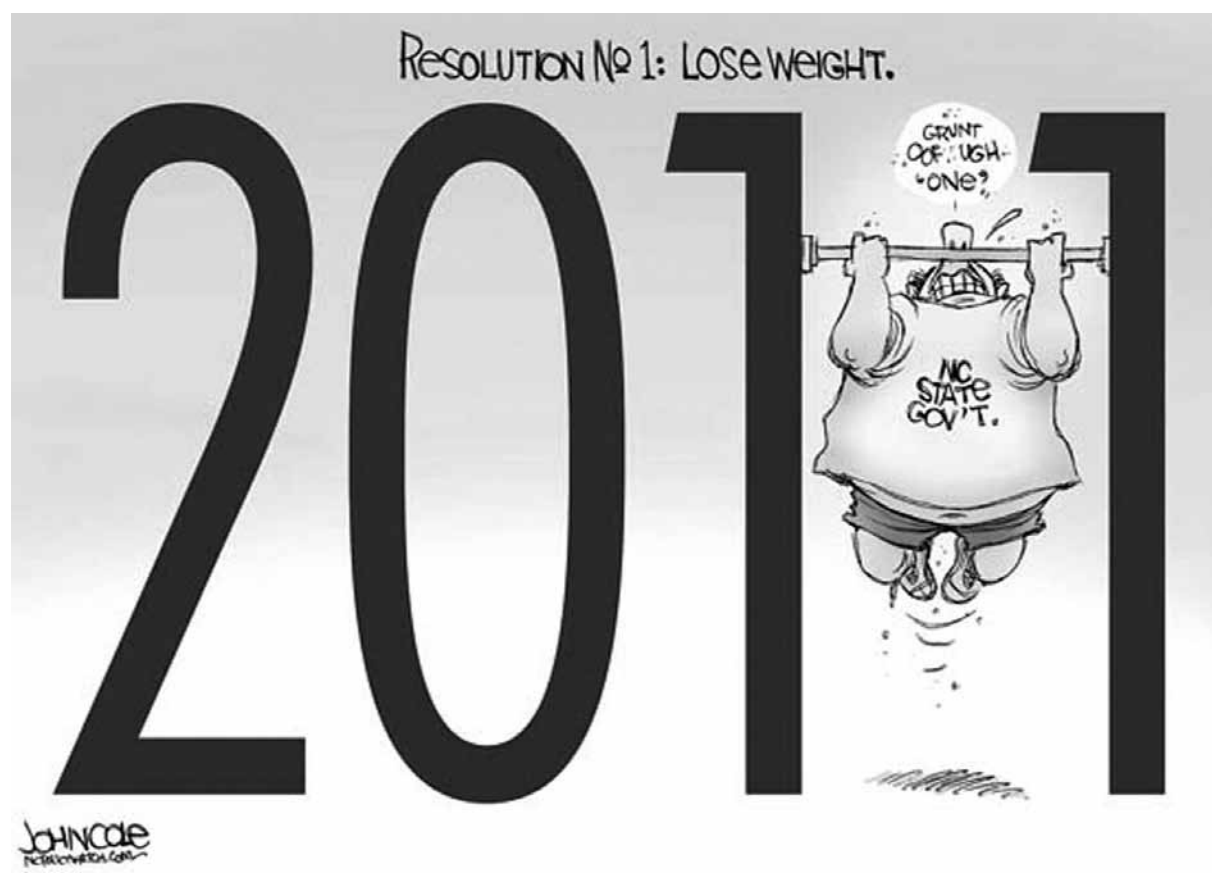
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Not having to lie

PERRY DEANE YOUNG

The repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" was a moment in history this old queer never thought he'd live to see.

Like many thousands before and since, I lied when I came to this line in the Army's health questionnaire: "Do you now or have you ever had ... homosexual tendencies?" I had been actively, if secretly, homosexual since early puberty, but I also knew the brutal consequences of being open about those "tendencies."

There came a moment of terror for me in February of 1967 when I stood at the alphabetical end of hundreds of soldiers posing for our graduation picture at the Fort Gordon Military Police School. Lost among that anonymous sea of olive drab, I was stunned to hear my name called out by one of the officers standing down front. Words cannot begin to describe the fear and dread going through my mind as I slowly made my way to the front. Like all homosexuals at that time, I lived in constant fear of being "found out." I honestly felt my hopes and dreams for the future would come crashing down. In fact, I felt I would never have a future except as some silly societal category of lesser human being.

My fears turned out to be unfounded. An officer handed me my diploma and I slowly made my way back into the stands, amid the whispers of "what's he done, why's he so special?" To this day, I have no idea why I was singled out. All I know is that in that moment, I realized that I could not live with that sort of terror. Some day, somehow, I would have to deal with it. I could not live a lie. A wise old survivor of the death camps in Nazi Germany said it best: "Freedom is not having to lie about who you are."

How can anybody believe that being homosexual is some sort of moral choice? Nobody in his or her right mind would choose to live the way homosexuals were forced to live in the 1950s and '60s. Even now, the taint of being homosexual is so strong the suicide rate among gay teenagers is several times that of heterosexuals. The suicide of the young Rutgers student last year dramatically illustrates how far we have yet to go.

During my time as a correspondent in Vietnam, I simply got up one morning unafraid to be myself. And, yes, there were some wonderful loving moments I cherish from my days among the military in Vietnam. In his book, *Dispatches*, Michael Herr mentions two Marines "making love" one night during the battle in Hue. And in my own memoir, *Two of the Missing*, I describe having sex with a Marine in Danang, a Navy Lieutenant in Saigon and an Army captain in Phu Bai. Sim-

ply put, there have been homosexuals and homosexual activity among service men and women for as long as there have been service men and women. John Horne Burns' *The Galleria* was a barely fictionalized account of gay American soldiers in World War II Italy.

The Marine Corps commandant is simply overreacting to outdated images of homosexuality and masculinity in his recent statements against repeal of "don't ask, don't tell." He does a disservice to homosexuals and to the Marines. He helps perpetuate the myth that homosexuals are weak and can't be trusted to control themselves in a professional manner – and he also seems to think the Marines are redneck rubes who can't handle being around somebody different. The truth is, the commandant is not nearly as aware of societal changes or as sophisticated as the troops he commands. He is concerned about image, and nothing more. The current Marines grew up in an environment of sexual and racial tolerance where being gay is simply not an issue. They also know that the old stereotypes of homosexuals as sissies, pansies, fairies are no more valid than the old stereotypes that denigrated people of color in our country.

The Marine commandant is wrong about homosexuals and wrong about the kind of men and women who serve in the U.S. military. Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, gave an eloquent summary on both counts in his testimony before a senate committee on Feb. 2, 2010: "Mr. Chairman, speaking for myself and myself only, it is my personal belief that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would be the right thing to do. No matter how I look at this issue, I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens. For me personally, it comes down to integrity – theirs as individuals and ours as an institution. I also believe that the great young men and women of our military can and would accommodate such a change. I never underestimate their ability to adapt."

As a gay man swiftly slouching toward the age of 70, I am dismayed by the attitudes that still cause gay men and women to kill themselves. But, I am heartened by changes in the laws that will make it possible for young gay Americans to grow up with the same freedoms everybody else enjoys. It reflects a healthier time for homosexuals and for America.

In addition to Two of the Missing, Perry Deane Young is the author of The David Kopay Story (with Kopay) and Gays and Lesbians in Sports. He lives in Chapel Hill.

Finding efficiencies, but at what cost?

SARAH PRESTON

North Carolina faces one of the worst budget crises in memory, so it makes plenty of sense for Gov. Bev Perdue to seek out ways to cut costs and find efficiencies within the government. But as estimates about how many teachers the state will lose and proposed class sizes creep up, we should consider how much of this budget crisis we want to balance on the backs of North Carolina's children. Indeed, close consideration of some of the proposals under consideration may give us cause to look for other options.

Here's a case in point: Recently, as part of a much-publicized move to reduce the number of state departments and agencies, Gov. Perdue presented an option that could damage our children's future – namely, merging the Department of Correction, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP) together to form a new "Department of Public Safety."

Unfortunately, the plan seems to be based more on a kind of quick and off-hand combination of organizations that "sound" similar than any kind of serious and thoughtful analysis.

Without showing any evidence that the proposal could produce cost efficiencies, the plan would merge one department with a core mission of treating, training and rehabilitating children who have made a mistake with two departments that protect public safety through sanctions and incarceration – in effect, uniting a group dedicated to rehabilitation with jailers and law-enforcement officers.

In a state where school resource officers roam the halls of nearly every school, 41 percent of juvenile offenders are referred into the juvenile justice system from schools and one in 10 children is suspended, this is the last thing we need. North Carolina already has an efficient "school-to-prison" pipeline. There is no need to seek efficiencies there.

Taking such action would jeopardize a remarkable track record at DJJDP. Since the establishment of the department in 2000, North Carolina has witnessed a dramatic decline in the juvenile-delinquency rate. In 2009,

DJJDP reported the happy facts that: (a) juvenile-delinquency complaints had reached a 10-year low and (b) the number of children committed to its Youth Development Centers had fallen by two-thirds. This remarkable progress has all been achieved without full funding and with substantial budget cuts over the last several years.

In establishing DJJDP's mission of rehabilitation, the legislature recognized that most troubled children remain in (or will return to) our communities. As such, the goal of supporting juveniles who are adjudicated delinquent so that they may become law-abiding, responsible and productive members of the community was set.

In marked contrast, the focus of the Department of Correction is punitive and provides far fewer services and training opportunities.

And not surprisingly, the evidence shows that sanctions-oriented systems only increase recidivism in juveniles. Consolidating these departments would almost undoubtedly create a punishment-oriented system for handling juvenile offenders that would increase recidivism and diminish the state's ability to reduce the juvenile-delinquency rate.

The current system is far from perfect; but given the significant strides the Department of Juvenile Justice has made, it would be a shame to cut all this progress short and jeopardize the investment the state has made in children over the last decade. If some kind of merger is absolutely necessary, DJJDP ought to be combined with a department like the Department of Health and Human Services, where most of the focus is on treatment and providing services, not punishing children who have made a mistake.

Let's hope that, as lawmakers return to Raleigh in January, all of Gov. Perdue's proposals for combining agencies and departments receive a thorough vetting. While many may show themselves to be worthy ideas, her plan to merge juvenile rehabilitation with adult law enforcement and prisons will surely fall short.

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Year of the
immigrant

DOMENIC POWELL

Last year was a difficult one for those who worked for a sane immigration system.

While liberals were keen to call the system "broken," their frustration spared those who broke it: businesses like J & A Framing and Carpentry, which is being investigated for, in part, allegedly hiring human traffickers to bring immigrants to North Carolina, and meat producers like Pilgrim's Pride, which continued to hire immigrants without verifying their status (it faced a civil suit over its hires in 2007). Conservatives who talked about "enforcement," like Sen. Richard Burr, never did so in reference to malicious employers – favoring cheap shots against the politically vulnerable.

(You may note that I use neither "illegal" nor "undocumented" above to refer to immigrants without a current immigration status. Reason being: Can someone who files annual tax returns be either of those?)

Also in 2010, the president of the national lobbying firm ALLPAC, Raleigh's own William Gheen, asked if Sen. Lindsey Graham was blackmailed into supporting immigration reform by liberals who claimed to know he was secretly gay. Local and national media continue to quote Gheen as someone with a legitimate opinion. Unfortunately, those ugly words successfully deterred Graham. When the time came for Sen. Kay Hagan to vote on the DREAM Act last month, she sided with Gheen over the progressives and minority constituencies that elected her. Let me know if you want to run against her in the primary.

In the meantime, 2011 promises tumult for the immigrant community. We have the first Republican General Assembly in over a century (emboldened, in part, by anti-immigrant furor) as well as a Democratic Party that lacks the spine to stand up for immigrants. Georgia banned students without papers from its universities; our legislature could do the same. It may choose to ban them from community colleges, or even pass a version of Arizona's S.B. 1070. In 2010, those students paid out-of-state tuition and were forced to wait to register last for their community college classes. At UNC, no less than six students could be kicked out this year because of their status.

There is a word for what is happening, an ugly one: segregation. North Carolina has returned to segregation – to putting people in the back of the bus. To answer, Carrboro should be the first community in North Carolina to stand up and say that it will be a community of conscience – that it will lead in a new movement for civil rights.

Hundreds of students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are making their way toward graduation, and doors are already shutting on them. Fifty-one thousand youth statewide would have been eligible for the DREAM Act, meaning they came to the U.S. before age 16, have a clean criminal record and have lived here for at least five years. With the bill, they could have become legal residents by going to college or joining the military.

Educators know these young people and their potential. They know that without the legal and financial barriers in their path, college and successful, productive lives would lay ahead for them. America has yet to show them mercy, forcing them now to demand justice. We need to empower these young people to lead. We need to tell them that they have a voice and it's time to use it.

"Change" for immigrants failed to come through the ballot box in 2008. Deportations reached record levels last year; many of those deported were DREAM Act-eligible. Despite that, young people who couldn't vote in 2010 managed to successfully lobby Congress, organize and rally others to their cause, reminding citizens that democracy is about so much more than voting. This year will be the Year of the Immigrant.

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Recipe of the Week

Roasted Turnips

Provided by Sarah Blacklin, Market Manager

- 1 bunch of turnips
- 6 cloves of garlic (unpeeled with bottoms cut off)
- ¼ cup of olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- fresh herbs if available

The greens can be a great side dish and can be cooked down in a skillet just like collards

Preheat oven to 3750

Remove greens and tip of root and scrub turnips well.

Cube (use slightly larger chunks if roasting with other root vegetables as turnips cook faster than most).

Toss with olive oil, garlic and spices.

Spread evenly across the bottom of your roasting pan.

Roast for about 30 minutes or until they begin to brown around the edges. Know that turnips won't crisp up like potatoes because of their high water content.

HUBBARD FROM PAGE 1

How does a man his age continue to find the strength and courage to climb trees as tall as the Bell Tower? Rather than explain, Hubbard sticks out his hand to show fingers lined and cracked and tough as leather, as stubby as chewed-down cigars and thick as rope. They look that way, he says, because they rarely feel the inside of a glove. When you're hanging onto a rope 120 feet in the air, it's a bad idea to have anything between you and the rope that might slip off.

At one time or another, Hubbard has been called upon to tend to every tree in Mc-

Corkle Place, Polk Place and Coker Arboretum.

But the day he drew the biggest crowd of spectators may have been nearly two decades ago when he was called upon to climb Davie Junior.

It was a beautiful cloudless day in October 1992, Ken Moore, retired assistant director of the N.C. Botanical Garden, remembers.

Hubbard made the climb, Moore says, to carry out Moore's idea to mark the university's 1993 bicentennial celebration by producing 100 saplings from the Davie Poplar so a Davie descendant could be planted in a schoolyard in every county in North Carolina.

He was to shake down seeds

that a group of volunteers standing at the base of the tree could collect in bed sheets they were holding. There was just one problem: wind.

"The tulip poplar seeds are like maples - they are winged and are sort of like little helicopters," Moore says.

As Hubbard shook the branches, all those seeds took off in the breeze, leaving the volunteers below scurrying after them. Fortunately, they caught enough of the seeds to distribute 100 Davie Poplar seedlings to students from across the state.

Seventeen years later, the original Davie Poplar still stands, and Hubbard still climbs. But when it comes to being irreplaceable, Hubbard stands alone.

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Standing before an American beech is like greeting an old friend. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

a titmouse and chickadee fussing at one another. Both were perched about 12 feet above me near a cavity on the side of a sourwood tree. That cavity had become a kind of permanent water reservoir. Those two birds were obviously contesting which was first in line for a drink. It turned out that the titmouse exerted authority over the smaller chickadee. A sighting perhaps not of note to a life-lister, but for me it remains unforgettable. Birders who are also botanizers are fortunate.

When there's a lull in bird activity, there are always plants to spot. Botanizers have an advantage in that plants can't quickly relocate. Plant discoveries can be exciting and are more frequent than bird discoveries. Finding common plants along the way is like happening upon old friends. Most you never, ever find boring. Smooth-barked beech trees, holding their copper-colored leaves in the winter, are always greeted with pleasure. One beech tree hot spot is Battle Park, particularly that extensive grove of big trees adjacent to the Forest Theatre. Another

beech tree hot spot is the upland elfin forest on the upper heights of Triangle Land Conservancy's Johnston Mill Nature Preserve between Mt. Sinai and Turkey Farm roads. A new beech tree hot spot for me is that same short Winmore bird encounter trail where the giant trees create a Tolkien-like forest. Wherever you go birding or botanizing, when armed with an appreciation for greeting old friends, you will always be rewarded with finding your own "hot spots." Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Chapel Hill Elementary School, 1965

On a brilliant sunny morning 45 years ago, I clambered up to the rooftop of old Chapel Hill High School to capture this view of Franklin Street, Chapel Hill Elementary School and the town under a blanket of white. You can orient yourself by (right to left) the steeples of the University Methodist and University Presbyterian churches and the cupola of the IFC building (then the police station and "firehouse.") With desegregation and the merger of CHHS and Lincoln, the school buildings were razed in the mid-'60s, making room for University Square, which itself is now scheduled for a teardown. Irony – that the wrecking ball will again have its way. I, for one, wish we'd kept those perfectly good buildings right there in the heart of town and turned 'em into community centers.



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