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90% Chance of Precip
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SATURDAY
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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Spotted wintergreen sports striped leaves on a short stem.
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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

What is wintergreen?

The most obvious evergreen features of the winter forest floor are numerous extensive carpets of Christmas ferns, *Polystichum acrostichoides* (see Flora, “Christmas ferns”). Such fern carpets indicate a bit more moisture close to the soil surface than occurring in the surrounding terrain. I also admire single specimens and small clumps of ferns here and there and can’t help but wonder how many years will pass before they become impressive spreads.

Less obvious, but notable to the observant eye, are at least five small evergreen plants that are easy to identify during the winter. Several of them in the past have been called wintergreen. Some years ago when assisting Betsy Green Moyer with *Paul Green’s Plant Book*, I was puzzled for days trying to discern exactly which botanical species were being described as “wintergreen” by old-timers who collected them for herbal medicines.

I finally decided to limit “wintergreen” to *Gautheria procumbens*, which in Bell and Lindsey’s *Wild Flowers of North Carolina* is also called checkerberry and teaberry. A common plant of northern states and our mountain counties, this wintergreen is seldom seen down here in our Piedmont.

Become familiar with the four common evergreen wildflowers pictured here by name and you can impress your woods-walking companions.

The most frequently found is *Chimaphila maculata*, spotted or striped wintergreen, sometimes called pipsissewa. Pipsissewa means “to make water” and was used as an herbal diuretic. You can use whatever name you like.

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Carrboro approves Shelton Station zoning

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – In a decision that could allow for the development of the proposed Shelton Station mixed-use development, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday voted 4-3 to approve the rezoning of property planned for the project near the intersection of North Greensboro and Shelton streets.

The project, proposed by Ken Reiter of Belmont Sayre, is a two-building, 110,000-square-foot development on 2.7 acres at 404, 406 and 500 N. Greensboro St. and 113 Parker St. A

two-story building with 24,000 square feet of commercial property would face North Greensboro Street. A four-story building, set back from the first and running perpendicular to Parker Street, would house 96 residential units with parking below them.

The rezoning clears the way for the project to go through the conditional use permit process, in which developers will hammer out the details of Shelton Station, subject to approval by town officials.

Reiter said public input has been important throughout the development of the project, noting that public

involvement will continue through the CUP process.

“While [the rezoning] was a big hurdle, we still have a long way to go,” he said.

Previously, developers proposed a front building with a third story of residential units, but made changes in order to reduce the total number of residential units from 116 to 96 and thus avoid Department of Transportation regulations that would have required adding a turn lane on North Greensboro Street, potentially cutting into the front yards of houses across the street.

In order for the development and

other similar projects to be considered, the board in November approved zoning changes that would allow greater residential density in developments in exchange for mutually agreed-upon conditions for site and building elements to be met in the project, like sustainable-building features, affordable-housing provisions and more, as well as at least 20 percent non-residential development.

Board members were split on the project, with Randee Haven-O’Donnell, Lydia Lavelle, Sammy

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ONE *messy* DEBATE



TIMELINE OF TRASH

THE HISTORY OF THE EUBANKS ROAD LANDFILL

DECEMBER 2009: The commissioners vote to have the county ship its garbage to Durham County’s transfer station.

MAY 2011: The commissioners vote to create a special fund to help pay for community projects in the Rogers Road area, with monies accrued through a \$5 surcharge on every ton of waste that trucks dump at the landfill.

OCTOBER 2011: The commissioners vote not to pursue extending the life of the landfill and to declare an intent to close it in 2013. County solid-waste staff had determined that the life of the landfill could be extended until as late as 2018.

1972: The town of Chapel Hill purchases land just north of town on Eubanks Road in order to place on it a solid-waste landfill. The residents – mostly black, and with family histories of having worked and lived upon the land in this community for many generations – are told this will be the only landfill placed in their neighborhood and that in 10 years it will be covered and become a park.

1997: Public officials promise to make enhancements to the Rogers Road community.

2000: Orange County takes over management of the landfill from Chapel Hill.

2006: Waste production in Orange County is down 47.7 percent from 1991, extending the landfill’s life beyond previous estimates.

MARCH 2007: The Orange County Board of Commissioners votes unanimously to build a solid-waste transfer station at the site of the landfill, anticipating that the landfill will reach capacity in 2010.

NOVEMBER 2007: Residents of the community – led by the Rogers-Eubanks Coalition to End Environmental Racism – have alleged environmental racism, saying 35 years of a landfill is enough of a burden for one community to bear, and have demanded the search be reopened. The commissioners reopen the search for a solid-waste transfer station.

MAY 2009: Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy suggests a Chapel Hill-owned location on Millhouse Road north of the new Town Operations Center – a mile to the southwest of Rogers-Eubanks – as a possible alternative to the N.C. 54 site for the transfer station.

OCTOBER 2009: The Chapel Hill Town Council puts an end to months of speculation about whether the town might provide a site it owns on Millhouse Road for a new waste transfer station by rejecting a plan to look at the feasibility of the site.

2008: After a year-long search for a solid-waste transfer station, the commissioners approve a site on N.C. 54 across from the intersection with Morrow Mill Road.

PHOTO BY DUNCAN HOGE

Yates investigator decision postponed

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Postponing a decision on whether to hire an outside investigator to report on incidents surrounding the Nov. 13 raid of the former Yates Motor Co. building, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously on Monday to refer a

petition requesting the investigator to staff.

The town’s Community Policing Advisory Committee submitted the petition after the town council referred the review to the committee, voting not to consider a measure proposing an independent review of the events. CPAC members said they felt they needed the assistance of an

outside investigator to adequately review the incident, noting the extensive time involved in interviewing involved parties.

“For the Community Policing Advisory Committee to effectively do its work, we feel that we need to develop a full and complete factual review of all the circumstances,” CPAC Chair Ron Bogle said.

Bogle noted that the committee’s request was not a criticism of the internal review conducted by Town Manager Roger Stancil and police Chief Chris Blue – which stated that the actions of police were the best decisions that could have been made given the information available at the

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Sixty years of supporting the schools

RECENTLY ...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Sixty years ago, a new idea was launched in a donated space on West Franklin Street that later became an invaluable resource for our community in multiple ways.

On Feb. 29, 1952, volunteers waded through a line that had formed an hour before the 9 a.m. opening of the “Thrifty Shop,” which a group of mothers hoped would provide the funds to hire an art teacher. At that time, Chapel Hill Elementary School was next door to the high school, where University Square is today. Glenwood Elementary would open in 1953, and the school system and PTA had no funds for art.

The “Art Mothers” had been providing lectures on art using paintings on loan from UNC, but they wanted more for their children. They got serious, changing their name to the Chapel Hill School Art Guild, doing some research, using their imaginations and stimulating the whole community. They reached out to every business with their expectations of support and enticed people from all over town to donate usable goods of any sort that they no longer needed or wanted.

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Barbara Jessie-Black, executive director of the PTA Thrift Shop, looks forward to celebrating its 60th anniversary this week and to the revamping of the Carrboro complex (depicted in drawing), slated for completion next year.
PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

MUSIC CALENDAR



KENNY ROBY
Thursday, January 26
Southern Rail

THURSDAY JAN 26
Cat's Cradle: Donna the Buffalo, Woody Pines. 8:30pm. \$17/20
The Cave: EARLY: Chris Hardy World LATE: Aaron Berg and The Heavy Love, Mountainwalker. \$5
Century Center: Steph Stewart, Tim Stambaugh. 12pm. Free
City Tap: Jo Gore and The Alternative. 9pm
General Store Cafe: Justin Johnson. 7pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 8:30pm
Local 506: Voices Carry. 9:30pm. \$5
Memorial Hall: NC Symphony: Tango Nuevo. 8pm
Nightlight: Bicameral Mind, CJ Boyd. 9:30pm
Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio, Kenny Roby and Mark Holland. 7pm
FRIDAY JAN 27
ArtsCenter: Hymns From The Gathering Church. 8pm. \$10
Cat's Cradle: Old 97s, Rhett Miller, The O's. 8:45pm. \$12/14
The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: John Howie Jr and The Rosewood Bluff, Magnolia Collective, Lake and Henepin
Chapel Hill Underground: He Is Legend, Colossus, Mortal Man. 9:30pm
City Tap: Con Acento. 9pm
General Store Cafe: Blackbird Blues. 10pm
Local 506: Benji Hughes, Wylie

Hunter and The Cazadores. 10pm. \$8
Nightlight: Kangaroo, Yandrew, Andrew Marlin. 9:30pm
Open Eye: North Columbia. 8pm
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
SATURDAY JAN 28
Cat's Cradle: Acoustic Syndicate, Town Mountain. 9pm. \$12/14
The Cave: EARLY and LATE: Climb Jacobs Ladder
City Tap: Debonzo Brothers. 9pm
Common Ground Theatre: MOM Fundraiser: Pam Saulsby, Black Heart Kings, Big Fat Gap. 6:30pm. \$10
General Store Cafe: The Lucky Strikes. 7:30pm. Jamie Purnell. 10pm
Local 506: Jimbo Mathus and the Tri-State Coalition. 9pm. \$10/12
Nightlight: EDM Danusha Rave. 9:30pm. \$5
Open Eye: Matt Weiser. 8pm
Southern Rail: Mr. Billy. 7pm
Zog's Pool Hall: The Fooligans. 9pm. \$6
SUNDAY JAN 29
The Cave: LATE: Swervocity
Chapel Hill Underground: Systems, Girl Fight. 9:30pm
Hill Hall: American Song: Andrea Edith Moore, Daniel Spiegel, Keiko Sekino, Sarah Carter; Jeffrey Beam. 3pm. Cello Music of Britten: Brent Wissick, Clara Yang, The UNC Cello Choir. 7:30pm. Free
Nash-Hooper House: Jeanne

Jolly, Allyn Love. 4pm. \$18
United Church of Chapel Hill: "All God's Children Have a Place in the Choir:" 3pm
MONDAY JAN 30
Memorial Hall: Jeff Mangum, Andrew, Scott, and Laura. 8pm. \$31
TUESDAY JAN 31
Cat's Cradle: Kathleen Edwards, Hannah Georgas. 8pm. \$20/23
Flying Burrito: Tim Stambaugh and Friends. 8:30pm
Nightlight: Virgins, Christian Adams, Jordan Humphrey. 9:30pm. \$3
Southern Rail: Pussy Mountain. 10pm
WEDNESDAY FEB 1
ArtsCenter: Triangle Jazz Orchestra Night. 7:45pm
Cat's Cradle: Tycho, Beacon. 9pm. \$12/15
Nightlight: Averkiou, Guy Harvey. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Gmish Klezmer Band. 7pm
THURSDAY FEB 2
Century Center: Janet Place. 12pm. Free
General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau. 7pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffin. 8:30pm
Local 506: Big Something, The Family. 9pm. \$7
Nightlight: Quiet the Voices, Anna Rose Beck. 9:30pm. \$5
Playmakers Theatre: Solo

Violin Music of Bach: Richard Luby. 7:30pm. \$15
Southern Rail: Phatlynx. 10pm
FRIDAY FEB 3
Cat's Cradle: Who's Bad. 9:30pm. \$15
The Cave: LATE: Jeff Hart and the Ruins, Brown Mountain Lights
General Store Cafe: Backbeat. 7:30pm. \$5
Local 506: Dark Water Rising, Justin Robinson and The Mary Annettes, The Tender Fruit. 8:30pm. \$8/10
Memorial Hall: Carolina Chocolate Drops, Luminescent Orchestra. 8pm
Open Eye: Jake Melnyk and Friends. 8pm
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
SATURDAY FEB 4
Cat's Cradle: Theophilus London, Phony Ppl., A Rooster For The Masses. 8:30pm. \$12/15
The Cave: EARLY: Magnolia Klezmer Band. \$5
General Store Cafe: Daniel Sean, David Watson. 7:30pm
Haw River Ballroom: The Mountain Goats, Nurses. 9pm. \$19/22
Local 506: The Popes, Phil Collins. 9pm. \$8
Nightlight: Vannavar, Beloved Binge. 9:30pm. \$5
Open Eye: Kerri Lowe. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT: BENJI HUGHES



Benji Hughes tends to show up on stage looking like he stepped right off of the cover of his album *A Love Extreme*, with long wind-swept hair and sunset-toned aviators shielding his eyes from the reality of the night. And much like his appearance, his live performance won't disappoint. The Charlotte-based singer-songwriter has a nonchalance about him that seeps into his lyrics, and as he tells you in one of his songs, "all you've got to do is fall in love with me," it is easy to succumb. Hughes will perform at Local 506 on Friday, Jan. 27, for an all-ages show with local band Wylie Hunter & The Cazadores. Tickets are \$8 and the doors open at 9:30 p.m. with the first band taking the stage at 10.

SPOTLIGHT: DONNA THE BUFFALO



One spotlight can never say enough about the homegrown high-energy musicians of Donna the Buffalo. The harmonizing vocals between Tara Nevins and Jeb Puryear keep your heart aching for song after song – the band doesn't have a traveling fan group called The Herd for nothing. Whether you are there for some bluegrass jives or melodic mind melts, this performance is a necessity. Be there tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 to be welcomed with open arms by Woody Pines. These natural rockabilly performers will get the night started right with diverse soulful jams and plenty of shenanigans. Tickets are \$20 and doors open at 7:30 p.m.

MOVIE LISTINGS We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy; The Artist; Jurassic Park (Friday only); Close Encounters of the Third Kind (Friday only)
CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

The Artist; The Iron Lady; Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
The Descendants; Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close; The Grey; Haywire; One for the Money
REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Beauty and the Beast 3D; Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close; The Grey; Man on a Ledger; Red Tails; Underworld: Awakening 3D
THE VARSITY
123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665
Happy Feet Two; The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1; The Ides Of March; Drive; J. Edgar; Moneyball

THE CAROLINA THEATRE DOWNTOWN DURHAM
FILM SCHEDULE JAN 27 – FEB 2
THE ARTIST
Fri 4:50, 7:15 & 9:20
Sat-Thu 7:15 & 9:20
Sat & Sun Mats 2:15 & 4:20
TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY
Fri 4:45, 7:00 & 9:30
Sat-Thu 7:00 & 9:30
Sat & Sun Mats 2:00 & 4:30
DOUBLE FEATURE Sat 7:00
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CAT'S CRADLE

TU 1/31 KATHLEEN EDWARDS

TU 2/21 BLIND PILOT

FR 2/24 SAUL WILLIAMS

SA 2/25 MARTIN SEXTON

TH 1/26 **DONNA THE BUFFALO****(\$17/\$20) W/WOODY PINES
FR 1/27 **OLD 97S** W/RHETT MILLER (SOLO) AND THE O's **(\$18/\$20)
SA 1/28**(\$12/\$14) **ACOUSTIC SYNDICATE** W/TOWN MOUNTAIN
TU 1/31 **KATHLEEN EDWARDS****(\$20/\$23) W/HANNAH GEORGAS
WE 2/1 **TYCHO** W/BEACON**(\$12/\$15)
FR 2/3 **WHO'S BAD?** MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE**(\$15)
SA 2/4 **THEOPHILUS LONDON** W/A ROOSTER FOR THE MASSES**(\$12/\$15)
SU 2/5 **MARLEY BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE:** SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION, DUB ADDIS, DJ RAS J**(\$7/\$10)
TH 2/9 **MARC BROUSSARD** W/SUGAR + THE HI LOWS "LA ROUTE AU MARDI GRAS"***(\$15/\$17)
FR 2/10 8PM - 2AM **CYNAMATIK** PAJAMA JAM RAVE

SA 2/11 **FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE** W/THE STARS EXPLODE**(\$20/\$23)
SU 2/12**(\$13/\$15) **SHARON VAN ETTEN** W/SHEARWATER
TH 2/16 **EMILIE AUTUMN****(\$15/\$17)
FR 2/17 NC COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL PRESENTS: **THE CHRIS GETHARD SHOW, TWO MAN MOVIE, PT SCARBOROUGH IS A MOVIE****(\$14/\$16)
SA 2/18**(\$10/\$12) **DELTA RAE** W/CHRIS HENDRICKS BAND
MO 2/20 **THE DEAN'S LIST****(\$12/\$15)
TU 2/21 **BLIND PILOT****(\$15/\$17) W/COTTON JONES
TH 2/23 **COREY SMITH****(\$15/\$20)
FR 2/24 **SAUL WILLIAMS****(\$15/\$17)
SA 2/25 **MARTIN SEXTON** W/RAYLAND BAXTER**(\$20/\$23)
TH 3/1 **HEARTLESS BASTARDS** W/THE FLING AND DEVIN THERRIault**(\$14/\$16)

SA 3/3 **FUN.****(\$17/\$19)
SU 3/4 **CULTS****(\$15/\$17) W/MRS. MAGICIAN
TU 3/6**(\$20/\$23) **BOYCE AVENUE** W/SECONDHAND SERENADE
FR 3/9 **FANFARLO** **(\$15) W/YOUNG MAN
SA 3/10**(\$12/\$14) **GOOD OLD WAR** W/BELL BRIGADE, FAMILY OF THE YEAR
TU 3/13 **CLUB BELLYDANCE** **(\$20/\$25; \$10 FOR KIDS)
TH 3/15**(\$20/\$23) **GOMEZ** W/HEY ROSETTA!
FR 3/16**(\$14/\$16) **THE DEVIL MAKES THREE**
SA 3/17**(\$12/\$14) **BOWERBIRDS**
TU 3/20 **THE INFAMOUS STRINGDUSTERS** **(\$12/\$15)
WED 3/21 **NEON INDIAN** W/PURITY RING**(\$12/\$14)
FR 3/23 **(\$13/\$15) **YOUTH LAGOON** W/DANA BUOY
SA 3/24 **CALTROP CD** RELEASE, PIPE, BLACK SKIES**(\$5/\$7)

SU 3/25 **JOHN MARK MCMILLAN** W/JUDE MOSES**(\$12/\$15)
SU 4/1 **THE NAKED AND FAMOUS** W/VACATIONER AND NOW NOW**(\$15)
TU 4/3 **DELTA SPIRIT** W/WATERS**(\$12/\$14)
WE 4/4 **OF MONTREAL** W/LONEY DEAR AND KISHI BASHI**(\$17)
MO 4/9**(\$20) **THE BUDOS BAND** AND CHARLES BRADLEY & HIS EXTRAORDINAIRES
WE 4/11 AND TH 4/12 **TWO SHOWS: 1 THE MAGNETIC FIELDS****(\$25/\$28)
WE 4/18 **KINA GRANNIS** **(\$15/\$17) ON SALE 1/28
SA 4/21 **SAY ANYTHING, KEVIN DEVINE & MORE****(\$17/\$20) ON SALE 1/26
TU 4/24 **TRAMPLED BY TURTLES** **(\$18/\$20) ON SALE 1/27
FR 5/11**(\$15) **THE GOURDS**
WE 5/23 **ST. VINCENT** **(\$17/\$20) ON SALE 1/27
FR 5/25 **YANN TIERSEN****(\$18/\$20)

ALSO PRESENTING
LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
SA 1/28 JIMBO MATHUS & TRI STATE COALITION AND FANTASTIC!
FR 2/3 JUSTIN ROBINSON & THE MARY ANNETTES AND DARK WATER RISING W/TENDER FRUITS
SU 2/19 DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE
FR 2/24 OTHER LIVES W/WIM
SU 2/26 SOUL KHAN
SA 3/3 CRAIG FINN W/MARCELLUS HALL
SU 3/25 FRONTIER RUCKUS AND HOOTS & HELLMOUTH
MEMORIAL HALL (UNC-CH)
MO 1/30 SOLD OUT
SOLD OUT JEFF MANGUM
HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAXAPAHAW)
SOLD OUT SA 2/4 MOUNTAIN GOATS W/NURSES
THE CAVE (CHAPEL HILL)
SU 2/5 RICKOLUS
PAGE AUDITORIUM (DUKE UNIVERSITY)
SA 2/11 M WARD W/LEE RANALDO
ON SALE 1/30 VIA PAGE AUD BOX OFFICE • SHOW PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH DUKE PERFORMANCES
THE CLAYTON CENTER (CLAYTON)
SA 2/11 TODD SNIDER W/ROSIE GOLAN
THE CASBAH (DURHAM)
SA 2/18 CHERUB
LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)
WE 2/15 **THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS** W/JONATHAN COULTON
FR 3/9 **THE WAR ON DRUGS** AND **WHITE RABBITS**
PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH HOPSCOTCH
NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)
TU 2/28 ZEE AVI
SA 3/17 ROSIE THOMAS
WE 3/21 **MINIATURE TIGERS,** GEOGRAPHER, THE CHAIN GANG OF 1974, PRETTY & NICE
THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)
TU 4/3 KIMYA DAWSON W/PALEFACE AND YOUR HEART BREAKS

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Win two tickets!
Email your name and phone number to contest@carrborocitizen.com by noon on Friday, Jan 27

Briefs

OC Dems oppose marriage ban

The Orange County Democratic Party voted on Jan. 23 to officially oppose Amendment 1, which would define marriage as between a man and a woman and would add a ban of same-sex marriage to the state constitution.

The amendment will appear on the May 8 primary ballot.

In addition to voting against the amendment, the Orange County Democratic Party voted to become a member of the Coalition to Protect N.C. Families and to work actively against Amendment 1.

Bryan appointed judge

Jay Bryan has been appointed to serve on the District Court bench by Gov. Beverly Perdue for judicial district 15-B, which covers Orange and Chatham counties.

Perdue said she chose Bryan to replace Judge Page Vernon, who is retiring, because of his experience as an accomplished attorney and his work in the community.

Bryan served on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen for 10 years and has also served on a variety of civic and charitable boards. He received his law degree from the N.C. Central University School of Law and has been practicing law in Orange County for 34 years.

Police seek info on peeping incident

The Chapel Hill Police Department is seeking information concerning a possible peeping incident that occurred on Halloween night.

Police say they have evidence showing three college-age white females dressed as Christmas gifts getting ready for Halloween.

If you have any information about the identity of the victims or the incident, contact J. Britt at the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2767, ext. 131, or jbritt@townofchapelhill.org.

Carrboro declares love month

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday voted to declare February “For the Love of Carrboro” month, in an effort to support local businesses.

During February, the town will sponsor a number of events to promote the town and its businesses, including a dating game event at The Station on Valentine’s Day.

The declaration was made on the heels of the town’s consideration as a location finalist for *Lovetown USA*, a reality dating show produced by the BBC and the Oprah Winfrey Network. Carrboro was not selected as the location for the show.

Biz awards

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce announced the 2011 Business of the Year award winners at its annual meeting on Tuesday.

Winners are: Bernadette Pelissier, chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners – Chair’s Award for Public-Private Partnership; Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools – Progress Energy Sustainable Business of the Year; Helen Antipov of Comfort Keepers –Chamber Ambassador of the Year; Showroom Shine – Small Business of the Year; Harrington Bank – Mid-Size Business of the Year; 3 Birds Marketing and Carolina Brewery – Large Business of the Year (tie); Community Home Trust – Nonprofit of the Year; and employees of UNC Health Care – Citizenship and Service Award.

Telemarketing scams

The Chapel Hill Police Department recently received reports of telemarketing scams indicating that potential victims have won large sums of money or high-price items.

The scams require victims to wire money to the scammer in order to claim their prize. In one particular scam, the calls show up as coming from area code 876 in Jamaica. According to police, scams like this are designed to extort money from victims who never receive a prize, and many scams target the elderly.

If you believe you have been the victim of a telemarketing scam, call 911 to report this to the police. For information on how to protect yourself against scams, visit ncdoj.com/Protect-Yourself/Stop-Telemarketers.aspx

Chatham commissioners move to monthly meetings

In order to reduce meeting expenses, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners voted to reduce their meetings from twice a month to once a month.

The board will now meet on the third Monday of each month effective immediately. Their next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Agriculture Auditorium in Pittsboro.

Buses to the Dean Dome

The Tar Heel Express shuttle will provide service today (Thursday) for the UNC men’s basketball game against N.C. State at 7 p.m. at the Dean Smith Center. Shuttle service will begin at 5:30 p.m. from the Friday Center, Southern Village, University Mall and Jones Ferry park-and-ride lots. Tickets are \$3 for one-way and \$5 round-trip. A shuttle will also run from the Carolina Coffee Shop, and will cost \$2 one-way or \$4 round-trip. The shuttles will run every 10 to 15 minutes prior to the start of the game and will operate for 45 minutes following the game.

Low-cost rabies vaccination clinic

Orange County Animal Services Department will hold its first low-cost rabies vaccination clinic of 2012 on Saturday at the Animal Services Center in Chapel Hill from 10 a.m. to noon.

The vaccination fee for dogs and cats is \$10. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in individual carriers.

Weaver Street open

Weaver Street is now completely open to traffic.

West Weaver Street was opened to thru traffic on Monday morning, and while work will continue with some minor disruptions to traffic, vehicles may now travel the length of the street without detour. Pedestrian access may occasionally be directed to one side of the street or the other depending on the proximity of construction activities.

George Seiz, director of Carrboro Public Works, said workers are still completing line-stripping correction and cleanup, but that the project is nearly complete.

“I think there will just be some general cleanup, and then we’re done,” he said. “Within a week or so, things should be pretty well totally wrapped up.”

“We anticipated that it was going to take a year,” Seiz said, “but now that it’s open and substantially complete, we’re obviously ahead of schedule.”

The Weaver St. Reconstruction Project began on March 7 of last year and has involved the replacement of an existing water main, installation of additional storm inlets and piping and the removal and reconstruction of the existing road.

Work on the east block was completed in July of this year, at which point the contractor began work on the second phase of the project in the west block. The water main was replaced in the west block while work was completed in the east block.

“We now have better fire protection,” Seiz said. “We have a better drainage system. We have



Andre Kearney (left, back), Allen Wendell (left, front) and Mike Hamlett widen the bike lane along Weaver Street shortly after the street was opened to traffic on Monday, one of the final tasks remaining on an otherwise open street.

PHOTO BY DUNCAN HOGE

a better roadway, improved ADA access, crosswalks and sidewalks – so we have a road that looks better and drives better.”

“We certainly really appreciate the businesses adjacent and the downtown, their patience and understanding of the project,” Seiz said.

“We’re really grateful to many of them for that”

– Staff Reports

County dicusses rail route along 15-501

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

With questions lingering about the overall benefits for Orange County, the routes chosen and the outstanding cost, the Orange County Board of Commissioners have concerns about light-rail plans in the Triangle Regional Transit Program.

These concerns led commissioners to ask the Triangle Transit Authority at their meeting Tuesday night to conduct an analysis of a never-before discussed route for light rail that would run near U.S. 15-501.

Currently the two routes under consideration to connect the light-rail system from Durham to Chapel Hill are running along N.C. 54 East.

However, County Manager Frank Clifton believes these two options provide little to no benefit to Orange County in terms of economic-development opportunities.

Clifton says that because both of the currently proposed routes, C1 and C2, are situated in areas that don’t have the potential for development around them, Orange County is getting the short end of the deal.

“C1 or C2 puts all the light-rail development in Durham County,” Clifton told commissioners when he suggested they ask Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) to look at a route near 15-501.

“I you look at the total route for either C1 or C2, much of it goes through land that can’t be developed,” he said. “Without a thorough analysis of 15-501, we might lose an opportunity for Orange County to be used effectively.”

Wib Gulley, general counsel for TTA, told the commissioners that while he would be happy to talk with Clifton about the options for 15-501, he wanted to remind them

this plan was not created based on counties’ economic-development opportunities.

“This is not an economic-development effort,” Gulley told commissioners. “If it were, we would be doing this in a different way. This is a transportation infrastructure project.”

However, after Clifton planted the idea of looking into 15-501 into their heads, the commissioners seemed to be stuck on it, asking Gulley and Patrick McDonough, the senior transportation planner for TTA, questions about why it was disregarded and how the currently proposed alternatives would be more valuable to the county.

Commissioner Steve Yuhasz echoed other commissioners in expressing his approval for the endpoints of the system, but he wanted to know more about options for 15-501, and without that knowledge, he said, he would find it hard to recommend light rail as the best transportation alternative for the county.

Gulley said he was concerned that additional analysis could cause the project, which has been in the planning stages for three years, to move backwards.

In order to continue to move the project forward, the commissioners are supposed to vote on what route they would recommend pursuing at the Feb. 8 meeting of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization.

“I have only been sitting on this board for three years,” Vice Chair Pam Hemminger told Gulley and McDonough, “and you are asking me to have to make one of the biggest decisions I will probably ever have to make.”

Commissioners requested the Triangle Transit Authority come to their meeting on Feb. 7 with more information before they vote on the issue.

School board further opposes charter school

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — In order to further voice opposition to the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education voted last week to send a letter detailing why the board opposes the school to the N.C. State Board of Education.

However, with the charter school becoming an ever-closer reality, some board members questioned the effectiveness of a letter.

“I am OK with sending a letter,” Vice Chair Michelle Brownstein said at the board’s Jan. 19 meeting, “but I don’t think it will be effective or even considered.”

Board member Jamezetta Bedford said she thought the letter would have no bearing on the state’s decision and that the approval of the charter school was already a done deal.

“We have sent many emails and letters that say we oppose the addition of having more charter schools,” Bedford said. “This is a political battle I don’t want to get into.”

Superintendent Tom Forcella sent a letter to the N.C. Department of Public Instruction on Dec. 7 disputing claims made in the charter school’s application about overcrowding and a still-prevalent achievement gap in the school district.

However, the N.C. Public Charter School Advisory Council still voted to recommend the school’s application to the N.C. State Board of Education at its meetings on Feb. 1-2.

Board member Greg McElveen said that now is a good time to “reiterate our position on this operation,” since the state board is set to meet soon.

“This proposed letter has multiple objectives,” McElveen said, including “to give input on

how this is going to impact the education of the children in this community.”

The school board is worried the charter school will take both money and diversity away from the district.

Although the board is against the Lee charter school, McElveen, Barrett and Bedford said they aren’t explicitly against all charter schools.

Bedford said she felt it was unfortunate that those proposing the Lee charter school chose to partner with National Heritage Academies, a for-profit charter management group, and that if they had chosen to partner with the Knowledge is Power Program, she would support it, adding that she would even help them recruit students.

The board voted 5-2, with Bedford and Mike Kelley dissenting, to send a letter to the state board.

The board unanimously approved Kelley’s suggestion to include a video of the Raging Grannies, who performed a song opposing the school at the meeting, with the letter.

In other action last week, the board again addressed plans to alleviate overcrowding at Glenwood Elementary School.

A number of parents of Glenwood students came to the meeting to voice their opinion on what they felt the board should do.

Suggestions from parents and the Glenwood School Improvement Team included transitioning music and art to rolling carts to free up classrooms and asking for volunteers to redirect to Rashkis Elementary School.

After a lengthy conversation, the board decided to postpone a decision to February, when staff can return to the board with information about moving Glenwood’s pre-kindergarten class to Rashkis.

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At the same meeting, the board voted to develop a plan to provide water hookups in the Rogers Road neighborhood adjacent to the landfill and authorize the cleanup of illegal dumpsites in the community, funding the plan with an increase in solid-waste tipping fees.

The closure of the landfill would effectively end the need for the inter-local agreement put in place when Orange County took over management of the landfill in 2000, and tonight at 7, the Orange County Board of Commissioners will come together with the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Chapel Hill Town Council and the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners to discuss how to move forward as the closure of the landfill approaches.

In anticipation of the impending closure, the county commissioners in 2007 voted to site a transfer station at the Eubanks Road landfill, later reversing that decision after hearing strong opposition from the community.

The county reopened the search for a site that fall, but in December 2009 the commissioners voted not to site a transfer station in the county, instead deciding to contract with Durham County to ship garbage to its transfer station for a three-to-five-year period and to use that time to re-engage the county’s municipalities in developing a long-term solid-waste strategy.

“This issue has been going on for a number of years,” County Manager Frank Clifton said, noting the extensive search process the county conducted. “There was no location that they could find in Orange County that anybody felt suitable with moving forward.”

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton recently suggested a plan that calls for the county to keep the landfill open until 2015, allowing time for the county to site a waste transfer station. Chilton identified a possible site at the northwest corner of the intersection of I-40 and N.C. 86, and on Tuesday the Carrboro Board of Aldermen unanimously passed a resolution to ask the county to look into the feasibility of that site.

Chilton noted the high cost of hauling waste to Durham – an estimated \$500,000-\$600,000 for Chapel Hill and \$200,000 for Carrboro, annually – and the environmental impact of the extra miles driven in stating the importance of quickly siting a transfer station within Orange County.

“What would it say about our communities’ priorities to choose to simply pay \$750,000 a year to take our trash to Durham?” Chilton said, adding that the money saved could be used to fund additional infrastructure in the Rogers Road neighborhood, like sewer hookups and a community center.

However, Chilton’s suggestion that the county keep the landfill open for an additional two years has drawn strong opposition from the Rogers Road community and supporters who say it’s time the county and towns keep their promises to the neighborhood and close the landfill.

“Our good mayor from Carrboro talks about how well he knows solid waste. He doesn’t know the impact. He doesn’t breathe the polluted air,” said Robert Campbell, president of

the local chapter of the NAACP and a longtime Rogers Road resident and activist. “It’s time to do the right thing – the moral, just, right thing. The quality of life in Rogers Road is at stake.”

Chapel Hill is already looking into other waste-management options, including partnering with UNC and/or Carrboro as well as possible waste-to-energy options, and has put out a request for proposals from firms.

“We would like to make [the landfill closure] an opportunity to rethink our garbage,” Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil said.

However, Stancil said that in terms of waste to energy, “The technology is just not where we need for it to be at this point to put something on the ground.”

Meanwhile, Clifton said it will be important for the various boards to come together to reach some kind of a decision moving forward.

“We’ve had many, many years to address this issue, and it’s not that it’s an easy issue to address, but it’s not going to get any easier,” he said.

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Bullock’s time has arrived

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

Reggie Bullock, a sophomore guard from Kinston, is finally getting the opportunity he dreamt of as a youngster in eastern North Carolina. Bullock will be in the starting lineup when the seventh-ranked Tar Heels (16-3, 3-1 in the ACC) play N.C. State at 7 tonight at the Smith Center. He will likely continue as the starting shooting guard for the remainder of this season.

“I know I’m a shooter, a rebounder and a defender,” Bullock said. “I just have to bring that to the team. I need to do it consistently for the rest of the season.”

Bullock’s opportunity unfortunately arose because of an injury to junior guard Dexter Strickland. Strickland landed awkwardly during the Tar Heels’ 82-68 victory at Virginia Tech on Jan. 19, the last game Carolina played.

Strickland tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his right knee and is out for the rest of the season.

“It was a big-time loss for us,” coach Roy Williams said.

Strickland has started all 19 games this season. He is tied with starting point guard Kendall Marshall for the team lead in steals with 25 heading into tonight’s game. Strickland is second in assists to Marshall with 39. His shooting percentage of 57 percent leads the team.

For all his attributes though, the most difficult role to fill in his absence is that of backup point guard. His ability to move from shooting guard to the point provided Marshall with needed rest.

When Carolina won by larger margins, Strickland often played more point so Marshall could further rest his legs.

Freshman shooting guard P.J. Hairston of Greensboro will be Bullock’s backup. Those two are not the only ones who will benefit from Strickland’s absence.

Freshman guard Stilman White of Wilmington will get a chance to contribute more than he probably ever imagined. He will be Marshall’s official backup.

“We’re going to give Stilman some time there,” Williams said. “We’re going to try to do a little more work on the passing game, not having a true point guard, and see how that works. We’ve got to find a way to give Kendall a little bit of a break each half.”

Marshall acknowledged he has his own responsibility in this new scenario.

“I’ll have to do a good job of taking care of my body and play

more minutes,” Marshall said.

Marshall said the entire team must keep its mind on its business and stop losing its concentration.

“Effort and energy for 40 minutes,” Marshall said. “What we’re trying to do as a team is live in the here and now, not look to the future, not focus on the past. We want to focus on the task at hand. So that is the main focus of our team right now – living in the here and now.”

Tonight’s game will provide an excellent test. This is not the same N.C. State team that UNC could count as a sure victory in the past. First-year coach Mark Gottfried has the Wolfpack playing exceptionally well.

NCSU is coming off a 78-73 road win over Miami on Sunday. Gottfried said it did not take his team long to turn its attention to the Tar Heels.

“Oh, I think our players will be excited,” Gottfried said. “They’ve been excited to play every game, but this game’s different. There is no question. It feels different to your players, fans, students on campus. So our players are very well aware of that.

“For us, it’s just a great opportunity, and I think our players view it like that. Our guys, as soon as the Miami game was over, their minds shifted to North Carolina.”



In memoriam, JoePa, 1994

If I remember correctly, this photo was taken during the halcyon season of 1994, when Penn State, under the legendary leadership of Coach Joe Paterno, went 12-0. A photo-journalism professor at PSU, I was shooting this game on assignment for the PSU alumni magazine. To be a sideline photographer in Beaver Stadium on a crisp autumn day, bombarded with “We ARE ... Penn STATE!” from 94,000 screaming Nittany Lion fans, is to be “directly above the center of the earth,” as one fan described it. Whatever else you may think about the unprecedented career and now tainted legacy of the late “JoePa,” the man was a force of nature, and I count myself fortunate to have been there then. University photographer Greg Grieco shot this image of Paterno and me on the sidelines during pre-game warm-ups. Grieco was using a Nikon F5 with Kodak Tri-X black and white film.



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

Do you have an important old photo that you value? Email your photo to jock@email.unc.edu and include the story behind the picture. Because every picture tells a story. And its worth? A thousand words.

Community Briefs

Human relations forum

The Orange County Human Relations Commission will host the Human Relations Month Forum 2012 on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center.

The forum will be themed “Defining Marriage in North Carolina by Constitutional Amendment: What are the implications?” Milan Pham, attorney with NicholsonPham Attorneys at Law, will moderate the panel discussion. Panelists include Robert Campbell, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP; Maxine Eichner, professor of law at the UNC School of Law; and Brett Webb-Mitchell, minister and visiting professor of English and mass communication at N.C. Central University.

The Moaners will provide entertainment from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Public talk on fracking

The UNC Institute for the Environment will host a public talk by Larry Murdoch entitled “To Frac or not to Frac: Risks and Rewards of Natural Gas Production from Shale,” at 5 p.m. on Tuesday in the Tate Turner Kuralt Auditorium in the UNC School of Social Work at 325 Pittsboro St.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a technique used to release natural gas from deep deposits in shale. Murdoch, professor of environmental engineering and earth sciences at Clemson University, will address topics ranging from the economic benefits of fracking and concerns about environmental risks to the geology of gas deposits and the technology used in hydraulic fracturing.

The event is free and open to the public.

Sculpture gifted to Chapel Hill

GS Carolina, LLC and the David L. Guy Family have donated Magnolia Exotica, a large stainless-steel sculpture by artist Carl Regutti, to the Town of Chapel Hill.

The sculpture is a 16-foot-tall stainless-steel obelisk with colored magnolia blossoms. Magnolia Exotica is located at the intersection of North Columbia Streets and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The value of the sculpture has been appraised at \$90,000.

Regutti, who has a background in science and metallurgy, developed a method for creating multi-colored stainless steel.

OBITUARY

Gerald Moore Farrell

There will be a memorial service honoring the life of Gerald Moore Farrell. Family and friends are asked to meet and celebrate his life on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 11 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church.

Gerald, a lifelong resident of Carrboro, was born on Aug. 21 at his family’s home in Carrboro.

Gerald was the son of the late Clarence R. and Clara M. Farrell. He is survived by his daughter Jennifer T. Farrell and her fiancé, Felix E. Chandler III; his daughter Grace Chandler of Raleigh; one sister, Laverne Farrell, and her husband, Charles F. Hobgood, of Roxboro; and many nieces and nephews and loving friends.

Gerald was predeceased by his loving wife, Terry Todd Farrell; their son,

Gerald Moore Farrell II; two brothers, C.R. (Scobie) Farrell Jr. and W. Lee Farrell; and one sister, Royce Farrell Allen.

A visitation will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at Antioch Baptist Church on White Cross Road. Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Antioch Baptist Church, and burial will be following the service at Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro, N.C.

Gerald was a beloved husband, father and friend to many. His family and friends were his greatest joy. Gerald loved to go to North Myrtle Beach, and he was an avid Tar Heel fan.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Antioch Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be made to walkersfuneralservice.com

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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by Linda Thistle

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PET OF THE WEEK

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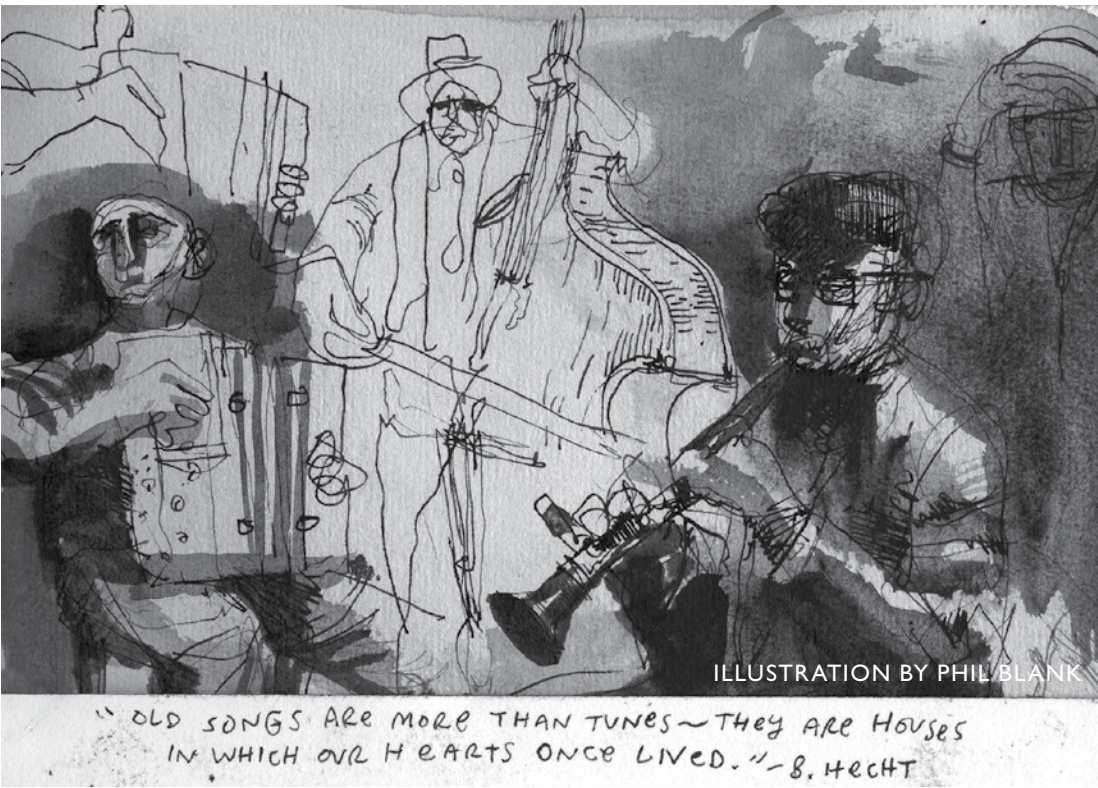
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HOUSE Calls

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 diabetes and prostate cancer.

Dear HOUSE Calls, My brother takes insulin for his diabetes and drinks quite a bit of alcohol. Is that a problem?

It sounds like you may be concerned about your brother's alcohol intake with or without the diabetes, so you should consider opening a dialogue, as this may be a problem for him. Specific to the diabetes and insulin, we have a few thoughts. First off, alcohol does not have much effect on the blood-sugar or insulin levels in and of itself. It is not a high-glycemic food like potatoes or candy bars. However, many types of alcoholic drinks are high in sugar and carbohydrates, which will increase blood sugar. Likewise, they all add substantial calories, which will make the weight control that is so important for diabetics more difficult. Also, drinking too much alcohol can

lead to bad decisions regarding diet. Lastly, high levels of regular alcohol consumption over time can stress out the pancreas and make it less able to respond and contribute to the control of blood sugar. Drinking alcohol can affect your blood pressure levels, which is very important if you have diabetes. So there are a lot of downsides to drinking alcohol for your brother's health and not much in the way of benefits. Hopefully you can share this information with him and start a conversation.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I am a 41-year-old black male. What do I need to know about prostate cancer?

There has been a lot in the media about prostate cancer screening, and it can be so confusing. Because you are black, your lifetime risk of developing prostate cancer is 16 percent, but your lifetime risk of dying from prostate cancer is only 2.9 percent,

which is somewhat higher than the risk for white people. Genetics is the most important risk factor, and there is nothing you can do about it. Screening and early diagnosis seemed like a good idea for the past decade or so; however, the most recent and highest-quality studies show that men don't live any longer if they get prostate-cancer screening, so we are by and large not recommending it anymore. We will give men older than 50 their choice about PSA testing and explain to them the pros and cons of testing. Symptoms of prostate cancer can be similar to enlarged prostate symptoms. If you are having trouble emptying your bladder, weak stream or dribbling, you should discuss this with your doctor.

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.

Carrboro police officers sharpen Spanish skills

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

"Tomaste esta noche?" a Carrboro police officer asked Javier Cid — asking in Spanish if he had been drinking. "Usted huele a alcohol," the officer said, telling Cid he smelled like alcohol. "Tengo dos cervezas," Cid responded, holding up two fingers. "Everyone always says two," the officer laughed.

The officer was not really pulling Cid over, and Cid was not really drunk. The two of them, along with four additional police officers, were at the CHICLE Language Institute practicing scenarios that police encounter on a weekly basis in which knowing how to communicate in Spanish would improve their ability to help the community.

In a partnership between the Carrboro Police Department and CHICLE, Cid is teaching six police officers phrases and vocabulary in Spanish that they can use to communicate with Spanish-speaking residents on a daily basis.

"We're trying to bridge the gap with our Latino community as far as communicating with them and understanding their culture more," Capt. Cornell Lamb said.

In every class, Cid, a native Spanish-speaker from Mexico City who has been teaching at CHICLE for nine years, puts the officers in different situations where the victim or suspect knows little English or only speaks Spanish.

These situations include responding to domestic-violence calls, pulling someone over for speeding or being the first responder on a scene involving a hit-and-run.

"I give them scenarios where they can really use the phrases and the vocabulary and work on the pronunciations," Cid said.

"We have a textbook, but it just lists words and they don't tell the students how to apply it," he added.

Although a majority of the 90-minute class is spent working on scenarios, sometimes it mirrors a typical high school or college language course as the officers repeat after the teacher and conjugate verbs on the board.

"¡En Español!" Cid commands when a student answers a question in English, usually causing the officer to panic and respond with what seems to be the class' favorite phrase, "No se mueve," meaning, "Do not move," causing the class to erupt into laughter.

Lamb said he believes the course has really helped him with understanding the culture and the language, and the department is looking into making it a routine course.

"My confidence level as far as being able to communicate and gather information has improved," he said.

"You don't always know what situation you are going to walk into when you respond to a call, and we have such a diverse community in Carrboro where Spanish is one of the languages spoken."

Cid said that one of the best things about the police officers learning the language was that they would have the ability to help people in their native language, which is more reassuring. "When someone communicates in your language, it means a lot," Cid said.

While the course has taught the police officers a lot, Cid said he too has learned a great deal since they begin meeting back in November.

"Law-enforcement officers do tough work," Cid said. "Many people think they just give tickets or fines, and the reality is there is something more beyond that — they are doing an important job in the community."

Engagement Announcement

Womble, Kieckbusch engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maxwell Womble of Carrboro announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia Fletcher Womble, to Mr. Paul Matthew Kieckbusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter John Kieckbusch of West Bend, Wis. An April 2012 wedding is planned.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY JAN 26
C-PILO Fundraiser — Carolina Public Interest Law Organization to hold a benefit and auction with proceeds given to law students doing public interest work. Top of the Hill's Great Room, 8pm \$15 unc.edu/CPILO
Lunchbox Series — Presents Steph Stewart and Tim Stambaugh. Carrboro Century Center, 12pm Free
Friends of Downtown — Meeting with a presentation by Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil. The Franklin Hotel, 10am Free
Leigh Stein — To be at Bull's Head Bookshop to discuss *The Fallback Plan*. 3:30pm

FRIDAY JAN 27
Zumba Jam — Zumba fuses Latin and international dance rhythms into a fitness program. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30-9pm \$3 918-7364
Art Opening — Reception for "Finding Light," the works of 22 local artists. Show continues through Feb. 19. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 121 N. Churton St., 6-9pm hillsborough-gallery.com
Dance Benefit — Zumba benefit for We Build People, a program that makes scholarships for YMCA membership and programs available to families in Orange and Chatham counties. YMCA, 980 Martin Luther

King Blvd., 6-8pm \$10 442-9622
Dr. Nortin M. Hadler — To speak on "Rethinking Aging: Growing Old and Living Well in an Over-treated Society." Seymour Center, 11:30am Free
Art Reception — Opening reception for Robert Gardner's solo exhibition "Steel Canvas." Eno Gallery, 6pm
SATURDAY JAN 28
Computer Class — Email Basics. Carrboro Cybrary, 10am Free 918-7387
Mark Twain Now — One-man show featuring Paul Newell. The ArtsCenter, 8pm artscenterlive.org
PlayMakers — *The Making of a King: Henry IV and Henry V*, by William Shakespeare, opens Jan. 28 and continues through March 4. Paul Green Theatre, 6:30pm playmakersrep.org
Silent Auction — Of student artwork, benefiting The UNC Habitat for Humanity Honduras Global Village. Show runs through Feb. 4. Open Eye Cafe, 1-7pm
SUNDAY JAN 29
Marriage Forum — "Defining Marriage in North Carolina by Constitutional Amendment: What are the Implications?" with panelists Stuart Campbell, Maxine Eichner, and Brett Webb-Mitchell. Carrboro Century Center, 3pm 245-2487

MONDAY JAN 30

Get Organized — With speaker Lori Bruhns of EveryDay Tidy. Orange County Public Library, Hillsborough, 6pm Free 245-2537
WEDNESDAY FEB 1
Lollipop Series — Dr. Laura Janelle Royster's *Mother Goose*, intended for ages 3-5. Carrboro Century Center, 10:30-11:30am \$3 918-7364
Howard Craft — Teaches a workshop in "Stories in the Air: Writing radio drama." Hitchcock Multipurpose Room, Sonya Haynes Stone Center, 6:30pm 962-9001
THURSDAY FEB 2
Janet Place — To perform at Carrboro Century Center. 12-1pm Free

NAMI Class — First of a 12-week class structured to help family members understand and support loved one with mental illness. Seymour Center's Dogwood Room, 6:30pm Free 967-5403
Project Literacy — 23rd National African-American Read-In, featuring public readings of works authored or spoken by African-Americans. Campus Y, 6-8pm 636-4457
FRIDAY FEB 3
Artists' Salon — Sponsored by the Orange County Arts Commission. February's topic is "Shoebbox Accounting" with guest speaker Alex Lehmann. The West End Theatre at

The ArtsCenter, 6:30pm Free
Nia Jam — Nia is a fitness technique combining dance, yoga and martial arts. Carrboro Century Center, 7-8:30pm \$3 918-764
SATURDAY FEB 4
Improv — Transactors Improv presents "Transactors for Families." The ArtsCenter, 6pm artscenterlive.org
Film Showing — The Environmental Film Series presents *Mobilizing to Save Civilization*, based on the book *World On the Edge* by Lester Brown. Carrboro Century Center, 4pm Free with donations accepted
Writing Class — With local author James Maxey. Main Library,

Hillsborough 10am 245-2537
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No delay in landfill closure

Just when we thought the Pandora’s box that is the Orange County Landfill was finally nailed shut for good, Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton has pried it open one more time.

Mayor Chilton is proposing that we delay once again the proposed closure of the landfill, this time until 2015.

In October of last year, the Orange County Board of Commissioners declared their intent to close the landfill in 2013, seemingly ending years of debate over the mistreatment of the Rogers Road neighborhood that abuts the site.

At that same meeting, commissioners also voted unanimously to develop a plan to provide water hook-ups in the neighborhood and authorize the cleanup of illegal dumpsites in the community.

Chilton, however, citing both environmental and fiscal concerns, has suggested that a delay in closure until 2015 would allow time to develop a waste transfer station, possibly at the intersection of I-40 and N.C. 86. Such a station could save both Carrboro and Chapel Hill significant amounts of money while also keeping garbage trucks from having to drive to Durham to dump their garbage.

While both these goals are highly desirable, there are at least two problems with the mayor’s approach. First, the idea of locating a transfer station in Orange County is not new,

This neighborhood has been suffering in the shadow of our country’s garbage for 40 years.

and apparently no new solutions are being offered to this vexing issue. The community has talked exhaustively about how to handle our garbage.

The second problem with his idea is the math he used to support it. At last week’s board of aldermen meeting, he said that the 1 cent addition to the tax rate that would be needed to cover the cost of transporting our garbage to Durham would cost his household an “extra 350 bucks.”

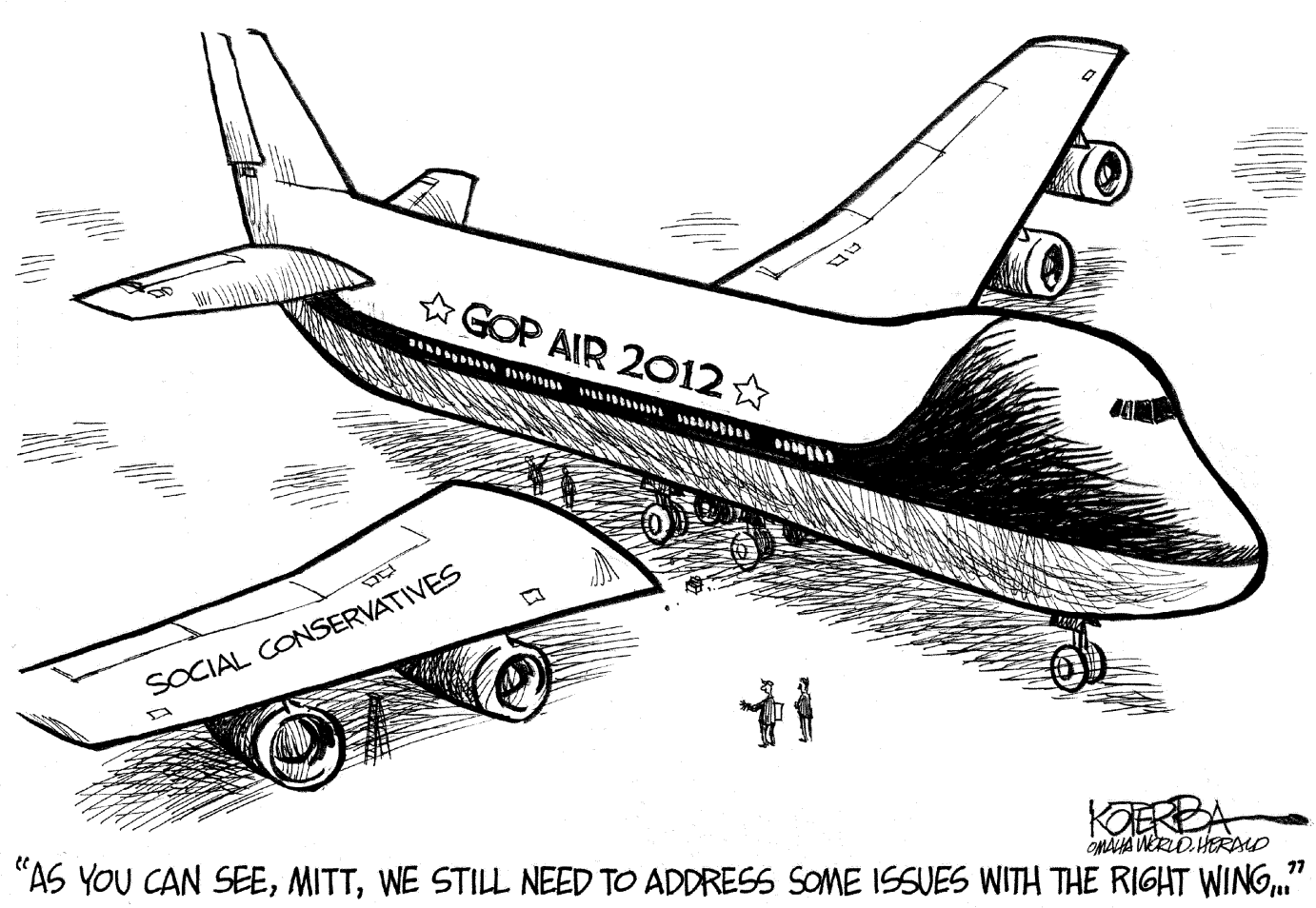
We’re pretty sure the mayor’s mill village house isn’t worth \$3.5 million, and that he really meant to say 35 bucks, a lot easier number to swallow for most taxpayers, and a whole lot less scary.

While we agree that we should continue our efforts to save tax dollars and mitigate the effects of hauling our garbage, the most important point to remember is that any delay just exacerbates the decades of injustice perpetrated on the Rogers Road community.

This neighborhood has been suffering in the shadow of our county’s mountain of garbage for 40 years, about 30 more than they were promised. Our community’s laudable recycling efforts have extended the “life” of the landfill again and again, leaving Rogers Road to suffer more vermin, more trash and more stench, while the rest of us save money.

If we want to save more money, then let it not be on the backs of those who have borne the burden for so many years. Mayor Chilton is right – we need to continue to look for a better option to trucking our garbage someplace else. But pursuing this option will be difficult and time consuming. Based on past experience, it seems it would take a miracle to have a transfer station in southern Orange County up and running by 2015.

A great environmental injustice has been done, is being done, to the Rogers Road neighbors. At this point, the right thing for this community to do is close this landfill with no delay.



LETTERS

Council action unacceptable

In December 2011, the Town Council assigned the Community Policing Advisory Council the task of making recommendations regarding the Yates building incident. When the recommendation came back this month in favor of an independent investigation, the council voted to reject the very same recommendation it had asked for. I find this bizarre and unacceptable, especially in view of the fact that CPAC voted unanimously having spent what they described as a grueling eight hours of discussion and deliberation.

It seems it wasn’t enough to express displeasure at CPAC’s conclusion; council members had to publicly humiliate Judge Ron Bogle by letting him twist in the wind with council members’ giggling naysaying. The professional that he is, Ron Bogle surprised by standing humbly yet stalwartly at the mic for the whole half-hour while being pilloried by the same council members who had asked for his commission’s recommendation in the first place.

Admit it: The system is falling apart, your maneuvers are transparent to all who are watching carefully and there is no way out but to seek and face the truth of what happened on Nov. 13 and in the days leading up to it. We at Occupy are giving of our days and nights to witness to the political/economic systems’ failure in our country – nationwide, statewide and citywide. We will not stop bearing witness. This movement is too large to fail. Acquiesce to the voice of the people, or be swept away.

SONIA KATCHIAN
Chapel Hill

Dancing Bruce an asset to WS lawn

Congratulations to Carr Mill Mall managers and Weaver Street Market. You have effectively and finally rid the community of Bruce Thomas, the “dancing man” ... and good riddance, I say.

So what that he is a gentle and good soul? So what that he reminds us to slow down and realize that we are a community of one? So what that he demonstrates on a daily basis an inner peace, compassion and love for all? So what that he is a model citizen acting with real concern for his neighbors?

No. He dances on the lawn. Goodness knows what that could lead to, stomping on the grass and acting free and one with nature. What if we all felt that way and were open enough to express ourselves without restraint?

No. He makes children laugh and kids run up to him and hug him freely. Children responding and relating to an adult is just plain wrong, and potentially dangerous. A “mature” person should just not be spontaneous and youthfully playful. WATCH YOUR KIDS.

No. Despite his being extremely well-groomed, clean and stunning, with the physique of an Adonis, handsomely braided hair and deep-set eyes that reflect universal truth, what will people from out of town visiting this area think about a man wearing a dashiki, necklaces and other accessories?

No. He may have a full-time job and spend only gaps of time at Weaver Street Market throughout the day, always making a purchase, but he sticks out and is simply not the “face” of our community. And, it has nothing to do with the fact that he is a black man.

No. Bruce may speak kindly about all, but what does he expect from a Weaver Street security guard who makes furtive, snide remarks to Bruce in passing or provokes him at every opportunity? He is just doing his job. Or, should he anticipate that property management would be anything but absent of support of creating a free, open and creative space on the lawn? Impugning Bruce is simply good business, and as we know, business is what keeps the community vital.

Now, finally, we can have the world we want – homogenized, inoffensive, bland, predictable, secure and assuredly white. We can be mundane, tiresome, boring, incorrigible and intolerant without apology. We can attend our churches, temples (no Mosques, please!) and other religious institutions, say our prayers, interpret the Bible as we see fit and as fits us, and be done with it. Who needs to “walk the walk” when people like Christ (and Bruce) are willing to do it for us?

DAVID ROTH
Carrboro

Help end homelessness

“I don’t want to die outside,” my friend said as he lay on a gurney in the emergency room. I had grown accustomed to visiting him here. When I could not find him in his usual spots downtown, my first call was to the hospital. For nearly a year, we talked about him getting off the streets. We filled out applications for housing programs with waiting lists longer than his life expectancy. Everything was a long shot. I was not sure it was possible; he expected nothing.

My friend is a veteran who had been homeless and living outdoors for more than 10 years. At a quick glance, you can see the toll these years have taken: multiple chronic health problems and a demeanor as tough as his prized black leather jacket. But underneath all of that, he has a generous heart, a sharp, dry wit, and a fierce loyalty to those he cares about.

Several months ago, we stood a few steps back as he unlocked the door to his apartment for the first time. He was overwhelmed; we all were. A widespread collaboration brought together the housing, rental subsidy and supportive services that made this possible. His gratitude for even the most basic comforts puts things in perspective. To him, a pillow is an unnecessary luxury, and when it rains, he reminds me that just having a place to stay warm and dry is a blessing.

My friend’s story is a testament to what is possible as United Way of the Greater Triangle and Orange and Wake counties gear up to participate in the 100,000 Homes Campaign. This national movement aims to end homelessness for 100,000 long-term homeless and disabled individuals and families by July 2013. The 100,000 Homes Campaign focuses local community efforts and resources on identifying and housing our most vulnerable neighbors.

For more information on how to get involved, please visit United Way of the Greater Triangle’s website at unitedwaytriangle.org/100khomes

EMILY CLARK
Durham

Lack of funding limits hurts elections

Watching the TV these days gives one the feeling that something is falling apart via the tugs of an ignorant political war, with money floating about like popcorn, and darkened by the thought that maybe one of these non-entities could be president of our United States! All this was promoted by a majority of our blink-eyed U.S. Supreme Court black robes who, following the initial recommendation of an early Woody Allen movie, *Take the Money and Run*, decided that the sky’s the limit when it comes to money for elections!

And the Supreme Court money has been thrown around in great gobs to enhance videos where everyone is allowed to cheat and tell you to “vote for me,” but the response usually goes to the candidate that has been able to pull down the biggest bag of bucks – The Dollar Sign Democracy!

Some years ago a famous Spanish writer – Ortega y Gasset, discussing Cicero and the crumbling of Rome – seems also to have put his finger on what is happening in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

He wrote that “when all this has crumbled, when the State lies in ruins, when laws, norms, ideas have gone down with it, when parties find no common ground on which to meet – then we may feel that we are witnessing the decay and dissolution of our whole system.”

Although Ortega y Gasset was talking to the Spaniards against the intrusion of Franco, he seems as well to be asking us the same question: “Are we not staggering under the impact of this same experience?”

Yes we are! It is even worse! We have a great, black president, and when you hear his name bounced among the money holders in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, etc. – you will know the reason why!

BILL SOMMERS
Pittsboro

Zumba for the Y

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA will hold a Zumba Dance Benefit on Friday, Jan. 27, from 6-8 p.m. This is a fantastic opportunity for folks in the community to experience the Y, while supporting a grand cause with two hours of Zumba workout.

Not sure what it means to Zumba? Well, consider it an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that’s moving millions of people toward health. Since its inception in 2001, Zumba fitness has grown to become the world’s largest – and most successful – dance-fitness program, with more than 12 million people of all shapes, sizes and ages taking weekly Zumba classes in more than 120,000 locations across more than 125 countries.

At the Y’s Zumba party, we’ll have a DJ and dance instructors on hand, as well as free refreshments and give-away prizes. For a \$10 donation, you’ll be supporting your neighbors, as all dance proceeds benefit the Y’s “We Build People” campaign. The campaign awards scholarships for membership and programs available to families in Orange and Chatham counties.

Clearly we live in a community that cares, and despite the level of affluence many people enjoy, others are still in need. In 2011, local individuals, businesses and foundations contributed more than \$190,000 to help people served by the Y through the “We Build People” initiative. At the Y, we trust lasting social change can only come about when we all work together. That’s why strengthening community is our cause. No child, family or adult is ever turned away from the Y based on inability to pay for services. So, come on by at 6 p.m. on the 27th to Zumba for an amazing cause. People of all ages are welcome so bring your neighbor, parent, teen, friend or foe. No advance registration required.

DALE PRATT-WILSON
Zumba Dance Benefit volunteer

A RESOLUTION

In opposition to Amendment #1 that will appear on the May 8, 2012 North Carolina state primary ballot

WHEREAS, Amendment #1 will appear on the May 8, 2012 primary ballot asking voters to decide for or against a North Carolina constitutional amendment that provides that “marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State”; and

WHEREAS, Orange County adopted social justice goals of which one goal is to foster a community culture that rejects oppression and inequity, thus the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race or color, religion or philosophical beliefs; sex, gender or sexual orientation; national origin or ethnic background; age; military services; disability; and familial, residential, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, Orange County along with its local municipalities has adopted the Orange County Civil Rights Ordinance with the purpose and policy to promote the equal treatment of all individuals; prohibits discrimination in Orange County based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, familial status, and veteran status; to protect residents’ lawful interests and their personal dignity so as to make available to the County their full productive and creative capacities, and to prevent public and domestic strife, crime, and unrest within Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #1, if approved by the voters, would prohibit marriage between people of the same gender, and further prohibit the recognition of any other form of domestic legal union; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #1, if approved by the voters, would be inconsistent with Orange County’s commitment to equal rights and opportunities for its residents and employees and would impact the County’s and its local municipalities’ domestic partner registry and benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of County Commissioners re-affirms its commitment to social justice, equal rights and equal opportunity for all residents of Orange County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of County Commissioners opposes the proposed Amendment #1 that will appear on the May 8, 2012 North Carolina primary ballot.

This the 24th day of January, 2012

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Scenes from a poverty tour – Part I



On this trip, truth was much easier to find than hope. The bus carrying participants in the NAACP-sponsored Truth and Hope Tour of Poverty in North Carolina took us to places where you'd have to try pretty hard to ignore what a struggle it is to survive. The tour's dozen or so stops scattered along a loop of our northeastern counties are places with long-term, crushing, systemic poverty – places that are now reeling hard from the effects of the Great Recession and a safety net too threadbare to hold the weight asked of it. There's hope to be found, but it's worn down by generations of trials and the exceptionally cruel downdraft of the past several years.

We have our own poverty challenges here in Orange County, and there are places not far from where you're reading this where straits are just as desperate. But we have some things going for us here that are in short supply elsewhere. We've a plan and we have resources. Of course there are never as many resources as we'd like, but relative to our brothers and sisters out east, we are especially blessed.

The tour wasn't about resources or programs or even solutions. It was about putting a face on poverty, about reminding us of what happens when the poor become invisible; about what happens when we accept widespread poverty as normal and then something comes along that makes it all far worse than we can imagine.

'On the Solid Foundation'

A few blocks in from the historic waterfront in Elizabeth City, Tony Rice, pastor of New Beginning United Fellowship Church, waited on the porch steps of New

Beginning, a men's shelter in a modest two-story home. With him was a group of five residents of the shelter along with a few supporters. You wouldn't know it was a shelter except for the sign in front, which includes the house slogan "On the Solid Foundation."

Rice used to work in corrections. He said almost all of the prisoners he met wouldn't have done what they did if they'd had food to eat, clothes on their backs and a place to call home.

"Poverty," he said, "is a poison."

Inside, the group had just finished dinner and the house smelled of food. Behind the dinner table was a handmade poster showing the barriers each ex-con faces and the two roads ahead – one to a better life (Restoration Drive) and one back to incarceration (Familiar Lane). The better life is defined like this: "Employed, Drug Free, Restored Self Esteem, Restored Family Relationship, Positive Outlook on Life."

As we walked through the place, a neighbor stopped by to assure us the place was well kept and the residents well behaved.

At the first stop in each county we'd get a fact sheet from the N.C. Justice Center with the area's poverty statistics. The tour's focus was on faces and not statistics, yet each time you read one was like a kick in the gut. In Pasquotank County, 23 percent of the people are living below the federal poverty line of \$22,314 for a family of four. Unemployment in Elizabeth City is around 15 percent on average and even greater if you're black or Latino. Rice told us that if you have a record, particularly a felony conviction, it's nearly impossible to find work.

From the porch of New Beginning, the men who lived there talked of losing families, fighting

addiction and hopelessness and finding almost nowhere to turn even when they wanted to rise above life in the shadows. The tour wasn't supposed to be about numbers, but Rice relayed some too piercing to ignore.

Seven people were housed at the shelter – seven, out of an estimated 1,000 homeless people in the area, who found somewhere to go to start a better life.

"I turn away 15 to 20 guys a night," Rice said. New Beginning is the only men's shelter for 100 miles.

Rice is a big man, a veteran who served in the 82nd Airborne. He said when he got out of the service, he soon realized how much Elizabeth City had deteriorated over the past decade. People were going without electricity and living in places not fit to live in.

"I didn't realize the real war was in my backyard," he said.

He struggled with what to do. After discovering that an unemployed bricklayer named Arthur Bonds was sleeping in an abandoned house behind his car lot, Rice said the two struck up a friendship and Rice started checking in on Bonds, who had a variety of ailments.

One day Bonds told Rice he was going to check himself into the hospital for warmth and food. A week went by, Rice said, and no sign of Mr. Bonds.

He finally went up to the abandoned house, and as he started into one room, he saw Bonds' legs and thought he was sleeping. He wasn't. He'd died cold and alone.

Rice said he decided then he had to act, and after talking it over with his wife, they converted their rental house into an emergency shelter. It doesn't house a lot of people, Rice said, but even if it helps one person get their life back, it's worth it.

"We've got to rise up and make a difference," he said.

Considering tall buildings

BY JACK HAGGERTY
This is the second in a three-part series of essays about Carrboro development.

Many of us opposed what came to be called "the tall-building ordinance" when it was proposed. It allowed an increase in building heights, from two and three stories to four and five stories, in the downtown districts. In a previous essay, I wrote about the horizontal development of Carrboro ("Established boundaries," *The Carrboro Citizen*, 1/19/12); this essay is about the vertical development of Carrboro. I am convinced now the tall-building ordinance was of no benefit to Carrboro. I believe the passage of it had the opposite result of what its advocates told us to expect.

The public debate over the ordinance was contentious. Those in favor of it were of one voice: highest, best use; think big, think up; the future's ahead, and it's "tall buildings."

There were contrary positions: Carrboro was a little town – big buildings typically need big corporate tenants and chain stores, and that's not Carrboro; the existing two- and three-story limit was appropriate, friendly and more in keeping with our sense of Carrboro; the town infrastructure wasn't up to the potential size and intensity of uses that would be allowed; and, lastly, and what was most on point, where was the demand for all of this space?

The discussion started in the late '90s, gained momentum and the ordinance passed, and we're surrounded by the result; rather, there wasn't any result. The bust economy does little to explain this, as there were a number of boom years following the passage of the ordinance before the crash. If we hadn't wanted so much, I think we could have had much more than we currently have.

The passage of the ordinance had a number of foreseeable consequences, all of which hindered development in the downtown and still do today. There was an inflation in downtown land prices

in anticipation of the boom, and the expectation created was unrealistic (we were going to get towers of low-rent artists' studios powered by windmills and solar collectors). The cost of submitting a project application became a considerable expense and one that was multiplied by the time it took town staff and citizen committees to review the application before it was sent to the board. And, mistakenly, and worst of all, the goal of a bustling downtown (who wouldn't want that?) became linked with taller buildings.

I understand a busy downtown bestows manifold benefits, from a lively and desirable atmosphere to businesses and real estate that provide a welcome and significant portion of the tax base, but the taller buildings weren't required to achieve that goal.

Carrboro is not built-out at a two- and three-story level, not even near it. The goal of doubling the commercial square footage listed in the town's Vision 2020 document in no way requires the taller buildings; the increase could be accomplished with two- and three-story buildings. A build-out at the existing scale of two- and three-story buildings would be a natural progression for the town. Two to three stories is a comfortable scale, one familiar to Carrboro residents. By staying with the then-existing height limitations, we would have removed fractious and anxious arguments about height issues from the approval process. The tall-building advocates wanted downtown Carrboro to go, by analogy, from third grade to high school. It's hard to see how that could go well.

Other considerations were overlooked in the haste to pass the ordinance. Four- and five-story buildings are typically made of concrete and steel – expensive materials. They have elevators. These buildings require a certain economy of scale to bring the higher material costs even within sight of reason. That's why you rarely see taller buildings with small footprints, and with the small lots in Carrboro,

an economy of scale is difficult.

Combining these requirements with the inflated land prices and expensive applications that require long reviews full of costly revisions, four- and five-story buildings turn out to be quite expensive to build. That also makes them costly for users – whether the user is buying space or renting it. The shopper in a tall building carries the cost of that building in her basket as she walks to the register to pay for her purchases. Someone dining in a restaurant in a tall building lifts that cost to his mouth with every bite.

Two- and three-story buildings, on the other hand, can be built of brick and wood, a considerably less costly (and greener) way to build. If the zoning ordinance allows only a two-story building of 20,000 square feet rather than a five-story building of 50,000 square feet, the cost of the project for both owner and user will be less. Less space will be given up to paved parking and less rainwater runoff will hit our watershed. And because the consequences of smaller buildings are fewer and have less impact, the permitting approval process is easier, cheaper and quicker.

Smaller buildings are of a scale manageable to local developers; giant loans and faraway banks aren't required. The money can originate and stay in the community, and we are less subject to the national economy. There is less of a chance of overbuilding, and the edge can be kept on demand. Does a mom-and-pop store need a five-story concrete parking deck? I thought we were in favor of affordability – both commercial and residential.

The result, I believe, in staying with the two- and three-story limit would have been a more built-out downtown, a denser and more vibrant downtown, with more businesses built and owned by local folks – in short, the downtown we "visioned" more than a decade ago.

Jack Haggerty is an architect who lives in downtown Carrboro.

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School Briefs



The cornerstone from Orange County Training School was found in a county-owned storage facility. PHOTO BY STEPHANIE KNOTT

Cornerstone celebration

The cornerstone from the Orange County Training School was recently found in an Orange County storage facility. To celebrate, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will hold a gathering of alumni from the school (plus Lincoln High and Northside School alumni) today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. on the stone steps of the Northside site, the future site of elementary school 11 and the former site of the Orange County Training School.

Alumni are invited to be photographed with the stone and to share their contact information with district staff for future events.

CHCCS shakeup

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Tom Forcella has announced a reorganization of the district's central office staff. Magda

Parvey will start as the assistant superintendent for instructional services on Monday, focusing on content area instruction, professional development, leadership and assessment. Sherri Martin is now the executive director of professional development and special instructional programs.

In addition, Rodney Trice has become the associate superintendent for student and school services/equity oversight, and Graig Meyer will support Trice with equity programs.

District band honors

Ten students from CHCCS middle schools were named to the Middle School Central District Bands. They were chosen from more than 700 students who auditioned.

The students selected from Culbreth Middle School were Mia Morrell, Shengtan Mao, Neel Herfarth, Simon Deshusses and Jack Dozier. The students selected from Phillips Middle School were Justin Takamiya, Alex Ho, Peter Bevington and Tucker Owens. Hayden Loeb was selected from McDougale Middle School. Mia Morrell and Alex Ho are eligible to audition for the All-State Honors Band.

Ethics bowl

The Parr Center for Ethics at UNC will host the 2nd Annual Triangle High School Ethics Bowl on Feb. 11. The event, which is open to the public, will feature 14 teams from local high schools discussing and debating real-world ethical scenarios, with dozens of professionals serving as moderators and judges. Visit parrcenter.unc.edu/hs-ethics-bowl for more information.

School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY 1/27

Elementary: Chicken Nuggets, Turkey Corn Dog, Garden Salad, California Vegetable Blend, Tater Tots, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Apple
Middle and High School: Baked Ziti, Garlic Bread, Herbed Broccoli & Cauliflower, Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll & Tartar Sauce, Ranch Potato Wedges

MONDAY 1/30

Elementary: Crunchy Beef Tacos w/Lettuce & Tomato, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Caesar Salad, Black Bean & Corn Salsa, Seasoned Turnip Greens, Fresh Apple, Raisins
Middle and High School: Pulled BBQ Pork, Texas Toast, Baked Beans, Seasoned Green Beans, Buffalo Chicken Sandwich w/Oven Fries

TUESDAY 1/31

Elementary: Fish Sticks w/Tartar Sauce, Ham & Cheese Sub, Spinach Salad, Baked Sweet Potato, Seasoned Green Peas, Orange Smiles, Chilled Peaches
Middle and High School: Chicken Fajitas on a Tortilla w/Grilled Peppers & Onions, Corn Cobettes, BBQ Pork Riblet Sandwich w/Tater Tots

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Three months later the superintendent was presented a check for \$1,300 – enough to secure an art teacher.

After three years of operation, the guild expanded the use of the proceeds to the PTA of each school (based on volunteer hours provided by each) to be used as the school deemed best. It was by then the PTA Thrift Shop and everyone used it – for donating, shopping and volunteering.

By 1961 it had provided more than \$7,000 for the schools.

Sherry Jones started working there in 1971.

“It was my first job right out of college and it was a hoot,” Jones said. The shop was where Italian Pizzeria #3 (IP3) is today. She worked there for five years, first as assistant manager, and then manager for three years. “We warmly welcomed customers from many backgrounds to the shop – even dogs were allowed in.” Famous people also shopped there. “I have a vivid memory of British actress Maggie Smith briskly strolling into the shop with two young girls in tow, all three of them decked in white with white straw hats. The professor and author Max Steele was also a regular customer,” Jones remembered.

In 1979 the PTA Thrift Shop, by then a nonprofit organization, bought the Carrboro location it had been renting for several years. After saving 15 percent of revenues for three years, through the leadership of Sherri Ontjes of the Thrift Shop Board, the building and parking lot (formerly a grocery store, and the first location of Adam & Eve) were purchased for about \$85,000.

Now the PTA Thrift Shop is involved in a capital campaign that will deconstruct the old building (as well as adjacent buildings it now owns) and create a new focal point at the intersection it has so long inhabited.

“We own an acre of land,” said Barbara Jessie-Black, executive director. “We’re expanding but we aren’t gaining that much space – we’ll have less outdoor space.” Besides the two-story store, there will be more efficiently designed space for intake, processing and storage; and room for the school

“We warmly welcomed customers from many backgrounds to the shop – even dogs were allowed in.”
—Sherry Jones

district to headquarter its Pre-K and Head Start programs. There will also be a new revenue stream in a building with retail and office space that they will lease out.

“This provides a great way to maximize and leverage, creating economic development for Carrboro,” Jessie-Black said.

Last September the PTA Thrift Shop gave \$265,000 to the schools, having raised \$1.4 million (it employs 28 with a living wage and full benefits at its two locations). Last year it also partnered with the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service in a voucher program, providing free clothing to 1,300 families. It gave away 280 coats and participated in Dress for Success.

Over its 60 years it has provided countless entry-level jobs.

Then there’s the awesome merchandise available, from which probably everyone in town has a story. There are the old stories, like the volunteer who slipped out of her shoes to give her tired feet a rest only to discover a few moments later they’d been sold; or the time when a 3-year-old half-Arabian horse was donated.

And there are newer stories.

When her son, John, was in first grade at Frank Porter Graham Elementary, Patti Thorp became the school representative for the PTA Thrift Shop. She volunteered regularly and particularly enjoyed hauling “grice,” which are textiles that can’t be sold in the store (items that are ripped, stained or too worn out) that are put in plastic bags and loaded into an 18-wheeler to be sold by the ton.

“One day though,” Thorp said, “one of the bags broke open and out came this great winter parka-style coat. I was in desperate need of a coat that I could wear out in the snow with the kids. I couldn’t see anything wrong with it so I took the coat back inside, gave them \$2 and went on my merry way.” She said this was the moment when she realized the store wasn’t just

for her to donate to, but that the merchandise was there for everyone to appreciate and purchase. She took the message to heart.

In 2009, a few weeks after it was announced that Holden Thorp would be the new chancellor of UNC, I ran into Patti and complimented her on the lovely knit sweater top she was wearing. She said she had worn it the day of the announcement, which was also the day she and Holden had a ceremonial recommitment of their wedding vows.

“I got it at the PTA Thrift,” she told me of the shirt.

Last October on University Day, Patti was with her husband at many public events, including the Speaker Ban monument unveiling, where she wore a classically elegant dress in Carolina Blue that I thought she surely had paid someone to make for her.

“Got it at the PTA Thrift,” she said happily.

This week she said, “Some of my favorite people in the world have been – and still are – the long-time staff members of the Thrift Shop. Their continuity and amazing ways of dealing with the volunteers keep people coming back to volunteer.”

And the fabulous donations of the community keep people returning to shop.

From 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, the PTA Thrift Shop invites you to wear your favorite duds found there and help them celebrate at the 60th Birthday Bash at the Top of the Hill Great Room. The event includes hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction, the jazz band Equinox and Ron Stutts as emcee. Valet parking makes it all so easy to join the fun and support this valuable entity that has provided so much. Buy tickets (\$40 each or \$70 per couple) at ptathriftshop.com or at the door.

Contact Valarie Schwartz at valariekays@mac.com or 923-3746.

CARRBORO DIVERS ADVANCE

At the Triangle High School Diving Conference Championship last week, two Carrboro High School divers advanced to the regional finals. Briana Merrigan placed second in the women’s 1A/2A group, while Andrew McDaniels placed first in the men’s group. Merrigan and McDaniels will compete at the regional finals in Greensboro on Feb. 3.

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YATES
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time – but that the CPAC needed additional facts about the incident.

The council’s referral of the petition is in accordance with council procedure, and staff will report back to the council at its meeting on Monday.

The committee’s request did not include a cost estimate of hiring an investigator, and council members said they would like more information before making a decision. However, the majority of council members seemed to indicate that they would not be in favor of hiring the investigator, noting the obstacles that any potential outside investigator would face.

“I’ve come to the conclusion that an independent investigator isn’t going to be able to do what I thought it would initially and maybe what the committee is hoping it would do,” council member Jim Ward said, adding that an outside investigator would not be able to compel witnesses to testify or put them under oath to ensure truthful testimony.

“It vexes me for the town to take \$15,000 or more away from another program, which is desperately needed, in order to pay for an outside investigator,” council member Matt Czajkowski said.

“You could potentially end

up with statements that are intentionally false or at least false ... by accident, and so it seems like a real risk to me.”

Council members Laurin Easthom and Lee Storrow said they would support an outside investigator.

“The police should not be the total fact-finding committee. They’re partial to what happened, which is fine. The town manager is not the fact-finder in this case,” Easthom said. “I think we need to have a separate entity to do that work.”

Easthom also said that the CPAC could potentially find an investigator who was willing to work on the case pro-bono.

Concerns have been raised about the police’s response to the occupation of the building, which began the night of Nov. 12 – led, reportedly, by attendees of the Carrboro Anarchist Bookfair – and resulted in a dramatic encounter with police the afternoon of Nov. 13, with seven arrests.

Residents have questioned the police’s failure to communi-

cate with those inside the building prior to the raid, in which a police Special Emergency Response Team brandished long-range rifles and detained those on the sidewalk outside the entrance of the building, including two journalists, before rushing inside.

Members of the public who spoke at Monday’s meeting were split on the matter of hiring an outside investigator.

“Half of the facts are out there. The other half still lie in limbo, and it’s the other half of the facts that we need to get at,” said resident Barry Freeman, who said he supports an outside investigator. “[The issues] will fester if all of this is not brought to light.”

Stephen Greenslade said he was sitting on the sidewalk outside the Yates building during the raid and had a gun held to his head.

“And what was my crime? Sitting on the sidewalk,” he said. “Because of my proximity to this situation ... I had my life put in danger.”

“We’re not going to move forward until we find resolution as to why this went so horribly wrong this time,” he added, noting the importance of an independent review.

Former Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf told the council that she was opposed to hiring an outside investigator and that she felt that she was “part of a silent majority who’s become kind of more and more concerned.”

“I think a lot of us are ready for the community to move on,” she said.

“Some use of force was justified. Whether it was a SERT team, I don’t know. I’m not a police officer,” Waldorf said. “I do think the trespassers should have been asked to leave. I think that that mistake has been acknowledged.”

Resident Pamela Ransohoff said she does not support the outside investigation.

“These people illegally entered the building. It is called lawlessness,” she said. “The police did their job and they did

it well. ... We hardly have the money to pay \$15,000 or more for an outside investigation.”

A larger discussion

A number of council members said the Yates incident and the Occupy Chapel Hill/Carrboro protest have brought to light the need for the council to have a discussion on civil disobedience and law-breaking.

“I personally believe that we have to think about that differently when people are using civil disobedience for a political purpose and to protect that freedom of speech,” Storrow said. “People who entered the Yates building did break the law ... but I believe that the people who chose to enter the Yates building chose to enter that specific building.

“They chose to enter that building to make a specific political point.”

Last week, Stancil sent the council a memo regarding the town’s decision not to enforce certain ordinances when the Occupy Chapel Hill /Carrboro

movement began occupying Peace and Justice Plaza, citing the need for a council discussion regarding such issues.

“The Occupy Movement vacated the Peace and Justice Plaza on Jan. 10, 2012. The group’s decision to vacate the Plaza presents a timely opportunity for us to consider enforcement of adopted ordinances and established policies and procedures regulating the use of the Peace and Justice Plaza and all other public spaces and facilities,” Stancil wrote, continuing, “Moving forward, I plan to ensure that all adopted ordinances and established policies and procedures regulating the use of public spaces and facilities, including but not limited to those mentioned in this report, are enforced by Town staff to the extent possible.”

In response to Stancil’s memo, Occupy Chapel Hill/Carrboro released a statement:

“We reserve the right of citizens to assemble. We reflect the despair, dreams and sentiments of thousands of town residents angry with economic injustice and inequality at local and global levels. Roger Stancil as town manager is attempting to privatize public space with threats of arbitrary enforcement of ordinances that effectively prohibit free speech and assembly. This is a global issue that the Occupy movement organized to confront.”

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Recipe of the Week
Catalan-style Beef Stew
Recipe provided by Adam Cobb, Glasshalfull

Ingredients

- 1 quart of cannellini beans, rinsed well and soaked overnight
- 1 link of fresh local chorizo sausage
- 5 ounces of local bacon
- 1 4-ounce piece of your favorite cured ham
- 1 leek, washed and trimmed
- 1 onion, peeled and split in half
- 1 carrot, washed, peeled and cut into two pieces
- 1 stalk of celery, washed and cut into two pieces
- 2 ounces of good-quality extra virgin olive oil
- 4 teaspoons or to taste of sweet, smoked Spanish paprika
- Good quality sherry vinegar, to taste

Method

Strain the beans from the cold water; rinse well and add to a large pot. Add remaining ingredients to the pot and fill with water to cover the beans by about 2 inches. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a very low simmer and let cook for 90 minutes, or until the beans are very soft but not falling apart. Stir occasionally, ensuring there is enough liquid in the pot to maintain a stew-like consistency.

Once the beans are cooked perfectly, remove the pot from the heat. Take out the chorizo, bacon and cured ham. Cut each of these ingredients into small cubes and add back to the pot. Remove vegetables if desired for presentation. Season the beans with more paprika, salt, pepper and good sherry vinegar to taste.

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Return in mid-May to June to catch it in flower.

You could confuse the white-striped leaves of rattlesnake plantain, *Goodyera pubescens*, with the spotted wintergreen if you did not make note that *Goodyera*'s striped leaves remain as a rosette flat on the ground, not along a short upright stem as on *Chimaphila*. Return in June to July to see this terrestrial orchid in flower.

Locally there are three similar evergreen plants called wild ginger or heartleaf. Don't fret about which species of *Hexastylis* you are seeing. All three have distinctively heart-shaped leaves and show varying degrees of light and dark variegation. Return in early mid-spring to discover the leathery flowers hidden beneath the leaf litter.

You'll find partridge berry, *Mitchella repens*, either as a few sparse prostrate opposite leafy stems or as vigorous mats scattered throughout deciduous and piney forests. The red berries resulting from two joined flowers may still be present in the winter. Return in May to find white flowers.

The fifth commonly encountered evergreen wildflower, three-lobed leaved *Hepatica*, was featured in Flora last week.

So there you have it, your guide to identifying our five common evergreen wildflowers. Make certain you don't confuse them with the very common crane-fly orchid, *Tipularia discolor* (see Flora, "Locate now for later viewing"). Crane-fly orchid leaves are now soaking up the winter sun, but these leaves are not evergreen; they die down during summer months.

Now you should invite your friends to join you on another winter woods walk.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at *The Annotated Flora* (carrborocitizen.com/flora).



Striped leaves of *Goodyera* form a rosette on the ground. PHOTO BY DAVE OTTO



Partridge berry sometimes forms green carpets on the ground. PHOTO BY BETSY GREEN MOYER



Heart-shaped leaves of wild ginger are unmistakable. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Deciduous-in-summer leaves of crane-fly orchid absorb sun in the winter. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

SHELTON
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Slade and Mayor Mark Chilton voting in favor of rezoning, and Dan Coleman, Jacquie Gist and Michelle Johnson dissenting.

Gist said she felt the project did not fit with the character of Carrboro.

"Because we as a community have built this capital and have built something that people want to come in and profit from, which is their right, we have a say in what that's going to look like," she said.

"I'm not against all development. I'm not against a development there. I'm against a development that in no way in God's green earth looks anything at all like what's surrounding it."

Lavelle said she felt the project fit well with the town's Vision 2020 and its emphasis to grow downtown.

"This is part of that effort to maintain our tax rate, to have people living downtown, spending money downtown," she said, adding that she felt the project "is pretty much everything that I would be looking for in a development like this."

A number of residents spoke against the project, citing concerns about traffic and the project's effects on the character of the neighborhood.

"I think [the developer] is trying to put something that maybe doesn't fit with Carrboro into Carrboro," said Arne Gray, who owns several properties adjacent to the site and lives on one of them. "He's done a wonderful job of trying to make it fit ... but I'm not sure it really fits."

Eliza DuBose said she couldn't believe the project was even being considered.

"I don't think this street can take any more traffic than it already even has," she said, adding that while she agrees with concepts of high-density projects, she didn't believe Shelton Station was worth it "for all the problems this is going to cause on already-dangerous streets."

Others said they supported the project, noting its focus on affordable housing, sustainable features and a potential increase to the commercial tax base.

"I think the benefits are pretty clear in the short term – jobs, construction ... and in the long term an increase to the tax base," said David Arneson. "I think this project is one thoughtful, appropriate step forward for growth and development in Carrboro."



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