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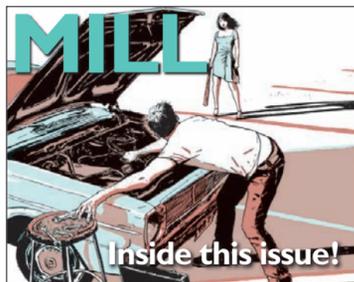


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Inside this issue!



Common catbriers occasionally display remarkable colors.
PHOTO BY GILES BLUNDEN

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Behold the catbriers

Local architect Giles Blunden has a passion for photographing mushrooms. When asked to verify the identity of his mushroom images, I refer him to recently retired botany librarian and local historian Bill Burk, who really knows his mushrooms. When Giles focuses on other plants, I'm on firmer ground. Last summer, when he asked, "Ken, what's this?" showing me a remarkable image among his mushrooms, I recognized a common native vine.

"Where did you find that catbrier?" I asked, and he replied, "While photographing mushrooms in the mountains near Asheville." When accused of computer enhancement, he declared that his image was exactly what he saw. And indeed, I recollect seeing that unbelievable turquoise-blue color on stems of catbriers from time to time, even here in our local area.

From mountaintops to sea-coasts, the vegetation of our state seems to be held in place by one or more of several species of catbrier, *Smilax spp.* Descriptive common names include sawbrier, greenbrier and bamboo-vine.

A few weeks ago, while walking the Springer's Point Preserve on Ocracoke Island, I encountered brilliant-red leaves on some of the catbriers there. With evergreen entangling vines above and strong tuberous root systems below, catbriers are effectively securing dunes and shorelines against wind and surf action. You may remember discovering knobby, potato-like roots washing up on seashores and sand dunes. Those are remnants of the tough storage roots of catbriers.

SEE FLORA PAGE 8

Three years in, Carrboro High hits a winning stride



Carrboro High School athletes representing cross country, basketball, football, swimming, soccer, track, tennis, golf and volleyball teams.
PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

An atmosphere of success has taken hold on the Carrboro High School campus.

The field hockey team now plays more competitively with both East Chapel Hill and Chapel Hill, the women's golf team helped start a high school women's golf league in the area and the men's soccer team beat conference rival Cedar Ridge for the first time ever.

Students, teachers and parents walked the halls and fields of Carrboro High School three years ago not knowing what was ahead. It was tough going in the beginning, and it's still no easy ride. But with cohesion, camaraderie and a sense of community from all, things just keep getting better.

Three years ago, in the school's first year of operation, the football team couldn't as much as sniff a win, even when at home on its brand-new field. Fortunately, there weren't many people in the stands to witness those weekly beatings. A full women's golf team was just a pie-in-the-sky dream for the few golf enthusiasts on campus. There was no senior leadership on any team, because there were no seniors. Kids were thrust into starting positions in sports they'd never before played because they didn't have the opportunity to earn their reps on junior varsity teams, because, well, there were none of those either.

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Town council wary of library costs

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Town leaders will take a hard look at library funding and the consequences of a proposed expansion of the Chapel Hill Public Library at the Town Council's retreat this weekend.

After looking at the impact of the project during its regular meeting Monday night at Town Hall, council members said that while they support the project, the long-term costs and their effect on the town budget warrant more conversation.

Council member Gene Pease said he supports the expansion project, which would be financed through bonds approved by voters in 2003. But

Pease said he is concerned that Chapel Hill taxpayers would likely shoulder the bulk of the cost of staffing, operating and maintaining the addition.

In a presentation to the council, Town Manager Roger Stancil and Finance Director Ken Pennoyer outlined a plan for moving forward on the \$16.3 million expansion, which would double the size of the building.

Stancil said favorable financing conditions and the town's Triple A bond rating would allow for the construction of the building to be completed without raising taxes.

But after the building opens, staff and operating costs would add an estimated \$774,799 annually to the town budget. If paid for with a tax increase, that would add 1.13 cents to

the town's tax rate.

Stancil said phasing in the use of the new building and working with library management to find other savings could reduce some of the impact.

Library costs have been the subject of a long-simmering dispute between town and county officials. At Monday's meeting, council member Penny Rich said the county's share of the cost has not kept up while the library's budget has increased. The county contributes \$250,000 annually to help cover library operating expenses, an amount that has not changed since 1995.

Library officials estimate that patrons from outside Chapel Hill account for about 40 percent of the library's circulation.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said

that given the county's budget woes, he does not expect to see a major increase from the commissioners this year, but would like to see a commitment to increase the county's share in years ahead.

During last year's budget discussions, the council looked at charging a fee to use the library, which is free for all residents of Orange County.

The council also received a status report on the 140 West Project. According to the report, Ram Properties reports 33 new condominium contracts and expects to have a proposed budget ready for town review in April.

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A homemade treat goes big time

RECENTLY...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

The cellophane packages look innocent enough with their little Carolina blue ribbons. First-time buyers naively pluck them from shelves and take them home with no inkling of the pleasures to be elicited while eating them; or the pangs when they're depleted.

This is the story of how a mother and son working together turned the "Southern part of heaven" into the home of Chapel Hill Toffee — to die for.

In 2008, Chapel Hill native and UNC graduate (class of 2003) Mark Graves, 28, found himself out of work after a short career in banking. While her two sons (Scott is two years older than Mark) were growing up, Karen Graves, a stay-at-home mom, worked in clay and created a niche selling ceramic angels with stringy yarn-like hair at Womancraft Fine Handcrafted Gifts. Then she read the newspaper one day in 2002 and learned about A Southern Season's constant quest for locally created items to sell — especially candy.

Karen, a native of Maine, has, for as long as she can remember, made toffee "with a recipe I've had forever and ever and ever." Karen found her way to Chapel Hill the way most people do — as a student (class of '74) — where she met and fell in love with Griffin Graves (class of '72). They married and moved for a short while to Winston-Salem until Griff received his law degree, then returned to Chapel Hill, where he clerked and launched his career. So, since the mid-1970s, Karen has



Mark Graves and his mother, Karen Graves, make Chapel Hill Toffee in the kitchen of their home in Chapel Hill.
PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

made her toffee in their Chapel Hill home, refining her recipe and learning it was a favorite whenever she served it.

Eager to take it further, she obtained her LLC license (KLG Candies), had her kitchen inspected, and right before Easter 2003 took some toffee to A Southern Season, where it was well-received. A bin was pro-

vided at the candy counter for her to keep filled.

"Toffee was faster and easier than working with clay," Karen said recently while sitting at her kitchen table. "I never thought it would go beyond that."

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Prime rate foreclosures surge in NC

BY RICH FOWLER
Staff Writer

Warmer weather may be on the horizon, but don't expect that to translate into a hot housing market. Uncertainty about the economy is one reason the market is tepid. Another is that the number of foreclosures continues to be high and new data on the types of filings points to a rise among traditionally safer borrowers.

Total mortgage foreclosure filings were up more than 17 percent statewide from 2008 to 2009, according to data from the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts. The office tracks both commercial and residential filings in North Carolina, which, combined, rose from 53,960 in 2008 to 63,341 in 2009.

To make matters worse, two-thirds of current foreclosure filings are on prime loans, which are supposed to be much less risky for lenders than the subprime loans that started the foreclosure crisis, according to Chief Deputy Commissioner of Banks Mark Pearce.

Prime borrowers with fixed-rate mortgages are the highest-growth segment of foreclosures, according to Roberto Quercia, director of the UNC Center for Community Capital.

"They have nothing to do with subprime [loans]," Quercia said. "They have nothing to do with people in unstable employment or with poor credit."

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Community Briefs

Valentine's Day dance for kids

Elementary Dance Education Academy, located in Saxapahaw, and Kat's Ballroom Dance Classes, based in Orange County, are joining together to celebrate Valentine's Day with an introduction to ballroom dancing for the younger set.

The dance will take place Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Elementary Dance Education studio in the Saxapahaw Rivermill. A limited number of tickets are available for purchase by contacting the studio at 601-1282. Tickets are \$20.

Get early-bird registration for the Carrboro Duathlon

Registration is open for the 2010 Carrboro Classic Duathlon on Saturday, April 3.

Early-bird fee registration to save \$25 ends Feb. 15. Early-bird fees are \$40 for the Super Sprint Duathlon and \$60 for the Long Course Duathlon.

To register, visit sportoften.com/onlineRegistration/waiverTo.cfm?EventId=5616

Boy Scouts earn Eagle Scout rank

The Oconeechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America has announced that 414 young men earned their Eagle Scout Award in 2009. That is a 9 percent increase over 2008's total of 380. Earning the rank of Eagle is scouting's highest achievement.

This year, Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th anniversary and more young men than ever are earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The National Council average for young men achieving Eagle Scout is 5 percent; the Oconeechee Council average is 6.4 percent.

To achieve the rank, a scout must earn 21 merit badges, including 12 that are required. He also must design a Leadership Service Project and lead his fellow scouts in carrying out that project.

Celebrations



Neighbors of a lovely lady soon to celebrate her 99th birthday are planning a party for her. She is Mrs. Anne Edwin, and she moved to Chapel Hill to be near a niece residing in Farrington.

Formerly a Philadelphia lady, Mrs. Edwin worked there in an office for 20 years and moved to Florida just as she was approaching retirement. She and her husband, Russell Edwin, lived in Largo, Fla. for 30 years. While there, Anne spent much of her time entertaining their many friends and enjoyed doing so very much. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Edwin moved to North Carolina.

She settled in Chapel Hill in 2002. She enjoys getting out regularly for shopping. The lady is a fashion plate and stands out in her attractive wardrobe wherever she goes.

Though she will be 99 on Jan. 28, her appearance doesn't indicate her age.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JAN 28

Discussion of The Lovely Bones — At 7pm, the Movie/Book Group meets to discuss the film *The Lovely Bones* and the best-selling novel by Alice Sebold on which it is based. Participants that have only seen the movie or only read the book are welcome. Carrboro Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St., 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us

SATURDAY, JAN 30

Chocolate and Wine Tasting — The Hillsborough Wine Company, located at 118 South Churton St. in Hillsborough will host a free Valentine's chocolate, massage and wine tasting event from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Local chocolatier Matthew Shepard will offer free samples of his chocolates, while massage expert Julia Corley will offer free 10-minute chair massages. Valentine's chocolate and massage packages are available for purchase. To reserve a package, call 732-4343.

Tu B'Shvat Seder — Kol Haskalah celebrates Tu B'Shvat with a humanistic Jewish seder and potluck. Informal discussion of environmental concerns to follow. Bring eating utensils and, if desired, a dish for 6-8 and wine. 4:30-8pm at Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4907 Garrett Road in Durham. For more info, 942-0990, cgminton@mindspring.com.

Poetry Reading — Poets Jean Arthur Jones and John David Capps will read their poetry at The Looking Glass Cafe, 601 West Main Street in Carrboro. The event will begin at 7pm. An open mike will follow the reading.

MONDAY, FEB 1

Art Opening — Caffe Diade presents *From Orange County to Italia* by T. W. Johnson, an exhibit of oil paintings inspired from local landscapes and travels in Italy at 1215-A East Franklin St. in Chapel Hill. For more info, 942-2333, twjohnsonart.com. The exhibit will run from Feb. 1-28.

Movie Nite @ the Library — Movie Nite @ the Library presents *Get on the Bus*, 6:45pm in the Chapel Hill Public Library Meeting Room. The showing is free, with no sign-up needed. The film is rated R. More info at 968-2777.

Ongoing

Cancer Support — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. comucopiahouse.org

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

chapelhillctf.org

Yoga for Everyone — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from 11am-12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farmington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494.

DivorceCare — Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Meditative Yoga — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Meditative Yoga: A calming, stress-relieving yoga class to stretch and strengthen the body gradually. Classes will be on Fridays from 10am-11:30am. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farmington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. For more information, 966-3494.

Family to Family — A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help family members understand and support a family member suffering with mental illness. The class is free and sponsored by NAMIOrange. Contact Gove Elder at 967-5403 or gbelder@bellsouth.net.

View and Realization of the Foundation Path — The View and Realization of the Foundation Path is a set of classes offered Wednesday nights, 7:30-9pm in February. The sessions take place at Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center in Carrboro. All are welcome. The classes are informal and designed for discussion with time for questions. A brief sitting meditation will be included. Suggested donation for each class: \$5. More info at piedmontktc.org, 968-9426.

Knitting for Preemies — The Chapel Hill Public Library sponsors this weekly knitting group to provide baby blankets for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UNC. The group will meet Tuesdays from 1-2:30pm through Feb. 16 in the library's conference room. More info at 968-2780.

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group will meet every Wednesday at Weaver St. Market in Carrboro at 9:15 a.m. Then, there will either be a hike or carpool to the designated site. If questions, contact Julie at 967-3221 or Marilyn at 932-1411.

Garden Tour — Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the Garden. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Jazz at the Mall — University Mall presents free jazz concerts every Sunday, 2-4pm

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-11am, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

Open-Mic Poetry — Tuesdays except first Tuesday, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

Walking Tour — The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill offers "Walk This Way," walking tours of Franklin Street every Sunday at 2 pm. \$5. 942-7818 or chpreservation@mindspring.com for more information. Reservations recommended for groups of five or more people.

Breastfeeding Café — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from 1-2pm at the Red Hen. A La Leche representative will be there

to provide information and answer questions, 201 Weaver St.

Tutoring — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-2441, ext. 26 to register.

Kids Toddler Time — Carrboro Branch Library. Thursdays, 4pm. 969-3006

Preschool Story Time — Saturdays, 10:30am, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Express Yourself! — Art program for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Volunteers RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program — Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSPVindex.asp

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the community. 942-2948

Orange County Literacy — Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Carr Mill Mall, Second Floor, 636-4457

MOVIES We suggest you call ahead for exact show times

CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
The Messenger; A Single Man; Broken Embraces

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W Morgan St., 560-3030
(1/29-2/4) Broken Embraces, nightly at 7:10, 9:35 p.m., Sat and Sun matinees at 2:10, 4:35 p.m.; The Messenger, nightly at 7:20 and 9:30 p.m., Sat and Sun matinees at 2:20 and 4:30 p.m.; The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus, nightly at 7 and 9:20 p.m., Sat and Sun matinees at 2 and 4:20 p.m.

THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
The Book of Eli; It's Complicated; Leap Year; Sherlock Holmes; The Spy Next Door; Edge of Darkness

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
Legion, Tooth Fairy, The Book of Eli; Leap Year; The Lovely Bones; Sherlock Holmes;

VARSITY THEATER
123 East Franklin St., 967-8865
Casablanca; Pulp Fiction

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Nightly at 7:10 & 9:35 pm
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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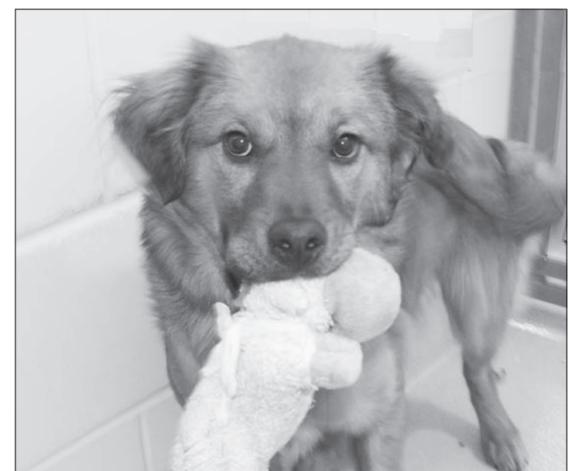
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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — Meet Onyx!

Onyx is a little girl with a whole lot packed in. She is thought to have some deer or maybe even frog in her because of the way that she loves to hop around. She is always dancing, and jumping and on occasion has been caught doing a jig in her kennel. She loves throwing around her toys, making them squeak, and pouncing on them for an extra bit of excitement. In Onyx's day, there is never a dull moment. She is 100 % happy and always has a silly grin on her face. Getting a picture of her was quite the challenge because she wanted to show us all her cute poses at the same time!!! Sometimes dogs don't realize that we humans are not as fast as they are! You are an active person seeking a life long best friend that will never slow ya down she's your woman. Come on in and ask the staff about our friend Onyx. They will happily show ya the way to Onyx's room of happiness and cheer. Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Hello Freya!

If you are looking for a dog with all the right qualities, look no further! Freya is an 8-month-old Sheltie/Collie mix who is not only cute as a button, but also friendly, playful, gentle and a great size. She's very social, focused, and eager to please-- meaning she should be quite trainable. Don't miss out on this all-in-one package. You won't find another like her. You can see her at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 919-942-PETS (7387). You can also see her online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.

News Briefs

Flu vaccines still available

Public Health officials are urging residents to get vaccinated against the flu. H1N1 is still the predominant strain circulating in North Carolina but seasonal flu is emerging and usually lasts until late March. Free H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines are available five days a week through the Orange County Health Department. No appointment is necessary.

Walk-in clinic schedules are: Chapel Hill office, 2501 Homestead Road, Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 2 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hillsborough office, 300 W. Tryon Street, Tuesday, 2 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more flu information, visit co.orange.nc.us/health. For specific health-related questions, call the nurse line at 605-2051 or email questions to flu@co.orange.nc.us

Keep your parked cars safe

The Carrboro Police Department is asking for the public's help in reducing the number of vehicle break-ins, as there has been a recent uptick in the number of these crimes. Many of these thefts are from unlocked or unsecured vehicles with valuables in plain sight. The Carrboro Police Department offers these tips to help reduce the chances that your vehicle will be broken into: Always roll your windows up and lock your doors when leaving your vehicle unattended, even if it is parked in front of your residence; do not leave any valuables in plain sight (this means all portable music devices, loose change, laptop computers, GPS units and mounts, cell phones and similar items); park your vehicle in well-lighted areas if possible and if you notice suspicious activity, call 911 and report it.

If your vehicle is broken into, call 911 to report it promptly, as physical evidence can be destroyed with the passage of time. If you have information on the suspects in these crimes, call 918-7397 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515.

Chapel Hill Police Department seeks feedback

There will be four focus groups dedicated to citizens' experiences with and thoughts on the Chapel Hill Police Department. Citizens are asked to attend and provide input.

These community conversations will be Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chapel Hill Public Library; Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the United Church of Chapel Hill; Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church; and Thursday, Feb. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hargraves Community Center.

If possible, RSVP to outreach@townofchapelhill.org

Community meeting on gang and gun violence

Project SAFE Orange will host a community meeting concerning gang and gun violence on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at Central Recreation Center, 300 W. Tryon Road in Hillsborough.

Organizers invite community members, social-service providers and anyone who can assist in the collaborative effort to reduce gun violence. Project SAFE Orange is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a national network that brings partners together to make communities safer.

RSVP to Tenesha Robinson at trobinson@townofchapelhill.org or 632-1314.

Town looks at lighting standards

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen held its public hearings for January Tuesday night at the Carrboro Town Hall.

First up was a request to revise outdoor lighting standards. Shannon Brummett, a regional property manager with General Services Corp., was there to enquire about the light-pole regulation. He said he preferred one 25-foot light pole on his properties in Carrboro as opposed to the 15-foot poles the plan now calls for.

"We looked at the lighting and

the crime in those areas and so on, and we knew we had to protect our residents, and this was one good means to do that," Brummett said, citing the increased efficiency of one 25-foot pole compared to three 15-foot poles.

Both cover the same area, but Brummett said the costs and energy efficiency of just having to replace and upkeep one pole was somewhat better than the three.

The board asked for more time to hear from the Northern Transition Area Advisory Commission to further review lighting regulations.

In a curious aside, the existing ordinance as included in

the meeting package includes a provision that states, "Lighting from a development may not produce a strong light or reflection beyond its lot lines or into the street and impair the vision of a dapper fellow," though according to planning administrator Patricia McGuire the last of that sentence was a typographical error and was supposed to read, "Lighting ... won't impair vision of a driver of any vehicle upon such street."

A public hearing on an ordinance amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance provisions, dealing with stream buffers in accordance with the Jordan buf-

fer rules, was moved to March.

The board also adopted a resolution to reduce street-separation requirements in developments that connect to village mixed-use districts. The land-use ordinance previously stated that no two streets may intersect with any other street at a distance of less than 400 feet.

By reducing the length requirement, the streets theoretically become more pedestrian and bicycle friendly for the affected neighborhoods, according to McGuire. Winmore Subdivision has numerous intersections that are around 200 feet apart and one intersection of 110 feet.

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Council member Jim Ward said he would like to see Ram and town officials begin work on construction plans, including hours, traffic patterns and com-

munications with nearby residents and businesses. Ward said one of the lessons learned during the building of Greenbridge was to start communicating early on with neighbors about construction plans.

In other action the council:

- received a petition from Orange

County Justice United asking for a revision to the town's living-wage policy that would allow for automatically indexed cost-of-living increases and a rise in the town's wage floor from \$11.06 to \$15.31 and;

- accepted the donation of an 8.36-acre parcel of land north

of Bolin Creek, east of the Mount Bolus neighborhood and west of the Hidden Hills neighborhood. The property fronts onto Cedar Street and Burlage Circle. It is contiguous with town-owned open space lands along Bolin Creek.

FORECLOSURES

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They're just main-street, middle-class families that are ... suffering from unemployment or other issues and are having trouble meeting mortgage payments."

Pearce's agency administers the State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project, an effort to get borrowers in contact with more than 200 loan servicers and 26 counseling agencies statewide.

When the project started 18 months ago, the agency was more concerned about the number of homeowners who were threatened by subprime loans that were engineered to automatically increase payments, making the loans unaffordable as soon as the ink was dry on the paperwork. Now the agency has expanded the program to borrowers who are struggling to make their mortgage payments

by opening a telephone hotline that lets all North Carolina homeowners tap into the project's network of counseling agencies.

Pearce is glad the program has saved more than 2,500 homeowners from foreclosure and gotten another 5,000 to meet with housing counselors about finances and look for ways to avoid foreclosure.

"We always would like to be able to do more," Pearce said. "We would like to reach more people, and still too often we find that people aren't calling us

to take advantage of the resources we have."

According to a recent study by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, only 40 percent of borrowers who are seriously behind on their loans are involved in any kind of program to get help.

Bad practices

Al Ripley, a lawyer with the N.C. Justice Center, says that bad lending practices are still a large part of the problem.

"There's still a lot of people out there that are in these awful loans who, however they've managed to do it, have scraped money together, lived on credit

Program] program isn't working, the HARP [Home Affordable Refinance Program] program isn't working, so they're going to lose the house, and it's just a very difficult situation for them to be in."

The federal HAMP program has been sharply criticized for its lack of performance: By the end of 2009, out of over 3.3 million eligible loans, servicing companies had only been able to permanently modify a little more than 66,000 loans, with approximately 46,000 still waiting for the final paperwork.

Ripley has been frustrated by the inability of servicers to help his clients through the HAMP

with the homeowner to try save their home with the left hand."

Mainstream issues

While the HAMP and HARP programs were originally designed to help subprime borrowers, as the number of people with prime-rate mortgages getting into trouble increases, Quercia is concerned that these kinds of programs will be less effective.

"The kinds of problems we have to deal with I think are somewhat different," he said. "It's not the kind of obvious predatory lending or unlicensed lending. It's really more of the mainstream issues all related to the economy."

One program available to help unemployed North Carolinians make their mortgage payments is the Home Protection Program being run by the N.C. Housing Finance Agency. The agency makes interest-free bridge loans of

up to \$24,000 for residents who have lost their jobs in the last two years so they can make their mortgage payments.

"I wish the program were 10 times bigger than it is," Ripley said.

The State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project has a toll-free hotline you can call Monday through Saturday at (866) 234-4857.

To find out more about the Home Protection Program, visit their website at nchfa.com/Nonprofits/HPPHomeProtectionportal.aspx

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WED 2/3 — Chicken Patty Sandwich; Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Breadstick; Seasoned Green Beans; Carrot Sticks; Chilled Fruit Cocktail

THU 2/4 — Herb Baked Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Ham & Cheese Melt on Wheat Bread w/Tomato Soup; "Fun on the Run"; Cinnamon Mashed Sweet Potatoes; Seasoned Turnip Greens; Chilled Mandarin Oranges

School Briefs

Local students in Central District Honor Bands

Students from the district's middle schools auditioned for seats in the North Carolina Central District Honor Bands. The auditions were held on Saturday, Jan. 9 at Stanford Middle School.

Students from Culbreth Middle School included: Maura Jones, seventh chair clarinet, symphonic band; Jisoo Yu, 14th chair clarinet, symphonic band; Ray Damron, 10th chair trumpet, symphonic band; Chloe Deshusses, first chair flute, concert band; and Mia Morrell, first chair alto sax, concert band. Their director is Sam Berryhill.

Students from McDougale Middle School included: Anna Baynes, third chair flute, symphonic band; Frances Reuland, fifth chair clarinet, concert band; and Andrew Scott, fourth chair bass clarinet, concert band. Their director is Bradley Landress.

Students from Phillips Middle School included: Yusheng Zhang, first chair flute, symphonic band; Koya Osada, second chair flute, symphonic band; Sarah Fordham, seventh chair flute, symphonic band; Heba Bhat, first chair clarinet, concert band; Grace Gelpi, second chair alto saxophone, symphonic band; Anshul Subramanya, 11th chair trumpet, symphonic band; Amos Pomp, third chair trombone, concert band; Jordan Cho, third chair tuba, symphonic band; and Ben Goldstein, fifth chair tuba, concert band. Their director is Jane Cutchin.

Gold and Silver Key Awards for local students

Four students from Carrboro High and Chapel Hill High earned Gold and Silver Key Awards at the Eastern North Carolina Regional Adjudication of Scholastic Art in Wilson.

Moo Da, originally from Burma, via Thailand, received a Gold Key while representing Carrboro High. She submitted a sgraffito tile self-portrait in traditional Karen dress. She is a ceramic student of Rita Schiavone.

A Silver Key went to David Wheaton of Carrboro High for a sculpture. He also is a student of Rita Schiavone.

A Silver Key went to Linnea Leith of Carrboro High for a drawing. She is the student of Victoria Sylvestre.

A Gold Key went to Sofie Kennedy from Chapel Hill High. She entered a mixed-media ceramic sculpture. She is the student of Hollie Taylor Novak.

The Eastern N.C. regional show opening and awards presentation was held Sunday, Jan. 24.

After the show, Gold Key winners' artwork was shipped to New York City for judging alongside hundreds of artworks from around the country.

Aidan Marshall wins geography bee

Eighth-grader Aidan Marshall was the winner of the Culbreth Middle School National Geographic Geography Bee. He will compete at the state level later this month.

Sixth-grader Jocelyn Reckford was

the runner up. Other finalists included eighth-graders Andrew Cook, Murat Calikoglu and Alican Arcasoy, seventh-graders Stephen Nuttall, Randy Savage, Maya Sokoletsky and Matthew Clawson and sixth-grader Myles Miller.

The geography bee was organized by Gifted Education Specialist Cindy Sinicrope.

CHCCS wins two Blue Ribbon Awards

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools received two Blue Ribbon Awards from the North Carolina School Public Relations Association (NCSPRA). The awards were presented Jan. 22 at a brunch held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Durham.

The district's parent calendar, which is published in both English and Spanish, was honored for the fourth consecutive year. The calendar is coordinated by publications assistant Robin Nucilli.

The Learning Links, curriculum guides for K-8 that are published in English and Spanish, also has been recognized by NCSPRA for four consecutive years. Curriculum coordinators in the Instructional Services Division contribute the content. These staff members include Theresa Grywalski, Kathi Breweur, Karyn Gloden, Priscilla Dennison and Carol Horne. The guides are designed by Durham graphic artist Vicki Johnson. The project is coordinated by Nucilli and edited by Stephanie Knott, assistant to the superintendent for community relations.

Crumbs from the Table performance this weekend

The East Chapel Hill High School Theatre Department presents *Crumbs from the Table of Joy* at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30.

It's 1950 in the South and Godfrey Crump has just lost his wife. Finding solace in Father Divine and the Peace Mission Movement, he pulls up stakes and moves his teenage daughters to Brooklyn. Told through the eyes of his 17-year-old daughter, Ernestine, *Crumbs from the Table of Joy* details a story involving the boundaries of race, gender and society.

Tickets are \$5 at the door the night of the performance, starting at 6:45 p.m.

Mentorship program hosts retreat

Twenty-five adolescent girls participated in a retreat to explore inner beauty, self-esteem, friendships, nutrition, healthy behavior and dream charts. "My Girls and I: An Overnight Self-Empowerment Workshop for Middle and High School Girls" was developed by the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program. Students in the program receive comprehensive support for academic, social, emotional and physical development from fourth grade through enrollment in college. The program is aimed at providing a peer-based way to build support for positive and healthy behaviors.

Sports Briefs

Pink & Blue

The UNC women's gymnastics team will hold its annual Blue & Pink meet on Feb. 14 at newly renovated Carmichael Auditorium. The Tar Heels will take on the University of Maryland in a special meet that includes a cancer-awareness health fair benefiting the Get REAL & HEEL program. The cancer-awareness fair will be held in the lobby of Carmichael Auditorium on Feb. 14 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The fair is free of charge and open to individuals of all ages. The gymnastics meet begins at 2:30 p.m. and also is free of charge.

Carrboro Basketball Standings

(as of Jan. 21)

Pee Wee League
Hawks 3-0
Rockets 3-0
Nets 2-1
Spurs 2-1
76ers 1-1

Hornets 1-2
Knicks 1-2
Pacers 1-2
Pistons 1-2
Thunder 0-2
Wizards 0-2

Mite League
Jazz 4-0
Heat 3-1
Warriors 3-1
Cavaliers 2-1
Celtics 2-1
Nuggets 2-1
Blazers 2-2
Magic 2-2

Lakers 1-2
Kings 1-3
Bobcats 0-4
Bulls 0-4

Midget League
Demon Deacons 6-0
Pirates 4-2
Wildcats 4-3
Blue Devils 3-3
Wolfpack 4-3
Camels 3-3
Tar Heels 2-3
Spartans 2-6
Seahawks 0-5

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Chapel Hill Knicks 5-0
Chapel Hill Nuggets 5-1
Carrboro Wolverines 4-1
Carrboro Dons 3-2
Carrboro Yellow Jackets 3-2
Chapel Hill Rockets 2-4
Carrboro Jayhawks 1-4
Chapel Hill Heat 1-4
Chapel Hill Nets 0-6

Carrboro spring league registration

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will be spon-

soring a spring baseball program for ages 6-12, a middle school baseball league for ages 13-14 and a girls' volleyball program for ages 10-13.

Registration for these programs is underway at the Carrboro Century Center. The fee is \$55 for Orange County residents and \$92 for non-residents. Registration forms are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and must be signed by a parent or guardian. For more information, call 918-7364.

Thanks!

to everyone who entered our "Find the Pie" contest and who celebrated National Pie Day. Congratulations to our winners, who are all enjoying tasty pie courtesy of our friends at Weaver St. Market.

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Capelli's
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Curves
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White Cross Shell
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Time Out
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Carolina Inn

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CHATHAM CROSSING
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Lowe's Foods / outside box

JAGS
FROM PAGE 1

Three years later, and while it's not yet time to consider the Jaguars as being all-around championship caliber, one title has now been brought home – congratulations to the Carrboro High women's state 2A cross country champs! – and as the 2009 fall sports season proved, the Jags are, overall, on their way up, and right now you'd have to squint to see the ceiling. A number of Carrboro Jaguar teams are building from a solid foundation with a ton of talent.

A new beginning

While most students, many of whom were former Chapel Hill or East Chapel Hill High attendees, entering the doors of Carrboro High School three years ago worried about finding a new spot at lunch, buttering up another set of teachers and making enough friends to survive their remaining high school years, many were faced with additional uncertainties.

What will my new soccer coach be like? Will I make the football team? Can the field hockey team compete against the likes of the already-established powerhouses across town?

Being a student-athlete is at the core of many kids' high school dreams, and switching teams midway through can be tough. In sports such as field

portant to learn from those mistakes, and our guys have done a great job of resilience, bouncing back from setbacks."

After two years at the bottom of the standings, the 2009 season was a breakout year for the Jags. The team won its first home game, beat cross-town rival East Chapel Hill for the first time, won its first conference game and made the 2A playoffs.

Quarterback Derek Bryant also was there from the beginning, starting at quarterback as a freshman – a great opportunity, but a potentially daunting task. Bryant was competing against defenses that had been training and lifting weights at the high school level for years. He spent more time on the ground than celebrating in the end zone.

"As juniors, a bunch of our starters remember getting beat pretty badly almost every game as freshmen," Bryant said. "That helps now when we're preparing for those same teams; it's motivation."

Bryant and his teammates went through the losses, the ridicule from classmates and their own second thoughts. It brought them closer and forged a friendship that allowed them to overcome the odds of succeeding any time soon.

"We definitely struggled together," Bryant said. "I think that's what makes it so fun now, the fact that we all struggled together. And now that we are suc-



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW
Carrboro High School football players Nasser Omar, a junior wide receiver (wearing the hat), Derek Bryant, a junior quarterback (standing, right) and Sam Cooper, a senior kicker.

school population was low, as was the interest in being part of a struggling sports team.

JV teams prepare student-athletes for varsity play, teach them a team's scheme or strategies in less stressful conditions and let freshmen and sophomores mature both mentally and physically before taking on more-seasoned opponents.

That was a luxury Carrboro didn't have.

"Overall, the point of a JV team is you want to develop kids, not just as soccer players or lacrosse or whatever, but it's important that kids understand what it means to be a student-athlete," Carrboro men's soccer head coach James Mundia said.

"There's a learning curve that comes with being a student-athlete, not just with the sport itself, but also with things like how do you handle having practice and having a full course load of homework every night," he added.

Having a JV team is not only a big help to the coaches, but the players as well.

"As far as experience-wise, that's really helped, having guys playing and getting game time in," Bryant said. "I feel like the JV definitely helps them. And it helps varsity, because JV really plays hard in practice, because they want to make us look bad."

Plus, it's not just the extra playing time; it's the playing time in the same system for a number of years. JV gives players an opportunity to ease into the rigors of learning to play a sport under a certain system and certain playing style.

"Coming along before JV, it was a little more trial-and-error. Now it's a situation where we've established rules, and a routine. So now it's a matter of getting everyone on board and saying, 'This is how we do things,'" Mundia said.

Carrboro sports: here and now

And that's really what it comes down to, with the whole

Carrboro community getting behind a school and a sports program.

Tudryn said he remembers a time when the stands were empty, and his athletes had to feed off their own voices and motivation.

"Now, you come to a Friday night football game and it's a great atmosphere," Tudryn said. "I go to Weaver Street Market the week after and some random person I've never met in a Carrboro football shirt says, 'Hey, coach; congrats.'"

Mundia remembers when his players used to wear East Chapel Hill High T-shirts to practice and he had to remind them that Carrboro sports are what's here and now.

"It's a beautiful place, because everyone at Carrboro High School ... is really positive, everyone is really pulling for each other," Tudryn said. "Their peers are behind them, the community is behind them."



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW
Justin Tama, a senior midfielder for Carrboro High School's soccer team, moves the ball toward the goal in a recent practice. In the background is coach James Mundia.

UNC NOTES FRANK HEATH

Heels halt skid, tame the 'pack

The UNC men's basketball Tar Heels received big-time contributions from nearly everyone who saw court time on Tuesday night at the RBC Center, bringing home a 77-63 victory over the N.C. State Wolfpack, and breaking a three-game losing streak.

It was midway through the second half, though, before the Heels took off.

With 17:04 left in the game, State point guard Javier Gonzalez followed a missed shot by teammate Dennis Horner to give the Wolfpack a 43-38 lead. Gonzalez, who has improved significantly this year, had lit up Carolina for 15 points in a 4 1/2 minute stretch, and the Tar Heels appeared to be on the edge of a dangerous precipice they have come to know all too well this season.

Then, for an agonizing 2 1/2 minutes, the score remained at 43-38. State missed four shots and committed a foul and the Tar Heels missed four shots from the floor and clanked a pair of free throws.

At the media timeout, with 15:55 remaining, Carolina was 0-5 from the floor in the second half, and with 14:36 remaining – after State guard Scott Wood deflected a Will Graves jumper out of bounds to give the Tar Heels possession underneath – UNC still did not have a second-half bucket.

It was at that moment that guard Dexter Strickland, along with fellow freshman Travis Wear, checked into the ballgame for the Tar Heels. Ten seconds later, off a swing pass from Strickland, point guard Larry Drew knocked in a three-pointer from the right wing to end the drought for Carolina and pull the Heels within two.

Less than a minute later, following a missed three by State's Wood, UNC forward Deon Thompson dropped in a short jumper off a setup pass from Drew. Another 50 seconds later, Strickland scored on a driving layup in transition to give the Tar Heels back a lead they would not relinquish.

By the time Strickland checked out of the game with 7:31 remaining, the Tar Heels held a nine-point lead, 56-47. The freshman guard's line during that stretch was seven points, a steal and an assist, and he also helped hold Gonzalez, who had been hotter than a pistol minutes earlier, without a basket for a crucial seven minutes. It was an 18-4 UNC run while Strickland was in the game.

Carolina extended its dominating stretch to 28-6, for a 66-49 lead with 3:57 remaining, and the outcome was for all intents and purposes settled.

Along with Strickland's 14-point night, Thompson put together his best game in weeks, Drew had perhaps his best performance ever (18 points, 7 assists, only one turnover) and Ed Davis gutted out 12 points and nine rebounds in 28 minutes on a bum ankle.

Graves pulled down nine boards, and even freshman John Henson – a non-factor through the Heels' first 19 games – left his mark on the game, blocking three shots, grabbing two rebounds and scoring on a driving layup during a four-minute stint in the second half.

But with all that said, Carolina's guard play – which had been hurting during the team's ugly 1-4 January swoon – was

the catalyst for this win, and it will be critical if the Tar Heels expect to crawl the rest of the way out of the hole they find themselves in. One of the biggest keys to Carolina's improved play against the Wolfpack was that the Tar Heels limited their turnovers, committing just 10 for the game, while remaining aggressive from the perimeter.

Over Carolina's recent rough patch, Strickland, Drew and the other UNC guards have been dangerous to the team, erratic at best, committing turnovers in large batches that inevitably led to crippling runs by the opposition. On Tuesday night against State, the UNC backcourt, especially Strickland and Drew, showed that it can also be dangerous to opponents.

"Carolina's guard play – which had been hurting during the team's ugly 1-4 January swoon – was the catalyst for this win."



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW
Seniors Hailey Johnson, left, and Lexi Xenakis of the Carrboro High School field hockey team compete for control of the ball in a recent team practice.

hockey or lacrosse, where Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill High reign supreme, it was, for the new Carrboro student-athletes, akin to leaving the perpetual champion New York Yankees for the ever-rebuilding Pittsburgh Pirates midway through a season.

Sure, it can be seen as a challenge to overcome; but for teenagers, it's more likely to be seen as an obstacle.

Head football coach Jason Tudryn was there from the beginning and offered some perspective on the challenges of his first three years of coaching.

"You have to learn how to fail in life in order to be successful, and I think it's hard for kids nowadays to put themselves in an environment where they won't be successful," he said. "It's im-

successful, it makes it sweeter."

"They are a brotherhood because they've seen more adverse situations than a lot of kids their age, and they've done it together," Tudryn added. "They've shared success and failure, and it's a beautiful thing to witness. The fact that they shared these things together makes lasting memories; there is definitely that cohesion with the guys."

Learning curve

Cohesion may well be the primary reason the athletic landscape at Carrboro is looking brighter these days, but there are other reasons, most more tangible than that.

Last year was the first that most teams had enough skilled players to form junior varsity squads. Because there were no seniors the first semester, the

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Déjà vu all over again

We've seen this movie before – just last year, in fact – the one where the towns of southern Orange and the board of county commissioners square off over library funding.

Chapel Hill, whose library is open to all residents of Orange County, has long sought an increase in county support, which has fallen over the past 15 years from 20 percent of the library's budget to 11 percent. Over the same time, the library has grown to become the state's busiest.

The subject of county support was part of an extensive back-and-forth at the most recent Assembly of Governments meeting. And though there is a lot of consensus on what could be done, the reality is that this year – again – there won't be funds to do much.

While the town's fiscal challenges are many, the pressures on the county this year are even greater.

The state budget looks grim. There is massive deficit in Medicaid funding — \$250 million and growing – and that will have consequences at the local level. This is also going to be another year of strain on the county's social services. Orange County may have one of the state's highest per capita incomes, but the percentage of people in poverty is about equal to the state average.

Here, as it is elsewhere, the need for assistance is growing. Consequently, a big increase in library funding from the county is probably not going to happen.

That leaves Chapel Hill in a pickle. Town Manager Roger Stancil has said interest rates and capital markets are favorable for the library expansion — a project approved by voters in 2003. As a result, the building can be built without a tax increase. Staffing and maintaining a library more than twice the size of the existing one is another story, adding about \$775,000 in annual costs.

Monday night, as the Chapel Hill Town Council discussed the proposed library expansion, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt acknowledged that the county is not likely to fill that gap. He suggested the town look for a kind of down payment this year and a promise of a steady increase.

Council members also discussed a few familiar options, including approaching other governments and the possibility of charging an annual fee for library services.

Like last year and years before, we suspect that the council will look hard at the fee, but not make the leap. Still, it is unfair to force the full cost of a library expansion driven in part by patrons from elsewhere on the Chapel Hill taxpayer.

It makes sense to attempt to cobble together funds from a variety of sources, including grants, local governments and schools as well as look for ways to reduce the new operating costs driven by the expansion.

Meanwhile, planning a long-term, coordinated strategy on libraries ought to take place outside the yearly budget wrangling. Libraries fill too important a role in the community to only be discussed when it's time for the ax to fall.

Caution: icy weekend ahead

This weekend, there's a strong likelihood that snow and ice will fall from the sky. This usually leads to a town-wide demonstration of poor driving skills and a run on bread and milk.

Please take your time, don't slam on the brakes and if you go into a skid remember to turn in the direction of the skid. (It's kind of counterintuitive but it works like a champ.)

In the event of utterly rotten weather, *The Citizen* will post periodic updates on our MILL blog (carrborocitizen.com/mill).

For closings and other information, we recommend tuning into WCHL 1360.



Getting our bearings toward making things better

SAMMY SLADE

After the failure of the U.N. Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen, actions to resolve climate change in the U.S. are in reverse. Factors contributing to this lack of positive action include congress' reluctance, before the mid-term elections, to engage in another battle, which is likely to be as drawn-out as the health care reform process has been. Now with the loss of a filibuster-proof Democrat Senate last week along with the Supreme Court's decision striking restrictions on corporate influence in politics, the outlook is even starker for climate change legislation (and much else!).

And if that isn't bad enough, the regulatory power to reign in greenhouse gas emissions that the executive branch currently DOES have via the EPA and the Clean Air Act is under threat of getting stripped by Congress. Last week, while so much else was happening, Republican Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski introduced an obscure "resolution of disapproval," which, if not petitioned against by at least 30 senators before it gets put on the Senate calendar, will gut the only real existing power the president already has to regulate CO₂. This regulatory power is, at its minimum, a tool to prod for significant legislative action.

Considering the emergency that climate change puts us in, and the lack of significant action from higher scales of governance, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously in early December 2009 to adopt "A Resolution to Take Responsibility in a Socially Just Manner for Carrboro's Portion of CO₂ in the Atmosphere; Toward Getting the Atmosphere Back to a Safe Level Below 350 Parts per Million."

rial Hall. (The event is at 7 p.m., though if you would like a seat, the doors open at 6:30.)

Please go to this event! It is imperative that we understand the degree of action called for if we are to mitigate the worst of what scientists are describing.

Fortunately for us in the Triangle, we still have the apparent luxury and potential of enacting changes that are derived from abstract understanding and not tangible calamity. Without the community's understanding, there will not be the necessary movement required to assure that we implement action of the quality and degree required before irreversible catastrophe worsens and is felt locally.

Stay tuned to the Transition Carrboro-Chapel Hill "unleashing" that will happen on May 15. This will be the "big bang" community effort to bring together all the individuals and organizations within the community to coordinate our efforts in imagining and enacting a positive future. In the meantime ... go see Hansen on Feb. 1!

If we could all understand the significance of our times, taking real action would be harder to deny ... and things could only get better.

Sammy Slade is a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

"It is imperative that we understand the degree of action called for if we are to mitigate the worst of what scientists are describing."

In line with what is being called for by the scientific consensus for the industrialized world, this resolution commits Carrboro to a 20 percent reduction of 1990 levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere by 2020.

On Feb. 1, the Carrboro, Chapel Hill and UNC communities will have an invaluable opportunity to see one of the world's most eminent climate-change scientists. James Hansen will be giving a presentation titled "Global Climate Change: What Must We Do Now?" This UNC-hosted and sponsored event, free and open to the public, will be at Memo-

LETTERS

Why not both?

I would think everyone who wants a solid and sustainable future for Carrboro would support an expansion and diversification of the local economy. This discussion, in its latest incarnation, has state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird advocating for a Carrboro Costco and some local entrepreneurs and citizens decrying the desire for such a thing here.

I'm having a hard time understanding why we can't have both.

Many have noted that the county is bleeding money in lost revenue when Orange County (including Carrboro) shoppers leave to shop the big-box stores in neighboring counties (you know who you are). Why should our county lose this revenue? Why should Carrboro lose this revenue?

Yes, there will be some competition with local merchants, just as a new local merchant competes with the existing merchants. And it is true that national and regional retailers remove a greater percentage of their revenue from the local economy than do local retailers, but surely it is better to get a percentage of that dollar rather than none, and to get jobs for local residents and reduce highway miles driven by shoppers.

None of these points, on either side, is new. I too would love to see local entrepreneurs supply all of our needs in a six-block walk from my house, but I can't see the value to the whole of Carrboro of standing on convictions that push an ever-increasing and disproportionate tax burden on residents, especially those who can least stand it and who can use the jobs the most. The continued absence of these retail locations means many, many, many people will continue to leave Carrboro, to leave Orange County, to shop. How many of those dollars come back to our local economy?

JACK HAGGERTY
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Democracy or auction?

CHRIS FITZSIMON

Developer and prominent political fundraiser Lanny Wilson resigned from the State Board of Transportation Thursday, saying in a letter to Gov. Beverly Perdue that he wanted to "avoid any further unnecessary distractions" that would hurt Perdue's efforts to reform the board.

Wilson was involved with a land deal on the coast that is part of a federal investigation into the activities of former-Gov. Mike Easley. Wilson also testified before the State Board of Elections in October about large contributions he made to the N.C. Democratic Party.

Wilson is a player in North Carolina politics. He and his wife have given at least \$275,000 to candidates since 2000 and raised hundreds of thousands more. That's why he is a player and how he ended up close to governors and a member of the Department of Transportation board.

Politicians need big money to run for office, and Wilson gives and raises it. Big money dominates campaigns and sews the seeds for much of the corruption that has contaminated our state government in recent years.

Polls show that people in North Carolina and across the country know that big special-interest mon-

ey plays too prominent a role in our elections and has too much influence on the decisions of politicians when they are in office.

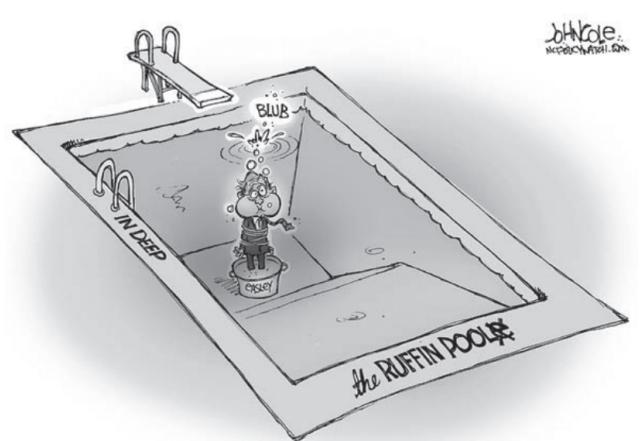
That's what makes Thursday's U.S. Supreme Court decision to allow corporations to spend unlimited money to elect or defeat candidates so disturbing. The flood-gates of huge special-interest money have been thrown open and threaten to wash away the chances of candidates who disagree with the corporate line.

An official with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce told *The Washington Post* that the end of the ban on corporate money in elections "is a positive for the political process and free enterprise."

The political process is not supposed to be like a market, where large companies swallow small ones, where firms with a bigger market share have more influence on an industry, where everything is determined by a stock price and a dividend.

Everybody is supposed to have the same voice in a democracy if they choose to use it. This ruling makes a mockery of that notion.

Ironically, the decision comes as the Obama administration is trying to tighten the regulations on the major players in the financial industry whose greed and mismanagement played a key role in the eco-



omic meltdown that is devastating millions of families.

The companies are resisting at every turn, of course, spending hundreds of millions of dollars lobbying members of Congress to keep the regulations weak while handing out billions in bonuses made possible by a taxpayers' bailout.

Imagine what happens this fall, when the same companies can spend millions to elect candidates to stave off regulations that would reign in their greed and help prevent another financial collapse.

Fred Wertheimer of Democracy 21 told *The Post* that the ruling wipes out "a century of American history devoted to preventing cor-

porate corruption of our democracy."

Closer to home, Bob Hall of Democracy North Carolina calls the decision another step toward turning public elections into private auctions. He's right, and the starting bid and the sale price just went way up, and they were both already out of reach of most North Carolinians.

Democracy is supposed to belong to all of us, not just the highest bidder, not just Lanny Wilson or Bank of America or Goldman Sachs.

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Sesame Greens

Recipe Provided by: farmers Mark Cane and Cathy Jones and Farmers' Market managers Erin Kauffman and Sarah Blacklin

Ingredients:

- 1 bunch kale (you could substitute bok choy, collards, or any cook down green)
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- Soy sauce to taste
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Over medium heat, sauté the sesame seeds in a dry pan until they are lightly browned. Be careful not to burn them. Pour them into a cup and set them aside. Heat olive oil in a pan over medium heat and add 2 cloves of chopped garlic and grated ginger. Sauté until the garlic is lightly browned. Add the chopped winter greens. Pour a little water in the pan and cover to cook. The greens will become bright green when they are ready. Add the sesame seeds and toss together. Serve with a little soy sauce on top. Enjoy!

TREAT FROM PAGE 1

Then Mark entered the picture. Discouraged by job-hunting, he headed to the kitchen to help Karen fill the holiday order for A Southern Season. Then he went to a tasting there and handed out samples.

"I'd never realized how much people love toffee," he said of the reactions of people who tasted it. Afterwards, he told Karen they should try to get it into more stores. "Little did I know how much work that would entail."

Last year was spent learning the candy trade.

A relative who is an execu-

tive at a sugar-free candy company in Charlotte arranged for a meeting with its CEO, who provided guidance and encouragement. The excited mother and son wanted to expand and knew they had to tell Griff; they chose to do so one evening while in their seats before a game at the Dean E. Smith Center.

Mark said, "I told him while he was distracted, 'I want to take your candy company big time.'" Griff's reaction was silence. "Then after a few minutes, he said, 'I'll join you in four years.'"

With permission granted to turn their home into a toffee-making factory, Mark and Karen moved forward, spend-

ing a year in the legal process, fine-tuning the packaging, finding sources for the best ingredients (the chocolate comes from Pennsylvania, the pecans from a family farm in Georgia) and gathering clients.

The dining room of their home near East Lake has become the storage facility, and they have the production process down to a fine art. Their toffee is available in three sizes and stocked at 19 retail establishments across the state and locally at Weaver Street Market, Whole Foods, Fresh Market, Foster's Market, Woman-craft and, of course, A Southern Season.

The Carolina blue of the ribbons and labels don't always

go over so big in Raleigh and Durham. Diehard fans of other schools have told Mark, "Nothing from Chapel Hill is good," but sales and feedback offer a different story.

"It's been good," Karen said. "As the clientele gets used to having it there, the orders increase. I'm so surprised." But she's not surprised at how much fun it's been to work with a son. "We laugh a lot."

"We've always had fun," Mark said. "We never take ourselves too seriously. I don't feel like I'm working. Dealing with candy is definitely more fun than banking."

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OBITUARIES

James Couch

Mr. James Keith Couch, 52, of Hillsborough and Morehead City, died peacefully Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, in Duke Medical Center.

Keith graduated from Orange High School in 1975. After graduation, he worked for the family business, John Couch Oil Co. of Hillsborough, N.C., for a time. Seeking adventure, Keith moved to Costa Mesa, Calif. for several years. Upon relocating to North Carolina in 1985, Keith settled in Morehead City and was employed by the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach, a job he dearly loved. In addition to his work, he enjoyed fishing from his boat in the sound with his lifelong friend, Steve Tubiola, managing his rental properties and the company of his many friends as well as his co-workers and members of the Dunes Club.

Keith was a devout Christian and would wish us all "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding," as well as asking us to always live life to the fullest. We will miss his warm smile, quick wit and infectious laugh.

Surviving are his parents, John Edward and Dorothy Rhodes Couch, of Hillsborough; his sister, Karen Couch Copeland, and husband, Steve, of Hillsborough; his brother, John Edward Couch Jr., and wife, Becky, of Raleigh, N.C.; his niece, Laura Ann Couch, of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and his nephew, John Andrew Couch, of Siler City, N.C.

Graveside services will be held this Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Herman Baptist Church Cemetery in Durham by the Rev. Don Westbrook.

Samuel Gattis III

Mr. Samuel Mallette Gattis III died Saturday, January 23, 2010. He was the son of Samuel Mallette Gattis II and Virginia Parris Gattis and the grandson of Samuel Mallette Gattis and Margaret Parish Gattis.

Mr. Gattis graduated from Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a degree in business/commerce. While at UNC, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps (1943-46) with the Fifth Amphibious Field Artillery and the 155th Howitzer Battalion on Leyte, Philippine Islands.

In 1951, Mr. Gattis became assistant clerk of the Superior Court in Orange County, N.C. In 1953, he was appointed Orange County accountant and tax supervisor. In 1963, he became the first county manager of Orange County. He retired after 30 years of service. During his tenure, he was named N.C. County Manager of the Year.

Mr. Gattis was a member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, N.C., where he was a Sunday school teacher for many years. He was a graduate of the UNC School of Government Municipal Administration Program. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the NC Local Government Employees' Retirement System. Mr. Gattis was a licensed private pilot and a certified scuba diver. He enjoyed spending time boating and fishing on the beaches of North Carolina, playing golf and spending time with his beloved grandchild-

ren.

Surviving are his daughter, Susan Owen Gattis, of Effland; his son, David Alexander Gattis, and wife, Dana, of Hillsborough; his daughter, Margaret Gattis Newton, of Mountain Brook, Ala.; grandchildren Lucy Owen Newton, Anne Parks Newton, Blair Amber Gattis, Hope Alexis Gattis and Megan Elizabeth Gattis. Mr. Gattis was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Susan Robertson Gattis, his son, Samuel Mallette Gattis IV, and his sister, Virginia Charles Gattis.

Susan Jacob Verghese

Susan Jacob Verghese (Sept. 29 1947-Jan. 22 2010), resident of Chapel Hill, died suddenly after a tragic car accident. Susan was born in Hyderabad, India, moving to the United States in 1972. She later would make her home in Midland, Mich., where she devoted her life to raising her family and helping others through her work as a physical therapist.

Susan was one of three children born to the late V.I. Jacob and Sosa Jacob. She will forever be remembered by her devoted husband, George Verghese, loving sons, Matthew Mahir Verghese and Dr. George Rohin Verghese, and beloved sister, Dr. Mary George. She was predeceased by her brother, Jacob Isaac. She will be kept in the hearts of family and in-laws in both North America and India,

especially by George Oommen, Dr. George Cherian, Dr. Rachel Cherian and Dr. Raina Paul, as well as the countless friends whose lives she touched along the way.

Susan graduated from Queen Mary High School in Bombay, India and received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Physical Therapy in New York City. She was devoted to the field of physical therapy, specializing in brain and spinal cord injuries. She spent more than 35 years helping others, especially children, regain meaning in their lives after traumatic injuries and improving the function of those born with disabilities. She stayed abreast of the current advancements in her field by attending numerous conferences throughout the country over her prosperous career. Susan and her husband recently moved to Chapel Hill, where Susan had planned to continue her zest for learning by earning her doctorate in physical therapy.

Susan will be remembered fondly for her vivacious spirit and admirable devotion to her family; she created a home that was full of life, love, achievement and support. Her dedication and enduring sacrifices for her family will never be forgotten. Susan was also active in her community in Midland and engaged her creativity through her passion for the arts.

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Origin of CARRBORO Post Office.

The 1st. P.O. in Carrboro was established in 1911. At that time, the place was known as Venable...the P.O. as Venable.

Two years later... in 1913, circumstances induced a new name for the town...a new name for the P.O. The new name CARRBORO.

Carrboro's first post office, 1911

What with Carrboro's centennial coming up next year, it's high time to document our town's rich and diverse visual history in a single volume. To that end, local photographer Dave Otto and historian Richard Ellington have set out to create such a groundbreaking book. Otto explains: "Although Carrboro was incorporated in 1911, the land and people who inhabit what is now Carrboro go back to the mid-1700s. Descendants of many of the Colonial settlers (Barbees, Lloyds, Strayhorns, Hogans and Morgans) still live here. Moreover, little has yet been written about blacks who have lived and worked in Carrboro for centuries." So Otto and Ellington are looking for old Carrboro photos of historical interest for inclusion in their visual history book. Here's an example of one of their finds - this photograph of Carrboro's first post office (on Main Street, approximately across from the present Jade Palace restaurant) came to Ellington from local historian the late Mack Watts, who collected old Carrboro photos (and labeled them meticulously with his manual typewriter). Folks with old Carrboro photos are encouraged to contact The Citizen (jock@email.unc.edu) or Dave and Richard at davidaotto@earthlink.net and Richard_ellington@unc.edu Come on people! Our attics and closets are full of treasures. Don't let them fade away.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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Catbriers often have a few red or burgundy cold season leaves.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA

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Many folks consider catbrier a thorny pest, an impenetrable natural barbed-wire fencing. Perhaps smilax was the inspiration for barbed wire. In response to those who find it a menace, I suggest simply stepping around it, acknowledging that smilax tangles provide shelter for many wild critters. And the berries, brilliant-red on two species and dark blue-black on the others, provide nourishment for birds and other wildlife.

For us humans, tender shoots, tendrils and leaves of catbriers eaten raw are treats, according to ethnobotanist James Duke. *Peterson's Edible Wild Plants* offers several recipes for tasty prepa-

rations of tender plant parts.

Some catbriers are deciduous and others are evergreen. In parts of the South, evergreen catbriers are grown for shade on arbors and used for holiday greenery, like magnolia and holly. I have a black-berried, evergreen catbrier still decorating my back entrance.

Catbriers have a rich medicinal herb heritage. Leaves and roots were used for teas and poultices and even the thorns were valued as a type of acupuncture.

I always leave some naturally occurring smilax vines to grow freely along my back deck and yard trellises. Tiny greenish-yellow, lily-like flowers invite a closer look in mid-spring. The leathery

round and heart-shaped leaves are attractive as the vines reach upward and outward in all directions. Some catbriers are not thorny and are attractive in flower arrangements.

So there you have it; with thorns, or without, catbriers are vines of value and beauty to behold.



Black-berried, evergreen smilax makes long-lasting decoration.

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