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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Uncommon puttyroot orchid has a very distinctive winter leaf. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

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Now is the best time of the year to locate two obscure native orchids that show their leaves in the winter. Of the two, cranefly orchid, *Tipularia discolor*, is the more common – and with a keen eye to the ground, you will spot it everywhere.

Its elusive close cousin, *Aplectrum hyemale*, puttyroot, is much less common, preferring a less acidic soil than is typical of most of our forests. You will have to keep a really keen eye focused to find the single leaf of puttyroot – and what a quiet thrill to finally spot one.

The leaves of these two orchids are busy now absorbing the winter sun and actively growing, manufacturing and storing essential nutrients and resources necessary for annual flowering and seed production. Though green now, these plants are not evergreen. They disappear in spring as the tree canopy shades the forest floor. They seem to be going into dormancy just when most plants are coming out of it, but they remain very active underground and send up a flowering stem in summer that is unnoticed by most woods walkers. The next winter season's leaves will begin appearing in September as the forest canopy is beginning to drop its leaves again.

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Town passes on U Mall deal

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The exploration of moving the Chapel Hill Public Library from its Pritchard Park location to the spot now occupied by Dillard's at University Mall ended Monday night before the Chapel Hill Town Council even began debating the idea.

Both Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and Town Manager Roger Stancil said in introducing the agenda item that the potential costs savings to the town did not outweigh the risk of moving a building with a public function into a private development. Stancil said University Mall representatives concurred with the decision.

In a letter sent to the town last week, Madison Marquette managing director Jay Lask said that projected savings to the town had dropped from the \$3 million to \$4 million range to \$1.5 million. Lask said that while he still believes a mall location has a number of advantages, it's understandable that the town would not want to shift its current plan so close to groundbreaking.

At the Valentine's Day session at Town Hall, the council heard from several residents, some wearing pink hearts to represent their love for the Pritchard Park location, who underscored their view that the town needs to keep the library where it is.

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Board sets March hearing on library site

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday agreed to hold a public hearing on a request by Orange County to rezone a 2.69-acre parcel next to Carrboro Elementary School for use as a library site.

The site, located adjacent to the school's front parking lot and baseball field, has been under contract with the county since October 2010, after commissioners agreed in a closed-door session on an option to purchase the land for \$610,000. The purchase is contingent on gaining a rezoning, according to an application filed Feb. 4 by

the county with the Town of Carrboro.

The zoning change would be required before the county could apply for a permit to construct a new southwest branch library at the site, which has already drawn concern from its potential neighbors.

At their meeting at Town Hall, the board received a petition signed by 50 residents of the areas adjacent to the site expressing concerns about the impact of a new public building in the area and asking that they delay the public hearing.

Board member Jacquie Gist said she also thought the site was "problematic."

"Most of the people around the site are not in favor of it," she said.

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In a drought, but not a panic



The mud flats of University Lake near the causeway on Jones Ferry Road

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

Driving across the short causeway on Jones Ferry Road that spans University Lake near Morgan Creek, you can easily read the decline of the waterline along the banks and view the muck rising above it.

The lake is down roughly four feet from full. Likewise at Cane Creek. The official water supply level for the Orange Water and Sewer Authority stood at 70.1 percent as of Wednesday morning.

Ed Holland, OWASA's planning engineer, said that although the lake looks low, the supply is nowhere near as low as it takes to trigger further conservation measures.

"It really depends on the time of year," Holland said. Right now, he said, the supply would have to drop to 35 percent to trigger tighter restrictions on water use. "If this were June, we'd have to be above 70 percent."

Orange County is part of a wide swath of North Carolina extending from Charlotte to the Virginia border that is in a severe drought, according to the state's drought-monitoring program.

OWASA's official rainfall totals for the past 12 months show just 35.48 inches of rain compared to the yearly average of 45.82.

Holland said the utility is watchful but not worried, mainly due to the conservation methods that have

been put into place since the 2007-08 drought. Customers upgrading to more-efficient fixtures and responding to a tiered rate structure and the university's efforts to use more recycled water have had a major impact in use, while a decline in new housing units has slowed growth in demand, he said.

But with the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center calling for drier than normal weather for the next three months, the mudflats off Jones Ferry Road are likely to stick around for a while.

"You have to remember that University Lake holds a lot less water than Cane Creek," Holland said. "That's a shallow part of the lake, so that's where you see it."

County likely to change addresses

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to take steps toward adopting an addressing ordinance that would require thousands of county residents to change their addresses to reflect a grid-based system.

The county began efforts to change rural addresses to a logical, grid-based system in 1987, but the changes were resisted by the public. County officials said residents were likely to continue to oppose the changes, but that an ordinance was necessary to ensure that homes could be located by emergency workers and other service people.

"There will be an issue with a lot of people not wanting to change their addresses," County Manager Frank Clifton said. "If you don't have an enforcement procedure, you're never going to have an addressing procedure that will make sure that people get the services they want when they need them."

According to Steve Averett, GIS manager with the county's technology department, Orange County has more than 2,000 addresses that are out of sequence, not addressed to the proper road, addressed to the wrong side of the road or that don't display house numbers correctly and appropriately.

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Hearings concluded for fired Chapel Hill workers

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — According to the attorney for two Town of Chapel Hill Public Works Department employees fired for alleged insubordination and intimidating behavior, the town failed to follow its own grievance procedure, hastily terminating the men's employment due to their active role in a unionizing effort.

Clyde Clark, one of the two workers fired in October, appealed his firing to the town's Personnel Appeals

Committee last Wednesday night at the Chapel Hill Public Library in a hearing open to the public at Clark's request. Kerry Bigelow, fired at the same time as Clark and for the same alleged reasons, went before the committee on Feb. 3.

The men's attorney, Al McSurely, has argued that his clients were fired in retaliation for grievances they filed with management that alleged racial bias in job placements and promotions and unsafe working conditions. The town alleges that the men were fired for inappropriate behavior to-

ward supervisors and residents along their waste-collection route.

As was the case in Bigelow's hearing, the town's first witness spoke by telephone, identified only as "Ms. Johnson." She was joined Wednesday night, also by phone, by a "Ms. Jones." Both women said they had felt intimidated by Clark and Bigelow, but had asked only for a crew change, not that the men be fired.

"All of my complaints were based on problems we were having with our trash collection," Jones said.

The men's supervisor, Larry Stroud,

said that working with Clark and Bigelow was "a rocky road," and that he had written Clark up after receiving complaints of trash not being picked up along his route. Stroud said that he spoke to Clark about the complaints, but that Clark "acted like it didn't matter."

Public Works director Lance Norris said of complaints of the men's behavior, "When it rises to the level that you're intimidating citizens and yelling at a citizen ... that's when the line is crossed."

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A do-it-yourself way

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

There are few residents with roots as deep in this town as Frances Lloyd Shetley.

Though she grew up in Calvander, Shetley has lived on Hillborough Road in Carrboro for 50 years. Her family has been in the area since the mid-1700s, when Thomas Lloyd — of whom Carr Mill's original owner Thomas Lloyd is a descendant — purchased land near Calvander.

Shetley went to school in the same building where Town Hall is now located and attended first grade in the same room where, 60 years later, she served as a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen for eight years, taking a stand on

controversial town policies that hold strong nearly 20 years later.

How she came to sit on that board is indicative of Shetley's do-it-yourself way of approaching things.

In the 1970s, "I had something that I wanted to ask the town about," Shetley recalls. She went to speak with the town manager, who told her he was too busy to deal with her question.

"That should not happen," she said. So Shetley decided she would take matters into her own hands, becoming a part of the infrastructure of the town. Her first involvement in town government was as one of the founders of the Carrboro Appearance Commission.

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Frances Shetley sits on the lawn of Weaver Street Market on Monday afternoon. Shetley, who served on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen for eight years, is a descendant of Thomas Lloyd, one of the founders of Carrboro.

PHOTO BY ALLISON RUSSELL

MUSIC CALENDAR



FAN MODINE : TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE STATION
The Feb. 22 performance will include a string section
PHOTO BY MICHAEL TRAISTER

THURSDAY FEB 17
BaDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm
Cats Cradle: Plain White T's, Parachute, MIGGS. 7pm. \$18/20
The Cave: LATE: Hwyl, The Reclusives
Century Center: Sad Magazine. 12pm. Free
City Tap: Jo Gore and The Alternative. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7pm
Local 506: Lexicon, Will Hoggard

Nightlight: Thank You, Mutx. 9:30pm. \$5
The Station at Southern Rail: Lizz and Her Big Band. 10pm
FRIDAY FEB 18
Cats Cradle: NC Comedy Arts Festival with Emo Philips, The Beatbox. 9pm. \$14
The Cave: EARLY: Burke LATE: Chest Pains, Blood Red River
Chatham Mills: Tannahill Weavers. 7:30pm. \$19/2
City Tap: David Quick. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Steph Stew-

art and The Boyfriends. 8pm
Memorial Hall: Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz. 8pm
Nightlight: Spagetti Western, Primal Static. 10pm. \$5
The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers Trio. 6pm
SATURDAY FEB 19
Cats Cradle: Rooney, Easley, Delta Rae. 8pm. \$16/17
The Cave: EARLY: New River Up-rising LATE: Lud, North Elementary
City Tap: Acoustic Garage. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Hot Tub of Grits. 8pm. \$5
Local 506: The Design
Open Eye Cafe: Jake Melnyk, Patrick Turner. 8pm
SUNDAY FEB 20
Ackland Art Museum: The Authentics. 1pm
Cats Cradle: The Budos Band, D-Town Brass, DJ Ras J. 8:30pm. \$12/15
The Cave: LATE: The Serious Old Time Country Band
Local 506: 40 Oz To Freedom. 9pm. \$10
Nightlight: MattaGawa, Rumpelstiltskin. 9pm
MONDAY FEB 21
Cats Cradle: Shinobi Ninja, Free Sol, Click Clack Boom, Wax Lips, DJ Axi Powers. 9pm. \$8/10
The Cave: LATE: Ron Franklin's Gasoline Silver
TUESDAY FEB 22
The Station at Southern Rail: Fan Modine. 9pm
Reservoir: Dickkicker, Douglas Shields and The X Factors, Torch Runner
WEDNESDAY FEB 23
The Cave: LATE: Poison Control Center
THURSDAY FEB 24

Cats Cradle: The Pieteasters, Archbishops of Blount Street, Petrojvic Blasting Company. 8:30pm. \$12/14
The Cave: LATE: Mecanikill, Headstone Hollow, Industrial Grade Acid. \$5
Century Center: Craicdown. 12pm. Free
City Tap: Sarah Shook and The Devil. 8pm
Local 506: The Diamond Rings, PS I Love You. 9pm. \$8
The Station at Southern Rail: Justin Johnson. 11pm
FRIDAY FEB 25
Cats Cradle: Los Amigos Invisibles, Rubblebucket. 8pm. \$15/17
The Cave: EARLY: Rocket Biscuit LATE: Battlestar Canada, The Bastages, Joy In Red
City Tap: Andy Coats. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Diali Keba Cissokho. 8:30pm
Johnny's: Dirt Cheap: Soul/Funk-A-Thon Fundraiser for WCOM. 7pm
Local 506: Jonathan Richman. 9pm. \$13/15
Open Eye Cafe: Wasabi Tears.
The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers Trio. 6pm
SATURDAY FEB 26
Bean and Barrel: Funktion. 8pm. Free
Cats Cradle: If Not For You: Tribute to George Harrison's "All Things Must Pass." 9pm. \$10/12
City Tap: See No Weevil. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Skatepark Fundraiser with Caltrop, Chred Crust, Spider Bags, Gasoline Stove. 8pm
Local 506: Dexter Romwebber and The New Romans, Fantastico, Blood Red River
Memorial Hall: Yasmin Levy. 8pm
The Station at Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio. 7pm

SPOTLIGHT



Carolina Jazz Festival
The Carolina Jazz Festival is in full swing at UNC, with performances running through Saturday, Feb. 26.

The Eddie Palmieri Latin Jazz Band will headline this year's festival with a performance at Memorial Hall on Friday at 8 p.m. Drummer, pianist, vibraphonist and composer Joe Chambers; trombonist Conrad Herwig; and trumpeter Marcus Printup will be among artists in residence for the 34th festival, themed "Embracing the Past, Present and Future of Jazz."

The artists in residence will perform with the UNC faculty jazz quartet, the UNC Jazz Band, UNC Jazz Combos, the N.C. Jazz Repertory Orchestra and Charanga Carolina, a student ensemble that plays Cuban danzón and New York-style salsa music. The 440th Army Band N.C. National Guard Jazz Patriots also will perform.

Many events are free, while others are ticketed. For a complete schedule and more information, visit music.unc.edu/calendars/jazz-festival

SA 2/19
ROONEY

FR 3/4
SUPERCHUNK

SA 3/12
ROCKY VOTOLATO
AND MATT POND

SU 2/20
THE BUDOS BAND

FR 3/11
JOHN MARK McMILLAN

SOLD OUT

TH 2/17 PLAIN WHITE Ts
W/PARACHUTE AND MIGGS

FR 2/18 DSI PRESENTS: EMO PHILLIPS
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SA 2/19 ROONEY**(\$15/\$17)
W/EISLEY AND DELTA RAE

SU 2/20 THE BUDOS BAND
W/D-TOWN BRASS
AND DJ RAS J**(\$12/\$15)

MO 2/21 SHINOBI NINJA
W/FREE SOL, CLICK CLACK AND
WAX LIPS**(\$8/\$10)

TH 2/24**(\$12/\$14)
THE PIETASTERS
W/ARCHBISHOPS OF BLOUNT
STREET, PETROJVIC BLASTING
COMPANY AND
BRIAN HILL (OF REGATTA 69)

FR 2/25**(\$15/\$17)
LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES
W/RUBBLEBUCKET

SA 2/26
"IF NOT FOR YOU"
A 40TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO
GEORGE HARRISON'S ALL THINGS
MUST PASS**(\$10/\$12)

SU 2/27**(\$18/\$22)
THE GET UP KIDS
W/MINIATURE TIGERS
AND BRIAN BONZ

FR 3/4 SUPERCHUNK
W/VEELEEE**(\$14)

SA 3/5 GREG BROWN
W/BO RAMSEY**(\$28/\$30)

SU 3/6 YELAWOLF
W/CyHi DA PRYNCE
AND KING MEZ**(\$13/\$15)

FR 3/11 JOHN MARK
McMILLAN**(\$10)

SA 3/12
ROCKY VOTOLATO/
MATT POND**(\$10/\$12)

TU 3/15 COLE PARK,
KATHERINE WHALEN
AND HER FASCINATORS
**7:30 PM SHOW

FR 3/18 CARBON LEAF
W/KENNEBEC**(\$15/\$17)

SA 3/19 HOLY GHOST
TENT REVIVAL**(\$8/\$10)

FR 3/25 ABBEY ROAD LIVE!**

SU 3/27 SEBADOH
W/RICHARD BUCKNER**(\$15)

SA 4/2 THE PAINS
OF BEING PURE
AT HEART
W/TWIN SHADOW**

SU 4/3 EASY STAR
ALL-STAR
W/THE GREEN
AND CAS HALEY**(\$15/\$17)

WE 4/6 BLACK LIPS
W/VIVIAN GIRLS
AND GRINGO STAR**(\$12/\$14)

TH 4/7 DESTROYER
W/THE WAR ON DRUGS**(\$13/\$15)

FR 4/8 THE MOUNTAIN GOATS
W/MEGAFAUN**(\$18/\$20)

SU 4/10 J MASCIS
W/KURT VILE AND THE
VIOLATORS**(\$16/\$18)

WE 4/13 THE OLD 97s
W/TEDDY THOMPSON
**(\$18/\$20)

TH 4/14 AN INTIMATE SOLO/
ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH
CITIZEN COPE**(\$25/\$28)

FR 4/15 ALBUM RELEASE PARTY
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W/THE MOANERS AND
FILTHYBIRD FREE SHOW!

SA 4/16**(\$15/\$17)
THE RAVEONETTES
W/TAMARVN

TH 4/18**(\$12/\$14)
BRITISH SEA POWER
W/A CLASSIC EDUCATION

SA 4/23 YACHT**(\$12/\$15)

TU 4/26 YELLE
W/FRENCH HORN
REBELLION **(\$18/\$20)

FR 4/29**(\$15/\$18)
PETER, BJORN & JOHN
W/BACHELORETTE

MO 5/2 PINBACK
**(\$14/\$16)

SA 5/7 THE TWILIGHT
SINGERS
**(\$15/\$18) ON SALE 2/18

SA 6/4**(\$15)
PAUL THORN

SU 6/12 JOE PURDY
**(\$15/\$17) SEATED SHOW

ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)

FR 2/25 JONATHAN RICHMAN
FR 3/4 PARLOTONES

MO 3/7 TENNIS W/LA SERA
AND HOLIDAY SHORES

FR 3/18 THE MR FUNNY PANTS
TOUR WITH
MICHAEL SHOWALTER
FR 3/25 TIM BARRY
W/JENNY OWEN YOUNGS

TU 4/5 CIVIL TWILIGHT
W/ATOMIC TOM AND
MOTHER/FATHER

KINGS (RALEIGH)

WE 3/9 ASTRONAUTALIS
W/SIMS AND MR. INVISIBLE

TU 3/29 THE DAMNWELLS
W/HARPER BLYNN
AND HOWARD JENNINGS

THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)

TH 3/17 TODD SNIDER,
THE STORYTELLER

FR 4/22 KINA GRANNIS

LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)

SA 3/26 SHARON JONES
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CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
Barney's Version; Biutiful; The King's Speech

THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
I Am Number Four; Just Go with It; Justin Bieber: Never Say Never; The King's Speech; Unknown

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son; I Am Number Four; Gnomeo and Juliet; Just Go with It; Justin Bieber: Never Say Never; Unknown

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Briefs

Earth Day exhibitors

Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation will present the Earth Action Day Festival on April 9 from noon to 5 p.m. at Southern Community Park, featuring interactive entertainment for all ages, live music and a great food pavilion featuring local foods.

The festival allows people in the community to learn how our daily choices affect our environment, ecologically and socially.

Conservation and preservation organizations are encouraged to present exhibits at the festival.

The deadline to apply for exhibit space is March 10 and the application can be found at townofchapelhill.org/earthday.

Restoration for Bolin Creek

The towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro will begin a restoration project on the degraded tributary of Bolin Creek that flows through Carrboro's Baldwin Park and adjoining properties in the two communities.

Construction will reshape about 480 feet of the channel, improve floodplain efficiency, reduce bank slopes and re-create riffle and pool habitats within the stream.

The work is the first of two stream restoration projects to improve water quality and habitat in Bolin Creek. The project is funded by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 319 grant.

Oak tree to be removed

The Town of Chapel Hill arborist is scheduled to remove a large oak tree that has been in decline for many years on the north side of West Franklin Street between March 7 and 11.

The oak is in a small raised brick planter between Mediterranean Deli and the Bookshop on the 400 block of West Franklin Street. A replacement tree will be planted nearby.

Kinnaird and Insko to speak

State Sen. Ellie Kinnaird and state Rep. Verla Insko will be the featured speakers at "A Call to Action: Rising to the Challenge of the 2011 NC General Assembly" on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Carol Woods Assembly Hall at 750 Weaver Dairy Road. The program also will feature discussions on government budget planning, taxes and civil rights.

The event is free and open to the public.

Courthouse reconstruction

On Feb. 7, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners took several actions to ensure the reconstruction of the Chatham County Historic Courthouse, including approving general floor plans, a project schedule and primary construction materials for the project.

Restoration is expected to begin in September 2011 with the completion of the project expected in September 2012.

Final drawings will be completed by June and requests for bids from contractors submitted by this summer.

Nursing school to reduce enrollment

The UNC School of Nursing announced this week that it would reduce overall undergraduate enrollments by about 25 percent because of ongoing state budget cuts.

The enrollment reductions will begin with the summer semester. In January, UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp instituted campus-wide cuts equal to a 5 percent permanent state reduction to take effect July 1. Anticipated reductions to UNC's state appropriations could reach 15 percent for fiscal year 2011-12, coming on top of nearly 10 percent in permanent cuts absorbed by the School of Nursing over the last two years.

The School of Nursing graduates approximately 200 new nurses each year.

Vote for Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill has been designated a Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation along with 11 other towns or cities nationwide.

Between now and March 15, each of those 12 cities is competing for the title of Fan Favorite. The title is decided by an online vote, and Chapel Hill is encouraging local residents to vote daily and encourage their friends and families to do the same.

Chapel Hill was recognized for its natural beauty, historical significance, bustling nightlife, mouth-watering restaurants, unique shopping opportunities and, of course, its reputation as a basketball holy land.

Cast your vote at preservationnation.org/ddd

A heart and a hand

Friday night, A Helping Hand visited Charles House Eldercare Center – which provides care for older adults with mild to moderate impairments, many with various levels of dementia – for a volunteer serenade and Valentine delivery. A Helping Hand, founded in 1995, offers support services to older adults and younger people who have a temporary or ongoing need due to an accident, illness, injury or disability.

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ALICIA STEMPER



Carrboro High School students help Habitat

BY MEGAN WALKER

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

What can get high school students up and out of the house before 8:15 a.m. on a Saturday? For some Carrboro High School students, the answer is building a Habitat for Humanity house.

On Jan. 29, students Hana Haidar, Sofia Blanco and Lilly Yuan, along with their Habitat club advisor Matt Cooper, put in sub-flooring on the Aye family's future home. The house will be at 209 Lizzie Lane in the Phoenix Place neighborhood of Chapel Hill.

"I joined the club when I was a freshman," club co-president Haidar said. "I wanted to feel like I was actually doing something even though I was just 15. I just love building."

Haidar said the Carrboro High School club is a building partner with Kenan-Flagler Business School on the university's Build a Block campaign to build 10 houses in 10 months. The club is also partnering with Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high schools to fund a tri-high school Habitat house.

"Having students help spreads awareness of the issues," said Jaycee Greenblatt, development coordinator for Habitat youth programs. "It's exciting to have them onsite to work with the families and see how communities are coming together as a group to help change substandard housing in Chapel Hill. It is so expensive to live in the area. We want to make the housing situation more affordable for families."

When the home that the students worked on is completed later this year, it will go to Zaw Aye, a refugee from Myanmar (formerly Burma) and his family. Aye said he was excited to be able to have a home for his family, who lives in an apartment.



(L to R) Hana Haidar, Lilly Yuan, Sofia Blanco, Matt Cooper and Jaycee Greenblatt pose for a picture on the steps of the Habitat house they helped construct on Jan. 29 in Chapel Hill. They put in the sub-flooring on the Aye family's future home. Haidar, Yuan and Blanco are students in the Habitat club at Carrboro High School. Cooper is their faculty adviser.

PHOTO BY MEGAN WALKER

The Ayes have put in more than 136 sweat-equity hours toward their new home. Once they have earned 325 hours and their home is complete, they will be homeowners with a zero-interest mortgage of \$72,500.

Greenblatt said Habitat will probably continue working in Phoenix Place for the next few years. The neighborhood will eventually have 50 green-certified homes. Sixteen have been completed so far and seven are being built this spring. The neighborhood also has a park and a community garden.

"It started off as something just to put on my college applications, but I really enjoy it now and think it's a great cause," said club secretary Yuan. "People at our school live in Habitat houses. I really like Habitat, and just want to stay involved forever."

Club members, who come to build several times a semester, have held a bake sale and a Halloween dance this school year to raise money for the high school house fund.

"Members of the community can help by supporting the high schools and their fundraising activities," Greenblatt said. The schools plan to hold a concert on Feb. 26 that will raise money for the tri-high school fund. Carrboro High School will have an improv group, a step team and possibly a jazz group at the concert, which will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at East Chapel Hill High School.

Greenblatt said community members could also help by donating directly to Habitat or coming out to volunteer on the build sites.

"Everyone has something to give back, and building has always been my passion," said Cooper. "It has been my way of giving back to the community."

Megan Walker is a UNC student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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Averett said address issues cause a number of problems, the most serious of which is a delayed response from emergency services. Non-conforming addresses can also cause issues with prop-

erty tax assessments, and assessments for waste reduction, reuse and recycling (3R) fees. Other potential problems include inefficient mail and package deliveries and difficulties identifying proper voter precincts.

"There's nothing more frustrating for a fire department member than trying to find a home at three in the morning that has a fire that's not obvious or somebody that's had an accident or heart attack," Commissioner Earl McKee said. "I would urge that we move forward with this as fast as possible."

Clifton said that the necessary address changes will require people to take a number of steps, including changing their mailing addresses.

"It's going to have an impact, and you're going to hear from people," he added. "That's probably the biggest hurdle that you're going to

have to overcome."

Commissioners said that despite the likely resistance, they wanted to move forward with the ordinance.

"I can assure you that a lot of people that have objected to changing their addresses would look at it entirely differently at three in the morning if they were waiting on an ambulance that could not find them," McKee said.

Commissioner Alice Gordon agreed.

"I think it's very important for emergency services of all kinds that we move forward with this," she said.

Averett said he hopes to present a draft ordinance to the board in June, and hold public hearings in the late summer or fall. He added that if the ordinance is approved in the fall, enforcement would begin in March 2012.

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Artist to unveil interactive sculpture

Local artist J. Lev will unveil the new Whirld, an interactive sculpture, on Sunday at Leo Gaev Metalworks.

The public is invited to come try out the interactive sculpture, which acts as an observatory to everyday life by projecting a dynamic, panoramic movie of the world around it. The unveiling, which runs from 2 to 7 p.m., will feature swinging folk music by Oh! Fancy from 3 to 5 p.m. and klezmer music by Gmish from 5 to 7 p.m., as well as free food.

The event is free and open to the public. Leo Gaev Metalworks is located at 102 Lloyd St.

Briefs

Seed swap

The Carrboro Greenspace Collective, in partnership with the Carrboro Farmers' Market, will hold a Seed Swap on Feb. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Carrboro Town Commons.

The event will begin with a Seed Saving Skillshare. Free seeds will be available for all and any leftovers will be spread to community gardens in Carrboro and Chapel Hill. Bring seeds to donate or just bring yourself.

Visit carrborogreenspace.org for more information.

National Gallery curator at Ackland

Franklin Kelly, deputy director and chief curator at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., will speak Sunday at the Ackland Art Museum in connection with "At Work in the Wilderness: Picturing the American Landscape, 1820-1920," an exhibition running through March 20.

The talk is free and will begin at 2 p.m. in the Hanes Art Center auditorium. A reception at the Ackland will follow.

For more information, visit ackland.org or call 966-5736.

Hillsborough volunteer needed

The Orange County Animal Services advisory board needs a volunteer to represent Hillsborough.

The board provides input and advice to the staff of the Animal Services Department. Members serve three-year terms.

The board is also looking for a representative of an animal welfare or rescue organization and an at-large representative.

If interested, apply at www.co.orange.nc.us/boards (select the "Animal Services Advisory Board" link under "Boards and Commissions Listing") or call Donna Baker at 245-2130 or Jeanette Jones at 245-2125.

Basketball marathon

This year's Duke-Carolina Student Basketball Marathon will begin Saturday at 11 a.m. in Wilson Gymnasium on Duke's campus. It won't end until 3 p.m. the next day.

The Marathon will benefit BounceBack Kids, a nonprofit organization that provides athletic and recreational activities for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

For more information, or to register a team, visit basketballmarathon.com. To donate to either school's team, visit basketballmarathon.com/donate/index.htm

Tar Heel 10 Miler

Registration is underway for the Wachovia Tar Heel 10 Miler and the Fleet Feet Sports 4+ mile run, to be held April 9 at Kenan Stadium.

Anyone who registers for either race by Feb. 28 will be automatically entered to win a pre-race monthly giveaway.

The prizes are provided by the event's sponsors and include a night's stay at The Franklin Hotel, a new pair of running shoes from Fleet Feet Sports, a \$100 Great Outdoor Provision Company gift card and a massage.

The event benefits the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA's We Build People campaign. For more information or to register, go to tarheel10miler.com.

University transfer info session

Durham Tech will hold a university transfer information session on its Orange County Campus on Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Representatives from the school's arts, sciences and university transfer departments and from student services will be on hand to answer questions about course transferability and opportunities for seamless transfer to area four-year institutions, including UNC. Current Durham Tech students and university transfer graduates will also be on hand.

For more information, contact Carlo Robustelli at 536-7238, ext. 4202, 943-2443 or robustec@durhamtech.edu

Professor wins service award

Della Pollock, a professor in UNC's communications department, was recognized Feb. 9 for her work in the community with a Robert L. Sigmon Service-Learning Award.

The award was presented during the 2011 Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement Conference on the campus of Elon University. It is presented annually to a faculty member who has made significant contributions toward furthering the practice of service learning.

Pollock is working on a book about the role of service learning in a historically black community.

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 kidney stones and bedbugs.

Dear HOUSE *Calls*,
Lots of my relatives have had kidney stones and I want to try to avoid getting them. Is it true that drinking lots of fluids will help prevent kidney stones? How much should I drink per day?

We tell people to drink lots of fluids if they have kidney stones, to help pass the stones. Your question is about prevention, which is different, but there is some science behind the recommendation to consume more fluids to prevent kidney stones. A survey of more than 200,000 people showed that those who drank a lot of fluids were 30 percent less likely to get kidney stones. Water is best, with a goal of eight to 10 glasses per day. Soda and tea may not be as effective since they affect the acidity of urine differently.

Other dietary preventives might

include reducing salt and protein. However, the effectiveness of those changes depends on the type of stones that run in your family. You might want to ask family members if their stones have been tested and then share this information with your doctor or nutritionist in order to get really sound advice.

Dear HOUSE *Calls*,
Help. I've heard so much recently about bedbugs that I've started to dream about them. When I go to a hotel, should I ask if they have had any problems with bedbugs before making a reservation?

We're reading and hearing about bedbugs everywhere. Bedbugs are parasites that feed on people, often when those people are sleeping; the bugs are usually finished feeding just before dawn. Sometimes people will feel tracks on their skin where they've been bitten. Bedbugs typically bite exposed

skin, so you might find bites on your face, neck, hands and arms, often in rows, when you awaken, or a day or two later. Bedbugs are now common in hotel rooms, so it's fine to call a hotel in advance. Though we're not sure you will get an honest answer, calling might make you feel better. Once in a hotel room, you can look at the headboard of the bed for small spots of blood, which are a sign of bedbugs. If you find them, you should ask for a new room. However, we hate for you to obsess too much about this nuisance. Worrying too much about bedbugs could disrupt your sleep and lead to anxiety, travel avoidance and other problems.

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

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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

"The Truth Can Hurt"

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Calendar

THURSDAY FEB 17
LGBT Event — Health care power of attorney clinic. Van Hecke-Wettach Hall, UNC campus, Room 5042, 6pm spong@email.unc.edu

Cinema Review — Dr. Kimball King, Prof. Emeritus, will lecture on "The Silver Scream: How Hollywood Impacts Our Society and Vice Versa." Seymour Center, 2:30pm Free 968-2070

The Glass Menagerie — Presented by CHHS through Feb. 19. Hanes Auditorium, 7:30pm \$3

CH Philharmonia — Presenting "A Wintry Mix." Hill Hall Auditorium, UNC campus, 8pm Free

Lunchbox Concert — SAD MAGAZINE with Andrew Snee and Robert Graham. Carrboro Century Center, 12pm Free

OdysseyStage — Readers Theatre will present Patricia Clapp's *A Candle on the Table*, along with Maupassant's *The Necklace*. The ArtsCenter, 11:30am \$5 odysseystage.org

Film Showing — *Walker Percy: A Documentary Film* with director Win Riley. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5pm 962-4207

FRIDAY FEB 18
Cine Club Meeting — Is moving to El Centro Hispano in the Carrboro Plaza. 6pm chicle@chi-cle.com

Bird Count — Count the birds in your backyard to help census the

birds. Feb 18-21 birdcount.org
Meet-the-Author Tea — With Joe and Terry Graedon, founders of *The People's Pharmacy*. Chapel Hill Public Library, 4pm Free

Contra Dance — With caller Ruth Pershing. The Century Center, Newcomers workshop at 7:30pm, dance at 8pm. \$8 csda-dance.org

UNC Dance Marathon — Students will remain on their feet for 24 hours to benefit N.C. Children's Hospital. Fetzer Gym, 7:30pm through Sat, Feb 19, 7:30pm uncmarathon.org

SATURDAY FEB 19
A Call to Action — With state legislators Ellie Kinnaird and Verla Insko. Carol Woods Assembly Hall, 10am 370-4114

SUNDAY FEB 20
Billy Stewart — In concert, presented by The Hillsborough Arts Council. 116 West Queen St., 4pm hillsboroughartsound.org/Concerts.html

MONDAY FEB 21
Adult Book Group — To discuss *Sea of Poppies* by Amitav Ghosh. Chapel Hill Public Library, 7pm Free 968-2780

Deer Repellants Info — Seymour Center, 10am Suggested donation: \$5 Pre-register 968-2056

Time Out — Guests Greg Ireland and Kelly Looser of "Extraordinary Ventures." WCOM-FM, 103.5 5pm



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TUESDAY FEB 22
Boys Choir Auditions — For boys in grades 3-6 for the spring semester. Church of the Good Shepherd, Durham 5-7pm ncboyschoir.org 489-0291

WEDNESDAY FEB 23
NC Resources Workshop — Introduction to NC Live Resources. Chapel Hill Public Library Conference Room, 5pm Free Required registration at 968-2780

THURSDAY FEB 24
Godspell — Presented by United Church of Chapel Hill. 7 pm, Free, with donations requested to support the American Sign Language Interpreting Service 605-3418

The Big Tent Cabaret Road Show — Presented by the Paperhand Puppet Intervention. TheArtsCenter, The show will run through March 6 artscenterlive.org
OC Democratic Women — Meeting and commemoration of Black History Month. OWASA, 7pm

FRIDAY FEB 25
Meals on Wheels Fundraiser — With a silent auction and music featuring Big John Shearer and Blues Side Up Band. Community Church on Purefoy Rd, 7:30pm \$10 942-2948

WCOM Fundraiser — "Dirt Cheap: Soul/Funk-A-Thon" fundraiser dance-party. Johnny's, 7-11pm

Book Sale — Chapel Hill Public Library. Continues through Feb 27 968-2780

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SATURDAY FEB 26
Back to Borneo — A one-man show by Paul "Sparky" Johnson. The ArtsCenter, 8pm \$10 artscenterlive.org

Bicycle Friendly Award — The League of American Bicyclists presents its Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community Award to Carrboro. Looking Glass Cafe, 9am bikecarrboro.com

Seed Swap — And Seed Saving Skillshare. Carrboro Town Commons pavillion, 9:30am-noon carrboro-greenspace.org

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

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

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

Tax Assistance — Free for clients of any age whose household income is low to moderate. All VITA services are available at no charge including electronic filing of your tax return (e-file) El Centro Hispano, Carrboro Plaza Shopping and Seymour Center orangecountync.gov

Fun for funds

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The *Murphey School Radio Show*, an old-style variety show, will be held Saturday at the Shared Visions Retreat Center, marking the first of what center directors hope will be many radio shows at the facility to benefit local nonprofits.

The show — the style of which organizers have likened to the *Grand Ole Opry* and *A Prairie Home Companion* — will benefit four Triangle mental health agencies and will feature performances, comedy and readings by local musicians and writers, including Jill McCorkle, Daniel Wallace and Bland Simpson.

Jay Miller and his wife, Ebeth Scott-Sinclair, opened the center last year after more than two years of renovations to the historic Murphey School.

"I wanted to do a retreat center for a long time, and I'd wandered across this old school that was in horrible, horrible condition," Miller said. "I love old buildings, and I decided to try to take it on."

The Murphey School has a



PHOTO BY EBETH SCOTT-SINCLAIR

rich history, opening in 1923, with the auditorium added in 1936 as one of Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration projects. It closed its doors in 1959 when students transferred to schools in Hillsborough; the building was subsequently leased to a church, purchased by a family and even used as a nightclub before sitting empty for many years.

Following the recent renovations, the Shared Visions Retreat Center opened last year, providing space and services to local nonprofits and hosting programs and activities. The radio show, the first of its kind at the center, will benefit Club Nova, XDS, Freedom House Recovery Center and Mental Health America of the Triangle.

Miller selected those organizations based on the similarity of their missions, as well as his involvement with each of them. He'd like for future radio shows, which he hopes to

hold twice a year, also to benefit nonprofits that are similar to one another in their goals.

The performers are donating their time for the radio show, which Miller promises will be a good time.

"It's not one of those events where somebody's going to get up and make you feel bad," he said. "It's all fun, 100 percent."

Miller is optimistic about future radio shows, as the upcoming show sold out earlier this week.

"What we're looking to do is support nonprofits," he said. "It's awareness-raising and it is fundraising. It's for them."

For more information, visit murpheyschoolradioshow.net

SPOTLIGHT



SEEING THE FIGURE

FRANK Gallery in Chapel Hill presents "Seeing the Figure," an exhibition of contemporary work inspired by the human form. On display until March 6, the exhibit features Baltimore artists Dennis Farber and Connie Imboden and Triangle-area artists Paris Alexander and Laura Farrow. Many of the works are from significant national and international collections, ranging from the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Photography in Tokyo to the collections of SAS Institute and Bill Clinton. The show also will feature juried work by FRANK members. For more information about FRANK and its exhibits and events, visit frankisart.com



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A musical salute

We have long taken pride in our music community, and for good reason. It's something for which we've been known for decades, and the institutions that have grown up as a result – our music clubs, record labels and studios – have put us on the map as a place that honors its own and their kindred spirits around the world.

The other night, the music industry tipped its hat in our direction once again, handing Grammy awards to the Carolina Chocolate Drops and Arcade Fire.

You may remember the Chocolate Drops when they first started getting together. They made their debut at The ArtsCenter and have been a steady presence around here ever since, including a gig at the McDougle cafetorium entertaining attendees of the annual Community Dinner.

The trio, who won the Grammy in the Best Traditional Folk category, draws inspiration from the black string bands that started disappearing from the Piedmont in the 1920s. Guiding them on their journey was Mebane fiddler Joe Thompson, an official national treasure, who still draws a bow in these parts.

The big celebration on Grammy night came at the very end of the show when Arcade Fire beat out Lady Gaga, Eminem and Katy Perry for Album of the Year.

Arcade Fire, you may recall, played a raucous get-out-the-vote show at the Carrboro Town Common during the 2008 presidential campaign. *The Suburbs*, their award-winning record, is on Merge Records, which was founded in Chapel Hill and spent its early years in Carrboro in a cramped suite of offices upstairs in the 100 block of East Main Street. The national press, which clearly wasn't ready for this kind of thing, keeps calling Merge a tiny label. Around here, we think they're a pretty big deal.

Big ideas

In the end, the big idea of moving the Chapel Hill Public Library to University Mall proved unworkable. And while it stirred up a lot of interest and fuss, it should not discourage those charged with thinking big from doing so.

The process was far more transparent than similar previous endeavors, another aspect that should be applauded.

The library move may not have worked, but the lessons learned have been helpful as the town looks ahead to other potential partnerships for services and facilities.

Do some good

Thinking about our water supply always helps jog the memory that OWASA customers have the opportunity for one of the easiest ways to help their neighbors in need.

OWASA's Blue Thumb program helps out residents who are unable to pay their water bills. The funds for the program are drawn from other OWASA customers who have agreed to have their water bills rounded up to the nearest dollar.

It's never going to cost you more than 99 cents a month, a rather small price to pay to make a difference. All you have to do is check the box for the Blue Thumb program on your water bill.

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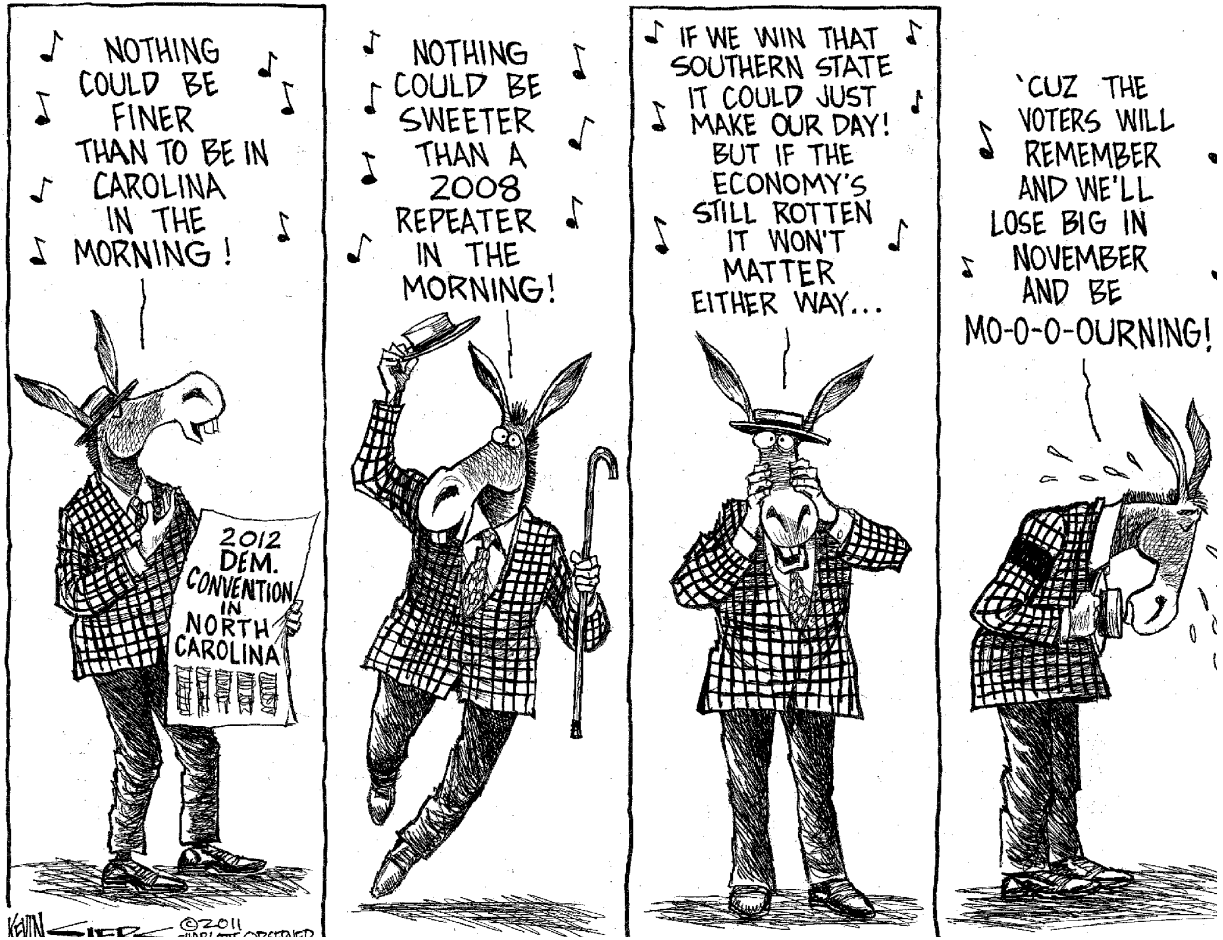
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From the library of Bob Sheldon

DAN COLEMAN

When your friend is an intellectual, it is often the case that his library is a window not only into his mind but to his heart. When my friend Internationalist Books' founder Bob Sheldon was murdered 20 years ago this week, I felt the best way to keep his memory alive was to select a few of his books as keepsakes.

Most remember Bob for his radical-left politics and would be surprised that his most prized books were not from the Marxist cannon. He particularly valued two books by educators, one Brazilian, one American, and a third by a Vietnamese monk.

Bob Sheldon was deeply engaged with the struggles of oppressed peoples, whether Lumbee, Palestinian or Salvadoran, and named his store accordingly. Paulo Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* analyzes education as a political act and, in doing so, has much to say about a system of oppression that dehumanizes victims and perpetrators alike.

Bob's heaviest pencil-markings highlight this passage, an affirmation of universal humanity that informed the great moral leaders of the 20th century, such as Gandhi, King and Mandela: "As the oppressors dehumanize others and violate their rights, they themselves also become dehumanized. As the oppressed, fighting to be human, take away the oppressors' power to dominate and suppress, they restore to the oppressors the humanity they had lost in the exercise of oppression."

Although Bob supported the anti-apartheid movement, he did not live to see Nelson Mandela become president of South Africa. Had he witnessed Mandela's approach to racial reconciliation, it would surely have brought Freire's words to mind.

Freire shares the critical perspective that Sheldon cast on the generous impulses of liberalism: "Pedagogy which begins with the egoistic interests of the oppressors and makes of the oppressed the objects of its humanitarianism, itself maintains and embodies oppression. ... The pedagogy of the oppressed cannot be practiced by the oppressors." This remains a challenging concept for we privileged Americans who struggle to effectively address injustice. It comes up, for instance, when we seek to understand whether Chapel Hill's "Sanitation Two"

were fired for insubordination or for organizing. Workers' self-organization is almost inherently insubordinate, at least from the vantage point of those they work for.

Bob once told me his favorite book was Jonathan Kozol's *The Night Is Dark and I Am Far from Home*. Writing from his perspective on the Boston public-school system, thousands of miles from Freire's Brazil, Kozol comes to a remarkably similar conclusion. "Schools," he writes, "cannot at once both socialize to the values of an oppressor and toil for the liberation and the potency of the oppressed."

Kozol's challenge to the liberal establishment, though different from Freire's, is equally daunting. "The liberal myth is that the wars can cease, the poor can sleep, the schools can prosper, and the children of the poor can learn, aspire and thrive, while we who have for these long years enjoyed the proceeds of their hunger, segregation, and fear, need suffer nothing. It is not so." Like Freire, Bob Sheldon was an outspoken critic of paternalistic campaigns for justice, understanding that just results cannot be achieved without some sacrifice of privilege.

One answer to the challenges of Freire and Kozol is found in the words of the Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh. His book *Being Peace* outlines 14 precepts, two of which speak directly to the concerns above. "Do not close your eyes before suffering ... awaken yourself and others to the reality of suffering in the world." And, "Do not take as the aim of your life fame, profit, wealth, or sensual pleasure. Live simply and share time, energy, and material resources with those who are in need." Bob Sheldon took these words to heart. To keep Internationalist afloat, he often worked seven-day weeks, taking shifts as a temp nurse to support the store and a simple lifestyle.

Bob kept the ideas in books like these alive at Internationalist Books and in his activism. Far from your stereotypic leftist, Bob Sheldon was a complex personality, what one friend called "a voice of radical calmness." As his books reflect, his ardent intention was to challenge liberal society to find true solidarity with the oppressed and, ultimately, to understand how all humanity might come to a place of well-being and justice.

Dan Coleman is a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

The incomplete State of the State

CHRIS FITZSIMON

Just after Gov. Beverly Perdue finished her State of the State address in the House chamber Monday night, Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger made his way to the podium in the all-but-empty Senate chamber to deliver to the television audience the Republican response.

There was little left to say. Perdue spent the better part of her 38-minute address calling for lower corporate taxes, a smaller government and an end to burdensome regulations on businesses, all significant parts of the Republican agenda.

Berger gave it the old college try, recycling the Republican campaign talking points about taxes and why Democrats in North Carolina are to blame for everything that went wrong in the national economy. But after Perdue's address, Berger's remarks rang as hollow in substance as they did acoustically, echoing weakly in the empty chamber.

Perdue did do a little more than endorse the Republican corporate agenda. She vowed to protect every state-funded teacher and teacher assistant currently in public schools and to expand her College Promise initiative to give high school students a chance at two years of career training or a two-year college associate degree.

She also announced that the state budget shortfall is now \$2.4 billion, down another \$300 million from last week, when it was reduced thanks primarily to rosier revenue projections. Reducing the corporate income tax could cost as much as \$400 million, which means the budget hole is roughly \$2.8 billion.

Perdue didn't propose any new revenue to address that shortfall. She was silent about keeping the 2009 temporary tax increases in place or letting them expire. And there was no mention of her thoughts about legalizing video poker to raise several hundred million dollars.

We'll find out Thursday how Perdue wants to balance the budget, when she presents her spending plan to lawmakers. She did say Monday night that there would be further funding reductions and that as many as 1,000 state jobs will be eliminated through early retirement.

Specifics about budget cuts and revenue were not all that was missing. Perdue talked about the need to invest in education, but said nothing about the state's troubled

mental health system and the need for more investments in community services.

Nationally recognized early-childhood programs like Smart Start and More at Four didn't warrant a mention either. Neither did desperately underfunded affordable-housing programs or the 45,000 children currently on a waiting list for subsidized child care, making it impossible for their mothers to work or go back to school to increase their chances for a higher-paid position.

People in Wake County hoping for a statement of opposition to the efforts by the current school board to re-segregate the schools came away disappointed. And folks worried about the troubled State Bureau of Investigation and Highway Patrol were also ignored.

No speech can cover everything, but an effective State of the State address gives the General Assembly and people of the state a broad overview of how North Carolina is doing and how the governor plans to make improvements.

Perdue made a different choice, using most of her time to present Republican talking points and repeat her earlier commitment to teachers in public schools.

Progressives in North Carolina looking for inspiration didn't find much. Families who rely on state services to take care of a loved one with a disability or mental illness who were looking for reassurances didn't receive any.

Maybe Perdue's budget will be different and call for new revenue to protect programs that the state's most vulnerable people need. Maybe she will recommend keeping the 2009 tax hikes in place to fund More at Four and Smart Start so at-risk kids don't start school well behind their peers.

Maybe her budget won't exploit low-income people by legalizing video poker instead of raising money honestly and fairly.

Maybe, but it's hard to be too optimistic after Monday night.

Perdue's staff issued a news release after her speech that said she had laid out her vision for North Carolina. The problem is, it seemed like only one of her eyes was open.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

Wolf in sheep's clothing

The following is a statement from Fourth District U.S. Rep. David Price on the GOP leadership's proposed continuing resolution for the budget. Price is the ranking member of the appropriations subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Homeland Security.

If ever there were a wolf in sheep's clothing, this so-called "continuing resolution" is it: Far from continuing to fund the government through to the end of the fiscal year, the measure would in fact drastically slash the investments Democrats have made in our economic recovery – and undermine our national security in the process.

Compared to most other departments, Homeland Security is pretty well protected in this bill, and the Defense Department actually gets an increase. But the strength and security of our country are about much more than how much we spend on weapons systems or how thoroughly we police the border. They are about the investments we make in our people, in our nation's ability to recover from the current economic downturn and compete in the global economy.

In this light, this Republican spending plan would weaken our security by undoing the investments we have made in putting Americans back to work and laying the foundations of our future competitiveness. The cuts are disproportionately focused on the small fraction of the budget – domestic discretionary spending – through which we invest in our people and in our economic capacity. For example, the bill will cut \$1 billion from the National Institutes of Health, \$139 million from the National Science Foundation, \$1 billion from the Environmental Protection Agency and \$246 million from university-based agriculture research funding.

I am especially concerned about the impact of these cuts on the Research Triangle, where federal research funding is a major economic driver. The Triangle's success over the last 50 years is no accident: Our business community is populated with companies that were "spun off" of federally funded research projects. The Fourth District alone accounts for \$799 million of the \$1 billion in NIH research conducted in North Carolina. These investments are a powerful way to spur job growth – to say nothing of attacking dread diseases – and without them we have little hope of meeting the president's call to out-innovate our international competitors.

The best cure for our budget deficit is a recovered economy, not a "continuing resolution" that could more accurately be called "Continuing the Recession." The notion that economic recovery will be somehow promoted by undoing the very investments that have been critical to our recovery is nothing more than wishful thinking.

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“Two or three of us got together and went before the town board,” she said. “They consisted of men, old-timers. “One of them said, ‘Aw, let’s let the women have some bushes,’” she recalled, and the appearance commission was born. These days, the commission is about far more than bushes, making recommendations to the board of aldermen regarding proposed developments and other projects. Shetley was also instrumental in saving Carr Mill, which was set to be destroyed and replaced with a shopping center in the mid-1970s.

“The community got together and said, this is something that’s got to be saved,” she said. Without it, “I think the town would be entirely different.” She also served on the Board of Adjustment and chaired the Transportation Advisory Board, but eventually she grew tired of simply advising the aldermen on how they should act and decided to run for a seat on the board. “If I got on the board, then maybe I could have a vote,” she said. Elected to the board in 1987, Shetley immediately discovered the intensity of the job. “You really have to do your homework,” she said, remembering the stacks of agenda materials she used to go through on weekends. During her years on the board, she took on issues like connector roads, development and transportation, almost always determining not to make a decision on issues until after the public hearing.

“Why have a public hearing if you’re not going to listen to people?” Shetley said.

She has notebooks filled with newspaper clippings, letters and photographs from her time on the board and days gone by. Flipping through one such notebook, she came across a letter she received in 1994, when the board was considering extending benefits to do-

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mestic partners of town employees and providing a town registry for same-sex domestic partners.

“I can’t talk about this,” she said. “This makes me so mad. ... People were terribly upset, and they talked so ugly about it.

“That’s one time that I knew the public hearing wasn’t going to change my mind,” she said. “I voted in favor of it, but I never said anything about how I was going to vote.”

People were surprised by her vote, because she came from a family that might not have supported such a measure, she said.

“It was just the right thing to do, that’s all,” she said. “It was not political.”

Shetley was also part of heated development discussions, as she was on the board when the Hogan family was trying to sell for development the land where their dairy farm was located. Residents came out in opposition of the development.

“People wanted to keep [the

land] and enjoy it,” Shetley said. But the Hogan’s’ dairy farm was no longer profitable.

“They had been in the dairy business ... a long, long time,” she said. “What do you want them to do?”

The board initially voted down the development, 4-3, with Shetley siding with the developers, but an agreement was reached in mediation, and Lake Hogan Farms was built.

When Shetley left the board in 1995, she found herself with some free time on her hands, but she “filled it up real quick,” continuing her involvement with the town and other organizations.

As Carrboro moves forward, Shetley said, the town continues to face challenges with development and revenue.

“Taxes are a real problem,” she said, adding that she’s known several older residents who have been taxed out of their homes over the years.

“The thing about it is, we want a lot. We want good police protection, we want transportation ... and yet we fuss about paying for it,” she said.

“We need more commerce – commercial buildings,” she said.

These days, Shetley stays involved with the Carrboro Community Garden Club, of which she is a founding member. She also finds herself spending more time at the Seymour Center and the N.C. Botanical Garden.

“There are always some classes to take,” she said, “things to learn.”

But while she’s glad she served on the board, Shetley is happy not to be in the thick of it anymore.

“I must have liked it,” she said, laughing. “Looking back on it, I’m not sure why.”

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Julie McClintock said the town should honor the Pritchard family’s dream of a library in a park-like setting. The family donated the land for the site.

Several residents praised the council for exploring the idea while agreeing with the decision not to move forward with negotiations with mall management.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce executive director Aaron Nelson said the council’s creativity was rewarded and thanked them for working through the idea.

Council member Gene Pease said going through the discussions will pay off in the future when the next “big idea” comes up.

“I’m glad we explored it,” he said. “I think we learned how to do it better.”

Asked about next steps, Stancil told the council that he plans to initiate a review of the

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Other board members said it was too early to form an opinion on the project and wanted to move ahead on the public-hearing process to gather more information.

Board member Sammy Slade said that while hearing the concerns about the site are important, he thought not moving ahead with the hearing would send the wrong message to the county commissioners.

“It may be seen as ‘Carrboro is not serious about a library,’” he said.

According to its application, the county seeks to build a

input received from the community before advancing plans for a move to a temporary location and construction of the new library addition already slated for the Pritchard Park location.

Council member Matt Czajkowski, who brought the Kindle reader owned by his late mother to illustrate his point, encouraged Stancil to consider ways for the town’s library services to better embrace technology.

Kleinschmidt and council member Laurin Easthom encouraged residents to support University Mall. The mall’s future viability was questioned during the process by some of those opposed to the move.

Kleinschmidt said it was one of his regrets about the process.

“Unfortunately, the mall had to take some hits,” he said.

In his letter to the town, Lask said Madison Marquette was committed to making improvements at the mall, including making it possible to host more community and cultural events.

In other action Monday night, the council scheduled a public forum for Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the draft Durham-Chapel Hill Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2012-18 transportation improvement plan, which sets local priorities for transportation projects with the state.

The council also held the first in a series of public forums on the 2011-12 fiscal year budget, which starts on July 1.

Robert Dowling, executive director of the Community Home Trust, warned the council that with new properties coming with the construction of Carrboro’s Ballentine development and Chapel Hill’s 140 West Franklin project, the home trust would likely need a boost in funding for subsidies.

Council member Jim Ward said he was concerned about federal budget cuts to Community Development Block Grants and the impact on town housing programs.

“CDGB [money] is at dire risk this year, not just in Chapel Hill but all around the country,” he said.

walk to the school.

The board also reviewed a draft plan for a proposed Campus to Campus connector bike and pedestrian route from UNC’s Carolina North Property to the school’s main campus.

A proposed route approved by the Town of Chapel Hill last fall would run down Estes Drive, then shift along the rail line and Lloyd Street as it passed through downtown Carrboro, where it would connect with the Libba Cotten Bikeway.

The board also authorized \$154,000 for the purchase of a knuckleboom truck for Public Works and reappointed Heidi Perry to the town’s Transportation Advisory Board.

OBITUARIES



Donald Roush

Donald Dale Roush, 74, of Chapel Hill, N.C., passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at Clare Bridge of Chapel Hill. Donald was a native of Lawrenceburg, Ind., and the son of the late Claude Hubert and Evelyn Kaiser Roush. Mr. Roush was a veteran and proudly served in the United States Air Force. He also had a distinguished career in law enforcement, having served as a deputy sheriff in Indiana, as an inspector for the U.S. Postal Service and as a private contractor for the Department of Defense. Donald attended University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill. Donald always loved spend-

ing time with his family and friends. He enjoyed the Washington, D.C., area, as he had a passion for history and museums. His hobbies included deep-sea fishing trips and watching football and baseball games. Donald also liked to listen to music and to read. He had a natural connection and love for all animals, and likewise they were drawn to him.

Mr. Roush is survived by his wife, Marilyn Joy Roush, of Chapel Hill; one son, Donald I. Roush, and wife, Amy, of Raleigh, N.C.; two daughters, Diane Roush of Durham, N.C., and Katherine Roush of Raleigh; one brother, Michael E. Roush of Union City, Ind.; and a grandson, Samuel M. Roush.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Assoc.) Chapter 2108 in Chapel Hill, Attn.: Alzheimer’s Research contributions, or to your local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police in care of the benevolence fund. Walker’s Funeral Home of Chapel Hill is assisting the Roush family.

Margaret Merritt

Margaret Barbee Merritt of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Feb. 9, 2011, after an extended illness, at Britthaven Nursing Home, at the age of 88. A native of Durham County and a lifelong resident of this area, she was born Margaret Louise Barbee on June 29, 1922. One of six daughters and five sons of the late Ernest Paul Barbee and Pearl Couch Barbee, she grew up part of a large and loving family on a farm in southwestern Durham County. Following graduation from Lowes Grove High School in 1939, where she and her sister Edna captained the girl’s basketball team, she operated a machine at the Liggett-Myers Tobacco

Company in Durham for more than 40 years, all while managing a household of a husband and four children, caring for her own parents as their health failed and being an active member of Antioch Baptist Church in Orange County. Margaret did not have the opportunity of a college education, but she loved to read, and she accomplished her goal that all of her children would have the opportunity she missed.

On Oct. 8, 1944, Margaret married Marion Bascum (M.B.) Merritt of Chatham County and they raised a family and lived together in Carrboro, the White Cross Community and Chapel Hill until his death in 1995. Upon Mar-

garet’s retirement, they moved back to White Cross, where they were closer to their friends and the activities of Antioch Baptist Church, including Women’s Missionary Union, teaching Sunday School, youth and adult ministries and the Orange County Prison Ministry, among others.

Surviving are four sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren: Marion Barbee Merritt of Chapel Hill; Thomas Rodwell Merritt, his wife, Bobbie, and son, Barry, of Winston-Salem, N.C.; Ronald Wayne Merritt, his wife, Patricia Huff, and son, Patrick, of Chapel Hill; and Michael Henry Merritt, his daughter, Erin, and son, Kevin, of Cha-

pel Hill. Also surviving are two sisters, Clara Barbee Riggsbee of Wilmington, N.C., and Edna Barbee Atkins of Durham, and one brother, Herbert Barbee of Durham, as well as sisters-in-law Barbara Barbee of Durham, Estelle Barbee of Carrboro, Frances Merritt Smith of Swansboro, N.C., and Eleanor Merritt Jordan of Richmond, Va. and one brother-in-law, Lloyd Smith of Swansboro. Survivors also include 15 nieces and nine nephews. One of the things all of these people miss in their lives are the large family reunions that Margaret helped organize and execute for both the Barbee and Merritt families for as long as her health allowed.

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The Whole Turnip Chowder
Recipe Provided by Market Volunteer Kelly Clark

Ingredients

- 2 tbs. butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 rib celery, finely chopped
- 2 bunches turnips
- 2 medium red skin or Yukon gold potatoes, diced
- 4 cups broth, (chicken, turkey or vegetable)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Procedure

Remove the greens from the turnip bulbs and thoroughly wash both, really making sure that the dirt and grit are removed. Dice the turnips, and remove the stems from the greens. Keep the bulbs and greens separate and set aside. Warm the broth in a saucepan.

Melt the butter in a pot over medium-low heat. Add the onion and cook several minutes, then add the celery and cook until the onion and celery begin to soften. Stir in the diced turnips and potatoes, then cook for 5 minutes. Add 3 cups of the warm broth to the pot, bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer and cook uncovered until the turnips and potatoes are soft.

In the meantime, add the greens to the saucepan with the remaining cup of broth and cook over medium heat until the greens are soft. Strain the greens from the broth and set on a cutting board. Add the broth to the vegetable mixture. Roughly chop the greens. Set aside.

When the vegetables are done, remove one half of them from the pot and place in a blender or food processor along with a cup of the broth. Blend until very smooth, being careful, as this mixture is very hot. Return the pureed mixture to the soup pot. Add the greens and stir to blend. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot.



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Purplish winter leaves of cranefly orchids are common along local woodland trails. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

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Spotting a single leaf or two of cranefly here and there — or sometimes an informal line or mat of up to a dozen individual leaves — is easy. The two-to-four-inch-long ovate or egg-shaped leaves are characteristically burgundy or purplish in color. Often the upper leaf surface may be green, but the lower surface is distinctively purplish.

The puttyroot leaf is larger, four to six inches, and elliptic

shaped. Distinguished with white-streaked veins, the leaf surface looks like a miniature accordion barely spread open. The underside of the leaf is sometimes purplish.

The crushed corms of puttyroot produce a sticky fluid that was sometimes used by pioneers to mend cracked pottery — but there are certainly not enough plants for such use today! Some folks call it Adam-and-Eve orchid, because the tuberous root is a pair of swollen corms suggesting a somewhat romantic notion.

If you want to see either

of these terrestrial orchids in flower, you will have to make note of their locations now so you'll know precisely where to look when you return in the summer to catch them. (Images of cranefly orchid flowers from past Flora stories can be viewed on *The Citizen* website.)

Mark several separate plants or populations, because these terrestrial orchids may flower several years in succession or they may sit out a year or two. Each summer's discovery is a special treat, and every summer some of them are flowering somewhere.

I've been fortunate to spot lots of the cranefly orchids in flower during July and August, but I've never caught puttyroot in flower. Last summer, I went to my marked locations to discover I was a month late. Now I know to go searching earlier, during May and June.

Locally, I've seen puttyroots scattered in the alluvial forest of Triangle Land Conservancy's Johnston Mill Nature Preserve and I've spotted them on some of the bluffs above the Eno River. If you explore different trails with a keen eye, you'll eventually discover some.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Valentines at CHHS, 1963

Before yr hmb1 svt knew better than to nuke everything with his flash, we made this photograph of the 1963 CHHS Sweetheart Court for the school newspaper, the *Proconian*. Posing behind a red plush heart borrowed from Robins Department Store, the Sweethearts are, clockwise from front, Jane Graham, Carol Cheek, Sue Tyree (maid of honor), Linda Dixon and Beth Marley (queen).



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362 days worth

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But in later questioning from the committee, Norris stated that he had learned from an investigator hired by the town that Stroud was going to his boss, Harv Howard, with complaints about Clark, but that they went no further.

"During the investigation, it was brought to my attention that Mr. Stroud had communicated with Mr. Howard and nothing was done," Norris said. Howard has since been let go by the town.

Clark denied the claims of intimidating behavior.

"They'd have you believe that I was out there acting like a maniac," Clark said.

Of Johnson and Jones' allegations, he said that growing up in Chapel Hill he'd learned that as a black man it was important to be careful how you acted around a white woman.

"If I'd done all that, I wouldn't be in this hearing," he said. "I'd be in jail."

Clark defended his efforts to organize town employees with UE Local 150, which has supported workers who have filed grievances, saying, "I don't see the problem with people wanting to sit down and better themselves."

He said waste-collection drivers try to save time on their routes and that as a result "there's a high risk of someone getting hurt."

Clark and Bigelow were seen by town management as the two primary organizers for the union, McSurely said. They were denied representation in their meetings with management regarding their suspensions, he said, and subsequently weren't allowed on town property.

"What was the rush to get them fired?" McSurely said. "The rush was that the union was building a movement at the same time and had a big meeting scheduled for the same day they fired them."

The Personnel Appeals Committee, comprised of Chapel Hill residents, has until Feb. 17 to make a recommendation regarding whether Bigelow should be rehired and until Feb. 23 for Clark. Those nonbinding recommendations will be presented to Town Manager Roger Stancil, who will make the final decision on both men.

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