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In close-up, henbit flowers seem to speak. PHOTO BY STAN H. LEWIS

Carpets of

springtime

BY KEN MOORE

uring the past week, a

number of local folks

have been curious

about those blue

of color on the roadsides and in

the medians. Stopping for coffee

ing, photographer Stan Lewis also

quizzed me about the patches of

seeing purple-flowered henbits

and blue-flowered speedwells, a

sure sign that spring is upon us.

ting a nice close-up of purple

I've never succeeded in get-

henbit, Lamium amplexicaule. Up

close, those little upright tubu-

lar flowers look like caricatures

of gossipers. They always make

me smile. Knowing Stan likes to

photograph birds and insects, I

challenged him to get down on

belly-botany closer looks at these

I was well into another Flora

ceived Stan's images of his road-

side observations. So happy was

I with Stan's close-ups that I de-

cided to focus instead on those

thrive beneath roadside mow-

ing machines. Those very same

little beauties drive some home

gardeners insane when they find

colorful carpets in lawns meant

You don't have to stop along

busy roadsides to get a closer look.

You can do it more safely along

the grassy edges of the Carrboro

Century Center, the lawn at the

streets or, if you're lucky, you'll

own yard and garden.

corner of Weaver and Greensboro

have them frolicking about in your

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to be uniformly green.

close-to-the-ground flowers that

story for this week when I re-

his hands and knees for some

little flowers.

I explained to him that he was

color showing up on roadsides.

at Johnny's on Saturday morn-

and purple carpets

Rural residents concerned about UDO

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

At the county's quarterly public hearing on Monday, rural county residents urged the Orange County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board to reconsider portions of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) that would change the zoning technique used by the county. The commissioners asked the planning board to consider residents' concerns and return a recommendation to them for possible adoption on April 5.

The UDO combines and stream-

lines all county regulations related to land development into one document. County planning staff released the first draft of the UDO in August 2010 and has collected feedback and revised the draft over the past several months.

Much of the residents' concern stems from the replacement of Planned Development zoning districts with Conditional Zoning Districts and Conditional Use Districts in the UDO. In 2005, state statues were changed to allow local governments to adopt conditional zoning. The changes allow the county to impose individualized development conditions – like permitted uses or requirements to mitigate off-site impacts - during rezoning, consistent with the county's Comprehensive Plan, giving the commissioners more control.

"With rezonings across the board, it's a decision of the commissioners to make that final call," county Planning Director Craig Benedict said. "We made a change to the Planned Development rules because we didn't have what state statutes allowed us to do."

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS **1911 | 2011 ≔**

It's a party!

The Town of Carrboro extends an open invitation to a grand celebration of the town's 100th birthday.

The event is tonight (Thursday) at the Century Center starting at 7:30 p.m. Details can be found in this month's MILL.

Downtown braces for Weaver Street repairs



Work starts Monday at the easternmost end of Weaver Street.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

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Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The suggestion on the electronic message board near the eastern confluence of Main and Weaver streets that drivers seek alternative routes through downtown will quickly go from the abstract to the imperative. Work starts next Monday on the yearlong project to replace the street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old sewer line

nestled in it.

For Diane Koistinen, owner of The Beehive Hair Salon, it's been a nervous wait as the town finalized plans and found a contractor.

"I went to all the meetings and studied the plans," she said. But being well informed about the project has not alleviated her worry about how tearing up the roadbed will affect her business, which relies in part on walk-in traffic.

"I'm trying to be as upbeat about

it as I can," she said. "Of course it's going to affect business. There's no getting around that."

Koistinen is hoping work will move quickly, especially through the first phase of the project, which starts at the eastern end of the road near her shop and works west toward the intersection of Main and Weaver streets, across from Town

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Annexations put on hold

State moratorium likely

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A statewide moratorium on new municipal annexations and tighter rules on how they are conducted are the likely outcome of action in this year's General Assembly session, according to Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt.

Kleinschmidt said he has been working with the state's League of Municipalities in following the priorities of the new GOP-led legislature. At a meeting Monday night at Town Hall, he briefed the Chapel Hill Town Council on possible annexation rule changes being contemplated by the new majority.

Making it more difficult for towns to annex, he said, "is very high up on their list."

The council tabled a proposal to hold a broader review of the issue until the changes in state policy become clearer.

Council member Jim Ward had advocated for the review, saying that the town's policy of not annexing places unless it could provide sewer and water service means some areas are receiving town services without paying for them.

Council member Gene Pease said he would like to see what services are being used and their cost spelled out in more detail in any future review.

Kleinschmidt said discussions

between legislators and the League of Municipalities appear to be at a standstill and that a statewide moratorium appears likely while new rules are worked out. Under consideration are requirements ranging from referendums in areas proposed for annexation to house-by-house

Town Manager Roger Stancil said given the legislative realities, any discussion based on current rules would be moot.

Also on Monday night, the council held a public forum on changing town ordinances to allow for food trucks.

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Committee majority supports firings

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – The Town of Chapel Hill's Personnel Appeals Committee has recommended against rehiring the Sanitation Two. Kerry Bigelow and Clyde Clark, dismissed from the town's Public Works Department in October for alleged insubordination and intimidating behavior toward supervisors and residents, had appealed their firings to the committee comprised of town residents. Bigelow's firing was upheld Feb. 23, by a 3-2 vote; Clark's, last Friday, by a 5-1 vote.

The committee's nonbinding recommendations were sent to Town Manger Roger Stancil, who whether the men will be reinstated.

Both Bigelow and Clark appealed their firings in hearings that were open to the public at the men's request. Their attorney, Al McSurely, argued that they were fired in retaliation for grievances they filed with management that alleged unsafe working conditions and racial bias in job placements and promotions.

McSurely also alleged that the town took action against the men in response to their efforts to organize town employees with UE Local 150, which has supported town workers who have filed grievances.

The town, however, claimed Bigelow and Clark were fired for

will make the final decision on their supervisors and intimidation of residents along their wastecollection route and for failing to properly perform their duties.

> The men's cause has been taken up by the local branch of the NAACP and other community members. They have been dubbed the Sanitation Two.

> In going before the appeals committee, both men requested an apology from town officials, reinstatement to their former positions, back pay, reimbursement for their attorney's fees, punishment for those responsible for the actions against them and that the town "dismantle the racist system."

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Jordan Lake plans rankle mayor, board

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Orange Water and Sewer Authority may be based in Carrboro, but that didn't stop its hometown's leaders from tearing into a proposal to allow the utility to draw a water allocation from Jordan Lake.

At its meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen refused to agree to amendments to an inter-local agreement on water and sewer boundaries and planning.

The amendments would allow OWASA to draw its five-milliongallon-per-day allocation from Jordan Lake through existing water connections running from Cary to Durham. OWASA representatives have said that the line would be used in the event of emergencies and when water levels are very low. Not applying for the allocation now, OWASA officials have argued, means risking losing it altogether.

Mayor Mark Chilton voiced strong objection to the plan, starting with a sharply worded critique of land-use planning in the Jordan Lake watershed and its consequences in terms of water quality.

"It washes off the streets of Greensboro," he said. "It includes every parking lot from here to Wake Forest University, practi-

Chilton said it was a long-running policy in Orange County to seek a much more tightly managed watershed. The community has made difficult and costly decisions like allowing the expansion of the American Stone Company's quarry off N.C. 54 in order to later convert it to an OWASA reservoir.

Chilton said the Jordan Lake water is not needed. Recent strides in conservation, he said, mean the community can live with its current water supply.

"Conservation efforts have been more effective than anybody would have guessed 10 years ago," he said.

Board member Joal Hall Broun said the issue was not the lake water, but freeing up OWASA in the event of emergencies and allowing the utility to find ways to keep the cost of water from rising. Many people in the community can't afford increases in their water bills like those seen in recent years, she

The board voted 6-1, with Broun dissenting, to adopt only a portion of OWASA's proposed amendments and asked that other local governments be contacted regarding their decisions to approve the plans.

On Monday night, the Chapel Hill Town Council approved the OWASA proposal, but not before several council members raised concerns that the additional supply would lead to more development.

On Tuesday, their counterparts in Carrboro expressed a similar

"To live sustainably with the earth," board member Dan Coleman said, "is more than a catch phrase."

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insubordinate behavior toward

Ridin' the J bus: meet the walking man

BY ALEX LINDER Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Back during the Jazz Age in New York City, you took the A Train to get to Harlem. But to get most everywhere in Carrboro, you take the J Bus. In the spirit of Charles Kuralt's dictum that everyone has a story, Carrboro Commons reporter Alex Linder jumped on the J Bus and selected a rider to interview at random.

Mark Quattlebaum's truck broke down for the last time on the side of N.C. 54 in 1993. The mechanic was not optimistic about its future, so Quattlebaum had it scrapped. He hasn't needed a replacement since.

Instead he gets around town in the oldest-fashion way - walking. Quattlebaum, 51, might not be famous in town, but his figure striding up the road with a couple of bags slung across his shoulders certainly has become a familiar sight in the community.

"I've built up a reputation," he said. "People will see me on the side of the road coming into town and sometimes they'll pick me up and give me a ride, but it's okay if they don't."

Jeff Griggs of Pittsboro remembered seeing Quattlebaum plenty of times before deciding to stop to see if he wanted a ride.

"He kind of reminded me of Forrest Gump," he said. "Just more localized."

If Quattlebaum had an online dating profile, it would begin with, "Enjoys long walks ... anywhere." He estimates that he walks nine miles a day, and on a good day his total can reach 12 or 15 miles.

"I've done it for so long, I don't even mind it anymore," he said.

Quattlebaum said that his hobby started less as walking and more as being dragged along by his old dog, Noodle. The dog was a samoyed, a breed from Siberia used to pull sleds and herd reindeer. With little snow and few pack animals in Orange County, Quattlebaum ended up being the one pulled and pushed along.

"Most people probably wouldn't want to walk as far as I



Mark Quattlebaum, 51, rides the J Bus to Carrboro to buy groceries at Weaver Street Market. PHOTO BY ALEX LINDER

have, but most people haven't had a sled dog," he said. "He really made it more fun."

Though Noodle died more than a decade ago, Quattlebaum has not stopped walking. He said it eventually became a habit too stubborn to break and always the best way to clear his head.

But in September 2009, Quattlebaum did have to stop his habit for a short time, when he experienced a stroke.

With the help of doctors, he made a quick recovery, using a cane to get around for some months, until he felt well enough to stand on his own again. The experience gave Quattlebaum more than just a cane; it gave him a new outlook on life.

"After the stroke, I thought, 'I've spent 51 years of my life doing not too much," he said. "Now I'm trying to change that."

For the previous 31 years, Quattlebaum had worked in Chapel Hill-area restaurants, including the defunct Pyewacket, doing just about everything you can do in a restaurant: serving food, washing dishes, tending bar and bussing tables. Though he enjoyed the work, he said he couldn't help but feel like he had missed out. So Quattlebaum reenrolled himself at UNC to get a chemistry degree, which he'd just barely started more than 30 years

These days, Quattlebaum spends his days in the UNC libraries reading heavy textbooks with names like Adventures in Chemical Physics and Calculus of Variations: Mechanics, Control Theory, and Other Applications.

After completing his daily

studies, he likes to take the J Bus to Carrboro and shop at Weaver Street Market, where he might add another bag or two to his collection. Because Quattlebaum carries everything he might need during the day, he's loaded down with bags on his back, elbows and hands. But just like the long walks, he said, it is something he has grown used to.

At the end of the day, he returns to his mobile home five miles west of Carrboro, three miles from the nearest bus stop.

Quattlebaum said he loves this community, and he wouldn't want to be anywhere else. He has been successful in this - the last time he was out of the area was more than 10 years ago.

"I don't feel trapped here without my truck," he said. "It's always been where I want to be."

Alex Linder 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 Communica-

Community Calendar

FRIDAY MARCH 4 Church Concerts Series

Presents Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas. The Community Church, 8pm \$20/25 communitychurchconcerts.org

Drum Jam — With Music Explorium, presented by Carrboro Recreation, bring your own drum if you can. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm \$3 918-7364

SATURDAY MARCH 5 Sacrificial Poets — A per-

formance poetry team from the Chapel Hill-Durham area. The ArtsCenter, 7pm \$5 artscenter-

Mardi Gras Ball — Pittsboro's 4th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball. Historic Chatham Mill, 7pm \$20/25 444-3759 girlsrocknc.org

Small Dog Meetup — At Southern Village Dog Park is changing its times, smalldogmeetup@gmail.com

SUNDAY MARCH 6

Time Capsule — A ceremony in which a time capsule will be buried. Carrboro United Methodist Church, noon

Stories for Grown Ups — Part 3. Bynum General Store, 7pm bynumfrontporch.org

TUESDAY MARCH 8 Craft Night — Internationalist Books, 7pm internationalistbooks.org

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9 lewish Boat to Gaza — Two

people on the Sept. 2010 Jewish Boat to Gaza tell their stories. Community Church of Chapel Hill, 106 Purefoy Road, 7:30pm 542-2139

Trans Discussion Group — A bi-monthly meeting, co-sponsored by The Harm Reduction Coalition. Internationalist Books, 8pm free 942-1740

THURSDAY MARCH 10 Movie Night — The Chicago Conspiracy airs. Internationalist Books, 7pm free 942-1740

SATURDAY MARCH 12 Shamrock Run — The Pittsboro Relay for Life hosts the certified 5K/I0K run to benefit the American Cancer Society. Courthouse Circle in Pittsboro, 8am relayforlife.org/pittsboro

Triangle Swing Dance -Swing dance to live music with New King Rippers. Carrboro Century Center; beginner lesson

7-8 pm, dance 8-11pm triangleswingdance.org Swing Dance/Auction — Featuring the Chapel Hill High School swing band. CHHS gym,

7:30pm \$5/7 students, \$10/15

adults 942-0896 chapelhillband.

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

Don Faires — Mask maker and storyteller to perform. The Community Church of Chapel Hill, 106 Purefoy Road, March 6-May I 942-2050



MOVIES

We suggest you call for exact show times

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030

Cat People, Friday only, 7 p.m.; Dementia 13, Friday only, 9:30 p.m.; Casino Jack, nightly at 7:15 & 9:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:15 & 4:30 p.m.; Blue Valentine, nightly at 9:20 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4:20 p.m.; The Fighter, nightly at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

Barney's Version; Biutiful; The King's

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000 Hall Pass; Rango; The Adjustment Bureau; The King's Speech; Unknown

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Rango; Take Me Home Tonight; The Adjustment Bureau; I Am Number Four; Gnomeo & Juliet; Unknown; Hall Pass

THE VARSITY 123 E. Franklin St., 967-8865

Black Swan; Tangled



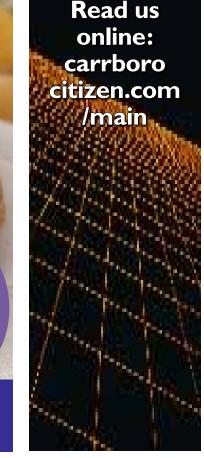
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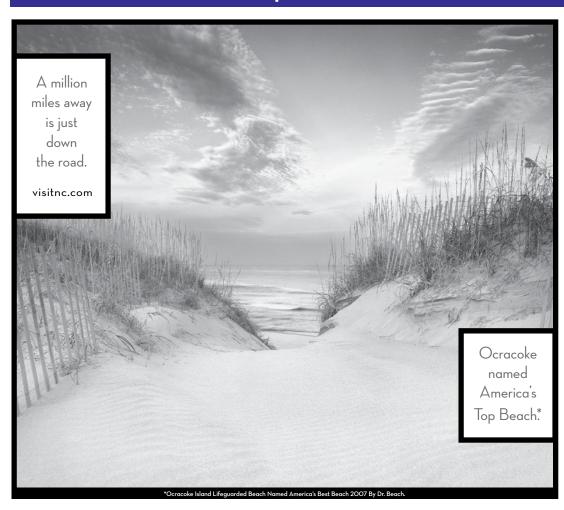
BLUE VALENTINE Nightly at 9:20pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 4:20pm

THE FIGHTER

Nightly at 7pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 2pm 9 WEST MORGAN ST. DOWNTOWN DURHA ROLINATHEATRE.ORG ~ 919.560.303









Briefs

CHT spring break service

This Saturday, Chapel Hill Transit will begin spring break service. The weekday CM, CW, D, J, NU and V routes will end earlier in the evening and the Saturday and Sunday U and NU routes will not operate

On March 13, the U route will begin at 1:50 p.m. at the Carolina Coffee Shop and the NU route will begin at 1:45 p.m. at the PR lot.

Safe Rides will operate on its regular Thursday-Saturday schedule
March 10-12

EZ Rider services will end at 10:35 p.m. Monday through Friday and the last scheduled pick-up window will be 10:25 to 10:45 p.m. Regular service will resume on March 14.

Hillsborough water outage

Properties on Nash Street likely will have an interruption in water service on Saturday while utility work takes place for the Nash Street Sidewalk Project.

The work will affect properties between Revere Road and Corbin Street, with work tentatively scheduled to start at 8 a.m.

If residents in the project areas have questions or concerns about their water after service is restored, please contact the Hillsborough Water Plant at 732-3621.

Police seek suspect

The Chapel Hill Police need help in identifying a suspect in two burglaries that occurred between the hours of 5:30 and 6:30 a.m.

Both incidents occurred in the 300 block of Church Street and Pritchard Avenue and both involved a black male, 6 feet in height with a medium build, very short hair, possibly bald and wearing what was described as a blue or possibly olive-green short-sleeve shirt. He reportedly may also have some facial hair resembling a thin goatee.

Anyone with information concerning the identity of this person or the recent burglaries should call either the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515. Calls to Crime Stoppers are confidential and anonymous and the caller may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$2,000 for information that leads to arrest.

Nominations for advocacy awards

The Carolina Women's Center is calling for nominations for the 2011 Women's Advocacy Awards. Awards will be given in three categories: faculty/staff, postdoctoral scholars/professional and graduate students and undergraduate students.

Nominations should describe the nominee's contribution to leadership in advocating for women. Special consideration will be given for service to underserved or under-recognized populations.

Nominations must be limited to one page or approximately 250 words. Please provide the nominee's name and address, your name, campus address, phone number and email address. Anonymous nominations will not be considered.

The deadline is March 4 at 5 p.m. Send your nomination via campus mail to Donna M. Bickford at dbickford@unc.edu

Next CVS meeting March 14

A developer of CVS drugstores plans to hold another community meeting to discuss plans for a two-story building on the northwest corner of Greensboro and Weaver streets.

Residents near the proposed site said they have been invited to a meeting at Town Hall on March 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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School board to interview 10 superintendent candidates

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education is narrowing its search for a new superintendent and has selected 10 candidates for interviews.

The board met last week to identify candidates to interview, after launching the search in October following Superintendent Neil Pedersen's July announcement that he would retire at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

Board Chair Jamezetta Bed-

ford said the candidates were selected from a pool of 27 applicants.

"The intention is to keep it very broad in the beginning with the first interview," she said, adding that the board hopes to narrow the field to three or four candidates for the second round of interviews.

Over the past few months, the district has held two public forums, collected written statements from local organizations and individuals and solicited public opinion via a survey, with the guidance of the N.C. School Boards Association. Community members and

"We need to do something

about the bleeding of our money

to Durham County, Alamance

County. ... We've got to get in

the game, and the UDO is one

way that we can do that," said

Desiree Goldman, legislative

affairs director for the Greater

Chapel Hill Association of Real-

tors. "We do not want another

property tax increase. ... We've

got to get where we're being pro-

Commissioner Alice Gordon

"The problem [with Condi-

said she was concerned about the

replacement of Planned Devel-

opment Districts with Condi-

tional Districts] is ... you aren't

linked so specifically to the land-

use categories as you are in the

Planned Development Districts,"

she said. "The way I understand it

is the Conditional Districts don't

hasz said he felt the board should

move forward with the UDO,

including Conditional Zoning.

this would give us a new tool that

would be more flexible, and while

being more flexible would also al-

low us to tailor approvals to the

specific conditions of the site that's

being requested, and I don't want

to lose that ... flexibility, nor do I

want to lose the ability to adequate-

ly protect the neighborhoods where

some of the uses might be sited," he

said. "I understand the concerns

... I'm just not sure that those con-

cerns reflect the reality of how con-

ditional zoning would work."

Board Vice Chair Steve Yu-

"We did it with the idea that

have as much protection."

tional Districts.

active and moving forward."

district staff said they'd like to see a superintendent with experience in budgets and finance, a proven track record of success and experience in the classroom.

"We were real pleased with the volume of applications and the breadth of experience of the applicants," board Vice Chair Mia Burroughs said. "I think we're feeling optimistic as a board."

The board will conduct the interviews in three closed-session meetings, on March 8, 12 and 13. Board members have said

they would like to have a candidate hired by mid-April.

The search process is uncharted territory for school board members, as Pedersen has served as superintendent since 1992 and is the longest-serving superintendent in district history. Prior to his role as superintendent, Pedersen served for five years as an assistant superintendent with the district.

"It's exciting, and it's an awesome responsibility," Burroughs said. "I think all of us are awfully glad that there are seven of us with this responsibility."

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Benedict explained that with Conditional Zoning Districts, applicants would not have to submit exact site plans at the outset of a project. Instead, developers would provide a master plan to be attached to the rezoning that would include possible uses, access and a general idea of the proposed project.

"It's rare that somebody knows the five buildings they want to come in with on day one," Benedict said.

He added that Phase I of the UDO does not change approval processes or standards and that the more difficult changes would come in Phase II.

"We're not changing how tall buildings are, how close they can be to property lines. We're not changing how noisy things can be," Benedict said. "We're not changing standards, we're not changing approval processes and we're not changing what use can go where in the county."

Bonnie Hauser, president of Orange County Voice, said that while her group supported the county's goal of simplifying zoning ordinances, she was concerned that the use of conditional zoning would have unintended consequences.

"It would inadvertently encourage random sprawl and incompatible development in our rural communities," she said, adding that while she had faith that the commissioners would act responsibility on rezoning decisions, "a slight shift in board composition" could change that.

Marilee McTigue, also a representative of Orange County Voice, said she was concerned that language from the existing ordinance identifying specific requirements for appropriate planned development – explaining how things like industrial or commercial development should be placed near transportation corridors and public utility services – was eliminated in the UDO.

"It is language that clarified how the economic development districts differ in character and purpose from the rural areas," she said.

Other residents urged the board to move quickly with this phase of the UDO in order to attract developers to Orange County.

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D'Artagnan Duck Bacon, 8-oz. \$8.99 ea

Boar's Head Black Forest Ham \$6.99 1b

COUNCIL

FROM PAGE I

Jared Resnick, owner of the West End Wine Bar, speaking for himself and the Chapel Hill Restaurant Group, called it an "awful idea."

Resnick said the town should do more to promote existing brickand-mortar businesses rather than allow food trucks to move in.

"This does nothing to help local businesses," he said.

Several food truck operators and Lex Alexander of 3Cups, whose petition to the council led to the forum, disagreed, saying the trucks would enhance Chapel Hill's image as a town for "foodies" as well as encourage entrepreneurship.

Brian Bottger of Only Burger said his food truck allowed him to experiment and hone his ideas, and that eventually led to a brick-and-mortar business. He said concerns about parking, signs and other issues raised have been resolved by other towns.

"Create your own rules," he said. Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said restaurants he's talked to have mixed opinions, but many are worried about "competition against the home team." Many, he said, suggested the council move ahead with allowing outside dining downtown and find other ways to help existing restaurants.

Kleinschmidt said he has par-

Kleinschmidt said he has particular concerns about allowing food trucks downtown, given that there are so many restaurants already and few places to put a truck.

Several council members said the town should look at rules for best practices and study how other towns have addressed the concerns raised. Council member Penny Rich, citing her own expe-

said she's optimistic.
"I think there is a way we can coexist," she said.

riences growing up in New York,

In other action Monday night, the council approved a request from the Orange Water and Sewer Authority to amend the inter-local Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement (whose acronym, WASMP-BA, is pronounced "wa-samba") to allow for easier access to water from Jordan Lake.

The change would allow OWA-SA to ask the state for an upgraded status that could allow it to tap its five-million-gallon-per-day allocation of Jordan Lake water via existing links between Cary and Durham and Durham and OWASA. (See story on page 1.)

The council also reviewed a traffic and property analysis of potential improvements in the Ephesus Road and Fordham Boulevard area.

Among the changes is a proposal to create a through intersection at Elliot Road that would extend from Fordham Boulevard to Ephesus Road.

The new plan is intended to spur redevelopment of the area, relieve traffic congestions at the intersection and improve conditions for bicycle and pedestrian use.

The full report is on the town's website at townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1518



Orange County Human Relations Commission

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Mardi Gras celebration

The fourth annual Pittsboro Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball will be held Saturday from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Historic Chatham Mill.

The event will feature food, drink and plenty of live music. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Proceeds will benefit The Abundance Foundation, Triangle Land Conservancy and Child Care

Tickets are available at the Chatham Marketplace or online at chathammarketplace.coop/mardigras

Local authors signing

Dave Otto and Richard Ellington will discuss and sign copies of their new pictorial history book, Carrboro on March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Orange County Historical Museum in Hillsborough.

The book focuses on some of the characters who have defined Carrboro throughout its history. Some of them, like Thomas Lloyd, will be familiar to anyone with a passing knowledge of Carrboro's history. Others, like Jacques Menache, may not be as well known.

The event is free and open to the public and books will be available for sale. For more information, contact Cheryl at 732-2201.

Monthly Adopt-A-Thons

Starting this Saturday, the Paws4Ever ReSale Store will hold Adopt-A-Thons the first Saturday of each month. They will run from 1 to 4 p.m. at the store, which is located at 115 John Earl St. in Hills-

The store offers hundreds of new and used items for pets and their owners. Donations are accepted (storedonation@paws4ever.org) and volunteers are always welcome (storevolunteer@paws4ever.org).

For more information, call 245-0445, or visit paws4ever.org/page/ReSaleStore

Mentor fundraiser

On March 1, Volunteers for Youth launched a \$20,000 fundraising campaign, Every One Counts, to expand its services to more Orange County children. The campaign will fund the agency's mentoring program.

Throughout the four-month campaign, board members and volunteers will host events to spread their message. Other scheduled events include an open house at Volunteers for Youth's Carrboro office, a dance party for local teens and a May ice cream-eating competition.

To donate, visit volunteersforyouth.org. For more information on how to get involved, call 967-4511.

AU ambassador speaking

Amina Salum Ali, ambassador to the U.S. for the African Union, will speak at UNC on March

Ali is expected to discuss recent and current events in Egypt and Libya. She will speak at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. For more information on the event, contact Joseph Jordan at 843-2671 or jfjordan@email.unc.edu.

Board needs members

The Orange County Board of Commissioners is recruiting for the Orange County Board of Equalization and Review, which hears appeals from residents who protest assessed property values.

The board will meet up to three days a week for about three to four hours per meeting, for up to three consecutive months (April-June). Members will be paid for all meetings they attend.

Interested Orange County residents with real estate knowledge are encouraged to apply at www. co.orange.nc.us/boards (select "Equalization and Review Board" under "Boards and Commissions Listing") or at 245-2130 or 245-2125.

OBITUARIES

Wilma Shadell

Wilma Irvine "Bitsy" Shadell, 80, passed away on Friday, Feb. 12, 2011 at the Chapel Hill Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. A native of Cheyenne, Wyo., she was the daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. William Harris Irvine. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Capt. Douglas B. Guthe, U.S. Navy, her son, William I. Guthe and her daughterin-law, Dr. Rebecca L. Calderon.

She is survived by her sisters, Peggy Allen of Norfolk, Va., and Singie Williams of Spring Grove, Va.; her sons, Capt. Douglas B. Guthe, Jr., U.S. Navy (retired), of Chapel Hill, N.C., and David Guthe and wife Ursula of Rockville, Md.; and five grandchildren, Lea, David and Klara Calderon-Guthe of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Kevin and Andre Guthe of Rockville, Md.

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She graduated from high school in Pacific Grove, Calif., then attended music conservatory in San Francisco, Calif., before getting married. An accomplished pianist, she also played the organ in church. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also loved Welsh Corgis, having several as pets throughout her life.

The family received friends on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011 from 4-6 p.m. at Walker's Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, N.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Wilma's name to the Music Teachers National Association Foundation Fund, mtnafoundation.org; or to the USO of North Carolina, Inc., P.O. Box 91536, Raleigh, NC 27675, uso-nc.org

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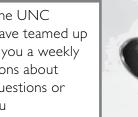
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This week we respond to questions about insurance company information sharing and vitamin D.

Dear HOUSE Calls, My family doctor called me for an appointment due to a notification from my insurance company. The notice said that because I was on medicine for depression I needed to be seen and screened for thoughts of suicide. This was awkward because I see a psychiatrist and my family doctor did not know about it. My family doctor was great, supportive of my treatment plan and my relationship with my psychiatrist, but I felt a bit put off by the insurance company butting in. Am I overreacting?

We are increasingly getting these letters from insurance companies. Most of the time, they are in regards to medicines we prescribe for patients we know well. On the other hand, if it is not something your family doctor was involved in, she or he might take this letter as explicit notice that it is her or his responsibility to be involved. Insurance company's motivations should be (and probably are) to improve care

and reinforce the care management of the family doctor. This is a good thing, and we are so glad it went well. Many people in your shoes might perceive this as an unnecessary expense or inconvenience. We definitely appreciate your uneasiness about this information sharing. Increasingly, insurance companies will be sharing our information to manage care, improve wellness and decrease costs. Hopefully, when that information sharing is with your family doctor, this will be empowering and an opportunity to improve your care.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I provide services for a man who has mental retardation. He had his vitamin D level checked and it was 27 milligrams per deciliter. What does this mean and what do you recommend?

It is so important that we not only report lab results to our patients, but that we interpret and provide context. In this case, it would be to determine if there is a vitamin D insufficiency. We consider less than 20 milligrams per deciliter a

deficiency. To give your client a recommendation, we would need to understand why his vitamin D level was checked. We usually recommend a vitamin D supplement, anywhere from 500 to 1,000 international units (IU) per day. Most multivitamins have 400 IU per pill; a glass of milk has 100 IU. Sun exposure is a great way to get vitamin D; about 15 minutes to the hands and face three times a week is good. The combination of office jobs and sunscreen has contributed to this problem. Many people have been on megadoses of vitamin D (2,000 to 50,000 IU) for depression, chronic pain and a host of other conditions. A recent consensus opinion reported that there isn't really enough data to support this and the risk may outweigh the benefit. So for your client, a multivitamin, a good diet and a bit of time outside might be a reasonable program to

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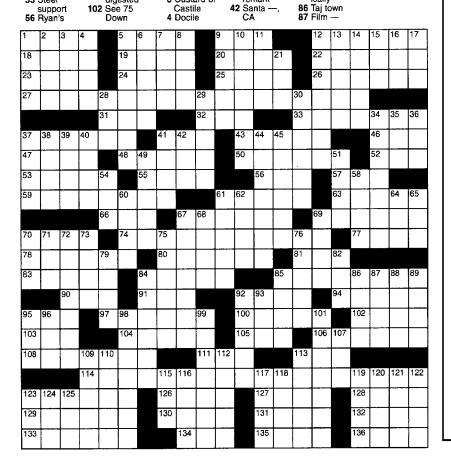
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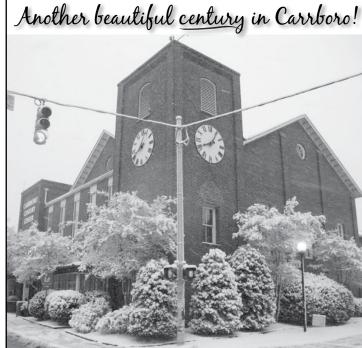
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School Briefs

Student Success workshop

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Community Action Committee on the Success of All Students will host a workshop on pathways to student success on March 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at Carrboro High School.

The workshop will feature sessions designed to assist parents who want to help their children find the right path toward high school graduation and college enrollment. Superintendent Neil Pedersen will speak and CHCCS staff and members from community organizations will be available to answer parents' questions.

Tiger Open registration

Registration for Chapel Hill High School's Tiger Open, which includes a silent auction on April 29 and a golf tournament on April 30, is underway.

The events will benefit the CHHS athletic booster club. Parents can also sponsor a coach or teacher to play in the golf

The Tiger Open needs donated items to auction or to offer as prizes that range in price from \$35 to \$250. Contact Patrick Marlatt at patrick.marlatt@wellsfargo.com to donate

To register, complete and return the sponsor/registration form, which is available online at www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/ education/components/docmgr/download.php?sectiondetail id=84895&fileitem=86944&catfilter=18350

Elementary science fair winners

Twenty students from Estes Hills and Seawell elementary schools competed in the regional science fair on Feb. 23 at the SciWorks Museum in Winston-Salem.

Megan Higgins of Estes Hills received an award from a local water-quality organization for her research on cleaning up water pollution.

Lily Fowler of Estes Hills and Finn James and Max Martine of Seawell were selected to represent Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools at the state science fair at Meredith College March 25-26.

CHHS dance and auction

The Chapel Hill High School swing band will hold its annual swing dance and silent auction on March 12 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the school's gym.

Tickets for students are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Tickets for adults are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available from CHHS band members and can also be purchased at 942-0896 or chapelhillband.org

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Shaking early impressions

BY EDDY LANDRETH Staff Writer

Saturday night at 8 p.m., we will see just how much this Carolina basketball team has learned since practice began in

October 2010. The Tar Heels will play Duke in the final regular-season game of 2011. A victory would shake the Dean Dome to its foundation. A victory would also provide UNC with at least a share of first place in the final conference standings (UNC played at Florida State on Wednesday night, hoping to win in order to play Duke for the outright title; otherwise, it would be to tie the Blue Devils for first, assuming Duke

zen's deadline.) "Now we control our own destiny," UNC point guard Kendall Marshall said.

defeated Clemson Wednesday.

Both games were after The Citi-

There are, without a doubt, people around the nation still in denial at just how good this Carolina team has become. This is not the sleek machine of

2005 or 2009, teams that could mow down the competition in an end-toend blur. This team is just as likely to win 48-46 as 106-75.

"I like the way we're finding ways to win," Marshall said. "We never know how we're going to do it."

The key has been doing it. After UNC defeated Maryland last Sunday, Terrapins coach Gary Williams said that teams sometimes have a hard time shaking early impressions. "I looked at their team that

played against us last year and I don't think they had one guy who started against us who was on the team [on Sunday]," Gary Williams said. "It takes time to put a team together. I don't care how good the players are; it just

"What happens now in college basketball is if you lose some games in November and December, you kind of get labeled as that level of team. I think



The idea of the Heels, 2009 national champions

second-winningest program in the history of college basketball, being overlooked would, ordinarily, seem absurd. But last year's collapse, which saw the Tar Heels fall into the postseason NIT and then start 4-3 this season, fueled the knee-jerk reaction that dominates the minds of so many sports fans and the computers and microphones of sports journalists.

The idea that a team can get better as the season progresses does not register with some people. So many people fell into the trap of thinking last year's team did not have talent, but what it really lacked was experience and

Just imagine that Ed Davis and Tyler Zeller had played the entire season without getting hurt. Do you really believe UNC would have missed the NCAA Tournament?

Not hardly.

There is one more key difference in this year's team. Zeller said everyone has given themselves wholly to what coach Roy Williams is teaching. Why would they not have done so a year ago, considering there are few coaches of Williams' stature and so many of the players were new to college basketball?

The answer is, knows?" Why does any adolescent do what he does? All we know is that Williams and these players have formed a bond similar to the one he created with so many of the nation's best teams since he became a head coach at Kansas.

And now we arrive at the most important and interesting part of the season. It should be fun to see just what the final product becomes this year.

A junior varsity dynasty

BY KEVIN COLLINS

Staff Writer

The phrase "junior varsity dynasty" may seem like an oxymoron, but for Carrboro High School JV men's basketball coach Tommy Jones, it's anything but an impossible dream.

Jones' team just finished up a season in which they lost only one game – a nonconference game, at that. He's brought the program to the promised land in just a few short years. And though you could fill a book of sob stories about successful JV teams gutted at the hands of their varsity counterparts, Jones is optimistic about his team's fu-

"This is the fourth year of the school, and [the number of kids who move up to varsity] has

changed every year. Last year, they all moved up; this year, we had a brand new team," Jones said. "There aren't too many varsity kids graduating this year, so only a couple will move up."

Jones and his squad have reason to be optimistic. Their only loss of the year came to a 4A team, but it's their 19 victories that will have the Jaguars going into next season with a swagger never before seen in the brief history of the school. The team's 14-0 conference record put it comfortably in first place for the season, and the Jaguars will have all the more reason to want to continue their run of dominance next year.

The young Jaguars' path to their brilliant season was unusual by junior varsity standards. The team's potent offensive attack was led by a three-headed monster: Erik Perou, James Scott and Ameer Edwards all averaged more than 10 points per game. That balanced scoring attack kept opposing defenses on their toes. Much of the team's success came as a result of the boys' abilities to feed off one another - a rarity on the JV level, where frequent off-court turnover often leads to an excess of on-court turnovers. The Jaguars displayed a remarkable willingness to defer to one another throughout the season, and their cohesion will only improve as they continue to get used to each other.

"There were several times when I had to tell them to shoot more and pass less," Jones said. "They're so unselfish and their teamwork was unbelievable."

Jones made sure to point out

the team's main source of pride throughout its great season: They managed to beat both East Chapel Hill and Chapel Hill high schools, one of the team's key goals. It was the first time the Jaguars have beaten both their neighboring rivals in the same year, and Jones thinks it was his team's way of making its presence felt. The Jaguars are fighting to change their new-kid-on-the block reputation into a storied history of success.

The future is bright for Jones and his kids. Although they will not have the luxury of sneaking up on their opponents next year, the extra time the players have to practice together and feel each other out will pay dividends. It should be difficult for even a 4A team to stop the Jaguars next

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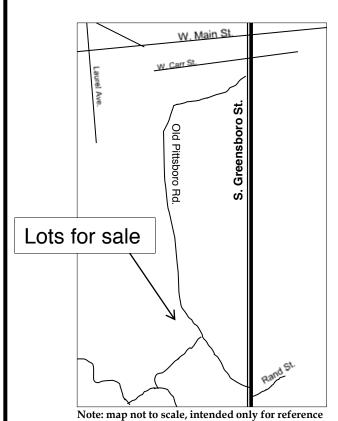
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George Seiz, Carrboro's said the first part of the project could take Weaver Street down to one lane very quickly, as contractors plan to start replacing the water line first. On-street parking along Weaver Street near the Spotted Dog will be taken out of service as excavation equipment and trucks move in to start work.

While that will slow the

traffic flow, work on the roadbed reconstruction will stop it all together.

contractor, Hannah Utilities edly lead to traffic snarls on director of Public Works, of Durham, are working on Greensboro and Main streets. final plans for the roadbed work. Once that starts, the road will be worked on in several sections, from east to west, a method worked out to avoid closing any section for a long period of time, thereby reducing the impact on local businesses.

> the time an area is closed," he said. "There is a method to

our madness."

Still, Seiz said the work is going to affect downtown Seiz said the town and its businesses and will undoubt-

"We hope that people will continue to patronize the businesses downtown," he said. "But we ask that through traffic find a different route."

He suggested using Estes Drive Extension and N.C. 54 bypass for through traffic and We're trying to minimize using Jones Ferry Road as an alternative route into down-

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FROM THE EDITOR

Editor's note: In honor of the 100th birthday of the town of Carrboro, we present excerpts of a few editorials from The Venable Telegraph, circa 1910.

General Carr's gambit

There is no doubt that Durham's Carr is trying to put his stamp on Venable. His investments in the mill and the lavish lifestyle he leads leaves one with the impression that his ego knows no bounds. Rumor has it that he has plied town leaders with bootleg whiskey and fine cigars in an attempt to curry favor. They have already shown a willingness to bend over backwards. What would he have them do next? Name the town after him? Bah!

Too many cows in town

As this town spreads far and wide - and we are hearing of more stately homes planned along the Greensboro and Hillsborough roads - Mayor Parker has wisely taken steps to regulate the pasturing of cattle within the town limits. While the ready supply of milk, butter and cheese is of great importance, Old Bessie and her cohorts befoul the creeks and sugar ditches rightly reserved for use by humans. This in-town farming must come to an end.

Chapel Hill steers clear

The wise leaders of Chapel Hill denied a request this week to change its ordinances to license the selling of automobiles within the town limits. The town board got an earful from Jitney owners who complained that such a move would threaten their lucrative and worthwhile service. Some have noted that here in Carrboro and over in Durham these so-called "motorists" have taken to tooting their dang-blasted horns when recklessly passing the jitney drivers. The nerve!

While it is true that other towns have permitted the sale of these contraptions, Chapel Hill's jitneys are the town's pride and joy. The owners should be protected by this rude and unfair intrusion on their investments.

A melodious endeavor

While riding The Whooper into town from Greensboro, one might spy the sight of a young girl near the tracks practicing her guitar on the porch of a home on Lloyd Street. We've no idea who she is but hear from neighbors that she has quickly become adept at it despite being lefthanded and playing the thing upside down. The musicians of this town continue to wow us. Give her a wave next time you take the train.

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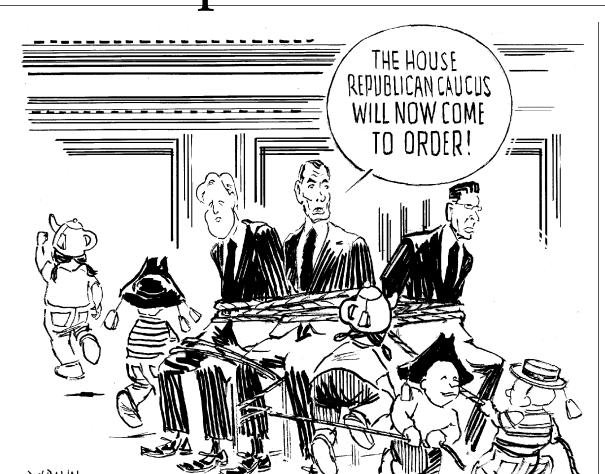
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Bill constricts religious liberty

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It was grievous to hear that you sponsored SB 106, which if passed intensifies discrimination against all whose faith compels them to order community life such that marriage is a right for all, including those citizens who are gay or lesbian.

Senate Bill 106 will constrict religious liberty for those in our faith tradition. Our forebears, the Pilgrims, came to this county in 1620 seeking religious freedom. Our denomination, the United Church of Christ, is one of the oldest Protestant churches in this country. As such, we have a deep history with this country. For example:

1630: We experimented with democracy, as congregations were self-governing and striving to create a model of a just society lived in the presence of God. As John Winthrop prayed, "We shall be a city upon a hill ... the eyes of all upon us."

1773: This country's first act of civil disobedience, the Boston Tea Party, began at the Old South Meeting House in Boston, as 5,000 colonists gathered to demand the repeal of an unjust tax on tea.

1777: Our Old Zion Reformed Church in Allentown hid the Liberty Bell when the British occupied

1853: We ordained the first woman, Antoinette Brown, since New Testament times as a Christian minister.

1943: One of our theologians, Reinhold Niebuhr, introduced the world to what is now known as the Serenity Prayer: "God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."

2005: We passed a resolution supporting same-gender marriage equality, a first for a mainline denomination, affirming the civil rights of same-gender couples to have their relationships recognized as marriages by the state and encouraging our local churches to celebrate and bless those marriages.

We are a religious tradition that recognizes samegender marriage equality. Thus we ask that you withdraw SB 106 as it continues and intensifies the disenfranchisement of citizens in the state of North Carolina, who with religious conviction affirm samegender marriage equality. Attached is a copy of the Marriage Equality Resolution passed in 2005 by the General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

We call upon you and the Senate of the State of North Carolina to support religious liberty in our state by withdrawing SB 106 and substituting an amendment that would recognize the civil rights of samegender couples to have their covenanted relationships recognized by the State of North Carolina.

Grace and peace, Richard Edens, Co-Senior Pastor United Church of Chapel Hill

Why 'austerity budgets' are a bad idea for North Carolina

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DAVID ZONDERMAN

Today, across North Carolina, the U.S. and Europe, people are being told that times are tough and that everyone has to tighten their belts - especially the public sector, because there is not enough revenue to pay for everything. Frankly, this assertion that all governments need to draft austerity budgets is based on a series of myths, falsehoods and assumptions that will create far more harm than good in the coming years.

First, the claim that governments do not have the money to pay for necessary services and investments for future growth rings especially hollow here in the U.S. The massive federal deficit is mostly a product of

a grossly distorted tax system that continues to give enormous advantages to wealthy people who create few jobs but much economic instability with their speculative investment bubbles. Moreover, this speculation is a leading cause of the current economic malaise that has led to enormous increases in public expenditures for the unemployment insurance and food stamps keeping literally millions of families from outright destitution. If the U.S. Congress raised the marginal tax rates on millionaires, the deficit could be substantially reduced without threatening programs like Social Security.

Second, dire predictions that if we do not put our fiscal house in order - through massive spending cuts (not a more progressive tax structure) - we will go the way of Greece or Ireland are divorced from reality. Those nations are in crisis because they do not have the resources that we can tap, their bankers are even more greedy and incompetent than ours and they are trapped in the Euro-zone, so they have none of the monetary flexibility that our Federal Reserve has used to avert an all-out depression. We do have to confront our deficit spending in the long term, but to scare people with stories of imminent collapse is cruel and cynical.

Third, the argument that slashing public expenditures will somehow accelerate our anemic recovery flies in the face of historical evidence and common-sense economics. Sharp reductions in public spending will retard economic growth, since consumer and business spending are also lagging. Laying off thousands of public employees only adds to unemployment costs and reduces public services at precisely the time when many more residents are in need of support.

Fourth, austerity budgets are a deeply inequitable

solution to the current economic crisis - they punish the people who did not cause the problems and are already suffering its consequences.

To put the matter baldly, greedy bankers drove the economy off the rails by encouraging consumers to go deeper into debt when their flat wages could not sustain further increases in spending and then packaging loans into exotic financial instruments that tanked when the housing bubble burst. The government then used tax dollars and public debt to bail out the failing banks, because a collapse on Wall Street would have sent the whole economy into a true depression. Banks are now back to making piles of money and they are fighting

any new regulations that might avert future disasters or new taxes to help pay for their bailouts. So, the public is told that the government is in a debt crisis and budgets have to be slashed or the bankers will stop lending to the government!

Finally, make no mistake that the push for austerity budgets is not an emergency measure; it is part of a long-term strategy by conservatives to drastically and permanently reduce the public sector. They are not wasting this crisis; they are driving their agenda with warm, fuzzy slogans about lower taxes, less spending, fewer regulations and more freedom. We need to remember the old adage, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

As states like North Carolina and the federal government start to roll out their new, lean budgets, we will all learn exactly what will be cut. The first to feel the pain will probably be those already struggling – the poor, the elderly, the chronically ill, young children and people of color. But if the small government ideologues cannot find enough cuts among the vulnerable, we will soon see reductions in public benefits that the middle-class takes for granted - schools, roads, libraries and parks.

Massive budget cuts are unnecessary in a nation with the enormous wealth of the United States. These cuts will cost our state and nation dearly - they will delay economic recovery, further burden those already suffering and undermine public education and infrastructure. While there are those who genuinely believe that we need to drastically shrink the public sector, many other Americans may not realize what they voted for until it is too late.

David A. Zonderman is a professor of history at N.C. State University.

Targets and sacred **COWS**

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The budget talk this week at the General Assembly was about taxes, targets and sacred cows, as Republican legislative leaders released the general outline of their spending plan.

They ordered budget writers to slash more than \$1.5 billion from Gov. Beverly Perdue's proposal that eliminated 10,000 jobs even after leaving three-quarters of the 1-cent temporary sales-tax increase on the books.

Republicans are refusing to consider an extension of the 2009 temporary taxes hikes and say they will instead balance the budget with cuts alone. That means slashing more than \$760 million from Perdue's education budget and more than \$400 million from her recommendations for human-services funding.

The legislative leaders distributed spending targets for each budget subcommittee Wednesday with a list of general instructions and some specific recommendations. The general directions order budget writers to look at privatization of services, part of the plan to use the budget shortfall as an excuse to dismantle much of state government.

The subject guidelines are even more specific. Education budget writers are told to consider cutting financial aid and slashing classes at universities and community colleges and eliminating Smart Start and More at Four, the state's two nationally recognized early-childhood programs.

The members of the health and human services budget committees are instructed to look at closing facilities, slashing Medicaid and increasing copayments for services.

Some things ought to be off the table, like cuts in the classroom and the support services that make it possible for teachers to educate their students.

Perdue's budget has its problems, nost notably the expensive and illadvised proposal to lower the corporate income tax, but at least it protects most teachers and teacher assistants and avoids devastating cuts to mental health and other human services.

The budget parameters set by Republicans make both impossible. House Minority Leader Joe Hackney says making deeper cuts in education would not only hurt students, but also harm the state's economic-development efforts, and he's right.

Republican leaders defended their draconian budget targets with clichés, saying that everything is on the table and that there are no sacred cows.

But some things ought to be off the table, like cuts in the classroom and the support services that make it possible for teachers to educate their students.

There ought to be sacred cows too, like programs that provide lifesaving drugs to people living with HIV/AIDS or vital services for people with a mental illness or a disability. Those programs are already significantly underfunded. Cutting their budgets further would put people's lives at stake.

And why are Republicans so determined to balance the budget on the backs of preschoolers? Their attacks on Smart Start and More at Four seem more like a partisan political obsession than a sane policy direction.

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger said the dangerously low spending goals were appropriate because that's why people elected the new Republican majorities, "to reduce spending and right-size state government."

But schools with overcrowded classrooms and fewer teachers are not the right size and neither is a mental health system that can't take care of people who have nowhere else to turn.

It would be refreshing if Berger and other top Republicans could take a break from the misleading and simplistic campaign rhetoric and think about the impact on people's lives of what they are proposing.

The real targets the Republicans announced Wednesday are not numbers at all, they are public schools, college students, children and people with a disability or mental illness. And the people of North Carolina surely did not vote for that.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of

N.C. Policy Watch.

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Recipe of the Week Sauteed Kohlrabi (Serves 2 - 3)

Recipe Provided by Market Volunteer Kelly Clark

Simple Sautéed Kohlrabi

I pound kohlrabi, leaves included Salt and pepper 2 Tablespoons butter 3 Tablespoons olive oil 1/8 cup water | Tablespoon fresh lemon juice Trim leaves from the bulbs, remove the stems, then pile the leaves on top of each other and roll them like a cigar. Shred the leaves in 1/4-inch slices across the roll. Set aside.

Peel and cut the root end off the bulbs using a sharp paring knife. Then cut the bulbs into 1/8-inch slices, stack the slices and cut into 1/8-inch matchsticks (julienne strips).

Put I Tablespoon each of the oil and butter in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the leaves and toss to coat with the butter and oil. Add the water and sauté until the leaves are tender, but not mushy. Add the lemon juice, toss to incorporate, and then remove leaves to a serving dish and cover.

Return the pan to the heat, set at medium-low and add the remaining butter and olive oil. When the butter has melted, add the kohlrabi sticks and stir and sauté until the kohlrabi is tender and not too crunchy. Add salt and pepper to taste, pile on top of the leaves and serve immediately.







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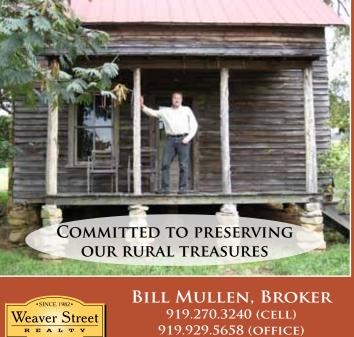
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Is She Really Scary?

When people run away from me, I feel sad. But I understand why they're doing that. What happened was terrible. - Hadidjatou Karamoko Traore, a Muslim American woman whose husband was killed in the Sept. eleven attacks

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Speedwell's blue colors beckon spring's return.

FLORA

FROM PAGE I

They are annuals, imported centuries ago from Europe, that grow in the winter, flower in early spring and are gone by the time many of us are planting our second or third sets of tomatoes to sacrifice to late frosts.

This year the speedwells outnumber the henbits in my yard. Veronica persica, common field speedwell, is the showiest of several common speedwells.

I enjoy Richard Mabey's

plant descriptions in Flora Britannica. About speedwells, he writes: "Speedwells are roadside plants which speed you on your journey. Just why they acquired this reputation is unknown, but in Ireland they were sometimes sewn onto the clothes of travelers for good luck. In the eighteenth century they acquired another odd reputation, for curing gout, and 'Sir' John Hill reported that 'the dried leaves picked from the stalks were sold in our markets and the people made tea of them. The opinion was so prevalent, that the plant was in a manner destroyed for many miles about London, but like all other things want for truth for their foundation, it came to nothing."

Well now, I rather like PHOTO BY STAN H. LEWIS the notion of speedwell bringing good luck. I'm happy that it carpets my yard, beckoning springtime's return.

> Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



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A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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WORKERS

FROM PAGE I

In Bigelow's ruling, three members of the committee agreed that the town had provided sufficient evidence that he had "engaged in insubordination that constituted unsatisfactory job performance," had demonstrated "threatening and intimidating behavior toward members of the public which constituted detrimental personal conduct" and that his conduct "created a hostile working environment within the Solid Waste Services Divi-

sion." Two members found that the town had failed to provide sufficient evidence that Bigelow's conduct rose to the level of detrimental personal conduct.

In Clark's ruling, five committee members agreed that the town had provided sufficient evidence that he had been involved in "confrontational interactions with his supervisors that constituted insubordination and unsatisfactory job performance," and four found that he had engaged in "discourteous and intimidating treatment of the public," had been "threatening and intimidating" with colleagues and had been unsatisfactory in his job performance.

One member dissented, asserting that Clark's behavior should have been handled using procedures outlined in the town's personnel manual, but that his supervisors had failed to do so.

"We are disappointed, but not surprised," McSurely said. He has taken issue with the fact that the committee wasn't bound by the procedural rules of a courtroom - that, for example, two witnesses were allowed to make statements against Bigelow and Clark anonymously, by telephone.

"We are considering other venues, where anonymous voices cannot be used to convict two men whose only insubordination was trying to organize a union to challenge the racism and unsafe working conditions in the Town of Chapel Hill," McSurely said.

A rally in support of the men will be held today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Roberson Street.

"It's a slow process," Mc-Surely said, "but we are beginning to make some headway."



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