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Clear
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**SATURDAY**
Clear
79/45

**SUNDAY**
Partly Cloudy
63/43

C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Heels in Charlotte

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Bittercress has tiny four-petaled flowers characteristic of the mustard family.
PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Think twice before pulling

To weed or not to weed? Well now, that is a good question. Gardening friend Sally Heiney and I usually agree on which weed to keep and which to toss. We definitely agree on leaving a few pokeweeds every year, frequently comparing notes on who has the larger ones.

But this spring we've come to a bit of a crossroads. Sally has taken to weeding my favorite henbits and speedwells from her garden, and with volunteers following her lead, some of my favorite weeds have become forbidden in the developing gardens around the N.C. Botanical Garden's new visitor center.

And Sally is pulling another favorite little annual weed, the white-flowered bittercress. *Cardamine hirsuta* is not as showy as the purple henbits and blue speedwells that are still noticeable on the roadsides, where to passing motorists their clumps appear a bit like short shag carpets.

In my wild yard, bittercress is moving in amongst the henbits and speedwells, which are still making a show. This little wild mustard makes solid carpets where the ground was bare last fall.

The tiny white flower of the bittercress exhibits the characteristic four petals of the flowers in the mustard or crucifer plant family, *Brassicaceae*. At this time every early spring, I pick a few leaves, with a pinch of the flowers and seedpods, to enjoy a spicy, healthy snack.

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School board to revisit Morris Grove redistricting plans

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education is set to vote tonight (Thursday) on a plan that would move students from Morris Grove Elementary School to other district elementary schools to ease overcrowding at Morris Grove.

At tonight's meeting, the board is scheduled to revisit the issue of overcrowding and decide either to move 30 students from the neighborhood north of Weaver Dairy Road, between Martin Luther King

Jr. Boulevard and Sunrise Road, known as Segment 92, to Estes Hills Elementary School, or 52 students from neighborhoods south of Dairyland Road and west of Laurel Springs Drive, known as Segments 40 and 41, to McDougale Elementary School.

The decision will complete the redistricting process the board started late last year. In February, the board voted to reassign 33 students from Morris Grove to other district elementary schools, but kept students from Segment 92 at the school, despite staff recommendations otherwise.

District support staff warned that enrollment at Morris Grove could reach 650 to 660 students next year without the move. Morris Grove's capacity is 627.

However, some board members had said they didn't want to move those students, since some of them were redistricted when Morris Grove opened in 2008 and their neighborhood had been reassigned several times in recent years, and asked staff to look at other neighborhoods that could be moved.

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With spring-like weather – and temperatures expected to rise into the lower 80s on Friday – it's time to get cycling. Heads up, though. See editorial, page 3.
PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS

Changes to CVS plans detailed

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — Representatives of Hart-Redd, a company that wants to build a 24,000-square-foot commercial building on the northwest corner of Greensboro and Weaver streets, showed updated plans for the project at a community meeting at Carrboro Town Hall Monday night.

The new design still calls for a two-story building that will house a CVS pharmacy downstairs along with upstairs storage and office space.

Chris Bostic, an engineer with Kimley-Horn, said the new design takes into account a recent survey of the property and shows the portions of the tree canopy that will be preserved. Bostic, who is working with Hart-Redd, a Tennessee developer, also said plans are for a 24-hour pharmacy at the location. The design shows 69 parking spaces, including 20 in the existing lot along Weaver Street and 49 spaces north and west of the building. The loading dock and truck access is in the rear of the building,



Michael Horn of Raleigh-based engineering and design firm Kimley-Horn and Associates fields a question at a community meeting on the CVS project Monday night at Carrboro Town Hall.

with truck traffic entering from Weaver Street and leaving via Short Street.

The new plans drew concerns from a group of about two dozen residents who peppered Bostic with questions on traffic flow, pedestrian access, lighting and the impact of proposed parking areas off Short and Center streets on nearby residences.

Richard Jaimeyfield, co-owner of the only structure on the east side of Center Street that won't be razed under the plan, reiterated that he and his partners refused to sell because the project was not a good fit with the core of the town.

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Residents split on county sales-tax proposal

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

At a public hearing on Tuesday, county residents were split on whether the county should hold another ballot referendum on a quarter-cent sales-tax increase.

Members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners have indicated they would like to revisit a proposed quarter-cent sales tax on the ballot this fall. Orange County voters narrowly rejected a proposed quarter-cent sales tax on the November 2010 ballot, with 51.24 percent, or 21,180 votes, against the sales tax, compared with 20,755 votes, or 48.76 percent, in favor.

The board had voted to dedicate funds from the tax to economic development, schools, emergency services and libraries.

In its 2007 budget, the legislature gave counties the option of a quarter-cent sales-tax increase or a

0.4 percent land-transfer tax to help compensate for money taken away from counties when the responsibility for paying for Medicaid was turned over to the state.

Orange County voters overwhelmingly rejected a transfer-tax referendum in May 2008. The General Assembly is considering rescinding the option for a transfer tax, and commissioners have said they are concerned the legislature might also take away the sales-tax option.

Greg Andrews, who ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the board of commissioners in 2010, pointed out that the tax was already voted down by the county.

"With the condition of our economy and the level of our property taxes and the lack of jobs here in Orange County, the last thing we should consider is any sort of tax

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Protesters disrupt town council meeting

BY KEVIN COLLINS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — Protests interrupted Monday night's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting, as supporters of two fired Town of Chapel Hill Public Works employees, now known as the "Sanitation Two," showed up to voice their disapproval of Town Manager Roger Stancil and the town's appeals process.

About 25 protesters, from teenagers to retirees, filed into Town Hall shortly before the meeting's 7 p.m. start time. They lined the back of the room, with signs reading "Fire Roger Stancil" and "The Struggle Has Just Begun." About five minutes into the meeting, Clyde Clark and Kerry Bigelow, the men at the center of the controversy, entered and sat down, followed shortly by their lawyer, Al McSurely.

Clark and Bigelow were fired in October from their waste-collection jobs. The town said the two were insubordinate and threatened residents on their routes and supervisors.

Agreement clears way for hotel, parking deck

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed Tuesday night to lease a large number of parking spaces at a new parking deck in the 300 East Main Street project.

The agreement with Main Street Partners was inked to help the development win financing and clear the way for construction of the deck and a Hampton Inn on the eastern portion of the 300 East Main property.

According to the agreement, the town will lease 150 daytime and 250 nighttime spaces in the deck for an amount equal to 3 percent of the annual gross receipts of the Hampton Inn, capped at \$90,000 annually. The initial term of the lease is five years.

The town expects to see a jump in the value of the property from \$1.1 million to \$21 million, which will generate roughly \$117,000 in additional tax revenue. Mayor Mark Chilton said the town might not have considered an incentive package in the past, but with several already-approved projects downtown now stalled the town needs to do something to spur the market.

Chilton said making sure the parking deck could be built was the right strategy.

"This hotel simply cannot be built without the parking deck," he said. "This pretty much is the way this project can get started."

In addition to the lease agreement, the town will also consider levying a room-occupancy tax. The town received approval from the General Assembly in 2001 to amend Carrboro's charter to include a room-occupancy tax. It gives the town the power to levy a 3 percent room tax on the first \$500,000 of receipts and 1 percent for amounts above that. The rules also call for the creation of a Carrboro Tourism Development Authority, which will decide on how to spend the funds. If the Hampton Inn maintains 68 percent occupancy, the town expects the tax on its 144 rooms to bring in roughly \$95,000 a year.

This is the second recent move by the board of aldermen at the request of Main Street Partners. Last month, the board approved a modification of the project's plans to allow for possible expansion at the former VisArt space and ease parking requirements for a five-story building planned for the western end of the property.

Also on Tuesday night, the board reviewed ideas for an early-voting site in Carrboro. The town hall early-voting site will likely conflict with three board of aldermen meetings in the fall. The town is considering using a space at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority building instead.

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The two insist they were fired because of grievances they filed with management over alleged poor working conditions and institutional racism, as well as their efforts to organize fellow workers with the N.C. Public Service Workers Union-UE Local 150.

Bigelow and Clark appealed their firings to the town; both lost those appeals.

About 15 minutes into the meeting, after a brief outburst, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt asked one of the protesters to leave. The man declined to do so before being approached by a police officer.

"We will not be disrupted," Kleinschmidt said. "This is where the council does business."

"It is my hope that our council and our community respect this council."

Later in the meeting, a second protester was removed.

Several residents made impassioned pleas to the council to fire Stancil and rehire the two former town employees.

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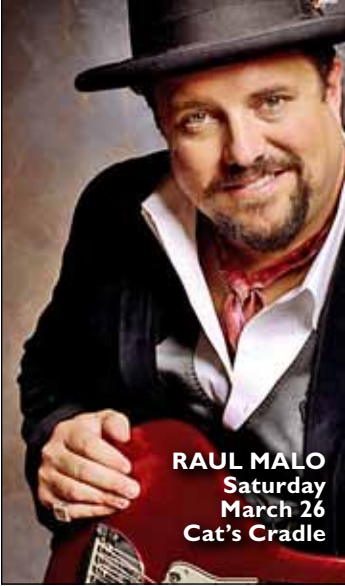
MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY MAR 17
ArtsCenter: The Allen Boys, Todd Snider, 5pm
The Cave: EARLY: Mason's Apron. \$5 LATE: Shamrockers. \$5
City Tap: Sarah Shook and The Devil. 8pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Neil Cribbs, Shawn Deena, Eureka California. 8pm. Free
Local 506: Murs, Tabi Bonney, Ab-Soul, DJ Foundation. 9pm. \$13
Nightlight: USA BABY, Yohimbe, Abraxis Jenks. 9:30pm. \$5
Reservoir: The Static Minds, Heron, The Royal Nites. 10pm. \$4
The Station at Southern Rail: The Magnolia Collective. 9:15pm
FRIDAY MAR 18
ArtsCenter: Robert Stone, The Lee Boys. 8:30pm
Cats Cradle: Carbon Leaf, Kennebec. 8:30pm. \$15/17
The Cave: Studio Gangsters, Titanium Rex, Randy Whitt, Burke
City Tap: Jo Gore and The Alternative. 8pm
General Store Cafe: New Horizons Swing Band. 7pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Dead Sea Sparrow, Plum Giant. 8pm. Free

Local 506: Michael Showalter. 9pm \$12/14
Nightlight: Systems, Kolyma. 10pm. \$5
SATURDAY MAR 19
ArtsCenter: Aubrey Ghent Band
Cats Cradle: Holy Ghost Tent Revival, The Big Picture, House of Fools. 8:30pm. \$8/10
The Cave: Puritan Rodeo, Blood Red River, Turntable Graveyard
City Tap: Scott Dameron, Jay Ladd V. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Leroy Savage Group. 8pm. \$5
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Dry River Trio, Sarah Howell and Gary Mitchell, Tristan. 8pm. Free
Local 506: Kerbloki, Motor Skills
Nightlight: Phantascist, Savage Knights
Open Eye Cafe: Jessica Long. 8pm
The Station at Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve, Bad Dog Blues Band. 6pm
SUNDAY MAR 20
Ackland Art Museum: Songs from the Southern Folklife Collection. 2pm
ArtsCenter: The Allen Boys.

Ashe House (Hillsborough): Chris Reynolds Quartet. 4pm \$18
The Cave: Birds and Arrows, New Town Drunks, Pinche Gringo
TUESDAY MAR 22
Local 506: Oberhofer. 9:30pm. \$8
Memorial Hall: Ethel and Lionheart. 7:30pm. \$20/10
Nightlight: Reid Johnson, School, Actul Persons Living or Dead. 9:30pm
WEDNESDAY MAR 23
The Cave: LATE: Izzy and the Kesstronics
Local 506: Off, Trash Talk, Double Negative. 9pm. \$15
Nightlight: Embarrassing Fruits, Tereu Tereu, Carol Bui. 9:30pm. \$5
Reservoir: Caltrop, Batillus, Hull. 10pm. \$4
THURSDAY MAR 24
The Cave: LATE: Rodney Henry, June Star
City Tap: Izzy and the Kesstronics. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani. 7pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Darling-side, Teletextile. 8pm. Free
Katy's Music Bar: Michael Burks. 10pm. \$15
Local 506: Mipso Trio, The Dogwood Deddy. 9pm. \$7
Nightlight: Mecanikill, Headstone Hollow, Orgavin, The Dirt Worshipers. 9:30pm
Reservoir: Lollipop Factory, Blag'ard, Mikingmihrab. 10pm. \$4
FRIDAY MAR 25
Cats Cradle: Sgt. Pepper's Mystery Tour. 9pm. \$15
The Cave: EARLY: Holiday Saxophone Quartet LATE: P-90's, The Bleeding Hearts
City Tap: Patrick Dyer Wolf. 8pm
General Store Cafe: String Peddlers. 8pm



Internationalist Books: PJB, Subscape Annex. 9pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Preyhoven, James Mathis and The Summer Snow
Local 506: Tim Barry, Jenny Owen Youngs. 8:30pm. \$10
Nightlight: Brand New Life, Jonathan Scales Fourchestra, Skylar Gudasz and the Ugly Girls, 9:30pm
Open Eye Cafe: Michael Chagnon. 8pm
SATURDAY MAR 26
Cats Cradle: Raul malo. 8pm. \$22/26
The Cave: EARLY: The Ash Holes LATE: Jeff Hart and The Ruins, Sad Magazine
City Tap: Andy Coats. 8pm
General Store Cafe: When Cousins Marry. 8pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Daryl Hance, Jamie Kent and The Options, Shawn Deena. 8pm. Free
Local 506: The Fleshtones, Blood Red River. 9:30pm. \$10
Nightlight: Spider Bags, Pigeons, D. Charles Speer
Open Eye Cafe: Erin Brown. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT: Cave Aid II



Cave Aid II will be held Friday, March 18 through Sunday, March 20 at The Cave.
In 1986, The Cave held its first fundraiser; Cave Aid, to buy a PA, and 25 years later it's time for Cave Aid II. Through the fundraiser, The Cave hopes to restore and back up the music venue's current PA, which is held together with duct tape and string. Friday's lineup includes Penny Prophets, Titanium Rex, Studio Gangsters and Burke. On Saturday, Puritan Rodeo, The Pneurotics, Turntable Graveyard and Blood Red River will perform. Birds & Arrows, New Town Drunks and Pinche Gringo (pictured above) take the stage on Sunday.
Entry is \$5; additional donations are appreciated.

SPOTLIGHT: Ethel



String quartet ETHEL and Lionheart will perform Phil Kline's "John the Revelator" on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall on the UNC campus.
Inspired by the Son House version of Blind Willie Johnson's gospel-blues song, "John the Revelator" is an evening-length choral mass, which renowned early-music vocal group Lionheart will perform with the idiosyncratic string quartet ETHEL.
Kline uses texts by Samuel Beckett and David Shapiro along with passages from the Old Testament, bookending the mass with treatments of two early-American shape-note hymns from The Sacred Harp.
Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students.

MOVIES

We suggest you call for exact show times

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
Carrie, Friday only at 7 p.m.; Patrick, Friday only at 9:30 p.m.; Cedar Rapids, nightly at 7:15 & 9:15 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:15 & 4:15 p.m.; Made in Dagenham, Saturday-Thursday at 9:10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4:10 p.m.; Today's Special, Saturday-Thursday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
Battle: Los Angeles; Limitless; Paul; Rango; Red Riding Hood; The Lincoln Lawyer

THE VARSITY
123 E. Franklin St., 967-8865
Black Swan; Dr. Strangelove; Tangled; The Rite

CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
Cedar Rapids; Somewhere; Made in Dagenham; The King's Speech

THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
Battle: Los Angeles; Mars Needs Moms; Rango; Red Riding Hood; The Adjustment Bureau

FR 4/22 KINA GRANNIS THE ARTSCENTER

TH 4/28 MAN MAN

WE 4/6 BLACK LIPS

TU 4/12 THE BOOKS

FR 3/25 TIM BARRY LOCAL 506

SA 5/7 THE TWILIGHT SINGERS

SA 3/19 HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL

FR 3/18 CARBON LEAF W/KENNEBEC(\$15/\$17)**
SA 3/19 HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL W/BIG PICTURE AND HOUSE OF FOOLS(\$8/\$10)**
FR 3/25 ABBEY ROAD LIVE! PRESENTS "SGT. PEPPER'S MYSTERY TOUR" BEATLES TRIBUTE WITH LIVE HORNS AND STRINGS ORCHESTRATION(\$15)**
SA 3/26 EARLY AFTERNOON SHOW @ 1PM: ABBEY ROAD LIVE ALL AGES MATEINEE:**
SA 3/26 EVENING SHOW: RAUL MALO (OF MAVERICKS)(\$22/\$25)**
SA 3/27 SEBADOH W/RICHARD BUCKNER(\$15)**
FR 4/1 WXYC 80S DANCE(\$8/\$10)**
SA 4/2 THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART W/TWIN SHADOW**
SU 4/3 EASY STAR ALL-STARS W/THE GREEN AND CAS HALEY(\$15/\$17)**
TU 4/5 XV AND DEANS LIST(\$12/\$15)**
WE 4/6 BLACK LIPS W/VIVIAN GIRLS AND GRINGO STAR(\$12/\$14)**
TH 4/7 DESTROYER W/THE WAR ON DRUGS AND SHITHORSE(\$13/\$15)**
FR 4/8 THE MOUNTAIN GOATS W/MEGAFAUNSOLD OUT
SA 4/9 DR. DOG(\$16/\$18)**

SU 4/10 J MASCIS W/KURT VILE AND THE VIOLATORS(\$16/\$18)**
TU 4/12 THE BOOKS CO-PRESENTED WITH NIGHTLIGHT CLUB(\$18/\$22)**
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 MOUNT MORIAH W/THE MOANERS AND FILTHYBIRD FREE SHOW!
SA 4/16(\$15/\$17) THE RAVEONETTES W/TAMARYN**
SU 4/17 MY DEAR DISCO MO 4/18**(\$12/\$14) BRITISH SEA POWER W/A CLASSIC EDUCATION AND NORTH ELEMENTARY**
TH 4/21 BIG KRIT AND FREDDIE GIBBS(\$13/\$15)**
SA 4/23 YACHT(\$12/\$15)**
TU 4/26 YELLE W/FRENCH HORN REBELLION **(\$18/\$20)
WE 4/27 EISLEY(\$12/\$15) W/THE NARRATIVE AND CHRISTIE DUPREE**
TH 4/28 MAN MAN(\$14)**
FR 4/29 PETER, BJORN & JOHN(\$15/\$18) W/BACHELORETTE**
SA 4/30(\$14/\$16) YOUNG DRO, KILLER MIKE, PAC DIV, DEE 1 MO 5/2 PINBACK W/JUDGMENT DAY**(\$14/\$16)**

TU 5/3(\$15/\$17) BROOKE FRASER W/CARY BROTHERS **(\$15) ON SALE 3/18**
SA 5/7 THE TWILIGHT SINGERS W/MARGOT & THE NUCLEAR SO & SO'S(\$15/\$18)**
TU 5/10 UH HUH HER W/DIAMONDS UNDER FIRE(\$13/\$15) ON SALE 3/18**
TH 5/12 THURSDAY W/PYGMY LUSH AND I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT(\$15)**
TU 5/17 JUNIP (ELIAS ARAYA, JOSE GONZALEZ, TOBIAS WINTERKORN) W/THE ACRYLICS**
FR 5/20 MAC MILLER(\$15)**
SA 5/21 THE OLD CEREMONY(\$10/\$12)**
WE 6/1(\$16/\$18) OKKERVIL RIVER W/TITUS ANDRONICUS AND FUTURE ISLANDS**
TH 6/2(\$25) MATT AND KIM W/THE HOOD INTERNET**
SA 6/4 PAUL THORN(\$15)**
TH 5/9(\$15) SONDRER LERCHE**
SU 6/12 JOE PURDY W/THE MILK CARTON KIDS **(\$15/\$17) SEATED SHOW
TU 6/14(\$15) JONNY (NORMAN BLACK FROM TEENAGE FANCLUB) AND EUROS CHILDS (OF GORKY'S ZYGOTIC MYNCI)**
FR 6/16(\$17/\$20) DAVE ALVIN AND THE GUILTY ONES AND LOS STRAITJACKETS**

ALSO PRESENTING
LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
FR 3/18 MR FUNNY PANTS TOUR WITH MICHAEL SHOWALTER
FR 3/25 TIM BARRY W/JENNY OWEN YOUNGS AND JASON KUTCHMA (FROM RED COLLAR)
TU 4/5 CIVIL TWILIGHT W/ATOMIC TOM AND MOTHER/FATHER
SA 4/9 THE CHAPIN SISTERS
TU 5/17 HERE WE GO MAGIC
KINGS (RALEIGH)
TU 3/29 THE DAMNWELLS W/HARPER BLYNN AND HOWARD JENNINGS
SU 4/17 HANDSOME FURS
SA 5/7 WINTERSLEEP
THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)
TH 3/17 TODD SNIDER, THE STORYTELLER
W/GUEST DJANGO HASKINS
FR 4/22 KINA GRANNIS W/IMAGINARY FRIEND
TU 5/17 CRASH TEST DUMMIES
SU 6/5 SAM BRADLEY W/HOLLY CONLAN
LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)
SA 3/26 SHARON JONES & THE DAP-KINGS W/COUNTDOWN QUARTET
DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH)
SU 4/17 MIKE POSNER
WE 5/4 INTERPOL W/COUNTDOWN OF SEVEN BELLS
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Briefs

Planning Board applicants

Orange County is accepting applications for the Carrboro Planning Board. Applicants must live in the town's Joint Planning Transition Area. Members make recommendations to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on the growth and redevelopment of the town.

If interested, apply at www.co.orange.nc.us/boards/ or ci.carrboro.nc.us/AdvBoards/adv-brdapp.htm

Chapel Hill adds parking

The Town of Chapel Hill will add about 180 new parking spaces to the downtown area this year with the acquisition of two lots in the 100 block of South Graham Street.

The town council voted to acquire the property after a parking study showed a severe deficit in parking on the south side of West Franklin Street. The lot will be available for parking in fall 2011.

Carrboro hires economic and development director

Annette Stone has been appointed to the position of economic and community development director for the Town of Carrboro. Stone will replace James Harris, who retired from the position at the end of January.

Stone has 20 years of local-government experience, 12 of which were spent as a city planner in New Bern. She will begin work March 31.

Orange EMS ambulance crash

The driver of an Orange County ambulance has been charged with failure to maintain lane control in relation to an accident Saturday in which four people were injured. The ambulance was involved in a crash on N.C. 86, just north of A.L. Stanback Middle School.

Orange Emergency Services Operations Manager Kim Woodward said three of the people injured work for Orange EMS. One was the driver of the ambulance and the other two were EMTs. The fourth person injured was a patient being transported to a local hospital.

Woodward said it was a "non-emergency" patient transportation and that none of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening.

County opposes no cap on charter schools

The Orange County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday voted to approve a resolution opposing a N.C. Senate bill under consideration that would lift the cap on the number of charter schools.

The bill proposes no cap on the number of charter schools in the state and removes the minimum number of students necessary to form a charter school. The bill would entitle charter schools to a portion of all funds that flow through local public school system accounts, including donations from private entities; reimbursement of expenses, such as activity bus fees and gym rental fees; grants for programs that charter schools do not offer, such as Head Start, More-at-Four and Free and Reduced Lunch; fund balances; and child-nutrition funds, which include fees paid by parents and governmental subsidies.

Both the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County boards of education have adopted similar resolutions.

School budget public hearing

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the superintendent's recommended budget today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

Other items on the agenda include a re-districting plan to relieve crowding at Morris Grove Elementary School (see story on page 1) and changes to the high school exam schedule.

The meeting will be broadcast on Channel 18. For more information or the complete agenda, visit chccs.k12.nc.us

Budget work session

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will hold a budget work session today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Link Government Services Center in Hillsborough.

Items on the agenda include the manager's recommended 2011-16 Capital Investment Plan and the 2011-12 fiscal year county budget.

For more information, visit www.co.orange.nc.us

County approves petition process

The Orange County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday voted to approve a process by which county residents can request to place items on board meeting agendas.

Under the approved process, petitions and similar requests submitted by the public will not be acted upon by the board at the time presented. All such requests will be referred for chair/vice chair/manager review and for recommendations to the full board at a later date.

Weaver Street update

CARRBORO — Work continues on the yearlong project to replace Weaver Street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old sewer line beneath it.

The first phase of the \$1 million project started last week at the eastern end of the road and will work west toward the intersection of Main and Weaver streets, across from Town Hall. Work on the replacement of the water main has already brought Weaver Street down to one lane in the east block.

Starting today (Thursday), the detour on the CW bus route will be adjusted to continue on West Main Street to Hillsborough Road because of the construction. The bus stops at Weaver Street Market and the Carrboro Century Center will be temporarily closed.

Passengers may board the CW bus at the alternate bus stops on Main Street at Jade Palace (west-bound) and on Main Street at Weaver Street Realty (eastbound).

The bus stops on Weaver

Street at Lindsay Street will be temporarily closed. Passengers may board the bus at the alternate bus stops on Main Street at Carrboro Town Hall.

Town officials have said drivers should expect congestion downtown, and suggest using Estes Drive Extension and N.C. 54 bypass for through traffic and Jones Ferry Road as an alternate route into downtown. Visit townofcarrboro.org/WS/ for information and updates.

COUNCIL
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"The two sanitation workers should not have been fired," Barry Freeman said. "The town manager is the problem. The town council should think of finding another."

After hearing petitions from four residents, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward vocalized his own concerns.

"I'm troubled by what I learned and what I heard," Ward said. "I'm

not comfortable sitting here with results as they stand today.

"The system has worked poorly."

Council member Donna Bell expressed her own concerns over the town's appeals process, but reprimanded the protesters for what she perceived to be an inflexible stance, saying, "I'm not doing nothing. But I'm not doing what you say."

"I think we're very close to feeling likeminded," Ward said to the protesters.

Though council members Sally Greene and Gene Pease said they considered Bigelow and Clark's case to be closed, the council voted 5-3 to hold a discussion about the town's appeals process. Kleinschmidt said the discussion may be held behind closed doors.

McSurely then asked the council for all town documents related to the two, including any information gathered since their firing. The council forwarded the request to the town attorney.

Council to move forward with Community House review

The Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday decided to delay finalizing proposed guidelines for a homeless shelter until after it's completed a review of the proposed IFC Community House near the intersection of Homestead Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Residents of neighborhoods near the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service project argued for pursuing guidelines and said they wanted to see tough standards about proximity to parks, ABC stores, day-care facilities and other public places.

Tim CoyneSmith disagreed with delaying the standards until after the IFC's special-use permit application had been reviewed. He said the decision overlooked the opportunity to utilize community input and work of citizens in de-

veloping the guidelines.

IFC executive director Chris Moran said the organization is in agreement with the guidelines and would likely implement most of them regardless of the timing.

The council voted 6-2 in favor of the delay, with council members Matt Czajkowski and Laurin Easthorn voting against the proposal.

Czajkowski said he was particularly worried about a shelter being close to a park. The town's Homestead Park is near the IFC's proposed site.

Council member Donna Bell advocated for moving forward without adopting the guidelines, saying the town was effectively developing guidelines for the project through the special-use permit process. "It will always be a balancing act," she said.

The council is scheduled to open a public hearing on the IFC's special-use permit application at its meeting on Monday. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will be shown on Channel 18.

In other action Monday night, the council:

- increased the budget for the Better Buildings program by \$75,000, reflecting an additional round of federal support. The program provides funding for energy-efficiency improvements by local businesses;

- approved an April 9 fundraising event atop the Wallace parking deck for Kidzu; and

- agreed to name the road to Southern Community Park and the Southern Village Park and Ride lot Sumac Road.

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Briefs

Resource fair

The Orange County Department on Aging will hold its third annual Resource Connections Fair on Wednesday at University Mall. This year's fair is themed "Live well, Laugh often, Love much" and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair features 50 agencies and specialists with wellness screenings, professional insight and expert advice on such issues as assisted living, Alzheimer's disease, Medicare system navigation, financial counseling and legal planning.

Entertainment and refreshment will be provided and a raffle is in the works. Visit orangecountync.gov/aging for information or call the Seymour Center at 968-2070 or the Central Orange Senior Center at 245-2015.

Green eggs and ham

This Saturday, the Carrboro Farmers' Market will offer an iconic green dish for kids of all ages.

In honor of National Nutrition month, Ryan McGuire, culinary trainer for local elementary schools, will be cooking a Dr. Seuss-inspired stir-fried green rice, eggs and ham dish using local produce found at the market that day. The dish, developed with Lantern's Andrea Reusing, has been submitted to the National Recipes for Kids Contest by Culbreth Middle School and has been voted a semifinalist. The event runs from 9 a.m. until the ham and eggs run out.

BBQ & Brunswick stew

Mount Carmel Baptist Church will serve up BBQ and Brunswick stew this Saturday from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

All-you-can-eat prices will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. To-go plates will be available for \$8. Bulk BBQ and Brunswick stew will cost \$7, while bulk hushpuppies and coleslaw will be \$2.

The church is located at 2016 Mount Carmel Church Road in Chapel Hill. For more information, call 933-8565

Earth Action Day

The deadline for exhibitors to apply for booth space at Earth Action Day has been extended until Friday. Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation will present the festival at Southern Community Park on April 9 from noon to 5 p.m.

The event will celebrate sustainable living and will feature interactive activities, live entertainment and a food pavilion. There also will be a new mARTket, an earth-inspired art fair featuring local artists.

Local artists are encouraged to apply and sell their art. The entry fee for nonprofits and artists is \$40, \$75 for commercial organizations. Register at townofchapelhill.org/earthday

Folklore society meeting

The N.C. Folklore Society's annual meeting and awards ceremony will be held April 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gerrard Hall on the UNC campus.

The theme will be "Ain't No Lie: New Stories From Southern Ground." There will be panel discussions, an awards ceremony and a keynote address by folklorists Mary Hufford and Mary Anne McDonald. The event is free and open to the public. More information can be found at ncfolkloresociety.org or by contacting Emily Hilliard at (734) 476-4915 or info@ncfolkloresociety.org

Passport fair

To celebrate Passport Day in the USA 2011, the Carrboro Post Office will hold a passport fair on April 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applicants are encouraged to download an application at usps.com/passport and have it completed but unsigned before the fair. Applicants should also bring proof of American citizenship and proof of identity and should have the original copies as well as photocopies of both sides of the documents. The passport application also requires an identical color photograph of any applicant available at the post office for \$15. For additional information, contact the Carrboro Post Office at 968-4573.

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 customer service and depression.

Dear *HOUSE Calls*, I went to my doctor's office recently and the receptionist said without looking up, "Ma'am, that will be a \$25 co-payment." There was no hello, no eye contact and no welcome. Later I went to get my haircut. When I entered I got a smile, eye contact and a welcome. I feel like I got treated better and paid far less at the hairdressers. What is going on here?

That is a painful reminder of how important customer service is in healthcare. We are sorry for your experience. In a service industry, we must treat our clients with warmth and respect. Patients have a choice of where to go for care and to retain them, we must treat them like the center of our business. They are! A patient who has a good experience feels more comfortable, and is likely to continue a long-term relationship with a doctor and a practice. Such patients may even be more successful

with treatment. This is behind the concept of the patient-centered medical home. Clearly, your experience was not patient-centered, as it did not make you feel comfortable. Thanks for the reminder.

Dear *HOUSE Calls*, I am 55 years old and have had fatigue and headaches for five years. My doctor said that I was depressed. I initially resisted the diagnosis, thinking that I must have something real. I realize that I was depressed, and it is real. I started medication and feel better. Why are we so resistant to thinking about mental illness as a real disease?

Thank you for sharing your experience. This is so critical for others to hear. Fatigue and headaches are common problems that are frequently caused by depression.

Despite decades of research and advances in treatment, there is still stigma associated with mental health problems. The stigma may be socially ingrained, though it's reinforced

by both the popular media and by lack of parity for mental health care coverage. Part of the problem is that mental health problems can't be seen. There is no X-ray, CT scan or blood test to diagnosis depression or anxiety. We know from research that there are differences in brain chemistry and architecture, but we don't have a practical way to test for them.

Depression is very real, and can be more debilitating than a heart attack or diabetes. We are so glad you figured this out and got the help you needed. We want to remind our readers that in addition to medicine, talk therapy, exercise, journal writing and even sunshine can help people with depression.

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.

OBITUARIES

Jocelyn Rosemond

Jocelyn Rhyne Rosemond, known as "Jotty" to many, died peacefully the morning of March 12. Born and reared in North Carolina, she spent her formative years in Asheville. At 16, she and her family moved to Chapel Hill, where she matriculated to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, studying voice and piano, receiving her Bachelor of Arts in music. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and the UNC Glee Club, in which she performed as a soloist on many occasions. She then earned her Master of Education in music and was a music teacher in the Durham County schools

for more than 40 years, where she was awarded Teacher of the Year as well as other accolades.

In 1953, she married the late A.M. Rosemond and enjoyed a devoted marriage for 53 years. They had one daughter, Celia Rosemond.

An avid gardener, Jotty looked forward to spring, when she would tend her garden with care and was a member of the Colony Woods Garden Club.

A devoted wife and mother, Jotty had a tremendous and contagious zest for life. Her positive spirit and enthusiastic outlook instilled happiness and hope in the many people whose lives she touched.

A funeral service is planned for Saturday, March 19 at 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill, with a reception immediately following in the parish hall. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.

Jotty is survived by her daughter, Celia Rosemond, of Chapel Hill; her sister, Elise Thorne, and brother-in-law, Taylor Thorne of Chapel Hill; her brother-in-law, John Rosemond, and wife, Lolly, of Roanoke, Va.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed. Walker's Funeral Home, (919) 942-3861, of Chapel Hill is handling the arrangements for the Rosemond family.

Spring books sales

Robins? Check. Daffodils? Check. Book sales? Check, check, check and check.

There are a few well-know signs of spring, and books sales at the local libraries are among them. Four sales are upcoming:

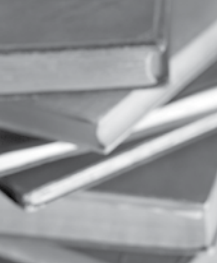
- The Friends of the Orange County Public Library will hold their Spring Book Sale March 25-27 at the new Orange County Main Library on Margaret Lane in Hillsborough. Hours are 4-8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. On Sunday, there will be a bag sale for \$3. On Friday, the sale is for members only,

but new friends can join at the door.

- Weekly Wednesday book sales are back at the Chapel Hill Public Library from 3-5 p.m. Fiction, nonfiction and children's books' prices start at 50 cents with gift quality and current fiction priced from \$1 to \$4.

- Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library are holding their annual sale in the McDoughe Schools' Cafetorium March 19-20. Hardbacks are \$1.50, trade paperbacks are \$1, small paperbacks are 50 cents and DVDs and CDs are \$1.



- The Friends of the Chatham Community Library will host their Spring Book Sale March 31-April 2 at the new Chatham Community Library on the Pittsboro campus of Central Carolina

Community College. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. A listing of rare books for sale can be accessed from the Friends website by clicking on the book sale tab at friendsofthechathamcommunitylibrary.org
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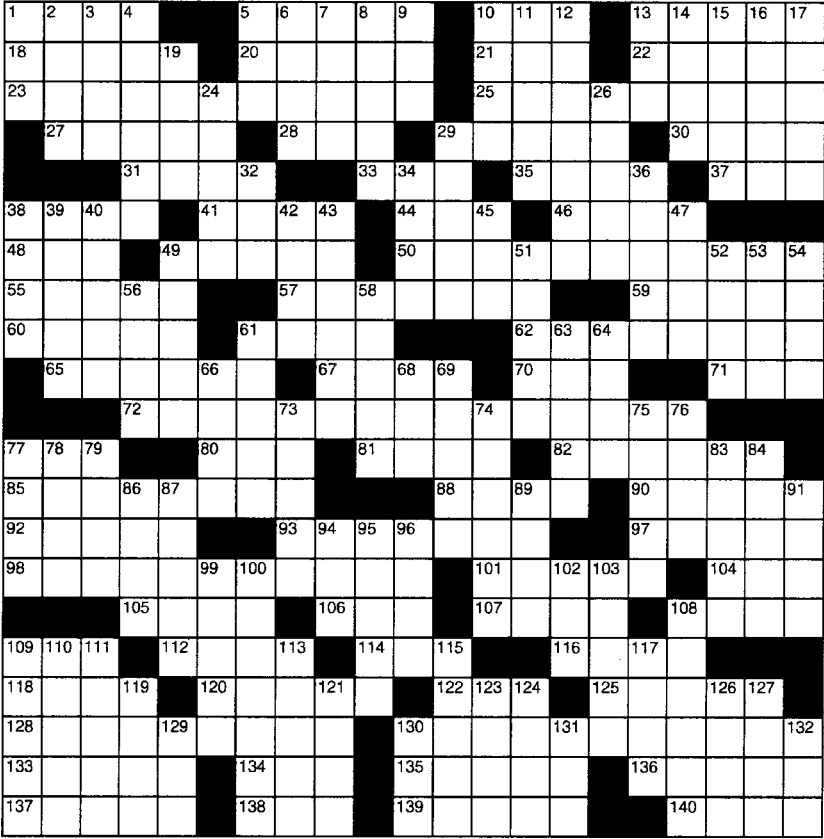
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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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.

"Those Youthful Memories"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Calendar

THURSDAY MARCH 17

The Andersen Project — “Ex Machina” is a one-man show inspired by Hans Christian Andersen’s fables. Memorial Hall, 7:30pm carolinaperformingarts.org

Dr. Emil Kang — To speak on “The Performing Arts: Alive and Well in Memorial Hall.” Seymour Center, 2:30pm Free 968-2070

Cancer Support Benefit — For every Charity Beer sold, \$1 will be donated to Cornucopia. Top of the Hill Restaurant, cancersupport4u.org

Dulcimer Players — Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players to meet at Carol Woods, 7pm

FRIDAY MARCH 18

Contra Dance — Music by The Donnybrook Lads with caller Shawn Brennenman. The Century Center, newcomers’ workshop at 7:30pm, dance at 8pm \$8 csda-dance.org

Choral Program — CHHS concert with a selection of music ranging from the Renaissance through contemporary musical theater. 7:30pm \$6 adults/\$3 students 929-2106

SATURDAY MARCH 19

Kidney Kare 5K — Run and walk,

with a 1/2 mile Kids Kare Run, is scheduled to raise funds for the Kidney Education Outreach Program and Kidney Patient Emergent Need Fund. McDougle Middle School, 8:30am Race info: unckidneycenter.org

BBQ and Brunswick Stew — All you can eat. Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 4-7:30pm \$9 adults/\$5 children

Purim Costume Ball — Presented by Kol Haskalah, a Jewish Humanistic Congregation. All ages are invited to come in costume. Bring a potluck dish to serve 8-12 and a noisemaker. Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4:30pm kolhaskalah.org

Magic Show — “The Deep Magic of Joshua Lozoff,” with music by Reverend B and the WannaBs. United Church of Chapel Hill, 7-9pm \$10 unitedchurch.org

Creative Economy Summit — To celebrate Chatham County Arts. Silk Hope Community Center, 9am-3pm Free

SUNDAY MARCH 20

Susie’s Miracle Fund — Benefit to raise awareness and funds to fight animal abuse. Franklin Street Yoga Center, 1:30-4pm franklinstyoga.com

MONDAY MARCH 21

Adult Book Group — To discuss The Post-American World by Fareed Zakaria. Chapel Hill Public Library, 7pm Free

Getting Ready to Plant — Seth from Southern States Co-operative will lead a discussion on getting ready to plant. Seymour Center, 10-11:30am Donations welcome 968-2056

TUESDAY MARCH 22

ETHEL and Lionheart — String quartet to perform Phil Kline’s “John The Revelator.” Memorial Auditorium, 7:30pm \$20/\$10 Students carolinaperformingarts.org

Wednesday March 23

Senior Resources — Third annual Senior Resource Connections Fair, designed to inform Orange County senior residents and their loved ones about services and organizations available in the local area. University Mall, 10am-2pm 968-2087

Interfaith Meeting — These meetings are open to all who are interested in dialogue and community with people of other faiths and religious traditions. Dhammikarama Buddhist Temple, 7pm Free



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THURSDAY MARCH 24

OCDW Meeting — To commemorate Women’s History Month. Rep. Deborah Ross and Paige Johnson to speak about protection of reproductive rights. OVASA, 7pm 593-1904

FRIDAY MARCH 25

Picasso at the Lapin Agile — By Steve Martin opens at The ArtsCenter. artscenterlive.org

SATURDAY MARCH 26

Great Human Race — 5K run and community walk to benefit summer camp for homeless children. Durham Bulls Athletic Park, 7am registration 683-5878, X28

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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. undineberger.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 chapelhillctcf.org

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Don Faires — Mask maker and storyteller to perform. The Community Church of Chapel Hill, 106 Purefoy Road, March 6-May 1

Send your Community Calendar submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

Sacrificial Poets gives voice to teens



Julia McKeown, fifth from the left, awaits the results of February’s Youth Qualifier. Ten poets, including McKeown, performed original poems at the Hayti Heritage Center.

BY MEGAN GASSAWAY
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Have you ever met the yellow power ranger? Ever held hands with him at the bus stop, or wrestled with him in the basement once? I have. The Yellow Power Ranger and I used to be best friends ...

Julia McKeown stands before an audience of peers, teachers and poetry enthusiasts. The stage is empty except for a microphone. She needs no props or backdrops. Her weapon is her voice.

McKeown is one of 10 teenagers who participated in Sacrificial Poets’ February Youth Qualifier at the Hayti Heritage Center in Durham on Feb. 25. The slam, or poetry competition, is only one of several outlets for Sacrificial Poets.

“It’s a spoken-word poetry organization geared towards youth,” said Sacrificial Poets’ artistic director Kane Smego, 25. “It is a for-youth, by-youth organization.”

According to the organization’s website, Sacrificial Poets

is the state’s only internationally competing youth performance poetry team. Originally called the Chapel Hill Slam Team, the group has since spread to Durham and Carrboro. It hosts events at the Carrboro Century Center, performs at Festifall in Chapel Hill and works closely with poetry clubs at local high schools.

As the group evolved, the team shed the name Chapel Hill Slam Team and adopted Sacrificial Poets, which honors a founding member and close friend of the group, Ira Yarmolenko, who died in May 2008. The name also acknowledges the role of the “sacrificial poet,” a poet who makes a sacrifice by performing a poem that acts as the scoring standard for a competition.

While Sacrificial Poets hosts slams and attends competitions, its focus is on open mics and other non-competitive poetry events.

“Poetry is therapy,” Smego said. “Spoken word is an amazing tool for community building because it helps create bonds and webs of understanding that revolve around who people say they are.

PHOTO BY MEGAN GASSAWAY

“The thing we’re united around, the actual thing we share in common is a mechanism for getting to know ourselves.”

“A lot of my writing comes from my emotions,” said McKeown, who has written about topics including sex and society, race and friendship. McKeown said the poem “Power Ranger” stems from a personal experience and that she hopes that others will relate to her poetry. She moved from the small town of Ashland, Mass., after her freshman year of high school. When she arrived in Chapel Hill, she didn’t know anyone and felt lost.

“I moved to Chapel Hill where standards were so high,” McKeown said. “I felt like I was falling off the face of the Earth.”

McKeown was introduced to spoken word poetry when Sacrificial Poets executive director and founding member CJ Suitt, 24, performed for an English class at Chapel Hill High School. Following Suitt’s presentation, the teacher as-

signed a poetry project to students. McKeown not only wrote a poem for the class — she decided to perform the poem at a local slam.

She didn’t stop there. McKeown continued to write and perform her poetry, and, after coaching from Suitt, McKeown qualified for Sacrificial Poets’ 2010 Final Slam.

The group provided McKeown emotional support, but also gave her a community.

“They support me and validate me,” McKeown said. “There’s an automatic community of people who support you. There’s stomping, clapping, snapping encouragement when you go on stage.”

“Sacrificial Poets empowers youth to tell their stories and speak their truths,” says Mackensie Malkemes, a supporter of the group and a creative writing and English teacher at Carrboro High School. “The focus on both exposing and providing a call-to-action for basically every social-justice issue one could think of is one of my favorite aspects of the group’s work. The members are involved in the community and inspire others to come together to promote positive change.”

“It really is the only one of its kind in the area,” Malkemes said. “I think Sac Po not only encourages people to speak out about pressing societal and community issues, but the

group really serves as a catalyst in producing informed, tolerant, impressive individuals.”

“Spoken word is no rules, and that is so freeing. You don’t have to rhyme and you don’t have to make sense,” McKeown said. “It’s a really good outlet for teenagers to say who they are and not be ashamed.”

I want to remember the 4-year-old yellow power ranger. I want to remember what it was like to have a best friend.

Megan Gassaway 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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FROM THE EDITOR

Heads up

An unfortunate reminder came my way via a friend’s Facebook note detailing a near-death experience involving her and her bicycle and a large truck. In short, the truck’s driver failed to yield, and though there were no serious injuries, this community came all too close to another awful reminder that our awareness of cyclists and pedestrians is not what it should be.

With the lure of wonderful weather, we will see a surge in the number of people taking to the streets by foot or bike. Even though it happens every year, it seems it takes everyone – especially those addicted to driving while distracted – to remember that the roads are growing more crowded and the sidewalks packed with people itching to cross the street. This time of year and the first weeks of the fall semester when the town is full of new residents are when most accidents involving cars and bikes or cars and pedestrians happen.

Please remember this when taking to the streets no matter which mode of transport you choose. And, as always, when you’re wheeling through downtown, hang up the phone and drive like someone’s life depends on it.

A note from next door

Well, Carrboro, the Town of Chapel Hill sends along its hearty congratulations on turning 100 in the form of a nicely put resolution passed Monday by the town council. It reads in part:

“WHERAES, The Town of Carrboro, first known as “West End,” and then “Venable” prior to being named Carrboro after Julian Shakespeare Carr, was incorporated March 3, 1911; and

WHERAES, first established as a mill town, Carrboro’s history began as a small industrial community with Alberta Cotton Mill and State University Railroad; and

WHERAES, Carrboro became known famously as the cross tie capital of the U.S.; and

WHERAES, Carrboro has always been an accepting and diverse community, and was the first municipality in North Carolina to elect an openly gay Mayor; and

WHERAES, over the years Carrboro has become a town defined by a progressive and forward thinking population of students, professors, and professionals enhancing the fun and lively character of its close knit neighboring communities of UNC and Chapel Hill; and

WHERAES, Chapel Hill is grateful for your cooperative spirit, nightlife, restaurants, laid back attitude, fresh produce, locally grown businesses, and for allowing us to dance on your lawn; and

WHERAES, Chapel Hill looks forward to another 100 years of shared community experiences, kinship, UNC sports, excellent food, and late night conversations on the porch; and

WHERAES, we will always think of you as the fun and quirky younger sibling; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council honors and commemorates Carrboro’s 100th Birthday and wishes it another happy and memorable centennial, Happy Birthday!”

Step up

We are separated less and less these days from our fellow inhabitants of the planet and are joined in heart-wrenching sadness when disasters an ocean away reach our eyes and ears.

Many, many people in our community have family, friends and personal connections to the spots ravaged by earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster.

Notes to this newspaper and postings online underline the heartbreak of seeing the damage to the coastal villages of northern Japan from those who walked among once-thriving places now wrecked and full of grief, hunger, cold and despair.

You can visit google.com/crisisresponse/japanquake2011.html for information or to make a donation to the Japanese Red Cross Society. The American Red Cross (redcross.org), Mercy Corps (mercycorps.org) and many other organizations are also seeking funds for immediate and long-term needs. Please step up and help your neighbors.

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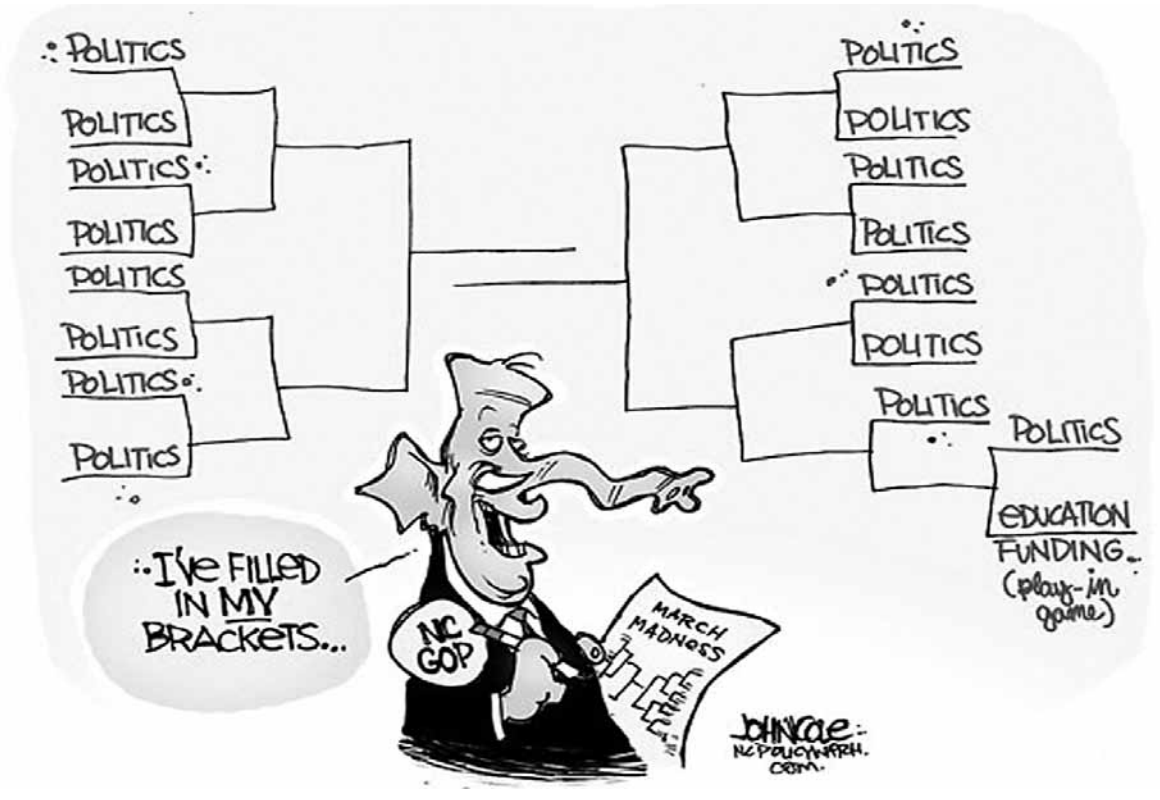
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Community House plans move forward

HERB PAUL

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) has been providing food and emergency housing to the homeless for almost 50 years. Twenty-five years ago, the town of Chapel Hill offered the IFC the Old Municipal Building for use as an emergency shelter. Throughout these many years, the IFC has been blessed with the services of thousands of volunteers and the support of more than 60 local congregations. Nearly 90 percent of IFC’s operating funds are from private sources – foundations, civic and religious groups and many Orange County citizens.

On May 5, 2008, UNC offered to lease a tract of land to the town for the purpose of building the new Community House at 1315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (1315 MLK). The IFC staff and board of directors began work with GGA Architects to navigate the town’s approval process in 2009. In June 2010, we submitted our special-use permit application to the Chapel Hill Planning Department. The IFC is delighted to report that four town advisory boards have unanimously recommended that this application be approved by the town council.

This move will result in significant changes. The Community Kitchen will not move to the new location. The new facility will operate as a step-up program designed to transition 52 men from homelessness to self-sufficiency, which rewards residents with more privacy as they take on more responsibility and make progress on their goals.

The new Community House will be next door to the United Church of Chapel Hill. The two-story building will encompass 16,250 square feet. The first floor will be used for program space, offices, clinics, a large meeting room and storage. The residents will live on the second floor, where there will be a kitchen, dining facilities, storage for personal belongings and restroom/shower facilities.

Men enrolled in the program will be required to maintain sobriety and commitment to our philosophy. They will have individual treatment plans based on their specific needs and goals and will receive job coaching, medical care, mental health services, social services, assistance in applying for disability benefits, etc. It is our aim to promote independence and self-reliance through a model that empowers residents, develops skills, renews lives and reduces homelessness.

Also, until the community is able to provide other emergency housing for homeless men, the IFC will continue to provide up to 17 cots in the first-floor meeting

room on bad weather nights when it is unsafe for homeless persons to sleep outside. Homeless men seeking emergency shelter will be screened offsite and transported daily to and from the new Community House. Strict no-visitors/no drop-in policies and an 8 p.m. curfew for all residents will be in effect.

The road to 1315 MLK has been difficult. The public search for a suitable and permanent location focused on dozens of properties and took more than 10 years to complete. However, once the new location was announced, some residents expressed surprise and skepticism about this news. The IFC welcomed all comments and sought dialogue with concerned individuals, neighborhoods and community citizens. Last spring, we conducted three community discussions for this purpose. As the IFC presented its plan for a new transitional-housing program, we listened to community concerns and recommendations and incorporated a number of changes and improvements not only in the building’s design but also in the program that will be used at 1315 MLK.

At the suggestion of community residents, we have added onsite recreational facilities, including an exercise room, a garden, patio space and a half-court basketball court. The men will learn gardening skills and cooking skills as they manage their own kitchen.

In response to residents’ concerns about safety, the Chapel Hill Police Department suggested landscape changes that would provide improved sight lines to our new facility and better monitoring of activity at Community House and the surrounding grounds. The police have also made a commitment to increase patrols in the area and will enforce trespassing violations for persons in Homestead Park after sundown or before dawn.

The IFC has communicated the clear distinction between transitional housing and emergency shelter. We continue to collaborate with local congregations to assess whether other facilities can be made available for emergency shelter in southern Orange County. Finally, the IFC is preparing a Good Neighbor Plan and will submit it to the town manager for approval prior to building the new Community House.

The board of directors, staff, volunteers, donors and recipients of IFC services look forward to the public hearing to be held on Monday. We are so grateful to our supporters and confident that we will provide even better services for those in need throughout our community if we gain approval for Community House to relocate to 1315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Herb Paul is president of the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service board of directors

LETTERS

Save Chatham bookmobile

Recently, at a Literacy Council fundraiser luncheon, four renowned authors spoke eloquently about the importance of libraries and reading in their lives, as children and as adults. Losing one’s self in a book can be a haven from a difficult life, a way to learn more about our world, a way to process our feelings and emotions. For many of us, growing up without a nearby library is unthinkable. The Chatham County Bookmobile is our local library. And it is a community resource that our tax dollars pay for. While Pittsboro, Goldston and Siler City each has a branch library, North Chatham contains 54 percent of our county’s tax base and only has the bookmobile for a library. For many in the county, driving to one of the other libraries is not possible for a variety of reasons that include infirmity, medical issues, cost of gas and time issues.

The bookmobile has a very small budget considering its range of utility, and if eliminated the total annual savings would be \$27,754. If stops in North Chatham were consolidated to those most utilized by bookmobile patrons, there would be a total annual savings of \$11,638. These monies come from a \$1.5 million library budget. (This budget only supports library materials and salaries.) The bookmobile itself is completely paid for and has many more good years to serve (put in service in late 2003). So the library that serves the largest tax base in the county, as well as people in the outlying areas such as Moncure, as well as daycares throughout the county, seems to be the one that will bear the brunt of the 5 percent cut that the library director and board of commissioners intend to make.

We certainly support the commissioners’ concerns that education for children needs to be supported at healthy levels in this tight economy. However, it is vital to remember that libraries are education and should be supported in the same way that our schools are supported – as an invaluable educational resource. If money is the real issue, our community should have the option to find other ways to fund the bookmobile, including asking the Friends of the Library to make up the lacking funds or hosting a community meeting for creative ideas and input.

This is our community resource. We should have a say in what happens to it. Your Chatham County commissioners and library director can be contacted by telephone, letter, email or by attending a commissioner meeting and signing up to speak.

LUNA MOUNTAINSEA AND JAN HUTTON
Chapel Hill

MS Awareness Week

March 14-20, 2011 is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. Please be conscious of the prevalence of multiple sclerosis in this area and in the United States. There is no known cure or cause of MS. There are many theories and genetic predispositions. But, personally, I believe the prevalence of man-made toxins in our environment are contributing to the extensive amount of autoimmune illnesses such as MS as well as the multitude of cancers in this country.

I have been informed of sewage sludge being dumped on our farmland all over Orange County. This sludge is given free to area farmers and may include, according to the Sewage Sludge Action Network website, “hundreds of dangerous pathogens, toxic heavy metals, flame-retardants, endocrine disruptors, carcinogens, pharmaceutical drugs and other hazardous chemicals coming from residential drains, storm water runoff, hospitals, and industrial plants” along with “antibiotic-resistant bacteria created through horizontal gene transfer.” This sludge is being dumped regularly on farmland in our county.

If you are as concerned as I am, I urge you to contact your congressman to support H.R. 254, the Sewage Sludge in Food Production Consumer Notification Act. This act would prevent food and animal feed from being grown on land spread with toxic sludge.

You never know what cancer or autoimmune disease you may prevent by stopping this practice. Please help stop the spreading of this unspeakable sludge concoction on our local farmland and all over the country.

And please remember this is MS Awareness Week.

DEBBIE L. NICHOLS
Chapel Hill

The wrong site for a library

KATHY ELLIS GUNN

Orange County has petitioned the Town of Carrboro to change the zoning on a parcel of land in Carrboro from residential to fringe commercial so it may be purchased as a future library site. As someone who lives on property adjacent to the land in question, I feel the need to question the choice of this site.

The type of conditional zoning district that Orange County intends is described as a “transitional district designed to accommodate commercial uses in areas that were formerly residential but that may be more desirable for commercial activities due to high traffic volumes and proximity to other non-residential districts.”

Formerly residential? With the exception of Carrboro Elementary School, all of the adjoining property is owned by the people who reside there. There are no other commercial properties on Hillsborough Road. Anyone who has walked or biked down our street will see that this area is definitely not “more desirable for commercial activities” nor does it currently have high traffic volumes.

Also in its petition, Orange County states that “the County has a limited window of opportunity” and that “there is insufficient time available to complete all required submittal components necessary for the Conditional Use Permit Process ... and adhere to our time limitations on making a formal decision.” Since Carrboro has waited for more than 20 years to have its own freestanding library, why the sudden urgency to purchase this particular residential property? Especially since they state in their petition that “the county does not intend to break ground on this project in the foreseeable future.”

What gives? Maybe Orange County should wait for more suitable properties, ones that are located in areas that are already zoned commercial?

I have heard the comment that resistance to this rezoning is a classic case of “not in my backyard.” And I couldn’t agree more. Let’s not have the library in anyone’s back yard – let’s have it in downtown Carrboro, where it can enhance our business district, in the center of our community.

I urge all concerned citizens take a walk down Hillsborough Road and then to attend the upcoming public hearing to discuss these issues on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall. The site proposed by Orange County is ill-suited for our long-awaited library.

Kathy Ellis Gunn is a Carrboro resident.

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The waste we can't talk about

BY VICKY DICKSON
Staff Writer

It doesn't make sense to me. Our representatives in Washington, in a panic over the effects of current spending levels on the country's long-term future, are proposing deep cuts in health and social programs. But they're leaving one of the fastest-growing of those programs, Medicare, alone, despite a Congressional Budget Office projection that Medicare and Medicaid expenses will nearly double their share of

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the GDP in the next 25 years. If lawmakers are so concerned about our future, you'd think they'd be worried about that growth, and also about the negative effects that cutting programs like Head Start and WIC could have on the ability of our children to earn the money that will be needed to keep Medicare benefits coming.

Since cuts are often justified by the claim that they'll merely root out waste, there's further irony in the fact that Medicare spends about \$50 billion a year on medical care for people in their last two months of life. Not all of that money is wasted, of course, but there's no question that a significant amount is spent on futile operations and procedures for patients who are dying. And it's not just the money that matters; too many people are ending their lives in painful, traumatic ways they'd never choose if they were able to think clearly about all their options.

End-of-life counseling can enable that kind of clear thinking. But the hornet's nest Sarah Palin stirred up when she equated such

counseling with "death panels" has apparently made lawmakers loathe to consider funding anything of the kind. So, since our leaders have abdicated their responsibility for ensuring that Medicare funds aren't wasted on operations and procedures that are harming us, we need to take that responsibility upon ourselves.

This became clear to me when my 80-year-old father, suffering from both dementia and severe arthritis, was hospitalized for fainting spells. The spells were attributed to a faulty heart valve, which the doctor who saw him in the hospital told me could be fixed with an operation I would need to authorize. The doctor was shocked when I refused to do so.

Not being my father's primary-care doctor, the attending physician didn't realize the extent of my dad's dementia. The conversation they'd had hadn't lasted nearly long enough for the doctor to understand that his Princeton- and Harvard-educated patient could no longer read a book, remember what he'd told you three or four times in the past 10 minutes, or understand that he was in a hospital. The doctor also didn't know that we'd decided against a recommended knee replacement for my father because his hip-replacement operation had been so traumatic that he had repeatedly asked his nurses to just let him die.

I knew that the valve operation could kill my father, but was more worried that he would come out of it with increased dementia. (When pressed, the doctor admitted that being on the heart-lung machine the operation required often dam-

aged a patient's memory.) My dad was a person who deeply prized his intellect, and I knew how much he suffered over its loss. More importantly, I knew he didn't want to undergo a major operation if he didn't have the capacity to decide for himself, because he'd already said so in his living will.

It's hard to go against a doctor's recommendations, even when you're aware that those recommendations are based on incomplete information. The stress of being faced with a life-altering choice between options you can't fully understand makes it all too easy to simply rely on a doctor's opinion, or to go beyond that opinion by requesting that "everything" be done to try to save a loved one, even though "everything" may well include a highly risky and painful operation your loved one would never have chosen for himself.

It's therefore vital that we all choose ahead of time by making living wills and ensuring that our loved ones also make them. Living wills involve complicated choices, so we should demand that Medicare pay for medical consults that can help with those choices, regardless of whether such consults are labeled "end-of-life" counseling.

In the process, we should make it clear to our elected representatives that we don't want them giving in to right-wing distortions and lies about our health care. And make it clear, as well, that we want them to reconsider the cuts they are proposing to children's programs, since the future the cuts impact belongs to all of us.

Vicky Dickson is a columnist and co-owner of The Carrboro Citizen.

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raises," Andrews said, adding that the county should instead focus on bringing in new businesses.

Marty Mandell said she supports the tax because the county needs the revenue to fund education.

"I think it's the least painful way we can fund schools. If people keep building new houses, you will have to keep building schools," she said.

If approved, the tax would cost residents an additional 25 cents on a \$100 purchase, excluding groceries and medicine. County staff has estimated that the tax would raise \$2.5 million annually.

Most board members have said they would support putting the tax on this November's ballot, but Commissioner Earl McKee said he would prefer to wait until the 2012 primary because the referendum would be

REDISTRICT

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Then at a work session earlier this month, board members appeared to be split on the matter of which segments to move. Parents of students from Segments 40 and 41 spoke against the move, saying that non-proficient students from those neighborhoods had also already been moved.

Segments 40 and 41 include 18 students who moved to Morris Grove when it opened in 2008, while Segment 92 has eight such students.

In either redistricting scenario, rising fifth-graders will be offered the option to remain at

the only item on the ballot this fall for districts outside the municipalities.

McKee said he supports the tax, but that he worried about low turnout in those areas, as well as the additional \$26,000 the county would spend to open precincts that would otherwise be closed.

Others said they were not willing to wait.

"This year the state legislature is likely to take money away from schools' capital," board Vice Chair Steve Yuhasz said. "We are either going to have to let our schools begin to fall apart or we're going to need to find a source of income to make necessary repairs."

"I think each month that we delay costs us \$100,000 or more."

The board voted to continue the public hearing until April 5, when the board could vote on whether or not to put the referendum on the ballot.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to approve

a measure that would allow the Orange Water and Sewer Authority to use its 5-million-gallons-per-day allocation of water from Jordan Lake. The authority can already draw from the lake through Durham or Cary in the event of an emergency, but the change would allow OWASA to use water through its own allocation.

The state periodically reviews the allocations for Jordan Lake. OWASA officials have said they are working with the consortium of Jordan Lake partners to update its information and make a case for the use of the water to prevent the state from reducing or eliminating the authority's allocation.

Chapel Hill and Hillsborough have also approved the measure, but the Carrboro Board of Aldermen balked at the proposal, saying that the additional water wasn't needed and citing concerns about the water quality. Unless Carrboro agrees to the amendment, the change won't take effect.

Morris Grove, but transportation will not be provided for them.

Board Vice Chair Mia Burroughs said she supports moving Segment 92 from Morris Grove.

"I think it best suits the philosophy of the district by balancing schools by [socioeconomic status]," she said.

According to district staff projections, moving Segment 92 would result in greater socioeconomic-status balance between Morris Grove and Estes Hills. Morris Grove is above district average and Estes Hills is below the average. Moving Segments 40 and 41 would result in a lower percentage of economically disadvantaged students for Morris Grove and a higher percentage for McDougle,

which already has more economically disadvantaged students than the district average.

Burroughs noted that she felt the board had two priorities in the redistricting process: to reduce overcrowding at Morris Grove and to make improvements based on values held by the district.

"There are a lot of competing priorities here, and the one thing we know about redistricting is there is never a perfect answer," she said.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall, and the meeting will be broadcast on Channel 18. For more information or the complete agenda, visit chccs.k12.nc.us

Biz Briefs

Children's Store opening

The Children's Store will hold a grand-opening celebration at its new location on Elliot Road on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The celebration will feature games, balloons, cookies, crafts and prizes, as well as a visit from Maisey Mouse, the children's book character made popular by author Lucy Cousins.

The store, which offers a range of educational toys, baby clothing and games, opened in 1977 at University Mall, where it remained until recently, when it moved to 243 S. Elliot Road. The new location is in Village Plaza near Locopops, Great Harvest Bread and Jersey Mike's.

Psychologist expands practice

Counseling and sports psychologist Michelle Joshua recently opened an office at 304 Weaver Street.

Joshua expanded her Raleigh-based practice to better serve the needs of Carrboro and Chapel Hill residents and offers services two days a week in Carrboro. She offers specialized services for a range of clients, including adolescents and adults, athletes and non-athletes. Common client concerns include exercise initiation and adherence, weight management, moving up or down a level in sports, coping with injury and improving performance in competition.

Joshua's office is located in the same building as Balanced Movement Studio.

Ackland to open gift shop

The Ackland Art Museum at UNC plans to open a museum store at 100 E. Franklin St. in early May.

Renovations have begun on the long-vacant space on the corner of Columbia and Franklin streets, with occupancy expected by mid-April. The store will carry an inventory of products related to the Ackland's permanent collection and changing exhibitions, including homewares such as pottery, glass and metalwork; jewelry, textiles and accessories; children's toys and books; and stationary, including note cards and postcards of significant works in the Ackland's collection. It will also offer a range of books.

In addition, a dedicated space will feature rotating exhibitions of original artworks in a variety of media by local and regional artists and artisans. All proceeds from the store will support the Ackland's exhibition and education programs.

Animal Hospital hires stylist

The Animal Hospital recently announced that it will offer the grooming services of certified master stylist Chantal McLaughlin.

McLaughlin has 17 years of experience with certification through the Nash Academy of Kentucky. She blends her profession with her passion by showing and owning American pit bull terriers.

For more information, visit theanimalhospital.biz

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Cindy McMahan, co-owner of Elmo's Diner, said she's worried the project will exacerbate parking problems in the downtown area. She was among several attendees who questioned whether a proposed traffic study could be accurately conducted while Weaver Street is under construction.

At the meeting, board of aldermen member Jacquie Gist agreed to take a request to the

board that the traffic study be expanded to gauge the impact of the project on additional streets.

The town has yet to receive a formal application for the project, which will trigger a formal review and public hearing on the rezoning of the property.

Residents near the project have launched a website — centrofcarrboro.blogspot.com — to track the project and have scheduled a community organizing meeting for April 3 at town hall from 2 to 3 p.m.

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In other action, the board:

- approved an April 26 public hearing for a rezoning for the Veridia subdivision;
- approved a plan for the town to take over maintenance of Department of Transportation maintained streets in annexed neighborhoods on the north side of town;
- approved a loan modification from the town's revolving loan fund for Cycle 9 LLC; and
- set a public hearing on a land-use ordinance change on homeowner-association covenants related to energy and water conservation.

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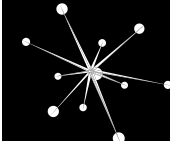
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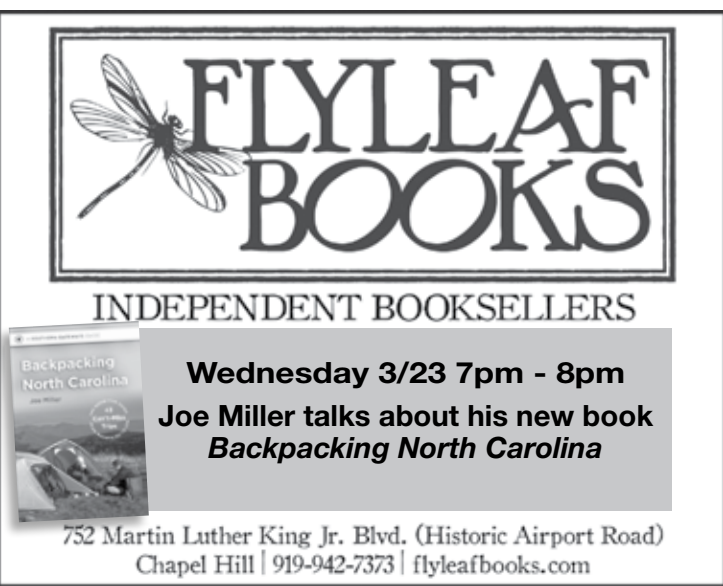
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School Briefs

Scholarship finalists named

Thirty-seven Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students have been selected as 2011 National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Finalists from Carrboro High School are Genevieve Ambrose, Abigail Dennison, Neel Patel, Melina Smith, Louis Vaught, Isaac Warshauer and Lilly Yuan. Finalists from Chapel Hill High School are Kayley Abell-Hart, Pravin Barton, Galen Burns-Fulkerson, Jane Chen, Kaela Cogswell, Morgan Grobin, Rachel Harrison, Paul Noah, Xinbai Pi, Xinxu Qi, Zachary Rubin, Elysia Su and Gray Symon. East Chapel Hill High School finalists are Susan Cavender, Supriya Davis, Katherine Fisher, Zoe Gan, Claire Gildard, Nina Henage, Young-Eun Hyun, Matthew Lee, Abigail Lin, Christine Rheem, Alison Smith, Lauren Starnes, Rachel Thomas, Yvonne Tran, Kristina Vrouwenfelder, Zachary Wiener and Christopher Wolfe.

National Achievers

Thirty-seven students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools were inducted into the National Achievers Society on March 10. The NAS recognizes minority students who demonstrate exemplary academic performance. Students inducted from Chapel Hill High School are: Leah Anderson, Norman Archer, Brinklee Bailey, Ashley Burnette, Ryan Davis, Madisen Dingle, Andrew Grant, Alexander Kelly, K'La Noel, Melissa Obie, Maggie Repass, Armando Rios, Kenyon Ross, Juan Solorzano-Ariza, William Thompson and Anthony Vanhook. Students inducted from East Chapel Hill High School are: Chelsea Contreras, Chelsey Gebo, Bryson Gibson, Justin Harris, Fatima Hedadji, Mohammed Hedadji, Valeria Hernandez, Bria Johnson, Ashley Keaton, Alice Keith, Alexandra Mack, Malika Rauf, Giordan Rose, Jacob Rovner, Christian Saca, Shanice Scott, Aliyah Turrentine, Monica Ulloa, Eduardo Vanegas-Garcia, Aliyah Walker and Patricee Womble.

Students win PTA awards

Four Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students won awards in the state PTA Reflections Contest. This year's theme was "Together We Can," and more than 150 CHCCS students entered the competition at the school level. The winners are Arunangshu Chakrabarty, a fourth-grader at Mary Scroggs Elementary School; Erin Mumper, a fourth-grader at Morris Grove Elementary School; Brooke Shoup, a second-grader at Morris Grove; and Corbin Hunter, a third-grader at Rashkis Elementary School. To see images of the entries, visit chccsreflections1011.shutterfly.com/pictures/8

FPG students create PSA

Students and staff at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School created an anti-bullying public service announcement slideshow to correspond with the White House's March 10 Conference on Bullying Prevention. Under the direction of music teacher Brenda Doyle, about 80 FPG students learned the song "Don't Laugh at Me" to sing for the video. Photos of FPG students and staff are matched to the theme of the soundtrack. To watch the slideshow, visit youtube.com/watch?v=Mp3-6VZAIY4&feature=player_embedded

Students place in DECA contest

Five students from East Chapel Hill High School placed in competitions held at the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State Conference. Donal McVeigh and Tyler Schell placed third in the hospitality-services category. Erica Brennwald and Eleanor Spencer were finalists in the hospitality-services category. Sam Towne finished second in restaurant food-service management.

Resourceful Tar Heels open NCAA Tournament

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

When Carolina started the basketball season 4-3, probably few people imagined the Tar Heels would earn a No. 2 seed in the 2011 NCAA Tournament. Just making the tournament seemed somewhat chancy, given that the Tar Heels had followed their 2009 national championship by playing in the 2010 postseason National Invitation Tournament. Nonetheless, this team has proven to be as resourceful as it is talented. The path that lies ahead will not be easy. Ohio State is the top seed in the East Region, followed by UNC, Syracuse and Kentucky, in that order. "I have loved this team," coach Roy Williams said. "I can go back to the first conference game, when we stunk it up against Virginia, but then we did the tough things down the stretch. That is the way this team has fought all year long." Carolina, despite significant adversity, has continued to better itself. The Tar Heels defeated Duke in Chapel Hill to finish first in the final regular-season

standings. Unfortunately for Carolina, Duke responded by whipping the Tar Heels, 75-58, one week later to win the ACC Tournament. The Blue Devils are seeded No. 1 in the West region, with San Diego State as the No. 2 seed. Carolina and Duke will open the 2011 NCAA Tournament at the Charlotte Coliseum, same as they did in 2005, when Carolina went on to win Williams' first national championship. "I am extremely proud of my team, and I congratulate them on the great run they've had since mid-January," Williams said. "Not many people would have thought that when we left Atlanta [on Jan. 16] after the loss to Georgia Tech [78-58] that we would have won the ACC regular-season championship, played in the ACC Tournament final and earned a number-two seed in the NCAA Tournament. "Now we have to get back to work and play better than we did this weekend in Greensboro." Carolina will open against the



27-5 Long Island Blackbirds (LIU) at 7:15 p.m. on Friday. The Blackbirds landed their berth by finishing ahead of traditional power Quinnipiac in the final Northeast Conference standings and defeating Robert Morris in overtime in the conference tournament. Losing to Duke in the ACC Tournament final will provide additional motivation for the Tar Heels, freshman point guard Kendall Marshall said. "The main thing we're taking away is the feeling we feel right now," Marshall said. "Everybody is hurting. You don't want to feel this anymore. We have to be ready every day." It is difficult to imagine that the Tar Heels won't bounce back and clip the Blackbirds' wings. Versatility has been an ongoing trait of this team. For example, UNC defeated Boston College in the Smith Center 48-46. A couple of weeks earlier, the Tar Heels had beaten the Eagles 106-74.

This has not always been a strong scoring team. Defense has formed the foundation on which Carolina built its 26-7 overall record and 14-2 conference record. UNC's frontline of John Henson and Tyler Zeller have enabled the Tar Heels to push opponents' offenses farther and farther from the basket, turning most teams into jump shooters. Henson was named the ACC defensive player of the year because of his uncanny ability to block shots. The real question with this Carolina team is whether it can regain the momentum that carried it to first place in the regular season. The Tar Heels came from behind to defeat Miami and Clemson to make it to the championship game against Duke. This begs the question of whether this team will turn out like the 2006 version, which peaked in the final regular-season game at Cameron Indoor Stadium. That team lost in the ACC Tournament and then was upset by George Mason in the NCAA. There is no doubt the 2011 team has the talent. Showing the maturity will be the deciding factor.

Students draw inspiration from Frida Kahlo for play

BY SUSAN DICKSON
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It's not often you hear a group of 9- and 10-year-olds discuss the inspiration they draw from art. But over at Carrboro Elementary School, a fourth-grade class has taken that inspiration and turned it into theater. Students in Aida Groby's fourth-grade class, which is part of the Spanish-English dual-language program, first learned about the work of Frida Kahlo in their Spanish class with Charlotte Garza, and next week they'll perform a play about Kahlo. "The play is a little bit about Frida Kahlo's life," said Karis Dean, who co-directs the play with Shaliny Kumar-Hardy. "We all really liked her art. It was just funky and stuff. "Her life was kind of inspiring to us," she added.



Students in Aida Groby's fourth-grade class, which is part of the Spanish-English dual-language program at Carrboro Elementary School, rehearse for a play about Frida Kahlo's life, which they will perform at the school on March 24. Shaliny Kumar-Hardy, left, and Karis Dean, second from left, are the directors of the play. PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

The students said after learning about Kahlo's life, they wanted to explore it more. Their fellow students at Carrboro Elementary had recently performed *Seussical Junior*, encouraging Groby's students to stage a theatrical production of their own. "Ideas can really come to life," Flora Arnsberger said. For the past couple of months, the students have written, directed and rehearsed the play, which they

hope will draw a large audience. The play is mostly in Spanish, with a few parts in English. The students also created their own props and designed their own costumes, which include Kahlo's trademark unibrow. Max Kurzman said he was particularly inspired by Kahlo's self-portraits. "She didn't try to make it seem happy," he said, noting Kahlo's depictions of the difficulties she faced

throughout her life. The play includes several of the obstacles Kahlo overcame, including the pain she endured after an accident. "She almost got killed on a bus," Coleman LeMoine explained. In one scene, students act out Kahlo's near-death experience on that bus. All of the production – including the script for the more intense scenes – has been the work of the students. "I have only supervised," Groby said. "They have confronted some interesting situations." The students said when they encountered conflicts while working on the play, they took a vote to make decisions. "You have to be careful with everyone's feelings," Sarah Warner cautioned. To determine who played which roles in the play – which includes three Fridas and one Diego Rivera – the students conducted auditions among themselves. Those that aren't acting in the play help with props and technical elements. The students will perform the play at noon on March 24 in the Carrboro Elementary auditorium.

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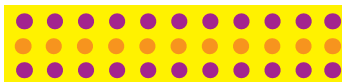
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Spicy-tasting leaves of bittercress make 2-to-4-inch-diameter basal rosettes. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
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Last spring, Wendy Wenck, who manages the Botanical Garden's herb garden, described for me harvesting handfuls of the mustards and enjoying the spicy greens either in a fresh salad or cooked as a potherb. She admitted that it does take lots and lots of handfuls to make even a small dish. Though time consuming, wild foraging, even if only in one's own garden, is enjoyable and frequently a source of fresh vitamins.

Sally gives me a hard time because this bittercress is a naturalized exotic that I should pull. But I don't mind that it

takes over for short periods; being an annual, I know it won't compete well with perennials that move in during the growing season.

I've learned from Sally that we have a native bittercress



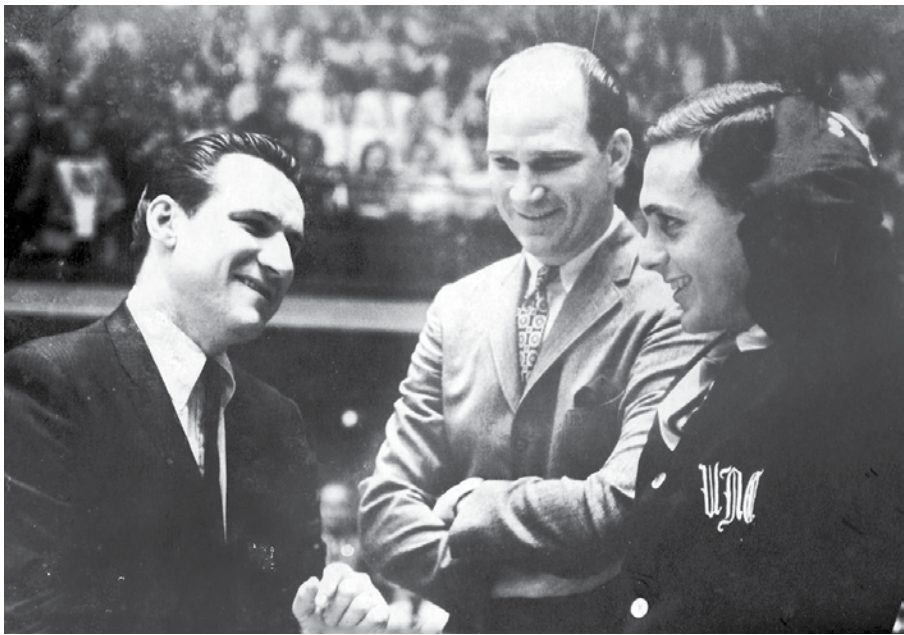
Bittercress can easily carpet disturbed ground. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

growing in our area. Sally is an expert on weeds and I am relying on her to show me the differences between the native and the foreign one.

There's a spot at the Botanical Garden where they are growing together and she's saving them for use in her upcoming Weeds 101 workshop on March 26. In addition to describing how to recognize common lawn and garden weeds, Sally will recommend strategies for eliminating the undesirable ones. She will also surprise you with her appreciation that some plants we consider weeds may be botanical or garden treasures that we simply don't recognize before they are mature.

As so often expressed, one person's flower is another person's weed. So think twice before pulling any unknown plant. It could grow and flower and make you smile.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Dean Smith, John Lotz, Larry Brown, 1965

Looking at my early photos from *The Daily Tar Heel*, it's a wonder they kept me on. But sometimes, with the passage of time, content trumps poor quality, as in this fading image I found recently in a trunk unopened since the mid-'60s. A youthful UNC head basketball coach Dean Smith has a relaxed chat with his two assistant coaches, the late John Lotz, center, and Larry Brown, right. I'm guessing this was shot between games at the ACC Tournament at N.C. State University in March 1965. This also gives us a chance to give a shout-out to the Dean, who turned 80 on Feb. 28. Go Heels!



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