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Clear
72/41

SATURDAY
Clear
74/47

SUNDAY
40% Chance of Rain
68/41

C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Cheerful faces of speedwells are a sure sign of spring.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Little gardens beneath our feet

At the base of the utility pole on the Weaver Street Market corner of Weaver and Greensboro streets

is a beautiful little garden of speedwells and dandelions and other close-to-the-ground, early-spring flowering weeds. There are several of these miniature gardens scattered beneath the big post oaks at the corner.

Signaling spring's arrival, those blue speedwells are flowering now in many yards throughout our neighborhoods. You may even spot patches of blue in the medians as you drive around our towns on Fordham Boulevard.

You may also have them in your yard, but you may move too quickly to enjoy them and the diversity of other flowers scattered there. But if you have one of those turf-grass lawns, regularly maintained with fertilizers and herbicides, you won't have a spring-flowering yard.

To have such a yard, you must set about to cultivate a "freedom lawn." Such a lawn is not really too much of a challenge to create and maintain. To succeed, all you have to do is nothing. Your yard will become filled with all sorts of volunteer plants. In flower now is an assortment of winter annuals that begin growing in the late fall and burst forth with flowers close to the ground in early February. Flowering close down on the ground seems to be an advantage during cold weather.

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New zoning rules could boost range of affordable homes

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Chapel Hill Town Council opened a public hearing Monday night on changes to the town's zoning rules that are designed to increase the types of affordable housing.

At its meeting at Town Hall, the council reviewed a proposed inclusionary-zoning ordinance aimed at expanding the range of housing stock and making more of it available to low- and moderate-income families.

For more than a decade, the council has required developers seeking zoning changes or special-use permits to make 15 percent of a project's housing units affordable. The current system relies mainly on the Com-

munity Home Trust to manage the affordable units created under the town's current system.

Critics of the system in place say it doesn't produce enough multi-bedroom units and does not offer enough flexibility in accepting payments in lieu to cover the rising maintenance costs the trust faces as the affordable-housing stock grows.

Affordable housing has been a long-running concern in Chapel Hill as rising housing costs have pushed lower- and moderate-income families — including teachers, police and service and trade workers — farther from town.

In an overview of the new ordinance and the need for it, former town planning director Roger Waldon, a consultant to the town on the rules,

emphasized the need for a more comprehensive way to achieve affordable-housing goals.

"A large category of the workforce here in Chapel Hill can't afford to live here," Waldon said, "and it has been a community goal to maintain a diverse community and to have people who work here be able to live in the community."

Waldon pointed to a study conducted last year by Stewart Cohen of UNC's Center for Urban and Regional Studies that looked at the housing needs for trade and service workers and others generated by new residential construction.

"The conclusion of that report and many others is that the market is not providing housing for the full range of people who work in Chapel Hill and

would like to live here," Waldon said.

The new rules, he said, would be more thoroughly spelled out for developers and give them more incentive to build to a greater density if more affordable units are included. That would allow them to recoup some of the costs of adding affordable units.

"Developers are able to get some significant density bonuses to help offset those costs," Waldon said.

Although many states use similar rules, only two jurisdictions in North Carolina, Davidson and Manteo, have inclusionary zoning. In Chapel Hill, it is not a new concept. The council formed an Inclusionary Zoning Task Force, led by council member Sally Greene, in September 2005.

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The pipes are calling



PHOTO BY MIKE BENSON

Bagpiper Yance Covington arrives at Southern Rail. Yance led a crowd of revelers on a march through Carrboro on Sunday afternoon. The march is a tradition around St. Patrick's Day for the restaurant.

Morgan Creek Greenway reviewed

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday night reviewed an extensive master plan for additional phases of the Morgan Creek Greenway, including a possible pedestrian bridge under Smith Level Road near Frank Porter Graham Elementary School.

In its meeting at Town Hall, the board heard from engineers working with Chapel Hill and Carrboro on the expanded greenway project. Construction is under way for expansion of the greenway from Merritt's Pasture west, paralleling N.C. 54.

New phases under consideration aim to connect three schools — Frank Porter Graham Elementary, Culbreth Middle and Carrboro High — and more than a dozen neighborhoods. The trail would be paved and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, with natural surface spurs.

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Her own terms

Ashley Osment confronts cancer and the merits of positive thinking

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

Ashley Osment isn't by nature a book-burner. In fact, last month the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch of the NAACP presented its Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award to Osment, a civil-rights lawyer, for having spent her adult life defending the constitutional rights of any and all to live, work and express themselves reasonably undeterred.

But Bernie Siegel, author of the 1986 bestseller *Love, Medicine & Miracles* and coiner of such mass-consumed aphorisms as "The simple truth is that happy people generally don't get sick," makes Osment want to undo it all. After reading one of his books, she says, "I just wanted to have a book burning, of Bernie Siegel's positive thinking."

Not that she ever would. But that she would even consider book burning is testament to the anger Osment sometimes feels, unapologetically, at the twisted victimization to which people with cancer are routinely subjected: The suggestion that if you aren't getting better, it's your own fault, and the attendant commercialization, the commoditization, of her cancer.

"There are just all these demeaning, very gender-based symbols," Osment says of all the pink ribbons and cuddly bears. "Hold this and think positively, because, damn it, you caused your own cancer by not being positive.' That really [ticks] me off."

"I think that you can be miserable," she says, "and it's a mistake to let your misery define your last experience on Earth."



Ashley Osment at home.

PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

There are ways, Osment believes, to express the pain and fear, the despair in contemplating the very real possibility of your 13-year-old daughter growing into womanhood without you along to witness and guide — to carry all those things and allow them to come along with, and better inform, the joy and wonder and vast awareness of yourself that has emerged from this experience. There's room for it all.

And while Osment — 46 years old and two years, eight months now with

cancer — can appreciate the good intentions behind the admonitions she receives most every day to "keep fighting," she would like to make it known that despite how she may verbalize it, she *is* fighting — that six rounds of conventional cancer therapies, chemotherapy and radiation; and the alternative treatments, the high-dose intravenous vitamin C, massive ingestions of nutritional supplements, the fermented soy and repeated fasting — that these should be pretty clear in-

dications that she's fighting like hell.

She'll smile when she can and when she pleases. She smiles quite often. But she'll grimace when the pain in her hip, where the cancer has now spread, overwhelms her, as it has persistently for months now. Sometimes positively, at others pessimistically, she ponders her reality, and here's how she's come to see it:

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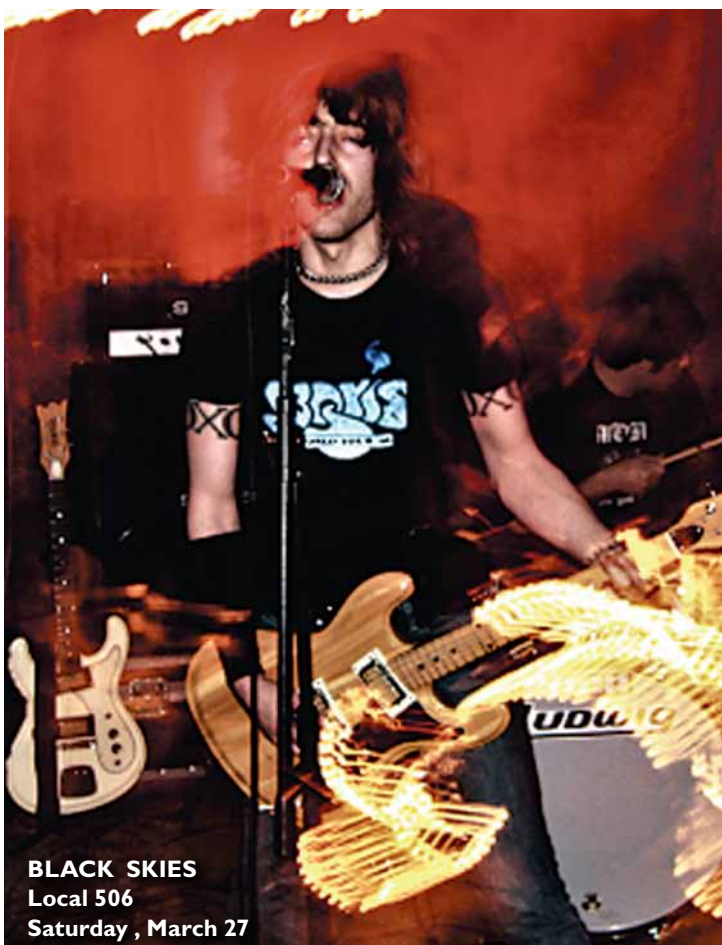
The Citizen celebrates three years

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MUSIC CALENDAR



BLACK SKIES
Local 506
Saturday, March 27

THURSDAY MAR 18

Arts Center: Battlefield Band. 8:30pm. \$25/23

BaDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm

Cat's Cradle: Black Lips, Box Elders. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: LATE: Tauri Wind. \$5

General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7-9pm

Local 506: Guybrarian DJ Nigh. 9pm. Free

Nightlight: Humble Tripe, Mandolin Orange, Clawform. 9:30pm

The Station at Southern Rail: The Toddlers. 10pm

FRIDAY MAR 19

Arts Center: Solas. 8:30pm.

Cat's Cradle: Cuntry Kings. 10pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Jaafar. \$5 LATE: Bitter Resolve, Tantastico

General Store Cafe: Trilogy, Dan and Peggy Lynn Duggan. 8-10:30pm

Harry's Market: Raymond Ward. 7-9pm

Local 506: The Mercury Program, Fin Fang Foom, Antarctic. 10pm. \$8

Nightlight: Drunk Tigers, NAPS. 10pm

SATURDAY MAR 20

Arts Center: Steve Forbert. 8:30pm. \$18

Cat's Cradle: The Rosebuds, Mount Weather. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: Carrbros LATE: The Brand New Life, Dashvara

General Store Cafe: Lonesome Heart Band. 8-10:30pm. \$5

Harry's Market: Gregory Blaine. 7-9pm

Local 506: Athens Boys Choir, 8 Inch Betsy, Pink Flag, Pariah Piranha. 9:30pm. \$7

Nightlight: Billy Sugarfix, Anna Bullard, John Harrison, Houston Brothers. 9:30pm

Open Eye Cafe: Hudson South. 8pm

SUNDAY MAR 21

Cat's Cradle: Deerhunter, Schooner, Free Electric State. 9pm. \$14/16

Local 506: The Strange Boys, Last

Year's Men, Pinche Gringo. 9pm. \$8/10

MONDAY MAR 22

The Cave: LATE: Thee Vicars, Pirate Love

Local 506: Caleb Caudle and The Bayonets, Martha Ann Motel, Israel Darling. 9pm

TUESDAY MAR 23

Cat's Cradle: RX Bandits, The Bulders and the Butchers, Zechs Marquise. 8pm. \$14/16

The Cave: LATE: Bridges and Powerlines

Local 506: The Ruby Suns, Toro Y Moi. 9pm. \$8

Nightlight: Tatsuya Nakatani, Nervous Creep. 9:30pm

The Station at Southern Rail: The Tiny Pyramids. 10pm

WEDNESDAY MAR 24

The Cave: EARLY: Magillas LATE: Sgt Dunbar and the Hobo Banned. \$5

Local 506: Tally Hall, Jukebox The Ghost, Skybox. 9pm. \$10

Nightlight: Mon Khmer, Veelee, Mt. Weather, Savoir Adore. 9:30pm. \$6

Reveoir: Ampline, Daikajui, Blood Red River

THURSDAY MAR 25

BaDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm

Carolina Theatre -Durham: Joanna Newsom

Cat's Cradle: The xx, jj, Nosaj Thing. 9pm. \$14/16

General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck Quartet. 7-9pm

Local 506: Shearwater, Wye Oak, Hospital Ships. 8:45pm. \$10/12

Nightlight: Dirty Little Heaters, Psychedelic Horseshit, Shit Horse. 9:30pm. \$6

The Station at Southern Rail: Killer Filler. 10pm

FRIDAY MAR 26

Cat's Cradle: The Soft Pack, Nodzzz, Beaters. 8:45pm. \$10

The Cave: EARLY: Stillhouse Hol-low. \$5 LATE: Transportation, Minor Stars.

General Store Cafe: Animal Aid for Haiti and Guardians of Angels. Music by BackBeat. \$10

Local 506: Max Indian, Ryan Gustafson, The Light Pines. 9:30pm. \$7

Open Eye Cafe: Alexi Paraschos. 8pm

SATURDAY MAR 27

Cat's Cradle: Reggae Relief for Haiti with dub Addis, Jamrock, Mickey Mills and Steel, Arif, Curry Don, Sparkles of Positively Nelson, D.H.I.M Reggae Band, The 7 Experience, Truth and Rights. 9pm. \$10

The Cave: EARLY: Rodi Ray LATE: Jo Gore and the Alternative

Durham Performing Arts Center: Wilco

General Store Cafe: Carla Wilson Band. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: Death Came Down The Mountain, Black Skies, Rural Swine, Skull Buckle. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Sawyer/Goldberg Ensemble. 8pm

The CAROLINA THEATRE
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Film Schedule Friday, March 19 - Thursday, March 25
Fri 3/19 Retrofantasma Film Series
Lifeorce - 7pm / Killer Klowns From Outer Space - 9:30pm
The Ghost Writer
Nightly 7:10 & 9:35pm/Sat & Sun Mat 2 & 4:30pm
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LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

Green Zone; She's Out of My League; Shutter Island; Alice in Wonderland; The Hurt Locker

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

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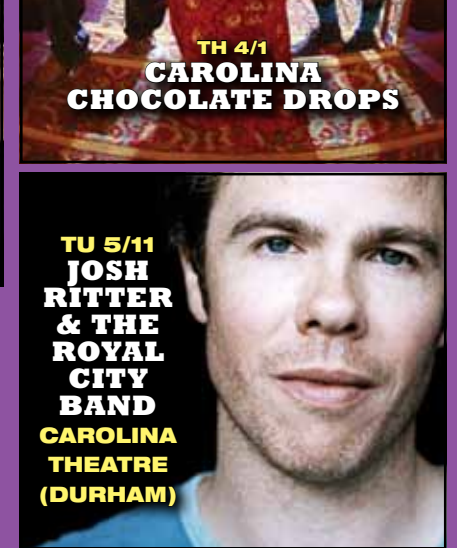
Green Zone; Shutter Island; Percy

Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief; Alice in Wonderland; She's Out of My League; Valentine's Day

VARSITY THEATER

123 East Franklin St., 967-8865

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom; The Blind Side; The Breakfast Club



TH 3/18 THE BLACK LIPS
W/BOX ELDERS**(\$10/\$12)
FR 3/19 CUNTRY KINGS(\$8/\$10)**
SA 3/20 [CANCELLED: THE ROSEBUDS]
SU 3/21 DEERHUNTER
W/SCHOONER AND FREE ELECTRIC STATE**(\$14/\$16)
TU 3/23 RX BANDITS
W/THE BUILDERS AND THE BUTCHERS AND ZECHS MARQUISE**(\$14/\$16)
SOLD OUT 3/25 THE XX
W/jj AND NOSAJ THING
FR 3/26 THE SOFT PACK
W/NODZZZ AND BEATERS**(\$10)
SA 3/27(\$10)**
REGGAE RELIEF FOR HAITI DUB ADDIS, MICKEY MILLS, JAMROCK, TRUTH & RIGHTS, MORE
MO 3/29 KING KHAN & THE SHRINES(\$14/\$16)**
W/THE FRESH AND ONLY
TU 3/30 MAJOR LAZER
W/RUSKO**(\$15/\$17)
TH 4/1 CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS(\$15)**
FR 4/2 THE BIG PINK
W/A PLACE TO BURY STRANGERS**(\$13/\$15)
SA 4/3 MIDLAKE
W/JOHN GRANT**(\$12/\$14)

SOLD OUT SU 4/4 YEASAYER
W/JAVELIN**(\$14/\$16)
MO 4/5 TED LEO AND THE PHARMACISTS
W/SCREAMING FEMALES AND PINK FLAG**(\$13/\$15)
TU 4/6 WIZ KHALIFA
W/YELAWOLF**(\$12/\$14)
WE 4/7 MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA
W/THE FEATURES, BIFFY CLYRO AND O'BROTHER**(\$14/\$17)
TH 4/8 TEMPER TRAP
W/KISSAWAY TRAIL**(\$12/\$14)
FR 4/9 BOWERBIRDS
W/MIDTOWN DICKENS AND VEELEE**(\$12)
SA 4/10 COREY SMITH
W / SONS OF BILL**(\$15/\$20)
TU 4/13 MONOTONIX
W / THE THERMALS, PAST LIVES AND BELLAFEA**(\$12/\$14)
WE 4/14 ROMAN CANDLE
W/RAVENNA COLT**(\$10/\$12)
TH 4/15 ALLEN MASK
W/ADDICTIVE NATURE**
FR 4/16 JEDI MIND TRICKS(\$16/\$18)**
SA 4/17 WXYC 80s DANCE
WE 4/20(\$10/\$12) NEW MASTERSOUNDS**
W/SALVADOR SANTANA

WE 4/21 JAY CLIFFORD(\$12/\$15)**
TH 4/22 NEEDTOBREATHE
W/WILL HOGE AND MATT HIRES**(\$15/\$18)
FR 4/23 THE OLD CEREMONY(\$10/\$12)**
ENTER OUR POSTER DESIGN CONTEST!
SA 4/24 EDWARD MCCAIN(\$15/\$20)**
SU 4/25 FRIGHTENED RABBIT**
MO 4/26 QUASI
W/LET'S WRESTLE**(\$10/\$12)
TU 4/27 [CANCELLED: GOSSIP]
FR 4/30 KAKI KING
W/AN HORSE**(\$15)
SOLD OUT SA 5/1 BEACH HOUSE
W/WASHED OUT**(\$12/\$14)
MO 5/3 DAVE BARNES
W/BEN RECTOR**(\$15)
WE 5/5 THE ALBUM LEAF
W/SEA WOLF**(\$12/\$14)
TH 5/6 KASHMIR**
(LEB ZEPELIN TRIBUTE)
FR 5/7 MEGAFALUN
W/MOUNT MORIAH, GREAT WHITE JENKINS**(\$10)
SA 5/8 STEEP CANYON RANGERS(\$12)**
TU 5/11 SHARON JONES & THE DAP KINGS(\$25)**
WE 5/12 CARIBOU(\$12/\$15)**

FR 5/14 NEIL DIAMOND ALL STARS
W/NEW TOWN DRUNKS**
SA 5/15 CD RELEASE PARTY LOST IN THE TREES
W/OLD BRICKS**(\$10/\$12)
SU 5/16 ELUVIUM(\$10/\$12)**
W/JULIANNA BARWICK
TH 5/20 THEE SILVER MT. ZION MEMORIAL ORCHESTRA(\$13/\$15)**
FR 5/21 [CANCELLED: ENGLISH BEAT]
SA 5/22 RAILROAD EARTH
W/THE INFAMOUS
STRINGDUSTERS**(\$20/\$23)
SA 5/29 CONVERGE, HARVEY MILK
W/GAZA, LEWD ACTS, BLACK BREATH**(\$15)
WE 6/2 OF MONTREAL
W/NOOT D'NOOT, JAMES HUSBAND**(\$22)
TH 6/3 REVEREND HORTON HEAT, CRACKER
W/LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS**(\$20/\$22)
FR 6/18 IRIS DEMENT(\$28/\$30)**
MO 6/21 SAGE FRANCIS (W/BAND) W/FREE MORAL AGENTS, B DOLAN(\$18/\$20)**

ALSO PRESENTING
LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
TH 3/25 SHEARWATER
W/WYE OAK AND HOSPITAL SHIPS
SA 5/22 MATT POND PA
W/BOBBY LONG
CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM)
TH 3/25 JOANNA NEWSOM
W/JENS HANNEMANN
TU 5/11 JOSH RITTER & THE ROYAL CITY BAND
DPAC (DURHAM)
SA 3/27 WILCO SOLD OUT
DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH)
TU 4/6 ARCTIC MONKEYS
W/SLEEPY SUN
MILLENNIUM CENTER (WINSTON)
WE 4/7 WEEN
ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)
WE 4/14 TODD SNIDER
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News Briefs

Robinson memorial clinic inoculates 62 against flu

Orange County health officials report that 62 individuals received 82 H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations at last weekend's free flu shot clinic at Carrboro Town Hall held in honor of the late Tom Robinson.

The county will continue to offer free vaccinations at the following times and locations:

- Hillsborough – 300 W. Tryon St. Tuesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Chapel Hill – 2501 Homestead Road Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

March is chlorine month

If you notice that your tap water tastes a little different, please note that March is the month when the Orange Water and Sewer Authority switches from its usual chloramination disinfection process to chlorine. The utility will switch back to its usual process on April 1, but residents may still experience the taste difference through the early part of the month.

Life without parole

Louis Ephraim Wilson III was sentenced Friday to life without parole after being convicted of first-degree murder in the bludgeoning death of Tracey Baldwin in May 2007. Baldwin, 38, was attacked and brutally beaten in her home in Chatham Subdivision. An autopsy revealed she had been sexually assaulted, strangled, bound with fishing line and bludgeoned to death. An investigation by the Chatham County Sheriff's office and the SBI produced DNA, phone records and fraudulent transactions with the victim's credit cards that tied Wilson to the crime.

Towns, UNC agree on Google plan

Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC will coordinate an application to Google to be a pilot area for the Internet search giant's high-speed fiber optic project.

The company is seeking local government partners to assist in the installation of a faster network infrastructure. The local partnership is one of several in North Carolina and dozens nationwide vying for the projects.

At a public forum at Chapel Hill Town Hall Monday, residents encouraged the towns and UNC to push for the project, saying it could attract new businesses and improve productivity and competitiveness.

Arrest made

The Orange County Sheriff's office announced the arrest Tuesday afternoon of Larry Johnson Edwards at #16 Alston Drive in the Dogwood Acres neighborhood. Edwards was wanted for two counts of second-degree sexual offense and one count each of assault with a deadly weapon, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury and first-degree kidnapping. Edwards is being held in the Orange County Jail under \$500,000 secured bond.

Greenways discussion continues

CARRBORO – The tension that's been brewing in the community over the proposed paved path along Bolin Creek broke out among members of the Carrboro Greenways Commission at Town Hall Monday night. The commission met to discuss the Greenways Inc. report that supports creekside paving, and disagreement arose after commission member Salli Benedict requested that her response to the report be submitted to the Carrboro Board of Alderman as a minority opinion. Commission chair George

Daniel objected on procedural grounds. "We're not restructuring the process to suit the concerns of one member," he said. Commission member Dave Otto pointed out that the concerns Benedict wanted to bring up already had been published in the newspaper.

But Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, board liaison to the commission, emphasized that the parts of the greenways proposal that included creekside paving had been taken off the table by the board of alderman and that it was important that

Benedict be allowed to share her concerns. Others supported that view, and Benedict was allowed to read her response.

Benedict's concerns, which are also those of the advocacy group Save Bolin Creek, include the report's lack of consideration for alternative path routing, especially given Carolina North's commitment to building bike lanes to connect the Carolina North campus with central campus. She said the report underestimates the disturbance to wildlife, vegetation and water quality that

would result from the heavy machinery required for pavement construction. And she questioned whether as a community Carrboro should ask for an exception from the Jordan Lake Rules, which prohibit disturbance within 30 feet of a stream bank, in order to build a paved bike path.

Commission member Robert Kirchner motioned to include Benedict's written response in the minutes and table the Greenways discussion until the next meeting. — *Staff Reports*

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In other action, the board received one significant change in the new rules would be to provide units that are affordable to people making 65 percent of the median income of Chapel Hill. The current system sets the affordability threshold at 80 percent of the median income, or \$57,050.

Greene and others have argued that in order to include the types of households the town wants to assist, the threshold has to be lowered.

At Monday's meeting, Greene said one problem left to be solved is how to guarantee that the lower-priced units don't end up as

one-bedroom units, as they often do now.

Council member Jim Ward said he also wanted to see the types of units expanded, saying too many units are smaller, one-bedroom ones. The council, he said, needs greater flexibility.

"Maybe it should be 15 percent of bedrooms," Ward said, "or 15 percent of bathrooms or 15 percent of value. Fifteen percent of units is not getting us where we need to go."

Ward said he was in general support of the plan, but wanted to make sure the units would be kept affordable in the long run.

Greene said that the town likely would have to do more oversight of the units to make sure that deed restrictions on

pricing would be adhered to with each sale.

The new rules also try to maintain affordability over time through design, such as providing for wider doorways and other features that would allow people to retain their homes longer.

Richard Duncan of NC State's Center for Universal Design, who encouraged the task force to look at design issues, said lower-income earners can have trouble staying in the same home because of the cost of upfitting it as it grows older.

The council is expected to take up the ordinance again as early as next month and will continue to take public comment on the plan, which is on the town's website at townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1298

In other action Monday night, the council reviewed a special-use permit for Murray Hill, a 15-unit development on a 1-acre lot on Meadowmont Lane near the Meadowmont Wellness Center. The development includes two affordable-housing units and a \$21,250 payment in lieu.

The council also reviewed a concept plan by the university foundation for a 90,000-square-foot expansion of the Kenan-Flagler School of Business Rizzo Conference Center on Dubose Lane at Meadowmont. The expansion would add space for the school's executive-development, continuing-education program, along with 80 additional guest rooms and 168 parking places.

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MONDAY
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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
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\$5.00 BaDa Tea

THURSDAY
Live Music with
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\$3 Pints (All drafts are from NC)

FRIDAY
\$3 Micro-Bottle
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- Todd Snider • WED 4/14
- Triangle Jazz Orchestra (free shows)** • WED 5/5 and WED 6/2
- Laurence Juber • FRI 6/4
- One Leg Up • FRI 6/25
- Kevin Welch • SUN 6/27

CELTIC CONCERT SERIES:

- Battlefield Band • THU 3/18
- Solas • FRI 3/19

UPCOMING THEATRE:

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Community Briefs

Gazebo to be dedicated in memory of Rebecca Clark

A gazebo at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery on the corner of Country Club and South roads will be dedicated to the memory of the late Rebecca Clark during a ceremony to be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

Clark, a longtime advocate for civil rights and on behalf of university workers, died Jan. 3, 2009. She was 93. Among her many efforts were improving the town's cemeteries, especially the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Street Scene turns 25

Street Scene Teen Center in downtown will celebrate its 25th year in operation with a special event this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. featuring photography, art, music and more from its 25 years of history. Food and refreshments will be available at the free event, which is open to all teens and everyone still a teenager at heart. The center is at 179 E. Franklin St., under the courthouse and post office on the corner of Franklin and Henderson streets.

From Kansas to Carrboro

In time for the windy season, Century Center Cinema is presenting the 1939 classic *The Wizard of Oz* on Friday, March 26 at Carrboro's Century Center. Musician Jeff Hart and friends will open the evening with rootsy versions of the classic Oz songs.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with live music starting at 7 and the film at 7:20. (Bring your iPod if you want to do the Dark Side of the Moon thing; recommend to start the album on the third roar of the MGM lion.)

Cost is \$4 per person with free popcorn and soda. For information, centurycentercinema.com

Schizophrenia symposium

The UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health will host the 17th annual STEP Symposium, "Putting It Together: Integrating Evidence-Based Approaches to Treating Schizophrenia" on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the William and Ida Friday Center, 100 Friday Drive in Chapel Hill. Registration is \$25; an optional lunch is \$10. Pre-registration is encouraged. Continuing education credits for physicians and other mental health professionals are available. For more information or to register, visit unccmh.org or contact Janice Linn at 966-8990 or jlinn@med.unc.edu

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, MAR 18

Auditions — The ArtsCenter will hold auditions for the 9th Annual 10 By 10 Festival in the Triangle, an international festival of 10-minute plays; Steve Martin's Picasso at the Lapin Agile; and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (rights pending). Actors ages 10-adult contact Emily Ranii for an audition slot theatre@artscenter-live.org or 919-929-2787 ext 221.

Movie/Book Club — discussion of Thomas Cobb's "Crazy Heart." Carrboro Cybrary. 7pm

Coffee Brewing Equipment Class — Open Eye Cafe. 7pm. Free. RSVP coffeescott@gmail.com

FRIDAY, MAR 19

CHHS A Capella Benefit Concert — Lucky 13, Chapel Hill High's girls a capella groups is hosting a benefit for Rock Against Cancer. Rock Against Cancer brings the healing power of music to children battling cancer. Groups from colleges and high schools across the country will perform including the UNC Clef Hangers, The Loreleis, and Ear Candy, The Achordants, Hanes Theater. 7:30pm. \$7 adults, \$5 students

Contra Dance — Carrboro Century Center. Music by The Donnybrook Lads, caller Diane Silver. Lesson at 7:30pm, dancing 8-11pm. Info: www.ccsda-dance.org

Meet the Author Tea with Valerie Schwartz — Chapel Hill Public Library. 3:30pm

SATURDAY, MAR 20

Carrboro Farmer's Market — Change in hours: 7am-noon

Food Drive — The Forest At Duke retirement community will be holding a huge Food Drive to help students at the North Carolina School of Science and Math achieve the Guinness World Record for the largest single day food drive by a non-charitable organization. Info: 919-419-4007

SUNDAY, MAR 21

Lecture at CHICLE — Sonia Dolutskaya from Duke University will be lecturing on "Social and Environmental Activism and Protests in Russia and Mexico" 5pm

Women's Sacred Drum Circle — For women of all levels of drumming experience. Bring your own drum or use what is provided. For information contact Stacy Shelp at stacyshelp@gmail.com. 7-8:30pm

MONDAY, MAR 22

Free HINI and Seasonal Flu Clinic at Chapel Hill YMCA — Sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA and the Orange County Health Department. 7am-7pm. 980 MLK Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill

TUESDAY, MAR 23
Sen Ellie Kinnaird — To speak about Human Trafficking at Carrboro United Methodist Church. 7pm

THURSDAY, MAR 25

Friends of Downtown — Great Room of Top of the Hill. Presentation by Gordon Merklein, UNC Executive Director of Real Estate and John McColl, EVP - Development, Office Leasing and Asset Management. Coffee at 9:30am, meeting at 10am

FRIDAY, MAR 26

Contra Dance — Carrboro Century Center. Music by The Avant Gardeners, caller Louis Cromartie. 7:30pm lesson, 8-11pm dance. \$9. Info: www.ccsda-dance.org

Music in My Soul — Quilts by the African-American Quilt Circle will be featured. Pacifica Soft Art Gallery through May 2, 2010

SATURDAY, MAR 27

Get Real and Heel 5K Walk — Benefiting breast cancer after-care program. Info: tdonnel@bhspa.com. \$12 walk/\$15 run

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

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

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

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

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday at Weaver St Market in Carrboro. 9:15am. Information: Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn (932-1411)

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays at Binkley Baptist Church. 9:30-11am

Breastfeeding Cafe — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from 1-2pm at The Red Hen. A La Leche representative will provide information and answer questions.

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

Wish Granting Volunteers Needed — Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina needs Wish Granters to visit the family and help determine the wish of the child while explaining wish procedures and using their creative side to make the wish truly magical. Wish Granters see first-hand the impact a wish can make on a child with a life-threatening medical condition! For more information, contact Lisa at 919-821-7111 or lbrinkerhoff@eastncwish.org

GREENWAY

FROM PAGE 1

In his presentation to the town, engineer Dan Jewell with Durham-based Coulter Jewell Thames said topography concerns would make a direct connection to Carrboro High difficult, and an alternate route is being explored. Steep slopes also will make work from the elementary school west more difficult.

Also on Tuesday night, the board opted to extend the town's contract for banking services with Bank of America for six months in order to give the town staff and the board more time to review the impact of a proposed switch to a more local bank.

In other action, the board:

- received an update on transportation planning for Carolina North;
- adopted a resolution in support of the effort to stop coal use at the university's Cameron Avenue co-generation plant;
- approved a modification for the Claremont subdivision to build three single-family homes on a site intended for six townhome units;
- approved a rezoning request on 500 N. Greensboro St. to allow for its use by Balance Studios;
- approved a sidewalk construction project in conjunction with the N.C. Department of Transportation on Elm Street;
- appointed Mayor Mark Chilton to the greenways commission and reduced the size of the board from 15 to 12 members. The slots eliminated include two of the four slots designated for representatives of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system and three alternate members, all of which are unfilled. The move changes the quorum on the committee from eight to six members.

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22 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
23 She's not a bleached blond, she's ...
26 Tear
27 Walk confidently
28 Composer Albeniz
29 Stevenson scoundrel
30 Singer Sumac
31 Fill to the gills
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42 Raven maven?
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48 She's not old, she's ...
54 Conductor's concern
55 "Nidre"
56 Right-fielder Tony

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50 Nick of "Cape Fear"
51 NYC power co.
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61 Tree house?
63 Lipstick mishap
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91 Turner and Koppel
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102 Worth
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109 Essential
111 Crop up
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114 Press
115 "So — You" ('77 song)
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118 First name in tennis
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125 Coach
126 Word with carpet or cabbage
127 Aussie walker
128 "Great Expectations" character
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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM 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.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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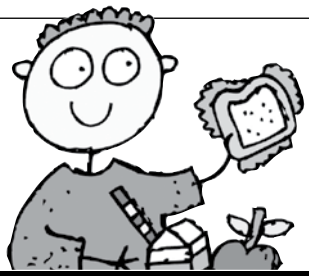
Aragon is a 1.5-year-old Rottweiler mix. We don't know what the start of his life was like, and if he could tell us he would. It must of have been a rough one, because he can be nervous about strange nosies, and can get spooked out. He was very malnourished when we got him; we could see his hip bones and count his ribs. When he gets nervous, he gets the most pitiful face and shakes, and waits for one of his human friends to tell him it's ok. Once he realizes it was just a silly noise, he calms back down. He has been getting much better about this, and we believe soon he will be much more confident. He has also been putting on some pounds and looking better every day! He loves playing with most of the female dogs here, but doesn't seem to want to be friends with any of the male dogs. He is learning about house training and soon he will be 100% there. He is also working on his leash manners, and getting better day by day. He has mastered "sit" and loves to show off how well he knows his new move. Aragon is a diamond in the rough, and will quickly be as distinguished as his name. Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FRI 3/19 — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Sloppy Joe on a Wheat Bun; Garden Salad; Seasoned Green Beans; Chilled Strawberry Applesauce

MON 3/22 — Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Taco Salad w/Salsa, Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato; Spanish Rice; Sweet Yellow Corn; Apple Halves

TUE 3/23 — Mozzarella Cheese Sticks; w/Marinara Dipping Sauce; "Fun on the Run"; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Apricot

WED 3/24 — Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza; Tuna Salad w/Lettuce, Tomato & Crackers; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Steamed Broccoli; Fresh Banana

THU 3/25 — Ham & Cheese Sub on a Wheat Bun; Chicken Tetrazzini w/Wheat Roll; "Fun on the Run"; Cinnamon Mashed; Sweet Potatoes w/Apples; Seasoned Lima Beans; Chilled Pears

FPG brings reading to life

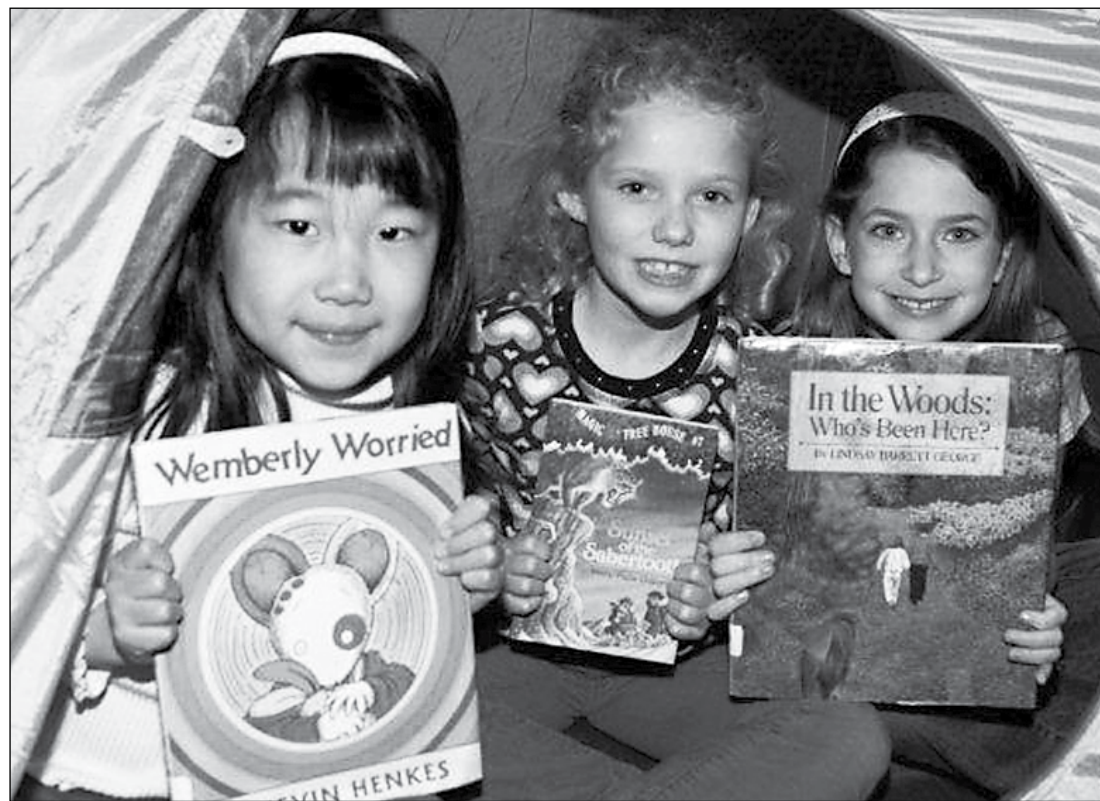
BY KATE GRIESMANN
Staff Writer

Students at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School took advantage of an extra hour of daylight Monday by attending the school's Readathon night. The Readathon has been an annual event at FPG for 12 years, but this was the first time a family night was included in the two-week fundraiser.

This year's Readathon theme was "Reading Adventures in Your Backyard," and, fittingly, the school media center became an outdoor adventure-land filled with tents, canoes, kayaks and even an indoor campfire. The sound of crickets filled the air and the walls were decorated with scenes of mountains.

"What better way to infuse the library than to transform it?" said school librarian Kathryn Cole. "Kids who do not like to read are begging to come down so they can read in the tents and canoes."

Certainly the media center was a popular place Monday night. In every corner, students paired up with parents or friends to read books by flashlight or lantern. Second-grader



From left to right, FPG second-graders Ashley Hong, Madeline Brooks and Parker Zinn show off what they've been reading in Cole's Campground.

Leah Hurwitz climbed into the stern of a canoe while her mother took the bow.

"I like to read over there," Leah said, pointing toward a cluster of tents and canoes on the far side of the media center. "But I usually don't get to

because I'm slow at picking books."

Family night also included storytelling by local children's authors Amy Odom and Rosemarie Gulla, show-and-tell with rehabilitated wild animals by the Piedmont Wild-

life Center and a bake sale. Parents were offered ideas on how to support reading at home through BookFlix, an online reading program available to FPG students. The Chapel Hill Public Library also was on hand to sign fami-

lies up for library cards.

Second-grader Rachel Grau attended family night with her mother and sister. "So far I've read about four hours," she said of Readathon. "My favorite part of tonight was getting to see the animals in the science area."

Readathon is consistently the school's most successful fundraiser, raising approximately \$10,000 last year. The funds were used to support a variety of school programs including upgrades to the science lab and media center and money for fieldtrips and purchasing classroom supplies. To participate, students set individual goals of the number of minutes they plan to read and ask parents, friends and neighbors to support them with monetary donations.

The student body as a whole is trying to read a grand total of 500,000 minutes. If the students reach the half-million mark, Cole and the school's science teacher, Liz Stabenow, have agreed to participate in the FPG Challenge: Cole will hold a snake and Stabenow will touch a tarantula while hundreds of excited – and well-read – students look on.

PHOTO BY JACKIE FRITSCH

School Briefs

Fashion Show at ECHHS

East Chapel Hill High School's fashion merchandising class will hold a "Night in the Spotlight" fashion show this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Students will model their own work as well as trends from local stores. Donations for victims of recent earthquakes will be accepted at the event.

CHH student appointed to state office

Manoj Paladugu has been appointed to the office of Parliamentarian for the North Carolina Technology Student Association (NCTSA). Paladugu was selected for the office by the organization's board of directors at last weekend's state conference.

Since 2002, at least one state officer in NCTSA has been a student in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro city schools. Paladugu attends Chapel Hill High.

CHCCS TSA coordinator Redmond Grigg said, "Manoj is an outstanding student and fierce competitor. He brings an original brand of leadership and sincere enthusiasm to the TSA team."

Students host a capella concert

Lucky 13, the Chapel Hill High girls' capella group, is hosting "Music With Meaning" this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Hanes Theatre. The event will feature the best of college and high school capella groups from across the state. Groups scheduled to appear include UNC's Clef Hangers and Loreleis, UNCG's Achordants and Sapphires and Appalachian State University's Ear Candy. Local high school groups also will perform.

The event is a benefit concert to raise money for Rock Against Cancer and brings the healing power of music to children with cancer. Admission is \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

'Learning Without Borders' stretches awareness

In an effort to increase global awareness and citizenship, McDougle Middle School teachers have collaborated on a school-wide interdisciplinary initiative called "Learning Without Borders."

This year's focus is Universal Human Rights. As a timely real-world connection, several fundraisers will contribute to disaster

relief in Haiti. On Friday, McDougle will host a faculty follies event to benefit "Hearts for Haiti." To encourage students to be active participants in local and global issues, fundraising efforts will continue through next week.

During Learning Without Borders Week, activities focused on human rights will be incorporated in every class. In preparation, students in Webmasters and Graphic Arts created posters to illustrate the 30 rights of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), such as the right to free speech and to education. Core classes will investigate how human rights issues have been viewed historically and in literature and how technology can impact rights.

On Friday, students will participate in a gallery walk through the school to view art, math displays, human rights figures and posters and live presentations about famous human rights activists presented by drama students.

Parents and community members are invited to visit and learn more about the UDHR by touring the Human Rights Gallery on Friday, March 26.

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FOR THE RECORD

Changes afoot

You may have noticed it already, but you'll be starting to see a certain byline a little more frequently — mine.

Usually I reserve the Letter from the Editor marking the beginning of another year at *The Citizen* (we began publishing in March 2007) for some thoughts — lofty, snarky and in between — about the state of the news business. Mind you, there's still plenty to be curmudgeonly about. This year, though, I'd like to offer a more personal note about some changes we are working on to take this paper to the next level.

One of the major changes is that Taylor Sisk has moved into the managing editor role and up to full-time. He's taking on the bulk of the operations side of the newsroom and will also be writing more stories.

The purpose of that move is to get me doing more reporting and a little less desk work. I'm the first to admit that the day-to-day (or week-to-week, if you will) was burning me out. There's a lot of stress in putting out a quality weekly paper and keeping up with a really swell website. (More about that change next week.)

For me, the biggest stress was not being able to do what I enjoy and perhaps what I do best. For most of the 25 years I've lived here, I've been involved in newspapers. The times I felt most alive and the job meant the most was when I had the opportunity to be the eyes and ears of the community.

It's often been less than exotic work, involving lots of budget meetings and planning and zoning issues. (Yeah, I know; I get goose bumps when I think about those things too.) But when you stick around a place, you get to know people, and with that you become part of the community. You start caring what happens. In some circles in the journalism world, this is unfortunately viewed with disdain, and local knowledge is devalued. In my book, that detachment explains why the profession lost its way.

When Jock Lauterer's community journalism class visits each semester, I try to talk to the students about human-scale journalism and ground-level reporting. These days, most of what passes for reporting takes place at least a few hundred feet above the action. But since most humans I know don't live up there, much of what passes for writing misses the mark. Too many reporters write for their editors and not their readers, trying to explain a story from a small place such as ours to a much broader audience. I'm thankful for not having to define Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Chatham and Hillsborough for the rest of the Triangle or state or nation in each story.

You may not notice the changes at *The Citizen* right at first. But they'll be in the substance of the paper — the choice of stories, their depth and the way they're reported.

This is your newspaper — written, edited, composed and argued over in your community. Our success depends solely on whether we do a good enough job to be relevant to our readers and offer a good deal for our advertisers.

I look forward to our new year and spending a little more time at ground level with y'all. Feel free to drop me a line or call.

After three pretty exhausting years, I can finally say with some confidence, "Yeah, I got a minute." Maybe even two or three.

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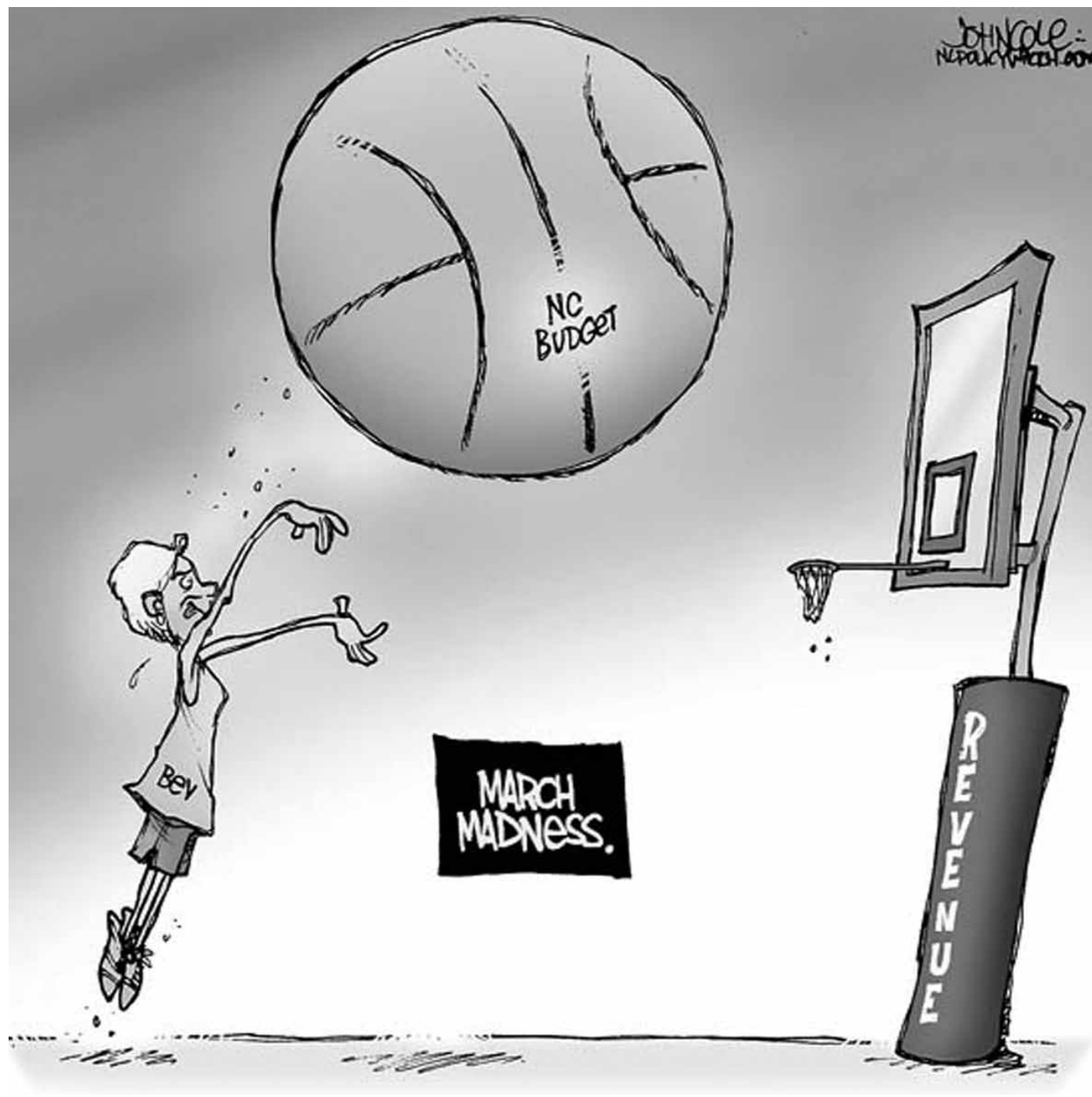
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ROBERT DICKSON

I have under my care two community newspapers. *The Citizen* is one of them, and the other is *The News-Journal*, which tells the story of Raeford and Hoke County in southeastern North Carolina, where my sister Anne and I were raised to become the third generation of our family to run the local paper.

By coincidence, *The Citizen* and *The News-Journal* have the same birthday, in the second week of March. *The News-Journal* just happens to have been at it for a few more years. A hundred and one more, to be exact.

Down in Raeford, we might not make a big deal of our birthday after all these years. Here at *The Citizen*, though, we've got a real feeling of accomplishment, having finished our third year amid uncertain economic times and almost-daily pronouncements of the death of newspapers.

Community newspapers are doing pretty well, thank you. No, I mean that. *Thank you*, to our readers and advertisers, who have proven they understand the value of a locally owned and operated newspaper.

And a really big thank-you to all our contributors who help bring this weekly ode to our community, and who do it for little or nothing. These include Val, Ken, Phil, Jock, Margot, Ava, Michelle, Don, Rich, Steve, Kate, Charlie, Mike, Lucy, Martin, Mark and someone I've forgotten who I really wish I hadn't. Thanks, y'all. You're the best.

We've recently made a few changes that Kirk will tell you about elsewhere on this page. It's all about continuing to look

for ways to bring you a better newspaper with the resources available to us.

One change we made over the past year was to increase our distribution by 20 percent. We now distribute 6,000 newspapers to more than 150 locations without throwing unwanted copies in anyone's driveway. Readership has grown along with circulation: This past February, not the most pleasant of months weather-wise, readers picked up more than 86 percent of the *Citizens* that were distributed. As the year goes on, expect

So thanks for reading The Citizen and for making us feel welcome in your lives. The pleasure is all ours.

all these numbers to rise.

Another change we've made is posting the electronic version of *The Citizen*, the complete paper in PDF format, to our website every Thursday morning. You can read a fair number of back issues in this format, as well as *Mill* and the *Carrboro Resource Guide*. More than 500 of you read our newspaper this way every week, and that number is growing too.

One of our goals when we started *The Citizen* was to ensure that anyone could afford to read our newspaper. That's why we don't charge for the papers or the content on our websites, and why we'll continue to make them available at no cost.

Readers of *The News-Journal*, though, purchase copies either at the newsstand or by subscription. It's been that way for 104 years, and newspaper sales have enabled the paper to weather tough eco-

nomical times, when advertising hasn't been plentiful enough to cover all the costs of producing the quality news coverage our readers expect.

The newspaper you're reading now, print or web, also has a cost. And even with our success at convincing advertisers that *The Citizen* is a great way to convey their message, ad sales have not been sufficient to sustain the quality journalism you tell us you want. And since our goal is to expand our coverage and our distribution, to make even more of a difference in our community, we do need to find another source of revenue.

Over the last three years, many of you have asked us what you can do to help. Soon we'll offer you a way to do just that, to pay for something you've told us repeatedly you really like and appreciate. We're going to ask you to subscribe to the newspaper and website. Not in the traditional sense, like *The News-Journal*, but with a *virtual* subscription, which will be completely voluntary. We'll continue to distribute the paper at no charge, but with the hope that those of you who value *The Citizen* and want to keep it around for 104 years will buy a subscription to help sustain it. So watch this space.

Bringing you this newspaper the last three years has been an amazing journey. I've been involved in startup publications before, but your reaction to *The Citizen* has been nothing short of extraordinary, and nothing my experience could have prepared me for.

So thanks for reading *The Citizen* and for making us feel welcome in your lives. The pleasure is all ours.

The life-threatening budget cuts

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The state budget crisis has turned into a matter of life and death for more than 200 people in North Carolina living with HIV/AIDS. The state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides lifesaving drugs for people living with the disease, is now closed to new applicants.

People who qualify for the program are now put on a waiting list, not a drug regimen. The medication that people with HIV need to stay alive can cost as much as \$5,000 month, impossible to afford for people without insurance coverage.

The budget passed by the General Assembly last summer cut more than \$3 million from ADAP. The program stopped taking new applicants in January and the waiting list has been growing steadily since, topping 200 last week.

State officials have expressed concern, but so far seem to be resigned to wait for the General Assembly to address the problem in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, and even then expect lower financial eligibility levels for the program.

July is too late. Gov. Beverly Perdue needs to step in and find the money now to pay for the medication for people who need it. Perdue already is holding back 5 percent of the budget of most state agencies to prepare for next year's budget shortfall, and there is money in the state's savings account.

The crisis comes after the state has made significant progress in battling the AIDS epidemic. Not too long ago, the state's HIV/AIDS policies were an embarrassment in the medical and public-health world, primarily because of the eligibility restrictions for ADAP. North Carolina denied access to the program to people making more than 125 percent of the national poverty level, which is roughly \$13,000 a year and was even less a few years ago. The national average is 300 percent of poverty.

One powerful legislator said he didn't want to do anything to help "those people," and for years the woeful appropriation for AIDS prevention and treatment reflected that sentiment.

But a few years ago, the General Assembly increased the income eligibility for ADAP to 250 percent of poverty and

then it was increased to the national average of 300 percent, which is roughly \$30,000 a year.

That is still far too low when you consider that the drugs can cost \$24,000 to \$30,000 for a 12-month supply, but it was dramatic progress and seemed to signify an important shift in the state's commitment to help people with HIV/AIDS. That progress is now being threatened.

More than 35,000 people in the state are living with the disease and almost 2,000 new cases are diagnosed every year. Many people whose medication was covered by health insurance at their workplace have lost jobs in the economic downturn and lost the ability to afford the needed medication.

The waiting list for help is only going to get longer unless Perdue does something about it. This is not a matter of an inconvenience that can be addressed when lawmakers return to town in May.

There should not be a waiting list to stay alive.

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

LETTERS

The transition initiative

So what the heck is "transition," anyway? Well, this guy from the UK, Rob Hopkins, found that his "design" work with permaculture consistently showed our current energy use in the modern world to be unsustainable. One of the primary reasons is that we're addicted to oil.

With oil as the energy component of most processes in our culture, it makes the design unstable and unsustainable, because oil is an inexpensive yet powerful form of energy. As demand for oil increases and supply stays the same, or decreases, the cost will go up. When the cost of oil goes up, everything will begin to change.

So Rob decided to make a plan to go from "oil dependency to local resilience." He fashioned it after other dependency programs, with 12 steps to recovery.

Our steering committee is planning "The Great Unleashing" on May 15 at the Century Center. The idea is to bring the community together to create a specific "Plan B" for the future, which minimizes the use of oil. We see Transition Carrboro/Chapel Hill as an umbrella organization for the many local organizations already preparing for a positive future. We will have speakers, discussions and an all-day open-space networking session.

Please check out our website, transitionch.org, and join us for "The Great Unleashing."

TIM PECK

Transition Carrboro/Chapel Hill Steering Committee

Whose right?

In addressing Paige Johnson's column, there is no issue in the world more complex than that of abortion. The issue is framed by two powerful yet succinct rally cries: *freedom of choice* and *the right to life*. I have always and will always be a proponent of the freedom of choice. However, after 50 years of being a supporter of *my body, my choice*, I had an epiphany: Life is most precious, and those who cannot defend themselves need protection. Now, I know that the first reaction to this belief places me on a *side* in this debate, but hear me out.

The difficulty with this issue is that there are two individuals involved: one mature, self-sufficient and rational (we hope); and the other not yet even capable of life by itself, let alone the ability to defend itself. In virtually every conflict so presented, there are few who would side with the mature, self-sufficient individual. Yet we must measure the possible outcomes. On the one side, there is no reason to believe that a fetus will ever be born live, and, if born live, that its life will be without great travail, sorrow and misery. And what of the impact on the mother? On the other side, oh but for the unrealized potential of a life; what if Tim Tebow had never breathed on his own?

Powerful stuff. More powerful is to ask or demand that one individual forego their own rights for another. I think it is too much to ask: self-sacrifice is a choice, possibly the most difficult choice of all.

So what are we to do? In this case, I think we need to trust the rationale of the mature individual without making those who believe in the sanctity of life participate in their decision. Given that there are many alternatives to abortion, I see no reason why employers, be it government or private, could not offer a choice in insurance: one with abortion coverage and one without. That way, like-minded individuals can exercise their freedom of choice and not subsidize those who disagree with them on whether choice or life are more important rights.

Clearly, insurance coverage with the abortion rider would be more expensive, but haven't we already made that decision by abiding by the practice of insurance companies to deny or charge higher rates to tobacco users?

Gordon Cook
Carrboro

Obesity impairs body's 'memory' of how to fight flu

UNC News Services

Obesity may limit the body's ability to develop immunity to influenza viruses, particularly secondary infections, by inhibiting the immune system's ability to "remember" how it fought off previous similar bouts of illness, according to new research from UNC.

The results, published in the March 15 issue of *The Journal of Immunology*, support recent suggestions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that obesity is as much a risk factor for H1N1 pandemic strains of flu as age (very young and very old) and compromised immunity.

Nutrition researchers in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health have shown that obese mice are not able to develop protective influenza-specific memory T cells. These cells are generated by the body during an initial influenza infection. They help protect against a second infection by targeting internal proteins common among most strains of influenza viruses. Leaner mice were able to develop the infection-fighting T cells and ward off a second bout of influenza.

"Our work suggests that obese people should be considered at high risk for infection," said Erik Karlsson, doctoral candidate in nutrition and lead author of the study.

The researchers infected lean and obese mice with a mild influenza virus. The lean mice had been fed a low-fat diet and obese mice had been fed a high-fat diet. When the mice recovered from the first bout of flu, they were infected a second time, with a larger dose of a more lethal influenza strain.

"We lost none of the lean mice, but 25 percent of obese mice died," Karlsson said.

This research builds on a study published in *The Journal of Nutrition* in 2007. Melinda Beck, UNC professor of nutrition, is the senior author of both studies.

"In the first study, we compared the response of obese

and lean mice to a primary influenza infection," Beck said. "We found that obese mice had a significantly higher mortality rate than lean mice. In fact, 42 percent of obese mice died, while only 5.5 percent of lean mice died."

During flu seasons, health-care practitioners often see obese patients struggling more with influenza viruses than leaner patients. Some researchers and doctors have speculated that excess adipose tissue, or fat, constricts lung volume, or that obesity causes chronic inflammation, which influences the immune response.

However, Beck and her colleagues hypothesize that the illness' increased severity may be due to lower memory T cell defenses in obese patients.

"In a healthy individual, memory T cells would be produced during the initial influenza infection," she said. "Those cells help protect the individual from a second infection. The response is different from a vaccine, which produces antibodies against a specific strain. The memory T cells target internal proteins common to all strains of the virus. But if the body can't produce these T cells during a primary infection, then the individual has decreased protection from a second infection if the antibody response is not targeted towards the infecting strain."

The new study, by Karlsson, Beck and Patricia Sheridan, UNC research assistant professor of nutrition, shows strong evidence that obesity restricts memory T cell function.

"This kind of novel research could influence public health by changing our views of what the risks factors of obesity are," Karlsson said. "The risks are potentially much more complicated than we've thought."

The next step in Beck's research on obesity effects on influenza is to examine vaccination. In collaboration with researchers in the UNC School of Medicine, Beck's laboratory is running a large National Institutes of Health-sponsored human clinical trial to test the efficacy of influenza vaccination in obese adults.

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"You can take two identical cancer patients, with the identical cancer, have them do identically the same thing, and their outcomes will be really different," Osment said in a video produced by the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, where she's received much of her care. "The most positive person in the world could kick over in two months and a curmudgeon lives for 20 years."

"So this whole thing about mind over matter, I think, misses the mark in terms of the complexity of the enemy here."

The 'discreet'

Cancer fights dirty. On July 2, 2007, when Osment was first diagnosed with carcinosarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of ovarian cancer, she was told her chances of recovery were nine in 10. On July 30, 2008, her CT scan revealed a metastasis to her lungs. "The summary is that the news of my cancer recurrence brings a statistically bad prognosis and an indefinite future of cancer treatment," she wrote to friends at the time. "I have too many tumors for surgery, so chemotherapy - carboplatin, taxol and avastin - are the conventional things I'm throwing at this."

"The news was unexpected," she said recently, in the Chapel Hill home she shares with her husband, civil-rights attorney Al McSurely, and daughter Sunny. She's propped gingerly on the living room couch, an unsuccessful attempt at alleviating the incessant pain in her hip. Her eyes burn - the fire of Ashley Osment that everyone who's known her knows well, now refined. "They had told me I had a better than 90 percent chance of no recurrence, because my cancer was caught very early."

In the Lineberger video, Osment spoke of the occasion of learning she had cancer as a "discreet" event, an interesting choice of words given that, in the most common definition of the word - "modest," "showing discernment or good judgment" - there's nothing in the slightest "discreet" about cancer.

That was the lawyer in Osment speaking. "In the law," she explains, "a discreet fact is an isolated thing." Being the practical, purposeful person that she is, that would be the way she would view it - as a thing to be dealt with and discarded.

But it would pretty much change everything.

"I basically don't even remember life before cancer," she says. In fact, she's no longer even certain who that woman in the Lineberger video is, the Ashley Osment of several treatments ago.



PHOTO BY JOCK LAUTERER

Osment, with daughter Sunny and husband Al McSurely, receives the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award in February.

Is she angry? "I'm furious." How so? "You name it. I mean, it's stolen everything. It's going to steal me from my daughter."

Sunny is fully aware of what her mother is living. There's no hiding it. She knows how many milligrams of Oxycontin her mom takes. She and her mom are very connected. Osment couldn't deceive her if she wanted to.

"I used to be a little more confident that it was just making her stronger," Osment says of Sunny's experience with her mother's cancer, "and now I'm worried that it's getting traumatic. It's gone on too long, and I'm just getting beat up. And I worry. It's not like a household with domestic violence, but it's traumatizing."

But Osment wants her daughter to learn from this that she can survive cancer - she doesn't want her to think everybody with cancer dies - a complicated message to convey. The everyday, concrete things are salvation. There are bookshelves, built by a friend's husband, soon to be lined with books that influenced Osment and her friends between the ages of 13 and 23. And anticipation over whether Sunny will make the McDougle Middle School soccer team; no easy feat.

Exploring options

Cancer arrived in Osment's life just as she was coming into her own in her work.

"I had figured out how to be a lawyer at McSurely & Osment, and had really reached my stride when I moved over to the law school."

In 2005, she took a position at the UNC Center for Civil Rights, where "my marching orders at the Center for Civil Rights were general and massive." Osment was charged with building the center into a regional hub for advocacy, litigation and research in addressing school desegregation in the 21st century. "So there was just so much work to be done, and I was just one person, so you have to get really skilled at prioritizing what you do and who you do it with, and I was just starting to figure all that out. So that got stolen from me. It was a job I was born to do."

"The idea that you would be flat on your back and then be blamed for it at the same time is just unconscionable."

And the notion of going gently? "You read, 'Emma Grace died of cancer ... and not once in five years did she ever complain.' How is that possible? I just don't get it. I cannot imagine not complaining about all the insults and injuries of cancer. What would lead you to not complain?"

In the Lineberger interview, Osment said: "My personal style is not to repress the anger or the depression or the fear, but to not let it become the defining quality of how I live my life as a person with cancer. I really do my very best to acknowledge those feelings, but then do what I can do, right now. So that's different. Because it used to be I think I would indulge my emotional extremes, before cancer, more than I indulge them now. Now I don't have time; I don't have time and I also don't have the space for the emotional hit of living in the bad moments. They do happen. They've got to happen. I let them happen."

'What is the fight?'

While back, Osment wrote to friends, "I will do anything and everything I know to do to stay alive for as long as I can. But I also want to prepare for a peaceful death, whether it's this year, next year, or years far in the future."

"Once you have cancer, you have a full-time job," the Ashley Osment of seven months ago told her Lineberger interviewer. "But on top of that, you've got the reason you were put on this Earth. I wasn't put on this Earth to fight cancer."

"What is the fight?" Osment asks today. "I think the presumption is that if I don't have a strong will, it's going to get me; but if I do have a strong will, it slows the cancer down. I don't know that there's any evidence to support that. At some point, you're just being kept alive to be bullied around some more with another medical procedure."

For now though, bullying it will be; the treatments continue. There will be days of rage at what's been taken, and days of elation for what life yet holds: Sunny made the soccer team.

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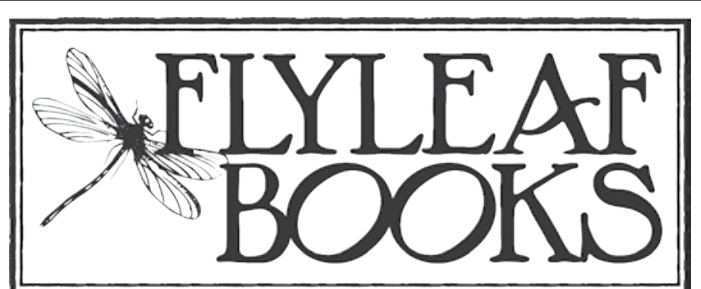
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Not afraid anymore

CEO
After chemotherapy, Barbara Boxer just isn't that scary anymore - former HP CEO Carly Fiorina, on how facing Boxer in a Senate election would compare with Fiorina's fight against breast cancer.

BIZ BEAT

When immigration and job creation collide

MARGOT C. LESTER

A couple weeks ago, U.S. senators John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) introduced the "Start-up Visa Act" to promote job creation in businesses owned by non-U.S. citizens. The proposal suggests a two-year visa for immigrant entrepreneurs who can attract at least \$250,000 in angel or venture capital financing. If the firm adds at least five non-family employees, attracts \$1 million in financing or earns \$1 million in revenue, the owner's visa becomes permanent. According to research from the Kauffman Foundation, immigrants have founded about 25 percent of the technology companies in the United States, employing tens of thousands of Americans.

The proposed bill could be a boon to people here on H-1B visas — a non-immigrant visa that lasts up to six years and is awarded to highly skilled workers in "specialty" fields such as technology, biotech, architecture, science and engineering. It's a sweet deal, including vacation, sick and maternity/paternity leave. Recipients can even bring their spouses and kids in. About 65,000 of these visas are granted annually.

Unfortunately, the Kerry-Lugar proposal won't do anything at all for immigrants who are here on other types of visas. That's why Kauffman Foundation economist Robert Litan is advocating for a temporary "job-creators' visa" for immigrants already legally in the U.S. Like the original bill, Litan's proposed visa would be extended when the firm hires at least one American non-family member, and would become permanent once the enterprise crosses a certain job threshold.

The bills are both nice ideas, but they're unlikely to have an enormous impact on job creation. Unemployment is still incredibly high (14.9 million people, or 9.7 percent of the U.S. population), and it seems unlikely that

even the most enterprising entrepreneurs will be able to create enough jobs to make a dent in that startling figure.

What would help, according to Chapel Hill immigration attorney Adrián Halpern, is another approach entirely.

"Thanks to the extra layer of lawyering required to comply with federal and state securities regulations, the Start-up Visa Act will help relatively few immigrants, and whether any of them will turn into the next Andy Grove or Sergey Brin is quite speculative," Halpern notes. "Far more helpful to our nation's job creation would be Congress' passage of comprehensive immigration reform and a path to legal status for most of the estimated 12 million people in the U.S. illegally."

Comprehensive immigration reform would help the economy, Halpern suggests, because many adult immigrants who are here illegally have held off buying homes because of their highly uncertain futures. While that's good news for rental-property landlords, it doesn't do much for the local or national economy.

"If their concerns over their U.S. futures were lifted, many of the 12 million 'illegals' here would likely buy homes, providing a huge boost to our nation's economy," Halpern says.

"Yes, the Start-up Visa Act will help some, but its benefits pale compared to those of comprehensive reform. Now, more than ever, comprehensive immigration reform is in our nation's economic self-interest."

Uniquities expands

All the economic news isn't bad. Following the wisdom that a downturn is a great time to expand (and yes, that is a prevailing thought among big-brained business people), Julie Jennings opened another Uniquities store in Durham across from Bright Leaf Square at 1000 West Main Street.

"Because of the recession, we reanalyzed everything, every line, every dollar we spend," Jennings explains. "And we have more negotiating power. When things are great and when people want space, you're not getting a deal. But with things the way they are, we got in for a great price and can be ready for the turnaround."

It wasn't just the timing that prompted the expansion, Jennings says.

"We've been looking in Durham off and on for 10 years, so when the space came up, we had to take it."

This is Jennings' fourth location. In addition to the West Franklin Street and Main Street locations, she has stores in Raleigh's Cameron Village and North Hills shopping centers.

Local pharma tests drug compounds

Chapel Hill's Cembra Pharmaceuticals completed Phase 1 studies for CEM-101, a next-generation macrolide that is a potential oral treatment for bacterial pneumonia. The next step is Phase 2 studies in patients with moderate to moderately severe community-acquired bacterial pneumonia, which will begin in the second quarter. The company also has filed an initial new drug application with the FDA for a Phase 1 study of the compound's intravenous formula. New therapies for bacterial pneumonia are important because of rising drug resistance and issues of patient tolerance with current treatments. More than five million people get pneumonia each year.

Soeters named ESC chair

Bill Soeters, owner of the UPS Store at Carrboro Plaza, was elected chairman of the Carrboro Economic Sustainability Commission (ESC) last week. He replaced Peter Lee, who will remain

on the commission. The eight-member ESC evaluates commercial growth, development and redevelopment against the town's sustainability goals and triple bottom-line sustainability principles. It also promotes job growth and economic opportunity and administers the Revolving Loan Fund. (Disclosure: *The Citizen* received a loan from that fund in 2009.) One of Soeters' first tasks will be reviewing the Local Living Economy Task Force's recommendation to undertake a Think Local First campaign. Other task force recommendations are under consideration by the Town's Economic Development Office.

County assesses housing options

Orange County is preparing a five-year Consolidated Housing Plan for 2010-15. As a part of that process, it contracted with consultant W. Frank Newton Inc. to survey the public about housing needs and issues. Orange County residents can complete the form at surveymonkey.com/s/3KCSQSN or contact the Office of Human Rights and Relations at 245-2488 for a paper copy. Those who complete the survey will be eligible to win a \$100 gift card. Survey data will help the county develop strategies, policies and programs that address the community's fair housing needs.

KFC MIA

You may have noticed the abrupt departure of the Carrboro Kentucky Fried Chicken store. Practically a local landmark, the business had operated at the location for about half a century before losing its lease last month. Town Economic Develop Director James Harris is working with the owners who "would love to find a new location that would accommodate a dining room. It would be even better if they could have a drive-through window."

Business Briefs

Talecris wins service award

North Carolina Children's Hospital announced this month that Talecris Biotherapeutics was awarded the hospital's first-ever Curtis Media Group Service to Children Award, which recognizes companies for extraordinary commitment to the state's children through their support of the Children's Hospital.

Having donated nearly \$120,000 to the Children's Hospital over the past three years, Talecris was chosen for this distinction in part for its financial support; but Crystal Miller, director of the N.C. Children's Promise, said the award is about much more than money.

"We have several corporate partners whose monetary support exceeds the amount we've received from Talecris," Miller said. What truly sets Talecris apart, she said, is the spirit of volunteerism the company instills in its employees. "Talecris employees have accounted for about 20 percent of our 500-plus volunteers at the past three radiothon/telethons. That's huge, not only from the manpower perspective, but because those volunteers get a firsthand opportunity to develop an emotive and very personal relationship with the Children's Hospital."

Harrington announces new site

Harrington Bank recently announced a new website for online banking and information about the bank's services, including mortgage information and savings rates. The bank also announced plans to add a Facebook page this month.

HBA holds fundraiser

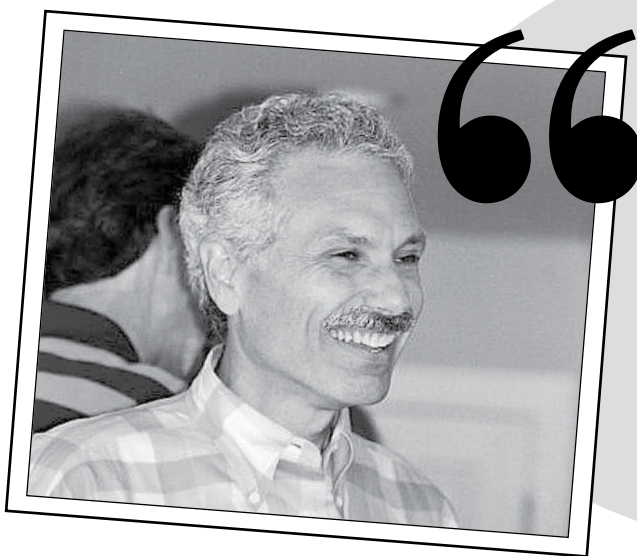
The Home Builders Association of Durham, Orange and Chatham counties will hold its 18th annual Parade of Playhomes fundraiser during the month of April at various locations throughout the three counties.

A total of five custom children's playhomes will be built. Three houses, built by Southern High School, Orange High School and Northwood High School, will be raffled off. Playhomes built by Triangle-area builders B. Wallace Design & Construction LLC and McNeill Burbank Homes will be auctioned off on the Internet.

Proceeds will go to family outreach programs to prevent child abuse. For information, visit paradeofplayhomes.com for exact locations and dates and times.

Chamber event

This month's Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held today (Thursday) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Extraordinary Ventures on South Elliott Road. No registration is required and the event is free for chamber members. Pam Herndon, an agent with State Farm Insurance, is co-sponsor of the event.

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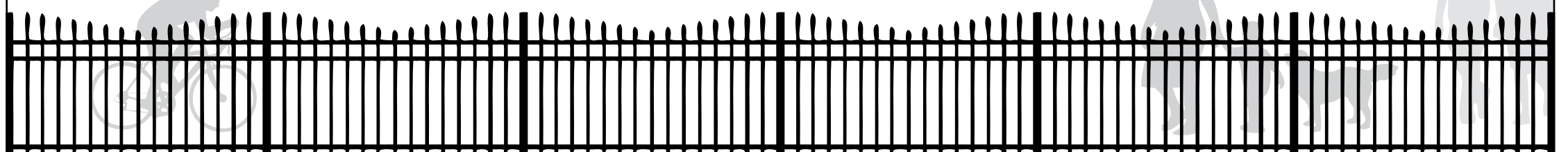
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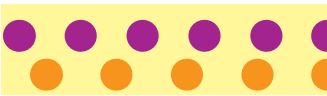
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OBITUARIES



Virginia E. Tolliver

Virginia E. Tolliver, 83, died March 15, 2010 at her home.

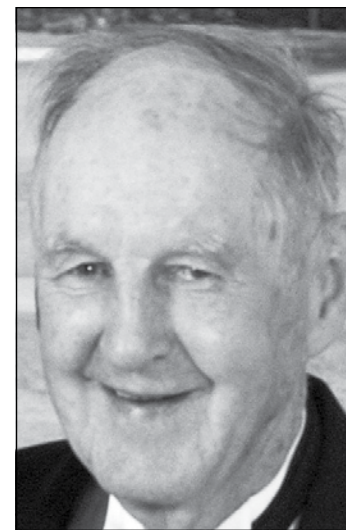
A native Chapel Hillian and lifelong member of St. Joseph's CME Church, she was born Feb. 14, 1927, the daughter of Walter C. and Augusta G. Edwards. Virginia was the widow of William P. Tolliver. She was a graduate of Lincoln High School and Shaw University with a B.A. in elementary education.

Virginia's life was dedicated to the development of young children and the betterment of her community. In the early 1950s, she taught at local day-care centers, including Holmes Day Care and Victory Village. In the mid-'50s, when there were no public kindergartens in North Carolina, Chapel Hill mothers, with the help of grant money from a Chicago foundation and rent-free space from Chapel Hill Community Co-Operative Preschool with 24 children, 12 black and 12 white. Virginia was the school's director.

In the 1960s, she taught classes in child care at Durham Technical Institute and consulted at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School. In 1965, Virginia led the organizing of the Social Interest Civic Group, a group of local women who had a vision of performing charitable acts in the community and fostering cultural and educational opportunities for the people of Chapel Hill. The group remains active, last year giving scholarships to four high school seniors.

In the late '70s, Virginia became involved in the PTA Thrift Shop and when the Carrboro store opened in 1978, she was the assistant manager. Virginia was predeceased by sisters Irene Jackson and Lucille Brooks and brother Charles Edwards. Surviving are daughter Robbyn and her husband, Stephen Baines; grandchildren Wynter and Donovan Tolliver; great-grandson Thailand; and her brother Henry Edwards (Pearl).

A funeral will be at 1.30 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's CME Church, with visitation from 1 to 1.30 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Knotts Funeral Home.



Pearson H. Stewart

Pearson H. Stewart, 80, of Carol Woods, Chapel Hill, died March 14. Mr. Stewart was the first vice president of the Research Triangle Foundation and the first executive director of the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission and its successor agency, the Triangle J Council of Governments.

A native of Boston, Mass., he was a history graduate of Amherst College and earned a master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During World War II he was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and received the Bronze Star for aerial photographic services on carriers in the Pacific Ocean.

After urban planning directorships in Knoxville, Tenn.; Passaic, N.J.; and Warwick, R.I., he spent most of his professional career in Chapel Hill and elsewhere in North Carolina. He was a planning consultant for Fayetteville and Hickory, a research associate in the Institute for Research in Social Science at UNC-CH, the director of a special hurricane rehabilitation project for eastern North Carolina after the mid-1950s hurricanes, and a lecturer in the department of city and regional planning at UNC-CH. He was the third full-time staff member of the Research Triangle effort, joining the staff in 1958, where he was responsible for the physical form and character of the Research Triangle Park. He established the Triangle's first regional planning agency, the RTRPC and TJCOG. From 1977 to 1983, he was assistant secretary for planning in the N.C. Department of Transportation. In 1983, he returned to the Research Triangle Foundation, where he remained until his retirement in 1990.

He was the second president of the Triangle Land Conservancy; was a named consultant to the N.C. Botanical Garden; served terms as chair of the Southeast and North Carolina Chapters of the American Planning Association; and was active on several Town of Chapel Hill, Orange County, State of North Carolina and TJCOG boards and committees. In 1989, he was named volunteer of the year by the TJCOG. In 1990, the North Carolina chapter

of the American Planning Association presented its Distinguished Service Award to him. In 1996 the Town of Chapel Hill named one of its Appearance Awards "The Jean and Pearson Stewart Award."

He was married to the former Jean Baker, who died in 2000. They had observed their 53rd wedding anniversary on Oct. 12, 1999.

After his wife's death, he volunteered for several years on a regular basis as a counselor for a prisoner at the Orange Correctional Center, as a tutor in mathematics for a pupil at the Orange Literacy Council and as a visitor for many elderly friends at the Carolina Meadows and Carol Woods Health Centers.

Surviving are his son, Colin E. Stewart, and daughter-in-law, Susan Stewart, of Laguna Beach, Calif.; his daughter, Jean C. Stewart, of Marshfield, Mass.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Matthew and Natasha Stewart, Paul Stewart and Dr. Lara Davis and Rebecca and Dan Persson; two great-grandchildren, Abby and Juliet; and two brothers, David of Shirley, Mass., and Reed of Marshfield, Mass., and their families. His brother Oswald died in 2009.

A memorial service will be held in the Carol Woods Assembly Hall at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Memorials may be made to the Triangle Land Conservancy, to the N.C. Botanical Garden and to the Carol Woods Employee Appreciation Fund.

Tim Morgan

Celebrate the life of Tim Morgan by attending a memorial service for him this Saturday at 4 p.m. at his home at 52 Jessamine Drive in Pittsboro. A reception in the home will follow. To map quest directions, search for 403 Rock Rest Road in Pittsboro, 27312 or call Don at 270-3247.

Tim died of liver failure at his home in Pittsboro, N.C. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, surrounded by his partner, Samantha Birchard; his former wife and enduring friend, Katie Haywood; his longtime buddy, Don Basnight; and his dog, Tasha.

Born on July 23, 1952 in Atlantic City, N.J., Tim was the adopted son of the late Fred Bruce and Ruth McNamee Morgan. He moved to Chapel Hill in 1988 and subsequently lived in Pittsboro and Hillsborough.

Tim enjoyed the creativity involved in carpentry and home restoration, taking pleasure in making things beautiful, which he did brilliantly in his capacity as sole proprietor of Morgan Restoration.

Other survivors include his sisters, Rebecca Morgan of Plymouth, Mass. and Jill Morgan Marshall of White Hill, Nova Scotia.

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Chickweed flower petals resemble rabbit ears.

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FLORA
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You may have to get down on hands and knees for some “belly-button botany” observations to appreciate the floral display. My truly favorite of all the many early-spring yard flowers is the beautiful little speedwell, *Veronica persica*. Hundreds of blue flowers greeted my downward glances as I was hanging out the laundry in my yard a couple of days ago. I never cease to be humbled by the clean beauty of this quarter-inch broad, four-petal flower when examined at close range.

Another of my favorites is the lowly common chickweed, *Stellaria*

media. This bane of the lawn perfectionist can shine up at you like hundreds of little bright stars speckled across a bed of pale-green foliage. Close observation of the tiny quarter-inch-diameter flowers will reveal five pure-white petals that are split like rabbit ears, appearing to be 10 petals. Gently pull one double petal away from the flower to enjoy the tiny white rabbit ears in the palm of your hand. I can't resist doing that!

Rather than curse the lowly chickweed, being a lazy, carefree gardener, I simply let this early-spring annual romp around on the yard and through garden beds. The tender foliage makes a tasty addition to salads and it is a

special treat relished by parakeets. By late spring, it's gone, out of sight, until the next winter.

Another lawn weed is the purple dead nettle, *Lamium purpureum*. Sometimes in my yard, low clumps of these plants seem to join together and move like waves of pinkish flowers across the wild landscape. Upon close observation, each flower makes me think of a turtle head reaching out from beneath those leafy bracts to sniff the warming air.

Speedwell, chickweed and dead nettle accompanied the Europeans to North America long ago. I enjoy having them romp around the yard early in the spring ahead of the larger garden flowers.



Who Dat? 1978

Long ago and far away, before MTV, the Internet and cell phones, we all led different lives. At the time I shot this photograph at the flea market in Forest City in Western North Carolina, I was co-editing a weekly paper. About the old farmer in the photo, I can't tell you much. About the young man with the tape recorder at his knee, I won't tell you anything — except that today he is one of Carrboro's most respected businessmen and a regular advertiser in this fine community paper. Any guesses?

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