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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Learn to spot youngia's rosette of yellow-green, hairy leaves.
PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Watch out for this one!

Well now, I had a wonderful, easy-to-grow, native wildflower groundcover all lined up for this week's Flora when an awful, innocent-looking plant alien pushed it aside.

It's most important that you know about this plant bully, *Youngia japonica*, called youngia or Asiatic hawk's beard. It is an annual with a leafy rosette that looks a bit like the common dandelion, but the leaves are a pale yellow green and a bit hairy. Learn to recognize it, pull it up and throw into the trash. Don't dare put it in your compost pile or toss it aside to die. Though it is an annual, it has quite a tap-root, so dare not turn your back on this little monster unless you are certain you have extracted the whole plant, root and all! It may continue to set seed even after being pulled from the ground.

A relative newcomer in terms of exotic invasives, it was first brought to my attention a little more than a decade ago by horticulturist Sally Heiney at the N.C. Botanical Garden. She called it to the attention of all the staff as soon as it began showing up along the garden edges. Sally dutifully warned that if it were not immediately and completely destroyed, it would show up the next season by the hundreds.

I learned the hard way. I did not bother with the single plant I noticed in my yard several years ago, and the following spring the yard was literally covered with youngia, as Sally had warned. So I spent an hour or two extracting every plant and have kept careful watch every since and only now and then do I notice one or two here and there.

Take another good hard look

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CH bans cell phone use by drivers

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – After more than two years of debate, the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday voted 5-4 to approve an ordinance that will ban cell phone use while driving in town.

The ban, which applies to the use of both handheld and hands-free phones,

is the first of its kind nationwide, according to Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos, who drafted the ordinance.

Council members Donna Bell, Ed Harrison Penny Rich, Lee Storror and Jim Ward voted for the ordinance, while Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt and council members Matt Czajkowski, Laurin Easthom and Gene Pease voted against it.

The ordinance, which will go into effect June 1, prohibits the use of cell phones or any additional technology, like cameras or music players, while operating a car. The ordinance proposes a \$25 fine for violation.

Under the ordinance, a driver could not be cited for violating the ordinance unless an officer had cause to stop the driver for a violation of

another law. The ordinance does not apply to drivers using a phone to communicate with emergency officials in an emergency situation or to drivers communicating with their parents, children, legal guardians or spouses.

Karpinos said he included the exceptions in the proposed ordinance

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New coach, new season, new era for Jaguar lacrosse



Carrboro's Alex Knapp evades the Cedar Ridge defense in the Jaguars' 12-4 win over the Red Wolves on Tuesday. Knapp had three goals in Carrboro's second victory against Cedar Ridge.
PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

BY KEVIN COLLINS
Staff Writer

It's springtime in the Piedmont yet again, and the feeling of newness is palpable. For Carrboro High School's varsity men's lacrosse team, spring marks the start of a new season, and with a new coaching staff in place and a program on the rise, there's a very new energy surrounding the Jaguars these days.

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Jaguar Sam Parker fights past a Wildcat defender in Carrboro's heartbreaking 13-12 loss to East Chapel Hill High last week. CHS will take on East again on April 20.
PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Carrboro talks traffic issues

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO – “Road diets” for both West Main Street and Jones Ferry Road could improve safety in Carrboro, according to recent reports.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday held public hearings on a report on the West Main Street road diet and the Oak-Poplar neighborhood traffic circulation study, as well as proposed safety improvements to Jones Ferry Road.

The report on the Oak-Poplar neighborhood traffic circulation study and the West Main Street road diet, or lane reduction, suggested possible solutions to identified traffic issues, including modifying pavement markings on West Main Street to reduce travel lanes from four to two plus a

center turn lane, making Oak Avenue one-way, traffic calming on Oak Avenue and Shelton Street, reconstructing the Shelton/Hillsborough Road/West Main intersection, mid-block pedestrian crossings on West Main and others.

Board members said they supported re-striping West Main Street as part of the road diet in order to slow traffic and said they would like to explore further a possible painted pedestrian island near the intersection of Poplar and West Main. Town staff will draft a preliminary plan for the pavement markings included in the road diet.

In addition, board members asked staff to look into making Oak Avenue one-way, as well as other options that

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Democrats face off in first forum

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – At the first Orange County candidate forum of the 2012 primary election season, 10 candidates voiced their opinions on transit, school mergers and Amendment One.

Sponsored by the Orange County Democratic Women, the forum last week enabled the Democratic candidates to introduce themselves to voters and answer questions from the audience.

Before the forum began, Matt Hughes, Orange County Democratic Party chair, reminded attendees that the primary election on May 8 is also the general election for both Amendment One and for the three Democrats vying for two seats in the county commissioner District One

race, as no Republican candidates have filed.

Hughes also reminded attendees about the new maps drawn for the N.C. House of Representatives, N.C. Senate and U.S. House districts.

Running against each other in the primary for the District 50 seat in the N.C. House of Representatives are Valerie Foushee, who serves on the Orange County Board of Commissioners, and newcomer Travis Phelps.

The first question of the night – whether the candidates support Amendment One, which would

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Chatham confronts foster care needs

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

Shawna Williamson, now 19, still gets that antsy feeling about change.

Williamson grew up in southern and eastern Chatham County: Bonlee, Bear Creek, Siler City, “a little bit of everywhere down there.”

She was placed into foster care on three occasions, the first time when she was 7 or 8; she can't recall for certain. After about six months, she returned home, but a couple of years later was again removed, first to live with a great aunt and uncle and then in a foster home in which she felt very comfortable.

But after about a year, her foster dad was offered a faculty position at Appalachian State University. The family asked her to come with them, “But I chose to stay in Chatham County,” she says today.

“My older brother was still in Chatham County and I wanted to be close to him. ... He was the only one there

by my side through everything, that I could talk to every day and see every day, and he supported me, and I did the same for him.”

Fortunately, another foster family was found within the county, and Williamson remained in her community, her high school, among her friends.

“It helped me not panic about having to leave everything behind,” she says.

Chatham County is experiencing a shortage of foster care homes. It's nothing new – the numbers rise and fall, and are seldom if ever sufficient – but the county is now taking strategic action to prevent kids from having to be sent out of the county to foster care or group homes.

On Feb. 21, the Department of Social Services launched its 2012 Campaign for Chatham's Children to help community members learn more about what's involved in being a foster family and to support those who provide homes and the children in their care.

The campaign will create “circles of

support” with local businesses, churches, organizations and individuals, and volunteers have formed FACES of Chatham, a nonprofit to provide clothing and other items and support for afterschool programs, summer camp, community garden-building and fieldtrips.

DSS also will be conducting a survey, asking for the community's views on foster care in Chatham in hopes of better targeting its recruitment activities.

Bottom line, the county is attempting to keep kids closer to home.

The reward

Shirille Lee has been a foster parent to 38 kids over the past 15 years. She says that anyone interested in taking in foster children must look within and ask

a few essential questions.

First: “Can I love unconditionally?”

“Children coming into care are in care for a reason,” Lee says. “Some have been exposed to things we can't imagine or believe.” They come with baggage. “Can I look past a child's behavior and see the needs?”

“Children go with what they know. If negative behaviors have gotten them what they want in the past, that's what they do.”

Many children brought into foster care have been abused. To cope, they often have an “I'll hurt you before you can hurt me” mentality, Lee says, “so they lash out.”

“Children can say some hurtful things that can cut deep and affect your interactions. Can you still open your heart to this child? Can you step back and take a minute before you respond to a comment that has your mind racing?”

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Shirille Lee



ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

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 wait times at the doctor's office and sunscreen for African-Americans.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Why are wait times so long at the doctor's office?

Oh boy — we'll try to keep this brief. This is a very complicated issue. And when we give you some reasons, you should understand that they are not excuses, and we are always striving to do better in this regard. At UNC Family Medicine we have made great progress with wait time over the last several years. Your appointment at the doctor's office is usually booked for 15 to 20 minutes. Some offices try to accommodate patients that are a little late (maybe 10-20 minutes). Patients are commonly late and this has a cumulative or stacking effect on the clinic session. Also, we try to keep our visits focused, but many patients have a lot of issues that they want to talk about. Sometimes the doctor will be selective, but this can be frustrating to the patient. We will always help

with a crisis. It is common in our clinic to have one or more patients scheduled during a half-day with a heart attack, severe depression, severe high blood sugar, suspected labor or trouble breathing. These sorts of visits are hard to predict and incredibly time consuming (and important). Also, we try to keep our schedules pretty full because about 10-15 percent of our patient appointments are not kept. Some practices try to mitigate this problem by charging full fee for missed appointments or discharging repeat offenders from the practice. We want to balance the demands of efficiency with the financial realities of running a practice and the needs of individual patients. However, we can do better. We are trying to learn what we can from other industries (airlines, banks, etc.) and feel like there is still a lot of room to improve. We have also started a patient advisory board and continue to hear from patients how to best balance these competing demands.

Dear HOUSE Calls, What are the best sunscreens for African-Americans?

The short answer is that African-Americans and others with darker skin do not need special sunscreens. But it is important to consider because darker skin can burn with prolonged sun exposure and can develop skin cancer. Just like anybody else, you should choose the sunscreen that feels best for your skin type. If you have dry skin, maybe try a cream, or if you have oily skin, maybe try a spray or gel. The important thing is that you use the products that protect against UVA and UVB rays.

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.

Community Briefs

Community egg hunt on Saturday
Children aged 2 to 10 are invited to participate in the annual Community Egg Hunt on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at River Park, 106 E. Margaret Lane, in Hillsborough.
The free event will include live entertainment, games, prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Concession stands will sell food and drinks.
In the event of rain, the egg hunt will be held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit townofchapelhill.org/egghunt.
Art grant workshop
The Arts Commission will hold a free grant-writing workshop to discuss grants available to nonprofit organizations, schools and individual artists on April 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Orange County Public Library,

137 W. Margaret Lane, in Hillsborough.
The spring cycle of grants will fund arts activities taking place July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, in the visual, performing and literary arts.
To register for the workshop, email arts@co.orange.nc.us or call 968-2011.
Animal adoption fees reduced
Orange County's Animal Services Center reduced adoption fees for select cats and dogs by almost half for the department's first annual Spring Adoption Event through April 14.
Fees for select cats have been reduced to \$50 and select dogs, \$60. The animals come fully vaccinated, spayed/neutered and vet-checked.
Visit www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices for more information.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY MARCH 29

Friends of the Downtown — Scott Maitland to speak on starting, maintaining and growing a business in downtown Chapel Hill. Great Room, Top of the Hill, 10am Free
Mary Floyd-Wilson — To deliver a lecture on Maidens Call It Love-in Idleness: Potions Passion, and Fairy Knowledge in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:30pm Free
Art Reception — For Thornton Dial's Thoughts on Paper with 50 of his earliest drawings. Hanes Art Center, 5:30pm Free
FRIDAY MARCH 30
Book Sale — Orange County Public Library book sale. Friends of the library only on Friday, open to the public Saturday and Sunday. Main Library, Hillsborough
Arts/Crafts Preview — A preview of work by artists participating in the annual Hillsborough Downtown Arts and Crafts show will be held during Hillsborough's Last Friday Art Walk. 220 S. Churton St., 6-9pm
Art Reception — PRIMAEEVAL, paintings by Ellie Reinhold, photography by Eric Saunders and sculpture by Lynn Wartski. Hillsborough Gallery, 6pm
Egg Hunt — Flashlight egg hunt for ages 11-14, sponsored by Carrboro Recreation & Parks. Bring your own basket and flashlight. Wilson Park. 8pm Free
Last Friday's Artwalk — Sponsored by Hillsborough Arts Council. Downtown Hillsborough, 6-9pm Free
SATURDAY MARCH 31
Egg Hunt — Community egg hunt for ages 2 to 10. River Park, 106 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 9:30am Free
Egg Hunt — Burwell School Historic Site hosts its Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket. 319 N. Chur-

ton St., 1pm Free burwellschool.org
5K/Kids' Fun Run — Sponsored by UNC Association of Nursing Students to benefit BounceBack Kids. Old Well, 9am \$25/\$12 bounceback-kids.org/5k
Health Fair — The Human Rights Center to sponsor a health fair with free medical and dental services and supplies. 107 Barnes St., 2-3:30pm
Bridge Studio Workshop — To demonstrate the use of acting and art activities to improve communication and life skills for youth and young adults in the autistic and developmentally disabled community. The Bridge Studio, 1016 Tallyho Trail, 11am-noon Free 933-7380
Community Dance — Family friendly community dance jam. Pittsboro Community House, 65 Thompson St., 7-10pm \$5

SUNDAY APRIL 1
Benefit Improv — Funny People for Love and Justice, to benefit the Coalition to Protect N.C. Families Against Amendment One. The ArtsCenter, 8pm \$10
Art Reception — Paintings by David Zimmerman, presented by The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill. The Horace Williams House, 2-4pm Free

MONDAY APRIL 2
Movie Showing — Barbara Trent will screen her movie *The Panama Deception*, followed by a discussion of its implications in relation to events unfolding today. Hanes Art Center, Room 121, 7pm empowermentproject.org
Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and former Tar Heel basketball stars discussing March Madness. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm
TUESDAY APRIL 3
Farmers' Market — Fearington Farmers' Market opens for the season, continuing weekly through

Thanksgiving. Fitch Creations building, Fearington Village, 4pm
WEDNESDAY APRIL 4
Wendy Hillis — UNC's Historic Preservation Officer to deliver the lecture *Lux Libertas* in Perpetuity: Historic Preservation at UNC. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:30pm Free
THURSDAY APRIL 5
Film Showing — Marwencol, a 2009 documentary depicting Mark Hogancamp's struggle to cope with physical and psychological wounds after being brutally beaten. Varsity Theatre, 7pm \$4
FRIDAY APRIL 6
Film Fundraiser — *For The Benefit Of All Beings*, a documentary of the life of Garchen Rinpoche, a Tibetan Lama who was imprisoned by the Chinese government for 20 years following the invasion of Tibet. The event is a fundraiser for the Garchen Institute a Buddhist center in Arizona. The ArtsCenter, 7pm \$10-100

ONGOING
Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org 401-9333
Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp
Free Tax Preparation — For low-to-moderate incomes, prepared by IRS-Trained and Certified volunteers. For appointments at The Seymour Center or Central Orange Senior Center in Hillsborough call 968-2086; appointments at the Women's Center in Chapel Hill call 968-4610; appointments at Pittsboro Senior Center call 542-4512

Send your Community Calendar submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

MOVIE LISTINGS

We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
Jeff, Who Lives at Home; The Iron Lady; The Innkeepers
CHELSEA THEATER
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
Albert Nobbs; Being Flynn; A Separation; Shame

THE LUMINA
Southern Village, 932-9000
21 Jump Street; Mirror Mirror; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax; Wrath of the Titans; The Hunger Games
REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
21 Jump Street; John Carter 3D; Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D; Mirror Mirror; Wrath of the Titans 3D; The Hunger Games

THE VARSITY
123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665
Safe House; Chronicle; The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo; The Descendants

THE CAROLINA THEATRE DOWNTOWN DURHAM
FILM SCHEDULE MAR 30-APR 5
JEFF WHO LIVES AT HOME
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Fri-Sun 7:00 | Mon-Thu 7 & 9:30
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hillsborough	saturday, april 21	1 - 5 pm

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Briefs

CVS hearing postponed

A public hearing on the proposed rezoning of the property at the corner of North Greensboro and Weaver streets for a two-story project, including a CVS, has been postponed at the request of the applicant, CVS Caremark.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved the change at their meeting on Tuesday. The hearing had been previously set for April 17, and the applicant has not proposed a new date for the hearing.

According to town planning director Trish McGuire, CVS Caremark representatives requested the change because they recently made revisions to plans for the redevelopment of the property.

Town Council opposes fracking

The Chapel Hill Town Council passed a resolution on Monday night voicing their opposition to hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking.

Fracking is a method of extracting natural gas in which a mixture of water, sand and a mix of toxic chemicals are injected in the ground to break up rock formations to release natural gas.

The resolution was passed 7-2, with Gene Pease and Matt Czajkowski dissenting.

Opening of Church Street delayed

Due to public-safety concerns regarding the construction in the area of 140 West Franklin, the Town of Chapel Hill has agreed to delay the reopening of Church Street to one-way traffic until mid-August.

Church Street was originally supposed to reopen in late March, but in response to a request from the contractor to leave the street closed, the police, fire and public works departments agreed the street should remain closed. For more information about the project, visit townofchapelhill.org/140west

Chamber opposes Amendment One

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce board of directors has unanimously decided to encourage its members to vote against Amendment One on the May ballot.

Amendment One would define marriage as only between a man and a woman. The chamber plans to educate the community and its members about the negative impacts the constitutional amendment could have on business and economic development.

Chamber President and CEO Aaron Nelson said the proposed amendment will hinder employers' ability to provide competitive benefits and will send a message that North Carolina is not welcoming to a diverse workforce.

Public hearing on transit plan

Orange County will hold two public hearings to discuss the county's proposed transit plan.

The first public hearing will be held on Tuesday at the Department of Social Services building in Hillsborough Commons at 113 Mayo St. in Hillsborough. The second public hearing will be held on April 17 at the Southern Human Services Center at 2501 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill.

Both public hearings are part of regularly scheduled Orange County Board of County Commissioners' meetings that start at 7 p.m.

Public meeting on fracking

On Monday Chatham County will host a public information session on oil and gas exploration in North Carolina.

Staff from the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources will be at the meeting to receive comments and explain recommendations in the state's draft report that studies the issue of oil and gas exploration. The meeting will be held at The Barn at Farrington Village at 100 Village Way in Pittsboro from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The state's draft report can be found at ncdenr.gov

County hires EMS consultant

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

Stemming from a recommendation from the county's Emergency Services Workgroup, the Orange County Board of Commissioners approved hiring a consultant to study the county's EMS system and E911 Communications Center at a meeting last week.

The consultant group, Solutions 4 Local Government, will develop two studies and a multi-year strategic plan to make improvements to the county's EMS and E911 Communications Center.

Previously, the board had postponed a decision to enter into a contract with Solutions 4 Local Government, instead opting to create an emergency-services workgroup at the request of local fire chiefs.

The workgroup, comprised of 12 members including fire and police chiefs, two commissioners and two citizens, was charged with examining many facets of the county's emergency services.

Through looking at data collected by staff on different aspects of EMS, including response times, the workgroup made recommendations for system improvements to technology, equipment, staffing and training.

After meeting for a little more than two months, the workgroup came back to the board with a recommendation to enter into the contract.

While the recommendation came from a group made up of multiple stakeholders, Bill Waddell, president of the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Company, told commissioners he believed entering into the contract was "premature."

"The goal of the workgroup was to rebuild the working relationships between the county and it's partners," Waddell said. "By retaining a consultant, we revert back to an unacceptable

status quo and continue to operate in an environment of distrust and suspicion."

Waddell urged commissioners to "wait three to 12 months before obtaining a consultant."

However, the commissioners said they felt that since the recommendation came from the workgroup, they believed they should honor it.

"I respect Mr. Waddell's comments," Commissioner Barry Jacobs said, but "letting the workgroup do their work includes letting the workgroup recommend that we hire a consultant."

Although the commissioners did decide to hire the consultant, both Assistant County Manager Michael Talbert and the board stipulated the consultant should meet with all stakeholders involved in EMS, including the workgroup, about once a month.

"It is very important that the consultant meet with stakeholders prior to starting the study," Talbert said.

The contract has already begun and the consultant will return before the board at the end of August to present the study.

In approving the plan 6-0, the commissioners agreed that the two studies should not cost the county more than \$28,000. Funds for the contract will come from the Emergency Telephone System Fund.

The budget amendment to fund the consultant contract will come back before the board to approve at their April 17 meeting.

In other action last week, the board voted 6-1 to move forward in negotiations with Durham for a cost-sharing plan for the regional light-rail system.

The commissioners also approved a tentative cost-sharing option that proposes \$316.2 million paid by Orange County and \$1.06 billion by Durham County. Fifty percent of each county's costs would be paid by the federal government and 25 percent would be paid by the state.



Yarn-bombing occurred throughout downtown Carrboro recently.
PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

Proposed ordinance could restrict yarn-bombing

Yarn-bombing, the "guerrilla art" tactic of knitting or crocheting covers for public art, buildings and fixtures, has taken hold in Carrboro.

In an effort to support both the artists doing the bombing and the local economy, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen unanimously approved an ordinance requiring all yarn-bombers to use locally sourced materials.

"The ordinance would enable the town to continue encouraging creative expression while bolstering local enterprise," said Carrboro assistant economic development officer I.B. Lyon.

The ordinance states that yarn-bombers must be able to provide receipts proving the materials used were sourced locally.

"A yarn bomb featuring wool made from local sheep or other farm animals and purchased at the farmers market or from a local yarn-maker will qualify for a special plaque indicating its double-bottom-line contribution to the Carrboro economy," Lyon added.

Local knitters may be scrambling, however, to come up with the required documentation. A survey of local yarn shops shows that a large proportion of available yarn comes from the British isles.

"I've already heard some grumbling from my customers," said Shirley U. Guest, manager of Yates Yarns on West Weaver Street. "I expect to hear a lot more," she added.

A provision encouraging the use of locally purchased and/or made crochet hooks and knitting needles was voted down by the board. The new rules take effect April 1.

—Staff Reports

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR
Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

A public hearing will be held on Orange County's potential legislative agenda for the 2012 North Carolina General Assembly Session. The issue areas to be addressed include:

- Orange-Alamance County Line
- Revenue and Taxation
- Transportation Responsibility
- Zoning Ordinance Challenges
- Smart Start/More at Four
- Jail/Inmate Reimbursement
- Forestry/Agriculture
- Dangerous Dog Appeals
- Broadband Grants for Economic Development
- Environment
- County Civil Rights Ordinance—Additional Authority
- Solid Waste Management Plan Requirements
- Energy-Efficiency & Solar
- Bio-Solids Disposal
- Mental Health
- Broadband Service
- Fracking
- E-911 Funds
- Court Facility Fees

The Board of Commissioners welcomes all comments on all items as may be introduced or addressed at the public hearing. The meeting is open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Department of Social Services Center at 113 Mayo Street in Hillsborough beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you need additional information, please call Greg Wilder at 245-2300.

APPLICATIONS
FOR ALCOHOL
EDUCATION AND
REHABILITATION GRANTS

The Orange County Alcohol Beverage Control Board is currently accepting applications for funding local non-profit and Orange County focused organizations for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Grants will be made only to non-profit, tax exempt, charitable organizations which are exempt under section 501(c) 3 of the IRC; or to governmental entities such as Orange County and its agencies, and municipal corporations. The process of applying for funds, instructions and the related forms are outlined in the Board's policy which will be provided upon request. Applications and additional information are available at the Orange County ABC Board 122 Hwy 70 East Hillsborough, N.C. 27278 Monday- Friday from 8:00AM – 4:00PM, website orange.ncabc.com or call the Board Secretary (Angel Neighbours) at (919) 732-3432 x21; or via e-mail at angel077@mindspring.com

Complete applications must be received
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Attrition finally undercuts Carolina

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

Luck at the highest level of collegiate and professional sports is not indicated by the bounce of the ball but the health of the top athletes performing for a team.

Perhaps no team with a legitimate chance to win the 2012 national championship suffered from



Eddy Landreth

more bad luck than North Carolina. Guard Leslie McDonald spent the year in a suit on the sideline after a preseason knee injury knocked him out for the year. Then on Jan. 19, starting guard Dexter Strickland landed awkwardly and suffered torn ligaments in his right knee. Strickland put on a suit and joined McDonald on the sideline, with his season at an end.

That would have been enough for anyone, but the Tar Heels had more to come. There were turned ankles and other ailments along the way, but the next serious blow came in the opening game of the ACC Tournament in Atlanta.

John Henson, the ACC defensive player of the year, fell on his left hand and sprained his wrist. He missed the rest of the tournament, and UNC lost to Florida State in the final.

Henson returned for the NCAA Tournament and played well. UNC cruised in its opener, and then it ran into a group of thugs with Creighton on their jerseys. By game's end, the Bluejays had hacked at Henson's sore arm in an obvious attempt to hurt him. If Creighton could not win the game, the Bluejays seemed determined that Carolina would not win the tournament.

With about 10 minutes left in the game, a Creighton player hit point guard Kendall Marshall from behind on the break. Marshall hit the floor hard.

Marshall played most of the rest of the game, but afterward X-rays showed he had suffered a fractured right wrist. He underwent surgery the next day.

"I've got a bunch of kids who have handled a lot of adversity," Williams said. "Last year ... I dismissed a senior leader from the team two weeks before practice started. We have a guy leave in the middle of the year.

"This year, everybody in this room probably would have picked Leslie as one of our top six players. You lose him. Then you lose Dexter. Then John goes down during the [ACC] tournament. Then Kendall goes down. This team has been pretty dagdum special with their toughness."

When the top-seeded Tar Heels arrived in St. Louis to play Ohio in the round of 16, the kid they call Butter was not there to spread it on, and the Tar Heels ran a little thin without him.

UNC had to go to overtime to defeat Ohio and advance to play Kansas in the regional final.

"Any time you lose somebody who leads your team in assists – Kendall's got over 300 assists on the season – so any time you lose somebody like that," senior forward Tyler Zeller said, "it's going to be a little more difficult. I know that I felt open a couple times, but it was something that Kendall's been able to make a spectacular pass to get it there; whereas Stilman White and Justin Watts haven't played with me as long and don't necessarily see it." As it turned out, Marshall was much more than a facilitator who made the correct passes. He was the adhesive that bound a powerful team, a team shaped over time and through adversity.

Removing Butter allowed friction to work its way into the Tar Heels' offense.

Carolina played spectacular basketball in the first half of the regional final, going to halftime tied at 47 with the Jayhawks. But in the second half, too many jump shots, too much one-on-one and not enough scoring from the front-line helped Kansas limit UNC to 20 points.

"I looked two days ago – Ohio, the top nine guys played, and they had one guy miss one game," Williams said. "Kansas, the top eight guys had one guy miss one game. Last four years, we have had more adversity than I've ever seen in my entire life. But, boy, I've had great kids."

FOSTER CARE FROM PAGE 1

Taking in a child of whom you know very little, exposing yourself and your family to the unknown – that's quite a challenge.

But for Lee, that's also the reward: stepping up and accepting the challenge and offering "your world, that is by no means perfect, but a world where a child can count on his or her needs being met, a place he or she can feel loved and safe."

"You have to be realistic," says Jessica Lemons, 33, of Siler City, who's presently foster mom to siblings, aged 1 and 2. You have to accept that you can't know how things will play out, she says, and prepare for what may come.

"In the beginning I thought I was doing it all for the kids, and so did my family," Lemons says. "But they've taught us that love doesn't have a color or have bloodlines."

Lee's first foster child ran away after a couple of months, and her second had to be moved to another placement.

"It made me question if I was right for this job," she says. "But I truly believed I had something to give to these kids."

"Fifteen years later, my first child still tells me my house was her first home and she still loves me," Lee says. Her second child recently returned to North Carolina for a funeral and stopped by to say thank you and that he was doing OK.

"Thirty-eight kids later, I may still have questions," Lee says, "but in my heart I know I was created for this."

"For me, it just feels natural," Lemons says. "This is my calling, and I don't plan on stopping."

'Eyes wide open'

DSS Placement Services supervisor Jamie Bazemore says potential foster parents should ask themselves why they want to take on this challenge, and to fully understand their own motivations.

They then should ask if it will work for their entire family and immediate support network.

"Everybody has to come in with their eyes wide open," Bazemore says.

To help prepare potential parents, the county provides 10-week Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) classes.

"I say to people, take the

MAPP classes before you make any decision," Lemons says.

Taking the classes doesn't signal a commitment, Bazemore adds. "You can take all 10 MAPP classes and then say, 'This is great information, I'm thrilled we did this, but we've decided this isn't the right time in our lives.' And that's fine."

"It's very much a process to make the final decision," she says, "and we're with you 100 percent of the way."

There's also a network among foster parents in Chatham, with training sessions and nights out that offer both formal and informal support.

Alleviating the anxiety

Bureaucratic issues come into play when children must be placed in homes outside the county.

But "first and foremost, we want to keep children in their own communities for their own benefits," Bazemore says.

Shawna Williamson can appreciate that.

"There's always that panic," she says of being taken from even a bad situation at home. "You don't want to be separated from everything that you've ever known."

Leaving Chatham County would have been especially rough.

"I grew up in little country areas, and we didn't got out of county all that much unless we were going to see my grandmother. So there was a lot of anxiety at the thought of leaving everything and having no stability."

"The thought of leaving everything I'd ever known was very difficult," she says.

DSS wants to make foster care "a constant, continual community conversation" and to engage the community in its recruitment efforts.

"You may not be currently able [to be a foster parent]," Bazemore says, "but you probably know someone who is."

Williamson hopes to one day be a foster parent herself.

"Of course, I would," she says, "once I get everything situated and get settled and get through college and know that I can handle that."

She's now working at Walgreens, has her own place and pays her own bills.

Her immediate objective, she says, is to "be my own person." She's working through that now, and it helps to be grounded.

JAG LAX FROM PAGE 1

"The atmosphere has changed at this school," senior midfielder Wes Bartek said. "We used to be looked at as a school that's small. We're an arts school; we're not competitive. But as each senior class has gone through, they've built more and more of a mentality of a winning team."

For a program in only its fifth year of existence, that mentality has been brought up through the hard work and dedication of those who were willing to build something, and the team has gotten better every year. But starting this past offseason, the building process got a serious jump-start with the hiring of head coach Chris Mann, whose big personality and positive coaching philosophy has united the team.

"Coach Mann and the new coaching staff brought a new life to our team, and it felt like from day one we were more of a team than we were before," senior attacker and co-captain Zack Pruitt said. "The past couple of years, it was more of a group of individuals, and now it's more like a united group, like a family, and it's all about having the other guys' backs."

Mann has experience coaching high school and college football, and he's applying the motivational techniques he learned to the game that's number one in his heart – lacrosse. The team-building activities Mann has instituted, like offseason training and mandatory team meals, have gone a long way, and he's proud of the new atmosphere of camaraderie around his players.

"I'm excited, especially for the seniors who have been here for four years and have seen both sides of things, and I'm also excited for the underclassmen that they get a whole new feel," Mann said.

So far the new mentality is paying dividends, and with Mann's in-game philosophy now firmly entrenched, optimism around the team is at an all-time high.

"We're definitely a more respected team, we're a worthy opponent," Bartek said. "We're going up against East and Chapel Hill, and I think we have a shot at beating them, and they know it. That's kind of a first."

"Coach Mann and the new coaching staff brought a new life to our team"

—Zack Pruitt

"Usually East would look at us and say, 'We're going to put up 20 points on them easily.' Not this year."

The Jaguars have already gotten a shot at both conferences powerhouses, and dropped both games by just one goal apiece. They'll get a chance for revenge against both teams later in the season.

The new attitude is a breath of fresh air for everyone involved with the team. Jaguar parents have noticed the changes under the new coach, and they welcome them with open arms. Chris Snyder's son Jack is a senior on the team, and he's glad to see his son's four years of hard work paying off in an encouraging environment.

"They're really making a great effort to be inclusive and to build a positive base, and it's too bad the seniors couldn't start out in that kind of environment," Snyder said. "It's a whole different perspective. Kids are happy to be out there playing; everybody's happy to be a part of the team."

For the seniors on the team who have been with it since Carrboro High's second year of existence, lacrosse represents their way to leave a mark on their young school. They relish the chance to help establish the school's identity, and to blaze a trail of achievement that will last far beyond their graduation.

"It definitely adds something to our school," Pruitt said. "Our lacrosse team being good is us leaving our mark and leaving some kind of tradition. That's the most important thing. I feel like it's better to be a person who started a program rather than being a part of a program that was already built."

The Jaguars will take on Chapel Hill on Friday at Carrboro High.

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by Linda Thistle

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School Briefs

Student honored for service

Chapel Hill High senior Kristen Powers was presented with a medal on Wednesday to honor her selection as one of North Carolina's top two youth volunteers for 2012 in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program.

Powers was recognized for her work in developing school and community initiatives to protect the environment.

Smith math team honored

On March 16 the Smith Middle School math team competed in the State MathCounts Finals in Durham. All eight students from Smith finished among the top 26 individuals in the state and the team came in second place.

On March 22 the math team competed in the qualifying round of the N.C. State Mathematics competition. Smith came in second place in both Algebra 1 and Geometry and first place in Algebra 2. Eight students qualified for the State Mathematics Contest finals. They are Sarah Wu, Jennifer Zou, Tejal Patwardhan, Lizzie Yang, Vijay Dey, Stas Kuzmenko, Matthew Dai and Andrew Zhang.

Smith student competes in geography bee

On Friday, Vijay Dey, a sixth-grader at Smith Middle School, will represent the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools at the state level of the *National Geographic* Geography Bee.

Dey earned a spot in the bee after beating 80 other Smith students and taking a test to qualify.

CHCCS Chinese students honored

Twelve district students received honor prizes in the Preliminary N.C. Chinese Speech Contest and 10 students will compete in the final contest on May 5 at N.C. State University.

The students who won honor prizes are: from McDougle Middle, DeAnna Buck-Anderson, Flora Horne, Rachel HoTong, Caroline Murphy, HaiYen Nguyen, Zoe Roth and Kiara Sanders; and from Glenwood Elementary, Lindsey Birkerno, Caulie Chu, Eva Nobel, Shayma Ouazzani and Kyla Speizer.

The 10 students competing in the finals are: McDougle students Durante Huq, Max Mahadevan, Neelan Mahadevan, Max Nobel and Matthew Yarnel; and Glenwood students Eva Buckner, Benton Copeland, Brooklyn Fogerson and Zoe Ren.

Governor's School students selected

Twenty-two students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have been selected to attend the N.C. Governor's School this summer.

Students from Chapel Hill High and their subjects are: Alexa Young, choral music; Conner Parkinson, choral music; Sarah McAdams, choral music; Maria Yao, choral music; Isaiah Fischer-Brown, choral music; Juliana Ritter, French; ShiYi Li, instrumental music; Andrew HoTong, instrumental music; Norman Archer, natural science; and Ranjitha Ananthan, social science.

Students from East Chapel Hill High and their subjects are: Helen Lo, choral music; Isabelle Lee, choral music; Alexandra Wilcox, dance; Kayla Miron, dance; Sidney Shank, dance; Vishwas Rao, instrumental music; Apoorva Iyengar, instrumental music; Carolyn Chang, instrumental music; and Diana Laumaute, math.

Selected Carrboro High students and their subjects are: Linnea Lieth, art; Jonathan Dolan, instrumental music; and Camilla Dohlman, social science.

Macbeth Off-Kilter wins awards

Culbreth Middle School won five awards at the North Carolina Theatre Conference middle

school play festival for their production of *Macbeth Off-Kilter*, directed by Terra Hodge.

Prezyce Baez and Connor Cook won for Outstanding Male Duo, Bre Hewitt and Kevin Koczynski won for Excellence in Acting and the play won Excellence in Ensemble Acting and a Superior Rating.

East wins first N.C. History Bowl

East Chapel Hill High School hosted the first N.C. History Bowl, and the varsity team took home the championship.

The East junior varsity team also competed in the N.C. Junior Varsity History Bowl and won the top prize.

Cruizers donates to schools

Cruizers Convenience Marketplace recently presented \$20,000 to 28 local schools and a charity as part of ExxonMobil and BP grant programs. Each of the following schools received \$500: Glenwood Elementary, Ephesus Elementary, Rashkis Elementary and Culbreth Middle.

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define marriage as only between a man and a woman – sparked immediate controversy and comments among those in attendance.

Foushee said she opposed the constitutional amendment, adding, "I don't understand why we would introduce legislation that would offer discrimination in our constitution."

By contrast, Phelps said he supported the amendment, citing his religious beliefs as the reason for his support.

"I cannot vote against it; I have to vote for it because of who I am," he said.

Hughes didn't ask other candidates for their positions on the amendment, but they elected to voice their opinions during the forum's question-and-answer period, all saying they opposed the amendment.

The three candidates running for two District 1 seats on the Orange County Board of Commissioners were asked if they would support a merger of the county's two school districts due to the significant budget cuts each district is facing.

Candidate Mark Dorosin, a former Carrboro Board of Aldermen member, said he supports collaboration but sees a merger as unlikely unless a large public majority asks for it.

Candidate Penny Rich, who serves on the Chapel Hill Town Council, agreed with Dorosin.

"I don't think there is a consensus for merger in the two school systems," she said. "Collaboration is good ... and we

are trying to do more of that as our dollars are shrinking."

Incumbent Commissioner Pam Hemminger shared her competitors' views.

"We have the two highest-funded school districts in the state," she said. "The community has not asked for merger, and previously the community came out in force saying they are not for merger."

The two Democratic candidates for the District 2 seat on the board of commissioners were asked about their thoughts on the county's proposed transit plan, with specific regard to the Hillsborough Amtrak train station.

"I have concerns about the transit plan as it has been proposed," incumbent Commissioner Steve Yuhasz said. "We need to make sure the agreements we have ensure that the interest of unincorporated Orange County and Hillsborough are in the overall plan."

Challenger Renee Price also said she wanted to make sure the Hillsborough train station was made a priority.

"We have an opportunity to make Hillsborough and Orange County a destination," Price said. "This is a great opportunity for economic development in Hillsborough."

The winner of the District 2 primary will run against Republican candidate Chris Weaver in November.

Orange County Board of Commissioners Chair Bernadette Pelissier is running for reelection to an at-large seat on the board, unopposed in the Democratic primary. She will run against Republican Mary

Carter, who is the wife of Dave Carter, a Republican candidate for the District 23 N.C. Senate seat.

At the forum, Pelissier said she is running for reelection to continue working on tough issues such as transit.

Incumbent Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, who represents District 23 in the N.C. Senate, is running unopposed in the Democratic primary and will face Carter in the November election.

Kinnaird discussed the importance of education and of ensuring its proper funding and support.

Rep. Verla Insko, incumbent candidate for the District 56 seat representing Carrboro and Chapel Hill in the N.C. House, is running unopposed in the Democratic primary, but will face Republican Karrie Mead in the November election.

Insko highlighted her extensive work on health care during her years serving in the House, noting her efforts to ensure the implementation of the affordable care act.

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could slow cars traveling on Oak Avenue, like additional speed bumps.

A number of Oak Avenue residents spoke in favor of making safety improvements to the street.

"I have a lot of complaints about the current traffic situation on Oak Avenue," said resident Jenny McMillan, adding that she would like for the town to consider making the street one-way, since many drivers using it as a cut-through from North Greensboro Street to Weaver Street speed.

"I just think that it's only going to get worse for us, and right now I'm terrified every time my 10-year-old goes down the street on his bicycle," she added.

The town's Transportation Advisory Board recently reviewed the report and requested more time to study it before making official recommendations to the board regarding improvements. However, the TAB

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—Jenny McMillan

did recommend that the town conduct a study on the one-way option for Oak Avenue.

Mayor Mark Chilton said it would be important to consider the impacts of a one-way Oak Avenue on other mill village streets.

"If you make Oak Avenue one-way northbound, then any school traffic that's currently coming in on Oak Avenue toward Carrboro Elementary is going to have to be shifted around on Shelton Street," he said.

The board also reviewed a concept plan for safety improvements to the Jones Ferry

Road corridor. According to town transportation planner Jeff Brubaker, 20 car accidents occurred at the Jones Ferry/Davie intersection from 2006 to 2011. In addition, the area is of particular concern because the bus stop near Davie at Abbey Court has the highest ridership in Carrboro, with 660 average daily riders.

Possible safety improvements to Jones Ferry include reducing the number of lanes through a road diet, adding medians and left-turn bays and adding new bike lane and sidewalk segments.

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Amendment
threatens
parental rights

TERRI PHOENIX

On or before May 8, I will be voting against the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Constitution. The amendment reads, “Marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state.”

The impacts of this poorly worded amendment would affect North Carolinians of all sexual orientations. Many state and municipal employees would lose the ability to provide health insurance coverage for their families. Some domestic-violence protections currently available to unmarried couples who have lived together would no longer be available. There are legitimate concerns about the impact of the amendment on recruitment and retention of businesses.

What most concerns me about the possible passage of this amendment is that in the event of my wife’s death, my custody of our beloved 2-year-old daughter could be jeopardized. Our daughter’s name is Duncan, and she is the light of my life. Although my wife and I were legally married in Massachusetts on Oct. 28, 2008, the North Carolina statute defining marriage prohibits recognition of that marriage in this state. What that means for our family is that under North Carolina law I have no legal relationship to my daughter.

To secure as much connection to my daughter as possible, my wife and I have spent a great deal of money, time and energy executing legal documents demonstrating my connection to her (e.g., minor child health care power of attorney; parenting and support agreement; my wife’s will, in which I am named as the preferred guardian). None of these documents are necessarily binding, and in the event of my wife’s death there is the very real possibility that Duncan would be placed into foster care while I petition the court for custody.

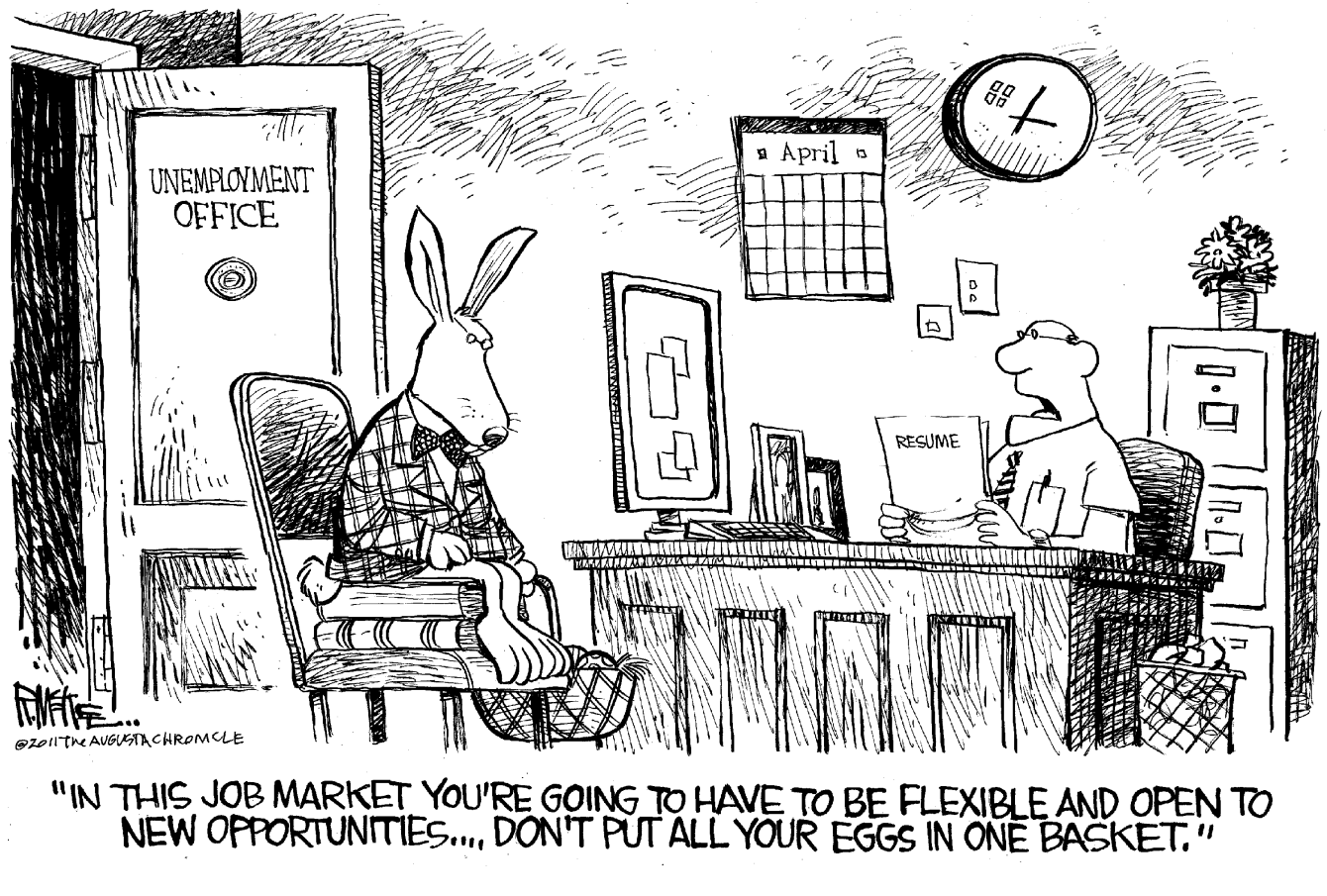
Due to the limitations of the existing documents, I also went through a lengthy and expensive process of what was referred to as “second-parent adoption.” It is the same process that a non-biological stepparent uses to adopt a child of a person he/she/ze has married. On Dec. 17, 2010, the judge granted my adoption of Duncan, and I breathed easier. This lasted only for a brief three days until the state Supreme Court ruled that the second-parent adoption process was not legal in the case of same-sex couples (*Boseman v. Jarrell*).

While the decision was crushing and largely renders my adoption decree invalid, I have comforted myself with the fact that even in that ruling the court affirmed the relationship of the child to the non-biological parent because the couple “intentionally and voluntarily created a family unit in which plaintiff was intended to act – and acted – as a parent. The parties jointly decided to bring a child into their relationship, worked together to conceive a child, chose the child’s first name together, and gave the child a last name that ‘is a hyphenated name composed of both parties’ last names.’ The parties also publicly held themselves out as the child’s parents at a baptismal ceremony and to their respective families. The record also contains ample evidence that defendant allowed plaintiff and the minor child to develop a parental relationship.”

I wonder if such logic could have been used if the proposed amendment had been passed prior to that ruling. What if the court had not been able to recognize the validity of the couple’s partnership? Would the court have been able to recognize the couple and their child as a “family unit” or not? These are the questions that keep me up at night these days and that make me consider leaving this state that I love and have called home since 1985.

I respect the rights of those who see marriage as a religious sacrament or rite that should be consecrated only between one man and one woman. I will not try to change your belief nor demand that your place of worship accept me or my family. I am asking you to consider that the potential impacts of this amendment go far beyond same-sex marriage. Please don’t vote for this amendment that could further threaten my legal connection to my daughter. No child should have to lose one parent – let alone two.

Terri Phoenix is the director of the LGBTQ Center at UNC. The preceding comments are Phoenix’s own and do not represent the position of the LGBTQ Center, UNC or the UNC System.



The welcome mat
is pulled off the front porch

JUDITH BLAU

Two main factors accounted for the high rates of migration from Latin America from around 1994 to 2008. First, the provisions of NAFTA (effective Jan. 1, 1994) were disastrous for many Mexicans, especially agriculturalists who were pushed off their lands by American-owned agribusinesses. They fled under duress to the United States. This was the “push,” similar to the push that Irish and Italians experienced in around 1900. Second, there was the “pull” of demand.

American consumers, the U.S. government (quietly), the North Carolina government (quietly) and U.S. employers (loudly) all wanted Latinos to come to the U.S. The message was clear: “We want your cheap labor.”

Come they did, driven by these “push” and “pull” factors. The reality is that they work hard, value family life and aspire to a good education for their children. They long for a pathway to citizenship. There is no pathway. *Nada*. We American citizens and governments have betrayed them. The welcome mat is pulled off the front porch. We have forgotten the lessons of inclusion we learned with the earlier waves of Irish and Italian migration (and many other waves).

According to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families (an international treaty), migrants and their families are entitled to health care, access to housing, a decent standard of living and education for their children. Both country of origin and country of destination are responsible for their safe passage. The Convention recognizes that migration accompanies globalization – and is fueled by it.

It is important to recognize that migrant workers are protected by the same Fair Labor Standards as all other workers (visit dol.gov/whd/flsa and nclabor.com/wh/wh.htm). The Human Rights Center of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, along with our partners, is ready to assist any migrant worker whose labor rights have been violated.

Judith Blau is the director of the Human Rights Center of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and a professor of sociology at UNC.

LETTERS

Carrboro Commune shifting focus
away from issues

I support the Occupy Movement locally, because I have spent my life fighting against arbitrary authority, and for social and economic justice.

I do not, however, find favor with Carrboro Commune. I feel they focus on issues that have little relevance to ordinary Carrborites. And they do so in a way that brings Occupy into disrepute.

Commune members rail against the arbitrary authority of corporate America. Yet, they employ a similar arbitrary authority to impose unwelcome behavior on a community from which they have received no permission.

They complain about the police response to their alleged civil disobedience, quite forgetting the incivility of their screaming match with the mayor only a few weeks before, after they had equally uncivilly broken into an empty office building.

I was present at the Carrboro Commune protest. I saw no harassment. What I saw was a police department properly and carefully exercising thoughtful concern with regards to a group that has a history of breaking the law in an uncivil fashion.

This in contrast to the response of the Chapel Hill Police last November to the break-in at the Yates building. And I would point out that I remain pretty much the last man standing and still actively calling for an independent investigation of that police reaction.

I have the greatest of respect for our Board of Aldermen. But they are sworn to uphold the law, so long as it remains the law. If they would prefer to protest that law, then they should resign, and join the protesters.

Furthermore, provided our police force operates within the policy guidelines monitored by the Board of Aldermen, then aldermen have no business publicly criticizing police officers whose professionalism does not allow them to respond.

The danger of folks (including aldermen) being allowed constantly to “decry” and protest, without someone calling them out, is that the center of gravity of the conversation gets moved by default.

And my greatest problem with Carrboro Commune and its supporters is that they are shifting focus away from the issues that are central to the fight for social and economic justice in our community. The concerns that are of real concern to ordinary folk, struggling to make ends meet. And we are letting them do so, way too passively.

GEOFF GILSON
Carrboro

Treatment by police questionable

I am a UNC-Chapel Hill senior writing to let the town of Carrboro know about an incident with the Carrboro Police Department about two weeks ago. It involved my friend, “S.” S is a dark-skinned Central American and was leaving work one day and was pulled over.

S states, “I was trying to switch lanes, and the officer made eye contact with me and slowed down for me to pass in front of him. I understood that he was giving me the right of way. I waved at him to say thank you. Then he pulled me over.”

S was asked to step out of the vehicle and was patted down in front of two patrol cars. S showed me later how hard the officer was grabbing his hands. It was painful, humiliating and unnecessary, especially since S was being respectful and cooperative.

A third patrol car, the canine unit, arrived. The dog smelled around the car, and after circling the car, the dog barked. They opened his car and searched for drugs and did not find anything. When S asked the canine officer to not mess up a present that he had in the car, the officer sarcastically responded by stating, “I won’t mess it up. All \$3 of it.”

My friend is Central American and dark-skinned. I believe the reason that S was treated so rudely by the officers, in fact why he was even pulled over in the first place, was because he is a person of color. The officer said that he was pulled over for “cutting him off,” and said that searching someone’s car for drugs is up to their discretion.

I have never seen anyone asked to step out of the car or to have their car searched after being pulled over for a minor traffic violation. However, I am fair-skinned, and from what I have gathered from the interaction, being of color is suspicious behavior enough as to warrant a drug search by the canine unit.

Where is the probable cause for a drug search? Why was he treated so differently than I have been treated by the police?

During a time in which this country is seeing a rise in anti-immigrant legislation and sentiment, it is imperative that as Carrboro residents, we stand up to say that this kind of treatment by law enforcement officials is racist and has no place here. After this incident, I have lost my faith in officers that select who to pull over and who should be searched for drugs based on race. If a community cannot trust its law enforcement officials, no one is safe. Crime will go unreported, and the police will be feared, not trusted. Racial profiling is unprofessional, unethical and unacceptable.

CAMILA SALVO-LEWIS
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because he felt they would give it a better chance of being upheld if challenged on the basis of pre-emption by state law. However, an assistant state attorney general told the town in an opinion letter that he didn't believe the town had the authority to enact such an ordinance.

Along with the ban, the council directed staff to prepare a public education program on the risks associated with cell phone use by drivers. Town Manager Roger Stancil said road signs would be installed at entrances to town as part of the program.

The council had previously deadlocked 4-4 on the ordinance at a meeting from which Harrison was absent. Some council members questioned the town's authority in regulating cell phone use by drivers, as well as the town's ability to enforce such an ordinance.

Meanwhile, some Carrboro leaders say they're waiting to see how the ban plays out, but would consider a similar ordinance in

Carrboro.

"I think there's always a certain logic to matters like that having some consistency between the towns. That said, our board has not discussed it, and I don't know what our attorney's position would be, if he would have the same position as the Chapel Hill attorney in terms of the legal issues," Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Dan Coleman said. "My own feeling is that there is value in increased safety in a ban like this, not necessarily because of whether it is or isn't enforceable, but because of the increase in awareness."

"Obviously they're out of the gate on this, and we're going to see how this ban works in Chapel Hill," he continued. "We'll be in a position some months or whenever from now to consider whether that's something that would work in Carrboro."

Board member Rande Hadden-O'Donnell said she too would

like to consider an ordinance for Carrboro, noting research that likens talking on a cell phone while driving to drunk driving.

"I think that the research is there that the cell phone use is distracting," she said, admitting that she knew enforcement of such an ordinance could be tricky.

"That doesn't mean that I don't think that it's important, because especially in a town like Chapel Hill with fairly young drivers ... who do not have that long experience behind the wheel, driving with handheld devices is a terrible way to learn."

In December, the National Transportation Safety Board called for the first-ever nationwide ban on driver use of portable electronic devices. Texting while driving and the use of cell phones by drivers under 18 are both already illegal in North Carolina.

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Though beautiful, tiny flowers of youngia open only a few hours in the morning and produce copious seed to infest nearby ground. Flowering stems of youngia stand from 6 to 20-plus inches in height.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
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at that basal rosette of yellowish-green leaves. Like the staff at the botanical garden, I have learned to recognize it by sight and pounce on every one I see. It literally is running rampant across gardens and pathways in Carrboro and Chapel Hill and even along some of the edges of the well-manicured plantings on the UNC campus.

How amazed I was two weeks ago while viewing the spectacular Dutchman's breeches display along the Flat River north of Durham; several of us spotted a single rosette of this plant hunkered down amongst all those native beauties. You really do learn to spot it. We pounced on it in unison and brought it out with us. We kept a

watchful eye out for more and were happy to find none.

Those tiny airborne seeds, typical of the aster family, fly far and wide, so no area is safe. We felt honorable that at least we had kept dozens, perhaps hundreds, of new plants from invading that lovely spot next year.

I know of no other exotic that has become so invasive in so short a period. So please do your part. Study the images and keep a watchful eye, and don't leave a one to survive.

Thanks for paying attention, and next week I promise a happier story!

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at [The Annotated Flora \(carrborocitizen.com/flora\)](http://TheAnnotatedFlora.carrborocitizen.com/flora).



Safe Port, Kerr Lake

David Hughes, a retired distinguished professor at the UNC School of Business, sent in this image he shot last fall at Kerr Lake, along with this narrative: "My fascination with boats and ships is reflected in my serving in the Navy and now owning a 26-foot sailboat that I have sailed in the Chesapeake, the North Carolina sounds, the Neuse River, the Inner Coastal Waterway and both coasts of Florida. It was a cold morning on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at 8 a.m. I crawled out of my sleeping bag and opened the hatch on my sail-

boat that was at its slip at the Steele Creek Marina on Kerr Lake. I saw the fog and the color of changing leaves. The scene reminded me of the 17th century Flemish seascapes. I pulled some clothes over my long underwear; took the underwater camera that I use for snorkeling (a Panasonic DMC TS 10, about \$150 at B&H) and headed along the docks to take pictures. Of the many scenes, I selected this one. I imagined what it would have been like to return to a safe harbor after a long voyage in the 17th century."



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