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Spiderworts are lovely morning attractions as they "lurk amongst" other plants.

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'Curiously lurking amongst the grassy leaves'

Legendary English gardener and writer Vita Sackville-West described spiderwort as "... a plant I like very much, sometimes called the Trinity Flower, owing to its three petals of a rich violet, curiously lurking amongst the grassy leaves."

I love the notion of flowers "curiously lurking amongst the grassy leaves" because that's exactly how I find them scattered about in my garden. I don't remember planting one when I used to try being organized about gardening, but happily they freely self-seed, and I have them now scattered about the yard in both sunny and shady locations. Since they planted themselves I don't have to be concerned about watering them.

When they seem to have finished flowering and flop over during the heat of the summer, I simply cut the stems back and enjoy another flush of growth and flowering later in the season.

The one moving around my yard is most likely Tradescantia ohiensis, smooth spiderwort, with leaves having a somewhat whitish cast (glaucous) to them. The leaves immediately below the flower clusters are as wide as the stem leaves.

The name Trandescantia honors two notable English gardeners, the two John Tradescants, father and son. King Charles I sent the younger John Tradescant to Virginia in 1637 to gather all rarities of flowers, plants and shells. By that date the elder John Tradescant, the king's gardener, was already growing many American plants in his London garden. Spiderworts were one of the earliest American plants transported back to England.

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Case details emerge in Minton trial

BY ROSE LAUDICINA

Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH – When investigator Tim Horne from the Orange County Sheriff's Office began looking into the disappearance of Josh Bailey, he was doing it as a favor to a friend.

A friend called to tell him that her friend Steve Bailey's oldest son was missing and that he was having trouble finding help.

"I went to the Chapel Hill Police and a kidnapping. Department to file a missing persons report," Steve Bailey told the jury on April 16. "An officer told me that just because he had not come home for two weeks, and because he was 18 and a legal adult, he could not take a missing persons report," he said.

After talking to Steve Bailey on Aug. 19, 2008, Horne began looking into the missing persons case, but it

Horne, the lead investigator for the case, told the jury in the State vs. Brian Minton trial on Tuesday that after talking with Matt Johnson, who allegedly shot Bailey, he realized his missing person could be a homicide victim.

"Matt went into a lot of detail about several different instances that had occurred," Horne said about the quickly transitioned into a homicide first time he talked to Johnson at Cen-

tral Regional Hospital in Butner on Aug. 26, 2008. Johnson had checked into the hospital for rehab.

One of the stories Johnson told was that Josh Bailey had been bound and driven away from the Minton family garage and that he never saw him

"Matt said he had been taken away and didn't come back," Horne said,

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WELCOME, MR. PRESIDENT — The Southern Part of Heaven welcomed President Barack Obama on Tuesday as the president kicked off his tour of college campuses with a visit to UNC. "The thing about North Carolina is, even the people who don't vote for me are nice to me," Obama told the crowd at Carmichael Auditorium. "I can't say that about every place." Obama's visit to Chapel Hill included a speech about student loan interest rates at Carmichael and a taping of "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" before a student-only audience at Memorial Hall. His speech drew both students and community members who braved the chilly rain on Sunday to wait in line for tickets PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

Council shuns Carolina Flats

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – A student-housing development proposed for the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and North Estes Drive got an icy reception from the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday night.

Carolina Flats is the third studenthousing development proposal that the council has heard since February, not including the Shortbread Lofts project planned for Rosemary Street, which the council approved in March. The developer, Orlando, Fla.-based Progressive Capital, proposes 189 residential apartments in seven three-story buildings, 532 parking spaces and a four-story, 125- to 145-room hotel on 16.2 acres.

The property proposed for development is across from the planned Carolina North project, which is in the

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Dual-language proposal still opposed

BY ROSE LAUDICINA

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – There were so many people signed up to speak at last week's Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meeting that board Chair Mia Burroughs reduced comment time from three minutes to two minutes per person.

However, the speakers didn't seem to need the full three minutes to get their point across. They came to the standing-room-only meeting to show

their opposition to recommendations to terminate the district's Mandarin dual-language program and turn Frank Porter Graham Elementary School into a magnet school for the district's Spanish dual-language pro-

Around 40 concerned parents, students and staff members spoke at last Thursday's meeting to express concerns with the recommendations and criteria used to make them.

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A different kind of giving

BY BROOKE PARKER

Staff Writer

Although she has been retired from teaching in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools for 20 years, Catharyne Jones Butler continues to give back to the community in new ways.

"I am still trying to keep my mind sharp," Butler says.

Born and raised in Cumberland County as the youngest of seven children, Butler graduated at the top of her high school class and furthered her education at Fayetteville State Teachers College. She and her husband, Ray Allen Butler – who she met when she was 9 years old – married in 1956. They became proud parents of two daughters, Kym Butler-James and Keva Butler-Towns, and now have three grandchildren.

But beyond her own family, Butler has certainly made a difference in the lives of a number of children – many of them now grown – in this commu-

At the age of 21, Butler was hired to work in the public schools in Chapel Hill-Carrboro, which were still segregated at the time. During integration, Butler was assigned to Carrboro Elementary School, where she taught third, fifth and sixth grade for 13 years. She would remain an educa-

tor within the district for 35 years. "I love kids, I really do," Butler says. "I love school too. I hated when the summer came and I couldn't go to

Butler – who has taught more than 1,000 children - believes that all of her students need to be inspired and encouraged to continue their educa-

Both inside and outside the classroom, Butler took a special interest in her students, always trying to convey a particular message.

"Yes, you are worthwhile, and somebody thinks so," Butler says.

Cleveland Suitt, one of Butler's former third-grade students, spent many afternoons helping Butler organize woodpiles in her backyard for the money he needed to buy basic necessities – things he needed but wouldn't have been able to purchase without

In those afternoons, Butler taught Suitt that he had to work hard for what he got. "Everything costs something – nothing is free," Suitt says.

"I pride myself on helping people



Catharyne Butler has spent much of her life giving back, both through her 35 years of service in the school district as well as her work in the greater PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

the way she helped me," he continues. Suitt, now 45, works for the American Residential Services, where he says he does just about everything from water purification to heating and ventilation. Suitt feels that he would not be as successful as he is today without Butler's guidance.

"She is one of the reasons people know my name in Carrboro, Chapel

Hill and Durham," he says.

'Woman of distinction'

Butler says she loved every moment of her work within the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools. She left the

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MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY APR 26

Cat's Cradle: Kenny Benefit Concert: Tall Buildings, New Town Drunks, Neil Diamond Allstars, David Spencer Band, Dex And The New Romans. 7:30pm. Donations The Cave: LATE: Remy St. Claire, Alexi Marceaux and the

Samurai. \$5 City Tap: Laura Thurston.

8:30pm

East 54: Chris Reynolds. 5pm Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen, 7:30pm

Local 506: Kopecky Family Band, The Lumineers. 9pm. \$8/10 Nightlight: Ed Askew, Baby Cop-

perhead, Clarq Blomquist. 9:30pm.

FRIDAY APR 27

Carolina Inn: Big Fat Gap. 5pm Cat's Cradle: The Old Ceremony, John Dee Holeman. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: Dave Nasty LATE: Blood Red River, The Bastages, B-side Project

City Tap: Joe Bell and The Stinging Blades. 8pm. Andy Coats. 10pm **The Depot:** Be The Moon.

Hill Hall: NC Jazz Repertory Orchestra. 8pm. \$10/seniors; \$5/ Internationalist Books: Rootzie,

Clover Creek. 7pm Jessee's Coffee and Bar: HWYL.

The Kraken: Spiralfire. 8pm Local 506: Allo Darlin, The Wave Pictures, The Big Picture. 9:30pm.

Nightlight: North Elementary, Boykiller, Wesley Wolfe. 9:30pm.

Open Eye: IlyAIMY. 8pm **Southern Rail:** Alex Bowers and

SATURDAY APR 28

Friends. 7:30pm

Cat's Cradle: The GrandMoth-

ers of Invention, 8pm, \$20/25 The Cave: EARLY: Red Threads LATE: Swang Bros

City Tap: Tommy Edwards. 8pm **The Depot:** Jazztones. 8:30pm The Kraken: PepperDome. 9pm **Open Eye:** Flesh and Stone. 8pm

SUNDAY APR 29 Cat's Cradle: The English Beat,

Archbishops of Blount Street. 9pm. The Cave: EARLY: Old Lady

Bowers LATE: Johnny Staxx and the Durty Boyz, Gary B and the Notions, Goat and Faun, Henbrain

Local 506: The Deep Dark Woods, Be The Moon. 9pm. \$8/10 Memorial Hall: NC Opera performs II Trovatore. 3pm Nightlight: Pas Musique,

Philip Petit, Sagan Youth, Promute. 9:30pm. \$5 **Southern Rail:** Mahalo Jazz. 7pm

Southern Village: Armand Lenchek, Danny Gotham. 6pm.

MONDAY APRIL 30

Cat's Cradle: Groupslove, Company of Thieves. 8pm. \$15/18 The Cave: LATE: Andy The

TUESDAY MAY I

tra. 7:45pm. Free

Snow. 9pm. \$8/10

Local 506: Khaira Arby and Her Band, Diali Cissokho and Karaiba. 9pm. \$9/11

WEDNESDAY MAY 2 ArtsCenter: Triangle Jazz Orches-

The Cave: LATE: Turchi, Channing and Quinn. \$5 Local 506: Hanni El Khatib, Sundelles, James Mathis, Summer

THURSDAY MAY 3

East 54: Chris Reynolds Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm

Local 506: Old Bricks, Filthybird.

The Depot: RavenRidge Blue-

Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio. 7pm. Mark Holland, Michael Holland.

FRIDAY MAY 4

Bynum General Store: Mipso

Carolina Inn: Mel Melton and The Wicked, Mojo. 5pm

Cat's Cradle: Beats Antique. 9pm. \$15/18

The Cave: Killer Filler, Mystery Men? Aqualads, Weisstronauts, Destination: Earth, The Madeira, Kill, Baby, Kill

Community Church of Chape Hill: Emma's Revolution. 7:30pm. \$15/18

The Depot: The Harvey Dalton Arnold Band

Local 506: Future Kings of Nowhere, The Prayers and Tears, Magnolia Collective. 9pm. \$8 Open Eye: Jake melnyk. 8pm Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and

SATURDAY MAY 5

Friends. 7:30pm

Cat's Cradle: Beach House. 9pm. \$20

The Cave: Atom Bumz, 9th Wave, The Surge, Atomic Mosguitos. The Intoxicators, Coffin Daggers, Blood Red River

The Depot: The Road Home Band, Too Much Fun

Local 506: Acid Mothers Temple, Clang Quartet, Phantom Family Halo. 9:30pm. \$9/11

Nightlight: Organos, Flesh Wounds. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye: Saints Apollo. 8pm Southern Rail: Phatlynx, The III

Southern Village: Culbreth Middle School Fundraiser: Shakedown Street. 6:30pm. Donations

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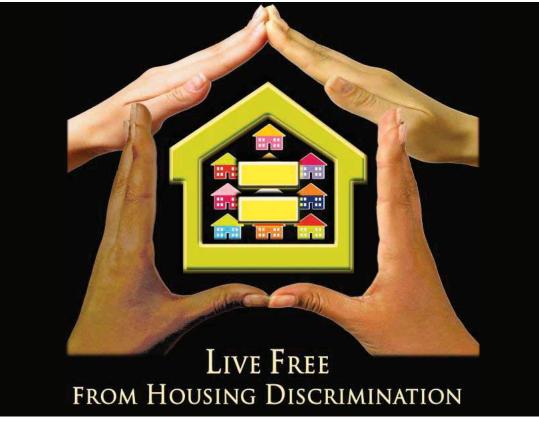
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Discussion on social activism

The Town of Chapel Hill Justice in Action Committee and the Chapel Hill Public Library will hold a public discussion on civic engagement, civil disobedience and political protest at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Hargraves Center.

The discussion, "From Counters to Camps: Social Justice Activism in a Changing World," is free and open to the public and will

consist of a panel presentation and a question-and-answer period. Former town council member Sally Greene will moderate the panel, which will include Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt; president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP Robert Campbell; Al Mc-Surely, civil rights lawyer and activist; Maya Handa, Chapel Hill High School senior; Steve Peterson, member of Occupy Chapel Hill; and Jeremy Collins, UNC student and president of the Black Law Students Association.

OC leaders rally against Amendment

Elected officials of Orange County will gather on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Carrboro Town Hall to talk about the harms of Amendment One.

The mayors from Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough will be present, along with Orange County Board of Commissioners Chair Bernadette Pelissier and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board Chair Mia Burroughs, all of whom will be supported by members of their respective boards.

Each leader will make short remarks about why they oppose the amendment and then enter Carrboro Town Hall to vote.

CH 2020 draft plan released

The newest draft of the Chapel Hill 2020 comprehensive plan has been released for the public to read and comment on.

Public input on the draft goals and objectives must be received by Monday and the draft will be presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council on May 21.

The draft can be found at 2020buzz.org

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OBITUARY

Doris Waugh Betts Doris Waugh Betts, 79, died

peacefully at her home, Araby Farm, near Pittsboro, N.C., on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

A native of Statesville, N.C., she was born June 4, 1932, the child of William Elmore Waugh and Mary Ellen Freeze Waugh, both parents having predeceased her.

She attended Statesville public schools and enrolled in Women's College, now UNC-G, earning Phi Beta Kappa honors and publishing her first literary work as a sophomore. While still an undergraduate, she married Lowry Matthews Betts of Columbia, S.C., on July 5, 1952.

They soon moved to Chapel Hill, where Lowry entered the School of Law. He received his J.D. degree in 1956, and they moved to Sanford, N.C., for a long and rewarding time together, raising three children. A new chapter began when they moved in stages to Pittsboro: a full professorship blossomed for Doris at UNC, a judgeship for Lowry and an Arabian horse farm took shape in the woods two miles from the courthouse.

Betts remained in Pittsboro for the rest of her life, continuing to write fiction and teach. She was an active member of Pittsboro Presbyterian Church, where she served as elder. She retired from UNC in 2000 as Alumni Distinguished Professor of English.

In a long career, it is safe to wager that Doris Betts never wrote an awkward sentence, and it is certain she never wrote nonsense. She was incapable of writing without grace, originality and truth. She possessed an additional rare gift of heartfelt empathy for human beings in all their striving, a quality that made her a masterful teacher in adult life. She tempered this compassion with a frank, hard-edged wisdom that reflected her Calvin-



In this 1985 photograph for the Chancellor's Report, Doris Betts (right) works with a creative writing student at the Carolina Quarterly.

PHOTO BY JOCK LAUTERER

ist roots and won the respect of all who knew her. She rose from humbled beginnings to become one of the foremost writers and educators in the South.

As a young woman, she won a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Mademoiselle Prize for college fiction, the UNC Putnam Award for her first novel and three Sir Walter Raleigh Awards for subsequent novels. In 1975, she received the N.C. Medal for Literature, the highest civilian award bestowed by the state of North Carolina. Additional honors include: the Distinguished Service Award for Women (Chi Omega), the John Dos Passos Award for literature, Chancellorship of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, a Medal of Merit from the National Academy of Arts and Letters, the North Caroliniana Society Award in 1998 and an Academy Award for the stage play Violet, based on her story "The Ugliest Pilgrim."

Betts had few equals as a teacher of English and a mentor of young writers. Students crowded her classes at UNC year after year, often camping out so they could register in time. She received the UNC Tanner Award for distinguished undergraduate teaching in 1973 and was the first recipient of the Katherine Carmichael Teaching Award in 1980. She served as director of the UNC Freshman English program, director of the North Carolina Fellows program, head of the university's undergraduate honors program and was the first woman ever elected chairman of the faculty at the University of North Carolina. In 1998, UNC

endowed the Doris Betts Distinguished Professorship in Creative Writing in her honor.

Home and family were precious delights to Doris Betts all of her life. Her husband, Lowry, and her daughter, Doris LewEllyn, predeceased her. Surviving are LewEllyn's husband, Prof. Thomas Alvin Mroz, of Clemson University, S.C.; her sons, David Lowry Betts and his wife, Catherine Johnson Betts, of Pittsboro, N.C.; and Erskine Moore Betts II and his wife, Mary Wilcox Betts, of Apex, N.C.; and grandchildren, Anna Josephine of Pittsboro and Matthew Palmer and William Alston of Apex. Also surviving are her cousin Lynda Robinson Johnson, nephew Jeffrey Freeze and family, and aunt Mary Faye Waugh Reavis and family of Statesville and cousin Linda Thompkins of Pittsboro. In Columbia, surviving are her sisterin-law, Mrs. Erskine D. Betts (Rowena), and nieces, Ellen and Mary; and in Fletcher, N.C., her niece Rowena, as well as their children. In St. Louis, surviving is her brother-in-law, Roger Moore Betts, and Katherine.

The family expresses special gratitude to Thomas Stinchcombe, M.D., and others in the Department of Oncology, UNC Cancer Center, for their excellent care; to the congregation of Pittsboro Presbyterian Church for their unceasing prayers and witness; to Jackie Glasser, R.N., and the staff at UNC Hospice of Pittsboro; and to Doris's trusted nurses, Diana and Onelia Tolentino, Carolyn Patterson, Connie Bray and Leslie Moore, for providing a peaceful ending at

Memorials may be made to UNC Hospice, PO Box 1077, Pittsboro, NC, 27312, or to the Pittsboro Presbyterian Church, PO Box 713, Pittsboro, NC, 27312.

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BOA talks parking requirements Community Briefs

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

CARRBORO - Considering several measures that could impact future developers, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday looked at parking requirements for both bicycles and cars.

The board postponed a decision on bike-parking requirements for developments, but members indicated they would likely support requirements. The measure stems from a September 2011 recommendation by the town Transportation Advisory Board that Carrboro establish bike-parking guidelines for new developments and existing projects undergoing major modifications. Included in the guidelines are required amounts of parking

for different types of developments. For instance, for a school, one bike parking space is required for every 10 students.

Board members said they would like to include in the ordinance that certain types of bike parking - wave, comb and toast designs - be prohibited in new

Town transportation planner Jeff Brubaker said other designs, like the A, inverted U and postand-loop racks, were preferred.

"There's a lot of consensus amongst people who work in this field that they provide a little more security," he said. "The older racks are more susceptible to cutters and things like that."

Board members also said they would like to require that bicycle parking be at least 50 percent covered. The board will revisit the ordinance at a later meeting.

Also on Tuesday, the board approved a measure amending the town's ordinance regarding compact car parking such that parking areas with 10 or more spaces can include up to 40 percent compact car spaces. Previously, the ordinance permitted parking areas to include up to 40 percent subcompact car spaces, with the remainder designated exclusively for compact, mid-size and large cars. Under the changes, the remainder of the spaces would be open to any car.

The approved changes also include adjusting the parking space size for compact cars from 7.5 by 16.5 feet to 8 by 15 feet, for an overall reduction of 3.5 square

Board member Sammy Slade questioned why the town wouldn't require parking lots to include 40 percent compact spaces instead of just providing

However, board member Jacquie Gist said she didn't believe it was fair to require that.

"I think eventually people will buy smaller cars when they can afford to, but I don't want to play this 'you're not even welcome here because you can't afford the kind of car that we think you should

be driving," she said.

Board members said they would like to revisit the issue and possibly consider requiring a certain amount of compact spaces up to 40 percent.

Ray of Hope fundraiser Sunday

The Jason Ray Foundation will host a fundraising Sunday brunch and auction at The Carolina Club on Sunday to benefit patients who have undergone organ transplantation at UNC Hospitals.

The Jason Ray Foundation was founded in honor of Jason Ray, the former UNC Tar Heels' mascot who tragically lost his life in a hit-and-run accident while attending the NCAA basketball regionals in New Jersey in 2007. Ray had signed up to be an organ donor, and his donation of organs and tissues received worldwide attention.

Money raised at the brunch will provide a permanent memorial for Jason and will increase organ-donation awareness.

Lunch break against Amendment One

The Coalition to Protect NC Families will sponsor an afternoon of local food and music on Friday from noon to 5 p.m. at Carrboro Town Commons to raise awareness against the Amendment One referendum that would place a ban on samesex marriage in the state constitution.

This free public event will feature food from Lantern, Neal's Deli, Scratch and more.

The Carrboro Town Hall voting precinct will be open for early voting, and same-day voter registration will be available on site for Orange County residents.

Parking is available at the municipal lots located at West Weaver or South Greensboro streets.

86-year-old WWII vet honored

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton presented Sam Winstead, a WWII veteran, with an award on April 23 for his efforts to bike 360 miles to ask President Barack Obama to stop the wars.

Winstead is going to ride his bicycle 360 miles starting Sunday at 8 a.m. from the State Capitol in Raleigh to the Lafayette Park in Washington, D.C.

Read about Winstead's Ride for Peace at neveteransforpeace.

Microbrews at Top of the Hill

Top of the Hill Restaurant and Brewery will host a gathering Thursday (today) at 6:30 p.m. to help raise money for the newly launched North Carolina Health News Service.

Rose Hoban, founder of N.C. Health News, will speak at the event. Hoban, a former NPR reporter, created the nonprofit news website to deliver vital health news to people in our state.

Donations to support N.C. Health News will be accepted but not required.

Gay, straight couples to renew vows

More than 10 couples and 100-plus witnesses, both gay and straight, will show their solidarity against Amendment One by participating in a commitment-renewal ceremony on Saturday at Binkley Baptist Church.

The event is intended as a loving demonstration of the belief that love is love and all relationships are equal.

The ceremony will be officiated by Peter Carman, minister at Binkley, and Susan Rogers, an ordained minister.

Seedling event at the farmers' market

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will give away farmer-grown

tomato seedlings to kids on Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Market farmers have been growing these seedlings to give out to children at the event. Fifth Season Gardening Company will provide organic potting soil for the pots as well as growing tips and useful information for new gardeners.

Kids will be able to personalize and decorate their own seed-

lings with plant labels provided by Kidzu Children's Museum. In past years up to 400 seedlings have been given to kids at this event.

Coker gets a jumpstart

BY EDDY LANDRETH Staff Writer

Quarterback prospect and future Tar Heel Kanler Coker

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UNC for the spring semester because he did not choose the Tar Heels until first-year coach Larry Fedora came calling in January. By then it was past time to enroll.

So Coker is working for his father and working on his game and his body with his time.

Having the freedom of being a graduate with no firm demands did provide him with a rare opportunity for an incoming freshman. He spent the initial two weeks of spring practice in Chapel Hill watching the Tar Heels work out for Fedora and his staff for the first time.

The practice tempo and the speed at which Fedora wants his offense and defense to operate could not help but grab his attention, said Coker, who is listed at 6-foot-4, 205 pounds.

"The pace is crazy," Coker said. "It's just super fast. The offense, with the schemes, it puts

a lot of pressure on the defense. "There were a lot of great athletes out there, and that makes any quarterback happy."

Coker appears to have the talent to make those athletes happy. His senior season, he completed 173 of 290 passes for 2,809 yards and 31 touchdowns. He also rushed 119 times for 837 yards and 15 touchdowns. So he accounted for more than 3,800 yards of total offense.

He achieved in the classroom, earning the teams' academic award in football and basketball.

Being on campus at Carolina for those weeks got his adrenaline pumping even harder, providing incentive to get as prepared as he can before he reports for the first session of summer school.

"They sent me a workout, so I'm doing that," Coker said. "I'm also trying to learn all the signals and the lingo so I will be ready. I learned a lot while I was there for two weeks.

"It is really exciting. It's less than a month away," he continued. "I can't wait to get up there. It's going to be a lot of work, but it's going to be a lot of fun too.

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-Kanler Coker

Coker had superb timing. He didn't just watch the first two weeks of spring practice he got to study the team and coaches as they practiced on the field together for the first time.

"I went out the first day and they were blasting music," Coker said. "The guys were working real hard, but they were also having fun. I thought that was really cool.

'They had a lot of spirit, and they did not let up until they finished. That is what Coach Fedora preaches."

Those two weeks enabled Coker to learn more about Fedora. He came away even more

"He runs a tight ship," Coker said. "He wants everybody all in. He wants everybody to be perfect every play. He has a lot of character. He knows when he needs to put his foot down.

"Also he's always trying to get everybody to play as hard as ssible and as fast as possible."

In the recruiting process, a lot was made of Coker's ability to maneuver and run. He can certainly do that, but his statistics for throwing the ball are impressive as well.

He attributes his quick feet to playing basketball his whole life. He has never been hesitant about cutting it loose when he makes throws either.

"I don't want to sound like I'm bragging," Coker said, "but I've always been able to make any throw I wanted. I am confident in my arm."

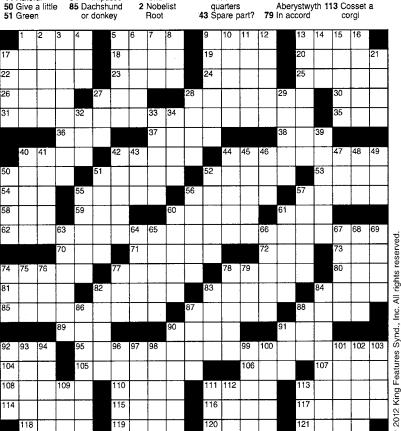
Coker said he thinks about becoming a Tar Heel all the time, particularly now that each day brings him one step closer.

"I just have to work extra hard," Coker said. "I've got to do right on and off the field. I represent North Carolina now. So I have to do right in the classroom too.

"It's something to be proud of. It's something I've worked for my whole life.

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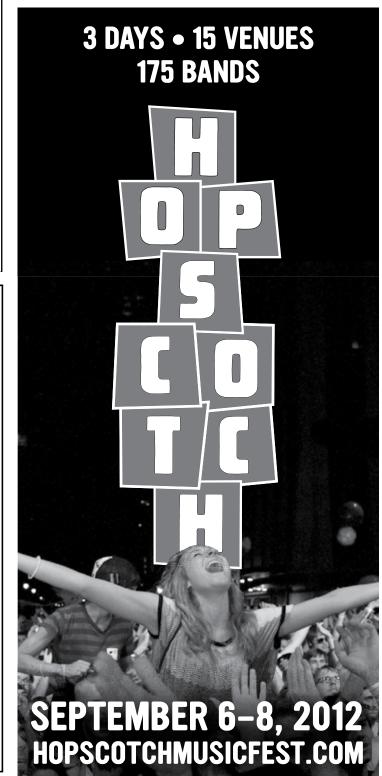


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School Briefs

Healthy class challenge/Healthy Kids Day

CHCCS schools are participating in the Healthy Classroom Challenge, a four-week program focusing on the importance of physical activity and good nutrition. Students will work with their teachers to create and perform five-minute skits highlighting what they've learned during Healthy Kids Day on Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA. It is free and open to the public.

In addition, representatives from community resource groups will provide information about local summer programs and activities. There will also be games, prizes, entertainment, food and family fun. For more information visit chcymca.org/ take-on-summer-at-healthy-kids-day.

District events

CHCCS will host two events on Monday. The first is the district's annual Legislative Breakfast at 8 a.m. in the Lincoln Center Boardroom. Local politicians will be on hand to discuss educational issues from the N.C. School Boards Association legislative platform.

After the Legislative Breakfast, participants will join other community leaders at the site of Elementary School 11 for a groundbreaking ceremony. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the Northside site between Caldwell and McMasters Streets.

After-school registration begins

Registration has begun for families wishing to enroll their children in the five-star rated CHCCS Community Schools After-School Program for 2012-13. Registration is \$40 and monthly tuition is \$220.

The program operates from 2:30-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at each of the 10 district elementary schools. The program provides quiet time for homework, a snack, physical activity and free-choice activities. For more information call (919) 967-8211, ext. 28266 or visit tinyurl.com/3fs3qfg

Culbreth Orchestra trip

The Culbreth Middle School Orchestra recently returned from a performing tour in Washington, D.C., on April 13 and 14. The orchestra was sponsored by Rep. David Price with a White House tour, concert at the Old Post Office Pavilion and a tour of the Smithsonian Museums. The orchestra also attended a National Symphony Orchestra concert, and in collaboration with the NSO, premiered the newly composed piece "Affirmations for a New World" by William C. Banfield.

Dual-language survey

Parents, faculty, staff and community members have until 5 p.m. Friday to fill out a dual-language survey for CHCCS. It is currently being translated into Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Burmese and Karen. It is intended to give administrators feedback on the program. Visit tinyurl.com/7ayt8el to take the

FundFest on Saturday

The Unity programs of Chapel Hill High, East Chapel Hill High and Carrboro High will present FundFest on Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Carrboro Town Commons. The event will feature local musicians, performers and food vendors raising money for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina and the Unity Program. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

Net+ Certification

The Career and Technical Education's IT Academy has announced the first three students to pass their Net+ Certification exam, which covers topics such as network technology, installation, configuration, management and security. It is an industry standard certification for IT professionals. The students are Marlow Durbin, Ashish Valentine and Brett Goldbach.

Writing contest winners

Five CHCCS high school and middle school students have become published writers. They are winners of the 2012 CHCCS Writing Contest, "Writing and Growing," sponsored by the Writers' Discussion Group of Chapel Hill. They will be celebrated at a brief ceremony at the Lincoln Center on May 1, at 4 p.m. and had their stories published in a soft-cover book by Righter Press.

The winners are: Juliana Sierra, senior, Carrboro High, first place; Michele Xia, sophomore, East Chapel Hill High, second place; Madeline Murden, sixth grade, Culbreth Middle, best fiction; Maggie Repass, junior, Chapel Hill High, best nonfiction; and Vanessa Amoako, senior, Carrboro High, best biography.

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JAGS TROUNCE NORTHWOOD



Carrboro's Kylie Tawney goes airborne to control the ball. Carrboro High School women's soccer got back on track against Northwood on Monday night following a disappointing loss to Chapel Hill High last week. The Jaguars prevailed, 8-0, against the Chargers, with two goals each scored by co-captain Tawney, Anna Houser and Samantha Burch and one goal each by co-captain Anna Gachechiladze and Becca

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FROM PAGE I

classroom in 1980 to serve at the Lincoln Center - the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools central office - as the district's community liaison for low achievers. Having retired in 1992, she remains active in the community, her church and the schools.

"I find myself busier now than I have ever been," Butler says.

After retirement, Butler found her way back into teaching when she noticed a need for substitute teachers and tutoring in the community. She continues to tutor, take care of her grandchildren, plan weddings and be actively involved in the church, still taking the same special interest in helping members of the community as she did as a teacher.

At First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill – where she has been a member since April 1968 Butler started the "Seeds of Faith" ministry for youth and served on multiple committees. She currently serves as chair of the deacons' ministry, assistant treasurer, chair of the pastor's appreciation committee, secretary of the ladies aid feeding ministry, is a member of the senior missionary circle and a member of the Sunday School and noonday prayer groups.

Rev. Josephine Harris - who also worked closely with Butler in the schools system - speaks

highly of Butler. "She continues to provide leadership that is encouraging and motivating," Harris says.

has risen to the top. She has a gift, and she continues to teach in her own way."

Harris says she feels fortunate to work with someone she calls "a woman of distinction."

In the community

Praise for Butler's work extends into the community. Cliff Collins of Cliff's Meat Market knows Butler as a regular customer, but also as a respected woman in the community.

"She's always doing something to better someone else," Collins says. "She's someone who just glows."

Butler has served on the board of directors of the United Way and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Public School Foundation. She has volunteered

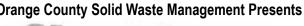
"Wherever she has been, she as a mentor for the Orange County Department of Social Services, working with teenage mothers. She has been a member and president of the Women of Distinction.

> Butler says she has always felt a desire to give back to the community. "The community had been

good to us all of these years, and I was raised in a house where my mother was always helping others," she says.

Her family, Butler says, was one that believed in service to others, and she needed to continue that tradition – something she certainly did.

As a caregiver, educator and leader within the community, Butler's giving nature inspires the people around her.





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Amendment One: something we can agree on

JEN JONES

It wasn't until I took a job at Equality NC in 2011 that I became harshly aware that I had unwittingly surrounded myself with people who agreed with me all of my life.

It was only then that I began fighting a broad constitutional rewrite brought to the table by my own legislature - a DOMA-like ballot measure that would later become known as "Amendment One" - only to realize that there appeared to be quite a few folks in the last Southeastern state to consider it who not only didn't want me to get married, but also who didn't want me in the state at all.

A state, I might add, I was born in, committed to and never left.

This new legislative pushback of highly political proportions was a far cry from the acceptance I felt in my native Eastern North Carolina, not to mention the warm, progressive embrace of the Triangle area I now called home.

And so, learning quickly that some wanted to run me out of my state with this never-beforeseen "domestic legal union"-defining legislation, I instead chose to run across it, searching for common ground as I traversed it, educating voters all along the way – 322 miles from Mitchell County to Morehead City - on the intended and unintended harms of Amendment One.

Admittedly it was a search, once again, to find something we could all agree on: that they or I or we weren't all that bad, but that this amendment certainly is.

And we did. And we did.

In Bakersville and Shelby and Whispering Pines and other smaller communities like the one I grew up in, towns nice enough to host Amendment One events where our team, dubbed "Race to the Ballot," faced opposition from those unimpressed by anything but the Good Book all it took was a mention that children could lose health insurance in a post-Amendment world to quiet even the most angry crowds and yield affirming nods from the masses.

We found something we could agree on: Children deserve health insurance. And if Amendment One would take away even one child's medical care, then maybe we could just this once see this amendment isn't for North Carolina – it's against.

In places like Hickory and Salisbury and Rocky Mount – where people might have been undecided about marriage equality - they were nonetheless fazed by the very real threats to unmarried domestic-violence victims if Amendment One were to

We don't always agree on everything, but if even one woman or child is put in danger by an amendment that could invalidate basic protections for those who are battered by a person they live with, then maybe we could agree Amendment One isn't for North Carolina. It's against.

In places like the Triangle and Triad, where crowds lined up in droves to hear how they could get involved with defeating an amendment that hurts children, women and families they know and love, we were the least prepared. Unprepared for all of the stories – stories like one from a parent in Greensboro who attended an event with her daughter, knowing the next week she faced a court date over custody, and in a couple of months an amendment that could completely negate her relationship to a kid who's always been hers.

And again we agreed. That's not right. That's not us. This amendment isn't for North Carolina. We're voting against.

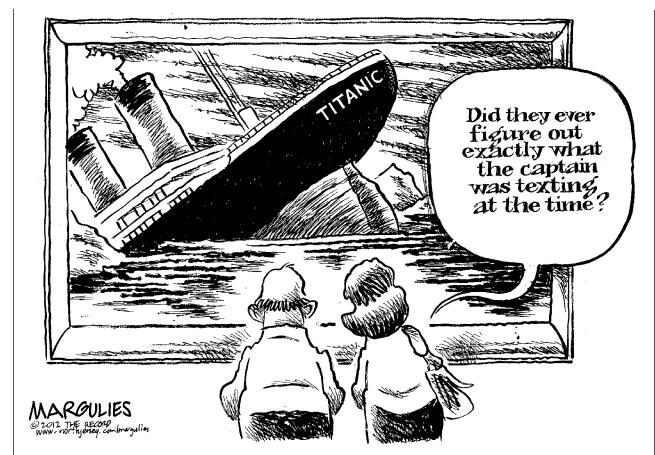
Long before this statewide Race to the Ballot, I spent a lot of time in places like Carrboro all of my adult life, slowly forgetting that battles for justice - or in this case maybe just for basic protections aren't always a slam-dunk; that it sometimes takes more than a little bit of conversation to see these harms, and even then not eye-to-eye; that there can be no agreement in complacency; and that we all have a part to play in bringing our fellow citizens with us on this journey to keep our state on the right side of history – to the polls, on May 8, to vote

If I lived in Chapel Hill or Carrboro or Durham, which I do, I'd think defeating Amendment One was just such a slam-dunk. I can't walk through my neighborhood without tripping over a "Vote Against" yard sign or having someone stop to tell me how much they like my "Protect All NC Families" T-shirt.

But they're never far from my mind, the lessons of that Race: that while in my own backyard voting against Amendment One is a no-brainer, in my neighbor's neck of the woods a couple hundred miles east or west or south or north, the path to what is right isn't as clear and must come straight from the heart.

And if we can agree on that too, maybe we can try to remember a time before they tried to divide us, a time not so long ago in Eastern North Carolina, when I was just a girl, and you were just my neighbor, and we agreed. We agreed. Vote against.

Jen Jones is communications director for Equality NC and recently ran 322-miles across the state to educate North Carolinians about the harms of Amendment



Lessons learned in the classroom

JUDITH BLAU

Now that one of America's foremost intellectuals, Noam Chomsky, has published a book on Occupy, I predict debates and discussions will spring up fast and furious on college campuses, matching the enthusiasm, perhaps, of what is happening in communities, including ours. One aspect of this discussion has to do with solidarity goods that are res extra commercium (outside of markets) and res publica (in the public realm). Solidarity goods include human rights – for example, the rights of the disabled, children, women, minorities and migrants, and civil and political rights. I will not speak for Occupy but share some of my students' remarkable answers to a question I asked on their final exam

"Banks," some wrote, "should be turned over to public control." Others wrote that economic competition was a public good and utilities should not be monopolized. Still others argued that democracy should be participatory, perhaps through e-governance with universal participation

in decision-making. Nonprofits in Carrboro, with which many were familiar, were cited as examples of organizations that work in the interest of promoting solidarity goods, and others stressed that universal health care is a solidarity good. It bothered many of them that the environment is not now protected as solidarity goods, which spells disaster for climate change.

Solidarity goods, many insisted, cannot exclude anyone. American individualism, they argued, fuels economic inequalities and poverty to the detriment of communities and

I threw this question to them out of the blue - honest - nothing in my lectures or discussions covered this. I will never underestimate young peoples' idealism and the seriousness with which they think through their idealism, and square it with the grave problems their generation will face.

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

LETTERS

Reelect Hemminger as District 1 commissioner

Please join us in supporting Pam Hemminger by reelecting her as an Orange County Commissioner on May 8. We worked with Pam on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education and know how dedicated she is to the education of all children. As a school board member and county commissioner, Pam approaches decisions thoughtfully, looking at the facts. Currently vice-chair of the commissioners, Pam considers all sides of an issue and respects all voices. We need to make sure she returns as an Orange County commissioner to continue advocating for us and for our children.

NICK DIDOW AND LISA STUCKEY Chapel Hill

Reelect Yuhasz as District 2 commissioner

Steve Yuhasz has worked tirelessly the past three and a half years as county commissioner for District 2 to move Orange County forward toward long-term sustainable success. His innovative vision has resulted in positive changes. He has controlled property taxes by stopping the 20-year trend of yearly increases, encouraged a diversified tax base to create opportunities for local and commercial businesses by improving the viability of the economic development districts along I-85 from Mebane to Durham and reduced the size of government while increasing its efficiency. Steve Yuhasz supports education; health and human services; agriculture; the protection of our environment; and local businesses – all the things that are the most important assets of Orange County. But Steve's greatest proven talent is the knowledge of balance – the balance to support these most important assets and encourage opportunities to live, shop and work in Orange County. The tax revenue from I,000 acres of farmland is equal to one acre of commercial business. Steve Yuhasz knows where and how agriculture and natural areas should be protected and where and how appropriate areas to encourage economic development should be to create a community that can support itself.

Reelect Steve Yuhasz as District 2 county commissioner. The momentum of his farsighted knowledge is essential for a sustainable future for Orange County.

> **DOLLY HUNTER** Hillsborough

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Keep FPG a neighborhood school

I am proud to be the parent of a student who attends Frank Porter Graham Elementary School. A neighborhood school for 50 years, FPG is a uniquely diverse and thriving member of our community. Our students are part of a family, one that represents more than 40 nationalities. Our principal, Dr. Bongarten, has led a committed and creative staff on a rigorous path of change and growth. Such change resulted in our school having shown the most academic improvement of all elementary schools in the district for the 2010-11 school year! We have been named a School of Distinction to boot! With so much to celebrate and take pride in, it is hard to understand why a team of school and district administrators would recommend completely changing our school's course by turning it into a dual-language magnet school instead. And yet, this is exactly what the administrative team is recommending to the school board.

In my opinion, the criterion upon which the recommendation was based is arbitrary at best. Additionally, a vulnerable population of Burmese refugees would be dispersed to other schools if this recommendation were to pass. This would remove them from the familiarity and safety of their neighborhood school – one they can walk to, enabling them to participate in school functions and activities. Another concern is that such a proposal would require drastic staff and programmatic changes to an educational environment that has finally, after many administrative setbacks, gotten back on its feet.

A dual-language magnet school may very well be a good idea for our district, but dismantling a thriving community school to achieve that goal is most definitely not.

REBECCA AND HAYDEN BOSWORTH

FPG parents

While I understand the Spanish dual-language program is an important one to have in CHCCS, I do not believe uprooting several communities and neighborhood schools in the district to create a magnet is the solution (especially without a thoughtful, specific plan first being given to the community to consider.) Most importantly, Frank Porter Graham Elementary is not only a school that is rich in culture, but its administrative team and faculty are doing incredible work. It would be extremely disheartening for this decision to stop the work that's being done at a school that is becoming a beacon for other district schools in its efforts to improve literacy. As a parent of a child at FPG and as an educator (with a master's degree in reading education,) I am confident that instruction at FPG is highly differentiated, because of the workshop model and collaborative efforts with the teacher's college that are in place. CHCCS should be applauding FPG, not diminishing the hard work, time and talents of its administration, faculty, staff and families.

> **ERIN JAMES** FPG parent

Berger's education reframe package

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It's not often that legislation introduced in the N.C. General Assembly comes with a slickly produced 12page color brochure, but that's what the office of Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger sent out Monday to accompany Berger's introduction of the "Excellent Public Schools Act."

Berger released his education package at a news conference at the General Assembly just after the Senate adjourned its three-minute special

The parts of his plan that garnered most of the headlines were his calls for an end to teacher tenure and the creation of a merit pay system.

Berger's response to a question about specifics of the performance pay plan was interesting. He said that he was unable to find a state that had a merit pay system that was working well.

You would think that might have given him second thoughts about the idea, but instead he proposes to give money to the state's 115 local school systems and let them figure it out.

Berger also wants to sharply reduce social promotions in the third grade by holding back students who aren't reading at grade level and requiring them to attend summer reading camp.

The extra help makes sense, but there's compelling evidence that most children do better if they are promoted to the next grade and receive extra help the next year to catch

Berger's right to emphasize reading and the importance of helping children early in school, which makes it difficult to understand why he supported deep cuts last year to N.C. Pre-K for at-risk 4-year-olds and why there's no mention of N.C. Pre-K at all in his plan – or the brochure.

He also wants to create the N.C. Teacher Corps to "attract and train college graduates and mid-career professionals as teachers." That raises another puzzling question.

If Berger believes attracting bright students to the teaching profession is important, then why did he and his Republican colleagues abolish the funding for the N.C. Teaching Fellows, a nationally recognized program that provided college scholarships to bright students who promised to teach for at least four years?

Berger also wants to change the accountability system to give schools letter grades, provide funding for five extra school days and allow state employees to volunteer in schools five hours a month.

That's all fine, but reading the brochure and listening to Berger describe his plan with few specifics, it's hard not to think that one important reason for it is to blunt the criticism Republicans are receiving about the deep cuts they made to public schools last year.

Schools lost 915 teachers and 2,042 teacher assistants this year because of the Republican budget, and superintendents across the state have spoken out about the overall impact of the cuts - larger classes, outdated textbooks and less support for struggling students.

No doubt the public concern about the cuts is hurting Republicans with voters, despite the disingenuous ad campaign to the contrary by rightwing political groups.

Berger repeated some of the ad's talking points at his press conference and they are in the brochure too, but the point of the day was to try to reassure people that Republicans really do care about public education.

That's a tough sell considering the cuts to classroom and preschool programs. It's tougher still if you consider the last part of Berger's plan, which would take the superintendent of public instruction out of the list of offices for which candidates can receive public financing.

Nothing says education reform quite like allowing wealthy special interests to decide who heads education policy in North Carolina.

It was a nice try by Berger, and a few pieces of his plan aren't that objectionable. But in the end, slashing budgets and firing teachers speaks much louder than talking points and slick brochures.

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2012 can always say they saw the president of the United States give a commencement speech at Carolina.

Not commencement as in graduation exercises but as in the commencement of the 2012 presidential campaign.



ers and make sure that if July 1 rolls around and the interest rate doubles on Stafford

loans - the main source of government student loans - they know where to affix blame.

He didn't mention her name, but he quoted congresswoman Virginia Foxx, who in an interview a week ago said she had no tolerance for students who rack up big debts. Foxx, whose district in north-central North Carolina was made ultra safe in the redistricting, chairs the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. It was not her intent to also fire up young voters, but considering that when she was in school here her tuition and fees cost less than your standard meal plan, her words ought to rile them mightily.

Like a lot of politicians and, unfortunately a lot of policymakers in higher education, Foxx just doesn't get what's happened over the past few decades. Thankfully, the president was kind enough to come to town and explain it. After noting that the average debt burden for students graduating this year is about \$25k, the president quickly put tuition hikes into sharp focus, and I hope his remarks about reducing federal research dollars - the mother's milk of UNC - to institutions who hike tuition beyond the rate of inflation woke some people up.

Like a lot of things that happened in the economy in the later half of the 20th century, the nationwide surge in tuition and the loan bubble that resulted was based on the idea that we would never see times like these.

To give you an idea of the magnitude, when I was at Carolina in the late '80s and early year ran about \$350. (When Rep. Foxx attended in the late '60s, it was about \$100 a year less than that.)

to work full time at a local ture than that. printing company, the uni-

Graduates in the Class of versity enacted a steady series of tuition hikes, and within a few years the cost had doubled. When I started managing the print shop, I started seeing the real impact on students' lives. Almost all of our part-timers were students and most of the full-time crew were recent graduates. Between the growing cost of housing and worry about loans, both students and grads were squeezed, and even then, when there was a pretty decent economy, putting our state's bright young minds through that kind of financial ringer just didn't make sense.

Later, as a reporter, I got plenty of chances to write about the financial stresses, thanks to a series of university administrations and legislatures that OK'd tuition hikes that made those in the late '90s seem like chickenfeed.

It got addictive. Once a 10 percent hike seemed OK, a 15 percent jump didn't seem all that bad. There was always a good reason, especially the bidding war over top talent and big research. Throughout the boom years the university built new facilities, modernized old ones and attracted top-notch researchers and educators. In a way, it felt like Carolina itself was going pro.

There were moves to mitigate the rising costs, including the blessed Carolina Covenant, but to this day the hikes have not stopped, and my gut says that even the president's call at Carmichael to bring them down to at least the rate of inflation won't change that.

The university, the system leadership and the legislature have a gambling problem. They've gambled on high tuition and fees and have bought into the nationwide bubble in student loans.

It's a bubble that threatens all of our futures because it encumbers the very people we rely on to stoke the economy with energy, innovation and new ideas. And it threatens higher education itself because for far too many it makes the promise of getting a good education ring hollow.

Like all bubbles, it looked pretty good on the upside. Now, on the downside, we're in a fix. Half of last year's graduating class is either jobless or '90s, tuition for an academic underemployed, and for most of them the loan payments are starting to bite. They and the young people getting ready to walk at Kenan Stadium this Shortly after I left and went year ought to have a better fu-

MINTON

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"and the defendant, Brian Minton, had made some statements to him to the effect of, 'If you do to me what Josh did, I will kill you

Minton has been charged with first-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping and conspiracy to commit murder and kidnapping in the death of Josh Bailey, who was murdered on July 29, 2008.

Johnson also told Horne about an incident that occurred after Josh Bailey went missing, in which Johnson had been kidnapped, taken to Pittsboro and beaten by Minton and three others, including Johnson's girlfriend, Sarah Krombach.

After talking to Johnson, Horne said he decided to bring in the Chapel Hill Police Department, the Pittsboro Police Department and State Bureau of Investigation officers for a briefing on the case.

"We had a missing persons case," Horne said, "but based on the information we got, we had a possible homicide, and we also had a separate situation where Matt had been kidnapped."

A confession

Earlier in the trial Krombach, who has been charged with kidnapping Johnson, took the stand and talked about what happened in Pittsboro on Aug. 17, 2008, when Johnson was taken to her uncle's body shop.

She told the jury that Johnson had agreed to go with her to Pittsboro so she could work on a car, but when Minton, Jack Johnson, Jacob Maxwell and Keonne McLaughlin showed up and started questioning him about stolen property, he acted like he didn't want to be there anymore.

District Attorney Jim Woodall asked Krombach if she thought Matt Johnson was being held against his will, and although she seemed to attempt to deny the kidnapping aspect, eventually she admitted he wasn't free to leave the garage.

Woodall asked if what happened in Pittsboro was similar to what happened on July 29, 2008, in the Minton's garage, when Josh Bailey was bound, assaulted and questioned about the same stolen property and was later driven out to the woods and shot.

Krombach simply answered,

Initially, Matt Johnson told Horne he didn't know what happened to Josh Bailey, but after questioning him again on Sept. 10, 2008, in Wilmington, and giving him a letter Bailey's mother had written to him, Horne learned Bailey had been mur-

Horne said that after Matt Johnson read the letter, he started

"After he read that he made statements like, 'I didn't realize Josh was adopted; I was adopted too," Horne said. "He hung his head and told us he had actually been there when Josh was shot."

Matt Johnson agreed to return to Chapel Hill with Horne and two SBI officers to show them where the body had been buried in the woods off Twisted Oak Drive. However, the body was not there, as it had been dug up and moved to a site in Chatham County.

It was at this first burial site, which Horne testified smelled of decomposition, that the first arrest in the case was made.

On Sept. 11, 2008, officers were at the first site when Maxwell drove down past them and turned into his father's driveway. He was arrested on charges of kidnapping Matt Johnson, but would later be charged with firstdegree murder.

From this point, Horne told the jury, the investigation began moving very quickly, and on Sept. 13, the Baileys were told that their son's body had been

The trial continues with the testimony of SBI agents and other investigators.

FLATS

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early stages of construction. In addition, the property is in an area that has been identified by the Chapel Hill 2020 comprehensive planning process as an area for future study.

The council heard the proposal in a concept plan review, and no application has been received at this point. For the project to be constructed, the council would have to approve a rezoning and likely a special-use permit.

Council members were critical of the project, noting traffic problems and questioning the amount of parking provided.

To put a dense development like this on the books for a very problematic road to begin with is just a complete nightmare," council member Laurin Easthom said.

"I think the biggest problem I have with building properties like this now is the amount of cars," council member Penny Rich said, adding, "For every student to have a car with them - and there's, I guess, two spaces for each apartment – I just have a big problem with that."

Council member Gene Pease noted that the Chapel Hill 2020 process is examining the area proposed for development and

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criticized, among other things, the amount of impervious surface proposed in the plan.

"Your timing's lousy," he said, adding, "This plan doesn't come close to ... what I'd like to see in this part of Chapel Hill."

Council member Lee Storrow said he thought that the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard corridor was a good place to explore student housing, given that Chapel Hill Transit provides significant bus service to the area, but said he wasn't sure whether this particular development makes sense right now.

A number of residents of the neighborhoods surrounding the property spoke out against the proposal, citing concerns with increased traffic on an already-burdened intersection, runoff from the project's impervious surfaces and the safety of children walking or riding bikes to and from nearby Estes Hills Elementary and Phillips Middle schools.

"Our most serious concern is this proposal would seriously jeopardize the efficiency of this poor intersection," said Jill Blackburn, representing residents of Coker Hills, Coker Woods, Coker Hills West and Huntington Somerset. "This would certainly compromise the public safety on Estes Drive."

LANGUAGE

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"This is such a huge decision, but it seems that this information has been compiled in a small amount of time," said May Mitchell, a counselor at FPG.

"If Frank Porter Graham is chosen to be the magnet school, I'm afraid it will cut certain families off from their children's education," she added.

The dual-language administrative team, formed by the school board, released a report on March 26 with recommendations on how to improve the school district's dual-language programs. These included expanding the Spanish dual-language program, terminating the K-5 Mandarin program at Glenwood Elementary School and converting Frank Porter Graham Elementary to a Spanish dual-language magnet school for the 2013-14 school year.

"We strongly support duallanguage education, but based on the short timeframe and insufficient data we do not believe Frank Porter Graham should be a dual-language magnet school," said Andrew Davidson, a member of the FPG School Improvement

Many parents and teachers discussed how the large Burmese refugee population at FPG sees it as their neighborhood school and the negative effects converting it to a magnet school could have on that "fragile community."

"We urge the board of education to recognize the fragile neighborhood situation," David-

Proponents of the Mandarin dual-language program also expressed their frustration with the report and the data used to make the recommendation, especially regarding the Chinese popula-

Jiarong Fu, vice president of the Chinese-American Friendship Association of North Carolina, told the board he was concerned with stereotypes in the report. "It says the Chinese students

in the program are highly transitional, but only two out of our 60 families are on work visa," Fu

"We feel that the Asian community has been unfairly and incorrectly depicted by your staff, and we request an apology by the board," he added. In other action last week, the board voted 6-0 to approve new math pathways for next year's transition to the Common Core standards. Board member Jamezetta Bedford was absent from the meeting, as she was representing the district at another meeting.



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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 bee stings and Lyme disease.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I recently got stung on my arm. My whole arm swelled up and I could barely bend it. Should I carry an EpiPen?

The good news is this type of severe local reaction does not put you at greater risk of a systemic or anaphylactic reaction. You are likely to have severe local reactions when stung by a bee. The EpiPen is for anaphylaxis, which occurs after an exposure like a beesting. The person will rapidly develop difficulty breathing, and his or her throat will swell. The EpiPen can reverse such symptoms temporarily and give the person time to get to an emergency room. With a severe local reaction, our best advice is to avoid bees. Failing that, ice and antihistamines (like Benadryl) are the best treatments for severe local reactions. If you do have any breathing problems, get to the other research comparing

Dear HOUSE Calls, I recently had Lyme disease. My doctor treated me with 100mg of doxycycline twice daily for 21 days, which is the current CDC recommendation. I have since read that many Lyme researchers recommend 200mg twice daily. My symptoms came back, and my doctor wants to treat me again with 100mg twice

daily. Since it did not work the

prescribe the higher dose. What

first time, I think he should

do you recommend?

emergency room right away.

The most important thing we recommend is that you talk with your doctor and develop a diagnosis and treatment plan together with which you are comfortable. We prescribe 100mg twice daily for 10-21 days. Longer courses have similar rates of cure. The 200mg dose is sometimes used for the first dose or for prevention after tick bites in states where Lyme is common (like Connecticut). If you have read

treatment courses of 100mg to 200mg, share it with your doctor. There is little downside to the higher dose, so even if your doctor does not recommend it, he might be willing to prescribe it. We wonder if you and your doctor have the right diagnosis. This might be based on exposure, travel history, symptoms and blood tests. However, there are many misdiagnoses of tickborn disease. Further, there is something called "post-Lyme disease syndrome," which can have similar symptoms and will not respond to doxycycline and includes fatigue and joint or muscle pain. This occurs in 10-20 percent of people with Lyme disease and can linger for six months or more.

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 Calendar

THURSDAY APRIL 26 OCDW — Monthly meeting with this month's theme "Defeat Amendment One: Protect All North Carolina Families." Durham Tech, Hillsborough, Room 201 7pm

Priscilla Coit Murphy — Lectures on What a Book Can Do: The Publication and Reception of Silent Spring. N.C. Botanical Garden, 7pm

Free (919) 962-0522 Friends of the Downtown — Meeting with speaker Rosemary Wal-

dorf. Franklin Hotel, 10am Free **Film Showing** — Sweet Crude to be shown as part of the Croatan Earth First Movie Night. Internationalist Books, 7pm. Free

Blood Drive — OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Ilam-3:30pm redcrossblood.org

Fundraiser — Free appetizers, drink specials and a raffle to benefit Nourish International's projects in 12 countries around the world. Southern Rail Restaurant, 201 E. Main St., 7-10pm

FRIDAY APRIL 27

For Lucy — A non-traditional children's play opens at The ArtsCenter. The play runs April 27-29 and May 4-6. The ArtsCenter \$14/16

Art Walk — Last Fridays Art Walk, Downtown Historic Hillsborough, 6-9pm

Art Reception — For Lines of Communication, an invitational group exhibition. The exhibit runs through May 22. Eno Gallery, 100 S. Churton St., 6-9pm

Sacrificial Poets — Grand Slam Finals, with the top youth poets competing to go to San Francisco to represent Chapel Hill-Carrboro in an international competition. Carrboro High School, 6:30pm

SATURDAY APRIL 28 Uncommon Garden Tour

— The Uncommon Garden is a sculptural landscape challenging traditional ideas of "the garden." The evening event includes live music, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit The ArtsCenter. uncommongardentour.com

Vicki Smith — To be keynote speaker at the 34th Annual Legislative Breakfast on Mental Health. Friday Center, 7:30am \$15 suggested donation joshshopefoundation.org

Stuart Altman — To discuss and sign copies of his book Power, Politics, and Universal Health Care. Flyleaf Books, 2pm

Haiku Holiday — The NC Haiku Society celebrates is 33rd annual Haiku Holiday with workshops, talk, and walks. Stone House, 8:45am-3pm Free nc-haiku.org

Films Showing — The Wild and Scenic Film Festival presents A Corner Plot, the story of what can be done with a small plot of land in the middle of a city, and My Own Two Wheels, detailing a bicycle as a means of transportation and empowerment. Varsity Theatre, 6:30pm \$10/12 snr.chcpact. org/wildnscenicnc

5K Run — 5K Race For Fitness as

well as a Fitness Fair, in support of public education. McCorkle Place, 9am publicschoolfoundation.org

Art Reception — For the Birds featuring Anne Lemanski and Jacob Cooley. The exhibit runs through June 2. Light Art+Design, 601 W. Rosemary St., 5-8pm

SUNDAY APRIL 29

Music Concert — A brass ensemble and organ concert featuring nity Library. Chatham Community Library, 7pm

Farmers' Market — In Southern Village opens for the season, continuing through Oct. 25. Center of Market Street, 3:30-6:30pm

FRIDAY MAY 4

Friendship Day — May Friendship Day sponsored by Church Women United. Carrboro United Methodist Church, 200 Hillsborough Road,

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SATURDAY APRIL 28

the Old North State Brass Ensemble. University United Methodist Church, 3pm Free

Tom Earnhardt — To speak at N.C. Botanical Garden's Annual Lecture Series. 2:30pm Free (919) 537-3819

Vegan Bake Sale — To benefit Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge. Weaver Street Market, Ham-Ipm

Oscar Tour — Filmmaker Barbara Trent, Oscar in hand, will discuss The Panama Deception, A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Empowerment Project, which supports independent filmmakers, artists, and activists. West End Wine Bar, 7-10pm

From Counters to Camps — A public discussion on civic engagement, civil disobedience, and political protest. Hargraves Center, 216 N. Roberson St., 3pm Free

MONDAY APRIL 30 Saving Money — Lori Bruhns to present Saving Money in the Grocery

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transgender issues at its next meeting. Bread and Butter Bakery, 503 W. Rosemary St., 7pm talkofhope@

WEDNESDAY MAY 2

Books Sandwiched In — To discuss The Camel Bookmobile, by Masha Hamilton. Chapel Hill Public Library, 11:30am

Thornton Dial — Juan Logan discusses "We All Grew Up in That Life': Thornton Dial's Politics on Paper." Ackland Art Museum, noonlpm \$5 (919) 843-3687

THURSDAY MAY 3

Georgeann Eubanks — To speak at the annual meetings of Friends of the Chatham County Commu-

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10:30am (919) 942-1223

Art Reception — For Forrest Greenslade, featured May artist, with music by guitarist Joey Howell. Joyful Jewel, 6-8pm

SATURDAY MAY 5

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School Fair — Games, food, face painting, raffle, auction and food are offered at the Carrboro Elementary School fair. 400 Shelton St., 10am-2pm

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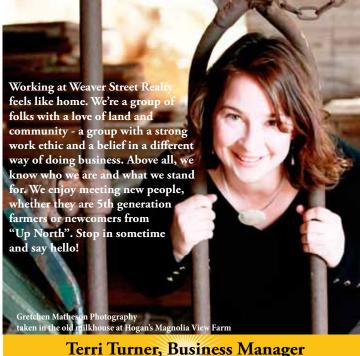
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I've had a rough day. I put my shirt on and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase and the handle fell off. I'm afraid to go to the bathroom. - Rodney Dangerfield

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Friends, 1969-70

f ever a photo evoked an era, here's one that fairly hollers, "1969-1970!" Sent by Citizen reader Suzy Lawrence, the photo was taken by a forgotten photographer on the front porch steps of the LRY Coffeehouse (Liberal Religious Youth of the Unitarian Church) just off of Hillsborough Street in Cameron Park, Raleigh. Suzy explains: "It was not really a coffeehouse, just a place for the youth to hang out." Then she identifies the group: "(Top row standing left to right): Barbara Bradbury-Shuffler, Tom Benton, Peter Eichenberger, Mary Haines?; (kneeling): Kurt Eichenberger; (sitting, left to right): Richard Ross, Suzy Lawrence, Bobbie Lawrence and Connie Musselwhite; (bottom row): a friend from Richmond, Va., whose name escapes me. We made forays back then to Chapel Hill for rock concerts and other liberal pursuits of that era." Then Suzy completes the narrative arc: "How did this somewhat motley crew evolve? Almost all of us are still residing in N.C. Barbara was formerly a goat (for wool) rancher in Texas, now a librarian; Tom, with a master's in public health, has worked with government entities setting up AIDS programs; Peter flamed brightly and wrote brilliant incendiary editorials for the Independent Weekly and was a bike and car mechanic, but passed away last year; Mary?; Kurt is an architect in Raleigh; Richard is the owner/operator of Mr. Ribs, a barbeque restaurant in Rocky Mount, and he chills at his cabin near Hot Springs; Suzy is a nurse at UNC Hospitals in gynecology-oncology, massage therapist and environmental activist; Bobbie is a nurse, formerly in labor and delivery, now in home health in Easton, Md.; Connie has retired early after a successful career in the computer programming realm and resides in a solar housing community in Asheville. My friend Richard sent [the photo] to the group of us after we reunited at Peter Eichenberger's funeral in Raleigh. Pretty priceless photo, huh?"



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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FLORA

FROM PAGE I

Spiderwort seedlings possess an endless palette of blue and violet flowers. No two are ever quite alike, and often one finds some really special colors. A rosy-red color form is "curiously lurking amongst the grassy leaves" at the edge of my porch steps this year.

For hardcore Tar Heel fans, there are some Carolina blue color forms of spiderworts "lurking" amongst all the others in a showy bed behind the Totten Center at the N.C. Botanical Garden. That "Carolina Blue spiderwort" (my name for it) has been in that bed for several years. I hope the garden staff will someday propagate and offer for sale Tradescantia 'Tar Heel Blue.'

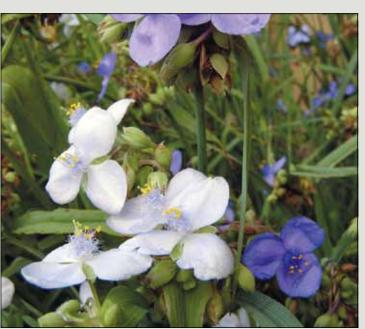
Native Americans ate young spiderwort plants as greens in the spring. However, the oozy, sticky sap of a broken spiderwort stem makes such an idea unappealing to me. Root teas were considered effective for stomach ailments and root poultices were considered an effective cancer cure. I particularly like the description of spiderwort as one of the ingredients in a medicine for kidney troubles, "... requiring an accompanying prayer." A prayer is probably a wise necessity with any herbal remedy.

Lack of medical expertise guides me in keeping my spiderworts out of the medicine cabinet and encouraging them to "curiously lurk" anywhere they may choose in my landscape.

Email Ken Moore at flora@ carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at The Annotated Flora (carrborocitizen.com/ flora).



Sometimes seedling spiderworts produce brilliant purple-pink PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



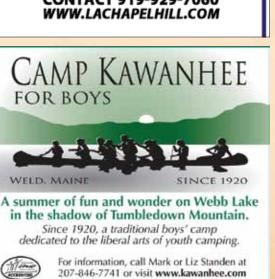
A Carolina blue form of spiderwort lurking with the common blues at the N.C. Botanical Garden. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

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