

**FRIDAY**  
20% chance of Rain  
72/49

**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
76/56

**SUNDAY**  
20% chance of Rain  
81/54



Some of the pond cypress trees resemble ancient bonsai.  
PHOTO BY LISE MARCHAL

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

The French explore Horseshoe Lake

You may remember the Flora story last year of Muskie and Vikki Cates leading a group of paddlers down to explore the pond cypress, *Taxodium ascendens*, swamp of Horseshoe Lake in Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands. Seeing thousands of carnivorous trumpet pitcher plants, *Sarracenia flava*, in flower, as I described, was a “died-and-gone-to-heaven” botanical adventure definitely worth a paddle!

Well now, Muskie did it again and this time was joined by N.C. Botanical Garden assistant director for conservation Johnny Randall, accompanied by French student interns Lise Marchal and Arnaud Fâche, eager to experience, first-hand, some of the diversity of “wild North Carolina.”

The day was memorable. As soon as he stepped from Johnny’s canoe-laden truck, Arnaud peered across cypress-rimmed Horseshoe Lake and exclaimed, “Wow, cypress trees growing in their natural habitat!” And that was just the beginning of a day paddle filled with countless botanical discoveries.

Lise and Arnaud are second-year students in a five-year landscape architecture program at the National School of Higher Studies in Blois, France. Their program requires an internship of practical botanical-garden training. Mutual good fortune brought them to Chapel Hill-Carrboro, where they are learning while assisting with the Botanical Garden’s new landscape installation, invasive-plant control and seed-cleaning, as well as working in the Coker Arboretum, Battle Park, Mason Farm Biological Reserve and local community gardens.

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Consumers, advocates brace for more change at DHHS  
OPC talks merger

BY TAYLOR SISK  
Staff Writer

As the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services prepares for yet another major change to the administration and delivery of behavioral health care services, consumers of these services, their families and their advocates are concerned that once again the state is unprepared.

Under the new plan, providers of mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services would be granted a 1915(b)(c) waiver of the Social Security Act, freeing them from certain Medicaid provisions. The waiver allows states to move agencies that manage services from a fee-for-service delivery system to a managed-care system.

One local management entity, or LME, Piedmont Behavioral Health-care (PBH) – overseeing publicly funded behavioral health care services for Cabarrus, Davidson, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties – has been operating under the full 1915(b)(c) waiver model since

2005 as a pilot project. Legislation now pending in the General Assembly would allow all 23 LMEs in the state to operate under the waiver.

But, in fact, soon there will no longer be 23 LMEs operating in the state. Proposed legislation calls for the consolidation of LMEs, thereby, theoretically, creating administrative savings and efficiencies.

Toward that end, OPC Area Program, the LME that serves Orange, Person and Chatham counties, has begun negotiations to merge with PBH.

In a statement to its clients, OPC indicated that at its April 14 meeting, “the OPC Board voted unanimously to move forward in negotiations with PBH and to seek authorization from the Boards of Commissioners in Orange, Person & Chatham counties to do so.”

OPC announced last November that it was also in merger negotiations with the Alamance-Caswell LME.

Legislation could reduce the number of LMEs in the state to as few as six.

**The implications**

What all this would mean to consumers of behavioral health care services is up for debate.

Under the waiver, LMEs would be given all Medicaid, state and local funds in a lump sum – thus producing a managed-care system. Proponents of the waiver say this provides for more accountability and improved efficiencies at the local level. LMEs also would be allowed to select the service providers they’ll work with, rather than allowing full freedom of choice to their clients.

That concerns many consumers and their advocates, as does the general managed-care concept, which some perceive as a rationing of services.

And in an FAQ to its clients, OPC writes, “In addition to changes that will be created by the waiver, we also anticipate cuts to the rates paid for services. It is hard to say what impact those cuts will have on services.”

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Micaela Laserna, 2, concentrates on her bubbles at the annual Carrboro Elementary School Fair, held Saturday at the school. For more photos of the event, see page 4. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

County OKs plan to reduce midday, increase peak-time bus service  
Concerns remain about dental patients

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve a proposed Triangle Transit plan that would reduce midday service and increase peak-time service for the bus between Chapel Hill and Hillsborough.

Triangle Transit provides funding for the 420 route operated by Chapel Hill Transit during peak morning and afternoon hours and Orange Public Transportation during midday hours.

Based on recent ridership data, Triangle Transit has proposed adding four round trips during peak hours and cutting funding for the less-popular four midday trips, which it funds at 50 percent.

The remaining 50 percent of funding for midday trips – about \$51,000 – is provided by Orange Public Transportation, which plans to maintain the funding in order to continue two of the four midday trips. However, OPT will no longer serve the Triangle SportsPlex or Chapel Hill Senior Center stops during midday trips.

“We don’t think we’re really losing much overall,” county Planning Director Craig Benedict said. “We think that the midday service can be collapsed into two routes.”

Commissioners said they were concerned about how the reduced midday service would affect county dental-clinic patients traveling to Hillsborough. The board voted last fall to close the county’s dental clinic at Carr Mill Mall and consolidate services at its Hillsborough clinic.

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Davis’ Tar Heels set new standard with successful draft day

BY EDDY LANDRETH  
Staff Writer

North Carolina is producing professional football players again, which should mean even more success for the Tar Heels in the near future.

A school-record nine players were selected in last weekend’s National Football League draft. Even more are almost certain to sign as free agents and make rosters.

Defensive end Robert Quinn, who lost his eligibility last season but not his talent, led the way when the St. Louis Rams chose him in the first round.

In fact, the three players – Quinn, Marvin Austin and Greg Little – had their talent validated when they were

selected in the first two rounds of the draft. Unfortunately, none of the three played a down at UNC last season after taking money and gifts from agents and their representatives.

The Tar Heels’ future in the draft appears to be even brighter.

Defensive end Quinton Coples, receiver Dwight Jones and defensive tackle Tydreke Powell all could easily get chosen in the first round next April, assuming they can remain healthy and continue to improve at the rate each did in 2010.

Then there is 6-foot-3-inch, 315-pound (at least) defensive tackle



Sylvester Williams, a junior-college transfer who enrolled in January. He is going to be the immovable object that teams must deal with when they try to run. By the time he puts in two seasons under Coach Butch Davis and his staff, Williams could go in the first three rounds, maybe even first or high second.

Zach Brown is the fastest guy on the team and he’s a 6-foot-2-inch, 225-pound linebacker. The NFL loves speed.

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Carrboro budget holds line on taxes

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

**CARRBORO** — After noting that this would be his last budget presentation in a career spanning three decades, Carrboro Town Manager Steve Stewart presented the Carrboro Board of Aldermen with a spending plan that would not include a tax increase for the third year running.

At a meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, Stewart, who announced last week that he would retire in June, said it continues to be a struggle to avoid an increase while maintaining services and staying competitive in salaries and benefits for town employees.

The budget, he said, includes “no layoffs, no furloughs and no salary reductions” — moves other towns have had to resort to to the balance the books. In lieu of a wage increase, Stewart is again proposing a one-time bonus for town employees.

Under the budget plan, lower-paid employees with outstanding performance reviews would get a \$1,250 bonus and those with proficient reviews would get \$1,000. The rest of the town’s workforce would get a \$1,000 or \$750 bonus, depending on their performance reviews.

Stewart said the town’s debt service has dropped due to delaying capital purchases and putting some projects on hold. But the town continues to see significant increases in its health care costs with an 8.2 percent cost increase estimated for this year.

Stewart said the belt tightening the town has done over the past few years is not sustainable as repair projects and needed equipment purchases will have to move forward.

“At some point revenues are going to have to increase. I hope that won’t have to happen anytime soon,” he said, adding that he was working on a plan that would allow his successor to move ahead with some of the delayed purchases and projects while avoiding a tax increase next year.

“My intent is not to leave anybody a big hole to dig out of,” he said. “That wouldn’t be fair.”

The board scheduled a public hearing on the budget for May 24.

Also on Tuesday night the board studied ideas for allowing its meeting room to be used as an early voting site in this fall’s municipal elections.

The Orange County Board of Elections opted not to open the Carrboro site in the past election in part because of conflicts with the board’s meeting schedule. The early voting site rules require handicap access and a secure space during the three-week early voting period.

Rather than cancel meetings in October and November, the board agreed to move its meetings during that time to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority’s community room at OWASA headquarters on Jones Ferry Road, which is equipped to provide a video feed of the meetings.

The board also agreed to look into holding one or more meetings at the Carrboro Century Center, which would only allow an audio feed of the meetings.

In other action, the board reviewed options for consultants and recruitment strategies for replacing Stewart.

Anita Badrock, who worked on Chapel Hill’s search for a replacement for former Town Manager Cal Horton, told the board that Carrboro should attract a strong pool of applicants from across the country, given the desirability of the area. She advised that the board initiate discussions soon on what the town wants in its next manager so that its consultants, once hired, can better shape the candidate search.

The board also set a public hearing for June 14 for a zoning amendment for 500 N. Greensboro St. as part of a plan to redevelop properties at 500, 404, and 406 N. Greensboro St. and 116 Parker St.

The proposed project would include two buildings — a two- or three-story building with 12,000 square feet of retail space and 24 residential units and a four-story building with a below-grade parking garage and 90 residential units.



Community Calendar

**THURSDAY MAY 5**  
**Shoe Drive** —Kinder Soles will host a Shoe Drive party with free food and music to collect 500 pairs of donated shoe for Soles4Souls. La Residence, 5-9pm kindersoles.com  
**Movie Show-ing** — Zapatista, depicting the struggle of the Zapatistas in Chiapas, Mexico during the mid '90s. Internationalist Books, 7pm internationalistbooks.org  
**Senior Bingo** — Carrboro Century Center, 2pm  
**FRIDAY MAY 6**  
**Surveillance Self-Defense** — Discussion/workshop on surveillance self-defense and what the government can legally access from your computer data and communications. Internationalist Books, 7pm internationalistbooks.org



**Traveling Teacher Show** — Interactive children's performance, tour and activity for children ages 5-10. University Mall near Dillard's, 10am Free, reservations required 945-1900, ext. 210  
**SATURDAY MAY 7**  
**Haw River Festival** — Live auction, rain garden plant sale, farmers' market, nature walks, river monitoring, live music and more. Saxaphaw, 2-8pm  
**Kentucky Derby Party** — Benefiting Heads Up! Therapeutic Riding Program. Live coverage of the race, live music, silent auction and southern buffet. Briar Chapel Clubhouse, headsuptrp2@embarq-mail.com  
**Cantari Concert** — Cantari, a select vocal ensemble, with Sisters Voices, composed of girls in the

fourth to eighth grade, will perform, with partial proceeds to benefit Farmer Foodshare. Carrboro Century Center, 3pm  
**Streamwatch** — John Kent will lead the New Hope Creek Stream-watch monitoring. jkent@tmug.org  
**CH Farmers' Market** — Celebrates the opening of its Tuesday market as well as its new name and location with children's activities, cooking demonstrations, food samples and live music. University Mall, behind A Southern Season, Saturdays: 8am-12pm, Tuesdays: 3-6pm



**Confederate Service** — A memorial service sponsored by The Chapel Hill Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. UNC campus at Silent Sam, 10am  
**Tornado Relief Concert** — Outdoor concert including Will McFarlane and Willie Painter along with Jeff Hart and The Ruins. Blue Note Grill, 4125 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd., 7pm \$10 thebluenotegrill.com  
**SUNDAY MAY 8**  
**Goathouse Refuge** — Fundraiser and family event includes dinner; a performance by the Triangle Opera Studios, a fancy hat contest and a live art auction. The Goathouse Refuge, Pittsboro, 1-5pm \$25/35 goathouserefuge.org  
**MONDAY MAY 9**  
**CARE Behind the Chair** — Hair stylists and barbers are provided with information to help detect clients' skin cancers. N.C. Cancer

Hospital Conference Room I, 10am-1pm 843-0680  
**THURSDAY MAY 12**  
**Movie Night** — Defamation, directed by Yoav Shamir, studies antisemitism today. Internationalist Books, 7pm  
**FRIDAY MAY 13**  
**Joy Night** — An evening of singing, praise and dance presented by youth from various area churches. First Baptist Church, 106 N. Roberson St., 7pm 929-1550  
**SATURDAY MAY 14**  
**Strawberry Jamboree** — Carrboro Farmers' Market. Carrboro Town Commons, 8am  
**Ongoing Cancer Support** — Support groups at Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org 401-9333



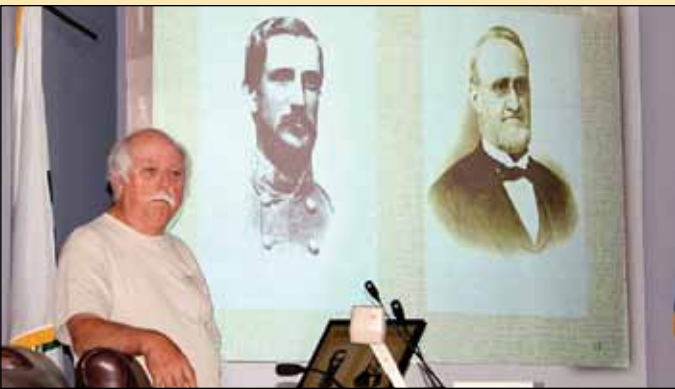
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**Cancer Support** — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. [undlineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp](http://undlineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp)

Send your Community Calendar submissions to [calendar@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:calendar@carrborocitizen.com)

Carrboro Day

Residents young and old celebrated our town at the annual Carrboro Day event on Sunday, which featured live music, The ArtsCenter's street fair and more.



Richard Ellington narrates a photographic history of Carrboro in Carrboro Town Hall. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER



Herb Slapo poses for a caricature by artist Richard Cloudt. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER



From left: Kara Caskie, 3, Alex Decker, 2, Nora Decker, 4, and Olivia Myers, 3, have a great time celebrating Carrboro. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER



Members of the highly successful Carrboro High School football team were on-hand to help load equipment and assist performers in getting on and off the stage. PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS



Carrboro Day attendees enjoy the water balloon toss. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER



Katie Bouterse of AcroEntertainment supports Kaci Torres during The ArtsCenter's street fair at Carrboro Day. PHOTO BY ALISHA STEMPER

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Duel, Friday only at 7 p.m.; The Andromeda Strain, Friday only at 9:30 p.m.; Jane Eyre, Saturday-Thursday at 7 & 9:25 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 & 4:25 p.m.; In a Better World, Friday at 7:10 p.m., Saturday-Thursday at 7:10 & 9:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees 2:10 & 4:30 p.m.

**CHELSEA THEATER**  
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005  
In a Better World; Of Gods and Men; Win Win

**THE LUMINA**  
Southern Village, 932-9000  
Fast Five; Prom; Something Borrowed; Thor; Water for Elephants

**REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6**  
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600  
Fast Five; Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D; Something Borrowed; Rio 3D; Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family; Thor 3D

**THE VARSITY**  
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Michael Crichton's THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN 9:30pm  
IN A BETTER WORLD  
Fri at 7:10pm / Sat-Thu 9:30pm  
Sat & Sun Matinees at 2:10pm & 4:30pm  
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Briefs

CVS meeting

The Town of Carrboro will hold a concept-planning discussion regarding the proposed downtown CVS development during a joint review today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall.

The town's advisory boards will discuss the project, which is proposed for the corner of North Greensboro and Weaver streets. The meeting is open to the public.

UNC Commencement Sunday

UNC Commencement will be held this weekend, with the main ceremony on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Kenan Stadium.

Edward O. Wilson Jr., Harvard University professor and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, will deliver the commencement address. No tickets are needed for the ceremony, which is open to the public.

Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) will provide Tar Heel Express Shuttle Service from 7:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday for the ceremony. The shuttles will operate from the University Mall (201 S. Estes Drive, next to Dillard's) and Friday Center (100 Friday Center Drive) park-and-ride lots to Kenan Stadium on Stadium Drive (Gate 2) and will run every 10 to 15 minutes. The shuttles and parking at University Mall and the Friday Center will be free.

Riders are encouraged to arrive at the park-and-ride lots at least an hour prior to the start of the ceremony.

For more information, visit [chtransit.org](http://chtransit.org) or call 969-4900.

New MHAT director

The board of directors of Mental Health America of the Triangle (MHAT), formerly known as the Mental Health Association in Orange County, has accepted the resignation of Executive Director Mark Sullivan and has appointed Julie Jarrell Bailey as interim executive director. Sullivan's resignation will be effective May 13; he plans to return to school.

Bailey has been a staff member of MHAT for the past four years as a family advocate for MHAT's Family Advocacy Network (FAN) program. She is the author of *The Adoption Reunion Survival Guide* and was the 2009 recipient of the N.C. Coalition for Persons Disabled by Mental Illness' Heroes in the Fight Award.

MHAT provides advocacy, education, outreach and support to persons living with mental illness and their family members.

OWASA seeks applicants

Orange County seeks applicants to serve as an Orange County representative on the OWASA Board of Directors. OWASA is governed by a nine-member board. The Chapel Hill Town Council appoints five members, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen appoints two and the Orange County Board of Commissioners appoints two.

The OWASA board adopts the annual budget; sets rates, fees and charges based on cost-of-service principles; approves bond issues to fund capital projects; makes policy decisions; and appoints the executive director, general counsel and independent auditor. To apply, go to [www.co.orange.nc.us/boards/apply.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/boards/apply.asp)

Fleet Feet announces move

The flagship store for Carrboro-based Fleet Feet Sports will move out of Carr Mill Mall and across the street to the former VisArt Video space, company officials announced last week.

Fleet Feet president Jeff Phillips said the move into the 300 East Main St. building is planned for mid-July.

In January, Main Street Partners, which has approval for a major redevelopment of the commercial center, was granted a modification on its plans to allow it to improve and make additions to the facade of the building, which is also home to Cat's Cradle and Amante Gourmet Pizza.

At 5,100 square feet, the new space will more than double the store's floor space.

Store owners Tricia and Brian White said they are delighted about the expansion, particularly because it allows the store to remain in Carrboro.

"The new space will allow us to continue our training programs, outreach to the medical community and provide a facility that is an asset to our customers," the Whites said in a statement announcing the move.

Phillips called the cooperation between Main Street Partners and the town in helping clear the way for the move "economic development at its best."

Fleet Feet Inc., the franchisor of Fleet Feet Sports, moved its offices from Sacramento to Carrboro in 2000 and purchased the Bleecker building on East Main Street in 2006. The store and offices employ 45 people.

The Fleet Feet move marks another step forward for the 300 East Main project. In addition to the upfit of the VisArt space, Main Street Partners recently received a favorable review of its plans for a six-level parking deck. The town and Main Street Partners inked a deal in March for the town to lease up to 250 parking spaces in the deck.

At the recent discussion on the deck design, Main Street Partners representative Laura Van Sant said the agreement has helped in financing negotiations for a Hampton Inn to be located near the parking deck at the easternmost end of the project, and chances are good that the project will break ground this summer.

—Staff Reports

Weaver Street update

**CARRBORO** — Water main installation in the west block of Weaver Street continues, with the westbound lane closed as work moves toward Carrboro Town Hall.

Due to the construction, a temporary bus stop was added on Tuesday to the detoured CW route (westbound) on West Main Street between the Framer's Corner and the Inter-Faith Council.

The first phase of the \$1 million project started in March at the eastern end of the road and work has proceeded west toward the intersection of Main and Weaver streets.

In the west block, a new water main has been installed from North Greensboro Street to the Weaver Street/Lindsay Street intersection. As installation work continues west, the road will typically be open to vehicle traffic and pedestrians, though there may be times of limited access.

The east block of Weaver Street remains closed to all vehicular traffic and will remain closed until late May or early June as work continues on the yearlong project to replace the street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old sewer line beneath it.

Last week, the contractor began removing existing storm sewer as part of the preparation for the installation of new storm-sewer piping. Storm sewer work and road removal/rebuilding will continue in the east block for the next several weeks.

Pedestrian access remains open along Weaver Street, though pedestrians may be directed to one side of the street or the other, depending on the proximity of construction activities.

The bus stops at Weaver Street Market and the Carrboro Century Center are temporarily closed. Passengers may board the CW bus at the alternate bus stops on Main Street at Jade Palace (westbound), on West Main Street between the Framer's Corner and the Inter-Faith Council and on Main Street at Weaver Street Realty (eastbound).

The bus stops on Weaver Street at Lindsay Street also are temporarily closed. Passengers may board the bus at the alternate bus stops on Main Street at Carrboro Town Hall.

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

— Staff Reports

House fire leaves man dead

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

**CARRBORO** — A man is dead after a fire broke out at his 113 Lantern Way home on Monday morning.

Steven Powers died from the injuries he sustained in the fire shortly after he was transported to UNC Hospitals. He was 40 years old.

Carrboro fire Chief Travis Crabtree said that the incident underscores the need for sprinkler systems in residences.

"If this home would have had sprinklers in it, Mr. Powers would most likely still be with us," Crabtree said.

According to Crabtree, the fire was caused by a lit cigarette that came into contact with a mattress in an upstairs bedroom. Powers, asleep on a couch downstairs, was awoken by his roommate and went upstairs to try to extinguish the fire. The fire department responded around 10 a.m.

"The gentleman was not successful in putting the fire out and unfortunately he lost his life," Crabtree said. The roommate was uninjured.

When EMS arrived, Powers was seriously injured but still alive, Crabtree said. He later succumbed to those injuries at UNC Hospitals.

According to Crabtree, firefighters got Powers out of the house and were able to control the fire within 15 minutes.

"We contained it to one bedroom," he said. "If you drove by right now, you wouldn't be able to tell that there was a fire."

Crabtree urged residents not to try to put out fires on their own. He also said that while there are sprinklers in many residences throughout Carrboro and Chapel Hill, "there needs to be more."

"We've had a couple of deaths that have occurred [from fires]," he said. "[Sprinklers] would have easily saved a couple of citizens' lives."



Carrboro High School teacher Mary Beth Braker shows her opposition to proposed public education cuts at a rally on Tuesday. CHS English teachers represented the school at the One Voice Rally, staged by the North Carolina Association of Educators at the N.C. State Capitol. According to NCAE, budget cuts proposed by the House would slash more than 18,500 public education jobs statewide.

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## Obituary

### Mary Virginia Bender

Mary "Ginger" Bender passed away peacefully on Friday, April 22, 2011. Close family members were by her side.

Ginger was married to the late Welcome William Bender Jr. In their later years, they lived at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill, N.C. She and Welcome also shared in the lives of communities in Chapel Hill; Santa Barbara, Calif.; Littleton, Colo.; and Baltimore, Md.. Ginger was born in St. Joseph, Miss.

Ginger is survived by her children, Deborah, Welcome, Rebecca, Mary, Janet, Heidi and Greg, and their families; and her sister, Janet Priebe Peters, of Liberty, Miss.

Ginger's first love was her chil-

dren. A natural teacher, she nurtured their curiosity and creativity. She shared with them her sense of form and color. She also included each child in daily responsibilities, building their confidence and independence.

Her love for her children was closely followed by a love for flowers. Each of her homes was graced by a rose garden. Her favorite among them was the lovely strong-stemmed Peace Rose. Its large, beautiful blossom edged in pink echoed her strength and beauty.

In Chapel Hill, she was an active volunteer at the N.C. Botanical Garden. She assisted in garden tours and in the tending of outdoor woodland plants. Throughout her life, she was also an active volunteer in the communities in

which she lived. She led neighborhood troops with the Girl Scouts of America. She also served many hours helping children develop their literacy skills. Her love of classical music was cultivated through her work as a docent with the community symphonies.

Mom gave us gifts as people that we will value for a lifetime. She was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Mary "Ginger" Bender, along with that of her life's partner and late husband, Welcome, is planned for mid-June.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mother's name to the N.C. Botanical Garden, c/o The University of North Carolina, CB 3375, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, or ncbg.unc.edu



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## Carrboro Elementary Fair

Photos by Alicia Stemper



Evan Tornai, 8, and Luke Hale, 7, admire their newly painted heads at the Carrboro Elementary School fair.



Emilio Fabian, 5, and Kal Kaw Dow Htaw, 7, take aim at a target on the school wall.



Carly Sciborski, 6, Lena Cohen, 11, and Gillie Weeks, 10, race to eat their doughnuts without using their hands.



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Briefs



From left: Class of 1938 travel fellowship recipients Camila Salvo-Lewis, Carolyn Treasure, Benjamin Rosado, Morgan Abbott and Njeri Mugure Mwangi PHOTO COURTESY OF UNC NEWS SERVICES

Carrboro native receives award

Camila Salvo-Lewis, a UNC student from Carrboro, recently received the Charles H. and Margaret M. Witten Travel Award. Salvo-Lewis, an aspiring nurse, will use her award to intern with two community health clinics in Mexico and travel the Guanajuato region with midwives making prenatal visits. She is one of five UNC juniors chosen from a pool of 37 applicants to receive a class of 1938 travel fellowship. Members of the class of 1938, who lived through and lost friends to World War II, created an endowment to help foster international understanding and promote world peace.

New signs in Chapel Hill

The Town of Chapel Hill is installing signs as part of a new vehicular way-finding signage project. This month, crews will install signs directing motorists coming into town from I-40 along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and from U.S. 15-501 and Southern Village toward downtown. Additional signs will later be installed directing motorists from all Chapel Hill entry and exit points. The project will include about 40 signs to guide people into downtown, the UNC area and other key attractions such as parks and community centers. The \$15,000 project is part of the town's efforts to improve signage for residents and visitors. Reflective test signs featuring a Carolina blue hilly skyline of Chapel Hill and the town seal have been improved to increase visibility. Future projects will address pedestrian-scale signs and parking signs.

Bike events

May is Bike Month in Chapel Hill, and the town and local organizations will sponsor special events throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Events include: • bike and bus workshops, University Mall and Carrboro Farmers' Market, 8:30 a.m.-noon, May 14; • Carrboro-Chapel Hill Bike Breakfast Workshop with bicycle inspections by local bike shops, municipal lot across from Armadillo Grill, May 17, 7-10 a.m.;

- Chapel Hill Bike Rodeo for children aged 5-12, May 18;
  - free bicycle inspections, all Chapel Hill and Carrboro bike shops;
  - Go Chapel Hill-Carrboro 8-Mile Cruise Ride and Movie, meet at Wallace Deck, May 20, 5:30 p.m.; and
  - BikeAbility event for youth and adults with special needs, UNC's Bowles parking lot, May 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- For more information, visit gochapelhill.org or call 969-5065

Energy-efficiency grants

The Town of Chapel Hill will accept up to 125 applications for Chapel Hill WISE, the town's new home energy-efficiency program, and expects to reach this cap in the next one to two weeks. Participating homeowners can become eligible for as much as \$5,000 in grant funding for home-improvement projects that result in energy savings of at least 15 percent. Home improvements eligible for subsidies at 50 percent of costs include envelope air sealing and insulation improvements, duct sealing and repair and outdoor thermostats for homes with heat pumps. Improvements eligible for 25 percent subsidies include heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades, energy-efficient appliances, hot water-heater replacements, re-circulating hot-water systems, programmable thermostats in gas-heated homes, lighting upgrades and solar thermal hot-water systems. For more information, visit townofchapelhill.org/WISE

Shoe drive

Kinder Soles, a flip-flop company offering footwear made from recycled materials, will hold a shoe drive party at La Residence today (Thursday) from 5 to 9 p.m. to collect gently used shoes for those in need. Complimentary appetizers will be provided by Green Planet Catering. Double Dare, a popular DJ duo featuring the Apple Juice Kid, will perform at the event. The company aims to collect 500 pairs of shoes.

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 communicating with your doctor and back pain. Dear HOUSE Calls, I am a single mother and asked my doctor if I could email her. It is hard to take time off work to go to the doctor. I would like to avoid these visits if they don't result in an antibiotic. My doctor pretty much said no to personal emails but told me how to access the advice nurse and how to email through a secure system. Do you think this is fair?

This is such a great question and raises a lot of important issues. We appreciate the challenge, cost and inconvenience of coming to the doctor for anyone, especially a single mother. This issue about wasting your time if you do not get an antibiotic is a tough one. Are you paying the doctor for an antibiotic or are you paying for the best advice about how to treat your daughter's current problem? An unnecessary antibiotic, which can have unpleasant and even life-threatening side effects, is no great favor. Many diagnoses can't be made without examining the child. Also, doctors are professionals who earn their living seeing

patients. We tell our patients that if we can solve a problem quickly through a phone call or message, great, and sometimes we'll have a nurse help collect information or relay advice. If an issue is more involved, a visit is more appropriate from our standpoint. It sounds like your doctor's office has a good system for getting advice from nurses or doctors. There may be better systems, but there are worse ones. We ask patients to use our practice-based web system because it is secure, covered by nurses and colleagues in our absence and seamlessly entered into the medical record. We hope you and your doctor can come to an understanding around communication. We are always struggling to be more accessible, increasing options for communication and introducing more non-traditional hours like nights, early mornings and weekends.

Dear HOUSE Calls, My daughter is in college and has mild scoliosis, which causes her to have occasional back pain. She just called me in tears because her back is constantly hurting her. She is having trouble getting out of bed. She is going to go to the

school health center, but can't see her regular doctor because of exams. What do you think is going on? It must be so hard for your daughter to be hurting and away from home. Mild scoliosis does not generally cause the degree of pain or impairment that you are describing. We wonder if this is a symptom of exam-related stress or if there is another more acute back problem. Sometimes back pain can be a symptom of a developing drug problem, either recreational or prescription. Is she taking good care of herself, engaging in regular exercise and getting enough sleep? If this is becoming a frequent problem, she will need to develop a relationship with a primary-care doctor at school, and perhaps a back specialist. We hope she can develop strategies now to keep her back healthier and cope with back pains when they occur.

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.

Therapeutic riding fundraiser

Heads Up! Therapeutic Riding Company will host its seventh annual Kentucky Derby Party fundraiser on Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Briar Chapel Clubhouse. The party will feature a gourmet Southern buffet, live music, a cash bar, a silent auction, a creative hat contest and live coverage of the Kentucky Derby. The program seeks to improve the health and quality of life of individuals with physical, emotional or developmental disabilities, their families and the community in Chatham County by providing therapeutic riding and other horse-related activities. Tickets are \$25 and are available at headsuptrp.org or by calling 542-6207. Tickets are also available at New Horizons Trading Company and Blue Sky Equestrian in Pittsboro. The Briar Chapel Clubhouse is located at 16 Windy Knoll Circle.

Taxi to donate fares

Carolina Taxi and Executive Sedan Service will raise money for the Eve Carson Scholarship Fund through May 13 or until \$400 is collected. The company will donate \$1 to the scholarship fund every time a customer takes a ride with Carolina Taxi; if a fare is more than \$20, the company will donate \$2. Customers are welcome to make additional donations at their discretion. The fund supports a one-year merit scholarship envisioned by Carson as a way to recognize individuals who begin to realize their potential as leaders while attending UNC.



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## FROM THE EDITOR

There were some uncomfortable moments the other night at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting when sparks flew during discussion of what to do about 523 East Franklin. There is nothing wrong with passion in public debate, but in this case the anger was entirely unnecessary.

At issue is what to do with the building, which many of us prefer to call the old Chapel Hill Public Library. Regardless of the name, it is another town-owned building that – like several spaces in the town’s inventory of properties – needs a lot of work, some TLC and a clear purpose.

The building’s future is not yet in focus, but its recent past still conjures up emotions. The demise of the Chapel Hill Museum and the dispersal of a good bit of its inventory of artifacts, displays and memorabilia still has plenty of people sore. And even though there is plenty of blame to go around for how the deal went down — or in this case, didn’t go down — the fact that the town lost an ongoing cultural institution representing a lot of effort and volunteer work can only be called a failure.

Since then, new volunteers, the town’s cultural arts department and the members of the faculty at UNC’s art department have teamed up to breathe some life into the building. They have done so successfully and went before the council the other night seeking a way to continue these endeavors.

Then came the sparks.

There’s a lot of passion around the arts here, so it was not so unusual that faculty members’ request to deepen their involvement was met with resistance by people who had other ideas for art in the building.

But accusing them of being squatters? Or of trying to turn the library into their fiefdom? Really.

Council member Matt Czajkowski, who evidently remains peeved over the museum imbroglio, didn’t help matters with an apples-to-lug-nuts argument about costs that dissolved into pretty rough treatment of the town manager for never producing estimates for maintaining and upfitting the library. He did, of course, produce such estimates last year and undoubtedly has forwarded his clearly written memo on the matter to anyone who thinks otherwise.

But Czajkowski was right to wonder why the item was before the council at all.

Although the town did initiate a series of discussions aimed at fleshing out the future for the old library, the community is obviously not yet ready to settle on a plan.

The council needs to show clear leadership on this and not make a hasty decision that will leave future councils and collections of residents scratching their heads.

As some council members suggested, it makes sense to roll the long-term future of the old library into the town’s development of a new comprehensive plan. That’s the only way to assure that what happens meshes with the overall direction of the town and the character and future of the neighborhood.

Until that’s settled, then by all means let the people who have made it a lively art-filled space have at it, with the proviso that it should not be an exclusive domain, but a welcoming and collaborative space.

Another failure at 523 East Franklin is not an option.

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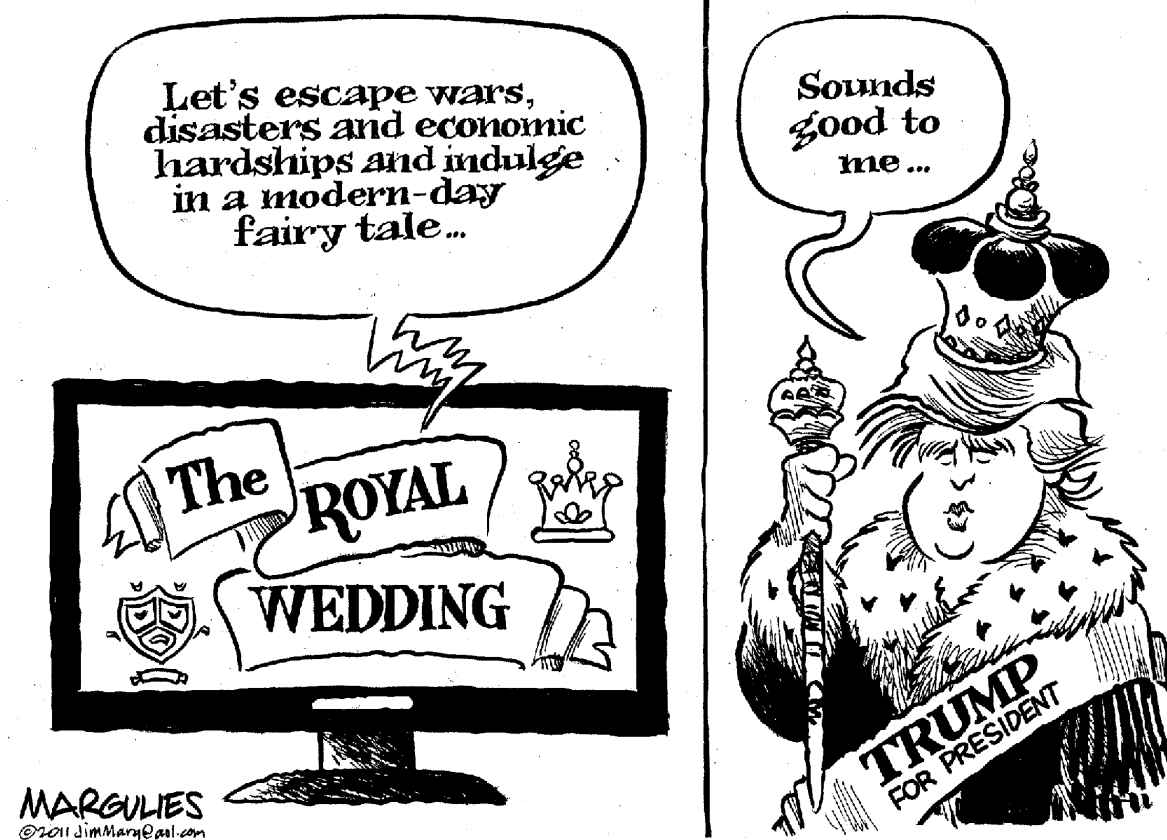
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# Opinion



## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

You may have noticed last week that *The Citizen's* new editor, Susan Dickson, has the same last name as mine. That's because she's my daughter, and, I'm proud to say, the fourth generation of our family to be involved in community journalism. Susan is also a 2005 graduate of the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Our family's been addicted to community

newspapers since the 1920s, when Susie's great-grandparents started *The Hoke County News* in Rafeord, N.C. Their goals, passed on to me through my parents, were local ownership and operation, along with community involvement and support. I'm very pleased that Susie has chosen to carry on this family tradition.

## A resolution of appreciation to Ms. Jackie Helvey

*Editor's Note: The following is a resolution approved by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on April 5 that declares the first week in May as Jackie Helvey Week.*

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackie Helvey has been an untiring advocate for the arts in Carrboro; and  
WHEREAS, Ms. Jackie Helvey was an original member of the Town of Carrboro Arts Committee; and  
WHEREAS, Jackie Helvey was the very first Carrboro Volunteer of the Year; and  
WHEREAS, Jackie was a founder of the annual Carrboro Music Festival; and  
WHEREAS, her efforts were instrumental in the creation of the Carrboro Film Festival; and  
WHEREAS, she has helped build the 2ndFriday Artwalk into a premier art event imitated across the state; and  
WHEREAS, she has been the unofficial and award-winning photographer at Carrboro community events for more than a decade; and  
WHEREAS, her website carrboro.com is the Internet gateway to the Paris of the Piedmont; and

## LETTERS

### Response to Ellen Perry

Thanks for your very thoughtful letter. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you and to *The Carrboro Citizen*. You and I have worked together for many years to improve services to people with mental illness, developmental disabilities and addiction disease. I have great respect for you and the work you do for our community and state. I trust you feel the same about me. But, now we find we have different positions on this issue. I want to share how I reached my position. In 2004, the General Assembly authorized one LME [Local Management Entity] to become a 1915(b)(c) waiver as a pilot project. We knew the waiver reflected the major goals of reform: The public sector LME should (1) manage all the public dollars – Medicaid, state and local dollars – and (2) contract with private-sector providers who reached high standards. We did the pilot to make sure the waiver would work for all the populations before we expanded across the state. Every year since, PBH [Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare] has been assessed and evaluated by outside consultants, inside auditors and national experts. All of these assessments have included surveys of the recipients served. Over the years, the evaluations have shown consistently that PBH performed as well or better than the other LMEs. That was true for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities and addiction disease. Every year, when PBH reported to the Legislative Oversight Committee on MHDDSA [Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services], legislators urged us to expand the waiver to the entire state. In 2009, when the General Assembly authorized the secretary to expand the waiver statewide, we started hearing concerns, primarily from one DD [developmental disability] provider, that the waiver was not in the best interest of the DD community. Even now, with more than 900 DD providers in the state, we are hearing concerns expressed by only one provider group. Just this week, I received a copy of a letter to the secretary signed by 26 DD providers in the PBH LME saying they supported expanding the waiver as soon as possible. As to your specific concerns about services, all the services will continue to be delivered, but some services have new names. Targeted case management has been broken down into three separate services instead of bundling them all into one definition. The new set of services includes care coordination, clinical management and community guide. All CAP/MR-DD [Community Alternatives Program for Mentally Retarded/Developmentally Disabled Individuals] recipients will receive all three services. Actually, these three services cover a broader array of services than targeted case management. Finally, if I were the parent of a child with developmental disabilities who was receiving appropriate services and living as independently as possible, I'm sure I would

WHEREAS, her radio show, "The West End Report" on WCOM 103.5 FM, and the People's Channel "The Wacqueline Stern Show" have featured local artists of all types; and  
WHEREAS, her work has helped create a community that honors, supports and sustains the arts; and  
WHEREAS, her decade of service on the Town of Carrboro Arts Committee as both member and Chair has advanced the cause of the arts within our community; and  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen give Jackie Helvey its thanks and applause;  
NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:  
On behalf of the Town of Carrboro and its citizens, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen declare the first week of May 2011 to be Jackie Helvey Week in the Town of Carrboro. The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 5th day of April 2011.

share your concerns. I would most certainly be very uneasy about changing anything and I would actively resist change, so it's important that I have answers for you. I hope this explanation has helped. Please let me know if you have other questions or if you want to talk more about the information here. My very best regards,

VERLA INSKO  
*House District 56  
Orange County*

### Keep Israel-Palestine dialogue open

On campuses all over the world, there is one subject that generates more controversy and emotion, and sometimes even violence, than any other: Israel-Palestine. On other campuses, it's not a rarity to see heated, semi-violent arguments between activists on multiple sides every day. Rather than constructive dialogue, attacks are launched to defame the other's character. UNC students are not accustomed to these sightings because of a conscious decision made by leaders on different sides of this issue who feel this kind of discourse is destructive. Slogans and slurs are obstacles to those who are interested in learning about the subject, and they erode a campus' commitment to civil discourse. We believe that treating the other side as an enemy instead of a partner goes against everything the academic world stands for. We at North Carolina Hillel, the IPDC (Israel Palestine Dialogue Committee) and SJP (Students for Justice in Palestine) are extremely proud of the cooperation and mutual respect we have been able to maintain this year, especially at times of disagreement on contentious issues. We feel that this method for approaching a complicated, emotionally charged issue through talking and making an honest attempt at listening has been very productive, and the students who took part in both joint and separate activities benefited from this strategy throughout the semester. We urge other schools to follow our lead.

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## Reform redistricting now

JANE PINSKY

The North Carolina General Assembly has recently begun the newest round of legislative redistricting – that is, drawing the new maps under which state lawmakers and members of Congress will run for office during the next decade. This is the sixth redistricting since the U.S. Supreme Court ordered states to rebalance congressional and legislative districts to ensure that districts come as close as possible to assuring the principle of “one person, one vote.” Unfortunately, while we do many things well in North Carolina, redistricting is not one of them. In the last round of redistricting, in 2000, it took three legislative sessions, two of them special sessions, several lawsuits and many hands in the process to come close to the goal.

North Carolina has two congressional districts – the 12th and 13th – that are nationally known for the elaborateness of the gerrymandering. We have had more lawsuits over redistricting than almost any other state.

Since its founding six years ago, the N.C. Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform has been working to change this process.

This time around, things can, should and may very well be different. The majority Republican leadership of both houses has watched from the outside for as long as anyone can remember as the then-Democratic majorities carried out the redistricting process largely behind closed doors, allowing incumbents to pick their voters and guarantee as many Democratic seats as possible. The Republicans, with justification, complained about the process and talked about the way it should be – fair and nonpartisan. Most of those complaints were justified – and now that they are in charge, it is time for them to prove that they can do it the “right” way.

Sen. Robert Rucho of Mecklenburg County and Rep. David Lewis of Harnett County, Republican chairs of the Senate and House redistricting committees, have both promised that this time things will be different and they are working hard to change the process. We believe them and hope that they will be able to make big steps forward towards a non-partisan, open redistricting process.

However, they and other leaders on both sides of the aisle need to find a way to make changes that will work now and last into the future. It is time for North Carolina to move beyond its past and find that better way. This change needs to happen now, not at some point in the future.

Other states use a variety of processes that are less partisan and far more open and transparent. They include appointed panels of citizens, a combination of legislators and citizens, professional staff-driven systems and processes that include an extended public-comment period and lots of public hearings.

Almost any of these would be better than what North Carolina has had, and, although time may be short to do the 2011 redistricting, now is the time to start fair redistricting for the next time around.

We urge the Republicans and Democrats to step up to their responsibility and make the change, and hope all North Carolinians will join us in this call.

*Jane Pinsky is the director of the N.C. Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform.*

## LETTERS

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JAMES G. EXUM JR. AND JOHN R. WESTER

A fair and impartial justice system is essential to North Carolina's well-being. Courts ensure our rights and freedoms, promote equal opportunity and maintain stability and economic prosperity under the rule of law. At the foundation of our justice system are judges who decide cases based on the facts and the law, without bowing to popular or political pressure.

Today that foundation is under siege. The North Carolina Constitution requires that judges be chosen in "elections by the qualified voters of the State." In an ideal world, this provision would provide North Carolina with an excellent bench. Informed voters would choose our judges from an unlimited candidate pool. Well-briefed on the judiciary's core mission and the leading characteristics of good judges, no doubt they would do so ably. But in 21st century North Carolina, the reality is far different. Recent happenings in other states, most notably Iowa and Wisconsin, reflect the unwelcome influence of well-funded groups bent on electing judges who promise to advance (or oppose) the groups' positions

on the hot social issues of the day and removing judges whose decisions do not accord with their positions.

It's well known that the courts are the least understood branch of our government. Except for the occasional sensational case that grabs media attention, North Carolina's nearly 10 million citizens have no meaningful way of evaluating judges' vital work. That work proceeds one case at a time, across the vast body of law of our complex society. Independence, integrity, reverence for the rule of law, courtesy and patience, dignity, open-mindedness, impartiality, thorough scholarship, decisiveness and, not least, an understanding heart: These are the traits our best judges possess. But it's virtually impossible for voters to discern whether judicial candidates have them. Couple proven barriers to an informed electorate with some politicians' irresistible tendency to regard judgeships as just one more form of spoil, and it's no wonder debates over judicial selection focus so much on politics and so little on quality and sound judicial values. As *Charlotte Observer*

columnist Jack Betts recently said, "Not everyone wants an independent judiciary." No matter how essential to our lives and liberties.

For more than four decades, the North Carolina Bar Association has fought to reform North Carolina's approach to judicial selection, all with the goal of diminishing the role of politics and encouraging qualified candidates to offer themselves for judicial service. The subject is so important that talented people from various walks of professional life, wearing different political stripes, have devoted thousands of hours of discussion and debate to it. These diverse voices are united in the conviction that our state must find a better way to attract and retain qualified judges on the bench.

The Bar Association is now offering just such a better way: Senate Bill 458, introduced last month by Sens. Fletcher Hartsell, of Cabarrus County, and Dan Clodfelter, of Mecklenburg County.

The bill would create a statewide Judicial Nominating Commission – politically balanced, with an equal number of lawyers

and non-lawyer citizens – to screen candidates for the bench. When a sitting judge retires or dies in office, the governor would fill the vacancy with one of two nominees recommended by the commission. The nominee not chosen could run against the governor's choice, and voters would have the final say in an election between the commission's two nominees. After one contested election, the successful candidate would face a retention election with no opponent every eight years. If the commission's nominee not chosen by the governor decided not to run, the governor's choice would stand for a retention election. This approach would balance judicial independence with public accountability much better than the current system, in which our best judges must live with the prospect of being unseated by an unqualified opponent. And it would encourage highly promising candidates, who under the present system simply won't risk job security and livelihood to serve the public on the bench.

The Bar Association proposal reaches for a careful balance. It respects polling data indicating

that the public does not want to give up electing judges, but gives greater assurance of qualified candidates with screening by a non-partisan nominating committee. Candidates would be thoroughly vetted based on professional qualifications and experience, demonstrated legal expertise and possession of the core characteristics of a good judge. At the same time, the proposal would preserve the public's power to vote on judges and remove them from office based on job performance.

One might wonder why the Bar Association bothers, given our repeated failures to persuade the General Assembly to change judicial selection, irrespective of the party in power. Why not yield to the popular argument that the voting public knows just as much about the judges they select as they know about county commissioners, city council members and legislators, and that that much is plenty?

Even if this contention held water – and we know from polls and personal experience that it does not – is this system the best a proud state can devise for its judiciary? Will we continue to

risk the quality of our judiciary for the sake of a false democracy? The answer has to be no. Executive and legislative branch officials make crucial decisions to be sure, but they never impose prison sentences, award custody of a child, divide a marital estate, terminate parental rights or act as final arbiters of constitutional rights. These choices profoundly affect the lives and fortunes of real people. And all of them are made by judges alone.

The core characteristics of good judges weren't invented by lawyers. They are qualities every North Carolinian who enters a courtroom should be able to take for granted. The Bar Association proposal will improve the chances that when our people take some of the most important problems in their lives to court, they will be resolved by good and wise judges. Our citizens deserve nothing less.

*Former N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice James G. Exum Jr. and N.C. Bar Association past President John R. Wester serve as co-chairs of the NCBA's Committee for Judicial Independence.*

## WAIVER FROM PAGE 1

Of particular concern to many consumers is that case management will no longer be offered as a stand-alone service, but by the LMEs as a component of managed care.

Advocates argue that people with developmental disabilities will be hardest hit if case managers familiar with the particular needs of their clients, whose sole responsibility is to advocate for the individual, are eliminated. People with developmental disabilities often need help accessing a full spectrum of professional services as well as assistance with basic everyday needs.

"It has always been best practice, and is recognized nationally as best practice, that case management be provided by a neutral party that provides no other services for the person," said Jennifer Hancock, a case manager and advocate based in Wilson.

### Ready?

But beyond the specifics of the proposed change, says David Cornwell, executive director of the advocacy organization N.C. Mental Hope, is the concern that once again consumers and their advocates have been left out of the decision-making process.

"It's incredible that a change that rivals the magnitude of mental health reform [launched in 2001] could have made it this far without any real due process," Cornwell said.

"If the managed-care waivers are so good, it begs the question of why public announcement of statewide implementation came three weeks after enabling legislation was filed."

Cornwell references a report commissioned by the DHHS and released last August by Mercer Government Human Services Consultants that suggested the DHHS was not fully prepared to move forward with the administration of the waiver system. The report cited, for example, "an absence of senior licensed clinicians to help guide policies and procedures and quality management" and a "significant lack of IT tools and a limited number of technical staff to support efficient business operations and reporting requirements."

"It is ludicrous to think that with an austere budget and in such a short time, problems of the magnitude found by Mercer could be corrected," Cornwell said.

But Rep. Verla Insko, who represents Orange County and co-chairs a legislative oversight committee on mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse, says trust in the waiver is well-founded.

In a letter in this week's *Citizen* (see page 6), Insko writes that PBH "has been assessed and evaluated by outside consultants, inside auditors and national experts. ... Over the years, the evaluations have shown consistently that PBH performed as well or better than the other LMEs."

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School Briefs

Meyer receives diversity award

Graig Meyer, coordinator of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program, was named the community recipient of UNC's University Diversity Award last week.

The award recognizes "significant contributions to the enhancement, support and/or furtherance of diversity on the campus and in the community." Meyer has been the program's coordinator since its inception in 1996.

In addition to coordinating BRMA, Meyer participates as a member of the District Equity Leadership Team.

HBA awards scholarships

The Home Builders Association of Durham, Orange and Chatham counties presented 13 scholarships to graduating seniors from area high schools last month.

Students received \$1,000 scholarships. Local recipients are: Eleanor Christopher, Chapel Hill High School; Nathan Harris, CHHS; Adam King, Cedar Ridge High School; Patrick Thomas Mateer, CHHS; Bridget B. Neville, CRHS; and John Franklin Pope Jr., Orange High School.

HBA scholarships are awarded based on academic record, extracurricular activities, recommendations and future course of study. Children of members of the HBA and those planning to study construction-related majors are given preference.

ECHHS wins ethics bowl

East Chapel Hill High School won the inaugural Triangle Regional High School Ethics Bowl on Saturday.

Seven teams from six local high schools faced off on a series of challenging and complex moral issues. The N.C. School of Science & Mathematics finished second, while two teams from Carolina Friends School tied for third.

The event was produced and sponsored by the Parr Center for Ethics, with help from the UNC department of philosophy.

School board meeting

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will meet today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

Items on the agenda include district priorities, a school-lunch price increase, a review of budget developments and more.

To view the complete agenda, visit [chccs.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view\\_id=2&event\\_id=2](http://chccs.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=2)

**Teacher receives Korean fellowship**

Laura Holmes, ESL teacher at Glenwood and Seawell elementary schools, has received the Jae Hak and Duk Hwa fellowship to attend the Korea Academy for Educators Program in Los Angeles.

The fellowship will fund Holmes' expenses for a weeklong seminar on Korean history and culture and the Korean-American experience. The seminar will be held in August.

Seawell wins book battle

Seawell Elementary School won this year's Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Battle of the Books.

Seawell students defeated teams from Carrboro, Estes Hills, McDougle and Scroggs elementary schools by demonstrating hard work, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and recall of the books read. Team members include Mihraan Ahmad, Eli Rissberger, Rachel Peters, Melissa Peters, Becca Brownstein, Alex Guo and Sara Zangi.

Students receive computers

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Community Connection Program awarded 76 student households with free computers last week.

Through the program, the district partners with Kramden Institute of Durham. The program is aimed at ensuring that every district student is equipped with the tools required for success in the 21st century classroom. Students and parents also received an introduction to the computer they received and pre-installed applications.

Community Connection and Kramden Institute have previously awarded 475 computers to underserved district students.

Student named semifinalist

East Chapel Hill High School senior Young-Eun Hyun has been named one of 560 semifinalists in the 2011 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

Semifinalists were selected from more than 3,000 candidates on the basis of superior achievements, leadership qualities, personal character and involvement in community and school activities.

The final selection of scholars will be announced this month. The Commission on Presidential Scholars will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. students living abroad. Up to 20 students representing the visual, literary and performing arts and 15 at-large students will also be selected.

Poetry winners

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students won awards in the Carrboro Youth Poetry Contest.

In the elementary division, Carlisle Mills won first place and Sarah Warner won honorable mention. Both students are in Aida Groby's class at Carrboro Elementary School.

Ethan Mikhail and Alexandra Hall tied for first place in the middle school division. Both students are taught by Pamela Tandy at Phillips Middle School.

In the high school division, Carrboro High School student Amber Clark won first place, while Heba Bhat of East Chapel Hill High School received an honorable mention. Clark is taught by Mackensie Malkemes, and Bhat is taught by Amanda Galvin.

Student



The Glenwood Gator Show Choir performs for the audience.

PHOTO BY ROBIN NUCILLI

More than 200 community members attended a School and Community Reception honoring retiring Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen at Carrboro

High School on Sunday. Student performers provided entertainment at the event, while local elected officials proclaimed "Neil Pedersen Day" in Orange County.

COMMISSION FROM PAGE I

At present, the county operates a dental clinic at Carr Mill Mall two days a week and one at the Whitted Human Services Center on West Tryon Street in Hillsborough three days a week. Under the approved plan, the Hillsborough dental clinic will serve patients five days a week when the Carrboro clinic closes at the end of July.

"I really have very big concerns about making sure that we address folks who need to come for dental services," board Chair Bernadette Pelissier said.

OPT Manager Al Terry said the county health department is screening patients who go to the Carrboro clinic to determine transportation needs and that OPT would consider adding limited service to meet the needs of those patients.

If approved by Triangle Transit, the changes will go into effect in August. Trips would run every half-hour between 6 and 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 and 6 p.m. Midday trips would leave Hillsborough at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Chapel Hill at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

LANDRETH FROM PAGE I

The list goes on, and we haven't even talked about the new-era offensive line that will be on the field this fall.

James Hurst started his freshman season at left tackle. For those who may not understand the nuances of football, left tackle is the guy who protects right-handed quarterbacks' blind side against the freaks who play defensive end at the collegiate and NFL level.

To start at left tackle as a freshman is unheard of. This kid could definitely become a first round choice by the time he moves to the NFL.

The practical side of this is that Carolina has every chance to win more games and play for higher stakes in the next few years under Davis.

He purposely plays a pro-style of offense and defense to attract kids, and his track record at Miami and now UNC for putting players in the NFL

can stand with anyone.

"Our assistant coaches and our program did a great job preparing our players for the next level," Davis said.

Eventually, that is going to be the factor that makes the difference between some key offensive players picking UNC and a school that runs a spread offense that does not prepare players for the distinct style teams play at the NFL level.

"Our offense is extremely similar to the Houston Texans," said quarterback T.J. Yates, who was drafted by the Texans. "That was one of the main reasons they said they took me was because they knew the transition would be easy for me."

"Coach Davis handles the program with an NFL mentality. He brought in NFL coaches, installed NFL offenses and defenses, and it paid off."

If Carolina can just get beyond the mistakes some of its players made last season, without being hammered by the NCAA, the future of UNC football has never been brighter.

SUPER CROSSWORD IN CHARGE

ACROSS

1 Weaken

4 O'Connor's

"The Hurrah"

8 Composer Bartok

12 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)

17 Meadow mamas

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21 Wide belts

22 Comic-book hero

25 "Oh, How I — Get Up . . ."

26 Error's partner

27 Procure

28 — Paulo, Brazil

30 Tons of time

31 Box up

34 Masters Tournament site

38 Urban problem

39 Animated TV series

42 Hwy.

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47 Tallahassee sch.

48 Rita — Brown

49 Tankard

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50 Step parts

52 Even if, informally

54 Durango district

57 Maestro Lorin

59 Rent

61 "The Hustler" suffix

67 Genetic info

68 Actress Anna

70 Tammany Hall name

73 Left open

74 Item in a lock

75 Premiere

77 Baby butter

78 Fracas

81 Advance

83 "This — Moment" ('60 hit)

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88 Van of "Shane"

89 Cycle starter

91 Barely there

93 Baseball stat

94 Pinnacle

95 — roll

97 Bailiwick

98 TV's "My Sister —"

99 "Goicha!"

100 '80 Stevie

Wonder hit

106 Worry

107 Result

108 Singer

111 Knock

112 Russian river

113 Superlative

116 Sans emotion

118 Lets up

121 "F Troop"

127 Kidman of "To Die For"

128 Columnist

129 Notion

130 Silvers or Spector

131 Hardened

132 "— of the Cat" ('77 hit)

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134 — Aviv

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1 Splinter group

2 Cognizant

3 Charlemagne's dad

4 Composer Francis

5 Sothern or Sheridan

6 Forest

7 Use a stop-watch

8 Musical

9 Lilly of pharmaceuticals

10 Ripper

11 92 Wimbledon winner

12 Battery letters

13 Fast way to the UK

14 O'Neill drama

15 Shot another photo

16 For — (cheaply)

18 "Unsolved Mysteries" host

21 Shallow area

23 Jal —

24 Coup d'—

29 Part of NATO

32 Sluggish

33 — Benedict

35 Like some TV channels

36 "Beau —" ('39 film)

37 "No dice!"

38 Bandit Belle

40 City on 112 Across

41 Polo's place

43 Shriner of tennis

44 Dothan's st.

45 '64 Shangri-

Las hit

48 Boy or boar

50 Cartoon canine

51 Lip lash?

53 Mayberry moppet

54 Marsh

55 New Rochelle college

56 General Bradley

58 —

60 Alaskan city

62 "Against All —" ('84 film)

64 Recedes

66 Curative

68 Frosh's superior

69 Grocer's measure

71 Lip lash?

72 Assumed manes?

73 — standstill

75 Wet blanket

76 Velvet finish

79 Graceland, for one

80 Yesterday's your

82 Rub it in

83 Sal of "Exodus"

84 Irene of "Fame"

86 La-La lead-in

87 Tasty tuber

90 Coll.

cadets

92 Tree house?

96 Jacket part

99 Lawrence's locale

100 "Archie" character

101 Great bird?

102 Dash of "Clueless"

103 Fast-food favorite

104 Cleveland's lake

105 Summarize

106 French bread?

109 Vision

110 TV's "Kate & —"

114 "M\*A\*S\*H" Emmy winner

115 "The —" ('86 hit)

124 Corn porlion

125 Grazing ground

126 Rin Tin Tin's mother

CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

Fortnight Plan?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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Yellow flowers of bladderworts cover the surface of Horseshoe Lake. PHOTO BY MUSKIE CATES



Flowers of bladderwort extend above the aquatic, thread-like leaves. PHOTO BY ARNAUD FÂCHE



Tiny black dots on the canoe paddle are the insect-trapping "bladders" on bladderwort's capillary leaves. PHOTO BY ARNAUD FÂCHE



Lise Marchal and Arnaud Fâche, French landscape-architecture students, are studying "wild North Carolina" as spring interns at the N.C. Botanical Garden.

PHOTO BY JOHNNY RANDALL

FLORA  
FROM PAGE 1

While here, visiting "wild North Carolina" from the mountains to the sea is becoming an important part of their experience.

Lise says that the emphasis in the program at Blois "is not about memorizing a couple hundred landscape plants, but on learning to make close observations and developing skills in understanding the 'nature' of distinctive natural landscapes and making application to human-made landscapes."

Among Lise's memorable images of Horseshoe Lake

are the ancient-looking bonsai-type cypress trees scattered here and there beneath the high canopy of the cypress forest.

Muskie's trip this time was a little later than last year and pitcher plants were past flowering prime. This time the spectacle of the day was acres of bladderworts, *Utricularia* spp., giving a yellow "buttercup-meadow" appearance over the pond surface. Arnaud's keenness for botanical details had us all taking a "closer look" at the bladderwort flowers and, particularly, those tiny, insect-trapping bladder devices along the capillary,

thread-like aquatic leaves that support the plants' flow-ering stems.

To these exploring French students, Suggs Mill Pond was every bit as engaging as Monet's famous garden's water-lily pond.

In a few weeks, Lise and Arnaud will take leave to visit other regions of our country, carrying with them rich memories of "wild North Carolina."

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



Ralph Byrns' Last Class

May — a time of great comings and goings. The end of a personal era for thousands of students and the commencing of new times in their young lives. The same could be said for some older folks — like award-winning UNC adjunct professor of economics Ralph Byrns, teaching his last economics class at Carolina. Byrns and his wife, Patricia, are moving to Phoenix, Ariz., to be nearer to his family. Described by student journalist Jacki Huntington as "a legend among Carolina students for his stories and his humor," Byrns regularly regaled huge intro ECON 101 classes with his hand-drawn charts and graphs, as well as his encyclopedic grasp of their individual names. Passing his classroom door, I have several times found myself stopping to admire Byrns' grasp of content, his gift for improvisation and his open affection for his students. Last Wednesday night, he was feted at a farewell event at the student union. Earlier that afternoon, I shot this photo of Ralph going wide open at his last class, where someone had advertised the send-off event on the blackboard — and then someone had playfully added, "Good Riddance." Probably Byrns, who will be teaching again this fall at Arizona State. Teach on, old friend.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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