



FRIDAY 70% chance of rain 72/61
SATURDAY Partly Cloudy 83/63
SUNDAY Partly Cloudy 86/67

THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

A closer look at cat's-ear reveals a head of tightly clustered ray flowers.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Yard-weed of the week

Every week, some little weedy wildflower will appear in an unmowed lawn, sounding the alarm for sentinels of homeowner associations. Watchdogs of Carrboro's Homeowners' Association (fictitious organization, I hope) must be out of town. I've enjoyed seeing numerous yards blooming vigorously during the past several weeks. The lawns of many front yards are refreshingly covered with white-flowering clover. Other yards appear to be infested with hundreds of little yellow flying-saucer-like flowers, hovering a foot or two above the green surface. And some yards are downright spectacular with the flying saucers hovering above drifts of white clover.

One well-tended front yard was brilliant with a sea of bright-yellow flowers floating across it. I was sad when I returned to find the lawn had been subdued, mowed flat to its former green mat. The color and effect of unmanaged growth is just too much natural exuberance for many folks.

The yellow weed we are seeing along unmowed road edges and in the lawns of more carefree gardeners these days is Hypochaeris radicata [hy-po-KEER-is rad-i-KAY-ta]. The common name, cat's-ear, is a reference to the fuzzy-on-both-sides basal leaves of the plant. Some like to call it false dandelion because the flower head resembles the larger yellow dandelion. This one, however, stands 1 to 2 feet higher with several flower heads on a single leafless stem. Like the dandelion, cat's-ear is a Eurasian introduction that has become naturalized.

Take a closer look at a flower head. This is an example of plants in the aster (composite) family that have a tight cluster of individual flowers that are all ray flowers, unlike the typical sunflower, which has a circle of ray flowers surrounding a tight swirl of disc or tubular flowers. Each little ray flower of the head has a discernible row of five teeth at the outer end of the flower.

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New smoking rules filter through towns

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

New state rules that prohibit smoking in restaurants, bars and most indoor establishments won't take effect until January, but the impact of the historic change in the state's attitude toward tobacco is already being felt.

Late last week, thousands of members of the Orange County Social Club got a little surprise in the club's monthly email newsletter.

Owner Tricia Mesigian announced that the last day for smok-

ing will be July 3. The club will also shut down for a few days for a thorough cleaning and upfit, including new paint and ceiling tiles.

In an interview Wednesday, Mesigian said the decision to go early was the result of a combination of factors.

"I wanted to do it in warm weather," she said. That way OCSC patrons who want to smoke can get used to heading outdoors while it's a little more inviting. The start also is timed so that the change won't happen in the middle of basketball season.

Mesigian also said that with Merge Records planning an event at the club in late July as part of the label's 20th anniversary, she "wanted to spruce the place up."

The move also will make the place more inviting for a wider range of customers, something the management at Tyler's Taproom and The Speakeasy discovered after they opted to go non-smoking in early May.

Ciara Campbell, general manager of the Carrboro Taproom and The Speakeasy, said converting The Speakeasy to non-smoking has been a boon to business.

"It's been incredible," she said. "We've had more calls for private parties, and we're finding that people are staying longer."

More customers also are crossing over to The Speakeasy after dinner, she said, adding that regulars who smoke have quickly adapted to heading outside.

With the Social Club's conversion, only a handful of clubs and bars that permit smoking inside are left.

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'Wouldn't trade the experience for anything'

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

William Friday still lives in the home he has shared with his wife, Ida, for more than 60 years. Tucked away on a side street near campus, Friday — who is approaching 89 — keeps watch on the happenings around the university.

Having spent 30 years as president of the UNC system, he maintains a close relationship with Chapel Hill and the entire university system.

He oversaw the integration of UNC in 1955, as well as the general admission of women in 1963. He led the system through its reorganization and consolidation in 1971, and quietly helped the student body fight the Speaker Ban Law in the early 1960s.

But these days, as he observes the school from his post near campus, Friday is able to spend a bit more time focusing on the "enjoyment of things," as he calls it.

On one of the first truly warm days of spring, he awaited my arrival outside his home, seersucker-clad, enjoying the late-morning sun. As I outstretched my hand in greeting, he pointed to a flowerbed.

"Come over here for a minute," he said, leading me to the side of the yard. Gesturing to a particular patch, he smiled and said, "I think these are about to bloom." Last year, he told me, a late frost had prevented the blooms from opening, so he'd kept a close watch on them this year.

We entered his home — a bright, well-kept, airy place — and Friday explained that Ida was out walking. He spoke of her fondly, pointing out her pottery and various other pieces of art scattered around the house. The two have been married for 67 years, but he still has a sparkle in his eye when he speaks of her, or of the three daughters they've together raised.

"I've been very lucky. I've been very blessed," he said. "When you get older, you know, your mind begins to wander and fade. But we keep moving."

Just nine weeks before our meeting, he'd undergone open-heart surgery to replace a valve that was closing due to calcification. At first, he couldn't figure out why he was suffering from such an ailment — he doesn't drink much, walks a fair amount and hadn't messed with tobacco in 40 years.



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

William and Ida Friday have kept tabs on UNC from their home in downtown Chapel Hill for more than 60 years.

"You learn new words — stress, organized exercise, state of mind. I found out that I was completely, utterly exhausted."

The presidency

A child of the Great Depression and a soldier in World War II, Friday is part of a generation that learned what stress was at an early age.

Raised in Dallas, N.C. in Gaston

I ever made, trying to learn to study all over again after four years of war," Friday recalled. Still, like many of his classmates — including the likes of former Gov. Terry Sanford and former UNC Chancellor William Aycock — he graduated in two years.

"Not a single member of our class failed that bar exam," he boasted, noting the plaque honoring the class of 1948 that hangs at the law school. "It was a

erable expansion of the student body.

While president, Friday certainly worked through a fair amount of adversity, as the university opened its doors to students of all races and both genders and the system consolidated to include all state-funded higher education institutions.

His work in the early '60s with student body President Paul Dickson and other students to abolish the Speaker Ban Law drew fire from politicians and the UNC Board of Trustees.

(In the interest of full disclosure, I must reveal that I feel a particular connection to those events here on the hill, as, though he died at the age of 30, in 1971, before I was born, Paul Dickson was my uncle.)

Friday and Dickson met secretly to discuss the students' strategy to work toward abolishing the law — which prevented known communists from speaking on campus — after Friday made an unsuccessful plea to the board of trustees. The pair would meet at the rock wall that circles the president's house on Franklin Street and "just sit out there and have a conversation."

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A Few Moments With Bill Friday

County, Friday recalls feeling the strain of the Depression when he was 10 years old.

"I knew enough to understand that something was happening, and I saw how hard it was on my parents. We lost the house, just like people are losing homes today. My dad was working for almost nothing, and we borrowed bread across the fence."

After attending N.C. State University, Friday served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, stationed at Norfolk and then Charleston. Just a few days back from the service, he began law school at UNC.

"That was about the worst mistake

wonderful group of post-war people... We've sort of stuck together over the years and kept up with each other. Now we're disappearing pretty fast.

"I wouldn't trade the experience for anything."

After graduating from law school, Friday became the assistant dean of students at UNC, and several years later, in 1956, the president of the UNC system. The university was a vastly different place when he arrived — an enrollment of 6,575, with general admission open only to men — than it was when he left. The sprawl of South Campus was a few years yet to come, and with it, a consid-

Youth triathlon is all smiles

BY BETH MECHUM Staff Writer

Intermittent rain showers couldn't wash away the juggler's flames or dampen the spirits of the 435 participants who competed in the third annual Swim for Smiles Triathlon early Sunday morning at Chapel Hill Country Club.

In what was half carnival, half sporting event, Swim for Smiles Foundation co-creator Gary Kaye made sure to note it was all smiles.

"This couldn't be better," Kaye said. "That rain that we had right as it started cooled everything off, the parents are really happy, the kids are having a lot of fun and the races started on time."

The triathlon was open to anyone aged six to 18 and included both long-course and short-course races for those of any skill level.

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PHOTO BY BETH MECHUM

This long-course participant is a model of intensity as he finishes the swim and heads for his bicycle.

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Foy says he's not running

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

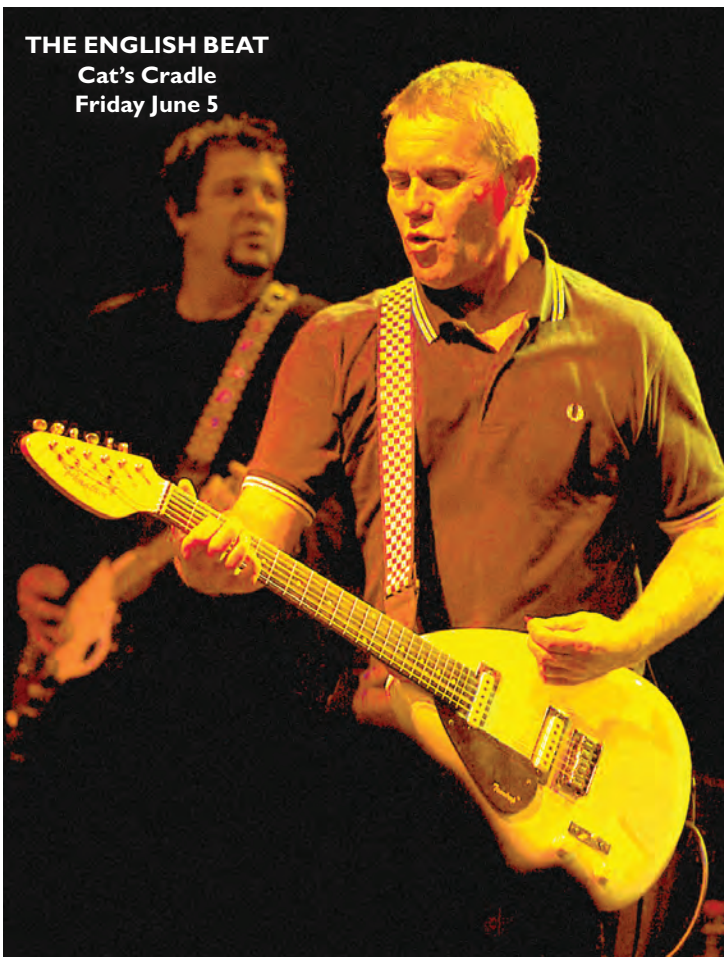
In a decision that should shake up the field of prospective candidates in the fall municipal elections, Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said he won't seek a fifth term in office.

Foy, first elected in 2001, made the announcement last Thursday.

In a message sent out via email, Foy said he had opted not to seek re-election primarily because he has accomplished many of the things he set out to do when he first signed on to run. He also expressed confidence about the future.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THE ENGLISH BEAT
Cat's Cradle
Friday June 5

THURSDAY JUNE 4
Blue Bayou: Steve Jack, David Burke. 9pm. Free
Cat's Cradle: Bill Kreutzmann, James "Hutch" Hutchinson, Scott Murawski with Tara Nevins, The Brew. 9pm \$18 in advance/\$21 day of show
The Cave: EARLY: Brandon Herndon and John Pardue's Songslingers Showcase LATE: Instant Jones, Alcazar Hotel
General Store Cafe: Bernie Petteway. 7pm
Memorial Auditorium/Raleigh: The Decemberists
Nightlight: Death to the Details, Lonely are the Brave, Resist Not. 9:30pm. Free
Open Eye Cafe: Jeff Crawford

FRIDAY JUNE 5
Blue Bayou: Nick Moss and the Flip Tops. \$18/20
Caffe Driade: Lee and Susan. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: The English Beat, Outlaw Nation. 9pm. \$17 in advance/\$20 day of show
The Cave: LATE: Instant Jones, Alcazar Hotel
City Tap: Mebanesville. 7-10pm
General Store Cafe: See No Weevil. 8:30pm
Harry's Market: Drum Circle with Tim and karen. 7pm
Local 506: Holy Ghost Tent Revival, Paleface, Midtown Dickens. 10pm. \$7
Open Eye Cafe: The Carrbos. 8pm



Nightlight: Simple, Radio Taiwan, Whalewatchers. 10pm. \$5

ALCAZAR HOTEL
The Cave
Thursday June 4
and Nightlight
Tuesday June 9

SATURDAY JUNE 6
Blue Bayou: Crossover Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Caffe Driade: Plan B. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Tab Benoit, Mel Melton and The Wicked Mojos. 9pm. \$18 in advance/\$20 day of show

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats. LATE: Inspector 22, Wild Wild Geese
City Tap: When Cousins Marry. 8pm
General Store Cafe: The Gravy Boys. 8:30pm
Local 506: Erie Choir, The Travesties, The Magic Babies. 10pm. \$6
Reservoir: Chrome Plated Apostles, The Loner

SUNDAY JUNE 7
Cat's Cradle: Lonely Hearts World Tour 2009, Easy Star All-Stars, Trumystic, DJ Ras J. 9:30pm. \$14 in advance/\$16 day of show
City Tap: The Barefoot Movement. 3pm
Harry's Market: Shannon O'Connor with Emerson Waldorf School String Signers. 2pm
Reservoir: Pushy Lips, Blag'ard, Where the Buffalo Roamed. 10pm

MONDAY JUNE 8
Caffe Driade: Mandolin Orange. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Rock For Malawi Benefit for World Camp: The Violetears. 9pm., \$10
The Cave: LATE: Ascetic Parade, The Begin-Agains
Local 506: The Detroit Cobras, Dex Romweber Duo. 9:30pm. \$10

TUESDAY JUNE 9
Cat's Cradle: X-Tri Tour, Steve Soto and the Twisted Hearts. 8:30pm. \$20/23
The Cave: LATE: Future Kings of Nowhere, Andy Gardner, Rebekah Ann. \$5
Nightlight: Alcazar Hotel, Hokums Heroes, Panda Force. Free

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10
Caffe Driade: Greg Koons. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Paul Thorn. 9pm. \$15
The Cave: LATE: The Desmonds
General Store Cafe: Barry Wallace
Nightlight: Veronique Diabolique, Post Honeymoon, Humble Tripe. 9:30pm
Reservoir: Rat Babies, Candy Maldonado, Boat Buring. 10pm

SPOTLIGHT: FIESTA LATINA



FIESTA LATINA
Saturday, June 13 from noon to 7 p.m. at lovely Shakori Hills
Fiesta Latina is all about "Uniendo Cultural" ("Bringing Cultures Together") in Chatham County, a celebration of diversity. The world-renowned acrobatic team Galumph returns, with music provided by Ballet Folklórico Guadalupano, the Firehouse Rhythm Kings, Saludos Compay and Bravo Norteño. There'll be good food, children's activities and traditional dance. You can also enter a drawing to win a 1994 Ford station wagon and other great prizes.



RAT BABIES
Reservoir
Wednesday June 10

THURSDAY JUNE 11
Blue Bayou: Jo Gore and the Alternative. 9:30pm
Cat's Cradle: Grizzly Bear, Here We Go Magic. 9pm. \$14
The Cave: EARLY: Greg Koons. LATE: The Shakedown, Ailynne. \$5
General Store Cafe: Funkponya. 7pm
Nightlight: Swan Quarter, Due Panic, Sleep Control. 10pm

FRIDAY JUNE 12
Blue Bayou: Steady Rollin Bob Margolin. 9:30pm. \$10
Caffe Driade: Darren Michaels. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Jenny Lewis, Deer Tick, Farmer Dave. 9pm. \$18
The Cave: EARLY: Joltwagon. \$5 LATE: Firehouse Rhythm Kings
City Tap: The Swang Brothers. 5-7pm. Andrew Marlin. 7pm
General Store Cafe: Rewind. 8:30pm

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TH 6/4 BK3 (BILL KREUTZMANN, JAMES "HUTCH" HUTCHINSON, SCOTT MURAWSKI AND TARA NEVINS) W/THE BREW**(\$18/\$21)
FR 6/5(\$17/\$20) ENGLISH BEAT** W/OUTLAW NATION AND THE URBAN SOPHISTICATES
SA 6/6 TAB BENOIT** W/MEL MELTON & THE WICKED MOJOS AUTHENTIC CAJUN CATERING BY PAPA MOJO'S ROADHOUSE
SU 6/7 LONELY HEARTS WORLD TOUR EASY STAR ALL-STARS W/GUEST TRUMYSTIC**(\$14/\$16)
MO 6/8 WORLD CAMP BENEFIT ROCK FOR MALAWI W/VIOLETEARS**(\$10)
TU 6/9(\$20/\$23) TOTAL REQUEST LIVE!** (JOHN DOE, BILLY ZOOM, EXENE CERVENKA, DJ BONEBRAKE)
WE 6/10 PAUL THORN**(\$15)
TH 6/11 GRIZZLY BEAR W/HERE WE GO MAGIC**(\$14)
FR 6/12 JENNY LEWIS W/DEER TICK AND FARMER DAVE**(\$18)
SU 6/14 MEAT PUPPETS**(\$14/\$16) W/RETRIBUTION GOSPEL CHOIR
MO 6/15 PORTUGAL. THE MAN**(\$5)
TU 6/16 PEACHES W/DRUMS OF DEATH**(\$18/20)
FR 6/19 THE CONNELLS W/MAYFLIES USA**(\$15)

SA 6/20(\$15) CAMERA OBSCURA** W/ANNI ROSSI
FR 6/26(\$15) NYLON SUMMER** MUSIC TOUR FEATURING PATRICK WOLF, LIVING THINGS, PLASTICINES, JAGUAR LOVE
SA 6/27 HOLSAPPLE & STAMEY W/AMERICAN AQUARIUM AND LUEGO ALBUM RELEASE PARTY
FR 7/3 THE ORB HAS CANCELLED
FR 7/10 BOMBADIL CD RELEASE PARTY**(\$9/\$12)
SA 7/11 CLUB IS OPEN FESTIVAL: FILTHYBIRD, NATHAN OLIVER, THE FUTURE KINGS OF NOWHERE AND AMERICAN AQUARIUM
FR 7/17(\$18/\$20) NICE-N-SMOOTH** 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT AND AFTERPARTY
SA 7/18 GIRLS ROCK SHOWCASE**
SU 7/19 LOST IN THE TREES**(\$8)
WE 7/22 - SA 7/25 XX MERGE SOLD OUT
SU 7/26 DREDD, RX BANDIT'S W/ZECHS MARQUIS**
SA 8/1 COSMOPOLITANS** W/MITCH EASTER, DON DIXON

SA 8/8 DE LA SOUL 20 YEARS HIGH AND RISING TOUR**(\$25/\$28)
WE 8/12 AKRON/FAMILY**(\$10/\$12)
SA 8/15 AMY RAY W/VON IVA AND BELLAFAEA**(\$12/\$15)
SU 8/16 THE SCRIPT W/PARACHUTE**(\$12/\$15)
TU 9/1 HOT TUNA ELECTRIC**(\$25/\$28) W/OLD SCHOOL FREIGHT TRAIN
FR 9/11 OWL CITY**(\$12/\$14) ON SALE 6/13
WE 9/15 JOJO HERMANN OF WIDESPREAD PANIC W/SHERMAN EWING**(\$18/\$22)
FR 9/18 WHO'S BAD? TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON**
SA 9/19 ARROGANCE @40 BIRTHDAY BASH MANY SPECIAL GUESTS!

THE ENGLISH BEAT
THIS FRIDAY 6/5

ALSO PRESENTING

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (RALEIGH)
TH 6/4 **THE DECEMBERISTS** W/BLIND PILOT
TIX VIA TICKETMASTER, VENUE BOX OFFICE OR PROGRESSENERGYCENTER.COM

NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)
MO 6/15 **ZEE AVI** W/MATT HIRES

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
MO 7/13 **HANDSOME FURS**
TH 7/16 **REEVES GABRELS** W/BENJOMATIC
MO 9/28 **SCHOOL OF SEVEN BELLS**

MEMORIAL HALL (UNC - CHAPEL HILL)
SU 7/26 **XX MERGE** SHE & HIM, AMERICAN MUSIC CLUB, WYE OAK

THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)
SA 8/22 **BOWERBIRDS** W/MEGAFALUN

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News Briefs



Residents can learn about greenway plan

The Town of Carrboro is developing a plan for a Morgan Creek greenway that will connect the Chapel Hill greenway system and extend west along Morgan Creek.

The town invites citizens to learn more about the plan and ask questions at a public meeting. The first meeting will be June 15 at the media center at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School between 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Town staff, project consultants and members of the Greenways Commission will be on hand to answer any questions, and all who are interested can stop by any time during the meeting.

For more information, visit townofcarrboro.org/AdvBoards/Greenways/ResourceInfo.htm

Second H1N1 case in Orange County

Last Friday, the State Public Health Laboratory notified Orange County Health Department of an Orange County resident with laboratory confirmed novel influenza A (H1N1), otherwise known as "swine flu."

This marks the second confirmed case in Orange County and the 21st confirmed case in North Carolina.

Though there are limited specifics on the case, it is known that the person is an adult that is recovering and self-isolating at home. The person is not a healthcare worker and is unrelated to the first H1N1 case announced May 22 in Orange County.

The first case was a healthcare worker at a Durham clinic run by UNC Health Care. UNC officials announced last week that the employee has fully recovered after being diagnosed with a mild case of H1N1.

County to discuss cuts

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will hold a work session tonight (Thursday) to discuss options and alternatives to proposed cuts in this year's budget.

The meeting is being held at the Southern Human Services and begins at 7 p.m.

Aldermen send Smith Level Road plan back to DOT

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen stuck to its guns Tuesday night by rejecting alternatives proposed by the state Department of Transportation to its widening plan for Smith Level Road.

The board isn't willing to compromise just yet because the members believe a better resolution that would place more emphasis on sidewalks and bicycles lanes and less emphasis on widening roads can be reached.

"There seems to be some room for some other dialogue with policymakers on another level that might be valuable given where things are right now and the way we look at transportation," board member Randeel Haven-O'Donnell said.

The board initially discussed and rejected the widening plan by a 6-1 vote last month. The dissenting vote was from Mayor Mark Chilton. That plan included a three-lane section from the roundabout to Culbreth Road, a four-lane section from Culbreth Road to BPW Club Road and a divided four-lane section from

BPW Club Road to the Morgan Creek bridge. Sidewalks and bicycle lanes were planned along the length of the 0.8-mile project.

The board agreed with residents who have said that the proposed road would be far too wide to be safe.

On Tuesday night, the board looked at and rejected three options presented by the DOT.

One option was dismissed be-

cause it was nothing more than a restating of the original plan from April.

Another option was rejected because it transferred funding for bicycle and pedestrian paths to other sources. NCDOT representative Ed Lewis said receiving necessary funds from those sources would not be easy.

A third option included a three-lane road with a roundabout, but was rejected because road maintenance responsibilities would be transferred to Carrboro.

The board approved a resolution created by Alderman Dan Coleman as a fourth option. That option is to take the board's concerns for sidewalks and bicycles back to the policymakers in the DOT and try to find a better solution that both the town and its residents could support.

Some community members spoke in support of continued negotiations concerning adding sidewalks and bicycle lanes, saying that focusing on widened roads wouldn't help Carrboro, but only those from other com-

munities passing through.

Board members Haven-O'Donnell and Jacquie Gist said they were both concerned about environmental factors they thought the DOT did not consider.

Lewis explained the options presented were based on growth projections and trends put into a computer model.

"We're not designing traffic for today, but for 25 years down the road," he said.

Gist was particularly perturbed by that assessment, citing changes in modes of transportation citizens should make due to energy and environmental concerns and moving away from single-occupancy vehicles.

"Why do the DOT models continuously plan for people to not change their behaviors," she asked. "If you plan for people to not change their behaviors, they won't."

In other town business, a request for traffic calming between James Street and Hillsborough Road near Lorraine Street was approved and the town awarded the contract for construction services for the new fire station to Central Builders Inc. of Mebane.

"We're not designing traffic for today, but for 25 years down the road"

FOY FROM PAGE 1

"Anyone who serves in a position like mine understands how difficult it can be to move on, because there are always new challenges to face. But it is time for another person to lead in Chapel Hill. I look forward to our future, and I am confident that Chapel Hill will continue to be a great place to live, work, and go to school," Foy said in his statement.

Even though the official filing period for the elections doesn't start for another month, the move set off immediate speculation about who might enter the Chapel Hill mayor's race.

One answer to that came a few hours after Foy's announcement, when Chapel Hill Town Council

member Mark Kleinschmidt said he wants the job.

In an interview Wednesday, Kleinschmidt, a lawyer who is executive director of the Fair Trial Initiative, said he would have been happy to see Foy serve another term. After Foy passed on that he was not going to seek re-election, Kleinschmidt, who has served on the council since 2001, said he decided to run. Given the economy and its impact on the town budget, he said, he felt it was important for someone with experience to step up.

"We have a couple of years ahead of us, including this one, where there are unprecedented challenges," Kleinschmidt said.

Shaping the direction the town will take after the economic crisis passes, he said, will be a key role for the next mayor.

Kleinschmidt, whose term

on the council expires this year, wasn't alone in indicating his intentions for the upcoming election. Council member Laurin Easthom announced that she would seek re-election.

Council members Ed Harrison and Jim Merritt must also decide whether to seek another term. Other names that have been mentioned as possible candidates for council seats are Penny Rich and Will Raymond, both of whom ran in prior years.

In Carrboro, the office of mayor and board of aldermen seats held by Jacquie Gist, John Herrera and Randeel Haven-O'Donnell will be on the ballot. Gist, a 20-year veteran on the board, said this week she is "a strong maybe" to seek another term.

In Hillsborough, the ballot features seats held by board members Frances Dancy and

Michael Gering and Mayor Tom Stevens.

In Pittsboro, the terms of Mayor Randy Voller and town commissioners Pamela Baldwin and Christopher Walker expire this year.

Also on the ballot this fall will be three seats on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education. Those seats are occupied by incumbents Jean Hamilton, Gregory McElveen and Lisa Stuckey.

Filing begins July 6 at 8 a.m. and ends at noon on July 17. The Orange County Board of Elections website will keep track of candidates as they file at co.orange.nc.us/elect/2009/CandidateFilings.asp

Editor's note: Next week, The Citizen will feature a discussion with Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy on his four terms as mayor and what the future may hold for Chapel Hill and the region.

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DOWNTOWN LIFE IN CHAPEL HILL AND CARRBORO



Meet the new downtown guy

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership is hosting a meet-and-greet with Jim Norton, who is the new executive director of the partnership, today (Thursday) at Spanky's from 4 to 6 p.m.

An East Carolina University grad, Norton has more than 25 years of downtown-development experience. Prior to coming to the Southern Part of Heaven,

he was president of Downtown Tulsa Unlimited. He also helped create the national Main Street Program, an initiative begun by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to promote and revitalize downtown business districts. In case you're wondering if his Pirate affiliation might be a problem, please note that Norton's wife Annie is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Public Health.

Special Olympics

Torch run

That was the Special Olympic Flame of Hope being carried through downtown Carrboro and Chapel Hill on Wednesday. The torch run was part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in which police officers throughout the state contribute time and collect pledges to support the games, which start this Friday in Cary and Raleigh. Visit sonc.net for more details.

News flash

Yeah, yeah, we get it — Elizabeth Edwards is opening a furniture store just a block or so

down Rosemary Street from Greenbridge. It'll be a really swell furniture store and, uh . . . uh, did we mention that it's being opened by Elizabeth Edwards?

If you need to know more, Google it up and read all 188 news items about it.

Varsity update

This just in: Movies still being shown at The Varsity. Over and out.

Bloggy stuff

A reminder that Big City is also one of The Citizen's newest blogs. Visit www.carrborocitizen.com/Big-City if you're interested or bored or something like that. There's a lovely post up with a short video of a Norfolk Southern engine lumbering through town. Kids seem to dig it.

Marianne Jones Owner, along with Andrew Jones, since 1986

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Community Briefs

Math teacher funniest comic

DSI Comedy Theater crowned Raleigh high school math teacher John Betz Jr. "Carolina's Funniest Comic" after a month-long competition. Mary Kate Wise was the runner-up.

Over five weeks, 32 contestants performed in a single-elimination competition. Besides the title, Betz won \$1,000 and a primetime slot at DSI Comedy Theater.

Betz recently appeared on HBO's "Comedy Festival in Las Vegas" and was invited to perform in New York City as part of the Montreal Comedy Festival.

Carrboro High Class of 2009 Week

The Carrboro Board of Alderman has proclaimed the week of June 7-13 the "Carrboro High School Class of 2009 Week." The 2009 class of 138 students will be the first to graduate from Carrboro High.

Graduating Carrboro seniors have received more than \$2.4 million in scholarships, and Mayor Mark Chilton noted this class' achievement of 15,000 hours of service to the community, the nation and abroad.

Graduation Info

Graduations for all local high schools will be Saturday, June 13 at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of UNC, starting with East Chapel Hill at 9 a.m., followed by Chapel Hill High at 1 p.m. and Carrboro High at 5 p.m.

All CHS, CHHS and ECHS graduating seniors are invited to Project Graduation, a school sponsored after-graduation party at the UNC Student Union, from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.



UNC blood drive

The Carolina Blood Drive collected 976 units of blood that will help save lives throughout the area, said Caroline Allison of the American Red Cross Carolinas Region, which sponsors the drive with UNC.

The number of donors attending was 928; there were at least 115 double red-cell donors. Last year, 966 units were collected.

The tally failed to break Appalachian State University's record for the largest single-day, single-site blood drive in North Carolina, set last fall with 1,060 units collected. Until then, the Tar Heels held the record with 1,052 pints collected in 1993.

"American Idol" contestant Anoop Desai, a UNC alumnus, visited the event at the Dean E. Smith Center in the afternoon, thanking donors and signing autographs.

Banners boost Walk Carrboro

The Walk Carrboro campaign developed by a group of local businesses led by Jesse Kalisher of Kalisher Gallery will be a lot more visible thanks to the town. The campaign has been supported by radio advertisements, maps, stickers and a website, and will now receive additional support from 29 "Walk Carrboro" banners installed downtown.

The banners are intended to let people know when they are entering Carrboro and to serve as an invitation to stick around and check out the many restaurants, shops and art venues around town.

For more information on Walk Carrboro, visit walkcarrboro.com

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Sewage Sludge Talk — The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and the Center for Health and Environment and Justice will host a public meeting about the risks associated with spreading sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants on farmlands. 7-9pm, Cane Creek Baptist Church Activity Center, 6901 Orange Grove Road, Hillsborough. (336) 525-2003, sdayton@swcp.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 5



Cookbook Author — Author Elizabeth Wiegand (above) will talk and serve samples from her book *The Outer Banks Cookbook: Recipes and Traditions from North Carolina's Barrier Islands*, 2pm at McIntyre's Fine Books in Fearington Village. 542-3030

Community Book Forum — The Carrboro Cybrary will host a discussion of Lyle Estill's *Small is Possible* with the author, Michael Tiemann and William (B.J.) Lawson. Carrboro Century Center, 918-6387. 6:30pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Trail Building — Volunteers needed to help build trails at the Southern Community Park. Meet at the Dogwood Acres Drive parking lot at 1pm. Bring work gloves, appropriate clothes.



Writing Workshop — Nancy Peacock (above), author of *A Broom of One's Own*, will lead a workshop, "Prompt Writing." Participants should bring a pen and paper. 10am-12:30pm, Chapel Hill Public Library Conference Room. hestia7@bellsouth.net

Youth Fishing Rodeo — Orange County and Carrboro Recreation and Parks and Orange County Cooperative Extension 4-H will offer a free Youth Fishing Rodeo for kids ages 3-15. 9am-noon, Bob Strayhorn's Pond off New Hope Church Road. 245-2660

Walk Hillsborough — The eighth annual Walkable Hillsborough Day will feature an informational walk along the trails at Gold Park and a bike ride led by the Carolina Tarheels. 9am walk, 8:30am bike ride, Gold Park, 415 Dimmocks Mill Road, Hillsborough.



Garden Magic — The seventh annual Discovering Magic in the Garden event will feature nature-based, fun activities for families dressed in their most magical costumes. 10am-noon, N.C. Botanical Garden. \$10/family, \$5 garden members, preregistration required. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu



Car Show — Cruise-Ins with a Twist will feature cars from all eras of all makes and models. 1-4pm, The Shops at Daniel Boone, 245 Churton Street, Hillsborough. 245-3330, theshopsatdanielboone.com



Haw River Fundraiser — The Haw River Learning Celebration Hootenanny will feature Mickey Le Pew the Clown, storytelling and music to benefit the Haw River Assembly Learning Celebration for schools. 5:30-9pm, Bynum General Store. Suggested: \$5-15. 542-5790, jenna.schreiber@gmail.com

Ongoing



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

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

DivorceCare — Support group for those separated or divorced. Mondays, 7pm, Orange United Methodist Church. 942-2825, connect2orange.org

Garden Tour — Free tour of the N.C. Botanical Garden's display gardens. Saturdays, 10am, in front of the Totten Center at the garden. 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Garden Walk — Niche Gardens hosts guided garden walks with discussions on spring planting, garden maintenance, design and gardening for wildlife. Saturdays, 10am, 1111 Dawson Road, Chapel Hill. Free. 967-0078, nichegardens.com

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays, 9:30-11am, Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. 942-4964

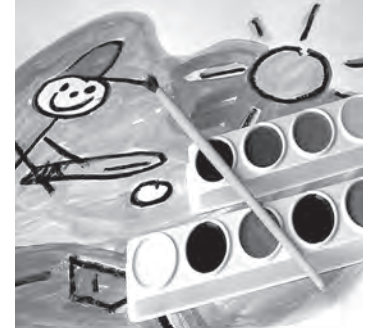
Open-Mike Poetry — Tuesdays except first Tuesday, 7-9pm, Looking Glass Cafe & Boutique, 601 W. Main St. 636-5809

Computer Classes — Free computer classes: Computer and Web Basics, Intro to Email, MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and an Open Project Workshop. Wednesdays through June 24, 7pm, Carrboro

Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. Registration required. 918-7387, cybrary@co.orange.nc.us, co.orange.nc.us/library/cybrary

Computer Classes — A free series of introductory computer classes with topics including Introduction to Microsoft Word, Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint and Buying and Selling on Craig's List. Saturdays June 6-July 25, 9-10am, Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle School. Advance registration required. 969-3006, lib.unc.edu/cws

Kids



Toddler Time — Thursdays, 4pm, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Preschool Story Time — Saturdays, 10:30am, Carrboro Branch Library. 969-3006

Express Yourself! — Art program for ages 3-8 and their caregivers. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15am, 11:30am-noon, Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E. Franklin St. \$2. 933-1455, kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Garden Story Time — Children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers are invited to come read theme-based nature tales and participate in activities in the garden. Thursdays through Aug. 27, 10-11am, N.C. Botanical Garden. \$5 per family. Preregister 962-0522, ncbg.unc.edu

Volunteers RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program — Seeks volunteers at least 55 years of age and older who would like assistance in finding an opportunity that matches their interests. 968-2056, co.orange.nc.us/aging/RSVPindex.asp

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. 942-2948

Orange County Literacy — Seeks volunteers to help with adult literacy, basic math and English language tutoring, creative writing workshops at local homeless shelters and family literacy workshops. New tutor training workshops every month. Skills Development Center, 503 W. Franklin St. 933-2151

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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PETS OF THE WEEK

PAWS4EVER — My name is Duncan!

I am a 4-year-old hound mix handsome fella. Duncan has passed Family Dog I class here at Paws4Ever and is ready to show off his skills! He's a housebroken boy who has spent some time in foster care learning the ropes of a family. If you have a fenced-in yard, you can satisfy his sniffing needs there and leave him ever-so fulfilled. Do you enjoy rubbing soft, luscious ears? Please give Dunk the chance to bring you that joy! He absolutely loves his belly scratched, toys and treats. Duncan is very food-motivated and will require a good leader to guide him to success. Give this smilin' hound a reason to smile bigger and take him home! Please come by the shelter and take a look, at Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org



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IN SEASON



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Farm to fork picnic planned

The W.C. Breeze Family Farm in Hurdle Mills will be the scene of this year's Farm to Fork Picnic.

The picnic, put together by the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, Orange County Cooperative Extension and Slow Food Triangle, is an annual celebration of local food and farms. The event is on Sunday, June 14 from 4-7 p.m.

More than 53 farms and restaurants will team up to provide everything from field-ripened tomatoes to head-to-tail heritage pork to all local sno cones. There will also be a tasting tent of local foods featuring farmstead cheese, pickles, preserves, breads and cured meats.

Advance tickets are required. They may be purchased on-line at armtoforknc.com or by calling 755-3804. The cost is \$50 per person; free for kids 12 and under. Proceeds go to support programs to support new farms and farmers in North Carolina.

Participants this year include 18 Seaboard, 3CUPS, Acme Food & Beverage, Ayr-

shire Farm, Bluebird Meadows, Brinkley Farms

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SHRIMP & SQUASH CASSEROLE (Serves 4)

From Bev Carr

Ingredients

- 2 Pounds Yellow & Green Summer Squash (can be all yellow or all green but the color contrast is pleasing), cut into ¾" chunks
- ½ Cup Chopped Onion
- 1 Stick Unsalted Butter & 1 Tbsp. Butter, diced
- 1-1/2 Pounds Medium Shrimp in Shell, cooked in boiling water until just pink, with ½ lemon, 1 bay leaf and ½ tsp thyme
- ¾ Tsp. Salt ½ Tsp. Pepper
- ½ Cup Bread Crumbs
- 1/3 Cup Freshly Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 1 Tbsp Butter

Procedure

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Steam squash until just tender, then remove from heat and refresh in cold water. Melt stick of butter, then cook onion until softened. Peel and de-vein cooked shrimp. In a low casserole or gratin dish, combine the squash, onion with butter, and shrimp, salt & pepper. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and parmesan cheese, and dot with butter. Bake for 10 - 15 minutes until crumbs are lightly browned. Serve with a tomato salad for a very colorful meal!

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FOR THE RECORD

Slash and Burn

There has been an increasing drumbeat of late that this state cannot simply cut its way out of this fiscal crisis. And, as noted elsewhere on this page, there is some solid reasoning that cutting state services and jobs is the surest way to increase the intensity of the economic downturn.

Still, there is an almost institutional reluctance in Raleigh to raising the revenue necessary to avoid damaging cuts to key services and shortchanging the state in federal stimulus money by using it to plug holes rather than rev the economy.

The reason behind this reluctance is crassly political — to ensure that Democrats now in control remain so through the 2010 redistricting. The problem is that, in order to deprive the GOP of a tax-hike talking point, what once was progress is now jetsam.

We got a look this week at what blowing a more than \$1 billion dollar hole in the Health and Human Services budget will mean at street level. A preliminary report of the cuts is stunning to the point of numbing:

- A \$59.8 million cut in community support services, and then completely phasing out those services next year.
- Eliminating some 465 positions within the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.
- A \$31.7 million cut in group home services.

With a mental health system already in tatters — and in several areas of the state on the brink of collapse — and a growing number of our neighbors no longer able to afford basic services, cuts like these will ignite wildfires of misery in communities all over North Carolina.

Here in Orange County, we've watched the decline of mental health services while the need rises. We've heard that more and more people are signing up for food and utility assistance.

And with unemployment expected to linger at high levels even after the economy rounds the corner, the need for services is not expected to slacken.

Without the courage to raise revenue, the strategy to combat this crisis is to fire teachers, teaching assistants and mental health care workers; close clinics; and deny uninsured children access to coverage.

There are conscientious members of the General Assembly who have started to balk as the array of cuts becomes clearer. On her Facebook page, Rep. Pracey Harrison of Greensboro recently mused that she "wonders what the point is in being the majority party if we are not going to do the right thing . . ."

A few million North Carolinians are wondering that as well.

Website comments

Just a reminder that we have a general policy that comments to our website be signed as you would a letter to the editor.

The exceptions to this policy include short, congratulatory remarks (as in, "Way to go, Anoop!") and comments by individuals who have compelling reasons to protect their anonymity.

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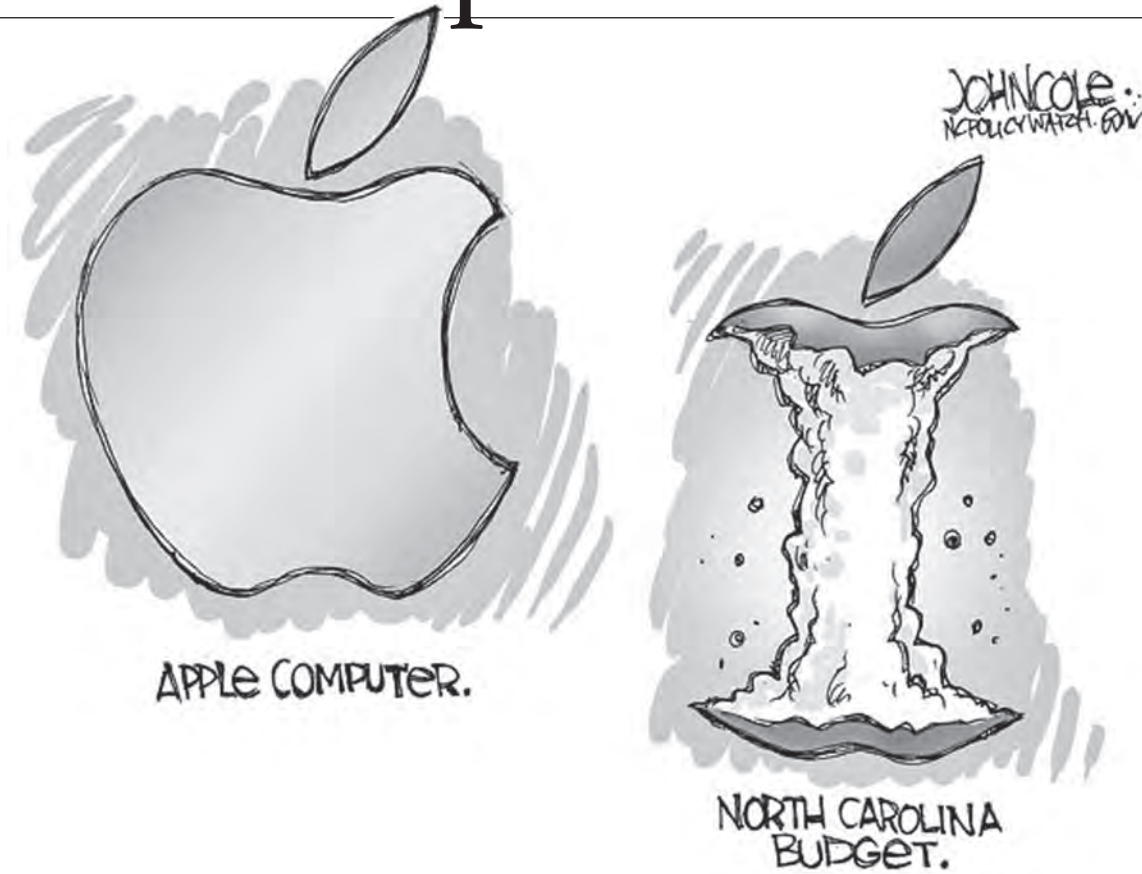
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Cuts at U Lake

This may be your last chance, Carrboro. As part of OWASA's draft budget for the fiscal year 2009-10, it is planning to cut the number of days that we have access to University Lake from four days down to just two. This means that for five days of the week, the best you will get is a distant view of the lake through the chain link fence.

Here are the facts. The cost savings from halving the access is \$16,000 per annum; that equates to 80 cents per customer per year (7 cents per month). To put this in perspective, the draft operating budget for OWASA is \$18.7 million, and the \$16,000 savings comes out to a barely calculable .00086 of the budget. And get this; OWASA claims the \$16,000 as an operational cost savings. Don't be fooled, this is a service take-away and just one more loss for the citizens of Carrboro and Chapel Hill.

We citizens were asked to reduce water usage and we responded diligently. We have been asked to pay substantial rate increases year after year. And by the way, the OWASA board at its public hearing last week said that we should expect rate increases every year approximating 10 percent. Now we should give up half our access to "our little jewel," University Lake, for such miniscule savings that one thinks there must be an ulterior motive. Maybe they just don't want us here.

I spoke against the reduction in access to University Lake at the May 28 hearing, and I was disappointed to find

that I was the only one to express dissatisfaction. Maybe you all just missed this little item in the budget and you still want to do something about it. If so, send your email to the OWASA board at webmaster@owasa.org

BRUCE BOEHMKE
Carrboro

One way to help

Steve Peha ("From gap to chasm," May 7) points out that the Chapel Hill/Carrboro schools' achievement gap between white and black students is greater than ever this year. He concludes that if nothing is done

Almost half of youth who were on the fringes of gang behavior who joined a Boys & Girls Club demonstrated improved school behavior and more than a third showed improved grades (from a Boys & Girls Clubs of America study done in 2008). A Florida TaxWatch study in 2005 also showed improved academic performance of club members, with lower rates of absenteeism at all grade levels, lower drop-out rates and significantly lower rates of criminal offenses. This success can be explained by the fact that Boys & Girls Clubs emphasize study, homework and success in school as one of their five areas of focus, along with character and leadership development, health and life skills, the arts and sports and fitness.

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Orange, under the auspices of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, has an enthusiastic and competent board, working to open a

club in our area. The first club will open in Chapel Hill before the end of the year and we hope to expand to northern Orange County as well. But we need the support of the community to accomplish our goal. Our Founders Campaign is in full swing and we must raise \$250,000 to hire staff and open the program. If you would like to learn more about our vision and why these clubs work, and/or if you would like to support our campaign, please contact me at 967-4264. I love to talk about this wonderful program and why I am so sure it will improve the life of our community and our students.

MARYWINNE SHERWOOD
Carrboro

This means that for five days of the week, the best you will get is a distant view of the lake through the chain link fence.

about it, it will be a foregone conclusion that bank account size or skin color will be the determinants of a student's success in school.

Well, what can we do about it? The schools have sincerely tried to raise scores, but the gap widens. Let me suggest that we try a Boys & Girls Club in this town. Can you believe that not one club exists in all of Orange County? Boys & Girls Clubs of America have a proven record of success in raising school performance where ever they exist. Club youth are more likely to attend college and 90 percent of club members graduate from high school — a higher rate than the national average.

The light's so much better over here

STEVE PEHA

Cop comes up to a guy crawling around under a lamp post and says, "What're ya doin'?" Guy says, "I'm lookin' for my car keys." Cop looks around, sees no keys, says, "Sure you lost 'em here?" "Lost 'em over there," says the guy. "Then why're ya lookin' here?" asks the cop. "Cuz the light's so much better over here."

This old joke reminds me of a new problem we have in our schools: the low high school graduation rate. Thanks to Bill Gates, the National Governors Association and some good old-fashioned honest accounting, most folks are well aware of the fact that about a third of our kids don't make it out of high school on time.

This is unacceptable. But so is most of the thinking behind improving the situation. Most initiatives aimed at improving high school graduation rates are aimed at high school students. That's like looking for your keys, not where they are, but where the light is better.

So where are the keys to solving the high school graduation crisis?

The first key is primary literacy. If kids can't read and write by third grade, there's little chance they'll enter high school anywhere near grade level in literacy. This means the literacy load in high school is likely to be overwhelming.

The next key is middle school scheduling. Traditionally, when kids move from elementary to middle school, their language arts time is cut by 50 to 75 percent. This means that kids who need extra help lose any chance they have to get it.

Another key is traditional middle school language arts instruction. Most teachers certified for middle school have poor — if any — training in contemporary skills-based reading

or writing. What they teach is literature. Problem is, many of their kids can't read it. Little good can come of less-than-literate sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders sitting around for six weeks while a teacher reads *To Kill a Mockingbird* out loud — and then gives up and just shows the movie.

The last key is motivational. Kids who didn't learn to read and write in second and third grade carry with them the stigma of failure. As much grading research shows, kids tend to take their grade point averages with them from the beginning of middle school right through to high school. In other words, the idea of being a life-long "D" student is the manifestation of a self-fulfilling prophecy.

High school performance has less to do with high school than we think. Yes, with sufficient resources we can fill kids with enough pomp and circumstance that they'll be able to walk down the aisle with a "D" average. But for every "D" average high school student we help, we could probably help 10 struggling first- and second-graders to the extent that help in high school would not be required — and higher high school grades would be achieved.

In addition, if we gave low-literacy middle-schoolers their "elementary" language arts time back, and used proven methods at the middle school level like Reader's and Writer's Workshop, those who were behind would have a chance of catching up.

Finally, would it be so bad to hold kids back one year at eighth grade if they still needed more time? Why not devise a pre-high school basic-skills year for those who need it? Reading, writing and math all day long, two hours of each subject. The intent would be to focus on the skills kids needed to succeed in high school before they got there — not after they started flunking out.

So here's the plan for improving high school graduation rates in a nutshell: Work like crazy to get all kids reading and writing by third grade. (Put our intervention dollars where we get the most bang for the buck.) Kids who don't do well coming out of elementary school get two hours of high-quality, research-proven, skills-based language arts instruction every day for three years in middle school. Kids who still aren't ready after eighth grade spend one extra year in a pre-high school format that covers only reading, writing and math.

Now imagine this: Say, worst case, 40 percent of our students slip through the third grade literacy net. Then half of those get caught up with our two-hour-a-day skills-based literacy plan in middle school. And half of the remaining kids succeed in that extra eighth grade year of intense pre-high school instruction.

Even if we only pull half of our kids up to grade level at each point, we end up sending just 10 percent of our kids on to high school less than fully prepared. And many of these kids will be close enough to grade-level performance that current high school interventions might actually work. I'm talking about not helping kids graduate with "D's"; rather, helping kids graduate with grades and test scores good enough to get them into college.

We can continue to put our effort into high school interventions that amount to nothing more than too little, too late. But maybe it's time to start looking where the keys really are, instead of just where the light makes the problem easier to see.

Steve Peha is the founder of Teaching That Makes Sense Inc., a national education consultancy based in Carrboro. He can be reached at stevepeha@ttmsorvepeha@ttms.org

A few budget reminders

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The House budget process continued out of the public eye Monday as appropriations subcommittees were scheduled to present their proposals for unprecedented budget cuts to the top budget writers.

The plan is to send the revised reports back to the subcommittees for a vote this week, with the full House taking up the spending plan next week. There is still no revenue package on the table in the House; instead, the \$4.6 billion budget shortfall is addressed with cuts alone.

More than \$2 billion of the cuts come from health and human services, with reductions in vital services to children, people with disabilities and the mentally ill. Education loses \$1.7 billion from abolishing 10,000 jobs, increasing class size and slashing early-childhood programs.

The suffering these cuts will inflict on the most vulnerable people in the state is finally getting the attention of advocates and the families of the people they serve.

Teachers are protesting loudly, UNC President Erskine Bowles is rallying university leaders to protest the cuts. And Together NC, a coalition of more than 80 public-interest groups, made its case to lawmakers Tuesday.

Here are five things that House members need to consider before they rule out any tax increase.

1) Severe budget cuts are more harmful to a state economy in a recession than a tax hike.

Contrary to what has become conventional wisdom in the General Assembly, sharply slashing the budget now is much worse for the state than raising taxes on the wealthy.

Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz of Columbia University and Peter Orszag, now President Obama's budget chief, concluded during the 2001 recession that budget cuts reduce demand in the economy more than a moderate tax increase.

Stiglitz and Orszag say that tax hikes are the "least damaging way for closing state deficits in the short run." The long run involves progressive tax reform.

2) North Carolina does not have a spending problem.

The budget passed last session spent the same per capita as the budget eight years ago. The N.C. Budget and Tax Center reports that the current House budget proposal would reduce state spending per capita to roughly the level it was in 1992. North Carolina is growing and its budget has grown with it.

Why would we want to turn back the clock?

3) Other states have raised revenue to protect vital services.

Sixteen states have already raised taxes to address budget shortfalls and 17 more are considering it. Several of the states that already raised taxes have conservative Republican governors.

4) Gov. Perdue and the Senate proposed raising revenue before the shortfall increased.

Perdue's budget included tax increases on cigarettes and alcohol. The Senate budget calls for \$500 million in new revenue. Both came before analysts increased the projected shortfall next year by \$2.2 billion.

Taxes are already on the table. The question is not whether or not to raise revenue. The questions are how much revenue to raise and what is the fairest way to raise it.

5) Lawmakers aren't elected to get re-elected.

House leaders are nervous that raising taxes this year could cost them at the polls in 2010. That's far from a foregone conclusion.

Lawmakers need to explain the choices to the people they serve. But even if it were true that raising taxes reduced the Democratic majority in the House or Senate, so what? The General Assembly's job is to do what's in the best interests of the state, not what protects their political standing.

No one can deny that people will suffer if the House does not raise new revenue; children, families, seniors, people with a disability or mental illness. No one can deny that universities, community colleges and public schools will be set back a decade by massive layoffs, fewer classes and reduced opportunities for students.

That seems far more important than politics. Take care of the people and then worry about the political implications, not the other way around.

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

Millhouse Road site move was rude, unnecessary

RICK KENNEDY

With all that money in Chapel Hill, you would think the town could afford some manners for its mayor.

Yet here we are, considering a waste transfer station site proposed by Mayor Foy, an action all his own, conceived without consulting the town council, commissioners or citizens. Fortuitously for him, the site is owned by Chapel Hill, yet outside town limits. Not even one of his constituents would be affected by his proposal. Disbelief abounds as Mayor Foy once again foists upon this modest part of the county yet one more of the ugly necessities that keep a community running, burdens that would precipitate connipions anywhere else. To prove this is no exaggeration, consider a partial list of what lies within a thousand yards: the original county landfill and its proposed expansion, Chapel Hill public works facility, Chapel Hill bus depot, Chapel Hill impound lot, Chapel Hill park-and-ride lot, county animal shelter, county construction and demolition landfill, county recycling facility and the county solid waste management facility. Mayor Foy also proposed it as a location for the Chapel Hill homeless shelter. To reiterate, none of these facilities are within Chapel Hill, although they are the ones to reap the bulk of the benefits.

To a sincere soul, this little patch of Orange County has certainly done its share when it comes to putting up with what no one wants. These things must go somewhere, but doesn't our moral compass tell us that we should share the weight of our communal obligations? In a 2007 decision, Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County en-

sen almost 40 years ago and study how the massive landfill expansion proposal proceeded 15 years ago. The strategies are exactly the same. Furthermore, a few weeks ago, Foy invited Rogers Road residents to tour his proposed site, but he did not invite homeowners immediately adjacent to the parcel, even though they would be the ones most se-

since petitioned Chapel Hill to include Millhouse Road in the area identified as their community. If Foy was sincere with his reasoning for inviting only Rogers Road residents on his walkabout, then his site is no longer viable because of that opposition. We can expect, though, their opposition to be suddenly irrelevant, and we can also expect the tweaking and tormenting of the other site-selection criteria.

If Mayor Foy is sincere, wanting to explore all options for a transfer station, he should ask UNC to consider one on Carolina North. After all, Chapel Hill persuaded UNC to preserve hundreds of acres there. A few acres more for a transfer station isn't much more to ask, especially when UNC prides itself with its environmental-sustainability efforts. To do otherwise reveals all the sustainability talk to be bluster. It all distills down to a matter of decency and fairness, a matter of accepting responsibility. It is exceptionally disheartening to witness this flaunting of what is fair and decent by a community that boasts a progressive philosophy and liberal leanings. From the view on this side of the town limits, Mr. Mayor, those boasts are not true, and the people out here deserve better from you.

"It is exceptionally disheartening to witness this flaunting of what is fair and decent by a community that boasts a progressive philosophy and liberal leanings."

dorsed the moral resonance of this argument by giving to residents of Rogers Road by the landfill protection from a waste transfer station. The endorsement, however, did not extend to Millhouse Road, ground zero for Foy's plan, even though it is also adjacent to the landfill. The moral dissonance of that disparity is striking, yet Foy parlays the disparity to political advantage.

To appreciate this contention, consider the way Foy perpetrated his proposal, using the urgency of the situation as a weapon to win his way. He has waited until the latest possible moment to offer up this parcel. Why else wait until now to offer it? For those who doubt this, look back to see how the original landfill location was cho-

severely affected. Foy explained that he only invited Rogers Road folks because the agreement restricting the location of a transfer station applied only to them. He added that if it didn't meet their approval, then his proposal was a nonstarter. Some say, though, that the mayor contacted only Rogers Road to obliquely offer quid pro quo, their endorsement of his site for an implied promise to promote water and sewer projects benefitting them. A testament to their character and certainly an unpleasant surprise for Mayor Foy, the representatives of Rogers Road handed to the mayor, in the middle of the tour, a letter declaring his proposal absolutely unacceptable. To add to evidence of their character, Rogers Road has

SMOKING

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Wes Lowder, one of the owners of The Reservoir, said his club plans to convert to nonsmoking in January when the new rules take effect. "I imagine we'll allow them to smoke as long as we can" he said.

Caffe Triade owner Scott Conary said that while the café allows smoking outside and has never allowed smoking indoors, there is a "gray area" in the winter when the patio is partially enclosed and heated.

Though partially enclosed, he said, the patio would still fit the definition of an outdoor space and patrons likely will still be allowed to smoke there.

One business that is particularly worried about the new rules is Hookah Bliss. Owner Adam Bliss says he was disappointed that an exemption that would have protected his West End establishment and 21 other hookah bars in the state did not make it into the final bill.

He said legislators protected cigar bars, country clubs and nonprofit places like VFW and Elks clubs, but not places like his.

Such places, he said, are frequented by the same rich, white men who make up the bulk of the General Assembly.

"Basically, they protected their own personal playgrounds while telling the rest of us that we are not responsible enough to partake of a legal substance," Bliss said.

He is hoping that an exemption for hookah bars makes its way into law soon. Otherwise, establishments like his will have to close.

OBITUARIES

David Earl Wright

David Earl Wright was born June 11, 1986 and entered into eternal rest on May 28, 2009 following a lengthy illness. He attended Chapel Hill High School before falling victim to the debilitating symptoms of Lafora epilepsy. He was baptized while a resident at Shady Lawn Group Home.

David lived his life to the fullest. He loved the UNC Tar Heels, the Chicago Bulls, Michael Jordan and music of all kinds. He had the time of his life fulfilling his dream with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

He is survived by his parents, Trudy and Jeff Ray; one brother, Brian Jones and wife, Kari; three nieces, MacKenzie, Brianna and Lydia Jones; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and his godmother, Vickie Crabtree. He was especially close and responsive to his cousin, Ashley Carver. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Bill and Elsie Kimrey, and his special sister, Amy Denise.

The family and friends wish to extend sincere appreciation for the dedicated caregivers at Shady Lawn Group Home and Murdock Developmental Center for the dedication, medical care and nurturing love given to David. Special thanks goes to Dennis Jones, aka Little Brother, for his unconditional devotion and love; Dr. Janet Keating for the God-given talent of true compassion; McKeever Thorpe and Dorothy Williams for their dedication to David; and Willis Herman, chaplain, for his spiritual guidance and never-ending support.

Funeral services were held last week with burial at Rosewood Cemetery.

Walker's Funeral Home of Hillsborough, 204 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, (919) 732-2121 is assisting the Wright family.

Pearl Hing Howe

Pearl Hing Howe was born December 6, 1913 in China, one of a family of 13 brothers and sisters. She died Thursday, May 28, 2009 in her home in Chapel Hill, surrounded by her family.

Pearl immigrated to the US in 1948 to escape the Communist takeover of China. She and her husband, Lee Fun Howe, settled in Wilmington, where they raised their two children. She moved to Chapel Hill after Lee Fun's death in 1979. Pearl is predeceased by her son, Lee Unwah Howe.

She is survived by her daughter, Lee Jeannie Howe Ambrose; son-in-law, Wallace Ambrose; granddaughter, Rebecca Ellen; and daughter-in-law, Ramona Hutton-Howe; and her daughters Lee Erin, Lee Emma and Lee Megan.

Pearl had a very fun-loving spirit and was enduring and optimistic throughout her life. She was gracious and giving, always offering refreshments to friends and family. It wasn't a meal if it wasn't warm and shared with someone. She was the neighborhood's master gardener, the family's mah-jongg expert, the world's slowest bowler and mini-golfer and her grandchildren's best playmate. She will be greatly missed by all of those whom she loved and nurtured.

Visitation at Walker's Funeral Home will be Monday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m., followed by a graveside service at 11 a.m. at Markham Memorial Gardens.

The family welcomes flowers, or contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill, 120 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, (919) 942-3861 is assisting the Howe family.

Joseph Theodore Brugnotti

Joseph Theodore Brugnotti, 75, of Chapel Hill died on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in UNC Hospital.

Joseph was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the late Aldo and Florence Vassallo Brugnotti. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a retired administrator for UNC Hospitals.

He is survived by his brother, Dominick Brugnotti and wife, AnnMarie; nephew, Dominick Brugnotti and wife, Lynn; nieces, Pattie Dripps, Elizabeth Simpson and husband, John, Julia Garrett and husband, Jay, Christine Gandy and husband, David, and Ann Mullis and husband, Gary; grand-nieces, Sarah Connolly, Jennifer Brugnotti, Rebecca Simpson, Maria Gandy, Casey Gandy and Jessica Gandy; grand-nephew Russell Dripps; and great grand-nephews Dominick, Patrick Joseph and James Connolly.

He was preceded in death by one grand-nephew, Raymond Dripps.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

A private graveside service will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the N.C. Children's Promise at Campus Box 7220, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-7220

Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill, 120 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516, (919) 942-3861 is assisting the Brugnotti family.

Lillian Thompson Taylor

Mrs. Bessie Lillian Thompson Taylor, 81, of Efland died Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in her home surrounded by her family. She was a member of Fairfield Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Taylor graduated from Efland High School and attended Duke University. She was employed by Centel Telephone until her retirement.

Surviving are her children, Elaine Dale T. Long, Lawrenceville, Ga.; Mary T. Bowman (Gil), Fayetteville; James W. Taylor Jr. (Mary), Efland; Floyd Herbert

Taylor (Tammy), Efland; Elizabeth "Betty" T. Harder (Russell), Efland; Nancy T. Freeman (Ronnie), Efland; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband, James W. Taylor Sr., and son Robert F. Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fairfield Presbyterian Church in Efland by the Rev. Cindy Lister and the Rev. Chris Grill. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Walker's Funeral Home of Hillsborough and other times at the home of Betty and Russell Harder, 2000 Bane Road, Efland.

Flowers are acceptable or donations to Fairfield Presbyterian Church may be made. The family thanks special friends and caregivers Gladys Walston, Bell Alston, Pat Alston and Debbie Knight.

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Lois Walker Blalock

Mrs. Lois Walker Blalock was born September 10, 1914 to Wesley and Maggie Latta Walker in the St. Mary's community of Orange County. She attended St. Mary's school and graduated from Hillsborough High School in 1930. She received a teaching certificate from East Carolina and later at Duke University completed her bachelor's degree. She began her teaching career, which spanned 37 years, at Caldwell School in 1934 and later taught at Grady Brown Middle School in Hillsborough. While at Caldwell School, Mrs. Blalock was principal for many years while also teaching fifth and sixth grades. She had a great love for children, which was evident in her teaching.

She was a lifelong member of New Sharon United Methodist Church where she played piano, sang in the choir, taught Sunday

school, was a charter member of the United Methodist women and served on many committees. In 1992, she was presented the Book of Golden Deeds award by the Exchange Club of Hillsborough. She was very active in the Caldwell Community, including the Caldwell Home Demonstration Club, The Caldwell Community Club and also supported the Caldwell volunteer fire department. She was a member of the Orange County Retired Teachers Association.

Mrs. Blalock was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lewis Blalock and brother, Warren Walker. She is survived by her son, Charles W. Blalock, and wife, Brenda, of Caldwell; grandson, Troy Blalock, and wife, Gail, and their girls, Gailey and Shelby of Caldwell; granddaughter, Jamie Blalock Borland, and husband, Jeff, and their girls, Paige and Payton of Cedar Grove.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in New Sharon United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Walker's Funeral Home of Hillsborough.

The family will welcome donations to New Sharon United Methodist Church, 1601 New Sharon Church Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278 or Duke Hospice at Meadowslands, 1001 Corporate Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

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Laurance A. Knecht

Laurance A. Knecht passed away on May 23, 2009 at his villa in Carolina Meadows of Chapel Hill. He was 77.

Born and raised in Elgin, Illinois, Larry attended the University of Illinois and subsequently received a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Minnesota. During a brief service in the Air Force in 1960, he was stationed

in Japan, where he developed a lifelong interest in Japanese art, culture and language. Professionally, he was an active member of the American Chemical Society and a professor of chemistry, first at Iowa State University, then at the University of Cincinnati (where we met his wife, Doris), and then for many years at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. In 1982, he came to Chapel Hill as a visiting professor at UNC, but decided to stay longer so that Doris could complete her degree in computer science and work in the Research Triangle Park. He joined the faculty at the North Carolina School of Science and Math, where he enjoyed the friendship of many wonderful colleagues and students. In addition to his love of teaching and chemistry, he was an avid fan of classical music, attending many concerts of the North Carolina Symphony, Carolina Performing Arts concerts, Duke Chapel organ recitals and other area events. Even before moving to Carolina Meadows in the summer of 2008, he was an active member of that community, volunteering to organize reading groups for sight-impaired residents in the health care division there. Generous, friendly and always ready with a joke, he will be greatly missed.

Larry was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Doris Knecht. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Anne Knecht and Michael Albrecht of Carrboro; by his brothers David Knecht, of Bedford, MA and Thomas Knecht, of Clarksville, GA; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Organization of a memorial service is ongoing; for more information, please contact Anne Knecht or Carolina Meadows. In lieu of flowers, given Larry's love of classical music, memorial contributions may be made to WCPE public radio, the Carolina Performing Arts or the North Carolina Symphony.

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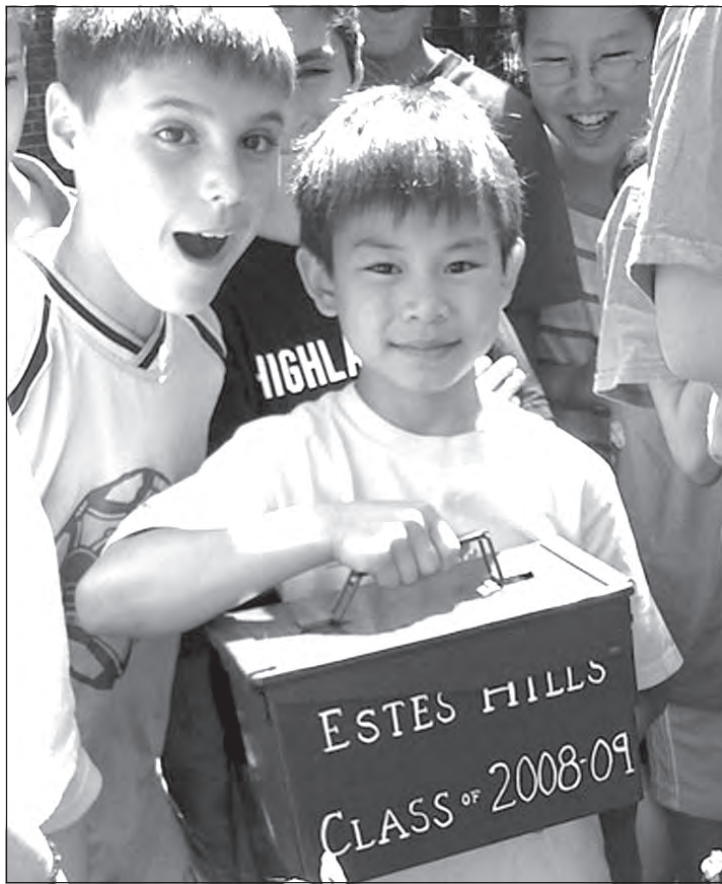


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Estes Hills Elementary's fifth-grade classes left a piece of the present for future elementary students with a time capsule. The capsule was part of a yearlong celebration of the school's 50th anniversary. Students placed into the capsule pencils, coins, a fake iPhone, class pictures and a video where students predicted what the world would be like in 50 years.

Eriksen named teacher of the year



Kathryn Eriksen, a social studies and AVID teacher at Carrboro High School, has been named the 2009-10 Teacher of the Year by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Eriksen was selected from a pool of 17 teachers from across the district. She has five years of teaching experience and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC and a master's degree in secondary social studies from Wake Forest University.

Eriksen received \$1,000 from Sun Trust Bank and will represent the district in regional and state competition during the upcoming school year.

Bert Wartski of Chapel Hill High and Karen Reid of Morris Grove Elementary were also named as honor teachers and received a \$500 award.

Board meeting Thursday

There will be a Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meeting Thursday. The agenda includes a discussion on changing Phoenix Academy's designation from an alternative program to a high school, background information for a response to the Town of Chapel Hill's request for feedback about a school site on the Greene Tract and a discussion about low-enrollment classes in middle and high schools.

Gift proposal

East Chapel Hill High School students, parents and community members have proposed a gift to honor David Thaden, East's first and only principal. Thaden is retiring at the end of June.

The proposed gift is a gazebo with benches, a stamped concrete walkway and solar power and will be adjacent to the cafeteria.

The gift will be up for approval at the June 4 Board of Education meeting.

Reading goal reached



Glenwood Elementary exceeded its read-a-thon goal of 300,000 minutes by reading nearly 500,000 minutes, raising almost \$1,400 for classroom and school projects. The kids were rewarded for their reading efforts by getting to watch their parents and teachers play each other in a basketball game.



Mrs. Wade's Sixth Grade, 1951

Thirty-two faces from 58 years ago squint through the sunshine at the Kodak held by Chapel Hill Elementary School sixth-grade teacher Bernice Wade. The camera belonged to shutterbug Janet McAllister Anderson (back row, second from left) who says she used to take so many pictures that her friends nicknamed her "Snap-per." The classic three-story brick schoolhouse, with its black iron fire escape and coal truck out back by the concrete skating rink, was torn down to make way for University Square. In this snapshot from 1951-52, the class assembles near the present-day location of Ken's Quickee Mart. Mrs. Wade, now 94 and well-known to Chapel Hill garden lovers, told me how my late brother, Nick, (second row, last on right) excelled in interpretive dance when Mrs. McCall brought out the silk scarves. The class includes, (front to back, left to right), Dina Schwarz, Blakely Leng, Ginger Kenny, Doris Mayse, Patricia Hunter, Wendell Merritt and Jimmy Mitas; (second row) Elaine Hartness, Lou Ellen Stewart, Ben Crutchfield, Ben Potter, Bill Ellis, Jack Berkut, Frank Weaver and Nick Lauterer; (third row) Sara Gay Lee, Susie Cordon, Gerry Ham, Ann Proctor, Karen LeMay, Martha Adams and Joyce Wilson; (back row) Linda Watts, Janet McAllister, Tony Maurice, Ruffin Harville, Neil Clark, Larry Mangum, Bobby Moore, Ronnie Vick, David Jones and John Howell.



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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Long course participant exemplifies the Swim for Smiles name while running to his bicycle grinning ear to ear.

SWIM

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Near the finish line you could see the participants red faced and exhausted as they rounded the last turn. They were greeted with a high five, a medal and the promise of gummy bears and frozen yogurt. Most bounced back quickly.

There was a magician, a juggler and a balloon-animal maker**** to keep siblings and parents entertained while their loved ones sweated it out on the course.

Long-course participant Justin Laatz, 12, of Chapel Hill said he was most proud of knocking at least a minute off

his time from last year.

"I really wanted to do this because it was something I think I can really shine in," Laatz said.

Alison Smith, 16, of Chapel Hill placed second among girls in the long-course race, but laughed when asked how she felt about her victory.

"I'm a runner, not a swimmer, so I didn't feel great starting out swimming behind all the 8 year olds," Smith said. "But then I felt better with the biking and running. It's really tiring though."

Smith said she'd come back as long as she's able, partly because of the competition and a lot because of "all the free stuff we get."

The Swim for Smiles Founda-

tion, based in Chapel Hill, is an organization that raises money for the North Carolina Children's Hospital through multi-sport events for kids.

Kayye first came up with the idea for the foundation when his 4-year-old daughter (now 13, and a participant in the triathlon) was ill and in and out of hospitals.

Though exact numbers aren't totaled yet, Kayye said he expects the event will raise about \$30,000 for the Children's Hospital.

"Having spent a lot of time in hospitals, I realized clearly what parents go through when their kids get sick and what the hospital goes through to help the parents," Kayye said, "and it made me want to give back."

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WEDNESDAY

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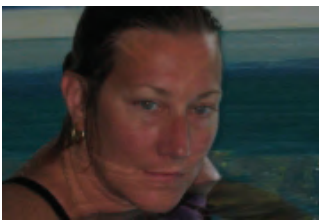
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FRIDAY
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"I treasured my association with him because it was one of complete trust. We trusted each other and talked to each other, and I knew where we were going to come out, and he knew where we were going to come out, and we got the work done and we went home," Friday recalled. "We had a wonderful friendship."

Threats against free speech periodically rear their ugly heads, most recently in the student protests against anti-immigration speaker Tom Tancredo, and the university is again reminded of the students' fight for the right to hear from whoever chose to speak.

"That's the vitality of the university. The issue has to come up. What you learn each time is just how important preserving it really is," Friday said. "I err on the side of letting people speak, and that's why we stood so hard for the abolition of that law.... If we stand for anything, we should stand for that, back to back, all of us."

The enjoyment of things

It's been many years since Friday's retirement from the presidency, and many more since the Speaker Ban controversy. And while his involvement with the university continues, these days Friday busies himself with a different set of activities, heading out to the Carrboro Farmers' Market every Saturday morning, participating in campus forums and filming his TV show, "North Carolina People."

This spring, Friday was a bit less active than usual as he recovered from heart surgery but still managed to get out on occasion, once to see the Alvin Ailey Dance Company perform at Memorial Hall.

"That's a part of the dimension of my life that I haven't done enough of — doing things for the enjoyment of them," he said. "The music, which I dearly love — I don't know a thing about it, but I have a great sense of appreciation for it — theatre and things."

When he returned to his TV show a few weeks ago, Friday took a break from his regular routine of interviewing others to tell his own story, recounting the events surrounding his heart surgery.

"Let me tell you, you never get too old to be nervous and frightened," he said. "What you learn is what a magnificent instrument the human body is, even at my age."

Friday hopes to work with his



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

While heart surgery has slowed him a little, Friday still can be found each Saturday morning at the Carrboro Farmers' Market.

doctors to educate people about the symptoms of heart diseases and to increase awareness about the various contributing factors.

"Doctors are for the first time really realizing how much stress really does play in certain diseases," he said. "There's no question in my mind what effect it has."

Friday traces his heart malfunctions all the way back to his youth, to the stress he felt in the Depression and then in World War II. By the time he became president of the UNC system, he already knew what the strain of hard work felt like.

"The stress that I felt in the job in some dimensions was not equal to the other two," he said. "There were times when we had as many as three if not four [controversies] going at the same time, and that's when you worked 14 hours a day. I think these prior experiences had conditioned me physically to do it."

But Friday emphasized that no one is at his best when working long hours under such stress.

"I've grown to believe when you work six and a half, seven hours, you need to get away. I think in our culture now, we've lost something. We've lost the

sacredness of the weekend. Sunday, in my boyhood, was a very special day. It was quiet. You got to go swimming, something like that. You didn't work."

Our conversation passed at a leisurely pace; Friday didn't seem rushed in the least. Though he'd told me prior to our interview that he had to make a doctor's appointment shortly after our meeting, I wouldn't have known he'd had any other engagement — it was like passing the time with a treasured family member. Eventually, he walked me back out into the sunshine.

Reflecting on a long career in the university system, and an even longer life, Friday offered these words:

"Learn the lesson of pacing yourself, and save room in your life for the goodness that's around you that will sustain you. If you walk around this yard and look at all the flowers, you're not thinking the same thing you did when you started walking over here. Well, that's why they're there.

"But then multiply that by music and friendship and conversation like this. There's a richness to life that work destroys."



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Colorful wildflowers and weeds like cat's-ear can brighten a front yard if left unmowed for a few weeks.

FLORA
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This is also another of those plants with flowers that close up for the evening. The more you observe flowers, the more you will find that many of them have this opening-in-the-morning, closing-in-the-evening habit. Others, you will note, open in the evenings and close in the morning. Then there are the ones that stay open and demonstrate other characteristics. It all provides lots to ponder.

This past weekend, thousands of cat's-ears were carefully mowed from our highway medians, but you may still see bright-yellow flowers swaying in the breezes along the outer roadsides before routine mowing makes the edges carpet clean.

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