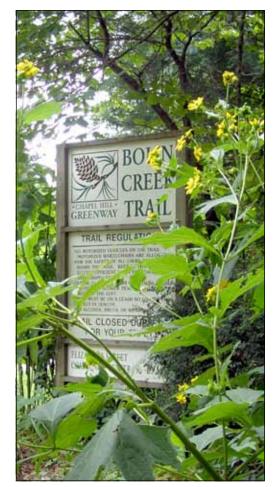


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## **Celebrations, fireworks light up the weekend**

One truth that ought to be self-evident is that the break in the weather couldn't have been better timed.

Cooler nights and more tolerable days will mark the Fourth of July weekend a welcome change, especially considering the outdoor nature of the holiday.

In Carrboro, the annual family fun starts Sunday morning with a gathering on the lawn at Weaver Street Market. From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., you can listen to the music of Tim Stambaugh and friends, get a patriotic tattoo, make a festive hat and decorate your bike or wagon in preparation for the big parade. Sometime around 10:45 a.m., judges will announce the winners of the patriotic costume contest and the parade assembly will begin.

to the Town Commons starts at 11 Entertainment ranges from blues a.m. The Village Band, likely playing and rock-and-roll to Captain's Jim



crowds as they arrive. For the rest of the day, the Town Commons will be the scene of sack races, a watermelon seed spitting com-The walk down Weaver Street petition and a pie eating contest. something by Sousa, will greet the magic show and a performance by

Phyllis Heil, who has won the title of International Whistling Entertainer of the Year multiple times.

There's a complete schedule and map of Carrboro's celebration in the center of this month's issue of MILL, which is inside this week's newspaper.

Chapel Hill's celebration of our nation's declaration that the King of England is no longer in charge centers around the fireworks at Kenan Stadium, which (sadly) are really only visible from inside the stadium or close to it.

Patrons looking for the best seats are encouraged to arrive at Kenan at 7 p.m. Due to ongoing renovations to the stadium, seating is on the north side only (opposite from previous years), with access through Gates 1, 2 and 5. The first 8,000 people to the stadium will receive a free glow necklace from Grace Church.

Recommended parking is at the Craig, Jackson and Cardinal parking decks off Manning Drive. Ram's Head Parking Deck off Ridge Road will be closed. Disability parking is available along Stadium Drive.

Entertainment before the 9:30 p.m. firework show is courtesy of Juggle Boy, Magic Mike and Paint Savvy and the band Big Sam from Charlotte. — *Staff Reports* 

Bearsfoot grows along the edges of Bolin Creek Trail.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Nature on the Bolin Creek Trail

last walked on the Bolin Creek Trail in Chapel Hill in August, when I was excited to discover Polymnia uvedalia, bearsfoot, all along the woodland edges. Bearsfoot was well past peak flower when I described it in Flora on Aug. 6.

I was surprised to see it beginning to flower this past weekend when I revisited the trail after such a long absence. This year's flowering is weeks

## **Strayhorn legacy remembered**

#### **BY CATHERINE RIERSON** Staff Writer

CARRBORO – With her closecropped hair and almond skin shining under a thin film of perspiration in the sun, Delores Clark mapped the memory of her family's farm. The multiple barns that peppered the land where houses now sit, a hen house, a spring house and a cow pasture whose floral fingers stretched past what's now Laurel Avenue.

Some things remain.

"This mulberry tree is as old as this house," Clark said, patting its swollen, leaning trunk. "I promised my mother I'd never cut it down, and no matter how sick it looks, it just keeps growin'."

Clark bakes in the kitchen where her great-grandmother baked over a century ago and her grandchildren now play in the same yard she did as a little girl. Her two-story white house - originally a one-bedroom log cabin — was built by former slaves Tony and Nellie Strayhorn, Clark's great-grandparents. "I remember sittin' in this same old kitchen as a little girl when my grandfather was supposed to be babysittin' me, and I was cryin'," Clark said, now sitting at the kitchen table beside a pale stone hearth. "They were fussin' about me and couldn't figure out why I was cryin'; but their snuff had gotten all in my eyes.



## **Museum to** close next week

#### **BY BECKY BUSH** Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – After 14 years and numerous exhibits, the Chapel Hill Museum is closing its doors to the public on July 11.

Museum officials say the Chapel Hill Town Council's recent decision on a funding request fell short of what is needed to keep the museum open and the plan now is to find new homes for its numerous artifacts.

In April, museum supporters asked the town for \$49,000 to fund repair and building maintenance costs. The museum is housed in a town-owned building on East Franklin Street. During budget discussions, the council agreed to give the museum \$20,250 in monthly payments through this fall and then renegotiate the terms of the museum's lease. "A community that is as unique as this one, a true university town, has a tremendous history, and it should be remembered," said Don Boulton, cochair of the museum's board of trustees. "Not all of it celebrated, but all of it remembered as one of the true university towns in the United States." Boulton said museum officials also had wanted the Town Council to assume the museum as a town entity. He added that he and other members of the board of trustees had been under the impression that they were going to get all the money they'd requested. Museum director Traci Davenport described the museum as the only resource in town that not only preserves the town's history but also exhibits it.

earlier than last year. With this advance notice, you'll have ample time to enjoy it before it completes this year's flowering cycle.

That was the first of many surprises I encountered during this past Sunday's walk on the greenway along the creek.

Early on, I was overtaken by a friend who regularly jogs along the pathway. He stopped to alert me to "take a closer look" up ahead where the creek forms a couple of fishfilled pools frequently visited by one or more great blue herons. He further advised me to keep an eye open for the muskrat he had recently seen.

I found the pool, sure enough filled with minnows and a couple of perch-like fish big enough to eat. The heron took off as I advanced. But while I was kneeling down photographing elderberry fruit overhanging the pool, a muskrat, mouth full of vegetation, swam by paying no attention to me. Though it was too fast for me to change camera position, I've never had such a good look at a swimming muskrat.

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"I remember all those chores too. Every day, I'd have to bring in the chopped wood, collect the eggs from the hen house, milk the cows, pluck the chicken."

Clark's home is the longstanding, physical proof of her family's legacy. Unlike that of most slave families who lacked the resources to document their history, the Strayhorn's rich heritage was written down, said Ernest Dollar, the executive director of the Chapel Hill Preservation Society. Dollar has been working with

Delores Clark in front of her home, where her chimney fell when workers attempted to repair it. Clark's grandfather, a freed slave, built the house.

PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Clark to help preserve her family's story.

In a 1950 publication by Eleanor Craig that was featured in a "Focus on Carrboro" article, 95-year-old Nellie Strayhorn was interviewed about life before emancipation. Until she was 14, "Aunt Nellie," as she was known throughout town, was the property of Wesley Atwater

and his wife, Miss Julie, who lived about six miles from Chapel Hill on Hillsborough Road. Nellie's future husband, Tony - who was separated from his mother at age 7 after she was sold on the Hillsborough auction block - belonged to the Strayhorns of University Station.

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"We're very sad that the town has not found a way to value its own history enough to assist the only organization that could do that job," Davenport said.

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## 'Feels like family'

#### RECENTLY .... By Valarie Schwartz

Perhaps during the first century of Carrboro United Methodist Church, the greatest evidential change has been in the women. Gone are the bonnets, hats, gloves and clothing covering them from neck to ankle; gone also are the binds that kept their contributions limited to what they could cook, teach, sing or play (organ or piano). A woman's voice was heard in the sanctuary only while singing, or perhaps shushing a child; certainly not in offering a prayer or preaching.

Today women serve as deacons, and for the past three years the pastor has been a woman - Claire McKeown, who on Sunday led her congregation of about 150 in its centennial celebration from both the pulpit and the choir loft, where she was one of a dozen voices led by Dale Bailey, director of music.

Singing has long been a staple of church worship, and at Carrboro Methodist the membership was asked to supply a list of their favorites, and the top choices well-loved and oft-sung," as McKeown called them – were part of the service on Sunday that began with Mayor Pro Tem Randee Haven-O'Donnell reading a proclamation naming June 27, 2010 as Carrboro United Methodist Church Day, and some 90 minutes later ended with everyone receiving a white stole, bestowed by McKeown as a symbol of this church being the guiding yoke in a parishioner's life.

Then everyone went outside for a photo.

And there, captured for generations hence to see, are many women dressed like the men, many of the elderly dressed like the children

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Each parishioner received a stole from the pastor on centennial Sunday and after lunch in the fellowship hall, signed each other's stoles as part of their remembrance. PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

# Community

## Calendar

#### THURSDAY JULY I

The Runaway Circus performs in Saxapahaw — The Runaway Circus of Asheville, NC, Presents Dun Dun Dun Duuuuuunnn! Paperhand Studios. 7pm. \$5-10 suggested donation. paperhand. org/ourspace.htm

Bubblelution Launch Party — Fundraiser for New Organization Dedicated to Bursting the Bubble of Stigma Surrounding Mental Illness in Orange County. The Station. 5:30-8:30pm. Info: bubblelution@gmail.com

### **FRIDAY JULY 2**

Wine Tasting at Chapel Hill Wine Company — Jemrose Wines from Kosta Browne Winery. 5-7pm. Free

#### **SATURDAY JULY 3**

Eno River Festival — The Eno River Association is committed to the preservation of the nature, culture, and history of the Eno River basin. For volunteers, work one shift, help HRA, and get a free ticket for that day for the festival. Joe Woodson and Jordan Koronet to perform July 3, 10:40-11:10am. July 3-5. 10am-6pm. Info: germane@hawriver.org

"FireWorks" Hands On **Grilling Demo at South Estes** Farmers' Market — Leonardo Calle and Rob Jones provide grilling demonstrations of seafood, meat and vegetables. 9:30am. southestesfarmersmarket.com

#### **SUNDAY JULY 4** Old Fashioned Fourth of July

- At Horace Williams House. 1-3pm. Free

4th of July Fireworks at Kenan Stadium — Children's entertainment including Chris "Juggle Boy"

**CAROLINA THEATRE** 

309 W MORGAN ST.,

Singin' in the Rain, nightly at 7 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2

p.m., A Funny Thing Happened on

the Way to the Forum, nightly at 9:10

p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees

at 4:10 p.m.: Joan Rivers: A Piece of

Work, nightly at 7:10 & 9:15 p.m.,

**OF DURHAM** 

560-3030

Fowler to perform at 7pm. Big Sam Band to perform at 8pm, with fireworks at 9:30pm. Enter through Gate 2 at Kenan Staium's North Side.

#### **THURSDAY JULY 8** Film "Big Fish" at Locally

Grown — Wallace Parking Deck, 150 E Rosemary. 6pm Free

#### **FRIDAY JULY 9**

Computer Class at Chapel Hill Public Library — Social Networking: Learn how to interact with friends and make new ones. Chapel Hill Public Library. 8:15-9:45am. Info: 968-4780

#### SATURDAY JULY 10 Playwright Gala at ArtsCen-

ter — For the "10 By 10 Festival in the Triangle." Chat with local, regional, and national playwrights at a post-show discussion and reception catered by Milltown and sponsored by Courtyard by Marriott. Info: artscenterlive.org

#### Private Botanical Gardens

**Tour** — A free private tour of the display gardens and a behind-thescenes tour of the Education Center-one of the greenest buildings in NC. Botanical Garden Gazebo. Ilam-12:30pm. Info: 968-2780

#### Strong, Triumphant Women - A Concert to Fight Cancer — Free admission with donations to benefit the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

United Church of Chapel Hill. 4pm. Info: 684-o3844, www.womensvoiceschorus.org

#### Ecotourism Field Trip —

Aquatic Species by Canoe OutingLearn about aquatic species and why they are important by taking a canoe outing around the Robeson Creek area just above where it

joins the Haw River and Jordan Lake. The trip will include paddling and getting out of our canoes to stand in the stream where we can look for aquatic species, so wear sturdy shoes you don't mind getting wet. 9-11am. Info and registration: 542-6495, Ext 8044

#### **Dance - Participatory**

**Ballroom**— Fourth and fifth Thursdays, 7-9:30pm. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. \$2, 968-2070.

Carrboro DanceJam — Freestyle dance. First Fridays, 8pm, Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W. Weaver St., upstairs. 968-8776.

Ballroom Dance — Second Saturday of every month, recorded music Triangle Stardusters, 8-11pm, \$7 StarDusters members and students, \$12 others. Couples and singles are welcome, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. 942-7232

Square Dance — NC Squares presents a square dance with live music by fiddlerWayne Martin and the Happy Valley Pals, caller Aaron Ratcliffe.. May 8, Pleasant Green Community Center, \$8/\$6 student, ncsquares.com.

**Shag Dancing** — Every Monday. Beginner class at 7pm, dance at 9pm. Free lesson first Monday of the month, 6pm. General Store Cafe.

**Tango** — Learn and practice Tango with the Triangle Tango Society. Open Eye Cafe. 8pm

#### Ongoing

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

Carrboro Chess Club — A casual meeting for people who Coffee and Bar. 3pm **Compassionate Friends** — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third

like to play chess. All skill levels are

welcome. Every Saturday. Jessee's

Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221, chapelhilltcf.org **Yoga for Everyone** — UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques, and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Classes will be held on Mondays from 11am -

12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494

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

Saludamos Group Walks — Every Saturday. Front of El Futuro. 9am

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

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

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

#### Wish Granting Volunteers

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

Carrboro Branch Library — Storytime, Saturdays at 10:30am; Introductory Computer Classes for adults, Saturdays, 10am. Registration: 969-3006

#### Chapel Hill Public Library — Story Time, for ages 3-6; Junior Book Club, for readers grades 1-3; Time

**Camps** — At NC Botanical Gardens. Ages 6-8, July 12-16 or July

#### **Orange County Main Library** 2010 Jaguar Baseball Camp -Brick Paver — Phase two of the Carrboro High School Baseball will popular brick paver campaign has

begun. Pavers ordered before July I,

2010 will be added to those already in

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"Water Your Mind—READ" is this

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call 968-2813

mkaslovsky@townofchapelhill.org or

Festifall Arts and Crafts Street

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hillboroughartscouncil.org

Water Your Mind-Read —

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Hillsborough Arts Council

hold its third annual baseball camp for youths aged 10-12 on July 26-30, 2010 at Carrboro High School. The camp will run from 9:00-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The camp is limited to the first 40 registrants in order to provide as much individual attention as possible. Info: natunc@aol.com

#### Call for Parent Workshop Pro-

posals — The Family Advocacy Network (FAN), a program of the Mental Health Association in Orange County (MHAOC), is currently seeking professionals who work with families of special needs children to facilitate two-hour educational clinics for its 2010-11 calendar. Deadline to submit proposals is July 31. Info: julie@mhaorangeco.org or phone Julie Bailey at 942-8083, Ext 2

#### The Ten 10 By 10 Produc-

tions of 2010 — 10 Plays, 10 Minutes, 10 Actors, 10 Bucks. July 8-25. Thursdays-Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 3pm. The ArtsCenter. artscenterlive.org

#### Call for Arts and Crafts

**Vendors** — The Hillsborough Arts Council sponsored event Last Fridays is seeking arts and crafts vendors for the July 30th event. For more information and to apply for this event: hillsboroughartscouncil. org/LastFridaysVendors.html

#### Hand In Hand Exhibit at the Carrboro Branch Library -

"Hand in Hand " is a multi media exhibition featuring the work of 8 local artists who are lending their support to three local social action groups: the (UNC) Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC), also known as the Carrboro Free Clinic; TABLE, the children's weekend backpack feeding program; and the Orange County Literacy Council. These three organizations, together with the Carrboro Branch Library, impact the lives of thousands of local residents daily as they struggle to serve the public on extremely tight budgets and with limited staffing. June 19-Nov 30. Info: 969-3006

#### North Carolina Crafts Gallery

Monthly Shows — "Faces and Forms," stoneware pottery and face jugs by Sandy Cole and Kevin Brown of North Cole Pottery. Front Gallery. "Beaches," a group show with 16 different artists' rendition of the beach. Back Gallery. July 1-31

Caffe Driade Gallery — Paintings by Joan Vandermeer July 1-31

**Open Eye Gallery** — Photography by Matt Bachman. July 1-31

### Send your submissions to

**MOVIES** We suggest you call for exact show times & 4:15 p.m.; Micmacs, nightly at 9:25 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4:25 p.m.; Please Give, nightly at 7:20 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:20 p.m.

#### CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005 Solitary Man; Please Give

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26-30. 8:30am-4:30pm. Ages 4-5, August 9-13,. 9am-12pm. Info and registration: ncbg.unc.edu

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### **Briefs**

#### Annual July 4 celebration at Kenan Stadium

The Town of Chapel Hill will hold its annual July 4 celebration at Kenan Memorial Stadium on the UNC campus. There will be children's entertainment at 7 p.m. followed by a performance by the Big Sam Band at 8 p.m. and fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Participants should enter through gates 1 and 2 on Kenan Stadium's north side. Public parking is available in the parking deck off Manning Drive and in the Rams Head Parking Deck off Ridge Road.

Firefighter conducts cooking class

Capt. Byron Greeson became the first Chapel Hill firefighter to conduct a cooking class at A Southern Season on June 8. With an audience of about 25 students, Greeson cooked baby back ribs, rosemary potatoes, grilled vegetables and apple crisp.

A Southern Season invited Greeson back for a second program later this year.

#### Library holds Hand in Hand exhibit

The Carrboro Branch Library is presenting a new exhibit, "Hand in Hand: Artists in support of local social action."

This is a multimedia exhibition, with eight local artists showing their support for three social action groups: the UNC Student Health Coalition, TABLE and the Orange County Literacy Council. The artists will give a percentage of their sales to the social action programs and the Carrboro Branch Library.

The exhibit will be on display through November 30.

#### American Red Cross holds drives

The American Red Cross will hold several blood drives this month in various locations. Drives will take place at: Carr Mill Mall, July 5, 2:30 to 7 p.m.; UNC Student Union, July 7, noon to 4:30 p.m.; LDS Institute of Religion, July 9, 3 to 7:30 p.m.; and UNC Student Union, July 21, noon to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 942-4862.

#### Alliance for Historic Hillsborough holds Family Fun Day

The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough will hold the second Hillsborough Family Fun Day on July 10.

Activities include a scavenger hunt, Native American Day at the Orange County Historical Museum, swimming and ice skating at the Triangle SportsPlex and much more.

A calendar of events and a map is available at the Orange County Visitor Center, 150 E. King St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Costs vary for each activity. For more information call, 732-7741 or visit visithillsboroughnc.org Festifall applications accepted through July 30

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications from artists and vendors for the 38th annual Festifall, to be held Oct. 3 from 1 to 6 p.m. on West Franklin Street.

The community celebration gives attendees a chance to explore the local art scene and support artists. Cash prizes will be awarded to the most outstanding artists.

The fee to host a booth at Festifall is \$100 for Orange County residents and \$120 for non-residents. Applications must be postmarked by July 30. For more information or an application, visit townofchapelhill.org/festifall or contact Chela Tu at 968-2829 or ctu@townofchapelhill.org

#### Orange County accepting applications for special-needs registry

The Orange County Department of Social Services is updating its section of the Disaster Special Needs Registry and accepting applications in preparation for hurricane season.

The registry is a confidential database used to provide help to people in need of assistance in case of a hurricane or ice storm.

For more information, call 254-2884.



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## **Briefs**

#### July 4th Closings

Schedule changes for town and county offices for the Fourth of July holiday are as follows:

· Town Offices for Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Carrboro are closed Monday;

 There will be no garbage collection in Hillsborough and Carrboro on Monday. Garbage will instead be collected one day later. In Chapel Hill, garbage normally collected on Monday will be picked up Wednesday;

• Curbside recycling will operate as usual;

• The Orange County Landfill and Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be closed on Monday;

• There will be no Chapel Hill Transit service on Sunday. Buses will operate on a reduced Saturday schedule on Monday;

• The Chapel Hill Public Library will be closed on Sunday; and

• Chapel Hill municipal parking will be free on Sunday and meters and municipal lots will be free on Monday. Parking decks will operate under a normal schedule on Monday.

#### Public invited to Bill Friday's birthday party

William C. Friday, the man whose name is synonymous with North Carolina higher education during much of the 20th century, marks his 90th birthday next month and the university and the UNC General Alumni Association are hosting an open house in Friday's honor on July 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hill Alumni Center's Alumni Hall.

During his tenure as UNC system president, Friday was a supporter of academic freedom, fairness and integrity. He often served as mediator between student activists and a conservative legislature during the civil rights movement and he worked for five years to repeal the 1963 Speaker Ban Law, which made it illegal for critics of the government to appear on campus.

Friday's sphere of influence also led to the development of Research Triangle Park, the sponsorship of North Carolina public television and the formation of the expanded UNC system, which now in-

#### cludes 17 campuses.

Throughout his career, Friday received numerous awards, including the American Council on Education's National Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement, the National Humanities Medal, the American Academy for Liberal Education's Jacques Barzun Award and the John Hope Franklin Award.

Friday and his wife, Ida, have lived in Chapel Hill since 1946.

#### Sewer rate meeting

About 90 citizens and members of the advocacy group Justice United met with County Manager Frank Clifton and County Commissioner Steve Yuhasz at the Orange County Library on Monday night to discuss the impact of a recent 300 percent rate hike for sewer services in Efland.

Organizers with Justice United said the increase, scheduled to be spread out over the next four years, hits low-income residents of Efland especially hard.

Homeowners and advocates told county officials that alternatives to the increase, such as integration into the system of nearby Mebane, should be on the table when the commissioners review the hike.

#### Free valet parking

The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership's new East Franklin valet parking in open for business. Valet stands are located on both East and West Franklin Street with drop-off and pick-up at either stand. Valet tickets are validated at each of 18 participating businesses. Patrons enjoying other establishments also can use the valet service for a \$5 charge. Hours are as follows:

East End Valet Stand (located on the north side of the 100 block of East Franklin, in front of Spanky's Restaurant):

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## Five centuries of maps online

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#### UNC News Services

More than 3,200 historic maps of North Carolina are now available online as part of the digital North Carolina Maps project.

Visitors to the site. www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/, can see the results of a three-year collaborative project to identify and scan nearly every original map of the state published from 1584 to 1923. The collection also contains maps of every North Carolina county and maps published by the state through the year 2000.

The North Carolina Collection of the UNC

Library collaborated to produce the new site with the North Carolina State Archives and the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo. The UNC Library and the state archives scanned the maps and the library hosts and administers the site.

"We've heard from K-12 teachers, students, university faculty and genealogists, all of whom are

## RECENTLY

– all skin colors, body types and abilities - dressed in the church T-shirt, sky blue (a shade brighter than Carolina blue) in color, looking cool as could be under tree-dappled shade outside the sanctuary completed in 1953 by Ed Mann, the construction boss.

"My dad built the church and my first cousin, W.R. Campbell, was the architect," said Eddie Mann Jr., who, with his wife, Jean Mann, attended the centennial celebration, though they are members elsewhere.

No matter what kind of changes the church and its membership have known, one



big fans of the project," said Nick Graham, project manager and coordinator of the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center, based at the UNC Library. "It's clear this is reaching a wide audience." Highlights on the new site include:

• a 1584 map of the Southeast from the Outer Banks History Center – the oldest map in the online collection;

thing remains unchanged - the women of the church know how to throw a potluck lunch.

There were more kinds of salad than a thick cookbook could supply, followed by equally satisfying desserts. After those filling the fellowship hall finished their meals, they walked around to the different tables passing around their stoles for fellow members to sign as a permanent memory of their special day together.

Joyce Boone Ward grew up in the church, which during her childhood was on Main Street near the Inter-Faith Council offices. She lived with her grandparents on Main Street across from where Balloons & Tunes is and walked to school in the building that now houses Town

ance maps from the late 19th an early 20th centuries. These full-color maps documenting 116 towns in 67 counties show streets and even individual buildings, allowing for a detailed look at local history and development over time;

• Sanborn Fire Insur-

• coast and geodetic survey maps from the 19th and 20th centuries showing detailed surveys of the everchanging North Carolina coastline.

North Carolina Maps also contains an interactive option allowing users to lay selected historic maps over current street

maps and satellite images. Another feature combines historic maps from the project with a Google Earth 3-D tour. It's accessible at www.youtube. com/watch?v=JZ82Hk\_Ryeg

"The interactive maps have been a lot of fun," said Ĝraham. "We've even heard from people who have used these to find the location of their homes on 100-year-old maps."

Hall. Her maternal grandfather was the Gibbs part of the Gibbs and Bradshaw Garage, formerly located across the street from where The ArtsCenter is today.

"There've been a lot of changes since it was on Main Street," Ward said of the church. "I never gave any thought to women" being deacons or pastor while growing up. "Everything changed, but I'm OK with it."

After all, as much as anything else they offer, churches provide a place to grow, a shelter within community, an extended network of friends.

"This church feels like family," Ward said.

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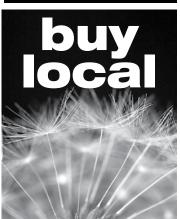
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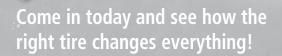
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## UNC gets \$1.7 million to curb HIV in N.C.

#### **UNC News Services**

CHAPEL HILL – A team of researchers from the UNC Institute for Global Health & Infectious Diseases has received a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study novel HIV testing methods to detect acute HIV infection and target sexual networks to curb the spread of HIV in North Carolina

The four-year study will assess the performance and costeffectiveness of a new, fourthgeneration test to diagnose acute HIV infection (AHI). AHI is the period between infection and detection of HIV antibodies and lasts up to 12 weeks. During this brief window of time, the virus replicates rapidly and the probability of transmission is very high.

"We believe that a significant proportion of HIV transmission by the sexual route is driven by AHI," said Peter Leone, professor of medicine in the UNC School of Medicine and adjunct professor of epidemiology in the increasingly use the Internet to

**OBITUARIES** 

Roxanne Shabani was born

into this world on May 8, 1987

in London, England to her

adoring parents, Mohammad

and Mahnaz Shabani. Roxanne

also had a loving little sister,

Lily, who looked up to her ev-

ery day. Roxanne unfortunately

left us on June 25, 2010 at 23

Roxanne was one of a kind,

always vivacious and bubbling

with personality. Roxanne was

not only intelligent, having

recently graduated from the

University of North Carolina

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**Roxanne Shabani** 

Gillings School of Global Public find sexual partners. Health and co-principal investigator of the study. "Identifying individuals with AHI could have a significant positive impact on the spread of the virus."

Study investigators say the findings will likely have critical implications for the use of fourth-generation HIV testing methods.

"If these methods are shown to be accurate and cost-effective, their use would allow more widespread screening for acute infection and help with prevention," said co-principle investigator, an assistant professor of medicine at UNC.

The Screening Targeted Populations to Interrupt Ongoing Chains of Transmission with Enhanced Partner Notification, or STOP, study will use the AHI diagnosis to identify sexual networks where there is a high risk for HIV transmission and target them for prevention interventions, particularly partner notification.

Men who have sex with men

"The anonymity of the Internet can limit the ability to perform partner notification by traditional means," said Lisa Hightow-Weidman, assistant professor of medicine at UNC and the study's third co-principal investigator. The study will utilize online social networks, Internet-based notification and text messaging for partner notification and education. "These technologies will also include real-time linkage to information about HIV testing sites for AHI, symptoms associated with AHI and referral to HIV and STD care," Hightow-Weidman said.

The study is a partnership between UNC and the Communicable Disease Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Two additional sites have been awarded funding for this project, the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

## 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 to get in touch with such your perception about questions about domestic violence and getting healthy.

#### Dear HOUSE Calls,

saw my doctor recently for chest pain. She thought my pain could be from stress. We discussed that my husband yells at me a lot. He's even hit me once or twice over the years when he was drunk. Talking about this with my family physician made me feel better. Are there resources you could recommend to me?

Thank you for sharing this with us, because hearing your story may help many readers feel like this is something they are not facing alone. Sharing with your doctor really speaks to your relationship with her. If your husband is drinking a lot, there's a resource called Al-anon just for families dealing with family members who have problems with alcohol. Regarding domestic violence, there is the statewide N.C. Co-Violence (919-956-9124) and then locally there is a family violence program in almost every the hitting you have eximpacting your physical and mental health. We are so glad that you were able to start this conversation with your family doctor.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Now that I am 50, I want to change my life for the better. I'm a corporate executive male. I am overweight at 240 pounds and I don't exercise. I have slightly elevated blood pressure (150/94) but 1 feel great. I don't smoke and rarely drink alcohol. What are the three most important things I can do for my health?

It is great that you are motivated to make changes and that you alition Against Domestic are a non-smoker. You may be more than just overweight. Unless you are more than 6' 3", we would consider you county. You may want obese. This may change



a resource. Remember, your health and how domestic violence is not much work you have just physical abuse (like to do to be healthy. The three most imporperienced) but takes on tant things you can do lots of forms, like emo- are lose weight, exertional abuse and control- cise and pay attention ling behavior. It seems to that blood pressure. that this stress over such Set a goal for weight loss a long period of time is of a half to one pound per week. It may take you a while to get to an ideal body weight, but it is for the long haul. Regarding exercise, try to find something you love to do – walking, jogging, tennis, swimming, cycling. Start low and go slow; make it a daily or near-daily habit. Lastly, we are concerned about your blood pressure and your long-term risk of heart disease and stroke. All three of these are closely related. See your doctor to come up with a plan. You may need medicine for hypertension.

> 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.





also immensely talented. Roxanne had the ability to turn anything into a stunning piece at Chapel Hill with a degree of art. She could see the beauty in graphic design, but she was in anything and everything.

Traveling and seeing the world was so important to Roxanne, with her favorite place being the mountains of North Carolina. She really loved all nature and its beauty, and she cared about the planet very much. She had so much to offer this world, and her close friends and family will never stop missing her.

A visitation was held at Renaissance Funeral Home of Raleigh (7615 Six Forks Road) on Tuesday, June 29 at 6 p.m., followed by a service.

The burial took place at Pine Forest Memorial Gardens (770 Stadium Drive) in Wake Forest on Wednesday, June 30 at 11 a.m.

#### Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

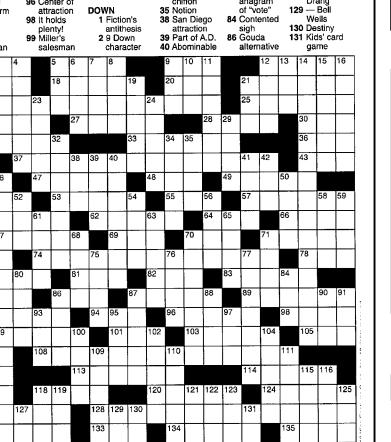
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Citizen**Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints. "Dissin Divides"

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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#### 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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#### **STRAYHORN** FROM PAGE

"We lived in a log house down in a field," Nellie said in the interview. "Mother would get up early in the morning and go to the house to build a fire and get breakfast. I was the oldest, so I got the other children up and to the kitchen.

"I used to plough with a mule named Duck, side by side with Mr. Wilson Strowd. He owned my Daddy. And bind wheat - I can do everything in the field except split rails for a fence."

Nellie and her sisters worked on Atwater's orchard during the warmer months. They were prohibited from eating any of the picked fruit, but, if given permission, could eat what was on the ground.

While Atwater was away fighting in the Civil War, Nellie and her mother and siblings stayed with Miss Julie and prepared barrels of food to send to the Confederate soldiers.

When the Yankees come the first time, all the hands was in the field, just like master was there," she said. "They asked Mother if she knew we was free. She said 'No sir,' and I was standin' beside her when she said it. 'We fought to free you,' they told her. They was nice but we was afraid, 'cause we weren't used to those blue suits and shiny buttons, and the guns at their sides."

After gaining her freedom in 1865, Nellie found work in a law office for \$5 a month. Shortly thereafter, she married Tony and began assembling the family that slavery had precluded.

#### MUSEUM

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The funding woes have led to layoffs, she said.

"At the peak of the museum's operation, there were three full-time people and three to four part-time peo-ple," Davenport said. "We've already had to let staff go."

Davenport said she plans to find ways to continue the museum's educational programs, including the Fire Safety and Puppet Musical, the Pottery Program, The Lost Colony and Meet Me on Franklin Street.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said the town

### The family flourishes

In the mid-1870s Nellie and Tony purchased a small plot of land on what is now Jones Ferry Road, two doors down from the PTA Thrift Shop and began constructing the home that has since been witness to the progress of civil rights in Orange County.

Freedom brought the family a prosperity very remote from the slaves' reality. Though living in a racially volatile society, the Strayhorns flourished. The family succeeded in achieving one stamp of the American Dream: citizenship. Though appearing nowhere in the 1860 North Carolina census, this listing appears 10 years later: "Strayhorn, Tony; farmworker, illiterate." By 1880, Tony was learning brick masonry, had taught himself to read and write and had helped found the First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill.

In the late 1880s, the onebedroom cabin expanded to two stories to accommodate the growing Strayhorn family. Tony and Nellie's bedroom and living room remain in-tact today. The nucleus of the past and present structure, the parlor room, with its bloated wooden floor and bowing ceiling, also attest to the famly's past.

"My children and grand-children understand the importance of this house and the memories that linger here," Clark said, facing the ancient house from the road. "But I told my Mama I'd stay here until the end of my days, and I just hope I can."

council was ready to help with maintenance costs on the building.

"We were still willing to pro-vide for monthly payments," Kleinschmidt added. "The council really believed that it was going to happen. I'm disappointed in that, but I don't know what else to say."

Kleinschmidt said that he is saddened to see the museum closing because of the importance of preserving the town's rich history.

"We are not a regular com-munity. We are Chapel Hill. We are a special town. Our importance is not just what we think of it. We're important for the entire state."



Nellie Clark in her backyard.

## Trying to save a part of Carrboro history



A photo of the Clark family after the house was expanded.

A few doors down from the Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop, an old, pale farmhouse with black shutters and a porch trimmed delicately in white holds the story of former slaves Tony and Nellie Strayhorn and their descendants. It is a story integral to Carrboro's history in the antebellum South.

The house - with its ancient, exhausted foundation and collapsed chimney – was passed down from the Strayhorns circa 1879 to their and its gradual decay threatens the loss of not only a historic place but a family's legacy.

Clark has lived in the house since she was a child, but can't keep up with its needs. With a \$43,000 grant from the Chapel Hill Housing Rehabilitation Center last year, Clark was finally able to combat the lead issues that plagued the house for years, but its makeover is still far from complete. Among the most critical issues are the aged

tos and sub-par wiring.

Then the chimney collapsed in the rain about three weeks ago. What's left of it now surrounds a mulberry tree that's been the sole witness to the house's long life.

"I remember my grandmother telling me how my great-grandfather hauled all those heavy stones from the field with a horse and wagon, then he built it all up himself," Clark said of the chimney. "Just to think of

Ernest Dollar, executive director of the Chapel Hill Preservation Society, is working to help Clark preserve her family's story and Carrboro's past. The house is outside the organization's typical jurisdiction, but Dollar said its importance is too great to ignore.

Hoping to draw tax-deductible donations and the involvement of private contractors, Dollar is planning a benefit dinner at the Carrboro Century Center.

"When a place is officially recognized by the community, it ceases to be just nails, brick and wood, and in this particular case can become the keeper of an important story," Dollar said.

Historic preservation does more than regulate a facade's paint color, he explained: "It's what preserves the things that make a place special, what draws people to a place and what keeps them there."

The house is now being considered for the National Registry of Historic Places, which provides preservation benefits and incentives and bolsters future protection of historic properties. Its deterioration, however, threatens the house's chances of being selected.

"If changes aren't made now to help such a powerful and important place, then I'm really afraid what the future will bring," Dollar said. – Catherine Rierson



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#### BY ELISE GIDDINGS

GULF OF MEXICO - As plumes of toxic fish-killing oil continue to spread throughout the gulf, scientists are rushing to determine what effect the spill will have on wildlife, food, and tourism.

One Chapel Hill woman was heard saying, "The real blame lies with ourselves. All of us who drive cars regularly are rooting with our dollars for the big oil companies. We are like drug addicts. Disasters like this wouldn't happen without our faithful support."

A recent solution has surfaced to this problem. It is a new form of transportation that is clean, low impact, and oil free. "My human-electric hybrid

bike is the way that I starve the big oil beast every day - and I've lost weight and saved money in the process," says the woman.

Human-hybrid electric bikes can be plugged in to the wall to charge up for under ten cents per day. They can carry the rider effortlessly more than 30 miles on a charge, so the rider arrives clean, refreshed, and smiling ear to ear. Carrboro bike store Cycle 9, located at 601 W Main St, is presently offering \$100 off any Ecobike electric bike and a free helmet as part of the "Kick Big Oil In The Butt" sale. They can be contacted for more information at 919-636-5909 or on the web at www.cycle9.com.



pinion

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#### FOR THE RECORD

#### 'Heroic imagination' in a ruthless world

The odd waking dream in which many of us find ourselves continues unabated. On any given night, the idiot box lives up to its nickname, giving a megaphone to folks who on a regular basis compare various politicians to either Hitler, Stalin or both. Elsewhere in television-land, highly scripted "reality" shows have folks mesmerized.

The temptation is to shrug and ignore it all. But these are symptoms - clues, perhaps - of how upside-down we've become and how astoundingly-unchallenged a culture we've allowed to flourish.

Is it not the damnedest thing that a Southern senator named Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III tore into the late Thurgood Marshall? Or that he declared the recent Citizens United ruling, which opened the spigots for corporate money to flow directly into campaigns, to Brown v. Board of Education? In the world of this poor fellow and his likemoneyed friends, corporations are people just like you and me, and now they've been set free at last to pour more billions into campaigns.

Marshall, who served on the Supreme Court from 1967 to 1991 and was NAACP counsel in Brown, has resurfaced and is getting a modern "activist judge" makeover by those wishing to use the Supreme Court confirmation hearings of his former clerk, Elena Kagan, for political gain.

As Kagan herself has noted, confirmation hearings have become more spectacle than substance. Add to that a world where context is nearly impossible, 140-character diatribes are all the rage and it is increasingly easier to lie, twist and distort than to explain, converse and persuade. I don't blame technology, but to see Marshall and Brown dragged into this maw is saddening.

I take some solace in the recollection of a quiet evening spent in Washington, D.C. I was staying nearby in northern Virginia and drove in for dinner and a pilgrimage. It was late January 1993, a chilly night, but no snow. I shared a table with a nice couple from American University and they told me the easiest way to walk to my destination.

Coming up 1st Street, you could see the line stretching around the marble edifice, warm lights glowing inside. Though the crowd was in the thousands, there was just a low rumble.



## **On environment and** competing interests

#### MICHAEL BIRENBACH

I'm a new resident of Carrboro. I moved here from Cary last year in June. I moved here for the trees and the town's smaller-neighborhood feel, as well as for the schools within five minutes of our house. So far, I like it a lot. Just the lack of chain restaurants is enough to please me!

I'm writing to express my dislike of the idea of paving the route along the most sensitive parts of Bolin Creek, as recommended to the Carrboro Greenways Commission by Greenways Inc. of Durham. My first reaction on hearing news of this plan was, "If you want that, move to Cary."

Most trails in Cary are neat, trimmed and perfectly paved. One may as well walk down the street as walk through the "woods" in Cary. An unfair characterization? Maybe.

Though paving may seem like a good idea at first blush, it is clearly anathema to the spirit of Bolin Creek and its woodlands. The negative consequences of paving include degraded ecology and reduction of truly natural spaces currently available to residents. A study from the University of California at Davis investigated the effects of roadways, and some of its findings are relevant and can be applied to the smaller scale of the Bolin Forest trail system and the plan to turn the Bolin Creek trail into a 10-foot-wide paved alternative transportation route.

As the UC Davis study notes: "Transportation planning can involve many private and public entities and disciplines. Rarely does it involve natural sciences" (emphasis mine).

On the subject of effects of road construction on a surrounding area, the study states:

• 10-100m from a paved surface: road construction & roadside management, [increased] weeds, local pollution ... and noise;

• 100-1,000m from a paved surface: downstream pollution, erosion, stream habitat alteration, noise aversion;

• >1,000m from a paved surface: landscape fragmentation, local & regional extinction, weed invasions, large mammal movement ... climate change.

Let me address the last point: climate change. After my move from Cary last year, when my commute went from only within Wake County to an east-west route to and from Wake County, I felt a noticeable temperate drop in traveling west past Southpoint Mall at Fayetteville Road. I noticed this because many times I ride a motorcycle. I did some searching and found average temperatures for the last 30 years (source: weatherbase.com): Average temp Cary: 60.3 Carrboro: 57.9 Difference: 2.4 These data show, on average, Carrboro has been more than two degrees cooler! Why? I believe the answer can be found by looking at a satellite view

#### on Google Maps. Compared to east of us, we have significantly more greenery. Pavement, even white concrete, absorbs and holds heat. This creates the well-documented "heat island effect."

To what end will the current debate bring us? My hope is better solutions will be found:

• For creek erosion. Members of the Friends of Bolin Creek are working on a restoration and conservation plan. The Town of Carrboro, meanwhile, is involved in restoration efforts. Water-bars on side trails will help immensely, given that these trails create most sedimentation problems.

• For alternative transportation routes. Carrboro, Chapel Hill and UNC all have existing or planned bike lanes surrounding this entire stretch of forest.

• For access for all to this natural beauty. Groups are working to make this a nature preserve, open to everyone. Yet accessibility does not mean a paved transportation route through the most sensitive part of a forest, in the heart of a riparian zone next to the creek. If we pave over the Bolin Creek trail, the creek's natural beauty will be lost, and no one will have access to what now is so special about this area.

#### LETTERS

#### Study the Bolin Creek plan

The outcome of debate on Carrboro's Bolin Creek Greenway Plan will last for generations. Participation by a wellinformed citizenry is very important. Reading and understanding the plan is critical.

The full report is available from the Town of Carrboro online and at advocatesforcarrborogreenways.org. The advocates' website also contains a link to the Carrboro staff analysis of the plan. Hard copies are on reserve in the Carrboro Branch Library at Mc-Dougle School and in the Century Center Cybrary in Carrboro.

> ELLEN PERRY Carrboro

### Thanks for Flora

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoy Ken Moore's Flora column. It's always well presented and informative, and it's one of the reasons I look forward to reading The Citizen each week. His recent columns on pollinators made me pay special attention to a spectacle I have always enjoyed, that of watching busy pollinators. This past Sunday as I was birding along a nature trail, I approached a blooming Virginia creeper vine. I could hear buzzing and the plant looked fuzzy and shimmered with the movement of dozens of pollinators, from bumble bees to tiny flies. It was a mesmerizing sight and a delight to watch. Thanks to Ken for his interesting columns, and I happily anticipate many more to come.

I headed up the sidewalk to the back of the line, passing those who had been there the longest, some shivering a bit, little ones bundled up and holding close, people of all colors clad in mostly black, some in clear remorse, others probably so, but with firm-set jaws. Solemnity is the word that most often comes to mind in trying to describe the moment.

And respect. I stood in line for maybe hours - now it seems like it was just a few minutes - and when I finally walked up the steps and entered the marble building bearing the words "Equal Justice Under Law" at the entry, you could feel the respect pouring out.

We walked around the closed casket counter-clockwise, and of all the images there - the pictures, flowers, the honor guard and all the tears streaming down all the faces - it was the letters from the school kids that have stuck with me, particularly, for some reason, a simple piece of ruled paper carefully, slowly inked in cursive by a third-grader, who started his thank you, "Dear Thurgood," as if writing to a friend.

I remember that country, faintly now, as if it were all a dream

[Editor's note]: Thurgood Marshall is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The title of this piece was taken from his official obituary at arlingtoncemetery.net/tmarsh

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## **Anti-deficit fever could** cripple economic recovery

#### **ROB THOMPSON**

The anti-deficit fever rippling through Congress threatens to jeopardize the modest recovery that we've begun to experience in North Carolina and in other states. Most recently, and against the advice of mainstream economists, the U.S. House of Representatives stripped extended state Medicaid assistance from an impending "jobs" bill, and it's unclear if the Senate will restore it. If the Senate fails to act, North Carolina stands to lose \$500 million in anticipated revenue for the upcoming budget year.

What would this mean for North Carolina? To be clear, the loss of \$500 million in Medicaid assistance will not be contained within Medicaid itself. Legislators will doubtlessly spread new cuts to public schools, child protective services, community colleges and much more. Not only would such cuts result in the direct loss of thousands of jobs, but it would also mean that children and families won't have access to the support they need to thrive in tough times.

Let's talk about specifics. Here's one scenario: We could eliminate health care for 130,000 low-income children

(\$77 million), all of North Carolina's public health programs (\$161 million) and our juvenile justice system (\$145 million) and still have more than \$100 million left to cut. This would mean no more community programs for at-risk youth, no more infant-mortality prevention programs and no capacity to respond to a pandemic. We are talking about serious money with serious consequences.

Yet, many of our congressional leaders, both Democrat and Republican, are so deluded by the recent anti-deficit hysteria that they invoke meaningless rhetoric whenever a discussion about spending arises. One of the most popular sayings goes about like this: "As our families are forced to tighten their belts, so must the government." The exact opposite is true: As families struggle to get by (i.e., "tighten their belts"), we expect the government to play an active role in making the hard times a little less hard and to ensure that our children continue to receive an education, health care and the like. To do that, Uncle Sam has to spend some money.

It's here that the federal government has a unique role. In almost all states, including North Carolina, the state

constitution does not allow the state to run a deficit. This means that when a recession hits and revenues drop, North Carolina has to either raise taxes or take millions out of funding for everything from education and public safety to road construction and traffic lights. Fortunately, in 2009, President Obama and Congress passed the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, which provided North Carolina with invaluable support during the worst of the recession and arguably saved the country from a

full-blown depression. Now, with recovery struggling to gain a foothold, North Carolina cannot afford for the federal government to pull back on its investment in our state and in other states around the country - especially given that anti-recession spending has contributed only a tiny fraction to the federal deficit. In better times, we can prioritize reducing that deficit; but while families are still struggling to get by, the federal government needs to loosen its belt and help states, communities and families make it to the other side.

Rob Thompson is the director of the Covenant with North Carolina's Children.

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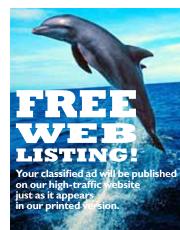
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- I large cucumber\*, scrubbed and peeled (if the skin bitter)
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  I 2x2 inch cube Feta\* cheese, cut into small cubes
  20 Nicoise olives
- I large sprig of basil\* (8-10 leaves), roughly chopped 3-4 sprigs of flat leaf parsley\* (about ¼ cup of leaves), roughly chopped

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- I-2 Tbls. extra-virgin olive oil

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Bring a medium pot of salted water to boil. Blanch the Roma beans until they are just-tender. Remove the beans from the boiling water with a strainer, and spread them out to cool. Add the whole potatoes to the water and gently boil until they are tender.

While the potatoes are cooking, prepare the rest of the vegetables. Quarter the onions, then separate the layers and put the onion pieces in the bottom of a large bowl. Cut the cucumber length-wise, remove the seeds, and slice the halves into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces and add to the bowl along with the cubes of Feta cheese and the olives. Cut the tomato into bite-size chunks and add to the bowl. Sprinkle with the basil and parsley. Don't toss yet!

Slice the cooled Roma beans into  $\,I\,$  inch pieces. Set aside.

When the potatoes are done cooking, drain them well, then slice them in half. While they are warm, add them to the bowl and pour the salad dressing and red wine vinegar over the top of the potatoes. Toss well. Add the Roma beans and I to 2 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper. It's good to let this salad sit a little bit before eating. Serve at room temperature, being sure to enjoy the good juices that collect in the bottom of the bowl – with a nice hunk of fresh bread to sop it up!





Uncommon anglepod is found along Bolin Creek Trail.

#### **FLORA** FROM PAGE I

More exciting than seeing that swimming rodent was discovering an unusual climbing milkweed vine beside the paved walkway. The only time I've ever seen it in the wild has been in the company of botanist friend Pete Schubert, who is keen about these uncommon vines and has a talent for spotting them. He's shown me several populations north of Durham on the Penny's Bend natural area.

This one is anglepod, Gonolobus suberosus, because its milkweedlike fruit is smooth and

distinctly ridged, giving it an angle-like configuration. Though it won't jump out at you like the bearsfoot, the maroon and greenish-yellow nickel-size flowers are worth discovering. The long, distinctly heartshaped opposite leaves help you locate the vine. Those unusual little flowers made my day!

As I headed back, the high-pitched call of a red-tailed hawk startled me from high above. I wondered what it was trying to communicate from its urban-wilderness tree-top perch.

Following the commotion from the hawk, I heard shouts of "water moccasin" from memPHOTO BY KEN MOORE

bers of a young family exploring in the creek. I hurriedly stepped inside the forest to join the group, hoping to interrupt possible harm to an innocent creekside inhabitant. Sure enough, a young banded water snake was surrounded by two adults and four eager children. Once assured that they were observing a harmless water snake, they were content to watch it continue on its way.

What a full-of-surprises, adventure-filled walk that was along the greenway. I must remember to return frequently.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Mt. Carmel Church Beach Trip 1954

leaned from the pages of Roland Giduz's Chapel Hill News Leader: 56 years ago this month, temperatures in Chapel Hill hit 99, giving 18 members of the Mt. Carmel Church youth group a good excuse to beat the heat with a three-day escape to Myrtle Beach. Roland's caption read: "Shown above on the beach are (kneeling, left to right) Sue Pendergraft, Elaine Hartness, Bess Blackwood, Lucy Blackwood, Arlene Pittard, Joan White, Johnny Hundley and Ruth Hundley; (back row, left to right) Barbara Cheek, Becky Buckner, Mrs. Ralph Blackwood (church youth director), Mrs. Hubert Atwater, Ellen Sparrow, Mrs. R. L. Johnston, Mrs. Kennon Blackwood and Beth Sparrow."



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