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# C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Trumpet creeper flowers attract hummingbirds.  
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## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Trumpet creeper, one of our fine native vines

Recently, I was queried by a *Citizen* reader about why I never write about vines. This reader had missed my *Flora* stories on coral honeysuckle and cross vine earlier in the year. During the same week, premier “gardener-in-a-small-space” Bill Bracey was wondering why folks did not make more use of vines in gardens. His small-space garden, Shelby’s Bottom, half-way down Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill, has native vines galore.

So, I’m inclined to dedicate a good bit of the summer to a review of our native vines. If you recognize some of the features as ones you’ve seen before, it’s not because I’m out of town and submitting one of those “pointless filler columns” that humorist Andy Borowitz exposes so effectively in his annual Labor Day column – I’m merely following some suggestions from *Citizen* readers.

So now, I’m again celebrating trumpet creeper, *Campsis radicans*. Some folks call it trumpet vine or cow-itch vine. There are likely other names associated with this common native vine, the bright-orange, tubular flowers of which are guaranteed to attract hummingbirds. Keep an eye out to find occasional peach- and yellow-colored variations. Garden centers offer cultivars that have peach or red flowers, and you may find the larger, red-flowered Chinese trumpet creeper, *Campsis grandiflora*.

As far as I’m concerned, any naturally occurring form of this common vine is just fine, and the hummingbirds don’t distinguish one from

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## Election season opens with a bang

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
*Staff Writer*

Filing season got underway on Friday, with a flood of candidates throwing their hats in the ring for this fall’s municipal elections.

Mayors Mark Chilton of Carrboro and Mark Kleinschmidt of Chapel Hill both filed to run for reelection.

Chilton said this would be the last time he would seek reelection as mayor. “I’ve really enjoyed being mayor, but I also think that after time it’s important to let other people have an opportunity to lead,” he said. “But I want to stick it out two more years and move us forward on the development of the Morgan Creek Greenway” and other issues, like the hiring of a new town manager and the half-

cent sales-tax proposal for transit.

Kleinschmidt said he felt two years was a short time to be mayor, and he wanted to continue the work he’d started with the town.

“During the last two years, we’ve been doing a lot to prepare for the future,” he said, noting the town’s comprehensive plan in particular. “I’m hoping to continue to be a part of that as we plan for the next decade. ... We’re right on the edge of completing the development of many existing plans for our future.”

**Carrboro**

Carrboro Board of Aldermen incumbents Dan Coleman and Lydia Lavelle have filed for reelection. Newcomer Michelle Johnson also filed for a seat on the board. Board member Joal Hall Broun,

who has served on the board for 12 years, announced Monday that she would not seek reelection.

Three seats on the board are up for grabs.

“Over the past five years, I have provided leadership and innovative proposals in such areas as economic development, housing affordability, transportation alternatives, sustainability and social justice,” Coleman said in a statement. “I have worked hard to research issues, stay in touch with concerned citizens and forge effective policy in collaboration with my colleagues.”

Johnson, a Carrboro resident since 2001, is a clinical social worker, artist and yoga instructor in town, as well as a

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## Red, white and blue in the Paris of the Piedmont



Maddie and Maise Lipson, 5 and 3, show their colors for the July 4th celebration in downtown Carrboro on Monday. For more photos from Carrboro’s 4th of July events, see page 5.

PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

## East Weaver reopens, west block closes

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
*Staff Writer*

**CARRBORO** – After nearly four months of closure for construction work, the east block of Weaver Street reopened to vehicle traffic on Tuesday.

The completion of the east block marks the end of only the first of five

phases of the yearlong project to replace the street’s collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old water main beneath it. On Wednesday, the work moved to the west block, closing the street to vehicle traffic from North Greensboro Street to a point between The Red Hen and Provence. Pedestrian access remains open.

Town officials initially expected

the first part of the project to be completed by the end of May, but weather and other factors delayed work.

George Seiz, director of Carrboro Public Works, said the work in the west block will be similar to the work in the east block and will progress from east to west, toward Carrboro Town Hall. The water main has already been replaced in the west block.

“The new storm sewer will be put in place, and then the road reconstructed,” he said. “The difference in this block is that we are also removing and replacing the curb and gutter.”

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## Early recruits bode well for Tar Heel future

BY EDDY LANDRETH  
*Staff Writer*

There is far more than the star our Earth revolves around that produces heat in the summer.

Summer is the established time for college basketball coaches to follow the club-team circuit as if they were touring the country on an old-fashioned circus train.

Coaches and players will fly from Las Vegas to Augusta, Ga., and many points between. The kids are trying to put their best sneaker forward in an effort to land scholarship offers, while

those who hold them already are living the life as they look in the stands and see the likes of Roy Williams, Mike Krzyzewski, Jim Calhoun, John Calipari and Bill Self, all with hungry eyes for those kids’ talents.

This process has changed through the years as coaches adapted briefly to kids going straight to the NBA. Now the same kids leave school after doing the obligatory year at the collegiate level. So the big-time schools have to select their prospects sooner, get them committed and make plans for the next ones as the revolving door swings fast for the one-and-done guys who

move quickly to the NBA.

UNC is one of the fortunate few to have its veteran players return to school. This is what is going to make Carolina such a powerful team in 2012.

But Tyler Zeller will be a senior. Harrison Barnes has a realistic chance to be the first player taken in the draft, so it’s hard to imagine him returning for a third year. And if John Henson continues his improvement and realizes even 30 percent more of his potential, he will probably be a top-five pick.

Williams did not like it when high school players began to commit as sophomores, but it has overwhelmingly

worked. Kendall Marshall was the best seventh-grader in the nation, playing with older players and spreading the ball around the court for easy scores the way we saw him do his freshman season at Carolina.

But Williams admitted that when Marshall committed before his sophomore season of high school it scared him, because young players don’t always continue their progress, athletically or mentally, as they mature. Marshall didn’t get quicker, but he is probably the smartest point guard in

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## Pedersen bids schools farewell after 19 years

BY ISAAC WARSHAUER  
*Reprinted from the Carrboro High School Jagwire*

Neil Pedersen has been superintendent for “longer than I have been alive,” said Carrboro High School Student Government President Neel Patel at a May 1 event in Pedersen’s honor. After 19 years as superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, and, before that, five years as assistant superintendent, Pedersen bid farewell to his office last week, serving his last day on June 30.

With so many years under his belt, Pedersen has had the time to see the impact of many of his efforts. Colleagues, parents and students praise him glowingly, and he too looks back on his career with pride.

During Pedersen’s administration, growth has clearly been the biggest

challenge. The school district doubled in size under his tenure “after 20 years of no new schools being built,” said school board Chair Jamezetta Bedford.

But for Pedersen, it was about more than expansion.

“Sometimes when districts are growing quickly, the quality might suffer because they’re focused on just growing,” he said. “That certainly takes some pride – not only seeing the quality of the buildings that we’ve constructed but the quality schools that operate inside them.”

Pederson’s efforts at improving the quality of schools are exemplified in equity programs such as the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program, which has been effective at bridging the minority achievement gap. He has also developed dual-language programs in Chinese and Spanish and spearheaded the effort to create school academies,

like Carrboro High’s Academy of International Studies.

Implementing these policies has never been a simple matter of giving orders. Pedersen makes it clear that he has been “fortunate to have very good administrative staff and very supportive school boards.” The Orange County Board of Commissioners also has assisted, backing county tax increases to support the schools over the past 20 years.

His policies have also been influenced by larger trends in education theory.

When he entered the 1991-92 school year, he was promoting “site-based management,” a “model that was nationally gaining steam,” Pedersen said. This gave more independence to schools and teachers.

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Outgoing Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen  
PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER



MUSIC CALENDAR



DAVID WILCOX  
Monday July 11  
ArtsCenter

PHOTO BY: RHYS ALBRECHT

**THURSDAY JULY 7**  
**Ba-Da Wings:** Tim Stambaugh  
**City Tap:** Brian Franke. 8pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Jazzbearu. 7pm  
**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Emily Koop, Jailbox. 8pm  
**Local 506:** Dehlia Low. 9:30pm. \$10  
**Weaver Street Market:** Equinox. 6pm

**FRIDAY JULY 8**  
**Bynum Front Porch:** The Lizzy Ross Band. 7pm  
**Cat's Cradle:** Lizh. 10pm. \$7  
**The Cave:** EARLY: The Late Comers, Storm Front LATE: Honeychile, The Monterreys  
**City Tap:** Dave Quick and His 4 Rib Dinner, The Doug Largent Trio. 7pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Applesauce. 8pm  
**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Felix

Oberlix, The Habit, Lost Trail. 8pm  
**Katy's Music Bar:** Archbishops of Blount Street. 8pm  
**Local 506:** Goodbye, Titan, The Bronzed Chorus, Cantwell, Gomez and Jordan  
**Nightlight:** Red Sweatpants, Blue Sweatpants, Derrick Hart. 9:30pm  
**Southern Rail:** Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

**SATURDAY JULY 9**  
**Bynum Front Porch:** Pickin'. 10am  
**Cat's Cradle:** Psychedelic Furs. 8pm. \$25/28  
**The Cave:** The Record, Scarlet Virginia, Pocket of Lollipops. 9pm  
**City Tap:** Brenda Linton. 8pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Tommy Edwards. 8pm  
**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Saludos Compay. 8pm  
**Katy's Music Bar:** North Forty Band. 8pm

**SUNDAY JULY 10**  
**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Ken Larson Trio. 11am  
**Local 506:** Jimbo Mathus And The Tri-State Coalitions, Gasoline Stove. 8:30pm. \$10/12  
**Southern Village:** Loose Screws. 7pm  
**Weaver Street Market:** Pablo and Drew. 11am

**MONDAY JULY 11**  
**ArtsCenter:** David Wilcox. 7pm \$20/23  
**The Cave:** LATE: Polar War  
**Local 506:** Real Estate, Dent May, Andrew Cedarmark. 9:30pm. \$9/11

**TUESDAY JULY 12**  
**The Cave:** LATE: Your Sister's Canary  
**Local 506:** John Parr, Classic Ad-dict. 9pm. \$22/28  
**Nightlight:** A Stoud, Mammox, Three-Brained Robot. 9:30pm. \$5

**WEDNESDAY JULY 13**

**The Cave:** LATE: The Chelsea Daggers  
**THURSDAY JULY 14**  
**Ba-Da Wings:** Tim Stambaugh  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Lynn Williams LATE: Howlies, The Blue Party. \$5  
**City Tap:** Sarah Shook and The Devil. 8pm  
**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Friends of Yours, The True Jacqueline. 8pm  
**Local 506:** Farewell Drifters, Sinful Savage Tigers. 9:30pm. \$8  
**Weaver Street Market:** Mystery Hillbillies. 6pm

**FRIDAY JULY 15**  
**Bynum Front Porch:** The Small Ponds. 7pm  
**Caffe Driade:** Durham Ukulele Orchestra. 8pm  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Shakin' Sherman and DT's LATE: Southern Hostility  
**City Tap:** Tad Walters, Chatham County Slim and Papa Mike. 7pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Brenda Linton. 8pm  
**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Puritan Rodeo, Patrick Blackburn. 8pm  
**Katy's Music Bar:** Jambalaya. 8pm  
**Local 506:** Bill Callahan, Ed Askev. 9pm. \$13/15

**SATURDAY JULY 16**  
**Caffe Driade:** Better off Dead. 8pm  
**The Cave:** EARLY: DTL LATE: The Breaks, Killer Filler  
**City Tap:** Great Big Gone. 8pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Backbeat. 8pm. \$5  
**Jessee's Coffee and Bar:** Will Filer, Sarah Klein. 8pm  
**Local 506:** The Dirty Guv'nahs, Dark Water Rising. 9:30pm. \$10

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

**CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM**  
309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030  
Closed temporarily for renovations. Will reopen in August for the N.C. Gay & Lesbian Film Festival and resume regular movie screenings in

October.  
**CHELSEA THEATER**  
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005  
Buck; Midnight in Paris; The Tree of Life

**THE LUMINA**  
Southern Village, 932-9000  
Horrible Bosses; Cars 2; Larry Crowne; Zookeeper; Transformers: Dark of the Moon  
**REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6**  
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Transformers: Dark of the Moon; Monte Carlo; Horrible Bosses; Cars 2 3D; Larry Crowne; Zookeeper  
**THE VARSITY**  
123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665  
Thor; Rio; Water for Elephants

SPOTLIGHT: POCKET OF LOLLIPOPS



**Pocket of Lollipops, The Record and Scarlet Virginia will play at The Cave on Saturday, July 9.**  
Husband-and-wife duo Pocket of Lollipops are a Miami-based art performance group that unites visual work and sound. Their reconfigured lyrics and instrumental life is melodic. They create a noisy but organized sound that compels any audience. Indie-pop rockers The Record captivate ears as well. These Carrboro-bred bedroom songwriters explore all depths of emotions with their down-to-earth sound. Folk favorites Scarlet Virginia will top off the night with harmonizing acoustics.  
This evening will be a perfect follow-up to Independence Day festivities. Music starts at 9 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD

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see technology used more effectively in doing so.  
Among the board's successes, Bedford pointed to the introduction of the Bridge Program at Chapel Hill High School. The program serves the academic and mental health needs of selected students from all four high schools.  
Burroughs, a freelance grant strategist, will be running for her second term. She volunteered in the schools each of the 10 years her daughters attended Seawell and Estes Hills elementary schools.  
If reelected, Burroughs said her focus will be to maintain the services in place and identify and improve those that aren't serving students well.  
Among her initiatives on the board, Burroughs cites efforts to ensure that the board examines its own practices at least annually.  
"We still have too many students, particularly children of

color and low socio-economic status, who leave our school system inadequately prepared for college or a career," Burroughs said.  
Barrett attended Seawell Elementary, Phillips Junior High and Chapel Hill High schools, and has 20 years of experience at IBM addressing global change. He has served on Orange County Justice United's education action team and tutors math at Seawell.  
"This is an especially important year for the whole community to care about the race and take advantage of the opportunities with the new district leadership," Barrett said. "We need leadership on the school board that can make a difference in reaching our shared goals," including closing the achievement gap and educating every child.  
"Now is the time to do things a little differently to make real progress on those goals," he said.  
Incumbents Mike Kelley and Annetta Streater have not yet announced whether they'll file for reelection.





SU 7/10  
**JIMBO MATHUS AND THE TRI-STATE COALITION**  
LOCAL 506



SA 9/10  
**BRUCE COCKBURN**  
SEATED SHOW

FR 7/8 \*\*(\$7)  
**ALBUM RELEASE PARTY LIZH FEATURING THE BALANCE**  
SA 7/9 SOLD OUT  
**AN EVENING WITH THE PSYCHEDLIC FURS**  
FR 7/22 \*\*(\$10)  
**ALBUM RELEASE PARTY DEX ROMWEBER DUO W/BIRDS OF AVALON AND ERIC SOMMER**  
SA 7/23 (\$5)  
**GIRLS ROCK SHOWCASE**  
SU 7/24\*\*(\$12/\$14)  
**THE DEVIL MAKES THREE W/MANDOLIN ORANGE**  
MO 7/25 EELS\*\*(\$18/\$21)  
**W/THE SUBMARINES**  
TU 7/26\*\*(\$14/\$16)  
**CHRIS WEBBY**  
WE 7/27 \*\*(\$18/\$20)  
**JOSH RITTER W/YELLOWBIRDS**  
TH 7/28\*\*(\$10/\$12)  
**STALLEY / K.O. KID / BIG REMO / J CAPRI / DJ TERRY URBAN**  
FR 7/29 **SLOWHAND A TRIBUTE TO ERIC CLAPTON\*\*(\$12/\$15)**  
SA 7/30\*\*(\$10/\$12)  
**COSMIC CHARLIE JERRY GARCIA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
FR 8/5\*\*(\$6/\$8)  
**BROTHER ESAU**  
SA 8/6\*\*(\$14/\$17)  
**CHATHAM COUNTY LINE W/JUSTIN ROBINSON & THE MARY ANNETTES**  
TU 8/9\*\*(\$12/\$15)  
**KURT VILE AND THE VIOLATORS W/TRUE WIDOW AND OLD BRICKS**  
WE 8/10\*\*(\$22/\$25)  
**TOAD THE WET SPROCKET**

FR 8/19 AND SA 8/20  
**ARCHERS OF LOAF**  
TWO NIGHTS!  
WE 8/31\*\*(\$18/\$20)  
**THE HOLD STEADY W/THE DONKEYS**  
TU 9/6\*\*(\$18/\$20)  
**AN ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH THE WEEPIES**  
FR 9/9\*\*(\$20/\$23)  
**GHOSTLAND OBSERVATORY**  
SA 9/10 \*\*(\$28/\$30)  
**BRUCE COCKBURN SEATED SHOW**  
SU 9/11 \*\*(\$12/\$14)  
**STARFUCKER W/BEAT CONNECTION**  
FR 9/16\*\*(\$14/\$16)  
**ATARI TEENAGE RIOT**  
TU 9/20\*\*(\$13/\$15)  
**MEAT PUPPETS**  
FR 9/23\*\*(\$16/\$18)  
**MELISSA FERRICK W/RIA MAE**  
TU 9/27 CUT COPY W/WASHED OUT AND MIDNIGHT MAGIC\*\*(\$25)  
ON SALE FRIDAY JULY 9  
FR 9/30\*\*(\$15)  
**WHO'S BAD?**  
MO 10/3\*\*(\$14/\$16)  
**TAPES N TAPES W/HOWLER**  
TU 10/4\*\*(\$15/\$18)  
**FRIENDLY FIRES**  
FR 10/7\*\*(\$15)  
**THE GOURDS**  
SA 10/8\*\*(\$18/\$20)  
**BOYCE AVENUE**  
FR 10/21\*\*(\$15/\$17)  
**WILD FLAG**  
MO 10/24 \*\*(\$12/\$14)  
**ELECTRIC SIX W/KITTEN**  
TU 10/25\*\*(\$16/\$18)  
**MIKE DOUGHTY AND HIS BAND FANTASTIC W/MOON HOCH**  
SA 10/29 REVEREND HORTON HEAT W/SUPERSUCKERS AND DAN SARTAIN\*\*(\$15/\$17)

SA 8/6  
**CHATHAM COUNTY LINE**  
FR 7/15  
**BILL CALLAHAN LOCAL 506**  
SOLD OUT  
SA 7/9  
**THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS**  
LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)  
SU 7/10 JIMBO MATHUS AND THE TRI-STATE COALITION W/GASOLINE STOVE  
FR 7/15 BILL CALLAHAN W/ED ASKEW  
TH 7/21 A SPECIAL ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH HEARTLESS BASTARDS  
SA 7/30 JOLIE HOLLAND  
SU 9/11 MINIATURE TIGERS  
TU 9/20 SECRET CHIEFS 3  
WE 9/21 NICK 13 OF TIGER ARMY  
FR 11/11 THE SEA AND CAKE  
THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)  
MO 7/11 **DAVID WILCOX** W/THE ROSEBUDS VIA TICKETMASTER  
TU 8/16 **ERIC JOHNSON** \$24/\$32 VIP SEATING AVAILABLE  
WE 8/24 AN EVENING WITH **RICHARD BUCKNER AND DAVID KILGOUR**  
TU 9/20 **ADRIAN BELEW POWER TRIO** AND **STICK MEN** FEATURING **TONY LEVIN AND PAT MASTELOTTO** WITH CRIM-CENTRIC ENCORE \$32 / VIP \$45 SEATING 8PM SHOW  
KINGS (RALEIGH)  
FR 7/22 **MOONFACE** 8PM SHOW W/FLOW CHILD  
TH 9/22 **MATT POND AND ROCKY VOTOLATO**  
RALEIGH AMPHITHEATER  
FR 7/29 **BON IVER** W/THE ROSEBUDS VIA TICKETMASTER  
WE 8/21 **FLEET FOXES** W/THE WAL-KIMIN TIX VIA TICKETMASTER  
KOKA BOOTH AMPHITHEATRE (CARV)  
MO 8/8 **DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE** W/FRIGHTENED RABBIT CO-PRESENTED WITH OUTBACK CONCERTS TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CAT'S CRADLE WITHOUT SERVICE CHARGE  
MO 9/19 **RAY LAMONTAGNE** W/BRANDI CARLILE  
HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAX)  
SA 10/1 **STEPHEN MALKMUS AND THE JICKS**  
LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH)  
TU 9/13 **OKKERVIL RIVER** \$16/\$18 ON SALE 7/9  
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Briefs

Peaceful Greenbridge protest held

On Saturday, a demonstration was held outside Greenbridge Condominiums on Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill. Organizers say the development is contributing to the gentrification of the area and displacement of residents of the adjacent historically black Northside community.

Saturday’s protest went off without incident, in contrast to a June 18 demonstration in which some 20 to 25 people entered the lobby, causing damage to floors and furniture, resulting in four arrests for damage to property, rioting and resisting arrest.

“It’s more than just Greenbridge,” said protest organizer Sarah Johnson. “We want to draw attention to the ongoing displacement and exclusion of poor people in Chapel Hill, of which the racist gentrification of the Northside neighborhood is one part.”

YMCA, Boy Scouts part ways

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA announced that it will no longer make its facilities available to Boy Scout Troop 505 and other organizations that don’t have a non-discrimination policy similar to its own.

The decision was made at the Y’s June 22 board meeting. Registered domestic partners are allowed to join the YMCA as families or couples and the Y’s application for employment states that it will ensure equal employment opportunities without discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Boy Scouts of America ban homosexuals from serving as troop leaders.

Boy Scout Troop 505 has been using the Y’s Meadowmont facilities for the past two years.

Umstead Park closed

Chapel Hill’s Umstead Park and the adjacent Tanyard Branch greenway trail will be closed through December for an OWASA sewer-replacement project. The Town of Chapel Hill and OWASA encourage drivers, cyclists and others to use alternate routes.

At present, Umstead Drive is closed between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Umstead Park. OWASA’s contractor plans to close the intersection of Village Drive and Umstead Drive from mid-October through mid-November. This estimated timetable is subject to change due to weather and other factors.

To learn more about the sewer project, check [bit.ly/ISfbpC](http://bit.ly/ISfbpC). For more information about the park closure, contact Bill Webster at 968-2819 or [bwebster@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:bwebster@townofchapelhill.org)

Chatham Transit unveils service

Beginning Aug. 1, Chatham Transit Network will introduce a new countywide curb-to-curb service, new fare cards and a new fare structure based on trip mileage.

The new countywide curb-to-curb service will allow anyone in the county to schedule a ride with Chatham Transit to any location in the county. A rider must call Chatham Transit by noon the day before the desired trip to schedule a ride. The service is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost of rides, including trips within Pittsboro or Siler City, will be based on the length of the trip.

Chatham Transit will also begin offering a fare card that will allow riders to purchase multiple fares at a 20 percent discount. The cards will be available at several locations in Pittsboro and Siler City.

For new fares and more information, visit [chathamtransit.org](http://chathamtransit.org), email [info@chathamtransit.org](mailto:info@chathamtransit.org) or call 542-5136.

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social-justice activist in Carrboro and across North Carolina. She said in a statement that she looks forward to engaging the citizens of Carrboro over the next few months on the important issues facing the town. Lavelle said she hopes to continue the local leadership she has established over the past four years.

“During my first term, I have established a reputation as a person who listens and makes well-reasoned decisions,” Lavelle said in a statement. “I work hard to be accessible to my constituents and colleagues. Further, I actively represent the interests of Carrboro in a variety of regional settings.”

Chapel Hill

For Chapel Hill Town Council

cil, Jason Baker, Augustus Cho, Laney Dale and Lee Storrow have filed to run for seats. The terms of Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward and council members Donna Bell, Matt Czajkowski and Sally Greene will expire this year, leaving four open seats on the council. Ward, Bell and Czajkowski have not yet announced their plans for this fall’s election. Greene announced Tuesday that she will not seek reelection.

Baker, a part-time graduate student in geospatial information science at N.C. State University and a member of the marketing department at Weaver Street Market, is on the Chapel Hill Planning Board and has served on the town’s Comprehensive Plan Initiating Committee and Transportation Board.

“I am excited by the opportunity to serve my town and my community,” he said in a statement. “I hope to bring a new but

schedule change.

Perhaps Pedersen’s most controversial decision was his decision to build a second high school as Chapel Hill High School grew beyond its capacities.

“We had some discussion about whether we should expand to maybe 3,000 students, or do we open another high school? What drove those decisions was that the smaller the school, the more opportunity there is for student involvement,” Pedersen explained.

Although many argued that another high school (which opened as East Chapel Hill High School in 1996) would divide the town and decrease both

experienced perspective to the town council.”

Cho, who ran for mayor in 2009, is chair of the Chapel Hill Transportation Board and a member of the Community Design Commission. He has served on the Northern Area Task Force.

“I bring experience, leadership and clarity of thinking to the council as we face various and difficult challenges in the times ahead,” he said in a statement. “I look forward to campaigning as we address and seek solutions that will mutually benefit all.”

Dale, who runs two start-up mobile application companies, said he started getting involved with the town when he moved to Chapel Hill four years ago. He serves as vice chair of the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Commission.

“I found out I really wanted

to improve and maintain the quality of life here,” for everyone from students to older residents, he said. “I identified [the council] as the place I can make the most change.”

Storrow, managing director of the N.C. Alliance for Health, serves on the board of directors of the American Legacy Foundation and Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina.

“I’m running for town council because I want to be a coalition builder in our community,” he said. “In the advocacy work I’ve done on the local and state levels, I’ve focused on bringing diverse stakeholders together to solve our community problems. I want to bring that experience to our local governing process.”

The filing period closes on July 15.

PEDERSEN  
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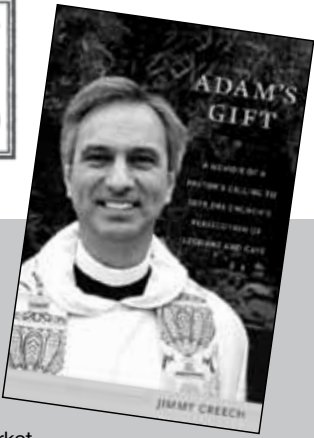
However, state policy soon switched to be in line with what Pedersen calls “the accountability movement.” With more of an emphasis on student proficiency, this change, which resulted in the development of the End-of-Grade and End-of-Course tests in 1994, encouraged districts to centralize their planning and standardize curricula.

It was this more heavy-handed approach that led to most of the controversies under Pedersen, including the debate over block scheduling in the early 2000s and this year’s final exam



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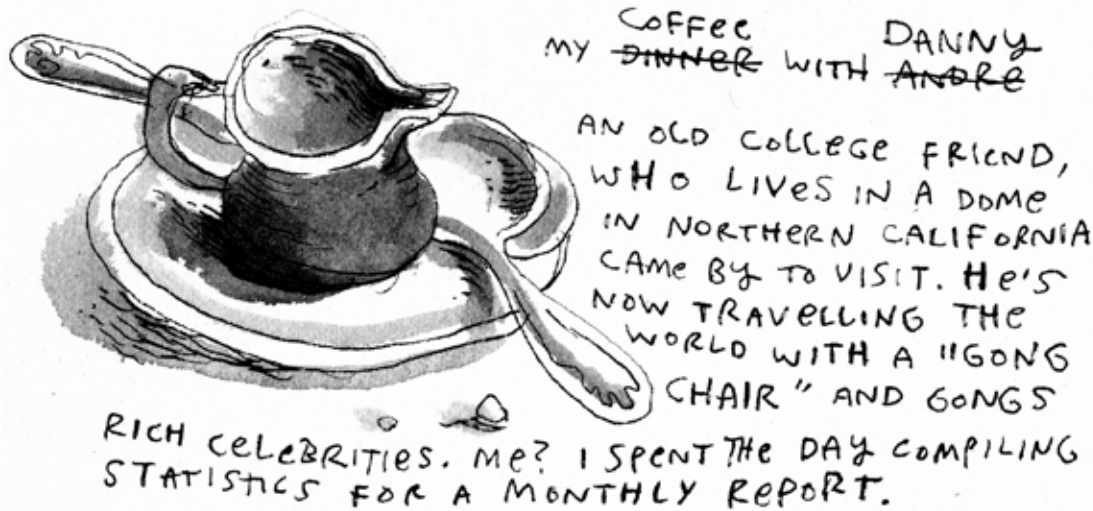
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For more information, email [filmfest@carrboro.com](mailto:filmfest@carrboro.com)

Fracking Bewareness event

A “Fracking Bewareness” event will be held at Fearrington Barn on July 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. to educate residents on the dangers of drilling for natural gas via hydraulic fracturing (also known as fracking). The event aims to examine questions on all sides of the hydro-fracking issue.

The event is free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, email [info@chathamcitizens.com](mailto:info@chathamcitizens.com)

Clean Jordan Lake wins grant

Clean Jordan Lake has won a \$3,400 grant from the BoatUS Foundation to increase its number of volunteers to help remove trash from the shoreline of the lake.

The grant will be used to produce signage and a brochure on the impact of shoreline trash designed to raise awareness within the boating community.

The grant will also provide website content aimed at attracting more boaters to future cleanup events.

The next cleanup event will be held Saturday, Oct. 1. Details are available at [meetup.com/help-cleanjordanlake](http://meetup.com/help-cleanjordanlake)

Call for Festifall artists

The Town of Chapel Hill seeks artists for the 39th annual Festifall, celebrating the area's cultural arts on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 1 to 6 p.m. along West Franklin Street.

The event will feature live entertainment for all ages, hands-on activities and local food, and artists are encouraged to apply to showcase their work. Upon acceptance, they will be eligible to win cash prizes. Applications are due July 30.

For more information or to apply, visit [townofchapelhill.org/festifall](http://townofchapelhill.org/festifall)

Native American music

There will be a musical performance by Native American style flutist Mark Holland and Autumn's Child on Saturday, July 23, at 7 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center.

Tickets cost \$15 per person and can be purchased in advance at the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department (100 N. Greensboro Street), or online at [townofcarrboro.org/rp/default.htm](http://townofcarrboro.org/rp/default.htm). Tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event starting at 5 p.m.

For more information concerning the group, visit [autumnschild.com](http://autumnschild.com). For more information about this performance, call 918-7378.

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](mailto:yourhealth@unc.edu)



Dear HOUSE Calls, I am 59 years old and have restless leg syndrome. I have been seeing a neurologist and have tried many medicines for this, but don't seem to be getting much relief. Do you have any recommendations?

Thank you for the question and sharing your experience. This is a hard problem and such an important one because of the impact on quality of life. Restless leg syndrome is an urge to move the legs (sometimes arms too) at night or a discomfort relieved by movement that interferes with sleep quality. We try to first work with patients on lifestyle factors that may improve restless leg syndrome and perhaps even sleep in general. Stretching before bed, cutting out caffeine and alcohol and quitting smoking can all help. There are lots of medications that may help, including anxiety medicines like Valium and Ativan, sleep med-

icines like Ambien, Parkinson's medicines like Levodopa and Requip and seizure medicines like Neurontin and Lyrica. Many of these medicines have significant side effects and success with treatment is variable. Consider the lifestyle tips if any apply and keep working with your neurologist or primary-care physician. Good luck.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I'm 60 and have noticed that as I've gotten older my joints aren't as supple and muscles aren't as strong as they used to be. I don't want to go to my doctor with every little bump and bruise, but on the other hand I don't want to ignore something serious. How do I tell the difference?

First off, most minor injuries such as those you are describing won't be greatly affected by delaying treatment a few days to see if things get better. Most people with significant trauma (like a broken bone) will know that the injury was

not a garden-variety bump or bruise and seek medical attention. For more chronic aches and pains, distinguishing between normal aging and something that we can treat may be a bigger challenge for you and your doctor. But before you get to that point, for most minor injuries, trying some ice, rest and anti-inflammatory medicine like ibuprofen would be a good first step. After a couple of days, add some stretching, and you can try heat to see if this brings better relief. If things don't improve within a week, consider a visit to your primary-care physician, at which point more specific diagnosis and treatment may be helpful.

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.

WEAVER STREET FROM PAGE 1

Seiz said the project is still on its original timeline, and estimates completion by March of next year.

During the construction on the east block, several business owners expressed concern that the project was keeping customers away. Nice Polido, owner of Carrboro Raw, said the project forced the closure of her smoothie

and juice bar.

Seiz said that for the next phases, town staff has distributed comment cards to impacted businesses.

“We’re going to make a concerted effort to follow up with the businesses as the construction progresses,” he said.

Baptist Knaven, manager of Provence, said he understood that the project needed to happen but that he was a little concerned about it.

“Since it is the summer and it

is kind of quiet around here, if it has to happen, this time is probably as good as any other time,” he said

Knaven said that once the work moves directly in front of Provence, it could have an impact on the restaurant’s outdoor dining.

“The timeframe of course is a big concern,” he said. “The first part of the project has been delayed. I’m afraid that the second part will be a little longer than they anticipate as well.”

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by Linda Thistle

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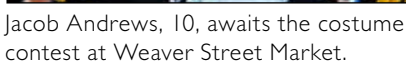
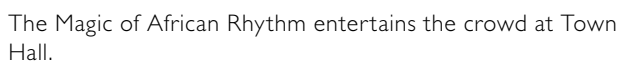
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Kim Shaffer has lost her job. It's not an unusual story lately – we probably all know someone who has recently become unemployed. Good employees are losing their jobs every day. But here's why we mention Shaffer's job loss. Just days after the program she works with was cut by the N.C. legislature, Shaffer presented a video about her work at a U.S. Department of Education policy briefing. The NCPTA Parental Involvement Initiative she works with was lauded as one of the four best such programs in the country.

The initiative was funded by the legislature about four years ago as a pilot program to increase parental involvement in their children's education. Shaffer worked with disadvantaged children in Cumberland and Hoke counties, helping them get excited about learning and helping parents become their children's advocates.

Shaffer accompanied teachers on visits to their students' homes. The insight those visits provided was invaluable: A teacher might learn that the notes he was sending home weren't being signed because his student's grandmother was illiterate. Or that a child's parents weren't coming to meetings because they lived way down a dirt road and didn't own a car. Such visits were an indication to students that their teachers cared about them and wanted them to succeed.

Shaffer created parent clubs and held pizza parties to entice parents to come to their children's schools – which might seem like the kind of "waste" politicians pride themselves on cutting, until you consider that many of those parents have been burdened with negative memories of their own schooling and need encouragement to come back. Few children can succeed in school without the support of their parents; that encouragement really matters.

The Parental Involvement Initiative was intended as a model that could be expanded to other areas of the state. It's been successful: Test scores have improved, parents are showing up at school much more often and teachers and administrators are joining the Department of Education in singing the program's praises. But its funding was cut by the legislature as of July 1, so unless money to replace that funding can be found from other sources the program's potential to help thousands of North Carolina's parents help their children succeed will have been wasted.

People in our area may see the end of this initiative as a shame, but one that has little to do with us. Our schools are being cut too, in all sorts of ways, and the initiative was always likely to be of more benefit to schools in poorer areas.

But here's the thing: The children that program served won't be in school forever, and if they don't do as well as they would have with its help, we'll all pay a price. From a purely self-interested standpoint, we should invest in helping them now so that we'll have more of the skilled workers our economy will require in the future. If we do our utmost to educate disadvantaged children, fewer of them will turn to welfare or crime. As Pearl Buck put it years ago: "If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all."

In the end, it's a question of morality. Again, Buck says it best: "The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members."

Shaffer passes that test with flying colors. But what about those who, in the interest of keeping taxes low, have killed the programs that care for the most disadvantaged among us? And those who've watched it happen, without protesting?

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Facing facts on the immediate future

BY KIRK ROSS

One of the great voids in life after having been a beat reporter is that three-to-five-hour slot on Monday formerly reserved for observing the very interesting machinations of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Fortunately, it's summer and distractions abound and somehow Monday night has flown by without even a thought as to what might be happening in the basement of Town Hall. Now that they're on break, that worry is gone. But even though I'm not watching every at-bat these days, there are a few lingering concerns.

As I tried to point out last week, I don't think this particular council has done much. That's not meant as a blistering critique but to underline the fiscal reality that has hamstrung the town. This council simply hasn't had the resources to do much more than follow through on preceding councils' ambitious plans, such as 140 West Franklin and the library expansion, while trying to make smart, strategic decisions about where to go from here. Council members have done their share of controversial development reviews, but, in the long run, the bigger changes they oversaw are likely to be the result of less-contentious items set in play years before, such as the new(ish) inclusionary zoning rules and the deal cut on Carolina North.

As ambitious and upbeat about the future as I'm sure those running for the next council will sound, voters should be on alert for signs of denial about the town's financial condition, the local economy and the commitments the town has made to its citizens.

The next council will have to face the likelihood that the revenue picture is not going to surge back – or at least not in a way that will offset the growing cost of maintaining and operating the Town of Chapel Hill. As Town Manager Roger Stancil has pointed out, there needs to be an intense discussion about what the town is willing and able to provide for its citizens. The conclusion he's reached, which I wholeheartedly agree with, is that there needs to be a reconciliation of the town's dreams and ambitions and its checkbook.

A full review of what we pay for, how and why is vital. The town's growth in physical size and in what it does has fueled a tremendous rise in the cost of providing services. There's also been a steady increase in staff costs driven by everything from the growing complexity of

development rules and new public facilities to initiatives in the arts and economic development.

Throughout Chapel Hill's expansive era, there was a kind of counterintuitive hope that somehow growth could be made to pay for itself and that infill will fix the revenue puzzle. The housing bubble likely masked some of the impact of that wayward thinking as the town cashed in on rising home values.

The town also got by through the deft use of grants and federal funding. Especially fortuitous was the U.S. Congress' willingness to bankroll much of the bus fleet expansion.

With huge leaps in housing values and a congress just wild about public transit growing distant in the rearview mirror, the next council could see more unanticipated gaps to cover. And it would be unwise in the extreme to count on any upside surprises coming from the General Assembly or the county commissioners.

In addition to a review of services and service levels, Stancil also has recommended the town look at new revenue streams. But ideas presented so far, like privatizing the 4th of July celebration, wrapping the buses in advertising and raising fees, are only going to nibble at the edge of the problem. With our local legislative delegation now assigned to the doghouse and the GOP leadership of the General Assembly decidedly less charitable to local governments, there's little chance the state would authorize any additional novel way to add to the town's coffers. Selling off a town asset or two, another means being discussed, will only yield a temporary fix and likely result in a lot of consternation for the money.

The financial situation and the imperative that it be remedied long term means that a much more serious approach to cost cutting and restructuring is looming. Going to once-a-week garbage pickup and roll-out carts, the last big cost-cutting move by the town, yielded big results but was fought passionately and proved a considerable chore to accomplish.

The current council and those aspiring to serve in town government should be doing everything they can to engage citizens in a discussion about the choices ahead. As in most election seasons, we'll likely hear plenty of talk in the coming months about the bright future in store for this town. This go-round, it is critical that we also hear a lot more about how we're going to get there.



A vote to remember

BY BOB HALL

Forty years ago this month, North Carolina played a pivotal role in expanding voting rights for American citizens. On July 1, 1971, our General Assembly became the final state legislature needed to ratify the 26th Amendment, which lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

A few days later, at a signing ceremony for the amendment, President Richard Nixon looked around the room of assembled young people and said, "America's new voters, America's young generation, will provide what America needs as we approach our 200th birthday – not just strength and not just wealth but the Spirit of '76, a spirit of moral courage, a spirit of high idealism in which we believe ... that the American dream can never be fulfilled until every American has an equal chance to fulfill it in his own life."

Thousands of miles away, 18-year-old Americans were fighting and dying in Vietnam. The cry of "old enough to fight, old enough to vote" had grown louder through the 1960s, and Congress finally proposed the 26th Amendment in March 1971. It sped through state legislatures, gaining the necessary ratification of three-quarters of the states with our General Assembly's historic vote.

Later this July, the General Assembly will consider several bills with a far different purpose. They aim to restrict, rather than expand, opportunities for qualified voters.

One proposal would eliminate the first week of early voting, even though this feature has helped North Carolina improve its dismal record of voter participation. Our turnout rate among voting-age adults finally reached 55 percent in 2004, the highest in a century, and then topped 60 percent in 2008 (it hit 70 percent of all registered voters that year, with plenty of room for improvement).

More than 2.4 million North Carolinians used early voting in 2008, including 706,000 in the first week. It makes no sense to cut back this feature that helps voters and saves the cost of splitting precincts and opening more expensive polling sites each Election Day.

Another proposal would end same-day registration and

voting. Young people are notorious procrastinators; many don't know the registration deadline is 25 days before Election Day and don't tune into the election's drama until the final days.

With same-day registration (SDR), a citizen who misses that deadline can go to an early-voting site, show proper identification, register and cast a retrievable ballot, all on the same day. About 250,000 North Carolinians used SDR in 2008, including 100,000 first-time voters (mostly youth) and nearly 150,000 who updated their address or name.

Some critics claim problems with verification of SDR-voters prove it's flawed, but they've used phony numbers to bolster their case. A true analysis shows the return rate of registration cards actually matches the normal turnover in addresses and confirms the multiple benefits of SDR.

Republican leaders will also seek to override Gov. Bev Perdue's veto of a hard-line bill requiring voters to show a government photo ID each time they vote. Perdue was right to call the bill excessive. Several states with a photo requirement accept IDs from private colleges or an affidavit signed at the poll under penalty of perjury – but not the North Carolina bill.

Despite scant evidence of voter impersonation, Republican leaders want an ID barrier that will disproportionately harm young adults, low-income voters, people of color, seniors who no longer drive and women who change their names. Even if only 2 percent of registered voters are harmed, that's 120,000 people.

North Carolina has a voting system that is nationally recognized for balancing access with security. Any change must be evaluated in how it advances both goals and their proper balance.

Voting is not a privilege like riding an airplane; it's a fundamental right that is our identity as citizens. In the best of the Spirit of '76, let us recognize that we all benefit when every American has an equal chance to participate in the dream.

Bob Hall is executive director of Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan voting rights organization.

Rethink lingering law

BY CHRIS BROOK

Carrboro passed an anti-littering ordinance applicable only to the intersection of Davie and Jones Ferry roads in 2007. The ordinance makes it a misdemeanor to "stand, sit, recline, linger, or otherwise remain" on this corner from 11 a.m.-5 a.m. It makes it illegal for anyone to socialize at a community event, hail a taxicab, stop to take a phone call, conduct a public survey, hand out fliers, collect donations or do anything else at this corner during the afternoon or evening hours. As was recently reiterated to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, this ordinance is unconstitutional. The N.C. Court of Appeals struck down an even narrower loitering ordinance in Winston-Salem, stating, "mere presence in a public place cannot constitute a crime." We should not accept such broad infringement of our First Amendment liberties in our progressive community.

The compelling constitutional arguments for rescinding our anti-loitering ordinance are best illustrated by the circumstances of Alberto "Beto" De Latorre. Beto has worked in Carrboro for 15 years. He has not always worked as a day laborer, but, with the recession, he has increasingly relied upon the corner for employment. As Beto told the board on June 28, "The corner is part of Carrboro. It's always been there, and we always know where to find a job there." The corner is the known location in our community to acquire day-laborer services. The ordinance requires Beto and the predominantly Latino day laborers who congregate there to leave the corner at 11 a.m., regardless of whether they have found work or done anything objectionable. Leaving the corner at 11 a.m. reduces the chances that Beto will earn a wage that day.

The ordinance also subjects Beto and other day laborers to humiliating and degrading treatment. Police arrive each morning at 11 a.m. and circulate until everyone disperses from the corner, on occasion even using their squad cars to herd workers off of the corner. "It feels bad when the police show up and tell you to leave. You feel like a criminal," says Beto.

Beto and the vast majority of individuals at the corner are not criminals; they are just seeking the rewards of a hard day's work. The ordinance was originally justified by problems ranging from public consumption of alcohol to public urination, but enforcement of the existing criminal code would address these problems. Punishing all for the conduct of one or two is fundamentally unfair.

Curtailling rights just because something bad could possibly occur is something the board typically opposes. For example, the board in June 2002 condemned the Bush administration's adoption of the USA Patriot Act on the grounds it was incompatible with "the human rights of all persons in Carrboro and their free exercise and enjoyment of any and all rights and privileges secured by our constitutions," including the right to assembly. Why is infringing upon the right to assembly any more appropriate here, when community members' livelihoods and humanity are at stake?

Beto has lived in Carrboro for far longer than I have, but I imagine we are both here because of the town's "pride in being known as a community rich in cultural and economic diversity," as trumpeted on its website. With its disproportionate burden on the community's Latino day laborers, the anti-littering ordinance is a blemish on Carrboro's progressive reputation. It also offers less Latino-friendly communities an excuse to institute similarly regressive policies. I urge the board to rescind this ordinance and prevent illegal conduct only through constitutional means. "The corner is part of Carrboro," and we all deserve better.

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Don't attempt a 'closer look' at trumpet creeper hanging over highway guardrails.

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another:

Don't let its pinnately compound leaves make you think the vine is wisteria. The compound leaves of trumpet creepers are opposite one another on the stem, in contrast to the alternate leaf arrangement of the awful exotic invasive wisteria.

Wisteria vines coil around and kill trees; trumpet creepers simply clamber loosely up trees without harming them. Flowers hang in clusters at the tips of long stems reaching down from points of varying heights, like low fence posts or abandoned chimneys.

They are quite noticeable,

once you learn to recognize them, overstretching the guardrails of our highways. Recently, I've been admiring some peachy-colored ones overhanging the guardrail along the eastbound lanes of I-40 just past The Streets at Southpoint intersection. Be warned, however; that this is not a good spot to slow down for a closer look. Just take pride in knowing what you're seeing.

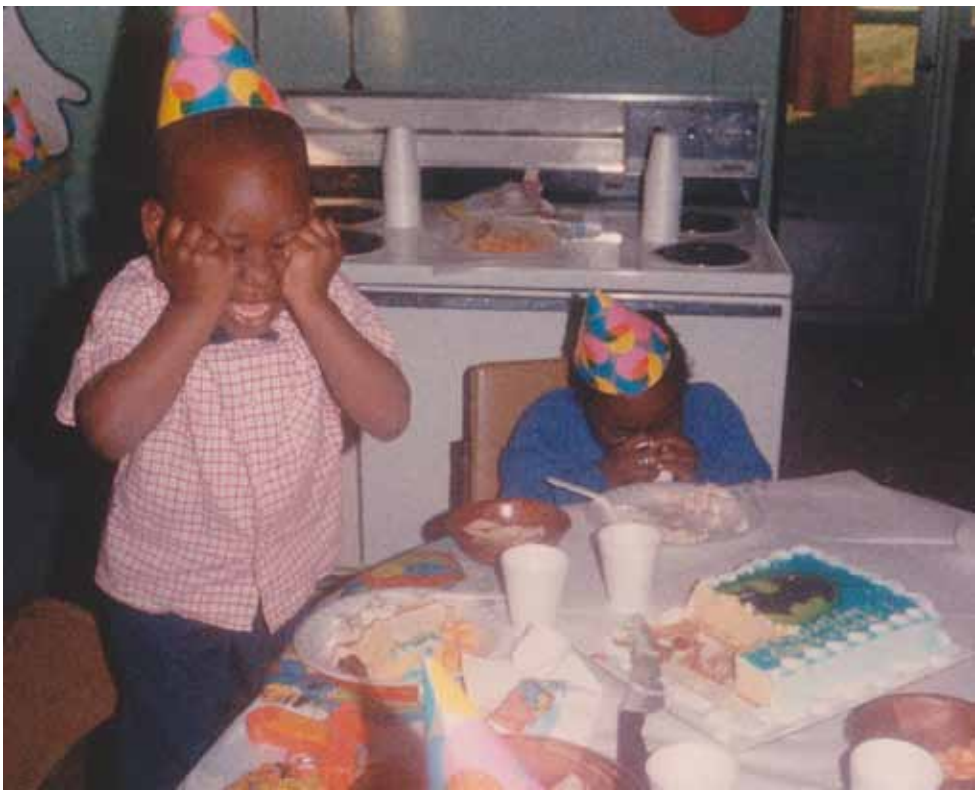
Closer to home is a mighty hardy trumpet creeper overhanging the retaining wall along the westbound N.C. 54 bypass exit onto Jones Ferry Road.

I'm fortunate to have a trumpet creeper that volunteered at the base of my bird-feeding posts just

outside my kitchen window. For years now, that vine has been showing off with flowers, with their accompanying pollinating hummingbirds, from early to late summer. I discovered several winters ago that goldfinches love to cling to the dried bean pod-like seed capsules to tease out the winged seeds during the early-winter months.

So, for those of you who already know this common native vine and for those who are just becoming familiar with it, I hope you find some to enjoy.

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The Ricky Jackson Batman Cake Massacre, 1990

If I asked you to go back into your childhood photo album and select a single picture that captured an unforgettable moment, what would it be? For former student-photographer Ricky Jackson Jr., it was the destruction of his beloved Batman cake at his birthday party in 1990. The "snapshot exercise," in which each student brings to class a memorable family image, inevitably yields a gem like Ricky's. To my way of thinking, such humble snapshots constitute nothing less than an invaluable, if unintentional, documentary record of American life. Ricky recalls, "When I was young, I was in love with Batman. I had all his toys and movies and even Batman covers on the bed. The photo was taken by my mom at my 3rd birthday party with all my family there ... from Philly, New York, New Jersey and various places in N.C. It was sort of like a big family reunion, one of the last for a long time. But even though I was surrounded by friends and family who I wouldn't see again for over 12 years, or who would leave, never to be seen again – all I could think about at such a young age was the fact that THEY CUT MY BATMAN CAKE!" The 2009 UNC communications studies major now co-owns a gym in Greenville, S.C., and says, "Now that I think about it, I wasn't only crying because they cut the cake, but also because it was the last time the family would be so complete."



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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the nation when the game starts, and no one can get the ball to the many scorers who surround him better than Marshall does.

He is also strong.

"We realize that Kendall was so effective that we expect him to get even better," Williams said. "One of the ways he can do that is prepare his body, try to get bigger, stronger and quicker, and have the stamina to do it over a full season if need be."

Williams added that Marshall also needs to be a better shooter.

UNC's point guard of the future appears to be Marcus Paige from Iowa (class of 2012). He can handle the ball with either hand and is another true point guard. Plenty of recruiting writers are chipping away at his talent, much the same way they did when Marshall committed. But remember this: Williams is the finest evaluator of talent in the nation.

Listed as 6 feet, 155 pounds, Paige is going to have to get stronger.

Nonetheless, Williams is rarely wrong about a kid he goes all in for during recruiting. When he picks his top guys, he does most of the recruiting. He flew to Iowa 11 times to recruit Barnes; he even visited later the same night that Krzyzewski made his official visit.

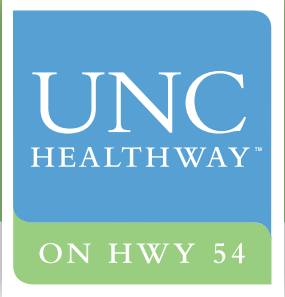
UNC's other early commitment is another player Williams has fallen in love with, J.P. Tokoto from Wisconsin. Tokoto won't wow most observers in these summer games. He is not a great jump shooter and will most likely never be. But at 6 feet 6 inches, 190 pounds, he can handle the ball, attack the rim and distribute it to his teammates. And with long arms and excellent athleticism, he has a chance to be an extraordinary defender.

The question following Williams around the country is who are going to be the next big men to wear Carolina uniforms. There are some talented prospects, and Williams often makes his final choice late in the chase for big guys. They mature later than the guards and wing players.


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