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Beware, poisonous berries of horse nettle look

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A teaching moment

The Carrboro Farmers' Market annual Tomato Day this Saturday is a great teaching moment. When tasting those cherry tomatoes, be aware of their poisonous, look-alike horse nettle cousins.

"I'm always nervous about reading in Flora that I have yanked out another one of those wild weeds for which you have such high regard."

That was the response from gardening friend Diana Steele following my expressed enthusiasm in spying a horse nettle, Solanun carolinense, in her Mason Farm Road curbside garden. She timidly admitted that it was one that had escaped her weeding earlier in the day.

Diana's forested garden is one of my favorite gardens because it is carefully tended so that it appears not untended. Knowing her garden is the discovery grounds enjoyed by the young children enrolled in Willow Hill Preschool, I offered an understanding nod, because the poisonous berries of horse nettle look like those tasty yellow-gold cherry tomatoes celebrated at the farmers' market.

Diana is wise to keep those low-to-the-ground tomato-lookalike fruit away from the natural curiosity of children, who would be inclined to view anything looking like a cherry tomato as safe to pick and eat. We need to teach the young ones that if such fruits are found in the wild, "do not eat it!'

Please make note that horse nettle is in the deadly nightshade family, Solanaceae, characterized by having poisonous properties. In this family also are some of our most useful plants, including potatoes, eggplant, tobacco, peppers and the revered cultivated tomato, Solanum lycopersicum. The leaves of tomatoes are poisonous to humans, but not to the deer that relish them. Tomato fruit, however, are safe, delicious and wonderfully varied as you can discover by tasting more than 70 varieties at Tomato Day.

Nature has plants both poisonous and edible, and we

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Court upholds mental health benefits

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

The Supreme Court's decision to uphold most provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is good news for many previously uninsured North Carolinians with mental health and substance-use issues. The state leg-

provisions it may opt not to adopt.

Under the PPACA, beginning in 2014 no one can be denied insurance coverage due to a pre-existing condition. Insurers can no longer impose lifetime dollar limits on benefits, and annual limits will no longer be allowed after 2014.

islature will now determine which dies to help people buy insurance. Health-insurance exchanges - online marketplaces in which individuals and small businesses can compare competing policies - will allow consumers to choose a private health-insurance plan tailored to their needs.

Julie Bailey, interim executive di-The PPACA also provides subsi-rector of Mental Health America of the Triangle (MHAT), said that the upholding of the PPACA will have a positive effect on people living with mental illness or substance issues in several regards.

"One aspect I'm excited about is it opens options for treatment to many people who currently aren't able to

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Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge founder Lenore Braford connects with a sheep at Farm Sanctuary in upstate New York, where she interned to gain practical skills for running a local refuge. PHOTO BY PAUL DRAKE

Seeking refuge

BY ROSE LAUDICINA

Staff Writer

Located in Pittsboro off N.C. 87 are just under 16 acres soon to be dedicated to rescuing farm animals.

The place is called the Piedmont Braford's way of fostering her love of animals, educating the public about the harms of factory farming and providing support for those who want to know more about where their food comes from and the vegan lifestyle. Braford hopes to open the refuge within the horses," she said. "We have a limited

next month.

The Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge will be a sanctuary where rescued farm animals will come to live out the rest of their lives and the public can come for

While the organization's name -Farm Animal Refuge, and it's Lenore including the words "farm animal" - might confuse people to think it includes horses, the animals there will primarily be those in factory farms that are eaten, like chickens. Due to space limitations, larger animals will be limited.

ability to take larger animals because of space."

"We are probably going to fill up very quickly because we do not have that much land," Braford added. At this point the refuge consists of

nothing but space, as there are no animals yet on the 16-acre farm.

To fill the refuge, Braford hopes to receive animals from a variety of places such as the animal shelter and factory farms or stockyards.

Braford anticipates getting ani-"We probably won't be rescuing mals typically referred to as "downed animals" from factory farms and stockyards. A downed animal is a farm animal that lives in a stockyard and has something physically wrong with it. Typically, these animals are seen by the industry as costing more then they're worth and are killed, when often they just need simple medical care to get back to good health, Braford said.

"I have always had a love for animals, and once I kind of learned about factory farming and what farm animals go through, I knew I wanted to be involved in something like this," Braford said.

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Main St. sewer issue resolved

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

After nearly a year of uncertainty and temporary fixes, the sewer issues related to the 100 block of East Main Street have been resolved with grant funding secured by Carrboro officials.

Earlier this summer, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen authorized the application for grant funding from the N.C. Department of Commerce's Small Business Entrepreneurial Assistance Grant Program, administered through the Division of Community Investment and Assistance, to fund the extension of a sewer line along Roberson Street. Through the program, funding is available to local governments to assist existing small businesses and entrepreneurs in expanding, creating or retaining jobs.

Last August, a private sewer line began to discharge sewage in a parking

lot behind businesses on the 100 block Main Street main – an option that of East Main Street. A temporary fix was made to the line, and owners of property on the south side of the block of Main Street from Armadillo Grill to Friendly Barber began working to permanently fix the problem.

Because the line in question is a private line, OWASA policies state that the utility is not responsible for maintaining it, leaving property owners responsible for the high-cost fix.

Without a long-term fix, the issue could have forced the closure of the restaurants and bar on the block. However, property owners ran into issues with the repair, which would have required crossing over the property of Jean Ward, who owns the building that houses Friendly Barber and the Orange County Social Club. Given the location of her property, Ward had the option to separate from the group and run her own line to the

other property owners didn't have without going through cost-prohibitive plumbing renovations.

Property and business owners appealed to the town for help, and the town attempted to negotiate a public easement over Ward's property for the line, but an agreement could not be reached, and town officials determined that extending a sewer line along Roberson Street would be the best option for the repairs.

For the sewer project, estimated to cost \$233,600, the town received \$171,700 in grant funding. The remainder will be covered by matching funds from the town and Orange

Carrboro economic-development director Annette Stone said the project will aid in the retention of 140 jobs

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Local legislators paint dark picture

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL - Reflecting on the 2011-12 General Assembly session that wrapped up last week, Orange County's elected delegation painted a pretty bleak picture at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce's annual State Legislative Briefing, held Tuesday morning at Chapel Hill Country Club.

The 100 percent Democratic delegation – the norm in our left-leaning

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Celebrating community collaboration through art

RECENTLY ... BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Step into the Clay Centre of Carrboro and arrive in the tranquility of a flowing, creative space. For a decade, Barbara Higgins has watched her dream-come-true on Lloyd Street evolve into a community collaborative, and recently she and the other artists of the Clay Centre celebrated that achievement at the contemporary Asian-influenced establishment.

"In our studios we work privately," Higgins said, "but there's a communal feel and group energy that happens. Artists need quiet space, but we also need the stimulation of the group."

She credits her husband, Jim Higgins, with helping her set up the bookkeeping and for designing and planting the courtyard.

"He's a biostatistician and a genius with numbers," Higgins said.

"What I've tried to create here is an environment for creative work that's both calm and serene and stimulating at the same time. The stimulation comes from the other artists."

She has clearly achieved her purpose. Driving into the gravel parking lot and walking into the open breezeway, there's an almost magnetic pull (maybe its feng shui) that signals



Barbara Higgins at the Clay Centre she created in Carrboro

SEE **RECENTLY** PAGE 4 PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY JULY 12

Cat's Cradle: Superchunk, Gross Ghost. 9pm. \$15 The Cave: LATE: Patrick Turner, Chris Wilson and Planet Earth

City Tap: Brad Maiani Trio. 8pm The Depot: Lise Uyanik's Jazz

Quartet.. 8pm Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm

Local 506: Girl in a Coma, The Honorable South. 8:30pm. \$10-12

Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio. 7pm. Sarah Shook and The Devil, Steph Stewart and the Boyfriends. 9pm

University Mall: The Embers. 6pm Weaver St. Market (Hills): Mebanesville, Jean Caffeine. 6:30pm

FRIDAY JULY 13

Bynum Front Porch: The Swayback Sisters. 7pm. Donations Caffee Driade: Rob Dimauro. 8pm Carolina Inn: Big Fat Gap. 5pm

Cat's Cradle: Best Coast, Those Darlins. 9pm. \$17/19 The Cave: EARLY: Red Threads Late: Titanium Rex

Chapel Hill Underground: K-Rox, Billie Blaze. 10pm

City Tap: Zam Bam Boogie The Depot: Ironing Board Sam. 8:15pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: India Cain, Keith Allen. 6pm

The Kraken: Tim Stambaugh. Free Local 506: Flagship. 9pm. \$8-10

Milltown: Andrew Marlin, Josh Oliver, Seth Barden. 10pm. Free Nightlight: Mike Tamburo, Phil

Cook and His Feat. 9:30pm. \$5 Open Eye: Tripp, Chris Wilson,

Planet Earth. 8pm Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

Tres Amigos: HWYL. 8pm

United Methodist Church:

SPOTLIGHT: BEST COAST



Fuzzy surf-pop band Best Coast will play at Cat's Cradle Friday, July 13.

If you have yet to take a dip in the lo-fi vein of surf-rock, this is your chance. Best Coast hits listeners with the most addictive waves of guitar and vocals. Their second album, The Only Place, released in May, adds to their collection of dancey garage tunes that no one can turn down. Come out and beat the heat with these charming beach rockers.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9. The tickets are \$17 in advance and \$19 day of the show.

Voices perform Stairway to Heaven. 7:30pm. \$12/general, \$6/student **SATURDAY JULY 14**

City Tap: Barrowburn. 8pm Carolina Brewery (Pitts): Lee Gildersleeve and The Bad Dog Blues Band. 7pm

Cat's Cradle: Cynamatik: The Colosseum Games. 8pm. \$10/12/17 **The Cave:** EARLY: The Oblation LATE: River Rats

Chapel Hill Underground: JokesandJokesandJokes, Bros Alien. 10pm

City Tap: Barrowburn. 8pm The Depot: Greg Hawks and Blue-

mont Road. 8:15pm Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Les Cowbelles. 8pm Local 506: Anoop Desai, Phive. 9pm. \$8-10

Nightlight: Clock Work Kids. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye: Matt Phillips. 8pm

SUNDAY JULY 15

Ackland Art Museum: The Durham Ukulele Orchestra. 2pm

The Cave: EARLY: Matt V's Rock Camp LATE: Justin James

The Chapel of the Cross: Molly Quinn, Stafford Wing, Wylie Quinn present Songs - Sacred and Worldly. 3pm Donations

Nightlight: MV and EE, Herbcraft,

Snake. 9:30pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Mahalo Jazz. 7pm Southern Village: Fairest Flower.

Weaver St. Market (CBO): Justin Johnson. Ham

MONDAY JULY 16

Cat's Cradle: Crocodiles, Eternal Summers. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: LATE: Nanner Head, Men On Earth

Local 506: Heartcakeparty, Scream Out loud, Wealth in Water, Close Up On the Quiet Ones. 8pm. \$7

Nightlight: Jphonol, Bigawatt. 9:30pm. \$5

Unity Center of Peace: Parvati. 7pm. \$15/20

TUESDAY JULY 17 The Cave: LATE: Jesse Payne,

Puritan Rodeo

La Residence: Shawn Deena. 7pm Local 506: Marc Scibilia, James Brown, Emerge. 8pm. \$8-9

Nightlight: Kyle Arthur Miller. 9:30pm. \$5

Piola: Swing 'N' Jazz Trio. 7pm Southern Rail: The Low Counts.

Weathervane: John Howie Jr. 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 18 The Cave: LATE: Sam Grow **Local 506:** He's My Brother She's My Sister, Golden Animals, The Shy Guys. 9pm. \$7-9

Southern Rail: Gmish Klezmer Band, 7pm

THURSDAY JULY 19

Carrboro Century Center: Jo Gore and the Alternative. 7:30pm Cat's Cradle: Gaslight Anthem.

The Cave: EARLY: Geoff Gilson

LATE; Earths Collide, Sacarum Chapel Hill Underground: Gasol.

City Tap: Doug Largent Trio. 8pm The Depot: Gabe Smiley. 6pm

Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm Local 506: Hank and Cupcakes, The

Nightlight: Doc Watson Tribute Show. 7pm. \$5

Broadcast. 9pm. \$10-12

Southern Rail: Holland Brothers.

University Mall: The Fantastic Shakers. 6pm

Weaver St. Market (Hills): Onyx Club Boys. 6:30pm

FRIDAY JULY 20

Bynum Front Porch: Samantha Casey and The Bluegrass Jam. 7pm. **Donations**

Caffe Driade: Laura Thurston. 8pm Cat's Cradle: Valient Thorr, Royal Thunder, The Kickass, Caltrop. \$10/12 Carolina Inn: Big Fat Gap. 5pm The Cave: EARLY: Pick Your Switch.

\$5 LATE: Wooden Toothe, Last In

City Tap: Joe Bell and The Stinging Blades. 8pm. Sarah Shook and The Devil. 10pm

The Depot: Doc Branch Band. 8pm

The Kraken: Phatlynx. Free Local 506: Girls Rock NC Camper Showcase. 6:30pm. \$5. Strut. 10pm

Nightlight: The Record, Morning Brigade, Ben Griffith. 9:30pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY JULY 21

Caffee Driade: Emily Pate. 8pm Carolina Brewery (Pitts): Raven's

The Cave: EARLY: Shana Falana. \$5 LATE: Cusses, Octopus Jones, White

City Tap: New Town Drunks.

6:45pm. The Swang Brothers. 8pm **Community Church of CH:** Brother Sun. 7pm. \$15/18 The Depot: Boys From Carolina.

The Kraken: Rootzie. 9pm

Local 506: Tim Barry, Josh Small, Julie Karr. 9pm. \$10

Nightlight: Billy Sugarfix's Carousel, Thomas Comerford, Katherine Wha-

Open Eye: January Gray. 8pm

len and Her Fascinators. 8pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve and the Bad Dog Blues Band. 6pm

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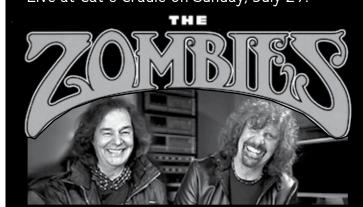


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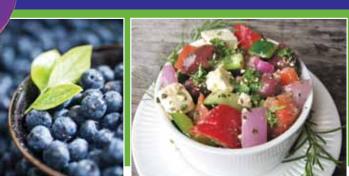


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Briefs

Businesses, attendees help cover July 4 costs

More than 27,000 people attended Chapel Hill's July 4 celebration at Kenan Memorial Stadium.

The event, presented by WCHL and chapelboro.com, featured fireworks, musical entertainment and a watermelon-eating contest. Last year, the event was cancelled because of budget cuts, but due to support from the community the event was brought back this year. Local business donated nearly \$12,000 toward the \$42,000 cost of the event and attendees donated more than \$8,000 at the door.

Orange County purchases parking deck

Last Friday, Orange County closed on the purchase of the Eno River Parking Deck in Hillsborough.

The parking deck is located behind the Gateway Center and adjacent to the Orange County West Campus Office Building. The parking deck should ensure that there is enough public parking available in downtown Hillsborough. For now, there is no charge for parking in the public portions of the deck, but unauthorized overnight parking is prohibited.

Lane Closures on Franklin Street

Traffic lanes at the intersection of Franklin and Mallette streets will be closed through July 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The lanes will be closed to allow a signal upgrade at the intersection. Motorists should use caution when driving in this area. For more information, contact Bojan Cvijetic at bcvijetic@nc-

Hillsborough enforcing bulk items, rollout cart rules

Under a new town ordinance, Hillsborough is enforcing its bulk-items collection and rollout-cart polices with fines.

The ordinance says bulk items, such as mattresses and furniture, may be placed at the curbside no earlier then seven calendar days before the scheduled collection date. Rollout carts may be placed by the curb after 6 p.m. on the day preceding collection day, but residents are responsible for removing all solid-waste receptacles from the street by 6 a.m. the day after collection. Those who do not follow town policy will be sent violation notices and will have five days from notice date to comply with ordinances.

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Fraleys sue football coach, BOE

BY ROSE LAUDICINA

Staff Writer

It's been almost four years since Malinda and David Fraley came home on Aug. 12, 2008 to find their 17-year-old son, Atlas, dead on the floor.

And although years have passed, the Fraleys are still looking for answers. In their search, they've turned to the law.

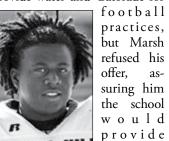
Late last month, the Fraleys, through the law office of Twiggs, Strickland & Rabenau, filed a lawsuit against the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education and Chapel Hill High School football coach Issac Marsh.

According to the civil-action lawsuit, the Fraleys are suing Marsh and the school system for negligence, claiming they had spoken with Marsh and warned him about a previous incident in 2007 in which Atlas collapsed after a football practice due to dehydration and required emergency medical treatment.

The lawsuit states that after the incident on Aug. 13, 2007, David Fraley spoke with Marsh so he would be aware of the situation and would be able to monitor Atlas at practice in case

he showed signs of cramping or Defendant Marsh did not proother symptoms of dehydration or heat-related illness.

During this discussion, David Fraley offered to help Marsh provide water and Gatorade for



AMERICI IIII enough flu-Atlas Fraley ids for play-

ers, according to the lawsuit. The Fraleys claim that Marsh agreed to contact them immediately if in the future Atlas experienced any cramping during

However, the lawsuit claims that almost a year later, on Aug. 12, 2008, during an unscheduled Tigers football practice and scrimmage held at Middle Creek High School in Apex, Atlas exhibited signs of serious cramping and headaches during the scrimmage, where no fluids were provided, and Marsh failed to inform his parents of his symp-

"On information and belief

vide or ensure access to water, sports drinks or other fluids for his players," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit goes on to state, "The only fluids present for much of the practice belonged to the other teams located hundreds of feet away, not reason-

ably accessible to Tigers players." In addition to there being a lack of availability of fluids, the Fraleys claim there were no areas of shade provided for the players, who were dressed in full football gear and protective equipment, which violated rules and policies contained in the 2008-09 high school coaches handbook.

In the lawsuit, the Fraleys accuse Marsh of negligence, claiming teammates tried to help hydrate Atlas when he begin exhibiting signs of cramping and distress, but were unable to find cups to put fluid in.

They also state in the lawsuit they believe that if Marsh had attempted to contact either of them, "more likely than not Atlas would have survived."

Although those implicated in the case cannot comment on the lawsuit, it hasn't prevented Marsh from attending summer workouts with the Tiger football

Kendall Simms, a rising senior on the Chapel Hill High football team, said that while everyone is aware of the lawsuit, they are trying not to let it interfere with their team.

'We haven't openly discussed it, although people know about it," Simms said. "We don't like seeing coach Marsh in a compromising position."

Simms said that he has never experienced a lack of fluids at practice and that Marsh always makes sure they are hydrating before, during and after workouts and games. However, since he came in a year after Atlas Fraley's death, he can't comment on whether this practice was adhered to before the incident.

"[Marsh] is very involved and checks in with us on a daily basis and makes sure things are going OK." Simms said. "Coach Marsh is basically like a father figure to a lot of guys on the team."

With regard to the lawsuit, Simms said he and his teammates don't really understand why the family is suing Marsh.

"It is kind of a confusing time for us," he said. "We all feel for coach Marsh and for the family."

ANIMAL REFUGE

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Her own refuge

To get involved with a farmanimal rescue organization, Braford realized she would have to start one herself.

"I started thinking about doing something like this four years ago," Braford said. "There really isn't anything around here like this."

Although she did not study agriculture – instead graduating from Oberlin College with a degree in environmental studies -Braford begin doing internships at animal sanctuaries and wildlife rehab centers to understand

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how they operate in preparation for opening her own refuge.

Through an internship at the Carolina Tiger Rescue, where she currently works, Braford learned about how nonprofits

"There are a lot of people here who have supported me and are my mentors here," Braford said of Carolina Tiger Rescue.

While Carolina Tiger Rescue was able to teach her about running a nonprofit, she knew she wanted - and needed - to learn more about running a sanctuary specific to farm animals, and to do that she went to upstate New

Farm Sanctuary New York is 175 acres where hundreds of animals, from cows to pigs to chickens, are cared for while thousands of visitors a year come to be educated about the animals' lives and factory farming.

"I went there to learn as much as I could about caring for farm animals," Braford said. "The director, Susie Coston, is an amazing wealth of knowledge, so when I was there I was just trying to suck in as much information from her as I could."

"There is so much to know, and I don't know everything yet."

In the future, once the refuge is filled with animals, Braford hopes to have an on-site kitchen to host food events and vegan cooking classes to help people

understand the connections between their food and the source.

'We want to make connections for people," Braford said. "I see in our culture a lot of ignorance about food. ... We don't know a bunch about what happens behind the scenes."

While prepping for the refuge to open, Braford and her all-volunteer board is hosting fundraisers and trying to get information out through their Facebook page, facebook.com/Piedmont-FarmAnimalRefuge

"We are all about rescuing animals, educating about what factory farms are like and all about vegan food."



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UNC football training camp priorities

BY EDDY LANDRETH

Staff Writer

As summer camp draws closer, a few questions stand out regarding top priorities for firstyear UNC football coach Larry Fedora, his staff and their new

The coaching staff will have plenty of priorities on the field, but the most important of all is not about schematics, blocking, tackling, running, tossing or receiving. The number-one concern has to be building relationships with these players to win their hearts, minds and loyalty - and the sooner, the better.

"These coaches have done a great job of building relationships with these guys," Fedora said. "It's a little bit harder for me because there are 100 I have to deal with. But that takes time. You don't build relationships overnight. These guys will understand we truly care about



going to tell us if some players are dragging their feet, waiting to

football

players but as people."

Here is

the reality:

No one is

reminiscing about Butch Davis or some former assistant. When Davis first arrived, the team as a whole bought in quicker than normal. The kids wanted to win so badly, and

see if the system will work or

Davis could cast quite a spell with young men. You have to give Fedora his due from what we have seen so far. His enthusiasm and spirit for the kids and the game seem genuine. But as he says, there will be more than 100 people

cannot all be happy. There will them, not be those who feel they should be playing and others who don't care for something, be it the scheme, their position coach or the lack of passes they receive.

Being teenagers or in their early twenties, the lack of maturity is going to affect others

Now, before you scream that I'm being negative, I would argue I'm being realistic. Athletic teams consist of human beings. These people have egos, particularly after all the recruiting and praise coaches from different schools have heaped on them for the past two or three years.

One former Carolina assistant once told me it takes a whole year to de-recruit most of these kids and bring them back

Of course, one helpful tool in this pursuit is that the program has talent and competition. And for the new players, almost all of them, if not all, will look around and for the first time in their lives be on a team that is full of players just as big or bigger, just as fast or faster, just as good or better.

One of the reasons the program improved so quickly under Davis is that he quickly loaded it with excellent talent, and the kids had to compete for playing time.

Fedora is going to do the same thing. If there is one thing I would bet the farm on, it is that Fedora is going to recruit well, and his recruiting will only get better the further the program gets from the horror of the last two years.

The next priority is to continue to teach this group how to practice faster, play faster and do so with concentration and within the schemes. The more quickly this can be accomplished, the sooner the Tar Heels will be a genuine force.

"One goal coming out of [spring] ball was we had to have a good understanding of our base, offensive, defense and special teams, the fundamentals," Fedora said. "We did that. I think our guys understand the base concepts.

"Two was to learn how to practice the new Carolina Way, the way we need to [play] with energy and passion and enthusiasm throughout a practice," Fedora said. "We're not there yet. Our work capacity is not where it needs to be. You have to be in better condition to be able to

Even the recruits who were able to watch some practices in the spring were somewhat shocked and awed when they discovered the true meaning of 'fast" in Fedora vocabulary.

The Tar Heels picked up the pace in practice under Davis, but now it is warp speed, as in the speed the old Star Trek spaceship used to move.

"The pace is crazy," said freshman quarterback Kanler Coker, who had a chance to watch spring practice. "It's just super fast."

The good news is the returning players at least had a chance to experience where Fedora and the coaches are driving them.

"Being tired is really a mental thing," returning 1,000yard rusher Giovani Bernard said. "The new tempo in this offense brings out a lot about you. As spring went on, we got more and more comfortable with the offense and with the condition-

From what appeared to be the overall attitude in the spring, summer camp should be a continuation of what these kids and coaches accomplished in the spring.

PPACA

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afford services," Bailey said. "We know that mental illness is treatable and recovery is possible. We also know that about two-thirds of the people who currently live with a mental illness don't seek treatment," primarily due to affordability.

The PPACA requires that all plans sold in the exchanges include mental health and substance-abuse services coverage, and, Bailey said, this treatment will now be more affordable.

Doing away with exclusions for pre-existing conditions is another positive outcome, Bailey

"Here at MHAT we have seen clients move to a new job and been told by their new employer that they don't qualify for a family health plan because their child has bipolar disorder," Bailey said, "which has meant they can only have single coverage and have to find other ways to continue coverage to meet their child's mentalhealth needs.

She also points to the elimination of lifetime caps on benefits as very important for those living with mental illness.

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"We've observed many young adults losing their health-care coverage between ages 18 and 23, and their treatment services stop almost instantly," she said. 'This is where they fall through the cracks in treatment and often where things fall apart for them with their illness and their ability to lead a successful, independent

The road ahead

The campaign for more and better services now shifts to the

First is the question of whether the legislature will vote to create a health-insurance exchange in the state. Lawmakers closed their session last month without coming to a decision. If the state fails to establish an exchange by early next year, the federal government will run the state's program. Thirty-three states and Washington, D.C., are now proceeding in creating exchanges.

Then there's the question of whether the legislature will vote to expand Medicaid, a joint federal-state program for low-income Americans that often covers those with disabilities. The Supreme Court ruled that the PPACA prowith the provision that allows vision to expand Medicaid eligi-

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bility to include anyone making less than 133 percent of the poverty line will be an optional one each state has the discretion to expand its program.

The incentives are there, said state Rep. Verla Insko, pointing out that states will receive 100 percent federal funding for the first three years of services for those who were previously ineligible for Medicaid, tapering down to 90 percent thereafter.

"That first three years is the most expensive time when you bring a new population into Medicaid," Insko said, and the federal government will be paying for it.

Insko also believes there will be pressure to opt into Medicaid expansion from hospitals, which now regularly provide unpaid emergency services to those with mental illness and substance-

"I think there will be pressure from the hospitals, from medical-care providers, from durable medical-equipment providers," Insko said, "because they all stand to make more money."

"I'm anxious to see how it all plays out in the end," Bailey said, and just hope that consumers don't become greater victims while we all wait for the dust to

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visitors that quietude and creativity reign here. Each studio has a glass door that is entered off the central courtyard, so artists can have separateness while being aware of their surroundings if they wish.

As a cooperative, the artists share a lot of the resources. "We share equipment, glaze recipes, the spray booth, kiln firings, firing tips, information about glaze composition and a social life," Higgins said. "Different types of support and technical information flow back and forth."

A native of Montclair, N.J., Higgins was one of five children in a family that moved to Charlotte when she was in the fifth grade. After graduating from UNC (with a major in literature and a minor in art history), she volunteered with a brand-new program, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), which President Kennedy had led the effort on and Gov. Terry Sanford had piloted in North Carolina. That was where she met and fell in love with Jim, school at Cornell and she went clean it up," Higgins said.

to work for the government in Washington, D.C. When the Vietnam War

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ratcheted up and Jim lost his deferment, he joined the U.S. Navy and they moved to California. While there, she received a master's in international relations, and after five years they moved back here, where Barbara had her first pottery class with Jim Pringle. While raising their two children, James and Laura, Barbara did freelance editing and delved deeper into pottery, including teaching

"I had been saving and thinking about setting up a studio for the co-op and myself," and as so often happens, when she started talking about it the people who could turn dream into reality were there to help her. The father of a former student connected her with Carrboro architect Jack Haggerty and designer David Ontjes. Three adjacent lots were available on Lloyd Street at a time when the neighborhood was

with Chapel Hill Parks & Rec-

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recovering from difficult times.

Classes are held at the Clay Centre only during the academic year, but artist studios and a gift shop can be visited throughout the year.

"The business model is based on the rental of studios and is not dependent upon pottery sales," Higgins said. "I keep rentals as low as I can so artists can afford it."

She's exploring online expansion and working with Jackie Helvey to make instructional videos like the one now on the website (claycentre.com).

"I like to work in little movies showing how to make a particular type of piece," Higgins

Just like starting the wheel that turns a piece of clay, Higgins set her dreams into motion, creating a center for anyone interested in learning, developing or appreciating the art of turning elements of nature into useful objects of beauty. Check the website in August for the coming season's schedule of classes.

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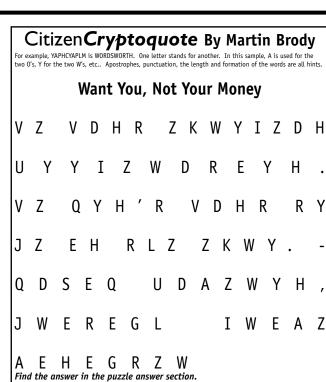
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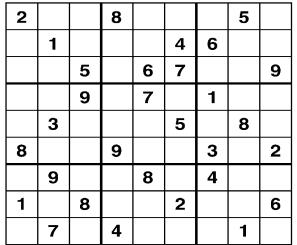
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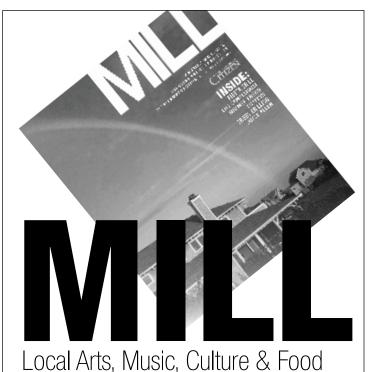


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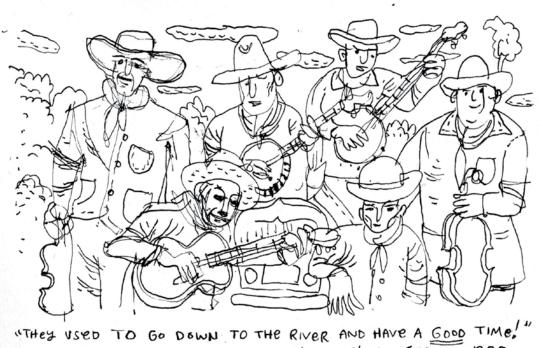


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HOUSE Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with The Carrboro Citizen to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



Dear HOUSE Calls, Does tinnitus run in the family?

Tinnitus is a ringing or buzzing in the ear. It is usually unprovoked and sometimes associated with other conditions, such as hearing loss. It is usually a nuisance condition and often hard to treat, but it can sometimes be a sign of something more dangerous. So please get this checked out by your doctor. Tinnitus can be inherited, and there has been a gene linked to this condition.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I suffer from headaches and sinus problems, which have been worse recently. Could this be due to extreme changes in

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regards to how changes in weather change sinus pain, pressure and related headaches. Certainly, there are some things that might muddy the issue. Extreme swings in weather are common in the spring and fall, also the most common time for allergies, which can make sinus pressure worse. Also, many people will treat allergies with decongestants, such as pseudophedrine. These medicines can cause rebound headaches. Try to avoid decongestants, and instead take ibuprofen or naprosyn for headaches and antihistamines for allergies.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I'm on my feet 12 hours a day in a kitchen, and often my feet get wet. My feet have been itchy, red and peeling. Is this athlete's foot? What do you recommend?

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It sounds like athlete's foot. This is a fungal infection, and not just for athletes. If this is the case, over-thecounter anti-fungal creams are a great place to start. We usually recommend that you use them for a couple of weeks. Also, wear cotton socks and change them once mid-shift. Athlete's foot is often a chronic and recurrent condition. If it does not respond or it recurs, see your family physician. It could be a type of eczema as well.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

Community Briefs

Muppets at Locally Grown tonight

The Locally Grown Rooftop Movies and Music series continues tonight (Thursday) with a free showing of *The Muppets*.

The series features free movies and live concerts on Thursday evenings this summer. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. on the Wallace Parking Deck at 150 E. Rosemary St.

Locally Grown offers free valet bike parking, and all cyclists will be entered in a raffle for local bike shop goods and services. For more information, visit locally-grown.com

Low-cost rabies vaccinations

The Orange County Animal Services Center will hold a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic on July 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The clinic is offering one-year vaccinations for \$10. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must stay in individual cat carriers.

The Animal Services Center is located at 1601 Eubanks Road. For more information, visit orangecountync.gov/animalservices/rabies.asp

Strowd Roses awards grants

The Strowd Roses Foundation made grants

to the following organizations in June: Blankets for Children (Christ United Methodist Church), Carrboro Music Festival, Community Nutrition Partnership, EmPOWERment, Farmer Foodshare, Franklin Street Arts Collective, Greater Chapel Hill Association of Realtors' "Fix-A-Home" program, The Hill Center, Planned Parenthood of Central NC, Prevent Blindness North Carolina, Student Coalition for Action in Literacy and University United Methodist Preschool.

The foundation will make its final round of grants for 2012 in September. Nonprofit organizations wishing to apply should submit their requests by July 31. Guidelines and application forms may be found at strowdroses.org

Craft market continues

This Saturday, the Carrboro Craft Market will be held on the patio at Open Eye Café from

The market will feature locally handmade goods and specialty foods, as well as live musical entertainment throughout the day. For more information, visit carrborocraftmarket.com

Community Calendar

FRIDAY JULY 13

Art Reception — For Frank Gallery's exhibit Give Me Wings. 109 E. Franklin St., 6-9pm

Fundraiser — In support of a documentary film in production, Bringing It Home, about hemp production and a greener future for America. The City Tap, 89 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro, 6-8pm \$20-22

Art Reception — Featuring a ceramic exhibit by Thrown Together, a group of five potters from the Charlotte area, and On the Road Landscapes with Automobiles by Emily Weinstein. NC Crafts Gallery,

Artwalk — 2ndFriday Artwalk. Downtown Carrboro, 6-9pm

SATURDAY JULY 14

Local Foods Dinner — Carrboro United Methodist Church to serve a dinner with emphasis on local foods, with donations to support United Methodist Women's Missions Giving Fund. 200 Hillsborough Road, 5:30-7:30pm (919) 942-1223

Tomato Day — The annual event will be marked with live music, raffles, face painting, recipes and tomato sampling. Carrboro Farmers' Market,

Craft Market — Featuring locally

handmade goods, vintage items and specialty foods. Back patio of Open Eye Cafe, 10am-3pm carrborocraftmarket.com

SUNDAY JULY 15

Art Reception — For Mira Pawlus' exhibit A Ride to Subconsciousness. Focal Point Gallery, 1215 E. Franklin St., 3-8pm

MONDAY JULY 16

Book Group — Adult book group to discuss The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson. Chapel Hill Public Library, 7pm Free

Making Dreams Real — Art program for teens aged 11-19, sponsored by Ackland Art Museum. Orange County Main Library, 3pm (919) 245-2536

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guest Harriet Nittoli discussing the public school system. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 18

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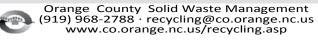
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Documenting North Carolina's screech to the right

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It's been more than a week since the 2011-12 General Assembly session came to an end, and after the pause to observe the Independence Day holiday the session looks even worse now than it did the day lawmakers adjourned their two-year reign of reactionary politics.

And that's without knowing all the details of the damage this crowd of legislative leaders has done to North Carolina. The extent of the devastation will continue to come out over the next few days and weeks as advocates and experts review and explain the attacks on education, environmental protections, the criminal-justice system, reproductive rights, human services and other important areas.

But here are 13 specific and undeniable ways that we know this General Assembly has shoved North Carolina far to the right and hurt our families, communities and vital public institutions in the process. There are many more than 13. This is the just a first take at describing the legacy of the 2011-12 session.

1) North Carolina public schools have \$190 million less to operate on next year than they do this year, while 12,000 more students are showing up at schoolhouse doors. And 3,400 classroom jobs are on the line after last year's budget fired more than 3,000 teachers and teacher assistants. Thanks to the deep budget cuts, classes are larger, textbooks are out of date and classroom supplies are woefully inadequate.

2) Thousands of students now face new struggles before they even start school and then again if they want to attend a university or community college. This General Assembly slashed funding for Smart Start and NC Pre-K while at the same time cutting funding for needbased scholarships to UNC campuses while tuition has increased. Community college students will be denied access to low-interest federal loans.

3) Local governments are now forbidden from granting any rights to same-sex couples. Civil unions, as well as gay marriage, are now outlawed in the state constitution.

4) Dangerous horizontal drilling for natural gas, or fracking, is now legal in the state, despite many unanswered questions about its impact on drinking water, property rights and the quality of life in local communities. Fracking is legal because of a mistaken vote by a House member that the House leadership refused to allow to be reconsidered.

5) Children and adults with asthma and other breathing problems will find it more difficult to breathe, as the state's Air Toxics program was severely curtailed. The program regulates chemical emissions that physicians say are harmful, especially to people with breathing issues.

6) Women seeking abortion services must undergo emotionally and physically invasive medical procedures and listen to anti-choice propaganda. That even includes teenagers who are victims of rape or incest.

7) Thousands of low-income women will now be forced onto waiting lists for mammograms and other preventive screenings as well as for family-planning services, thanks to the ideological decision to deny any state funds to Planned Parenthood to provide the services and counseling.

8) Defendants facing a death sentence can no longer use even overwhelming statistical evidence that race played a role in their death sentence to have their sentence reconsidered.

9) Survivors of the state's horrific eugenics program have once again been denied compensation for the abuse they suffered at the hands of the state.

10) Services for people with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities have been slashed, and nationally recognized programs like drug-treatment courts and the N.C. Teaching Fellows have been abolished.

11) All that while the state tax system has changed to give even more advantages to corporations and wealthy individuals. The state's richest lawyers, doctors and private-equity partners will receive a \$3,500 tax break this year that was originally only intended for small-business

The tax break will cost the state \$336 million. Thanks to another bill, it will also be easier for out-of-state multinational corporations operating in North Carolina to avoid paying the state taxes they owe, the taxes paid by North Carolina companies.

12) The next time you visit a state park, the person you accidentally bump into at a picnic site may have a loaded handgun in their waistband. Concealed weapons are now legal at most parks and playgrounds.

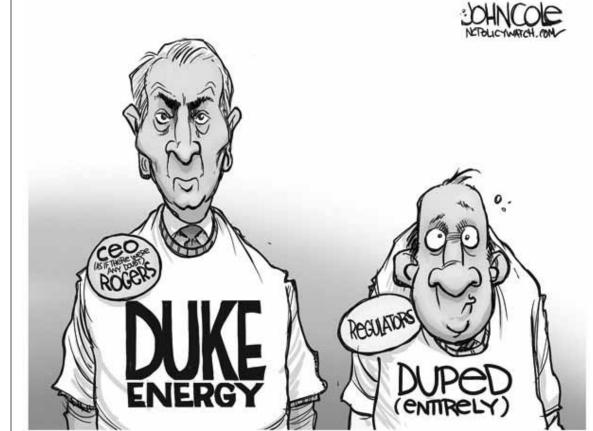
13) Your ability to choose your next representative and member of Congress is now limited by the most gerrymandered district lines ever drawn by a General Assembly, with more split precincts than any redistricting plan in history.

There is nothing in place to prevent that from happening again in the future. Lawmakers refused to approve legislation turning over redistricting to an independent process in 2021, a proposal most Republicans endorsed when they were the minority party in the General As-

Lawmakers also refused to act to free up \$4 million in federal money to help the November election run more smoothly in North Carolina.

That's a lot of damage in less than two years, quite a

legacy indeed.



The Wall Street scandal of all scandals

ROBERT REICH

Just when you thought Wall Street couldn't sink any lower – when its myriad abuses of public trust have already spread a miasma of cynicism over the entire (Robert Diamond Jr., the former Barclay CEO who economic system, giving birth to Tea Partiers and Occupiers and all manner of conspiracy theories; when its cally ill" - perhaps because they so patently reveal the excesses have already wrought havoc with the lives of millions of Americans, causing taxpayers to shell out billions (of which only a portion has been repaid) even as its top executives are back to making more money than ever; when its vast political power (via campaign contributions) has already eviscerated much of the Dodd-Frank law that was supposed to rein it in, including the so-called "Volker" Rule that was sold as a milder version of the old Glass-Steagall Act that used to separate investment from commercial banking yes, just when you thought the Street had hit bottom, an even deeper level of public-be-damned greed and corruption is revealed.

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bankers are manipulating the interest rate so they can the banks' bets on derivatives would be profitable. place bets with the money you lend or repay ther inside information on what the market is really predicting, which they're not sharing with you.

trust. And it would amount to a rip-off of almost cosmic proportion – trillions of dollars that you and I and other average people would otherwise have received or saved on our lending and borrowing that have been going instead to the bankers. It would make the other abuses of trust we've witnessed look like child's play by

Sad to say, there's reason to believe this has been going on, or something very much like it. This is what the emerging scandal over "Libor" (short for "London interbank offered rate") is all about.

Libor is the benchmark for trillions of dollars of loans worldwide - mortgage loans, small-business loans, personal loans. It's compiled by averaging the rates at which the major banks say they borrow.

So far, the scandal has been limited to Barclays, a big London-based bank that just paid \$453 million to

U.S. and British bank regulators, whose top executives have been forced to resign and whose traders' emails give a chilling picture of how easily they got their colleagues to rig interest rates in order to make big bucks. was forced to resign, said the emails made him "physicorruption.)

But Wall Street has almost surely been involved in the same practice, including the usual suspects -JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, and Bank of America because every major bank participates in setting the Libor rate, and Barclays couldn't have rigged it without their witting involvement.

In fact, Barclays' defense has been that every major bank was fixing Libor in the same way, and for the same reason. And Barclays is "cooperating" (i.e., giving damning evidence about other big banks) with the Justice Department and other regulators in order to avoid steeper penalties or criminal prosecutions, so the fireworks have just begun.

There are really two different Libor scandals. One has to do with a period just before the financial crisis, around 2007, when Barclays and other banks submitted fake Libor rates lower than the banks' actual borrowing costs in order to disguise how much trouble they were in. This was bad enough. Had the world known then, action might have been taken earlier to diminish the impact of the near financial meltdown

But the other scandal is even worse. It involves a tinuing until – who knows? It might still be going on But suppose our assumption is wrong. Suppose the — to rig the Libor in whatever way necessary to assure

This is insider trading on a gigantic scale. It ma bets that will pay off big for them because they have the bankers winners and the rest of us - whose money they've used to make their bets – losers and chumps.

What should we do about it, other than hope the That would be a mammoth violation of public Justice Department and other regulators impose stiff fines and even criminal penalties and hold executives responsible?

> When it comes to Wall Street and the financial sector in general, most of us suffer outrage fatigue combined with an overwhelming cynicism that nothing will ever be done to stop these abuses because the Street is too powerful. But that fatigue and cynicism are selffulfilling; nothing will be done if we succumb to them.

> The alternative is to be unflagging and unflinching in our demand that Glass-Steagall be reinstituted and the biggest banks be broken up. The question is whether the unfolding Libor scandal will provide enough ammunition and energy to finally get the job done.

Robert Reich is Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley.

LETTERS

Fireworks harm animals

I was dismayed when it was announced this year that Chapel Hill would reinstate its tradition of fireworks at Kenan Stadium on July 4.

It has been documented for years that animals, large and small, wild and tame, are traumatized, sometimes fatally, by the violent and thunderous bursts of noise that accompany a fireworks display. This year, on July 5, a representative from the local animal shelter announced on WCHL for all animal owners whose pets were missing to notify them for assistance. That same day, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASP-CA) sent out suggestions for finding lost pets to its entire membership. And these are the lucky animals – the ones who have (or HAD?) owners who cared for them. There

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Our town prides itself on its enlightenment. This past year, it became the first city in the nation to propose a ban on using cell phones while driving. It recently voted overwhelmingly in opposition to Amendment One. It has gone on record as opposing the death penalty.

Now it is time for Chapel Hill to lead the nation in

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banning fireworks at future Independence Day activities. Then, and only then, will we be truly enlightened.

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Notes from a day off

Don't get your hopes up and for goodness sake don't let your guard down, but the odds of wide-scale frack-



ing in this state are not as good as you think.

There was little doubt at the end of last year's session that despite a veto of the original

fracking bill, this state would legalize horizontal drilling, an essential element of fracking, which has been banned since the middle of the last century. Last week's accidental vote that capped the two-year rush to frack by the leadership in the General Assembly was just the icing on the

The new legislation, which became law when the legislature overrode the governor's veto, is a much better piece of legislation, especially in the form of land protection and landowner's rights. But as finely worked out as any piece of legislation is, the simple fact is that fracking is kind of an all-or-nothing deal. Either the industry goes big, or it stays home.

In North Carolina there are immense hurdles to going big. One of the things to consider is the amount of new infrastructure it would take to move gas from a large number of rigs spread out over a wide area. Infrastructure, or in this case the lack of it, is one of the biggest arguments against widescale fracking here. It's also why the industry, if it does crank up a North Carolina operation, will have such a big impact on the land.

Keep in mind that the well companies via their legislative supporters are going to get unprecedented rights of access to drilling sites. That means roads and pipes in places hitherto unimagined. The network required for a large-scale effort has not been a focus, but its construction, which would happen in tandem with the drilling, could provide far more flashpoints for disputes than the wells themselves.

While the lack of infrastructure creates a barrier to getting started, the drop in the price of natural gas has made a new venture in North Carolina less feasible. So too have wildly shifting estimates of how much could be extracted.

There are other large economic forces at work as well. The hurry to legalize fracking probably speaks more to the uncertainty in the industry in fracking areas elsewhere than the riches of our state's shale deposits. It's entirely plausible that North Carolina is a ready backup in case there's trouble in Pennsylvania, New York or Michigan. The federal government is also getting involved, opening up more of its lands to fracking and contemplating greater fracking regulation, which to date has been mostly a state-by-state free-for-all.

Once the feds take a role in regulating fracking, all bets are off, thanks to the supremacy clause, which gives federal officials final say.

This could provide an important check should the legislature decide to circumvent science, which as many of you know is all the rage under the dome these days.

While for the above reasons cited there are significant hurdles to fracking becoming a reality, the overriding reason fracking will be difficult has to do with the land itself.

The Triassic basin, where lay the frackable lands, has a complicated geology. Throughout are diabase dikes, igneous rock formations jutting upward through the layers. These structures make it incredibly difficult to predict the flow of water beneath the surface.

If you've been around the area long enough to remember when a site on the border of Chatham and Wake counties was being considered for the country's largest low-level radioactivewaste landfill, you might recall that the fact that groundwater flow could not be predicted — "modeled" was the key word — was the key scientific objec-

As near as anyone can tell, in the past few decades the geology of the Triassic basin, formed somewhere between 200 and 250 million years ago, hasn't changed much. Pumping it full of hazardous fluids is still a gamble.

Let's hope that in the end what also hasn't changed is the understanding that no matter how good the sales pitch, there are some things we don't put on the line. When it comes to fracking, the old expression doubly ap-

Don't bet the farm on it.

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

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at the businesses on the block. "If we lose that sewer, then we lose that block of jobs," she said. Moreover, the new sewer, to which properties will make individual connections, will clear up the ambiguity of the shared line.

"If one of [the new individual connections] breaks, it's that individual's responsibility to take care of that," Stone said. With the current line, "it's just fuzzy."

The new sewer line – on which Stone said construction will start around the beginning of next year - will be in the public rightof-way and will be turned over to OWASA once it's completed, Stone said.

Acme owner Kevin Callaghan said he is pleased with how the situation was resolved.

"Individually, we as businesses couldn't really come up with

anything that was financially

feasible," he said. "[The town] stepped in and came up with this

Callaghan said the new line won't just be good for current businesses and property owners, but for the future of downtown

overall. "I think that Carrboro wants downtown to work, and this really is an infrastructure piece that will make downtown work," he said. "It'll open up Roberson Street. It'll make Roberson Street an easier place ... if businesses are wanting to go in there. It creates that network."

Callaghan said he didn't know how much the individual sewer connections would cost, but that it would be significantly less than what businesses were previously facing to connect to the Main Street line, which he said could have cost Acme as much as \$70,000 to \$80,000.

The cost to connect to the sewer is well worth it for a longterm fix, Callaghan said, adding

"I think that Carrboro wants downtown to work, and this really is an infrastructure piece that will make downtown work."

— Kevin Callaghan

that it enables him to give his 45 employees job security.

That's one of the ways that I'll be able to guarantee them that they'll have a job tomorrow and the next day."

LEGISLATORS

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county – talked about everything from university funding to health care to fracking. The N.C. General Assembly's 2011-12 session – one of the legislature's short sessions, following the longer 2010-11 session – adjourned on July 2.

"The trends for UNC are not good for this two years," Rep. Joe Hackney said, noting that the funding cut from the university system in 2010-11 was not restored in 2011-12 as hoped and that financial aid money was also reduced sharply.

"The trend is more toward higher tuition and more reliance on tuition," he continued. "There is much less reliance on keeping us on top. ... That translates into more emphasis on cost cutting."

"There is much less emphasis on everyone having the opportunity to attend," Hackney added.

Rep. Bill Faison focused his words to the business crowd on hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking – a controversial procedure for extracting natural gas - which he said he heard many concerns about while traveling the state campaigning

In a late-night vote at the close of the session last week, the legislature overrode Gov. Beverly Perdue's veto of a bill that would allow fracking.

"It is, in my view, not a good idea to have fracking in this state at this time," Faison said. "Whatever benefit there could be ... is overwhelmed by the detriment to our environment."

Faison said he introduced several amendments to the fracking bill that would have limited the power of corporations with regard to fracking in the state, including one that would prevent the modification of trespass laws.

Because of the nature of fracking - drilling straight down and then horizontally - Faison said the rights of property owners need to be protected such that companies can't go underneath their property.

In states where fracking has already been legalized, "it was very clear that trespass laws were eroded very quickly by the oil and gas industries in those states," he

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird spoke in support of B Corporations, which failed to receive approval in the past two sessions of the General Assembly. B Corps are a new type of corporation that blends social and environmental responsibility with fiscal sustainability.

"It is something that is sweeping the nation," she said.

Kinnaird said that when the matter was presented to the House, having passed in the Senate, presenters used the words "sustainability" and "social benefit," which, she said, were the "wrong words" in the eyes of far right-leaning legislators, who called such corporations a threat to American free enterprise.

Nonetheless, Kinnaird said she hopes to bring the matter back in next year's session, and hopes the debate will stay more

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Stoop low to enjoy the beauty of horse-nettle flowers.

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humans are wise to be informed.

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Where young ones are not likely to get their hands on poisonous horse nettle, allow it the freedom to grow. Each time I see it in flower, I stoop down to admire those white and purplish-blue flowers, looking like tomato flowers on steroids.

Occasionally, you may stumble upon one that looks like a garden plant, like the ones seen last week in the fields of the Mason Farm Biological Reserve. Be forewarned not to touch the thorny stem.

You may remember an experience similar to that described by Paul Green (Paul Green's Plant Book): "This pest used to play havoc with our bare feet as children, especially if the dead, dried plants chopped up by the hoe were stepped on. The thorns were sharp as little needles."

You definitely should tread softly when moving barefoot



Needle-sharp thorns protect horse-nettle plants.

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among horse nettles, so armored on stem and leaves. In truth, this drought-tolerant native perennial of sunny disturbed areas provides a service with its vigorous taproot breaking up barren, sterile soil, gradually improving the ground for succeeding vegetation.

There are many descriptions of medicinal uses of horse nettle, and I'll leave

that for you to investigate. So take a closer look and admire the flowers, watch out for those spines and please don't sample the fruit!

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Val Lauder and Ike, 1947

etting to meet and interview the luminaries of our times is one of the perks of being a journalist. Val Lauder should know; during her long tenure at the Chicago Daily News, the retired UNC journalism professor interviewed the likes of Frank Sinatra and General Dwight Eisenhower (seen here during a 1947 event). It's all recorded in a new book, The Back Page, released this summer by Amazon.com. Val describes the book as "my experiences – adventures – at a BY JOCK LAUTERER great American newspaper. This is not an academic kind of account of journalism at an earlier time. There's a lot of humor in the pages, smiles, chuckles, laughter." She describes the book's genesis: "A couple of summers ago I was not scheduled to teach Summer School, and the idea sort of ... came to me of writing about my experiences at the Chicago Daily News, the historical figures I met, and the celebrities ... [during] a century of great events. ... I was aware as I wrote that I was sharing with readers another time. We had typewriters. Telephones ... some of them the old-fashioned, upright telephones sometimes called 'candlestick' telephones. Glue pots on the desks. ... It was only when Tom Bowers [retired UNC J-School senior associate dean] read the manuscript and emailed me about it ... that I realized I had documented a time that has been lost, that the people who [now] work in cubicles with computers and carry cell phones ... have no awareness of that time or how we reacted to breaking news stories." As Steve Reiss, enterprise editor of The Washington Post, put it in his comment on the back of the book: "And best of all, it captures why anyone would work in these dirty, loud rooms with a deadline always hanging over your head: because it's so much damn fun." The book is available at Amazon.com



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