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Buttonweed is a frequently overlooked wildflower.

PHOTO BY BRIAN STOKES

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

“Mother Nature’s daily special”

Monterey Valley kisses the southern end of University Lake
And holds a fascinating primordial stirring of upthrusting rock
And most fecund ferned and fungied transitional forest.

First thing in the morning and last in the day
I walk with my camera into some astonishing display
Mother Nature’s daily special.

Some new hued face catches mine
Violet, yellow, white
And no matter how tiny it lays down there
On the bosom of Earth
It has my eye and my Heart.

That’s how I fall in love with wildflowers
Again and again and again.
They cast such a spell that simply gazing
In wonder brings purest tonic of Joy.

It takes no learning for the pleasure itself is a teacher
And then you simply begin to get acquainted.

Thanks to Brian Stokes for the above description of his daily walks in nearby woods. Brian is fortunate to be situated near the forest bordering Price Creek on both sides of Damascus Church Road at the southern end of University Lake.

Brian’s daily “closer looks” at the local flora called to my attention several common but seldom-noticed wildflowers of particular beauty.

The little white-flowered buttonweed, *Diodia virginica*, is common throughout the state in roadside ditches and even possibly scattered among the violets and dandelions, if you allow them, in your lawn. *Diodia teres* is very similar and also common, but you need not worry about

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Owners in dispute over Johnny’s future

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

While one owner of the Johnny’s property says she plans to reopen the business, another is saying the business isn’t hers to reopen – and that zoning issues could prevent her from doing so.

“I own the store,” Brian Plaster said. “That whole thing with Johnny’s is all mine.”

Plaster said property co-owner Jan Halle helped him get the loan to purchase the 901 W. Main St. property, and that she owns 69 percent of the property – not the business.

“She has nothing to do with the business,” he said. “I’m the one that created the business for what it is.”

The local store, coffee shop, music venue and community gathering place

closed on June 23 and has yet to reopen. Plaster and Halle parted ways in mid-June, and Halle has said she plans to reopen Johnny’s “bigger than it was, with the same community flavor,” by September.

Halle said several potential business partners have made proposals regarding the business.

Last week, Carrboro Greenspace members hosted a potluck at Johnny’s for the community to come together to propose ideas for the space, and most of those in attendance said they would like to see Johnny’s reopened as the same business it was prior to closing.

But according to Plaster, that might not be so easy. He said he closed the business because he ran into issues with noise ordinances and parking as Johnny’s became a popular gathering

spot. “That’s why we stopped having live music,” he said. “We kept getting in trouble with the police.”

Plaster was also worried that someone would get hurt crossing West Main Street, and said he knew of multiple accidents involving Johnny’s customers.

He said that while the business was “slamming busy,” he ran into zoning issues as the business morphed from a retail shop into more of a coffee shop and bar.

“We were serving coffee and we had beer on tap,” he said, adding that the property wasn’t zoned as a music venue or bar.

“I don’t believe the town would even give anyone a business permit to

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Schools improved, but not enough, scores say

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

Results of state testing released last week reveal that students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools showed general improvement this past year, but that with rising federal standards, much improvement is required to meet expectations.

“As a new superintendent, it is certainly gratifying to see test scores on the rise,” said Superintendent Tom Forcella. “The challenge for the future will be to maintain – or better yet, increase – the pace of the growth in student achievement, especially in light of the higher [Adequate Yearly Progress] standards.”

Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards were raised somewhat in 2011, toward meeting the No Child Left Behind goal of having 100 percent of students performing at or above grade level by 2013-14. Expected levels of reading proficiency were increased from 43.2 percent in 2010 to 71.6 percent in 2011, and for math proficiency from 77.2 percent to 88.6 percent.

Math proficiency in end-of-grade testing for the district is now at 94.1 percent, a 1 percent increase over last year and reading proficiency is up to 86.7 percent, a 1.5 percent increase.

Some subgroups showed notable progress. Math proficiency among black students is at 82.8 percent, a gain of 4 percent over last year and 33 percent since 2006. Latino math scores improved to 85.5 percent, a 4 percent increase from last year. Economically disadvantaged students improved in math by more than 3 percent to 82.2 percent, as did students with disabilities, up to 81.0 percent.

Carrboro Elementary School showed the most improvement in math, with Estes Hills Elementary School improving the most in reading.

Speaking to the school board at its July 21 meeting, Forcella said that while the district is seeing improvements, the rising standards will have “an impact on where we go in the future.”

“Are we really meeting the needs of all kids? ... Are we truly challenging all kids?” he asked, suggesting that doing so might require more than just tweaking what’s presently being done – rather, making some “bolder sort of changes.”

“It’s time to think about something new and different,” said board

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Strayhorn House in need of repairs



The Strayhorn family in front of their home, which still stands on Jones Ferry Road. This photo depicts the family in the 1930s. Toney Strayhorn was a master bricklayer, and the chimneys and their freestanding corbelled stacks showcase his expertise. PHOTO COURTESY OF DOLORES CLARK

Preservation Society raising funds for work

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill has entered into the next stage of its efforts to restore the historic Strayhorn House, located at 109 Jones Ferry Road.

Last month, Dolores Clark, who owns the house and is the great-granddaughter of Toney and Nellie Strayhorn, freed slaves who built the home in 1878, signed an agreement with the Preservation Society to place historic preservation covenants on the house. The agreement will allow the Preservation Society to help ensure that no major changes can be made to the house that would destroy its authenticity.

“This is one of the best tools we have to try and save the Strayhorn House for future generations,” said

Preservation Society director Ernest Dollar.

The two-story home, originally a one-bedroom log cabin, is on the study list of the National Register of Historic Places, but is in need of major repairs. The Preservation Society began raising money for the repairs last year, and the fundraising efforts have yielded about \$4,400, Dollar said. The society has now launched an effort to raise an additional \$10,000 for further restorations.

Of pressing importance is a solution to recently discovered termites.

“The structural footings in parts of the house are in desperate need of repair,” Dollar said. “We are hoping that if we can raise enough money to repair the floor, that we can treat the termite infestation simultaneously.”

The projected cost of the repairs is

between \$4,000 and \$5,000. “With our current fund,” he said, “we need just \$2,500 to make these new repairs.”

‘We fought to free you’

The home is one with a rich history. In a 1950 interview, Nellie Strayhorn recalled the day she learned of her freedom:

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

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Work to begin soon on 300 East Main hotel

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

Work on the long-awaited 300 East Main project will likely start within several weeks, with the first phase of the development to be completed within 14 months of the start date, according to the developer.

The project includes the redevelopment of properties extending from the intersection of Main and Boyd streets near Nice Price Books to the present municipal parking lot on the corner of Main and Roberson streets.

The first phase of the project includes a 144-room Hampton Inn and Suites and a six-level parking deck. Additional phases will include a five-story retail and office space near the train tracks and redevelopment of the building that houses Cat’s Cradle and Amante Gourmet Pizza.

Construction work on the first phase will likely begin within “weeks, not months,” said Laura Van Sant of Main Street Properties, the project’s developer.

“We do anticipate breaking ground shortly,” she said. “We don’t



A rendering of the Hampton Inn and Suites, the first phase of the 300 East Main development

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actually have a date yet because we’re getting some ‘i’s dotted and ‘t’s crossed.”

The project will begin with the demolition of four buildings, including the former Performance Bike (more recently Furniture Follies) building,

the former Webster’s Cleaners building and two abandoned houses. The demolition will allow for the construction of the hotel and then the parking deck.

“The idea would be that they’re completed at the same time,” Van

Sant said.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed in March to lease 150 daytime and 250 nighttime spaces in the parking deck, which helped the

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TOMATOES

PHOTOS BY ALICIA STEMPER



Madalyn Fecko, 8 and her brother Logan, 6, sample the offerings at Tomato Day earlier this month at the Carrboro Farmers' Market.



From left: Jordan Treakle, Liska Lackey, Dave Rigenburg and Sally Lee chop tomato samples to keep up with demand at Tomato Day.

High expectations for Tar Heels offense

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

PINEHURST — Not since the coaching days of Bill Dooley and Dick Crum have so much anticipation and so many high expectations surrounded a Carolina offensive line as this year's group.

This unit possesses the physical and mental qualities to meet or exceed those expectations, junior offensive guard Jonathan Cooper said.

"You always want to be positive and think about the potential a line can have," Cooper said during the annual ACC Football Kickoff at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club. "But to make leaps and bounds, I don't know that I could have ever thought that we would be projected as well as we are now."

One reason for the optimism is size.

James Hurst, sophomore left tackle, is listed at 6 feet 7 inches, 310 pounds. He started as a freshman. Cooper is 6-3, 310, and center Cam Holland is 6-2, 320. Right guard Travis Bond is 6-7, 340, and right tackle Brennan Williams is 6-7, 315.

Yet size is just one attribute that separates this group, Cooper said.

"One of the biggest differences," Cooper said, "might be everybody on the line not only being knowledgeable, but being physically and athletically gifted. I don't want to take away from the other guys. I just feel like this is a group of guys with size, strength and ability that is unlike the other groups."

The demands of an offensive lineman have evolved from mostly run protection to pass-blocking elite athletes on defense.

"Think about who they have to block, the premier defensive linemen in America, some of the fastest linebackers you could ever imagine," coach Butch Davis said. "The days of being just a big, strong offensive lineman — those days are over. You've got to have some athleticism."

Offensive line coach and newly promoted assistant head coach Sam Pittman has played a crucial role in training these young men.

"Sam Pittman is a great teacher," Davis said. "He also has a really good insight into the physical qualities in what it takes to be a good offensive lineman. It used to be if you were a big guy with long arms, that was enough."

"Now you have to be mobile.



Eddy Landreth



Offensive guard, Jonathan Cooper in a game versus Florida State

PHOTO BY JEFF CAMARATI

Versatility is a big part of college football today. With injuries, the ability to move somebody from right guard to left guard, left guard to center, that is why we highly regard Jonathan Cooper so much. I truly believe that kid could be a marquee player at any of the three interior positions."

These athletes must accept teaching and be able to retain the knowledge and utilize it under pressure.

"It has a lot to do with everybody going down the line, knowing what they have to do and what others have to do," Cooper said, "as opposed to having a few seniors on the line who know what to do and having to

tell the guy beside him what to do."

All of this translates into promise.

"I feel like we can be a lot better," Cooper said. "We have the smarts to do it. We have a lot of experience. Everybody knows what they are supposed to do."

No one epitomizes the potential in this line more than Hurst. Few true freshmen play on the offensive line. Even fewer start at left tackle.

Left tackles must slow hard-charging, athletic defensive ends and protect right-handed quarterbacks' backs.

"I love playing beside [Hurst]," Cooper said. "There are a lot of guys who come in on the offensive line who may be physically able to play and start as an offensive lineman. But James Hurst might be one of the smartest guys I've ever met with football knowledge. I'll find myself going to the film room with him and picking his brain to see what he's thinking. He's, like, super smart football-wise. And he's very athletic."

"The coaches just say something, and he'll pick it up and have it ready for practice," Cooper said. "He will have just learned it."

Soon we'll learn just how much they've all learned and how genuinely athletic they are.

Mothers with breastfeeding difficulties more likely to suffer depression

UNC NEWS SERVICES

CHAPEL HILL — Women who have breastfeeding difficulties in the first two weeks after giving birth are more likely to suffer postpartum depression two months later compared to women without such difficulties.

For that reason, women with breastfeeding difficulties should be screened for depressive symptoms, according to a new study by researchers at UNC.

"We found that women who said they disliked breastfeeding

were 42 percent more likely to experience postpartum depression at two months compared to women who liked breastfeeding," said Stephanie Watkins, lead author of the study and a doctoral student in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. "We also found that women with severe breast pain at day one and also at two weeks postpartum were twice as likely to be depressed compared to women that did not experience pain with nursing."

The idea for the study, pub-

lished online ahead of print by the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, grew from the clinical experience of senior author Alison Stuebe, an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the UNC School of Medicine.

"We found that very commonly the same moms who were struggling with breastfeeding were also depressed," Stuebe said. "There was a tremendous clinical overlap."

In the study, Stuebe, Watkins and UNC co-authors Samantha

Meltzer-Brody and Denniz Zolnoun set out to determine if this anecdotal association would be backed up by statistical analysis of relevant data. They used data collected as part of the Infant Feeding and Practices Study II, and assessed the postpartum depression status of the 2,586 women in that study with the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale.

Of those women, 8.6 percent met the criteria for major depression two months after giving birth. Women who reported disliking breastfeeding during

the first week were 1.42 times as likely to be depressed at two months. Women who reported severe breastfeeding pain on their first day were 1.96 times as likely to be depressed at two months.

For health care providers, this study shows that mothers with breastfeeding difficulties should be screened for depression and referred to counseling when depression is confirmed. But the study also provides a message for mothers, Stuebe said.

"If they're struggling with breastfeeding, they should seek

help and tell their provider. If they don't have joy in their life, if they wake up in the morning and think, 'I just can't do this another day' — that's a medical emergency. They shouldn't just say, 'I'm going to power through this and snap out of it.' They should call their provider and say, 'I just don't feel right, I'm wondering if I could be depressed, can I come in and talk to you about it?'"

The study is scheduled for publication in the August 2011 print issue of the journal.

FLORA

Quarter-size flowers of weedy horse nettle are as beautiful as any garden flower.
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Briefs

OC leads state in waste reduction

The recently released N.C. Solid Waste and Materials Management Report shows that Orange County landfilled an average of 3.3 pounds per capita per day in fiscal year 2009-10, a reduction of 56 percent since the base year of 1991-92, representing the best waste-reduction rate in the state for the year and the county's best ever since measurement began in 1996.

In 1997, the county and the three towns adopted a waste-reduction goal of 61 percent per capita and have made steady progress toward that goal ever since.

The report can be found at www.wastenotnc.org/sw/home/AR09_10/AR09_10.pdf

Price wins humanities honor

The trustees of the N.C. Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, have chosen Rep. David Price, who represents Orange County, as the recipient of the 2011 John Tyler Caldwell Award for the Humanities, the council's most prestigious public humanities honor.

With this award, the council recognizes individuals who have strengthened the educational, cultural and civic life of North Carolinians. Past Caldwell laureates include William Friday, Reynolds Price, Doris Waugh Betts, John Hope Franklin and Fred Chappell.

The award ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Nasher Museum of Art in Durham. It's free and open to the public.

Street resurfacing in Chapel Hill

The Town of Chapel Hill began its annual resurfacing program on Monday. The following streets or portions of these streets are planned for resurfacing and/or milling:

Airport Drive, Amesbury Drive, Banks Drive, Chase Avenue, Deerwood Court, Donegal Drive, Douglas Road, Emily Road, Estes Drive Extension, Fountain Ridge Road, Galway Drive, South Graham Street, Grant Street, Hickory Drive, Holland Drive, Hoot Owl Lane, Lakeshore Court, Lamont Court, Lark Circle, Laura May Lane, Lincoln Lane, Linnaeus Place, Little Street, Market Street, Martha Lane, Mendel Drive, Morgan Bend Court, Mullin Court, North Columbia Street, Old Sterling Drive, Purefoy Road, South Roberson Street, Roundtree Road, Shady Lawn Road, Thornwood Road, North Tinkerbell Road, Torrey Pines Point, Whistling Tree Court and Willow Drive.

Residents and businesses are notified with a reminder typically three to five days before the street is resurfaced. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 1.

Artist unveils proposed sculpture

The public is invited to hear nationally known Raleigh-based artist Thomas Sayre speak about his proposed idea for a large-scale sculptural piece for a site along U.S. 15-501. The presentation will be held Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Hill Public Library's downstairs meeting room.

The sculpture would be placed on a 100-foot-wide median at U.S. 15-501 and Erwin Road. There is no funding at this time to create it, but private and other funding sources will be sought after the design is finalized.

Construction continues on West Weaver Street

CARRBORO — Construction work continues on the west block of Weaver Street as the yearlong project to replace the street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old water main beneath it progresses.

Work on the east block was completed earlier this month, at which point the contractor began work on the second phase of the project at the east end of the west block of Weaver Street. The second phase includes the section of the west block from Greensboro Street to Provence,

which is closed to vehicular traffic and is expected to remain closed for another five to seven weeks. The actual length of time for the closure is contingent upon weather and other factors.

During the second phase, contractors are working to install storm sewer, upgrade water-service connections, replace curb and gutter and reconstruct the road. This week, the contractor started removing curb and gutter along the south side of the street and continued storm-sewer installation near the Greens-

boro Street intersection.

Work in the west block will progress from east to west, toward Carrboro Town Hall. The water main was already replaced in the west block, while work was completed in the east block, and the overall project is estimated for completion by March of next year.

Drivers should access most West Weaver Street businesses from the West Main Street end of the block, and drivers who approach the street from the east end of the block will be detoured

around to the west via Main Street.

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

The contractor will typically work during daylight hours, Monday-Friday, though weekend work may occur depending on progress and scheduling.

— Staff Reports



Dolores Clark in front of her home. Clark's grandfather, a freed slave, built the house. PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

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Nellie took a job in a law office for \$5 a month. Toney taught himself to read and write and learned brick masonry, and would later help found the First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill. The two met, married, together built their Carrboro home, and raised a family there. Their bedroom and living room remain as they were in the 1800s.

Dollar said that Strayhorn family members came to the

area last year for a family reunion and had hoped to visit the Strayhorn House.

"Renovations by the Town of Carrboro prohibited their visiting," Dollar said, "so, hopefully, when the reunion returns next year they can experience an important piece of their families' history."

More can be learned about the house and the Strayhorn family, and donations can be made, at the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill's website at chapelhillpreservation.com

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member Mike Kelley, "and I look forward to working with Dr. Forcella and all the community and my board colleagues on considering what that might look like."

For a school to meet overall AYP compliance, every subgroup for which at least 40 students were tested must reach both reading and math standards. Only four schools in the district — Ephesus, Estes Hills, Glenwood and Seawell elementary schools — did so.

No district schools face new sanctions as a result of the scores. Frank Porter Gra-

ham Elementary School will remain in Corrective Action, meaning that it must continue to offer students the option to transfer out and supplemental-education services for the coming year.

A school enters Corrective Action when it fails to meet standards for four consecutive years in a subject. FPG was placed in Corrective Action last year for its performance in math. It will need to reach standards in both reading and math next year to be lifted from Corrective Action.

FPG will host a meeting to discuss Title I parent rights and the parent involvement policy on Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

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development win financing and cleared the way for construction of the deck and the hotel.

According to the agreement, the town will lease the spaces for an amount equal to 3 percent of the annual gross receipts of the Hampton Inn, capped at \$90,000 annually. The initial lease term is five years.

The second phase of the project will likely be the five-story building near the train tracks, Van Sant said, though redevelopment of the buildings that house

Cat's Cradle and other businesses could start then too, depending on what The ArtsCenter decides to do. The ArtsCenter owns the space it occupies.

Though the developers received a conditional-use permit for the project in September 2008, the state of the economy has prevented the development from moving along as initially scheduled.

"It was about a week before Lehman Brothers went under, so the timing was interesting, to say the least," Van Sant said. "It's just taken a while to figure out some ways to get the project financed."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Special Education Destruction of Records Notice - July 2011

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is hereby giving notice that the Exceptional Children's Program will be destroying non-current records in accordance with federal and state policy. This message is for students whose birth year is 1983 or earlier that received Exceptional Children's Program (EC) services while attending Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools or parents or guardians of those students.

Records may contain information useful for social security benefits or other purposes. If a copy of the record is desired a written request should be submitted to the address below within 90 days of this publication. Please include the student's name, date of birth, current phone number, last school at which they received EC services and address to which the record should be mailed. The request must be signed by the former student (18 years or older) or legal guardian.

If you have further questions please call 919-967-8211 ext. 28278.

Send written request to: Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Exceptional Children's Program, 750 South Merritt Mill Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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Outfit your life with regular visits to thrift shops

Sure bets at our local thrift stores

BY CAROLINE KILARU
Staff Writer

This story is the second in a series about thrift shopping in our community. This week, we'll target the shopper's thrifting experience with tips to get in and out quickly with treasures aplenty.

The key to successful thrift shopping is to be speedy and regular: Aim for three visits a week at 10 minutes each. Keep a thrifting-shopping list, and know where to go to find what's on it.

Some stores carry a full range of items, while others focus on clothes, shoes and books. Knowing what you're looking for will help you choose the shops in your rotation.

Here's a list of items you can

reliably find at our local thrift stores. This list is not exhaustive – I've seen telescopes recently at two stores – but it's a solid foundation on which to build a thrifting experience.

- Kitchen equipment: Look for anything you'll need, from tableware to dish-drying racks and coffeemakers to slow cookers and tea kettles. Everything I use to pack my son's preschool lunch has come from the thrift shop, as have all of my kitchen storage canisters.

- Clothing: Spend a dollar, look like a million bucks. Jeans, dresses, suits and shirts abound for cheap. Kids clothes are a steal. Silk ties can be used as yoga straps, or just as silk ties. Shoppers can find red leather cowboy boots or Carolina blue

Dr. Scholl's for \$5 – if they go quickly and often.

- Electronics: CD players, fans and clocks – just to name a few – can all be found at local thrift shops.

- Books and magazines: Build a beautiful home library for less than \$50. Hardbacks are less than \$2 and paperbacks and magazines are a quarter or two. The PTA Thrift Shops in Chapel Hill and Carrboro often hold half-off book sales, due to their overwhelming volume of books.

- Glass/art/jewelry: Standout earrings, vases, belts and purses are all available.

- Furniture: Shoppers can reliably find bookshelves, armoires and dressers, couches, rocking chairs, patio furniture, lamps, bed frames and children's furniture.

- Housewares: Suitcases,

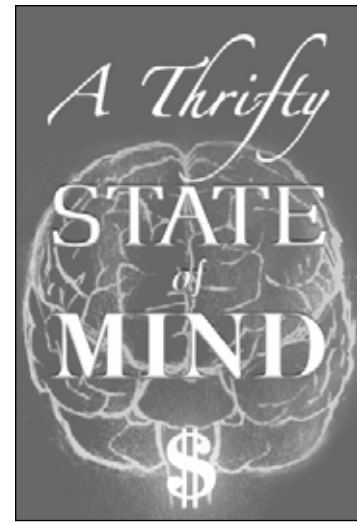
pet carriers, vacuums, sporting equipment and baskets of all shapes, sizes and colors are easy to find.

One of the thrills of the thrift shop is the glimpse of the unexpected – so although you'll need a list, don't go looking for the one thing you must have right now, or you may leave disappointed. Shoppers should leave themselves open to finding something off-list, as these pieces may become treasures.

In and out in a flash

Again, the secret to thrift shopping lies in quick, regular visits. Go often, and recognize a steal when you see it. Grab the item that's caught your eye and treasure it as long as it suits you.

Since each item is unique and priced so cheaply, the most important skill is being able to



recognize someone else's trash as your treasure instantly.

That's why it's smart to have a targeted list coupled with a sense of openness. If you know you are looking for a little black dress and picnic plates, then you will spot

them with ease. If you also leave yourself open to taking home a fabulous rocking chair, so much the better.

No matter what your purchases, you can feel good about helping items big and small cycle through our community. And if you rarely use whatever it is you've brought home, you can always bring it back to donate – and shop again.

Coming next week: The first in a series of reviews on three local thrift stores. We'll visit the PTA Thrift Shop in Carrboro, then stop by Club Nova just down the street and round out the series with Hillsborough's Goodwill store. Come along to learn a little more about local thrifting.

Community Briefs

Six-year-old named hero

The Town of Hillsborough and the Hillsborough Police Department recognized 6-year-old Zion Paschall on July 11 as a Community Hero for helping his grandmother during a medical emergency.

Zion called 911 on June 16 to report that his grandmother had fallen. When EMS arrived on the scene, they found the 67-year-old woman dazed and incoherent. She was transported to UNC Hospitals, where staff determined she had suffered a stroke and listed her in critical condition.

Police commended Zion's quick thinking and bravery in saving his grandmother's life. Zion received a certificate at a Hillsborough Board of Commissioners' meeting.

CloudCamp in Carrboro

CloudCamp, an event at which attendees can exchange ideas, knowledge and information to advance the current state of cloud computing, will take place at the Carrboro Century Center on Aug. 6. Local technology enthusiasts and professionals will come together to discuss the challenges and opportunities represented by cloud computing – on-demand network access to shared computing resources.

CloudCamp was formed to provide a common ground for the introduction and advancement of cloud computing. It's free, with pre-registration required.

Orange County Library to host Vesta Fiesta

The Orange County Main Library will host a Vesta Fiesta on Aug. 5 at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the beginning of the NASA Dawn mission's yearlong visit to the protoplanet Vesta.

The Dawn spacecraft left Earth on Sept. 17, 2007 and will reach Vesta this summer. Described as "A Journey to the Beginning of the



Hillsborough Mayor Tom Stevens reads a proclamation naming 6-year-old Zion Paschall a community hero as Zion looks on with his mother. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

Solar System," scientists are seeking answers to the most fundamental questions in planetary science.

Presenter Dr. Michael J. Malaska, a volunteer in the NASA and JPL Solar System Ambassador program, will speak at the event.

Adult Ultimate Frisbee

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department will sponsor a co-ed adult Ultimate Frisbee fall league to play on Monday and Wednesday nights from mid-August through mid-November.

Each team will play one to two games per week, followed by a tournament.

A fee of \$36 per participant is required for registration, ending at 5 p.m. on Aug. 5. Registration is accepted at the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department at 100 N. Greensboro Street.

Horseshoe tournament

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department will hold its Hot Stob Horseshoe Tournament on Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. at Hank Anderson Community Park.

Registration for all divisions will be held 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the park and costs \$14. NCHPA Membership is required and may be obtained onsite.

CHHS Green Tigers honored by White House

The Chapel Hill High School Green Tiger Campaign was recently named a "champion of change" by the White House. The club is being honored as one of the top five high schools across the country in a competition for the "greenest school."

The campaign has implemented a number of projects, including maintaining an organic garden and installing motion-sensing light fixtures in the teachers' lounges to save money and energy.

Volunteer coaches needed for youth sports

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department is accepting volunteer coaches' applications for the 2011-12 Youth Basketball Program and the 2011 Youth Fall Baseball Program.

Coaches must exhibit the ability to organize practices and communicate effectively with players, parents and department staff. They must also demonstrate the ability to teach proper playing skills and fundamentals and proper sportsmanship, and provide an enjoyable atmosphere at practices and games.

For an application or more information, contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 918-7364.

Family Fun Days in Hillsborough Aug. 13

The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and the Orange County Main Library will hold Family Fun Days on Aug. 13.

Family Fun Days is a special summer series held on the second Saturday of the month from June through September and features a variety of activities in downtown Hillsborough, including guided tours, children's activities, artisan demonstrations, a farmers' market, shopping and dining.

Story time will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Purple Crow Books, a Native-American Heritage demonstration will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Orange County Historical Museum, the Eno River Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon at the Public Market House and blacksmithing demonstrations will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop at the Shops at Daniel Boone.

Pick up a Passport to Historic Hillsborough – which includes a listing of places to visit in town – at the Orange County Main Library on Aug. 13, and collect stamps for a prize. For more information, visit visithillsboroughnc.org

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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

Did the Fat Lady Sing?

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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Please submit the following information: industry/business type; business name; address; phone number; web URL.

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For information regarding advertising in the Resource Guide, please contact Marty Cassady at marty@carrborocitizen.com or 919-942-2100.



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Community Calendar

THURSDAY JULY 28
Movie Showing — *Dive*, a film about dumpster diving, focuses on the amount of food wasted every day. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free
Friends of the Downtown — Monthly meeting with speaker Jones Angell, the new "Voice of the Tar Heels." Franklin Hotel, 10am Free

FRIDAY JULY 29
Art Walk — Last Fridays Art Walk in Hillsborough. Historic downtown, 6-9pm lastfridaysartwalk.org
Movie Showing — *Green Lantern* showing at Southern Village on The Green. Dusk \$5 Repeats on July 30

SUNDAY JULY 31
Call To Peace — A special service calling the world to live in peace. Public Market House, Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. 11am hucc.org
Tuesday August 2
Movie Nite — Showing *The Fighter* with Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale, Melissa Leo and Amy Adams. Chapel Hill Public Library, 6:30pm Free

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3
Circus Daze — One-hour clown show for all ages. Carrboro Century Center, 10am \$3 CircusDaze.com
Square Dance — With Square Heels Square Dance Club. No experience necessary. Carrboro Century Center, 7pm \$3

THURSDAY AUGUST 4
Movie Showing — *North by Northwest* to be shown as part of the Locally Grown series. Wallace Plaza, 8pm Free locally-grown.com
Animal Lib Movie — To screen Gary Yourofsky's speech on animal rights and veganism. internationalist-books.org 7pm

FRIDAY AUGUST 5
Square Dance — With music by Randy's Rowdy Ramblers. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm lesson/dance 8-11pm Free
Book Sale — Sponsored by Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library, this will be the last big sale before the Library moves to University Mall.

The sale will continue through Aug. 7. chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

SATURDAY AUGUST 6
Puppet Show — Mysterious Rabbit Puppet Army presents the history of the Prison Industrial Complex, benefiting the Chapel Hill Prison Books Collective. Internationalist Books, 7pm

ONGOING
Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org 401-9333

Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

Legal Workshops — Third Thursday of each month, running through October. The Women's Center, 6-7:30pm Free 968-4610

HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about cholesterol and breast cancer screening.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Regarding cholesterol, do you need to keep the bad cholesterol down even if your good cholesterol is really good? How can you do this without taking drugs?

In general, you want that bad cholesterol (LDL) less than 130. The good cholesterol (HDL) is protective, but it doesn't mean that your bad cholesterol doesn't matter. If the HDL is greater than 60, it decreases your risk of heart disease. Even with a high HDL, the lower the LDL the better. But not everyone needs or should be on medicines — it depends on your age and your risk for having a heart attack. The things we recommend to patients are to try to work on your diet, avoid saturated fats like red meat and fried foods and try to lose weight and increase exercise. And of course, if you smoke, quit (far more important than being on medicines for cholesterol).

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have a 29-year-old friend whose mom died of breast cancer and dad died of bone cancer. She found a lump in her breast when she was 25. What should she do for breast-care health? Should she get mammograms? Should she just do regular self-exams, or should she see her doctor on a regular basis?

What a hard situation to lose both parents from cancer at such a young age. It was probably very scary for her to find a lump on her breast, so we're sorry for what she's gone through. We have a few recommendations. Presumably, this lump from four years ago was resolved and she didn't have cancer. Hopefully, she saw a doctor who specializes in breast health and was given some advice regarding diagnostic testing and follow-up. Yearly mammograms may not be useful at her age because of the density of her breast tissue. Certainly, a visit with her family doctor or a breast specialist yearly

for an examination is a good idea. More specific recommendations would depend on the rest of her family history and at what age her mother was diagnosed. We would also want to know if she or anyone in the family has been tested for the BRCA genes. We often recommend a genetic consultation; this would be to discuss her risk as compared with that of her mom and to consider BRCA testing. The BRCA genes cause some breast and ovarian cancers. We also use other types of radiology testing, especially ultrasound and, more recently, a breast MRI to screen for early breast cancer in some women with special risks. Good luck to your friend and thank you so much for the question.

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.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

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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

Beginners; Midnight in Paris; The Trip

THE LUMINA
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The recent announcements of the closings of two small, locally owned and operated businesses is a somber wake-up call that even in our relatively insulated community, the poor economy is taking a real toll.

We're all used to seeing some regular turnover of small businesses in our college-oriented towns, particularly in downtown Chapel Hill. But this feels different.

A bike shop and a coworking facility — perhaps they'll rise again. We sure hope so. But it's tough out there right now, as our local small-business owners and operators will readily tell you.

Sure, Cycle 9 can carry on as an Internet business, but shouldn't our bike-crazy community be able to support two bike stores in Carrboro?

The \$100 million budget cut to the university and the ideological budget battle being waged in Congress make it unlikely that the economic pressure on our small independent businesses will abate any time soon.

Carrboro Creative Coworking is essentially an incubator for other small, local businesses. Its failure cannot bode well for the health of our smaller operators.

From the viewpoint of our larger local economy, it may not seem so significant that these two businesses are closing, but both Carrboro Creative Coworking and Cycle 9 have business plans that were vetted by the Small Business & Technology Center and the Town of Carrboro, and received money from the Carrboro Revolving Loan Fund. These aren't fly-by-night operations. [Full disclosure: *The Citizen* also received a loan from this fund in 2009.]

To further complicate matters, the \$100 million budget cut to the university and the ideological budget battle being waged in Congress make it unlikely that the economic pressure on our small independent businesses will abate any time soon. Small operations just hanging on in the hope that the economy will improve have more tough decisions ahead.

So should we just sit around and watch as our prized local businesses wither and die?

Absolutely not. It's time to get out your wallets or reach into your pocketbooks and spend some money.

The plan put forth by The 3/50 Project is a good place to start your personal economic stimulus plan. This plan asks that you think about which three local businesses you'd really miss if they were gone, and to spend \$50 each month with them.

Can't afford \$50? Make it \$25 — or whatever amount you can — to help keep three local spots that enhance your life from going under. Got more than three local shops you love? Share your wealth with all of them.

Do it on purpose, and do it now. Hesitate, and more businesses will be lost.

What this is really about is acknowledging that this poor economy may be the new economy, at least for a good while. As dollars become harder to come by, it means that we as a community must value and support our local economy by spending our money wisely, and, once again, on purpose.

Our local shopkeepers, farmers, professionals and tradespeople are our neighbors and our friends. They enhance our lives in more ways than we can count, helping make our community the wonderful place it is. To support them is to support our way of life.

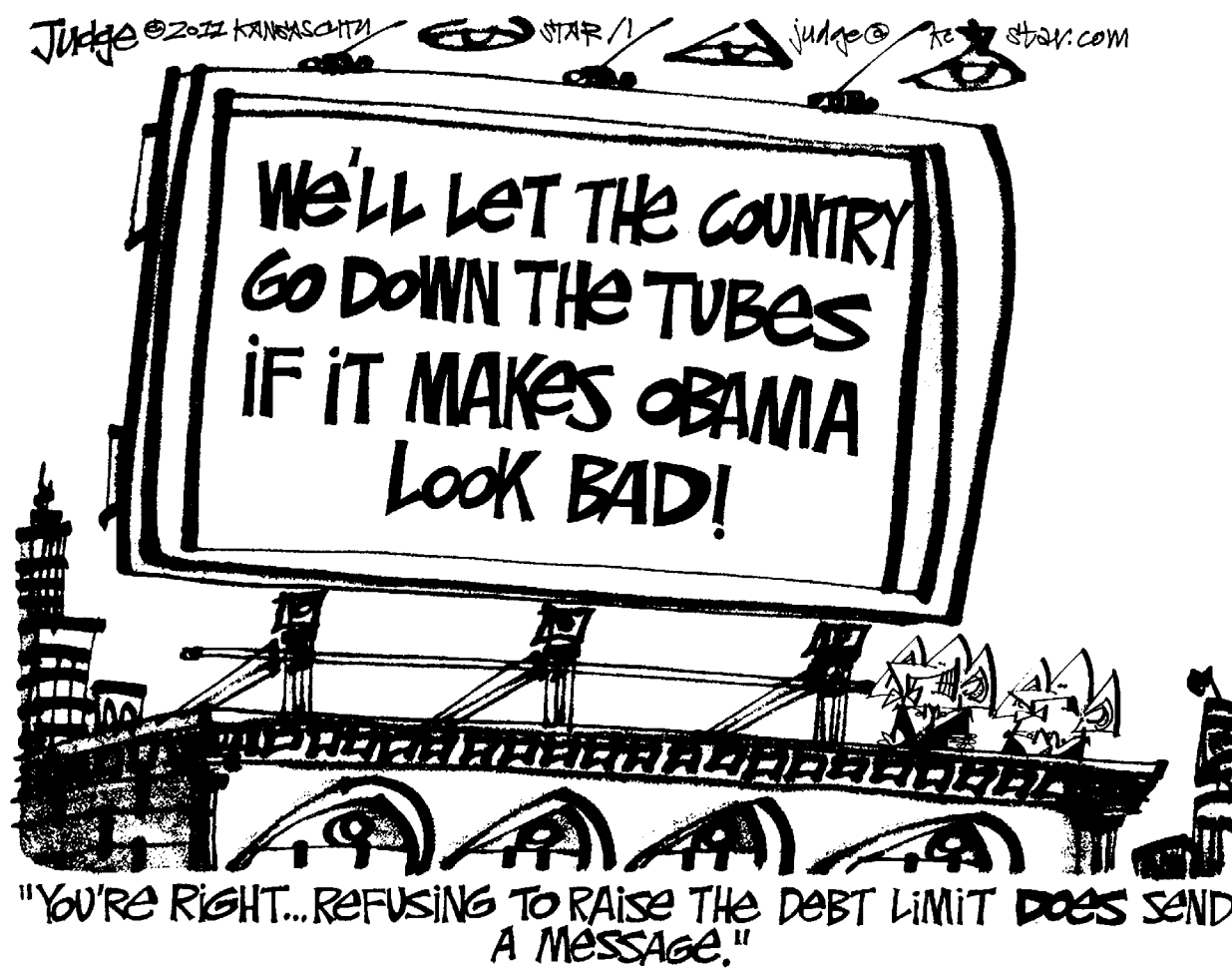
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Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt was incorrectly identified in a story in last week's *Citizen*. *The Citizen* regrets the error.

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Big-boxing us in

BY KIRK ROSS

The Town of Chapel Hill could raise a considerable sum of money if it added a fee that charged developers every time they used the phrase “big-box.”

As you may have heard, we're leaking. Retail dollars that belong right here in the Big City are spilling over the eastern border to Southpoint and in the northwest to Alamance. And so there is, by policy, a yearning for something, somewhere that will pull those retail dollars back home.

Since it became apparent that the council, the board of county commissioners and even some leaders in planet Carrboro might be willing to buy into a huge project with a big-name anchor, developers have been repeatedly “dropping the box” to sell their projects to the boards.

Meanwhile, behind the curtain, there are occasional flurries of activity, as ideas are floated to fit potential tenants to the relatively few spots around town that fit the potential. In short, that means a big developable spot, close to a major highway.

Since a few years back when Chapel Hill declared itself open for business, there have been a number of signs that local governments are willing to bend over backwards, a posture that is apparently required to snag one of these big fish.

The county, for instance, agreed to an extensive reworking of water and sewer, among other things, for the Buckhorn Road area to accommodate a mega development. Carrboro considered the idea of opening up land to its west. And last year, Chapel Hill officials listened intently as Roger Perry talked about his dream of a Target and 10-story condos across from Southern Village on land a previous council wouldn't even consider for a high school.

What the three projects mentioned above have in common is that they didn't happen and probably won't, espe-

cially if the newest addition to the big-box lures on the north side of Chapel Hill succeeds. But each project offers a good example of what bending over backwards means and what could be compromised in the rush to stop the retail leakage.

Having seen a few pie-in-the-sky projects that used the potential big-box as leverage, it's easy to believe there's a risk in the current climate of letting projects drive policy.

Let's put aside for a moment the envy — or maybe jealousy — over the retail draw of Durham and Alamance and remember for a second why we're so desirous of a big-box: sales-tax dollars, commercial property tax, large employers and less travel time (sustainability).

Each project should be evaluated not only on whether they meet or exceed our requirements for development, but whether they are a plus for the town in all the above categories. The whole idea of adding

to our commercial tax base is predicated on the idea that unlike residential development, commercial is revenue positive for the town.

Traffic has to work, of course, and the cost of additional infrastructure, police and fire protection and so on that will be required of the town has to be more than offset by the tax take. And while looking at the economic model of the place, like the average wage of workers, may seem like government intrusion, it's a legitimate point of review considering the town's own living-wage policies and the high cost of living in southern Orange County.

Chapel Hill has its work cut out for it. Given all the effort, landing a big-box may seem like the biggest side of the struggle, especially in this economy. But making it work for the town and seeing that it becomes the economic plus big-box advocates have been touting will require a lot of work by town planners and diligence on the part of council members to keep their eyes on the prize and not get bedazzled by the blue-light special.

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Hayes and the raw Republican view

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON

North Carolina Republican Party Chair Robin Hayes seems to be in a good mood these days, and why shouldn't he be? The Republican legislative leadership not only continues to ram its right-wing agenda through the General Assembly, but is passing redistricting maps that, if they survive legal challenges, may guarantee Republicans control of the General Assembly for the next 10 years.

On top of that, thousands of teachers, teacher assistants and other state employees are losing their jobs, which really seems to make Hayes smile.

When the Employment Security Commission reported Friday that the layoff of 7,600 teacher assistants, university employees and other state workers had pushed the unemployment rate to 9.9 percent in June, up from 9.7 percent in May, Hayes couldn't have been happier, telling the Associated Press that the Republican plans were working perfectly and that he hoped more state workers would lose their jobs.

Never mind that House Speaker Thom Tillis said repeatedly that the Republican budget didn't lay off any teachers or teacher assistants. It is now clear that was political spin designed to distract us during the heat of the legislative budget debate.

Now that the spending plan is in place and the pink slips are flying, it is time not only to stop denying that the budget cost teachers and teacher assistants their jobs, but to celebrate it and hope for more.

Hayes must have been especially thrilled to read the news from Cumberland County last week that 137 teacher assistants there lost their jobs. Hardly a week goes by without similar news from other counties.

More than 20,000 public employees have been laid off since June 2010 and the numbers will only grow as the Republican budget takes its full effect affect on workers in early childhood education, human services and environmental protections.

Hayes seems to have forgotten that those 20,000 employees who were fired are no longer spending their paychecks in their communities, no longer buying goods and services from local businesses and no longer supporting private sector jobs.

His anti-government zealotry has blinded him from considering the economic impact on the state of the massive lay-

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offs of public workers.

His statement about hoping that more state employees are fired soon is also remarkable for what it says about his feelings about the services those employees provide.

Tillis and other legislative Republicans have tried to claim that many of the jobs eliminated were vacant positions that wouldn't affect important services for children and the most vulnerable people in North Carolina.

But like their claims about classroom workers, that too was a rhetorical smokescreen. Hayes' comments made that clear.

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And he is certainly not worried about how those 20,000 families are going to make ends meet.

Any fired state worker is good news to Hayes, the leader of the political party that controls the N.C. General Assembly. That is almost all you need to know about their real agenda.

Remember that when your child's teacher or teacher assistant is fired or there's nobody there to check on that oddly smelling chemical in the creek behind your house. For Hayes and the Republicans, those are not reasons to worry at all; those are events to celebrate.

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LETTERS

Meter man
overzealous

It was a balmy Saturday morning in Chapel Hill, a relaxed time for farmers' markets and yard sales. Several of us had parked along Kenan Street for a very interesting sale in the historic building on the corner. If there were “no parking” signs, I certainly didn't see them. And even if there were, it's a Saturday and it's a yard sale, for God's sake. While we were inside, an overzealous meter man gleefully wrote out \$50 tickets and posted them on a dozen different windshields. If he had done the small-town considerate thing, he would have come inside and said, “Hey, folks, you're going to have to move your cars.” I have seen policemen do this several times at the Chapel Hill Public Library when cars were parked illegally at book sales. But, no, this guy saw no reason to be decent about it. Most of us were senior citizens on very fixed incomes and paying that ticket will represent a real hardship for us. One thing's for sure — it would never have happened in Carrboro, where even the parking-enforcement people are good neighbors.

PERRY DEANE YOUNG
Chapel Hill

Unfair redistricting

Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Orange County and Democratic women are redistricting targets, with extensive gerrymandering and districts placing Democrats against each other. Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County will lose excellent and experienced representation if the General Assembly approves these maps. New district maps have Democratic Sen. Ellie Kinnaird from Carrboro against Bob Atwater from Chatham County. Democratic Reps. Joe Hackney and Verla Insko are in the same district.

Maps influenced by a Republican consultant, apparently paid with our tax money, are drawn with the purpose of eliminating almost half of the 22 Democratic women representatives and three Democratic women senators. Although both Republican and Democratic women representatives comprise only about 25 percent of the House and women senators are only about 11 percent of the Senate, apparently this low representation of a majority is considered too high by those drawing the maps.

Other Democratic women representatives targeted include Diane Parfitt against Rick Glazer; Deborah Ross against Grier Martin; and Sen. Linda Garrou and Rep. Jennifer Weiss, who are moved into strong Republican districts.

This attack on women's rights and equal representation reminds me that women could not vote when my wonderful mother was born in 1911.

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Recipe of the Week

Tortellini Salad
Recipe Provided by Susan Spalt

Ingredients:

- 12-16 ounces of cheese Tortellini (usually enough for 7-8 people)
- At least 2-3 cups loosely packed basil
- About 1/4 cup olive oil
- Salt to taste
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- Chopped roasted red peppers

Procedure:

Put basil, garlic, oil and salt in food processor with the chopping blade. Process well.
Cook tortellini according to package directions. Add basil mixture to tortellini while it is still hot, then add cheese.
Cool slightly. Add roasted red peppers, and mix salad well. Cool or serve at room temperature. This recipe is also good with shrimp or prosciutto.



JOHNNY'S FROM PAGE 1

do what I was doing. ... It just needs to simply be a commercial space."

Trish McGuire, planning director with the Town of Carrboro, said the property is zoned residential, but that Johnny's had been permitted to continue operating there.

"The business that was operating there for many years was a legally non-conforming business," she said. "That's something that Brian worked through in communication with zoning."

The Johnny's that occupied the space for many years – a bait and tackle shop – was at one time in line with the zoning for the property, but the zoning changed to residential a number of years ago, McGuire said.

Because the business predated the zoning change, it was allowed to continue operating with previously approved uses under provisions of the zoning ordinance.

If the business doesn't close for more than 12 months, then the legal nonconformity continues,

McGuire said.

However, a different type of business might not be allowed to operate in the space, she said.

"Things are a matter of degree, and you have to evaluate them," she said. "There's not a hard-and-fast answer there."

But, she added, "There is a point beyond which a business wouldn't be considered." A bar is not one of the legal, non-conforming uses for the property, she said.

According to McGuire, the town had received multiple comments from concerned residents regarding Johnny's.

Plaster said that because of all the complaints and issues, he had hoped to sell the property and business, and that a local business had made an offer, but that Halle backed out of the deal.

"If [Halle] wants to own it and continue without me as a partner, then she has to buy me out," he said. "I've worked very hard to make Johnny's what it is."

"She just told me that she wasn't going to pay me for the business," Plaster added. "At this point, my attorney is handling it."

Halle could not be reached for comment.

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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Did the Fat Lady Sing?
The legislative groups of Barack Obama is over - - Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader, addressing fellow Republicans in his home state of Kentucky.



A butterfly pea flower stops you mid-stride.

FLORA
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PHOTO BY BRIAN STOKES

the distinctions. Just enjoy that the distinctive four-petaled flowers may remind you of bluets or Quaker ladies you saw back in the cool spring, as well as the woodland evergreen groundcover, partridge berry. They all occupy places in the madder family, *Rubiaceae*, and you can share that with your friends! The common name, buttonweed, most likely refers to the little seedpods that resemble old-timey little round buttons.

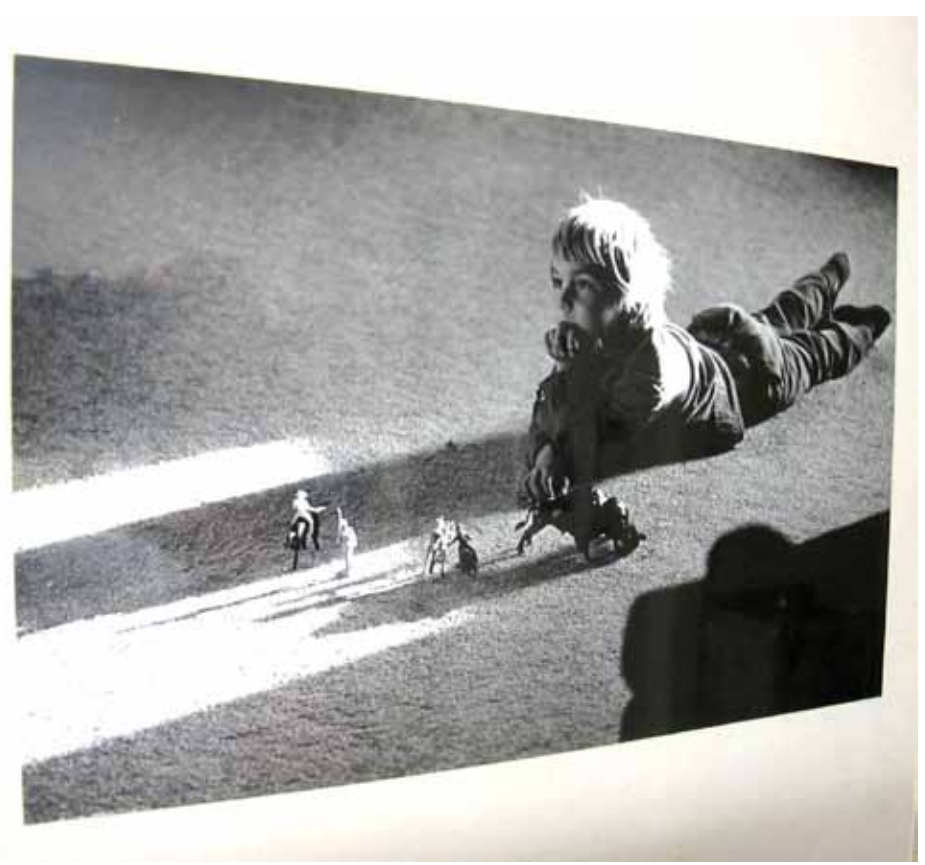
Brian's other special of the day is butterfly pea, *Clitoria mariana*, which while very common seems to bashfully keep its ternately (in threes) compound leafy vines hidden among woodland edges. It may attract your attention only when one of those vivid lavender-blue pea flowers greets the day. It is so beautiful that it simply needs no other description. In Brian's words: "... simply gazing in wonder brings purest tonic of Joy."

I mentioned the area along Price Creek

many months ago ("Take an Avatar walk," 2/4/10) after local musician Tim Stambaugh described it as one of his favorite nature haunts. This past winter, I joined a Heritage Hills resident in walking the path behind the community's tennis court. The low flat terrain includes a cypress swamp, which is a magical-in-all-seasons place, but, for most folks, probably best explored in the winter season, when poison ivy is dormant. In dramatic contrast are the paths bordering Brian's Monterey Valley area of giant boulders and undulating steeper terrain.

As I described in that earlier story about viewing our local forests as Avatar-like landscapes, both Brian and Tim appreciate their "closer look" walks that reward them with the naked, heart-stopping wonder of really seeing the living world. As Brian so beautifully expressed it: "Mother Nature's daily special."

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Physics 45

Physics 45, Photography: A course that has been retired, and the instructors who taught it ... are all retired as well, into the darkroom in their basement or into that 'Darkroom in the Sky.'" So reads the plaque accompanying several dozen framed black-and-white 8x10 photos from the mid-'70s hanging in the dimly lighted bowels of old Phillips Hall. A rite of passage for photo wannabes of the '60s and '70s, Physics 45 was the toughest class I ever took. Taught by the unforgettable duo of Ross Scroggs and Earl Mitchell, the class was more about physics than art. "Everything had to be explained in terms of physics," recalls Dennis Efrid, one of the photo gurus at Carrboro's Southeastern Camera. Dennis still distinctly remembers the photo he made of melting ice columns in Blowing Rock for his final exam print back in 1973. Largely forgotten and unsung, the little exhibit serves as a revealing dive back into another era when pre-digital photography was an intense and hands-on affair. Here's one of my faves: a mop-headed boy playing with his plastic cowboys and Indians, accompanied only by the photo credit: George C. Brown. (How I wish Scroggs and Mitchell had insisted on full captions!) Such a well-lighted and pensive moment makes us wonder: Whatever happened to this little thinker? By now, he'd be a 40-something.



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