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Rosinweed flowers in spite of heat and drought. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Overcrowded schools could halt development

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

Overcrowding in elementary schools and a delay in the construction of a new school could put a temporary stop to new residential development under the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO), according to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

Board Chair Jamezetta Bedford on Monday sent the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton and Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt a



Jamezetta Bedford

them of the possibility that new developments could be denied Certificates of Adequate Public Schools (CAPS), which are required under SAPFO.

"These overcrowding concerns are straining on our elementary schools," Bedford wrote. "Enrollment has been increasing and we have approached

and exceeded our elementary schools'

letter notifying capacities."

The allocation of funding for the district's 11th elementary school has been delayed twice, and the school is now scheduled to open for the 2014-15 school year – a year later than SAPFO calls for - but only if the county allocates funding in 2012-13.

"Because of revenues being down and the debt-capacity ceiling ... they really didn't have the cash," Bedford said in an interview on Wednesday. "It's not like the county has ignored us, and we know that the county knows that this could happen."

The commissioners

\$500,000 this year for the deconstruction of the old building on the school site, but it is unclear if that will be enough for deconstruction and abatement, Bedford said.

In 2008, the board voted to site the school in the Northside neighborhood, between Caldwell and McMasters streets where the former Northside Elementary School was located.

Bedford said that once the school year begins and the district conducts a count of students, the board will have a better picture of just how overcrowded the schools may be.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Another spectacular Piedmont wildflower display

I jump for joy when I view a field of wildflowers, especially here in our Piedmont region.

Such was the case last Friday at Penny's Bend Nature Preserve, just north of Durham, near where Old Oxford Road crosses the Eno River. The N.C. Botanical Garden has managed this 84-acre remnant Piedmont savanna ecosystem for several decades. Garden staff and volunteers plan and execute seasonal prescribed fires as a biological management tool in pursuit of returning the area to its former historical savanna status.

Seasonal savanna wildflower displays are returning to the site. Some of you may have enjoyed one of the Botanical Garden's interpretive walks offered earlier in the year to view blue wild indigo, wild quinine and smooth coneflower. Just now, the forest edges and open areas are filled with rosinweed, Silphium astericus, in full flower. Though small populations of rosinweed occur here and there along our rural roadsides, the current display at Penny's Bend is no less than spectacular.

In spite of 100-plus-degree heat and drought, the field was alive with butterflies and other winged pollinators. Coming into peak flower on the heels of the Silphium are three species of goldenrod, and numerous marsh mallows and buttonbushes continue to flower along the pond edges. The display of wildflowers and grasses will continue through

From the parking area near the Eno River bridge, a walking path provides access to the

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A garden grows in Carrboro



Cindy Shea and Bob Weickert check out the Kentucky pole beans in the Carrboro Community Garden.

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

Every Saturday morning in a garden tucked off Hillsborough Road, a group of residents comes together to do a little digging in the dirt.

The Carrboro Community Garden Coalition began in 2007 as an initiative of the Carrboro Greenspace Community Garden members, who needed a new space for their community gardening and found it on town-owned property adjacent to Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

Today, the half-acre is chock full of crops - all organic - tended to by the loyal volunteers who brave the weather weekly to care for the garden.

Coalition members have a wide range of gardening experience when they join – from that of a former farmer to no experience at all - and join for a variety of reasons.

Member Cindy Shea said she joined three years ago as a way to learn more about gardening, and to do so in a garden with great conditions.

We're able to raise so much more

than anybody would in a backyard garden," she said. "The conditions I have at the garden are so much better than I and other people have at home."

"I like gardening and I like the concept of helping people learn how to grow food," coalition steering committee member Bob Weickert said. Weickert joined the coalition about a year ago, though he's been gardening for much of

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State in violation of ADA, feds say

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Justice has told the state of North Carolina that its failure to make community-based accommodation for people living with mental illness is in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Having completed an eight-month investigation, the department sent a letter of findings to state Attorney General Roy Cooper on Friday stating that thousands of people living with

mental illness who could be served in their communities are needlessly institutionalized.

The services and supports these individuals need can and should be made available in the communities, but, the report says, "As the state has acknowledged, individuals with mental illness end up in adult care homes because existing housing programs are woefully inadequate."

Rather than providing community-based services - which include Assertive Community Treatment,

case management, peer support and employment services - the state subsidizes the cost of stays in adult care homes, which is just under \$1,200 per person per month. This money, says the Department of Justice (DOJ) report, should be redirected to community-based settings.

State officials have acknowledged that integrated, community-based housing is an "appropriate and effective" environment for persons with

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Don't punish players for Davis dismissal

BY EDDY LANDRETH

Staff Writer

UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp delighted Carolina's rivals and infuriated many Heels supporters when he dismissed football coach Butch Davis a week before the start of summer training camp.

Thorp provided no new evidence that Davis had knowledge of the problems inflicted on the school and the program by a select group of players.

So the disgust felt by the fans is un-

derstandable. For

the first time since

who understood

what it takes to

build a winner.

The kids loved

Brown, Carolina had a

coach

Mack

football



him (still do), respected him and played hard for him. Recruits followed him all the way to signing day.

Davis assembled a group of coaches who made recruits feel comfortable and then did a fantastic job of motivating the team and holding it together when the NCAA investigation started last sum-

"Last year, we were constantly amazed by the way our players responded," said UNC athletics director Dick Baddour, "and by the level of professionalism with which our coaching staff helped them deal with numerous adversities. This coaching staff is truly outstanding."

Of course, Davis is the architect of that coaching staff.

Some fans have suggested boycotting home games as a protest. Don't do it. What is done is done. Like it or not, this is how life works. At some point, one most move ahead or risk being gnawed

into pulp by bitterness. Besides, to boycott the games is to punish the players, who have already paid a high price. These young men work a rigorous 12-month schedule in order to play one game a week.

This team has already proven it has the courage Thorp lacks. The Tar

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Forcella takes the reins of CHCCS

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

The first day of school after summer break is always a bit daunting for students, and even more so for those entering a new school for the first time. This year, a new superintendent joins those students as a new kid in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

The school board announced in April that it had selected Dr. Thomas Forcella as the replacement for Neil Pedersen, who had served as superintendent since 1992. Forcella began work on July 5, and this month he'll start his first school year at the helm of the district.

Though Forcella has spent his entire career in New England, he said he was drawn to the district by its



as well as by two grown sons living in the South. He's already

spent 32 years in public education, but "I still have a lot of energy," Forcella said, adding that he

Thomas Forcella

plans to spend five to seven years with Chapel Hill-Carrboro to close out his

always something new," he said. "It's the furthest thing in the world from routine."

career in education. "I like the change. I like that there's

Prior to coming to Chapel Hill-Carrboro, he served as superintendent of Guilford, Conn., Public Schools

great reputation, since 2005, and before that as superintendent of schools in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Forcella got his start as a high school special-education teacher. He earned an undergraduate degree in physical education and later went on to get his master's in special education and a doctorate in educational management.

After five years in the classroom, he spent seven years as an assistant principal, then six as a high-school prin-

"I really enjoyed high schools. I always have - just the activity that's going on," he said. As a principal, "you can take a staff and motivate them to do some pretty neat things."

Though he enjoyed being in the classroom and in the schools, he wanted to create systemic change and knew that had to come from the district administrative level. He became an assistant superintendent, then su-

His style, he says, is "very handson." And, he adds, "I believe in creating a collaborative culture."

Challenges

The district's size will certainly be an adjustment for Forcella; Chapel Hill-Carrboro has nearly three times the number of students as Guilford Public Schools, which includes seven schools serving 3,900 students.

"It's a big change in size," he said; however, the districts do have important similarities.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY AUGUST 4

The Cave: LATE: Multiples, Stratocruiser

City Tap: Jo Gore and The Alternative. 8pm

General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau.

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: The

Jolly Beggars. 8pm Local 506: Joe Hero, Destroy All Sweaters. 9pm. \$8

Nightlight: Ojos Rojos, Flying Snakes. 9:30pm. \$5

The Station at Southern Rail: Elliot Humphries. 10pm

Weaver Street Market: The Tim Smith Band. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 5

Bynum General Store: Craicdown, 7pm

Caffe Driade: Nikki Meets the Hibachi, 8pm

Carolina Inn: Ted Walters Band. Cat's Cradle: Brother Esau, The

Infidels. 9pm. \$6/8 The Cave: LATE: The Wigg Re-

port, Joy In Red City Tap: Doug Largent Trio. 7pm

General Store Cafe: James Olin Oden, 8pm

Internationalist Books: Luke Romano, 7pm Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Molly

Johnson, 8pm Local 506: Lizzy Ross Band, Songs

of Water, Troubel. 9:30pm. \$8 Nightlight: Clang Quartet, Mecanikill, Baptizer, Orgavin. 9:30pm. \$6 Open Eye Cafe: Mike Blair. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY AUG 6

Cat's Cradle: Chatham County Line, Justin Robinson and the Mary Annettes. 9pm. \$14/17

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Shadowbunny, Ani Stark, Surrealia 3

City Tap: The Swang Brothers.

General Store Cafe: Rootzie,

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: The Stonewalls, 8pm

Local 505: Bronze Radio Return, Tim Brantley, Chuck Cannon. 8pm.

Nightlight: Last Year's Men, Dan Melchior und das Menace, Wild Wild Geese, 10pm, \$7

Open Eye Cafe: Flesh and Stone. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: The Wut IV. 7pm

SUNDAY AUG 7

The Cave: The Norkus?kimbrough Band, To All My Dear Friends. 9pm

City Tap: Pagan Hellcats. 8pm Southern Village: The Pratie

Heads, 7pm The Station at Southern Rail: Te Red Hot Poker Dots, The Dave

Spencer Band Weaver Street Market: Frankie Alexander and Friends. 11am

MONDAY AUG 8

The Cave: Ten Cent Poetry, Rodie Ray. 9pm. \$5

Local 506: Honky, Adam Faucett. 9:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Ryley Walker and Daniel Bachman, Mike Collins, Veedon Fleece. Ilpm. Donations

TUESDAY AUG 9

Cat's Cradle: Kurt Vile and the Violators, True Widow, Old Bricks. 9pm. \$12/15

The Cave: LATE: Jordan and jThe Sphinx, Mysti Mayhem. \$5

Flying Burrito: Tim Stambaugh.

WEDNESDAY AUG 10

Cat's Cradle: Toad the Wet Sprocket, Mark Kano. 8pm. \$22/25

The Cave: LATE: Simple, Analogue Transit, The Prescription Jphonol

Nightlight: The Fooligans, Getting

Century Center: Kairaba. 7:30pm. \$3

Up, Putting Out

THURSDAY AUG II The Cave: EARLY: Little High Little Low LATE: The Flea Market

City Tap: Gmish. 8pm

Price, Erin Brown. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Brit

Local 506: The Chris Hendricks

Weaver Street Market: Tim Stambaugh and Friends. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 12

Bynum General Store: Sour-

wood Mountain Band. 7pm Caffe Driade: Saludos Compay.

Carolina Inn: The Gravy Boys.

The Cave: LATE: Burke and The Vice Grips

City Tap: Diali Keba Cissokho, David Quick. 7pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Daphne Nichols, Scarlet Virginia, Ten Cent

Pottery, Without Sound. 8pm Local 506: Mary Johnson Rockers,

Bird and Arrows Nightlight: Minor Stars, Architecture, Royal Forest, The Spacemen.

9:30pm. \$5 Open Eye Cafe: Bella Vita. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY AUG 13

Caffe Driade: Supreme Fiction.

The Cave: EARLY: Sara Shansky LATE: Bitter Resolve, LURCH,

City Tap: Great Big Gone. 8pm General Store Cafe: Tommy

Edwards, 8pm Jessee's Coffee and Bar: The Riff, Second Breakfast. 8pm

Local 506: Scattered Trees, The Alternate Routes, Paul Dempsey.

Nightlight: Boggie Reverie and the Hipstars

The Station at Southern Rail: Not Dead Yet. 6pm

SPOTLIGHT: MICHELLE MACLAY



Michelle Maclay says she's not quite sure what she's doing with her comedy these days. Regardless, she's sure doing a lot of it. Maclay hosts, produces and performs in shows throughout the area with impressive regularity. She does the producing/hosting thing at Open Mic at The Cave every first Friday of the month, produces/hosts a booked show called Last Laugh at Davenport & Winkleperry in Pittsboro every last Friday, just started a once-a-month show at The Station called *The* Comedy Livingroom and performs regularly at DSI.

You can catch Maclay yuckin' it up at The Cave this Friday at 7:30 p.m. and then at the Beehive Salon on Sunday at 6 p.m., where she'll be joined by fellow comedienne Caroline Monday. The Beehive invites you to pair your sampling of Maclay and Monday with "the Bloody Mary mixer/elixir Bloody Brando" and "yummy condiments to mix and

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

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309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030

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THE VARSITY 123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

lows: Part 2 3D

Kung Fu Panda 2; The Hangover

Cars 2; Cowboys & Aliens; Crazy,

Stupid, Love; Harry Potter and the

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

Cowboys and Aliens; Crazy, Stupid,

Deathly Hallows – Part 2; Rise of

the Planet of the Apes

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Rise of the Planet of the Apes;

Love; The Smurfs 3D; Captain

America: The First Avenger 3D;

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal-

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FR 8/5**(\$6/\$8) BROTHER ESAU SA 8/6**(\$14/\$17) CHATHAM COUNTY LINE

W/JUSTIN ROBINSON & THE MARY ANNETTES TU 8/9**(\$12/\$15) KURT VILE AND THE VIOLATORS W/TRUE WIDOW AND OLD

WE 8/10**(\$22/\$25) TOAD THE WET SPROCKET FR 8/19 AND SA 8/20 ARCHERS OF LOAF

WE 8/31**(\$18/\$20) THE HOLD STEADY

SA 9/3**(\$8/\$10) K.O. KID MIXTAPE RELEASE PARTY

SU 9/4**
ABBEY ROAD LIVE TU 9/6**(\$18/\$20) AN ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH THE WEEPIES FR 9/9**(\$20/\$23) GHOSTLAND OBSERVATORY

SA 9/10 **(\$28/\$30)SEATED SHOW BRUCE COCKBURN SU 9/11 STARFUCKER W/BEAT CONNECTION / ALEXICO**(\$12/\$14)







FR 9/16**(\$14/\$16) ATARI TEENAGE RIOT SA 9/17 GIRLS**(\$14/\$16) SU 9/18 MAT KEARNEY**(\$20/\$23) TU 9/20**(\$13/\$15)
MEAT PUPPETS
W/THE WEEKS AND BUSTELLO

WE 9/21**(\$15/\$17)
WILD BEASTS TH 9/22**(\$12) MEGAFAUN FR 9/23 MELISSA FERRICK SA 9/24 RECORD RELEASE PART MANDOLIN ORANGE** TU 9/27 CUT COPY ASHED OUT AND MIDN MAGIC**(\$25)

WE 9/28 THE JOY FORMIDABLE**(\$13/\$15) W/FANG ISLA FR 9/30**(\$15) WHO'S BAD? SA 10/1 STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS W/AMY

LENNARD**(\$16/\$18)
ON SALE FRIDAY AUGUST 5 SU 10/2**(\$17/\$20) THE LEMONHEADS PERFORMING IT'S A SHAME ABOUT RAY IN ITS ENTIRETY

MO 10/3**(\$14/\$16)
TAPES N TAPES W/H TU 10/4**(\$15/\$18) FRIENDLY FIRES

WE 10/5**(\$12/\$14)
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MO 10/10**(\$13/\$15) JUNIOR BOYS TU 10/11**(\$18/\$21)
THRICE W/LA DISPUTE, WE 10/12 STARS**(\$18/\$20) TH 10/13 IRATION W/TOMORROW'S BAD SEEDS AND THROUGH THE ROOTS**(\$12/\$14) TH 10/20 TRAMPLED BY TURTLES**(\$13/\$15) ON SALE FRIDAY AUGUST 5 FR 10/21 WILD FLAG**(\$15/\$17) W/ELEANOR FRIEDBE SA 10/22 **DAWES AND** BLITZEN TRAPPER ON SALE FRIDAY AUGUST 12 MO 10/24 **(\$12/\$14) **ELECTRIC SIX W/KITTEN**

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BAND FANTASTIC TH 10/27 ODD FUTURE**(\$20) FR 10/28**(\$16/\$18)
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STEVE AND YELLOW OSTRI SA 10/29 REVEREND **HORTON HEAT SARTAIN**(\$15/\$17)**

SU 10/30 **BORIS** TU 11/8 HAYES CARLL**(\$15)

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SU 9/18 THE LOW ANTHEM TU 9/20 SECRET CHIEFS 3 WE 9/21 NICK 13 (OF TIGER ARM TU 10/25 THE WOMBATS W/TH FR 11/11 THE SEA AND CAKE
TH 12/15 RACHAEL YAMAGATA

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SA 9/24 THE OLIVIA TREMOR
CONTROL W/THE MUSIC TAPES

TH 9/22 MATT POND AND ROCKY VOLATATO W/APEX MANOR TU 9/13 OKKERVIL RIVER

TH 9/22 THE HEAD AND THE HEAD
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STAY DOWN AND
THE DEVIL WHALE FR 10/21 DAS RACIST:

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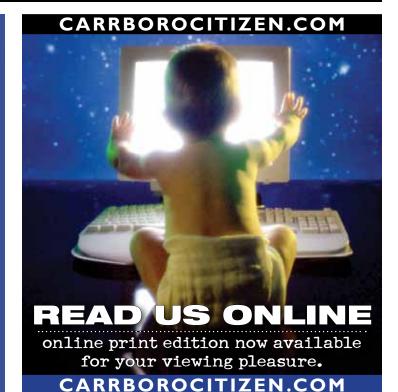
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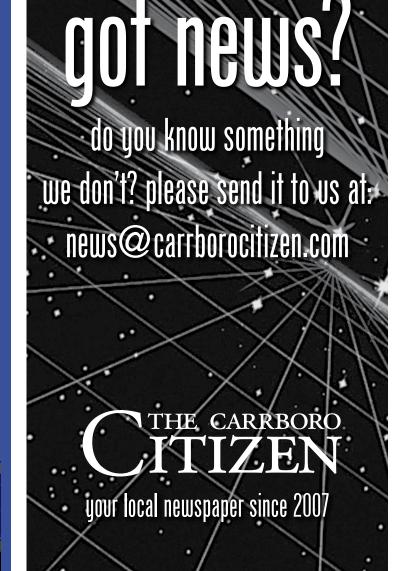
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WE 10/26 THE JAYHAWKS

TH 10/20 THE CIVIL WAR





News Briefs



Arrest in local break-ins

Lydriquez Jamel Blount was arrested by Carrboro police on Wednesday and charged with multiple counts of felony breaking and entering and larceny, and is suspected of being involved in 14 residential break-ins in Carrboro and Chapel Hill and on the UNC

Blount, 22, of 404 Jones Ferry Road, Blount Apt. D-18, was stopped at a traffic checkpoint on June 24 and police discovered two

outstanding felony warrants from Durham and Beaufort counties for pawning property. He was charged with four counts of felony breaking and entering and felony larceny. Stolen property recovered from his residence linked him to the local break-ins, and additional charges are expected.

New OWASA board members

Dana Stidham and Will Raymond took the oath of office to join the OWASA Board of Directors on July 28.

Stidham was appointed by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. The Chapel Hill Town Council appointed Raymond.

Stidham has been a Carrboro resident for six years and has served as a member of the town's Environmental Advisory Board. She also has served as a planner with the Town of Chapel Hill and in Herndon, Va.

Raymond has been a resident of Chapel Hill since 1988 and is a consulting software developer who focuses on enterprise application integration. Since 2000, he has been a local activist concentrating on environmental, developmental and social-justice

New parking on Franklin Street

A new municipal parking lot providing 48 spaces is now open at 427 W. Franklin St. Parking spaces cost \$1.25 per hour, with a four-hour limit, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday.

This fall, two additional parking lots will open in the 100 block of South Graham Street, providing nearly 2,000 parking spaces in downtown Chapel Hill. For locations of municipal parking in downtown Chapel Hill, visit townofchapelhill.org/parking

Chatham seeks committee members

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners seeks 12 members for its Human Relations Advisory Committee; the deadline for applications is Sept. 9.

The committee has transitioned from a commission to an advisory committee and will generally focus on promoting positive relationships between various groups in the county and may also recommend county-sponsored programs and activities, such as awards programs and exhibits.

The terms for all seats will eventually be three years, but this initial round of appointments will stagger the terms by assigning one-, two- and three-year terms to open seats.

To apply, complete a volunteer committee application at chathamnc.org/index.aspx?page=49. For more information, contact County Manager Charlie Horne at 542-8200.

Police investigate campus break-in

UNC police are investigating a breaking-and-entering and larceny in the Student and Academic Services Building North.

The break-in occurred in the student judicial system office, which houses the Honor Court, and was discovered Monday at 8 a.m. Sensitive confidential records for 31 students were taken, and university officials are contacting these students to inform them of the theft.

The university's Department of Public Safety seeks assistance in identifying a suspect or suspects, urging anyone with information related to this investigation to contact UNC Police Investigator Ross Barbee at 962-0564 or CrimeStoppers at 942-7515. All callers may remain anonymous.

New traffic signal on Homestead

Construction crews are installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of Homestead Road and Weaver Dairy Road Extension; it's expected to be in operation by Aug. 15.

One lane may be closed between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for several days, but traffic flow will not change significantly. The N.C. Department of Transportation and the Town of Chapel Hill approved the construction, which will cost \$60,000.

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A Southern Season sold to local capital fund

CHAPEL HILL - Having grown from an 800-square-foot store and a staff of one in December 1975 to 60,000 square feet and more than 300 employees, A Southern Season certainly has seen some changes.

A new chapter now begins, with the announcement that TC Capital Fund, headed by Chapel Hill entrepreneur Clay Hamner, has bought the company.

"For most of A Southern Sea-

son's history, Clay has been a loyal customer and supporter of the philosophy and values of what we're all about," said founder Michael Barefoot. "As the company experienced the economic downturn in early 2009, like other businesses did, Hamner initiated discussions about helping the company grow."

Barefoot will continue to play an active role in the business, as will longtime partners Tim Ma-

nale and Briggs Wesche.

"I will be fully engaged at A Southern Season for the next five years," Barefoot said, "after which I plan to reduce my involvement to pursue other challenges and interests."

TC Capital Fund is a joint venture between two Chapel Hill-based investment funds: Carrboro Capital Corporation and Tryon Capital Ventures

The founders of Carrboro Capital are Chapel Hill residents Hamner, Betty Kenan and Phil Phillips; the founders of Tryon Capital are Pete Coker and Peter

The company also announced that Larry Shaw has been brought on board as president. Shaw, a Chapel Hill resident, has 20 years of retail experience.

Staff Reports

LANDRETH

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Heels overcame severe adversity with the loss of so many quality players a year ago by still having a winning season and finishing in dramatic style against Tennessee in

the Music City Bowl. Such success would not have occurred without the players accepting the coaches' direction.

"To get back, missing all those guys, to an 8-5 record," offensive guard Jonathan Cooper said, "it made me feel pretty good about our team."

You can bet the beach house that when Connor Barth's field goal sailed through at the end of the game against Tennessee, UNC fans everywhere felt pretty good as well. So the worst thing Carolina fans can do now is quit on these

players.
"The kids in this locker room deserve our fans to be behind them," recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach Allen Mogridge said. "I pray that our fans will support these young people and this coaching staff and this head coach and this university moving forward."

The head coach, on an interim basis, is former defensive coordinator Everett Withers.

If the fans do come and cheer long and loudly, magical results are possible. Davis and his staff recruited well during his time at UNC.

The program needed a thorough examination after the issues came to light last summer, but the administration has overreacted and bungled to the point of absurdity. As infuriating as that may be, fans should resist the urge to stay home on game day. The players here today either served their punishment for academic improprieties or never committed violations.

As any coach would hope, the team used the adversity as a rallying point.

"It's brought us closer together as a unit," Cooper said. "It got to a point where it was an us-againstthe-world mentality. It was like nobody believed in us but us.

The resiliency to bounce back from all these obstacles made it seem like any other obstacle was nothing, having to play without such high-caliber players."

This is still college sports, not the NFL. So there is an unwritten pact between the fans and the team, binding one to the other if the players do their part. Carolina's players have done their part. They have prepared rigorously for the season. Now Carolina fans must reciprocate, regardless of their feelings about what happened recently.

This really is about the players who put on that Carolina blue uniform and risk their minds and bodies every time they walk out on

Mogridge is correct. These kids are all right.

DOJ

FROM PAGE I

serious mental illness.

The state must now take action or be subject to a DOJ lawsuit. "We would prefer, however, to resolve this matter by working cooperatively with the State," writes U.S. Assistant Attorney General Thomas Perez, "and are confident that we will be able to do so."

The investigation launched in November in response to a complaint filed by Disability Rights North Carolina. "Finally, this is a critical step towards true recovery for people with mental illness in North Carolina," said Vicki Smith, the organization's executive director.

"Human services in North Carolina have suffered major hits with no relief in sight for too long," said Julie Bailey, interim executive director of Mental Health America of the Triangle. "I'm anxious to see the next action plan rolled out by the state in response to the ruling. I want to be hopeful, but history causes me to be a bit cynical."

An 'institutional bias'

The DOJ brought investigators to North Carolina to visit adult care homes and review resident records. They concluded that most individuals with mental illness who are in adult care homes "are not materially different than individuals with mental illness who currently thrive in community-based settings" and that community-based services are "well able" to meet their

The investigators further found that most of these people would not oppose being moved to integrated settings - to the contrary, most would welcome

But despite the fact that the objective of mental health reform in North Carolina was to move people out of institutional settings, a state-funded report has acknowledged there remains an "institutional bias" in North Carolina.

Reform measures, which began a decade ago, were triggered largely by the U.S. Supreme Court's 1999 Olmstead ruling. In that ruling, the court stipulated that, in keeping with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Medicaid-eligible individuals should not be discriminated against by being forcibly institutionalized when they might otherwise be provided services within their com-

According to the DOJ, adult care homes "appear and function as institutions." They present "significant barriers" to community integration. To the extent that any activities are offered, says the report, "they are largely infantile and consist of activities such as bingo, arts and

crafts, puzzles, movie-watching, and board games."

The report concludes that, "All new supported housing should be scattered site, with no more than 10 percent of a residential setting allocated to persons with disabilities," and that the state must ensure that the services required for a successful transition to supported housing are provided.

Further: "No one who is qualified for supported housing should be placed in an adult care home, or other congregate setting, unless after being fully informed, he or she declines the opportunity to receive services in supported housing."

"I believe that an integrated setting in the community or home is absolutely preferable for the most humane treatment of our fragile populations," Bailey said. But given the continued cuts to mental health services, she asks how the changes will be

"Can it be implemented in a way where consumers of services actually are supported in ways that help them reach their full potential? Or will we be forced to recycle more band-aids with this plan?"

The state Department of Health and Human Services released a statement saying that it hopes to complete its review of the findings within the next few weeks in order to respond.

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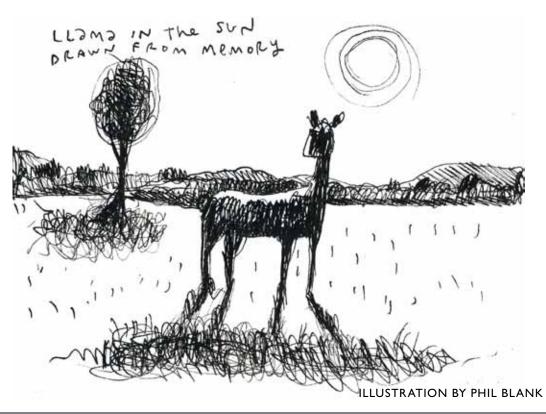
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Dear HOUSE Calls, I have a newborn starting daycare this fall and I am worried about RSV. I had a friend whose baby got very sick from RSV last winter. Is there something I can do to protect my baby?

RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) can be very serious for babies and scary for parents. Most babies get RSV, and it passes like a simple cold. Babies prone to bad infections with RSV are those that are born premature by at least six weeks and those with lung disease. Breastfeeding is probably the best thing you can do to prevent RSV. Good hand washing at home, changing towels and covering mouths when sneezing and coughing can all help. Make sure they have a good hygiene policy at your daycare. Children and staff should wash hands on arrival, after toileting and before and after meals. Ask about the sick policy. When should sick staff and children remain home? When may they return to the center?

We usually recommend at least 24 hours after the last fever, but we don't recommend keeping people out work or school because of simple colds. For those children at special risk (born very premature or with lung disease), ask your family doctor or pediatrician about the vaccine for RSV. It is very expensive, but covered by insurance for special-risk groups. It needs to be given monthly before and through RSV season. Last but not least, make sure your baby is not exposed to second-hand

Dear HOUSE Calls, Each fall, I tend to get eye and throat drainage from allergies. I have tried a number of things without success. I was hoping you could provide recommendations for allergies.

Fortunately, over-the-counter products, such as longer-acting antihistamines like Claritin or Zyrtec, can help. Benadryl is a shorter-acting antihistamine that can make you tired but might be more effective. You might take these regularly when your aller-

gies bother you. Allergies may be seasonal for some people, caused by spring and fall pollens and grasses. However, some people find that forced air from heat or air conditioners can really dry them out and make them more prone to household allergens like dust mites and mold. Also, we tend to spend more time indoors in the winter, which can prolong exposure to these allergens. You may try to modify your exposure with increased vacuuming and dusting, special allergy covers for your mattress and pillow or a temporary relocation for that beloved family pet. See if any of these changes make a big difference. If you are not getting the relief you need, nasal steroids or nose sprays prescribed by your

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Community Calendar

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. internationalistbooks.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

Family Fun Day — Organized by the Town of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department. Hargraves Center, 216 N. Roberson St., 6-10pm townofchapelhill.org

SUNDAY AUGUST 7

Dog Class — A reward-based, free workshop in K-9 manners with Jenn Merritt, CPDT-KA. For people only. Extraordinary Ventures Conference Center, 200 S. Elliott Road. 5-6:30pm Free bluedogk9.com

MONDAY AUGUST 8

Time Out — With host Bill Hendrickson and guests Teri and Tony Gutierrez discussing the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act. WCOM 103.5FM, 5pm

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10

Movie Showing — PG-rated, family movie time. Orange County Main Library, Hillsborough, 10:30am Free For movie title call 245-2536

Trans Group — Trans Discussion Group, co-hosted by the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, provides support/discussion. Internationalist Books, 8pm

THURSDAY AUGUST II

Movie Showing — Toy Story 3. Wallace Plaza, sundown Free

Movie Night — Antichrist to be shown at Internationalist Books, 7pm internationalistbooks.org

Senior Care Workshop —

Designed to help families be more prepared for emergencies with their senior loved ones, 104 S. Estes Drive. noon Free 933-3300

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

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Community Briefs

School history exhibit opens

The Orange County Historical Museum has opened a new exhibit, "Schoolhouses, Students and Slates: 19th Century Education in Hillsborough and Orange County."

The exhibit includes information on the history of Orange County schools - including the Hillsborough Military Academy, the Nash and Kollock School and the Bingham School - and 19th century diaries, letters and textbooks. In addition, it features photography by local artist Jackie Liggins and a reproduction classroom where visitors can try their hand at 19th-century penmanship.

The exhibit will run through Nov. 1.

Family fun day at Hargraves Center

The Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department will hold Family Fun Day from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at the Hargraves Community Center 216 N. Roberson

This year will mark the 10th annual event and will include live music, food, swimming and games. It's free and open to the public.

A basketball tournament will be held Friday at 4 p.m. for ages 14 to 18. To register, call 968-2794.

Backpacks, school supplies needed

Bring school supplies and backpacks to the Hargraves Recreation Center this week through Friday to participate in a drive to provide school supplies to children of the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

A list of recommended supplies is available at Hargraves Recreation Center, located at 216 N. Roberson St. The effort is being led by B2skol Friends of Northside, a nonprofit organization that donates new backpacks and supplies to children in need.

Checks may be made out to Friends of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and mailed to Nate Davis, c/o Friends of Chapel Hill & Recreation, 200 Plant Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

CHS students receive scholarships

Teon Dolby and Benjamin Rose were awarded the Chapel Hill and Carrboro peacemaking scholarships for their excellent performances at Carrboro High School.

The scholarships are awarded based on activism, academic study, career goals, global community and social justice.

Dolby was a student representative on the community's Committee for the Success of All Students and plans to become a civil rights lawyer; he will attend Morgan State University this fall. Rose led United Way fundraising events and acted in numerous CHS and community theater productions; he will attend UNC-Wilmington this fall.

To apply for a scholarship, visit unitedchurch.org/peacemaking

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Citizen **Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody

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Community

PTA thrift shops offer a wealth of goods at the right price

BY CAROLINE KILARU

Staff Writer

This story is the third in a series about thrift shopping in our community. This week, we profile the PTA Thrift Shop, which has locations at 103 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro and 103 S. Elliott Road in Chapel Hill.

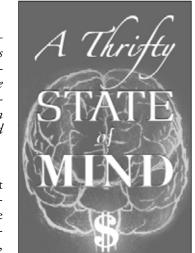
Background

The Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop is my first stop for anything thrifty. The employees are friendly, the merchandise is interesting and the prices are good, with sales that make them great.

At its current location since 1979, the store will soon be rebuilt, almost doubling in size. The property will house the thrift shop as well as other retail, office and community space, emphasizing sustainability in construction and management.

The current store covers about 4,000 square feet of retail space and receives 400 to 550 tons of donations a year. Through its recycling programs, it keeps 275 to 300 tons of unsellable clothing out of the landfill annually and has recycled approximately 160 tons of scrap metal since 2008.

Where your dollars go All sales from the PTA thrift



shops benefit Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Over the past five years, the thrift shop has donated \$1.5 million to the district's schools, and thrift shop leadership plans to grow that number through the rebuilt property.

"We are expanding to diversify our business model, to be even more sustainable and true to our stated mission to support the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools in a more robust and intentional way, given the area's growing population and state budget cuts, which will impact education funding into the foreseeable future," said Barbara Jessie-Black, the PTA Thrift Shop's executive director.

Lay of the land

The Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop fills two floors, with a large front patio used for displaying furniture and equipment. The downstairs level is packed with books, with several bookshelves upstairs as well.

The rest of the top floor holds shoes, clothing, fabric and accessories, as well as home décor, electronics, furniture, house wares and kitchen items.

There's a smaller PTA Thrift Shop in Chapel Hill's Village Plaza. Here you'll find a smattering of furniture and a good house wares, book, clothing and shoe selection.

Best bets

The Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop is the largest thrift shop in the area, has a great selection and turnover and carries the full gamut of thrift-store offerings, from salad spinners to antique

Prices can be higher here than elsewhere – evening dresses and suits run as high as \$8 to \$10, and some large furniture costs in the hundreds of dollars. Consider the Carrboro PTA a sustainable Marshall's-meetsflea-market, where you have the

advantage of finding completely unique items, like out-of-print books and vintage bracelets, for

I guarantee that if shoppers come three times in one week, they can find a nice vacuum cleaner, CD player, telephone, iron or dish drying rack. Suitcases, athletic equipment and some surprises, like crutches and medical supplies, stream through regularly.

Time to go

According to Jessie-Black, store inventory volume is highest in the summer and at the end of

'We have two surges of donations. One is when students are leaving and everyone is moving, in May. At the very end of the year, we have another surge, because people want to make sure to get their year-end tax receipts."

The end-of-the-month stock is also plentiful, according to Jessie-Black.

"That's the time we get calls from property managers emptying properties and from people moving out," she said.

The store also holds two annual restocking sales. Each spring and fall, goods are sold by the bagful over three days, and

Katherine Sanford has worked as a cashier at the PTA Thrift Shop for four years. PHOTO BY CAROLINE KILARU

everything shoppers can stuff into the bag can be theirs for \$3 the first day, \$2 the second and \$1 the last day of the sale.

A few days later, the store reopens, completely restocked with new items. Lines for re-openings can wrap around the block. The restocking sales are usually in March and September/October; look for this year's sale right before the Carrboro store's closing.

Know before you go The PTA Thrift Shop ac-

cepts cash, Visa, MasterCard, checks, IFC vouchers and school gift cards. The Carrboro store is closed on Sundays and holidays; the Chapel Hill store is open seven days a week, but closed on holidays. The Carrboro store accepts donations Monday-Saturday, while the Chapel Hill store accepts items Wednesday-Saturday.

Coming next week: a profile of the Club Nova Thrift Shop

COMMUNITY **GARDEN**

FROM PAGE I

"My gardening goes back to when my parents had the victory garden back at the end of the Second World War ... and we were gardening because we needed the food," he said. "I have plenty of gaps in what I do know, but I can sure squeeze food out of the

One of the challenges the coalition faces is recruiting enough members to care for the garden, which needs a lot of work, especially this time of year. A core group of about 10 to 15 regulars tend to the garden each week, while others show up from time

"There are some that are quite faithful and just love the heck out

of being there," Weickert said.

We have a real dedicated core group of people, but we really need more," Shea said. "People of all ages and abilities."

Getting enough water to the garden is another challenge - especially this time of year. The coalition uses water from a nearby well, as well as water collected from two rooftop cisterns on

"It's enough to make you pray for divine intervention," Weickert said. "You can do everything except make it grow."

Hue and Patrick Marlatt joined the coalition just a few weeks ago after researching shared-garden spaces in the area. Since they've started coming to the garden, they've helped with weeding, watering, harvesting and whatever else needs to be

Marlatt said.

"You can take whatever you want," she said, adding that she'd made a fresh salsa using ingredients grown in the garden. "It's fun - it's just really hot right now."

Gardeners can share in all that is grown in the garden - not just what they choose to plant.

"If you happen to be the one that's grown the eggplant, everybody gets a crack at the eggplant and you get a crack at the cucumbers and tomatoes," Weickert

When there's an abundance of food, the coalition donates it to TABLE and Farmer Foodshare, which provide food to hungry children.

"Out of a half-acre of ground, you can get a lot of produce," Weickert said, adding that he hopes to recruit new members and thus increase production so Their work has paid off, Hue the coalition can donate more

Tomatoes, peppers, onions, okra, potatoes, zucchini, asparagus, pole beans, melons, blueberries, peaches and cucumbers are all grown in the garden, and members are adding new crops every year. Coalition member Justin Telech planted hops this year, and plans to brew beer with his bounty.

By working in the garden, Telech said he collects enough vegetables and fruits that he doesn't have to purchase much fresh produce this time of year – which is especially significant given that he's a vegetarian.

For more information or to join the coalition, visit grassroots.wikia.com/wiki/Carrboro_ Community_Gardening_Coalition, email ccgc@riseup.net - or just show up ready to work on Saturday morning.

OBITUARY

Kimowan Metchewais



On July 29, 2011, Mr. Kimowan Metch-"Kim ewais, McLain," of Lake Cold First Nations, Alberta, Canada, and Car-

rboro, N.C., passed away at the age of 47 years. Kimowan was an associate professor in the art department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his degree from the University of New Mexico and his art has been exhibited in galleries across the United States and Canada. An exhibit of his work is currently on display at LIGHT Art + Design, 601 W. Rosemary St., Chapel Hill.

Kimowan is survived by his mother, Ada Metchewais; four brothers, Luther McLain, George McLain, Hans McLain and Dana (Shyla) Mueller; brothers and sisters, Vi Manywounds and Conrad, Molly and Marlon Metchewais; aunties and uncles, Jobby, Roseanne, Sam and Leona "Auntie Lee" Metchewais; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues and students; and fiancee, Antje Thiessen. He was predeceased by his brother, Sheldon McLain; sister, Wanda Metchewais; grandparents, Alexander (1992) and Theresa (1991) Metchewais; and aunts and uncles, Jim, Agnes, Joles "Lawrence," Edna and Lorraine.

For his North Carolina friends and family, there will be two opportunities to remember Kimowan. A gathering of friends will take place at The Flowjo at 100B Brewer Lane in Carrboro tonight (Thursday) at 8. An additional celebration of his life will be held during the fall semester at Hanes Art Cen-

A wake was held Sunday, July 31 and Monday, Aug. 1 at Cold Lake First Nations Band Hall, Cold Lake First Nations. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. at St. Raphael Roman Catholic Church, Cold Lake First Nations. Reverend Father Mario Jubinville was the celebrant, with interment in the church cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to the University of North Carolina Cancer Hospital, c/o Box 1780, St. Paul, Alberta, Canada T0A 3A0. To send online condolences, please visit gracegardensfuneralchapel.

FORCELLA

FROM PAGE I

"What I'm finding is that a lot of the goals that the community has and the school district has are similar" to those of Guil-

Though the district's size will make it more difficult for him to show his face in all of the district schools on a regular basis, Forcella intends to be seen in the schools and the community as much as

"I'd like to get out to games. I think it's important ... to be able

to put a face to a name," he said. "I've always been able to find time to talk to anyone who has a con-

"Everyone has a right to be part of the process."

Moving forward, a big part of that process will be the development of the district's new strategic plan.

"One of my challenges will be how you get input from all the stakeholders," he said. "What kind of a district do we want to

Forcella looks forward to gathering that input and taking a hard look at the schools.

"I'm excited about looking at the district as a whole," he said. He hopes to hold a large-scale event in the spring to gather the community as a kick-off for the district's new strategic plan.

"I think in order to create positive change, we need to create a sense of ownership," he said.

An obvious obstacle for the district is the state of the econo-

my.
"The challenge there is how do you take something negative and turn it into something positive," Forcella said. "It gives you the chance to take a hard look at what you're doing and see if

there's a better way."

Throughout the superintendent search, community members, parents and teachers identified the minority achievement gap as one of the top issues facing the district today. Forcella hopes to approach that gap head-on. He believes an emphasis on classroom instruction and "keeping the notion alive that we all can get better" are the keys to closing

"It's really about all kids learning at higher levels," Forcella said. "Intelligence is not stagnant. Effort creates ability."



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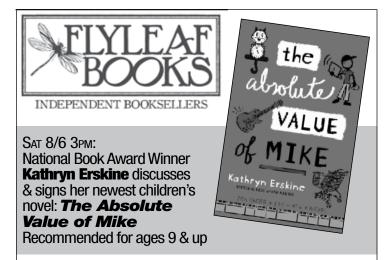
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The creeping remorse of the extreme right

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON

Some Republicans in the General Assembly are beginning to agree with at least one criticism of their party's performance in the recent legislative session - that they steamrolled ahead with extreme, ideological legislation with little regard for suggestions on how to improve it and no patience for calls to compromise.

Republican Sen. Jim Davis told a television reporter recently that the recently passed "Right to Know Act" could have been "a little less onerous maybe."

The legislation imposes a 24-hour waiting period on women seeking abortion services and forces them to hear anti-abortion propaganda and view a screen showing an ultra-

It is one of the most radical anti-choice laws in the country and includes no exemptions for victims of rape or incest that states like Texas made part of their law.

Davis says some exceptions probably should have been included. Even the bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Ruth Samuelson, says a provision requiring a woman who chooses to avert her eyes from the ultrasound to sign a statement saying she chose not to look could have been taken out of the bill, but it didn't occur to the committee.

The fact that victims of rape or incest were not exempted from the bill certainly occurred to lots of people. Opponents of the legislation raised that point at every stage of the debate about the proposal.

The absurd signature requirement came up too, but the Republicans were in no mood to hear any objections and plowed ahead with the most extreme bill they could design.

And the second thoughts are not just coming on issues like abortion.

Republicans inside and outside the General Assembly are now questioning individual budget choices too, like the decision to end the nationally recognized N.C. Teaching Fellows Program that provides college scholarships for students who agree to spend at least four years as a teacher.

Republican Rep. Hugh Blackwell told the News & Observer that the decision to end the program might be revisited in May. That's a sharp contrast to the position of the right-wing Pope Civitas Institute that has close ties to legislative leaders, particularly in the House.

The Civitasers, who see a left-wing conspiracy behind every tree, couldn't be happier with the demise of the Teaching Fellows because it was managed by the Public School Forum of North Carolina, a nonprofit group that Civitas leaders say is a "recruitment area" for the N.C. Association of Educators.

The forum's board includes chair of the N.C. Chamber Lew Ebert, former Republican House member Gene Arnold, Republican Wake County Commissioner Joe Bryan and Erskine Bowles, as well as executives from the financial, software and pharmaceutical industries. It is not exactly the typical lineup of a left-wing pro-union group, but that's what the leaders of hard-right Civitas Institute think, and this session the General Assembly toed that far-right ideological line and abolished the program, just like they refused to listen to the pleas to make the Right to Know Act less

House Speaker Thom Tillis bristled when he was asked at the end of the session about what appeared to be a far-right agenda pursued by Republicans this session. Tillis responded with the absurd suggestion that the session seemed far right because the state had been run by the far left for so long.

This week, rank-and-file Republicans countered that view by admitting they went too far. And they did.

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

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Some odds and ends for the dog days

BY KIRK ROSS

This is my favorite time of year here in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro metroplex – the only real pause we have left in the yearly cycle, the last remaining nod to the time when the university schedule ruled the pace. The summer sessions ended more than a week ago. Students are gone and the academy is closed for the season. Even the basketball camps have wrapped it up.

On top of that, about a quarter of the year-round populace is on vacation somewhere else.

Don't know how to explain it, but there's an old-school feel that settles into downtown for the few weeks of early August. Modernity seems to slip away, and, like Brigadoon, that sleepy Southern college town on the hill emerges once again. It's always there, of course, but it's harder to notice when commerce and education are revved up and the sidewalks are packed with people making phone calls. With all that on pause and the dog days upon us, there's that place again. The one the old-timers talk about.

On the radar

On the .83 acres of land owned by me, the Mrs. and the credit union, there's just shy of two-dozen mature trees, split about evenly between hardwoods and conifers. When we first saw the place, we didn't notice the distinct lack of lower branches on many of the trees. We later found out that the cause of that was Hurricane Fran, which had hit our new neighborhood hard several years before. Prior to that, the little lot had about three-dozen

This town hasn't really taken a hit like Fran in a while, but it's worth remembering that we can. When I was down on the coast recently, there was a very good article in the Wilmington paper by a local doctor on swimming safety. He closed with the reminder to "never turn your back on the ocean." This time of year, that's good advice for those of us inland as well, especially given the extremes in the weather. Just this week, a tropical storm formed in the Caribbean. Right now, no one is certain of the track it'll take. It could slowly curve out to sea or be in Charleston by Sunday. Ether way, it's passing over mighty warm

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Nationwide from the porch

Summer is full of distractions and if you don't manage them, the season will shoot right by before your swimming trunks are dry. Having recognized this phenomenon early in life, I've developed several strategies for drawing out the season, most of which involve finding good reason for staring out into space and doing nothing. We used to call them pastimes. For me, one of the most efficient ways to do nothing

for my computer phone — hat tip to Taylor Sisk — that lets me listen to any major league hometown radio broadcast, including the station that I grew up listening to and that around here is all but impossible to find, except late at

is to listen to a baseball game on the radio. A

few years back, I picked up an application

night when the team is on the West Coast and the weather here is favorable for AM reception. Now it's crystal clear 24/7, and most nights mixed into the summer soundtrack is the call of a game and subse-

quent hooting, hollering and umpire second-guessing. Since it is a sport without time, most people in this clock-addicted world can't bear to even watch a game on television. Me neither, but not because it's boring, but rather due to there being far too many flashy graphics and gimmicks and too much non-game chatter. Give me a dull pitchers' duel told in short descriptive sentences by a couple of radio vets any day. Let the sound of the pitch, the ump, vendors, the murmur of the crowd and bump

bump bump from the stadium organist fill the spaces. Late summer should be a slow jam. Get there any way

Districts violate Voting Rights Act

BY ELLIE KINNAIRD

The following is a letter from District 23 state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird to her constituents.

This was quite a week. First, the legislature passed new districts for Congress and the legislature that drastically changed the current districts. The new congressional districts, if not struck down by the courts, would change the balance in our delegation from a fairly even split that matches our overall voting records, and with several competitive districts, to a likely 10-3 Republican advantage with some very odd district boundaries.

But the Republicans didn't stop there. While they were at it, they decided to draw new local county districts for Buncombe, Guilford and Mecklenburg counties, all without the input or a request from the local commissioners, or even letting the legislative delegations know the districts were being

In the case of Guilford, the map was sprung on the delegation without warning a month ago, but they were able to get an agreement from the president pro-tem to give the Guilford County commissioners 60 days to hold public hearings and work out a redistricting locally. But on the last day, the day before the Guilford public hearing, the legislature redistricted the commissioners' districts in a final vote.

To add salt to the wounds, they wrote into the bills that the local governments could not hold a referendum to change the districts for 10 years. So much for local control.

All these plans were put forward by freshmen legislators who represented only a small portion of each of the counties. These moves violated all established procedure, in which the legislature only responds to requests from local elected officials following public hearings.

The final maps for Congress and the legislature violate previous court rulings and the Voting Rights Act by packing African-Americans into districts, thereby reducing the overall influence of African-American voters and violating both federal and state law.

Ten years ago when the Democrats were in power, they drew outrageous, gerrymandered legislative districts. The Republicans took them to court and won. The court said counties could not be split and that "communities of interest" were to be kept together.

The new Senate Republican maps split 19 counties and, worse, 257 precincts, increasing ballot confusion and election costs. In the House, 400 precincts are split, 40 in Wake alone. So a local precinct might have as many as four to eight

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different ballots to sort out. We can just hope there are not too many errors.

In contrast, the Democratic Senate map split only six precinct statewide and only 14 counties. These will be presented to the court that hears our challenge to the Republican maps. Since the court criteria is fair and legal, ours meet that challenge, whereas the Republican maps do not.

One surprise: Rep. Verla Insko (who is one of the women targeted for double-bunking, in this case with Rep. Joe Hackney) no longer represents part of Chapel Hill, including where I live, which is now joined with the rural and exurban district that includes northern Durham and Orange counties and is currently represented by Rep. Bill Faison.

There are four prior court rulings and the Voter Rights Act that are a basis for legal challenges, so we have just begun. Most seriously, eight of the 32 women in the House are double-bunked, and in the Senate, which has only six women, three are double-bunked with males. (Two Republican male incumbents are also double-bunked, but one of them has said he will not run). Altogether, women and children are big losers in this year's session, both through budget cuts now and redistricting over the next 10 years.

In Congress, Rep. David Price has been put into the same district as Rep. Brad Miller. Price's present district exemplifies a community of interest, encompassing the Research Triangle with major research universities in Orange, Wake and Durham counties. The newly drawn district covers six counties, from Burlington in Alamance County to Fayetteville in Cumberland County. At one point, only the width of a river joins two counties, gerrymandering at its finest. There is no community of interest in the redrawn district, which makes a mockery of logical and fair redistricting. The Democrats drew their own Congressional maps that split far fewer counties and precincts and retained communities of interest.

If you would like to see them, all maps are online at noleg. net/gis/randr07/redistricting.html

The right's ransom

BY ROBERT REICH

Anyone who characterizes the deal between the president and Democratic and Republican leaders as a victory for the American people over partisanship understands neither economics nor politics.

The deal does not raise taxes on America's wealthy and most fortunate - who are now taking home a larger share of total income and wealth, and whose tax rates are already lower than they have been in 80 years. Yet it puts the nation's most important safety nets and public investments on the chopping block.

It also hobbles the capacity of the government to respond to the jobs and growth crisis. Added to the cuts already underway by state and local governments, the deal's spending cuts increase the odds of a double-dip recession. And the deal strengthens the political hand of the radical right.

Yes, the deal is preferable to the unfolding economic catastrophe of a default on the debt of the U.S. government. The outrage and the shame is that it has come to this choice.

More than a year ago, the president could have conditioned his agreement to extend the Bush tax cuts beyond 2010 on Republicans' agreement not to link a vote on the debt ceiling to the budget deficit. But

Many months ago, when Republicans first demanded spending cuts and no tax increases as a condition for raising the debt ceiling, the president could have blown their cover. He could have shown the American people why this demand had nothing to do with deficit reduction but everything to do with the GOP's ideological fixation on shrinking the size of the government - thereby imperiling Medicare, Social Security, education, infrastructure and everything else Americans depend on. But he did not.

And through it all, the president could have explained to Americans that the biggest economic challenge we face is restoring jobs and wages and economic growth, that spending cuts in the next few years will slow the economy even further, and therefore that the Republicans' demands threaten us all. Again, he did not.

The radical right has now won a huge tactical and strategic victory. Democrats and the White House have proven they have little by way of tactics or strategy.

By putting Medicare and Social Security on the block, they have made it more difficult for Democrats in the upcoming 2012 election cycle to blame Republicans for doing so.

By embracing deficit reduction as their apparent goal - claiming only that they'd seek to do it differently than the GOP – Democrats and the White House now seemingly agree with the GOP that the budget deficit is the biggest obstacle to the nation's future prosperity.

The budget deficit is not the biggest obstacle to our prosperity. Lack of jobs and growth is. And the largest threat to our democracy is the emergence of a radical right capable of getting most of the ransom it demands.

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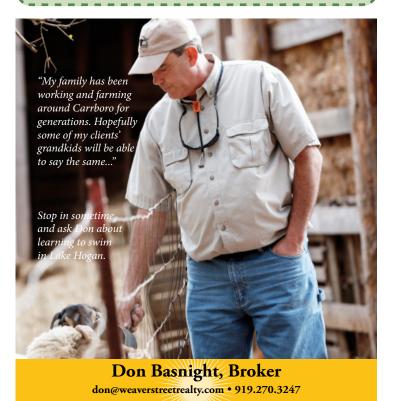
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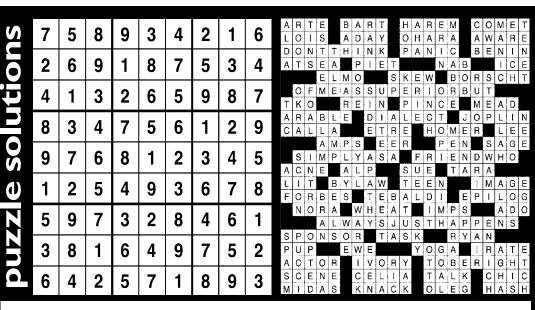


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 - Milton Berle b) Marriage is a wonderful institution, but who wants to live in an institution?
 - Groucho Marx



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Many supporters braved 100-degree heat to honor Wayne (standing, left of rock) and Hazel Cash at Penny's Bend Nature Preserve. PHOTO BY MIKE KUNZ

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preserve's trails, which are maintained for self-guided walks. If you plan now, you can register for a Botanical Garden (ncbg.unc. edu) fall excursion to Penny's Bend. Ed Harrison, preserve-management committee member, will be leading two walks in October to catch later spectacular wildflower and native grasses displays.

Last Friday was a special occasion at the preserve. The Botanical Garden unveiled a bronze plaque on a boulder at the site's highest point, designating it "Cash Point," recognizing Wayne and Hazel Cash for their years of stewardship on the land. Hazel and Wayne were residents of the site when Falls Lake became a reality. The Army Corps of Engineers, N.C. Division of Water Resources and the Botanical Garden Foundation joined hands to designate the site a preserve of biological significance, and Wayne and Hazel remained in their home on the land for many years as site managers and preserve curators for the Botanical Garden.

The hot July day selected for the recognition was determined by Wayne's annual summer visit to his old stomping grounds. The extreme heat prevented Hazel from attending; however, she was present in the many comments of appreciation and happy stories that attendees told about the Wayne and Hazel Cash days at Penny's Bend.

Whenever and wherever we make time to step out on nature's pathways, how wise of us to pause and reflect and be appreciative of folks, like Wayne and Hazel, who have walked the land before us.

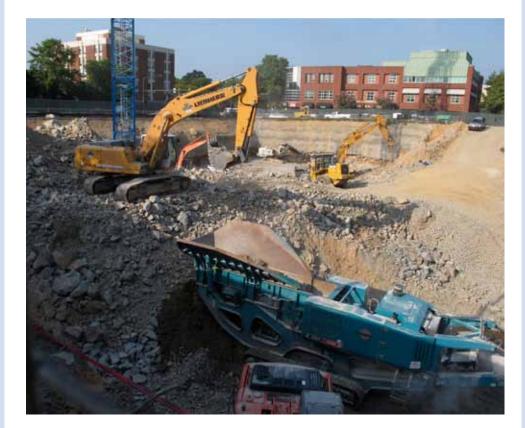
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A plaque honoring Wayne and Hazel Cash for their many years of stewardship at Penny's Bend PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Rosinweeds stand tall near pond at Penny's Bend.
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Mike Mulligan Rides Again?

o Carrboro is about to embark on the long-awaited 300 East Main construction project, forever changing our beloved community's face and its sense of place. If the construction zone at Chapel Hill's 140 West Franklin project is any indication, we're in for a very long spell of noise, dust and traffic congestion. When I made this photograph (from Walker's Funeral Home parking lot looking west toward University Square and Aveda Institute), I couldn't help but think of a favorite childhood picture book: Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel (1939, by Virginia Lee Burton) in which Mary Anne, the heroic little steam shovel, digs the basement for the new town hall so deep she can't get out. So to solve the problem, Mary Anne becomes the boiler for the town hall, while Mike takes a job as the town hall janitor and boiler-tender:



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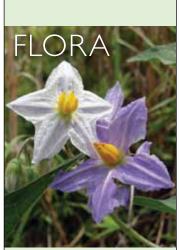
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Sizzling Summer Specials

Now until September 4th!

Sunday



Buy one pizza at regular price and get a cheese pizza for only

All Day
Choose from a
great selection of
bottles of wine all
day for

Tuesday

only \$1

Wednesday



Dinner
One pasta entree
and one "special of
the night" entree
to choose from for
only

\$10

Thursday



All Day

Local Pint Night

Enjoy local drafts
on tap! Local beer
pints are
only

\$3

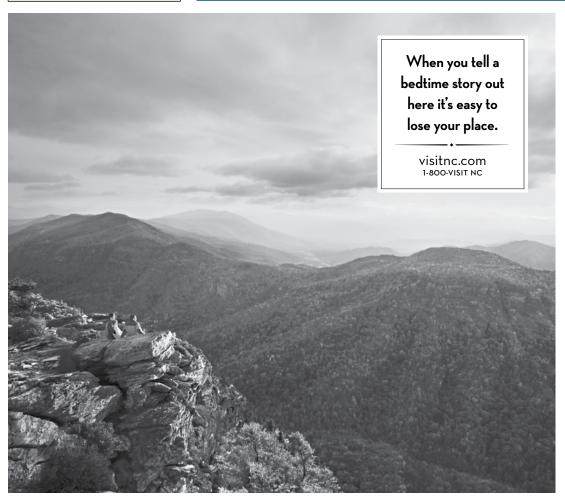
Lunch



Monday - Saturday



Local tomatoes used in three special salads.





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