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SATURDAY
30% chance of rain
92/72



SUNDAY
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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

A close look at the composite flower head of *Polymnia* reveals that only the outer circle of ray flowers produces seed.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

By whatever name, *Polymnia* makes a show

A great place to see *Polymnia*, commonly called bearsfoot or leafcup, is along Bolin Creek Trail between the Chapel Hill Police Department and the community center. Walking along that trail last week, I was impressed with the multitude of miniature sunflower-like flowers of this wildflower, common everywhere along roadsides and forest edges, standing six feet tall or more along the length of the greenway.

Most trail frequenters jog, walk dogs or simply walk and talk too intently to take "a closer look" at the natural world about them. However, it is hard for even the most unobservant to miss the giant leaf images on the above-ground sewer manholes. These images, painted by local artist Michael Brown, identify some of the most common trees, and there are some really big ones, growing along the edge.

For the renewed botanical diversity along the trail, we can thank Bill Bracey and his crew of dedicated Bolin Creek volunteers, who for years, on the third Saturday mornings of September through May, have been removing invasive exotic plants like privet, silverberry, bittersweet and Japanese honeysuckle. As a result, *Polymnia*, as well as a number of other native plants, like spicebush, *Lindera benzoin*, host plant of spicebush swallowtails, are making a dramatic comeback.

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Kids put on a hot show

RECENTLY... BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

The outdoor conditions fluctuated between steamy and stifling while parents and guests waited unaware through several delay-producing calamities before the children processed onto the stage erected on the brick patio.

This was the 2009 Mundo Pequeño Early Childhood Bilingual School graduation ceremony, during which children from ages 2 to 5 performed. Even before the delayed start, the list of 25 songs and poems (picked by the children) may have daunted some audience members. But the children proved so entertaining, the time quickly passed as they showed time and again how very much they had learned at such tender ages.

They performed in English, Spanish, French, Chinese and International Sign Language, each stepping to the front of the platform when taking the lead (which they volunteered to do), each child providing expressions that dissolved the crowd of adults into elated giggles.

Children at this age are just *precious* as well as being so very retentive, a fact that founding school director Claudia McLaughlin knows very well.

"We are all products of our parents," McLaughlin said as she faced the audience at the onset. For the past few months, she has pushed herself harder than usual while battling Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

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PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Performance of *Pinpon* at the Mundo Pequeño School graduation ceremony. From left to right, Ori Moore, Mena Boggs, Caroline Allen, Jacob Kirshner, Anjali Kshirsagar, Ian O'Fallon, Alexander Kwok and Lillian Harper.

Pollitt receives Long Life Pine award

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

Gov. Beverly Perdue has awarded UNC Kenan Professor Emeritus and longtime civil-liberties and civil-rights advocate Dan Pollitt the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the state's highest honors.

Pollitt was nominated for the award by state Sen. Floyd McKissick Jr., whose father, Floyd McKissick Sr., worked with Pollitt on a number of civil-rights issues. But it was presented to Pollitt by Sen. Ellie Kinnaird – with whom he was wed on April 26, at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill – as she was introducing him for a talk he gave at Carol Woods Retirement Center on July 10.

The award was bestowed for a lifetime of "integrity, learning and zeal," and it came to Pollitt as somewhat of a surprise. He said that after receiving the award, he had his secretary look it up online and learned of the illustrious list of past winners, including Maya Angelou, Michael Jordan, Billy Graham and Bill Friday – "All good people who have done their thing very well," said Pollitt, "but none of them were anti-establishment."

Which Pollitt very decidedly has been.

He served as defense council in a number of historic civil-liberty trials, including those of Lillian Hellman and Arthur Miller before the House Un-American Activities Committee in the '50s, and has been active with numerous organizations associated with the left, including the ACLU, the National Sharecroppers Fund and Southerners for Economic Justice.



Dan Pollitt at his Chapel Hill home.

PHOTO BY TAYLOR SISK

In 1955, Pollitt took a position at the University of Arkansas, which he held until being told that in order to keep his job he'd have to sign a disclaimer stating that he was not, and never had been, a member of any subversive organization, including the NAACP, with which he'd been active. He refused, and accepted a position at UNC.

Frank Porter Graham was president of the university at the time and was a champion of liberal causes.

"I came to Carolina for its record of academic freedom," Pollitt said. "I thought this would be a good place to be." The university administration seemed "receptive to my positions."

In the half century since, in addition to serving as a professor of law

and chair of the UNC faculty, he's continued to stand against what he's perceived to be injustices within the university and the broader community. He vocally opposed the 1963 speaker ban and helped lead a successful protest to integrate a downtown Chapel Hill theater.

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ELECTION: Chapel Hill at a Crossroads Candidates for Chapel Hill mayor prepare for marathon

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — When Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy opted not to seek another term, he set off a predictable wave of speculation about who would replace him.

Since mayors run every two years, there are more opportunities for contested elections, but unlike elections for the eight-member town council, there are fewer chances of there being an open seat.

This year is one of those rare open-seat years, and, as a result, a highly competitive race has started early and with a record four candidates vying for the job.

Foy's announcement, which came in late May, is one reason interest in the campaign started early, but that announcement also combined with other factors – including new rules for public financing, the conclusion of a long negotiation over Carolina North and a newly launched initiative to review growth and the future direction of the town – to elevate interest that much more.

More than any other time in the town's recent past, this election season opens with Chapel Hill at a crossroads and the leadership that will decide its direction in flux.

The mayor's race already has af-

fectured the town council, with two of its members — Mark Kleinschmidt and Matt Czajkowski — running for mayor. Kleinschmidt's council term is up this cycle, and his decision to run for mayor creates an open seat in the council race, an election that features eight candidates — including three incumbents — running for four seats.

Should Czajkowski win, a fifth council member would have to be appointed to fill out the remaining two years of his term.

Changes in leadership are not just in store because of the elections. Bill Strom's resignation from the council last week, which came too late for his seat to be included on this year's ballot, means his former colleagues will have to nominate and select his replacement, who will serve out the remaining two years of his term.

Depending on how incumbents fare, the change in the mayor's office will be accompanied by no less than two new council members and possibly as many as six.

THE CANDIDATES
(in order of filing)

Augustus Cho

Augustus Cho was the first to sign on to the mayor's race. The 50-year-old writer and taekwon do instructor said he is running because he believes it's the obligation of citizens to get involved.

"Public service is an integral part of living in a community," he said in a recent interview.

"If the opportunity presents itself, we should all dedicate some time for our fellow citizens."

Cho has been in the public eye as a recent chair of the Orange County GOP, a columnist for *The Chapel Hill News* and as a member of the town's Transportation Board, on which he serves as chair.

Cho expects the election to be important in deciding the direction of the town.

"Chapel Hill is at a turning point where the decisions that need to be made will impact our community for the foreseeable future," he said.

For his campaign, Cho plans to "go as green as possible and practice what I preach."

That, he said, means relying on the Internet "instead of phone calls and unsolicited emails." He said he also plans to get out and campaign and "press the flesh" as well.

Matt Czajkowski

Two years ago Matt Czajkowski mounted a successful and well-funded campaign for town council and edged out incumbent Cam Hill in the vote totals. Given that in two years on the council he has often challenged his colleagues over past decisions and reasoning, his run for mayor was not unexpected.

Czajkowski, 60, said he decided to make the move this year in part because of Foy's decision, but also because he feels the time is right for a change.

He said he ran two years ago because he was concerned about the way the town was growing, the state of downtown and rising taxes.

"Here we are two years later," he said, "and we are close to a property tax revolt."

His elderly neighbors and others he's met who "are the very people who gave their all to Chapel Hill" now find taxes so high they have to consider moving elsewhere.

"Many people are anxious about the future," he said. "We're at the breaking point on taxes."

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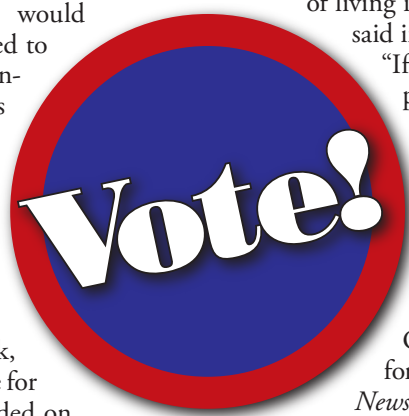
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DE LA SOUL
Cat's Cradle
Saturday August 8

MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY AUG 6

Blue Bayou: Jaafar: 9:30pm. Free
The Cave: LATE: The Mumbles, Doc Aquatic. \$5
General Store Cafe: JazzBeau. 7-9pm
Local 506: The Duke and The King, Ryan Gustafson. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Weaver Street Market: The Guilty Pleasures. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 7

Blue Bayou: The BackBeat. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Caffe Driade: TJ Kong. 8pm
Cats Cradle: Cosmic Charlie. 9:30pm. \$10
The Cave: LATE: Robobilly, Gospel Years, Rude Troll
General Store Cafe: Milltown and April Fools. 8:30-11pm
Harry's Market: Rootsie
Local 506: Dark Meat, Whatever Brains. 10pm. \$8
Open Eye Cafe: Wylie Hunter. 8pm

SATURDAY AUG 8

Arts Center: Beausoleil Avec Michael Doucet. 8pm \$23
Blue Bayou: Ape Foot Groove, Fat Bastard Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Cats Cradle: De la Soul, Rapper Big Pooh. 9:30pm. \$25/28
The Cave: EARLY: Happenstanz. LATE: Killer Filler, The Breaks
General Store Cafe: Lonesome Heart Band. 8:30pm. \$5
Local 506: Nomo, DJ Jason Perlmutter. 10pm. \$8/10
Nightlight: The Beginagains, The Manix, The Liarbirds. 10pm.
Open Eye Cafe: Vintage Freshness. 8pm
SUNDAY AUG 9
The Cave: NoStar
Local 506: The Tomahawks, Keegan Dewitt, Annie and The Beekeepers. 9pm. \$8
Nightlight: Franz Nicolay. \$8/10
Southern Village: Club Boheme. 7pm
Univeristy Mall: Chris Reynolds' Swing "N" Jazz Trio. 2-4pm
Weaver Street Market: The Hushpuppies. 11am

MONDAY AUG 10

The Cave: LATE: The Corduroy Road, Thee Fine Lines. \$5
Local 506: Austin Lucas, Two Cow Garage, Mike Hale. 8:30pm. \$8

TUESDAY AUG 11

The Cave: LATE: 100 Yorktown, The Lows. \$5
Local 506: Future Islands, Lonnie Walker, Motor Skills. 10pm. \$5
Nightlight: Birds and Arrows, The Nat5ive Young, Where the Buffalo Roamed. 9:30pm. \$5

WEDNESDAY AUG 12

Blue Bayou: Didact. 8-10pm. Free
Caffe Driade: Southern Routes. 8pm



FUTURE ISLANDS
Local 506
Tuesday August 11

Cats Cradle: Akron/Family, Wooden Wand, Mount Moriah. 9:30pm. \$10/12
The Cave: Greenland is Meltin, Oh! Geography, Billy Wallace. Robobilly. 9pm. \$5
Local 506: The Drowning Lovers

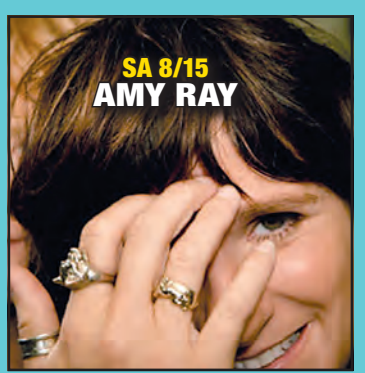
THURSDAY AUG 13

Blue Bayou: Half Baked Beans. 9:30pm. Free
Cats Cradle: Kasey Chambers, Shane Nicholson, Kim Taylor. 8:30pm., \$20/23
The Cave: LATE: The Barefoot Movement, Keep Off The Grass. \$5
General Store Cafe: J. Freeman. 8:45pm. \$8/10
Local 506: The Low Anthem. 8:45pm. \$8/10
Nightlight: Embarrassing Fruits, Jason Dove. 9:30pm. \$5
Weaver Street Market: The Tim Stambaugh Band. 6-8pm
FRIDAY AUG 14
Blue Bayou: Martha Bassett Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Caffe Driade: Jimmy Robinson. 8pm
Cats Cradle: dub Addis, Mickey Mills and Steel, Give Thanks Band. 9pm. \$8/10
Harry's Market: Hungry Heart
Local 506: Calico Haunts, Wild Wild Geese, John Howie Jr. 10pm.

Open Eye Cafe: Dave Turner. 8pm

SATURDAY AUG 15

Blue Bayou: Wheels of Fire. 9:30pm. \$6/8
The Arts Center: Dar Williams, Stephen Kellogg. 8:30pm
Cats Cradle: Amy Ray, Bellafea, Humble Tripe. 9pm. \$12/15
The Cave: EARLY: The Adrian Outfit. LATE: Fuse Band, Kenny Roby, Ian Thomas
Caffe Driade: Jon Dyer. 9pm
General Store Cafe: Gravy Boys. 8:30-11pm
Local 506: Auxes, Impossible Arms. 10pm. \$6
Nightlight: Nathan Oliver, Ghost to Falco, Oblisk. 10pm
Open Eye Cafe: Puritan Rodeo. 8pm
Sacred Grounds Coffeehouse: 2nd Stage. 7:30pm



FR 8/7 COSMIC CHARLIE

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SA 8/8 DE LA SOUL **(\$25/\$28) W/ **RAPPER BIG POOH** 20 YEARS HIGH AND RISING TOUR
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TH 8/13**(\$20/\$23) **KASEY CHAMBERS & SHANE NICHOLSON** W/**KIM TAYLOR**
FR 8/14 SUMMER REGGAE FESTIVAL: **DUB ADDIS, MICKEY MILLS** AND MORE!
SA 8/15 AMY RAY W/**BELLAFEA** AND **HUMBLE TRIPE****(\$12/\$15)
SU 8/16 STARLIGHT MINTS W/**JP INC.** AND **PARACHUTE** THE SCRIPT SHOW HAS BEEN POSTPONED**
MO 8/17 WHITE RABBITS/FIERY FURNACES**(\$13/\$15)
TH 8/20 FIVE TIMES AUGUST**

FR 9/18 WHO'S BAD?

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON**(\$15)
SA 9/19 ARROGANCE 40TH BIRTHDAY BASH WITH MANY SPECIAL GUESTS!
SU 9/20 CARRBORO MUSIC FEST
MO 9/21 INGRID MICHAELSON**(\$15/\$17)
TU 9/22**(\$13/\$15) **IMMORTAL TECHNIQUE**
WE 9/23 THE BOOKS**(\$12/\$14)
TH 9/24 MAE** (ON SALE FRI 8/7)
FR 9/25**(\$12/\$14) **NEEDTOBREATHE** W/**CROWFIELD** AND **GREEN RIVER ORDINANCE**
SA 9/26 AN EVENING WITH THE MINUS 5, THE BASEBALL PROJECT AND THE STEVE WYNN IV PERFORMED BY **SCOTT MCCAUGHEY, PETER BUCK, STEVE WYNN** AND **LINDA PITMON****
WE 9/30 RA RA RIOT W/**MAPS & ATLASES** AND **PRINCETON****(\$12/\$14)
FR 10/2 SIMPLIFIED**(\$10/\$12)
SA 10/3 WILL HOGE W/**ALTERNATE ROUTES****(\$10/\$12)
TU 10/6 CARBON LEAF/STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS**(\$17/\$20)
TWO NIGHTS: WE 10/7 AND TH 10/8 **ANDREW BIRD** W/**ST. VINCENT****(\$25)
TU 10/13 LUCERO W/**AMY LEVERE, CEDRIC BURNSIDE & LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM****
WE 10/14 REVIVAL TOUR **CHUCK RAGAN, JIM WARD, TİM BARRY, DAVE HOUSE, JENNY OWEN YOUNGS** ON SALE FRI 8/7
TH 10/15 BASSNECTAR**(\$18/\$20)
FR 10/16 OM W/**SIX ORGANS OF ADMITTANCE AND LICHENS****

FR 10/30 WHY?

W/AU AND SERENGETI & **POLYPHONIC****(\$10)
SA 10/31 TOUBAB KREWÉ**(\$14/\$16)
WE 11/4 BROTHER ALI**
TH 11/5 THE JESUS LIZARD**(\$20)
FR 11/6 THE OLD CEREMONY**
SA 11/7 CHATHAM COUNTY LINE**
TU 11/10 THE GET UP KIDS W/**KEVIN DEVINE, MANSIONS****(\$15)
WE 11/11 LOTUS**(\$15/\$17) (ON SALE FRI 8/14)
SA 11/14 DAN AUERBACH W/**JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD****(\$15)
SA 11/21 STEEP CANYON RANGERS**

ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)
TH 8/6 **THE DUKE & THE KING** W/**RYAN GUSTAFSON**
TU 8/11 **AUSTIN LUCAS / TWO COW GARAGE** W/**MIKE HALE**
TH 8/13 **LOW ANTHEM**
TU 9/22 **THE WARLOCKS** W/**THE MORNING AFTER GIRLS, VANDELLES**
TH 9/10 **FRUIT BATS W/PRONTO**
TU 9/22 **STILL FLYIN'**
WE 9/23 **ASOBI SEKSU**
MO 9/28 **SCHOOL OF SEVEN BELLS** W/**MAGIC WANDS**
TH 10/1 **TWILIGHT SAD** W/**BRAKES BRAKES BRAKES, WE WERE PROMISED JET PACKS**
WE 10/15 **DAVID BAZAN** W/**SAY HI**
NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)
SA 8/8 **FRANZ NICOLAY OF THE HOLD STEADY**
WE 10/21 **SEAWOLF**
THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)
SA 8/22 **BOWERBIRDS** W/**MEGAFALUN**
TU 9/15 **MISSING CATS** FEATURING **JOHN "JOJO" HERMANN** AND **SHERMAN EWING**
MO 9/21 **JOLIE HOLLAND**
SU 10/4 **COLIN HAY**
TH 10/8 **COWBOY JUNKIES**
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News Briefs

Castillo murder trial begins

The trial of Alvaro Rafael Castillo, 22, of Hillsborough started this week.

Castillo was arrested in Aug. 2006 after police said he opened fire at Orange High in Hillsborough. Castillo, 19 at the time, is charged with fatally shooting his father, Rafael Castillo, in their home in Hillsborough on Aug. 30, then driving to Orange High and opening fire.

Castillo has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to the charges, which include first-degree murder.

The trial is expected to last at least through this week.

Aldermen to hold closed session

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will hold a special meeting to discuss ongoing litigation in a closed session today at 7 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall, Room 100.

New bus service to Rogers Road

Chapel Hill Transit's HS bus route will be modified beginning on Aug. 24 to provide service to Rogers Road and Morris Grove Elementary School.

The expanded route will provide continuous service from 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Homestead Village stops will move to Seawell School Road and High School Road. EZ Rider and Feeder Service will continue to be available to residents in the Homestead Village area.

For complete information about the route and schedule changes, please contact a CHT customer service representative at chtransit@townofchapelhill.org or 969-4900.

Bolin Creek Trail maintenance

The Town of Chapel Hill's Bolin Creek Trail between Dickerson Court and Bolinwood Drive will be closed for tree work. Work will take place on Wednesdays with the trail closed each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The work will take about two months to complete.

In order to protect the public, dead trees will be removed and dead branches will be pruned. Only those trees that might be hazardous to trail users will be removed or treated.

For more information, contact Bill Webster at the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department at 968-2819 or webster@townofchapelhill.org

Chatham County seeks input

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners seeks public input on a proposed new ordinance to extend existing lighting requirements to un-zoned sections of the county. The new ordinance would apply to all parts of the county outside the towns' planning jurisdictions.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 17 as part of the regular board meeting at 6 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Pittsboro. Contact the Planning Division of the Sustainable Communities Development Department to obtain a printed or email copy or if you have questions, at 542-8204 or e-mail jason.sullivan@chathamnc.org

Police say car break-in reports on the rise

BY BETH MECHUM
Staff Writer

There have been a rash of car break-ins in Carrboro in the past couple of weeks, but it's nothing too out of the ordinary for this time of year.

Officer Walter Horton with the Carrboro Police Department said that with the summer coming to a close and students making a larger presence in town, the rate of car break-ins usually rises. But he hasn't seen a spike in residential break-ins.

"Thefts have been going up, but I think it's just the time of the year and the economy; people are just trying to get by," Horton said.

In Chapel Hill, Lt. Kevin Gunter said that there hasn't been an increase in car break-ins recently, but that there were about twice as many break-ins the first half of this year as there were in the same time period last year.

Horton offers advice to ward off thefts.

"Keep valuables out of sight and take everything you can in with you, whether it is the workplace or the home," he said.

He said it's also a good idea to write down serial numbers for all your electronics, so if they do get stolen it'll be a lot easier to identify them if they show up in pawn shops.

Gunter added that parking in a well-lighted area is important.

"It's not always possible, but if you can you should park in an area that's not obscure and is

well traveled," Gunter said.

Also, though he said it sounds simple, just locking cars and keeping windows up is the best way to avoid break-ins. In many of the cases he's seen, the cars have been unlocked.

Horton and Gunter concurred that there are no areas of town with higher rates of theft than others, so residents everywhere need to take the time to ensure their cars are locked and there are no valuables in sight.

DOWNTOWN LIFE IN CARRBORO AND CHAPEL HILL



A little R&R

The entry to NCNB Plaza, aka Nation's Bank Plaza, aka Bank of America/TARP Plaza, used to be a place for interaction between various types of vendors and passersby.

It is, sadly, no longer peopled by the flower ladies and it's been quite a while since we've seen the local Hare Krishnas who used to all but live there.

Recently, you may have noticed a few folks hanging around the entrance greeting folks and handing out literature. A little investigating revealed nary a religious or political affiliation. They're employees of R&R Grill, which recently opened in the old Club Havana/ Papagayos space inside the plaza.

R&R, owned and operated by father-son team Rob and Ross Moll, features "traditional American flavors," which means, mainly, burgers and ribs and pizza. The Molls say they put about \$1 million into renovating the space. Menu and info at rnrgrill.com



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW

Rob Mull, manager of the newly opened R&R Grill on East Franklin St in Chapel Hill.

Beehive winners

The theme for this year's Beehive Art Challenge was "Mohawks and Mullets," and next Friday (Aug. 14), during the 2ndFriday Artwalk, you can see what clever bits the winners were able to put together on display.

Here are the winners announced this week by Queen Bee Diane Koistinen

1st place - Rachel Sorenson; 2nd place - Sam Causon; 3rd place - Robert Votta; 4th place - Herb Bresky; 5th place - Emily E. Weinstein; 6th place - Holly C. Wright; 7th place - Pat Phelps.

Do you feeel like we do?

Get your TalkBox ready kids, 'cause we're not making this up. This note arrived via email this week:

"The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and the Chapel Hill Mayor's Office have initiated a special six-week pilot program called "Franklin Street Comes Alive!" in order to encourage more people to come downtown and support local businesses while enjoying a welcoming and musical environment along the way."

The partnership is hiring locals to play live music or perform entertainment at three spots along the sidewalk on Franklin Street on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. Performers get \$50 plus tips and will be working three locations — in front of the Bank of America on East Franklin and at The Bicycle Chain and UNC's "440" building on West Franklin.

Contact Bobby Funk at the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership at 967-9440 or visit franklinstreetcomesalive.com to apply.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Misplaced priorities

Look, a lot of us love Carolina, really and truly. And we know that among those who hold it near and dear are folks in positions of power and influence.

I have witnessed ordinarily composed gentlemen in high office get choked up with eyes all teary at the thought that one child deserving of a chance to attend UNC might be deprived of that life-changing opportunity.

And though for many, success on the field of play has reinforced that love, its roots are deeper even than Roy's bench after a couple of solid years of recruiting — you know, light on the hill, lux libertas and so on.

So with all that, I'm wondering why so many of these powerful Carolina patriots can't see what's wrong with wielding their clout to maintain a special provision that amounts to a \$12 million per year gift to athletic booster clubs at state institutions.

Carolina, N.C. State and ECU see the biggest chunk of this money, which they mainly use to cover the costs of out-of-state tuition for scholarship athletes. Without the supplement, that tab would likely have to be picked up by various well-to-do Rams, Wolves and Pirates.

Plenty of elected officials, many of whom are equally fervent in their love of their schools, can see that this is one multimillion dollar break the state can do without. But the Carolina fans in the General Assembly, mainly in the Senate, have thwarted attempts to do away with the supplement.

Since it was written into a budget bill in 2005, several attempts to introduce legislation to repeal the provision have fallen short. This year, it looked like a huge budget shortfall would finally break the impasse, as tax increases and major program cuts in critical areas hit the table. But again, despite major cuts elsewhere, the idea never made it to the budget negotiators' table.

It doesn't take long to glance through the final state budget to get an idea of what \$12 million gets you. The elimination of all 200 of the state-funded literacy coaches came in right around that mark. The "savings" from cutting 350 positions at the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services came in slightly higher at \$12.8 million annually.

I'm not sure what the rest of you learned up at the university; but to me, making either of those cuts while maintaining a break for booster clubs doesn't seem very Carolina.

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The Carrboro Citizen welcomes letters of endorsement for candidates in the 2009 municipal and school board elections.

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There's no such thing as fifth place

DAMON SEILS AND BRAD HAMMILL

The resignation of Bill Strom from the Chapel Hill Town Council has touched off a discussion about the appropriate process for filling the vacancy. In the upcoming municipal elections, eight candidates are vying for four council seats. The town charter requires the additional fifth seat vacated by Strom to be filled by appointment. The charter offers little guidance on the appointment, stating only that the town council must accept applications for the position. It gives no instructions and no deadline for choosing among the applicants.

Perhaps the most seductive proposal is to appoint the so-called fifth-place finisher in the upcoming election. This option seems to offer a simple way for the council to make the appointment while respecting the will of the voters. At least two current council members have publicly supported this approach.

But this seemingly simple approach is the wrong one. There is no such thing as fifth place in a pick-four election.

Imagine a town council election in which candidates A, B and C are running for a single seat. Candidate A receives 4,000 votes, Candidate B receives 3,000 votes and Candidate C receives 6,000 votes. Candidate C wins the election.

Now imagine that a second seat became available during the campaign season because of a resignation and must be filled by appointment. Some people might argue that Candidate A should be appointed because she came in "second place."

However, in a pick-one election, receiving the second highest number of votes is not the same as "second place." Why? Because we don't know how the 6,000 people who voted for Candidate C and the 3,000 people who voted for Can-

didate B would have voted in an election for two open seats.

What if we had known voters' rank-ordered preferences for all the candidates on our imaginary ballot? It is possible the preferences would have looked like this: 4,000 votes for candidates A then B then C; 3,000 votes for B then C then A; and 6,000 votes for C then B then A. In this example, Candidate B is the most preferred, C is the second most preferred and A is the least preferred. It would make sense to appoint candidate B to the vacant second seat, because candidates B and C would have won a pick-two election.

A similar situation arose in Carrboro several years ago. Two sitting aldermen faced each other in the 2005 mayoral race. Whoever won would leave a vacant seat on the Board of Aldermen. In the same election, six candidates ran for three other seats on the board. When the time came to appoint someone to the new mayor's unexpired term as alderman, some people argued that the candidate who received the fourth highest number of votes in the pick-three alderman race was entitled to the seat.

Given the dynamics of that pick-three race and the positions of the candidates, it is not at all clear that the candidate with the fourth highest number of votes was the fourth most preferred candidate in the eyes of the voters. As in our imaginary pick-one election, we had no information about the voters' preferences for every candidate on the ballot. The board ultimately appointed another community member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council will have a variety of ideas about what criteria they should use in selecting an applicant for Strom's unexpired term. Some may insist on appointing the fifth-highest vote-getter. Others may attempt to identify an applicant they believe the broader community will prefer, or who will work well on the council, or who will share their own policy positions, and so on. In any case, it is worth remembering that the council members were elected to make these kinds of decisions on behalf of the community. Their best bet is to avoid the trap of looking for a fifth place that doesn't exist.

Damon Seils lives in Carrboro. Brad Hammill lives near Chapel Hill.

Our elections do not allow voters to indicate their rank-ordered preferences for all the candidates on the ballot.

This scenario could easily happen in an election in which two candidates (such as B and C) hold similar views and split the ballots of like-minded voters. In a pick-one election, voters would choose either candidate; in a pick-two election, they would choose both.

Our elections do not allow voters to indicate their rank-ordered preferences for all the candidates on the ballot. In our imaginary election, we would have no way of knowing who were the first and second most preferred candidates. In other words, there is no second place in a pick-one election.

Likewise, in Chapel Hill's upcoming pick-four election, there will be no fifth place. We will have no information about who is the fifth most preferred candidate. We will simply end up with candidates who win first, second, third and fourth places — and everyone else.

Carrboro greenways: Today and tomorrow

DAVE OTTO

Greenways serve many important functions in the community, including: linking neighborhoods, schools and parks; providing off-road transportation corridors; providing recreational opportunities; providing opportunities for environmental education; and encouraging healthy living.

Carrboro has been creating greenways for many years in bits and pieces. New developments are required to build greenway segments and, as undeveloped land vanishes, these segments are now forming a cohesive system. Plans for new greenways along Bolin and Morgan creeks are rapidly taking shape. In order to help the community visualize the emerging greenway system and to appreciate the natural beauty, historic significance and recreational and educational value of the proposed greenways, I have created an exhibit that is on display at the Carrboro Town Hall. The exhibit includes about 120 photographs, many maps and related narratives. Several bikeways (Frances Lloyd Shetley, Libba Cotten and Robertson), which function much like greenways, also are included.

Although there are many types of greenways, a linear, off-road park through woodlands or along waterways is the most common type in

Carrboro. The town has established a growing network of greenways and trails. This network results, in part, from open-space dedication and trail development as new neighborhoods are built. For example, Lake Hogan Farms, Winmore and Claremont have paved greenways that will be connected when Carolina Commons is built in northern Carrboro.

You need to visit the greenways and bikeways to experience the beauty and joy of walking, jogging, biking and meeting kindred spirits who inhabit them.

A variety of maps are included in the exhibit to help viewers locate existing bikeways and planned greenways. Maps include: Proposed Trail Facility Types (which serves as a rough Carrboro Greenways Master Plan), Bolin Creek Greenway Trail Alignment Alternatives (prepared by Greenways Inc.) and Morgan Creek Greenway; Opportunities and Constraints (prepared by Coulter, Jewell, Thames). GWI and CJT are designing the Bolin and Morgan Creek greenways, respectively. Other maps are included to indicate where Carrboro greenways will connect with similar

amenities in Chapel Hill, Carolina North and Orange County.

Maps are essential tools in locating these places, but you need to visit the greenways and bikeways to experience the beauty and joy of walking, jogging, biking and meeting kindred spirits who inhabit them. The exhibit is designed to take people on a visual tour of proposed greenways and existing bikeways. Pictures in the exhibit are arranged in sequence, proceeding upstream along Bolin Creek from Estes Drive to Lake Hogan Farms (west hallway) and Morgan Creek from Frank Porter Graham School to University Lake (east hallway). The exhibit is open Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit also will be on the next 2ndFriday Artwalk, Aug. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. A special treat at this event will be the showing of a video prepared by Steve Campbell, which will take viewers on a walk along Bolin Creek from Estes Drive to Homestead Road. The video will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the reception. Please join us this month, especially on Aug. 14, for an enjoyable and informative journey along Carrboro greenways and bikeways!

Dave Otto is vice chair of the Carrboro Greenways Commission.

LETTERS

Water becoming unaffordable

The vicious cycle of annual OWASA residential rate increases many times the rate of inflation is rapidly making water unaffordable. These exorbitant increases are unwarranted, reflective of poor management decisions. OWASA has set-up a vicious cycle of rate increases leading to reduction of water usage, which leads to further rate increases, leading to further usage reduction, ad infinitum. This system is not sustainable.

In 2008, a rate increase of 17 percent was put in effect in response to reduced water usage due to restrictions and voluntary reductions because of drought. In the Aug. 2008, OWASA newsletter, a commitment was made to "continue to aggressively pursue efficiency and savings opportunities as we adapt to our changing environment." In 2009, a further 9.75 percent increase is being forced upon the public, not due to drought, but now supposedly due to economic conditions. Water rates have increased by 27 percent over the past two years and OWASA predicts a further 19.5 percent increase for 2010 and 2011. By 2011, water rates will have increased by almost 50 percent in four years during a period of low inflation and slow growth. I do not see this as adaptation to a changing environment but simply continuing OWASA "business as usual" and passing the bill on to the consumer. This is an unjustifiable rate of increase and cannot be attributed to temporary drought conditions, a poor economic environment or major capital expansion.

The decisions made by OWASA management on past capital expenditures and inaccurate system-utilization planning have placed the public in a very difficult situation. The residential customer is being asked to make up for poor planning and the unwillingness by management to make hard decisions during trying economic times. OWASA does not appear to be making meaningful attempts to adjust its costs to the realities of reduced capacity utilization. They have resisted necessary cut-backs in staffing and salaries, deferral or cancellation of non-vital capital expenditures and other means for cost reduction.

As a monopoly, OWASA is in a position of forcing rate increases upon its customer base without risk of customer defections. As residential consumers, our only option is to attempt to further reduce our usage of water as rates spiral upward. Of course, reduction in usage is rewarded with even higher rates for a lower level of service. The public cannot sustain continued annual rate increases averaging in double digits. This burden falls most heavily on residents of modest means and those on fixed incomes. I urge OWASA customers to voice their concern over this unsustainable situation by contacting OWASA, the Chapel Hill and Carrboro town councils and the Orange County board of commissioners. It is in everyone's best interests to keep our community affordable.

DANIEL MAY

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Go Jags!

Tryouts and practices got underway this week for all local high schools with football programs. But it's not just the guys in pads that are sacrificing days by the pool to get themselves in shape for the season: Cheerleaders are doing the same. Carrboro High School cheerleading coach Mackensie Malkemes makes sure the girls get in plenty of stretching and breaks, so as not to overdo it the first official week back.

PHOTOS BY AVA BARLOW

At top, Carrboro High School cheerleaders practice drills on Monday at Cheerleading Camp, held in the school cafeteria as other fall sports teams began their practices. From left are Stephanie Skalos, a senior, and Laura Castro and Krista McRae, both juniors.

Middle photo: Carrboro High School cheerleading coach Mackensie Malkemes, right, chats with her team during a break.

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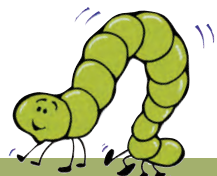
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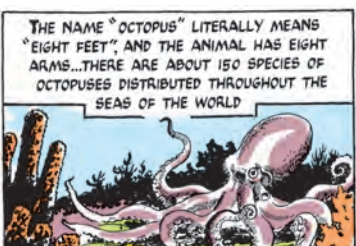
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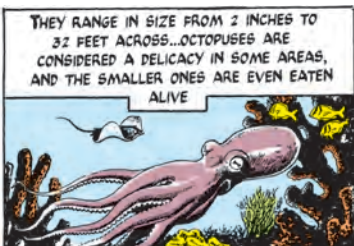
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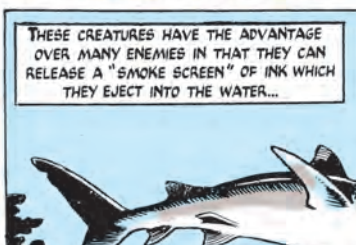
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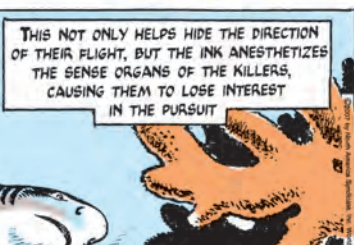
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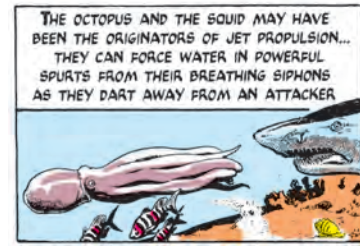
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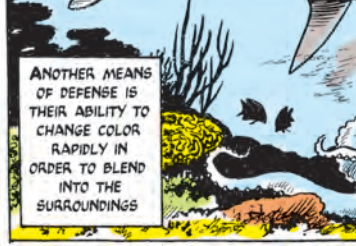
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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:

Life experiences have to influence you. We're not robots with fixed feelings and but that's not how it works. We have to recognize those feelings and but that's not how it works. We have to recognize those feelings and but that's not how it works.



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Tall stems of *Polymnia* stretch out to invite a closer look surrounding the Bolin Creek Trail entrance sign.

FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

I've always been fascinated with the relatively large leaves of *Polymnia*; the coarsely toothed, three-to five-lobed leaves somewhat resemble, with a stretch of the imagination, a paw print of a bear; thus the common name bearsfoot.

You'll have to stretch the imagination even further for the other common name, leafcup. Where the petioles of those leaves are attached to the stem, opposite one another, there is a hint of a cup-like reservoir at the point of attachment. I will be happy to know of a more obvious explanation for this name. I am content to simply

call it *Polymnia*, the scientific name I learned years ago. That name supposedly honors Polyhymnia, the Greek muse of sacred song and oratory. The species epithet, *uedalia*, honors Robert Uvedale, an English school teacher and botanist who grew this American native in his English garden more than 200 years ago.

As happens frequently when I check myself on botanical names, I discovered that *Polymnia uvedalia* is no longer botanically correct. It has been reclassified, *Smallanthus uvedalius*, for those of you who wish to be taxonomically current. I don't have to pass any more tests, so I will continue to call it *Polymnia*!

Whatever name you prefer, wherever you hap-

pen upon this tall, flowering perennial of the aster (composite) family, take "a closer look" at the various stages of buds, flowers and seed heads. Find one that has a complete circle of ray flowers surrounding the center of tube flowers, and with a keen eye you will discover that only those outer ray flowers are producing seed. The seed is not unlike the typical seed of sunflowers, and you should not be surprised to see goldfinches and other birds flying away from the seed heads as you approach.

And while you're examining the plant, what do you think of those leaves? Perhaps you can come up with a more descriptive common name.



The giving tree

As I watched the magnificent 180-year-old American elm beside Old East being taken down last week, I couldn't help but think of Shel Silverstein's classic parable of selfless generosity, *The Giving Tree*. Like Silverstein's tree who gave her all for the boy she loved, my stately campus elm had shaded Tar Heels since it sprouted in 1829. But when she leafed out with just a puny showing of foliage this spring, I realized her time had come. The old elm had "aged out," a saddened UNC forest manager Tom Bythell told me. Beyond just old age, the elm had been weakened by a host of insect damage and diseases, which Bythell says he and his crews have been fighting for years. Bythell confirmed my worst fears: The old tree, with so many dead and dying limbs, had become a danger to pedestrians. So down she came — for this tree-hugger, a sad thing to witness. But there's a silver lining: Bythell says he plans to replace my elm with as big a blight-resistant Princeton elm as they can tote in there. And what did my Giving Tree give as her last gift? A world of mulch to nurture many new giving trees. To see *The Giving Tree*, narrated by author Shel Silverstein in 1973, go to youtube.com/watch?v=ITZCP6OqRIE

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 355 days worth (about 11 months), based on average demand in the last 30 days, and assuming no further rainfall.

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<p>CARRBORO</p> <p>Weaver Street Market Harris Teeter The ArtsCenter Amanté Gourmet Pizza Milltown Carrburritos Q-Shack Piedmont Health Services Midway Barber Shop VisArt Video Carolina Fitness Looking Glass Café Carrboro Business Coop Orange County Social Club Speakeasy – Greensboro & Main Weaver Street Realty Carrboro Family Vision Century Center Great Clips Cybrary Capelli's Elmo's Diner Spotted Dog Nice Price Books Carrboro Town Hall Carrboro Town Commons Cliff's Meat Market PTA Thriftshop</p>	<p>Calvander Food Mart Carrboro Mini Mart Southern Rail Open Eye Cafe Carrboro Branch Library The Beehive Auto Logic Reservoir Johnny's Carolina Cleaners Laundromat (Willow Creek) Crescent Green Assisted Living Jones Ferry Rd Park & Ride</p> <p>CARRBORO PLAZA Carrboro Plaza Park & Ride North American Video Tar Heel Tobacco Super Suds UPS Store Curves Wingman</p> <p>WHITE CROSS AREA Harry's Market Fiesta Grill White Cross BP White Cross Shell Express Lane</p>	<p>CHAPEL HILL</p> <p>DOWNTOWN Caribou Coffee/downtown Visitors Center Jiffy Lube Job Development Center Sandwich/The Courtyard West Franklin town racks (near Chapel Hill Cleaners) Internationalist Books Franklin Hotel Ham's Restaurant Time Out East Franklin town racks (near Subway) Courthouse Alley town racks North Columbia St. town racks (at bus stop) UNC Campus UNC Student Union Bullshead Bookshop Davis Library / UNC UNC Family Medicine Carolina Inn</p> <p>EAST Chapel Hill Post Office/ Estes Drive Caribou Coffee/ Franklin at Estes</p>	<p>Café Driade Siena Hotel Whole Foods Village Plaza Borders Books Harris Teeter / University Mall University Mall / Kerr Drugs Phydeaux Owen's 501 Diner Bruegger's Bagels/Eastgate Chapel Hill Public Library Food Lion/Ram's Plaza Chamber Of Commerce</p> <p>NORTH Hunan Chinese Restaurant Chapel Hill Senior Center Southern Human Services Carol Woods Bagels on the Hill Eubanks Rd. Park & Ride That Coffee Place Cup a Joe Margaret's Cantina Aquatic Center Chapel Hill Mini Mart</p> <p>SOUTH N.C. Botanical Garden Covenant House 15-501 South Park & Ride</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S CLUB AREA Bean & Barrel/ Governor's Village Carolina Meadows/Café Tarantini</p> <p>MEADOWMONT AREA UNC Wellness Center Brixx Pizza Cafe Carolina The Cedars Young Simpson Underwood Friday Center Park & Ride Courtyard Marriott Amanté Pizza – Falconbridge</p> <p>SOUTHERN VILLAGE La Vita Dolce Park & Ride bus stop Market Square</p> <p>FEARRINGTON AREA McIntyre's Books Fearrington House Inn Galloway Ridge</p>	<p>HILLSBOROUGH</p> <p>Weaver Street Market Andy's Maple View Farms Visitors Center Orange County Senior Center Orange County Public Library Cup a Joe / outside box Daniel Boone Shopping Center Sportsplex Durham Tech/student lounge UNC Family Medicine</p> <p>PITTSBORO</p> <p>Pittsboro General Store Suntrust Bank (outside) Chatham Marketplace Pittsboro Public Library Carolina Brewery Pittsboro Family Medicine</p> <p>CHATHAM CROSSING Torrero's Restaurant Chatham Crossing Medical Center Lowes Foods / outside box</p>
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