This Weekend











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Who planted this California coastal redwood in Chapel Hill in the early 1900s?

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Chapel Hill's mystery tree

Several years ago I received a call from Bill Massengale, who was keen about the history of the California coastal redwood, Sequoia sempervirens, standing tall in front of his law office on North Columbia Street, just above the Chapel Hill fire station. Old-timers used to call that entrance to town "Fire House Hill" because the fire department was originally located in what is now the homeless shel-

In search of an answer to Bill's inquiry about who planted that tree and when, I queried botany professors, town officials and community old-timers; no one knew. That was several years

This past spring I saw coastal redwoods growing in the wild where America's tallest growing tree survives in fog-laden ravines and canyons along the California coast. That memorable experience made me reflect again on Chapel Hill's redwood mystery.

I know for certain that Dr. Cliff Parks of the UNC botany department began rooting cuttings of the branch tips of that tree back in the late 1970s. One of Dr. Parks' successful cuttings is now a beautiful 30-year-old specimen growing in the Coker Arboretum. Another is at the corner of the Stephens Street parking entrance to Chapel Hill Town Hall.

Cliff's son David Parks of Camellia Forest Nursery has also rooted cuttings of that tree and, though success is minimal, over the years father and son have produced enough rooted cuttings that numerous young specimens are now growing in local gardens under Dr. Parks' cultivar name, Sequoia sempervirens, "Chapel Hill."

How amazing it is that coastal redwoods from the foggy Pacific coast will survive in our Piedmont climate. David has other cultivars of the coastal redwood at Camellia Forest Nursery, and I plan to procure and plant one of my own later this fall.

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INSIDE

Book slasher damage slows

Towing, cell phone laws struck down

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

Following a judge's ruling last week that Chapel Hill's ordinances regulating cell phone use while driving and towing from private lots are unenforceable, town officials are hoping to schedule a special meeting to craft a towing ordinance that would comply

with the judge's order.

Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson ruled last Thursday that the town's ordinance prohibiting cell phone use while driving was preempted by state law, since the legislature has enacted laws regulating cell phone use among teens and bus drivers. In addition, Hudson ruled that Chapel Hill's towing ordinance regulates trade, and

is therefore unconstitutional in accordance with state law.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said Monday that the town did not yet have the judge's written order, but that the town council would take a look at it to determine how to enact a towing ordinance in compliance with the order.

"We're also going to need to con-

sider whether or not we want to appeal this," Kleinschmidt said. "At the end of the day, what the judge seems to have indicated from the bench is that no towing ordinance in the state can be legal. ... Personally, I have some interest in whether that can possibly be the right law."

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RENA CENTER TO CLOSE THIS WEEKEND - David Caldwell, president of the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association, Rev. William Barber, president of the North Carolina NAACP, Robert Campbell, president of local chapter of the NAACP and Gene Nichol, director of the UNC School of Law Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, visit the RENA Community Center as part of a statewide tour of high-poverty areas. The RENA center is set to close its doors this weekend after failing to apply for the proper permitting needed, according to the Town of Chapel Hill. PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Schools receive mixed test results

BY ROSE LAUDICINA

Staff Writer

Two of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district's 17 schools did not earn recognition from the State Department of Public Instruction (DPI) after failing to meet expectations based on end-of-grade testing, according to a report released last week by DPI.

Both McDougle Elementary School and Carrboro High School failed to earn any recognition on the State Department of Public Instruc-

tion ABCs of Public Education 2011-12 Growth and Performance report. The three recognitions schools can earn are Honor School of Excellence, School of Excellence or School of Dis-

The report also shows which schools had high growth rates or expected growth rates in grade-level performance or were low performing, based on data collected from state mandated end-of-grade (EOG) tests.

In the 2010-11 ABCs of Public Education report, Carrboro High and McDougle Elementary were both

recognized as Schools of Distinction, meaning they met the expected growth criteria and performance standards.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education Chair Mia Burroughs said it is difficult to determine where the exact cause for concern lies based simply on test data, and further analysis is needed.

"We have high expectations for all our students," Burroughs said. "Test data is just one factor to show how a

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Lee charter school awaits final approval

BY TAYLOR SISK

Staff Writer

The state board of education held discussions regarding approval of 25 new charter schools, including the Howard and Lillian Lee Scholars Charter School, at its monthly meetings last week and is scheduled to make a final determination on Sept. 6.

The board's Public Charter School Advisory Council has recommended the 25 schools for approval.

The Lee school, which if approved will be located somewhere in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community, will be administered in partnership with Michigan-based National Heritage Academies (NHA), which operates more than 70 charter schools across the country, including five in North Carolina: Forsyth Academy in Winston-Salem, Greensboro Academy, PreEminent Charter School in Raleigh, Queens Grant Community School in Mint Hill and Research Triangle Charter Academy in Durham.

Angela Lee, daughter of Howard and Lillian Lee, is the school's lead applicant. Howard Lee was the first black mayor of Chapel Hill, a state senator and chair of the state board of education. Lillian Lee was a longtime educator in the local school system.

The Lee school applicants were given fast-track approval to open for the 2012-13 school year, one of nine schools initially approved after the General Assembly lifted the 100-school cap on charters in the state.

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Durham Tech increases services at Orange County campus

BY ROSE LAUDICINA

Staff Writer

UNC isn't the only college drawing students in to Orange County: Durham Technical Community College's Orange County campus has seen its enrollment spike and is expanding its offerings to meet the increased de-

When it opened in the spring of 2008, the campus, located in Hillsborough, was only offering a small number of non-credit and credit courses, including GRE review, English and general education.

But as word spread about the Orange County campus, Penny Gluck, executive dean of the campus' operations, saw enrollment and demand rise steadily.

"After hearing from citizens wanting more courses at the Orange County campus, the college made an effort to increase our offerings and services," Gluck said.

Now students can study for an associate of arts degree and take both career-focused and technical courses to prepare for jobs. In addition to offering a wider variety of courses, Durham Tech also expanded the number of sections offered for classes, specifically in the sciences and social scienc-

"Now students are more likely to have a full schedule at the Orange County campus," Gluck said, mean-

ing they won't have to commute between the Durham and Orange cam-

Expanded services have resulted in an increase in enrollment. Gluck said that in the 2011-12 school year, more than 350 students were on campus for courses. For 2012-13, nearly 550 students have enrolled, with late registration ending today (Thursday).

We have definitely seen a significant increase in enrollment," Gluck said. "It's exciting for the whole Durham Tech family."

Gluck said the campus is attracting many students who are choosing to make it their first choice for continuing their educations. She believes the value, convenience and small class size attracts both traditional and nontraditional students.

'[Students find] there is a great level of comfort here knowing they won't get lost in the crowd," she said.

Dorothy Wood, a professor of biology at Durham Tech's Orange County campus, agreed with Gluck that the personal connections draw students.

"Because it is a small campus, the personal service we provide is second to none," Wood said. "The students are much more engaged in smaller

Wood, formerly a professor at N.C. Central University, was attracted to teaching at Durham Tech in 2003 because of the opportunity to personally connect with students at the then-



Durham Technical Community College's Orange County campus has seen significant enrollment increases, allowing the college to expand its course offerings and impact in the community. Last fall solar panels were installed outside the campus' lone building. PHOTO BY THE ORANGE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

future campus in her home county.

When the campus first opened, Wood said the school had to persuade students to apply for classes, and she began teaching one section of biology that wasn't always full. Now, Wood said, there are two sections of the course that quickly fill to capacity.

Like Gluck, Wood sees a variety of students in her courses, including high school students looking to get ahead by taking college-level courses. She believes that having both younger and older students in her classes provides a unique educational setting.

Both Gluck and Wood hope that as enrollment increases, the campus can expand to multiple buildings to meet the needs of more residents. There are no immediate plans to expand the small, one-building campus.

"I can't wait for when we can increase our physical presence," Wood said. "We're a huge resource for the citizens of Orange County."

"I certainly hope we're viewed as a critical training and educational entity," Gluck said.

MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY AUG 9

The Cave: LATE: Big Waves of Pretty, Goat and Faun, Field Spirit **City Tap:** George Worthmore The Depot: Leif Forer. 6pm. The

Gleaners. 10pm Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm

Local 506: Dark Water Wising, A Mad Affair, The Set Free. 9pm. \$7 Nightlight: Lilac Shadows, White Laces, Jenny Besetzt. 9:30pm. \$5 **Southern Rail:** Sarah Shook and the Devil, Radar's Clowns of Seda-

Weaver St. Market (Hills): Roger Gupton. 6:30pm

FRIDAY AUG 10

Bynum Front Porch: Justin Robinson and the Mary Annettes. 7pm. Donations

Carolina Inn: Big Fat Gap. 5pm.

Cat's Cradle: Red Rave, Styles and Complete, D.Veloped, Da.Nu. Sha, Kieran Sweeney. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Michael Laslie LATE: Humps and The Blackouts, The Lovey Dovies

Chapel Hill Underground: Total War, 100 Yorktown, Young Cardinals

City Tap: Too Much Fun. 8pm. Portable Hero. 10pm

The Depot: Big Ron Hunter. 8pm The Kraken: Honey Chile. 9pm.

Local 506: Blood Red River, The Tremors, Bubba Joe and the Bruisers. 10pm, \$5

Open Eye: Laura Thurston. 8pm Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY AUG II

Caffee Driade: Chris Wimber-

7:30pm. \$5

\$10/12

9pm. \$5

Band. 7pm

Audio Fidelity. \$5

Griffen, 7:30pm

Bathery. 9:30pm. \$5

Southern Rail: Twilighter. 10pm

WEDNESDAY AUG 15

Cat's Cradle: Russian Circles,

The Cave: LATE: Fox and Cats

Local 506: The Clockwork Kids,

ner, The Spacemen, JPHONOI.

Southern Rail: Gmish Klezmer

The Cave: LATE: Roshambeaux,

THURSDAY AUG 16

Chapel Hill Underground:

Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert

Local 506: Mama's Love. 9:30pm

Nightlight: Flesh Wounds, Sultan

Southern Rail: Saints Apollo,

Weaver St. Market (CBO):

Once and Future Kings. 9pm

The Swang Brothers. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 17

Bros. Alien, Derek Poteat

Cowboy Indian Bear, Hawley Shoff-

Chelsea Wolfe, Marriages. 8:30pm.

Cat's Cradle: Sebadoh, Circle of Buzzards, Lou Barlow. 9pm. \$10 The Cave: LATE: Tom Maxwell

City Tap: George Worthmore. 8pm

The Depot: Andrew Kasab. 6pm. Be The Moon. 8:15pm

lack Sprat: Hezekiah, Homebase, ILLPO, Blaze the Sky. 9pm

The Kraken: Good Rocking Sam. 8pm. Free

Local 506: Bad Veins, Stagnant Pool. 8:30pm. \$10

Open Eye: Fate of Frank. 8pm Southern Rail: Mark T. Evans.

SUNDAY AUG 12

Cat's Cradle: Me Without You, Kevin Devine, Buried Beds. 8pm.

Southern Rail: Shake Rag. 3pm. NCRhythm Experiment. 7pm

Southern Village: Mark Cool.

Weaver St. Market (CBO): Magnolia Klezmer Band. Ham

MONDAY AUG 13

The Cave: LATE: Kayte Grace **Local 506:** From Atlantis, This Romantic Tragedy, In Alcatraz 1962, One Year Later. 7pm. \$10-12

TUESDAY AUG 14

ArtsCenter: Eilen Jewell. 8pm **The Cave:** LATE: Johnny Staxx and the Durty Boys, To Light A Fire, Morning Brigade. \$5

The Kraken: TC Costello. 8pm.

Local 506: Knuckle Up! 8pm. \$7 Nightlight: Right of Way.

Daughter. 8pm Carolina Inn: The Gravy Boys.

Family Bluegrass. 7pm. Donations Caffee Driade: Ocean VS

5pm. Free

Cat's Cradle: Ricardo Diquez and The Tropic Orchestra, dub Addis. The Brand New Life. M.A.S. Inc. 8pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Burke Hilburn

City Tap: The Swang Brothers.

The Depot: Good Rockin Sam. 8pm

The Kraken: Cavalry, Nanner Head. 8pm. Free

Local 506: College, Anoraak, Electric Youth. 9pm. \$14 Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY AUG 18

Caffee Driade: Saludos Compay.

Carolina Brewery (Pitts): Swift Creek Revival. 7pm

Cat's Cradle: Benefit for the NC laycee Burn Center with The BilliTones, Rebecca and the Hi-Tones, South Wing Willie Painter Band. 8pm. \$15 Suggested Donation

The Cave: EARLY: Emily Musolino LATE: Bubba Joe and The Bruisers, Those Crosstown Rivals

City Tap: Circle City. 8pm The Depot: Red's Rhythm. 8:30pm

The Kraken: A Tin Djinn, Henbrain, Who Are the Southern Baptists. 8pm. Free

Local 506: Sundress, Onward Soldiers. 9pm. \$8-9

Nightlight: Benefit for Tom Carter with Beloved Binge, Crowmeat Bob, Body Double, David Menestres, Snake. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye: The Outliers. 8pm Southern Rail: Rosa Wallace, Shane Cooley. 6pm

Bynum Front Porch: Smith **BAD VEINS** Sautrday August II Local 506

SPOTLIGHT: RUSSIAN CIRCLES



Russian Circles will be running mad at Cat's Cradle on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

This three-piece instrumental metal band, originating in Chicago, has created a unique heavy discordance for the past decade. The band

is composed of guitarist Mike Sullivan, bassist Colin DeKuiper and drummer Dave Turncrantz. Their minimalist approach aids to their soft, delicate interludes. However, don't let the small ensemble fool you – their energetic live shows match the chaos of a hundred musicians.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show kicks off at 8:30. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 day of the show.



MOVIE LISTINGS

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

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Wimpy Kid: Dog Days; The Bourne Legacy; The Campaign; Hope Springs; Marvel's The Avengers

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days;

Total Recall; The Dark Knight Rises; The Campaign; Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D; The Bourne Legacy

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

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SU 9/23**(\$15/\$18)

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JEFFERTITTIES**(\$12/\$14)

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Briefs

Estes Drive info session

The Town of Chapel Hill will host a public-information open house for the Estes Drive focus area on Aug. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Aug. 29 from 8 to 9 a.m.

The meeting locations will be announced soon and those interested can attend either session. The open house will be the first step in developing a new zoning code for the Estes Drive focus area. For more information on the area, visit townofchapelhill. org. Please email compplan@townofchapelhill.org with questions.

New parking regulations for Northside and Pine Knolls

Starting Sept. 1, only up to four cars will be allowed to park on lots in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

Duplex and triplex owners may apply to the Chapel Hill Planning Board for an exception to this new regulation to allow up to six cars on a lot. The limits include cars parked along the side of lots and in backyards.

If there are more then four cars parked on a lot, notices will be given, and violation could result in fines of up to \$100 per day until the violation is corrected.

For more information, visit townofchapelhill.org/communityplan, call (919) 968-2728 or email goodneighbor@townofchapelhill.org

Full transit service resumes

On Monday, Chapel Hill Transit will resume regular full service, including evening and night service, for the CM, CW, D, J and NU routes.

Saturday and Sunday U and NU routes will resume on Aug. 18, while Safe Rides will begin on Aug. 23.

For more information, visit chtransit.org or call (919) 969-4900 and press 1.

Chatham County tax bills

Residents of Chatham County should expect to receive their 2012 county tax bills in early August.

This year, residents within the city limits of Siler City will receive one combined tax that includes both the county and city taxes as opposed to two separate bills as in previous years.

After receiving and reviewing their tax bills, if a resident identifies any problems they should contact the County Tax Office immediately at (919) 542-8250 or (919) 542-8260. The tax rate remains at 62.19 cents.

Pedestrian walkway at 140 West

Pedestrians can now walk continuously on the north side of Franklin Street along a new covered walkway in front of the 140 West construction. The mid-block pedestrian crossing that was installed on Franklin Street to allow pedestrians to avoid the construction zone will remain in place till 140 West is complete.

Carrboro launches Facebook page

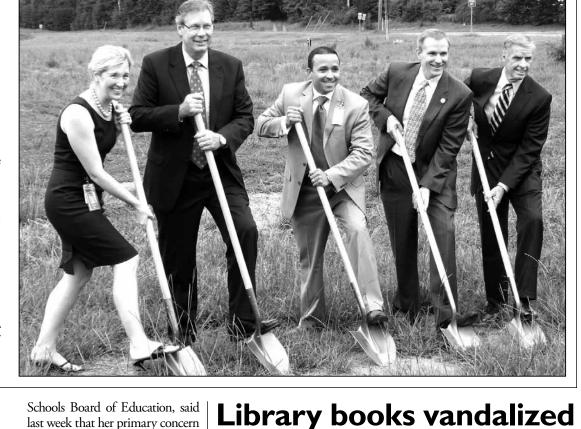
The town of Carrboro now has an official Facebook page, facebook.com/CarrboroTownGov

The town launched the page to expand communication and the spread of timely information to residents and visitors.

WALMART BREAKS **GROUND IN CHATHAM**

Brooke Mueller, senior manager of public affairs and government relations for Walmart; Commissioner Walter Petty; Walmart market manager Anthony Soto; Commissioner Brian Bock; and Joe Glasson, chair of the Chatham Economic Development Corporation, take part in the groundbreaking of a new Walmart store in Chatham County on Tuesday. The 148,400-square-foot, full-service store will be located on U.S. 15-501 near Old Lystra Road, just south of the Orange County line. Walmart officials estimate that the store will bring about 300 jobs to the area.

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CHARTER

FROM PAGE I

But securing a location proved problematic, and the applicants notified the state board of education that they would need to delay the opening. They then had to resubmit an application for the 2013-14 school year.

Though a site for the school has been proposed in Claremont South, a development planned for the south side of Homestead Road, the proposal has yet to be approved by the Town of Carrboro.

The Lee school has been the subject of much debate within the community. In January, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education wrote to state board of education Chair Bill Harrison, stating that while they believed the Lee school's application to be wellintentioned, they were concerned that the school "could divert \$4.6 million or more in scarce resources at a time of severely constrained budgets, and make it even more difficult for students' needs to be served in either the CHCCS district or the new charter school."

The Lee school's charter states that the school will meet three primary needs in the school system: to close achievement gaps, prepare students for a rigorous high school and college preparatory program and alleviate overcrowding in elementary schools.

The charter also states that 64 percent of the 45,000 students at NHA partner schools are students of color. CHCCS Superintendent Tom Forcella expressed concerns in December that targeting minority students would reduce diversity in the public schools.

The local chapter of the NAACP also spoke out against the school.

the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

last week that her primary concern

was whether the proposed school

would provide something the

vices," as some charter schools do,

Another concern is that NHA

has faced litigation in the past for

presenting creationism as a scien-

tifically based theory and for pro-

The Lee school's original ap-

plication included a section on

religious freedom and teaching re-

ligion, but the section was removed

from the re-application the school

had to file when it missed its 2012

zen's requests for answers to ques-

tions about the school, referring

language was originally included

and why it was later removed have

them to NHA spokespersons.

not yet been answered.

Angela Lee declined The Citi-

Questions regarding why the

she might have supported it.

moting religious activities.

school system doesn't.

rently offers.

deadline.

"This model doesn't strike me as really being different," she said, CHAPEL HILL – When the Chapel Hill Public Library moved into from what the school system curits temporary location at Univer-Burroughs said that if the modsity Mall last fall, an unwelcome follower made the move too – a el offered "wrap-around social ser-

> so-called book slasher. Assistant library director Mark Bayles said library staff began noticing damaged books last year before the library made its move to allow for the expansion of its location off Estes Drive. Apparently, someone had been cutting out sections of books books on the art of writing or publishing in particular.

> It seemed someone was doing the slashing within the library, and, all told, at least a few hundred dollars worth of books were damaged, Bayles said.

> "We can tell the last time a book was checked out," he said. 'These were materials that had been back in the library for some

A couple of months ago, li-

brary staff put up posters asking for patrons to help them in catching the vandal, offering a \$100 reward – paid for by the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library - for information leading to the culprit.

"We came up with the idea of putting up the wanted posters to, in one sense, make the person aware that we were aware of their activity and also to enlist the aid of the public," Bayles said.

Since then, staff have not discovered additional slashed books, he said, but staff never caught the vandal, nor did they have any

Bayles said that while the library has had issues with damaged books before – like patrons writing comments in the margins of books – he's never seen anyone "systematically attacking a specific section of books like this."

He hopes the slashing has stopped for good.

These are public materials, and this is vandalism," Bayles

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Mia Burroughs, chair of



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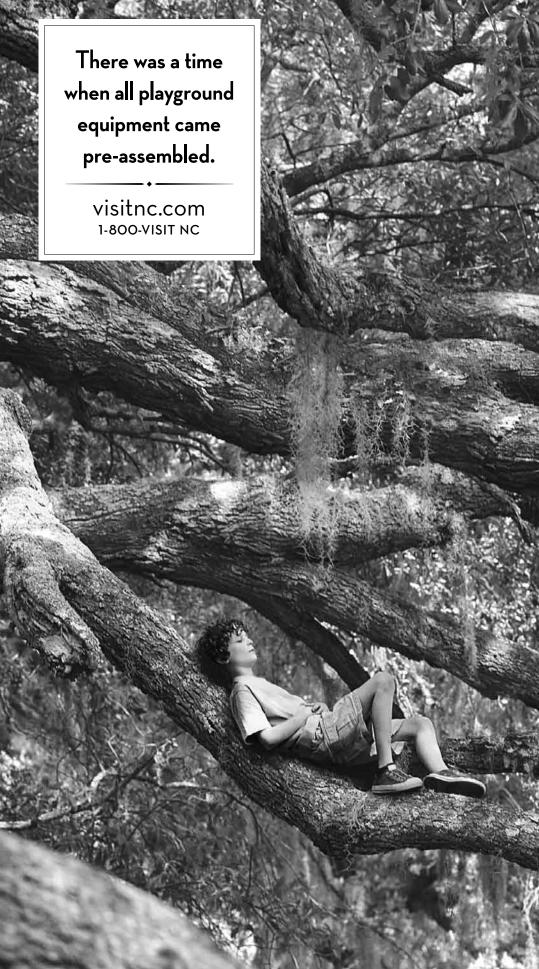


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THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012 THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

TOWING

FROM PAGE I

The council approved changes tightening the town's towing ordinance in February, responding to concerns about predatory towing practices. The changes, which were to go into effect May 1, would have limited towing fees to \$125 townwide; required towing companies to accept multiple forms of payment, including credit and debit cards; and required that one sign be posted at every third parking space and a sign be posted notifying drivers of video surveillance, in addition to signage previously required at the entrance to the lots.

The town previously had a towing ordinance that dated back to at least 2002, according to Kleinschmidt, which was amended in February. Following the judge's order, the town has no towing ordinance in

In May, Hudson granted a preliminary injunction preventing the town from enforcing either the cell phone or the towing ordinance, saying he agreed with a challenge by George King of George's Towing and Recovery on the grounds that the ordinances could cause King's businesses irreparable harm. Kleinschmidt said that since then, the town has received several complaints regarding George's Towing, with some reporting being charged as much as \$250 - twice the limit that the ordinance put in

Thomas Stark, King's attorney, had argued that the provision in the towing ordinance requiring towing companies to answer calls to the number posted on towing signs would cause small companies whose phone number is that of the cell phone of the truck operator to be in violation of the cell phone ordinance by complying with the towing ordinance. Following the judge's preliminary order, the town council tweaked the towing ordinance such that companies would be required to answer calls or return voicemails from vehicle owners within 15 minutes.

However, Stark also argued that the enabling statute by the state for the towing ordinance is itself unconstitutional on the judge's ruling, Rich said she grounds that it regulates com-

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merce, and Hudson agreed.

"This isn't the kind of thing that a market can solve. This is the kind of transaction in which government involvement is important to protecting citizens' interests," Kleinschmidt said. "The transaction occurs between someone whose car is being towed involuntarily and someone who has their car. It's not an environment in which you can have fair and just negotiations."

'That's where the real harm is," he continued. "We've put our citizens and our visitors in that environment, where there's such an extreme power differen-

Stark said his client intends to reach out to the town to work with them on towing issues.

Hudson's decision leaves similar towing ordinances in other North Carolina towns and cities susceptible to challenge. Carrboro, for instance, enacted a towing ordinance in 2008 that prohibits towing companies from charging more than \$100 for vehicles removed from private property, limits storage fees for towed vehicles to \$20 per day and requires towing companies to accept payment by credit or debit card.

As for other towns' towing ordinances, Stark said if challenged in court, "I think they would meet the same fate."

Cell phones

The cell phone ordinance, approved by the council in a 5-4 decision in March, was to be enacted June 1. It would have prohibited the use of cell phones or any additional technology while operating a car in town, carrying a \$25 fine for

An assistant state attorney general told the town in an opinion letter that he didn't believe the town had the authority to enact such an ordinance, but Chapel Hill Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos has argued that he crafted the law so that it exempts provisions already regulated by the state.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Penny Rich was one of the driving forces behind the cell phone ordinance, pointing to data likening the danger of talking and driving to driving drunk. Though the council has not yet met to discuss the would like to see the council

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appeal his decision, adding that she expects the decision to come down on the same 5-4 line.

"I don't think that anyone has changed their vote on how they feel about this," she said.

Kleinschmidt, who voted against the measure, said the council would first need to take action on the towing ordinance before moving forward on the cell phone ordinance.

"There's not the same sense of urgency," he said.

Though Rich said she would like to see the state take up the matter, she is not optimistic.

"Since this new legislative body took over, they've just been putting it back in the closet," she said. "I believe that nothing will happen with it."

Additionally, Rich said she believes King challenged the cell phone ordinance as part of his strategy to challenge the towing ordinance.

"He was just grasping for anything he could to stop this tow-truck ordinance," she said. "In my mind, it doesn't have anything to do with the cell phone ordinance."

Stark said he's heard from representatives of a number of businesses since the ruling who have said how inconvenient the law would have been for their

'We were frankly surprised that the Town of Chapel Hill had regulated cell phone use, given the attorney general's opinion," he said, adding that Hudson's ruling "was a pretty straightforward decision."

Despite the measure's supposed unpopularity, during several hearings regarding the cell phone ordinance prior to its passage, few residents spoke before the council against the proposal.

"I think that deep down people understand that driving and talking on the phone is not a good idea," Rich said. "As human beings, we know that it is dangerous.'

"This ordinance was put in place to save lives, and that doesn't change," she continued. "[The ruling] doesn't really change the fact that talking on the phone and driving can kill someone."

TEST RESULTS

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school is doing."

Burroughs said district staff have been asked to look into why the two schools did not meet expected growth rates, and they will discuss this at tonight's (Thursday) board meeting.

The remaining 15 district schools met their growth standards and earned top recognition. Seawell Elementary, East Chapel Hill High, Glenwood Elementary and Smith Middle were named Honor Schools of Excellence. These schools earned high-growth marks, with more than 90 percent of students at or above grade level based on EOG test results.

Two district schools, Mary Scroggs Elementary and Chapel Hill High, were named Schools of Excellence, with 90 percent or more of their students performing at grade level.

The remaining nine schools were recognized as Schools of Distinction - Rashkis Elementary, Morris Grove Elementary, Phillips Middle, Culbreth Middle, Frank Porter Graham Elementary, Ephesus Elementary, Estes Hills Elementary, McDougle Middle and Carrboro Elementary.

In the 2010-11 ABCs of Public Education report, three district schools were named Honor Schools of Excellence, eight were named Schools of Excellence and six were named Schools of Distinc-

Burroughs said it is hard to compare the new results with the previous year's results because the state keeps changing tests and standards. The ABCs system will be replaced by a new one beginning next year.

"I think our schools generally did well," Burroughs said. "With testing, the devil is in the details."

Burroughs added that the board would look into the testing results to identify struggling sub-groups and ways to help them improve.

In addition to looking at individual schools, the ABCs of Public Education measures district graduation rates, and for 2011-12 the CHCCS district posted 80.2 percent, an improvement over 77.9 percent for 2010-11.

"I'm pleased to see graduation rates improved across the district," Burroughs said. "The teachers, from kindergarten through high school, should all be proud because they all had a hand in this [improvement]."

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Taking hold of a challenge

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BY EDDY LANDRETH

Staff Writer

There is no way to listen to Carolina football players talking about the start of practice and a new season and not believe their enthusiasm is anything but sincere.



sides of the ball.

continue learning Eddy Landreth and executing the new schemes on both

We loved the summer," said senior linebacker/defensive back Gene Robinson. "It was the hardest summer we have had here. We worked all summer long. It only got harder every day. And we loved that, to come together as a team.

'We had more team bonding during the workouts because they were so difficult. Everybody had to overcome them. There was no 'I'm not going to be able to do this.' No, you have

"Now we are just thriving out there every day, continuing to be together."

Now the excitement is turning into the reality of summer camp and continuing to learn new offensive and defensive

"It was a blast to get out there," junior quarterback Bryn Renner said. "Spring was a little teaser, but we wanted to get started in fall camp.

"The first day was like Christmas. We were so happy to get on the field. Coach [Larry] Fedora has done a great job of telling us what we need to do to get better." Renner said there is no

doubt in his mind that this entire team is united in the drive to be as good as it can be and execute the schemes Fedora and his staff have brought to UNC.

are on board to win 12 ball games this year," Renner said. The players' actions are their

true testament to how much they are throwing their hearts and souls into following Fedora and this staff in a new direction, on and off the field.

"We challenged them, where we left off in the spring, to summer," Fedora said. "All the have done. I'm proud of them."

"It was the hardest summer we have had here. We worked all summer long. It only got harder every day. And we loved that, to come together as a team."

— Gene Robinson

coaches are really pleased with their recall and how much more they have picked up.

'You just watch them in the drills," Fedora said, "how they do the drills, they are so much further along than they were in the spring. It's been really nice. That has been one of the easiest things. They have bought in from day one. They have had this sense of excitement, enthusiasm, eagerness to get going. In each phase, they have shown they are willing to do whatever we ask them to do."

Another telling point is that the players met the goals placed before them regarding losing weight, gaining strength and being in the best possible shape. Fedora said that speaks volumes about the commitment this team has genuinely made.

"You have guys like [Travis] Bond, who has lost a tremendous amount of weight," Fedora said. "Every one of the guys our nutritionist decided needed to lose weight did what they needed to do.

"I don't know how many of you have tried to lose some "All 105 guys that are here weight. You have to decide you're going to do it. It can't be because a coach says you need to lose weight. If they don't decide to do it, they are not going to lose weight.

"That just tells me that much more about how much they have bought in. It doesn't just happen. It doesn't just melt off. There is some sacrifice. They see how far they could go the have to eat right and do things rest of spring and through the the right way, which these guys



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by Linda Thistle

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HE ISN'T SHOWING ABOUT HOW EXTREME HIS DAY'S BEEN.

He'S VISITING FROM CANADA.

ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

Community Briefs

Free Cat's Cradle in the Commons concert

On Sept. 21, Cat's Cradle and the Town of Carrboro will host a free concert at the Carrboro Town Commons.

The event will feature Tift Merritt, Megafaun and Mandolin Orange. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and the concert will begin at 5:30. Coolers, lawn chairs and backpacks are not al-

lowed within the venue. Food and nonalcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Free vouchers guarantee entry to the event. Vouchers are available at catscradle.com

Mountains-To-Sea trail info meeting

On Monday, a Mountains-To-Sea State Trail informational meeting will be held at Durham Technical Community College's Orange County campus in Hillsborough from 6 to 8 p.m.

Once completed, the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail will reach 1,000 miles from Clingman's Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains to Jockey's Ridge State Park. More than 500 miles of the trail have been built so far.

The meeting on Monday will provide an opportunity for Orange County residents to learn about trail progress, ask questions and express comments concerning the trail.

For more information about the trail, visit ncmst.org or ncparks.gov/About/trails_mst.php

Low-cost rabies vaccinations

On Aug. 16, Orange County's Animal Services Department will hold a \$10 rabies vaccination clinic. The clinic will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Animal Services Center.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in individual carries.

Additional clinic dates are available at orangecountync.gov/animalservices/rabies.asp

Children's lit named laureate category

The Piedmont Laureate program has announced that the 2013 Piedmont Laureate will be selected

from central North Carolina authors of Children's Literature

The program is dedicated to building a literary bridge for residents to come together and celebrate the art of writing. Applications for the 2013 laureate are being selected only from authors of children's literature (for ages 0-9) currently residing in Orange, Alamance, Durham or Wake counties. The laureate, who will be selected by an appointed committee, will present public readings and workshops and participate in other public functions. Additional information on the program is available at piedmontlaureate.com. The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on Sept. 28.

Meyer takes on new role for CHCCS

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have appointed Graig Meyer as the new director of student equity and volunteer services for the district.

Meyer has been the coordinator of the district's Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program since 1998. The new position formalizes his leadership responsibilities for the district's racial-equity initiative. He will develop, implement and monitor district programs and processes that promote and sustain diversity and equity workshops, presentations, learning opportunities and other strategies to help promote diversity.

Carrboro art project call for submissions

The Carrboro Arts Committee is accepting submissions for the third annual Carrboro Community Art Project. Music is suggested as a theme for submissions.

Artwork will be shown in the Carrboro Century Center and Carrboro Town Hall in September and

Submissions will be accepted on Aug. 25 and Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center. The opening reception will be held on Sept. 14 at the Century Center and Carrboro Town

For submission guidelines and an application form, visit carrboro.com/CAP

HOUSE Calls

Community

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



Dear HOUSE Calls, I wake up several times during the night to go to the bathroom. Is this a problem?

This sounds like a problem that would make us tired. We define this as a problem if you wake up two or more times to urinate during a typical night. Practically speaking, it is a problem if it bothers you or if it represents a change. There are a variety of issues that can be related to nighttime urination. These include drinking too much close to bedtime, especially alcohol and beverages containing caffeine. Enlarged prostate is a common cause of nighttime urination in men. Other medical issues that can cause this include diabetes,

heart disease and urinary tract infections. So if there has been a change or it is bothering you, check in with your family doctor.

Dear HOUSE Calls, What causes teeth to stain and turn yellow?

Coffee, tea, wine, dark sodas and especially cigarettes (and other tobacco products) are among the most common causes of yellow teeth. The use of some medications in childhood (tetracycline and doxycycline especially) can contribute as well. There are over-thecounter products and dentistadministered teeth-whitening treatments that are effective. Keep in mind that if you keep using the products that stain teeth, your teeth might get whiter with treatment, but then they will yellow again with tooth-staining beverages and habits.

Dear HOUSE Calls, How can I protect my joints from damage?

The best thing for your joints in terms of the big picture is to maintain a healthy weight. Many people with osteoarthritis have developed it because they are overweight. Staying active and wearing proper-fitting shoes can help. Protect your joints by slowly building up when you start a new exercise regimen. We don't know of any medicines or supplements that are proven to prevent arthritis. For many people, the development of arthritis is about joint alignment or old injuries, and there is not much you can do about it.

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

Community Calendar

THURSDAY AUGUST 9 Outdoor Movie — Locally Grown

presents Gnomeo and Juliet, rated G. Wallace Plaza, 8pm Free

FRIDAY AUGUST 10

City of Frogs — Presented by Paperhand Puppet Intervention, continuing through Sept 9. Forest Theatre, 7pm \$8 children/\$12 adults

People's Channel Benefit — Food Truck Rodeo and Clothing Swap. Southern Rail, 5pm

Movie Night — Cinemasochist Movie Night showing Bubba Ho-tep. Davenport and Winkleperry, Pittsboro, 9pm 18 and older Free

SATURDAY AUGUST 11

Music Hall — With host Rocco featuring the best from the great American songbook of music. WCOM 103.5FM, 9am-noon

Back to School Bash — Carrboro Recreation & Parks invites all local high school students to come out for an evening of music, dance contests and prize giveaways. Carrboro Century Center, 7-10pm \$5 (919) 918-7392

Carrboro Crafts Market — Back patio of Open Eye Café. 10am-3pm

MONDAY AUGUST 13 Stamp Club — The Triangle Stamp Club to meet with Dietrick

Schroeer speaking on Stasbourg or Strassburg? Not French or German, but Alsatian. Church of the Holy Family, 200 Hayes Road, 7:30pm

THURSDAY AUGUST 16

Outdoor Movie — Locally Grown presents Vertigo, rated PG. Wallace Plaza, 8pm Free

Pepper Palooza — Southern Village Farmers' Market. 3:30-6:30pm

Art Reception — Opening for Seeing the World, One Drawing at a Time: Urban Sketchers. Ackland Museum Store, 6:30-8:30pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 18 Shakori Fundraiser — Third

Annual North Carolina Stars in the Round Fundraiser, with proceeds going toward purchase of the land. 1439 Henderson Tanyard Road, Pittsboro, 7pm \$10/15 shakorihills.

Yard Sale — Binkley-Barbee's Biannual Community Yard Sale with proceeds to benefit The Interfaith Council, The Central Children's Home and the PTA Thrift Shop. Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive, 8am-Ipm binkleychurch.org

Animal Refuge Fundraiser — Garage and bake sale to benefit Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge. 301-B Westview Drive, Carrboro, 10am-2pm

short film adapted from one of his original short stories and lead a discussion about the process of storyfilm adaptation. Orange County Main Library, 2pm Free (919) 245-2537 **Nutcracker Auditions** — Senior

Daniel Wallace — To present a

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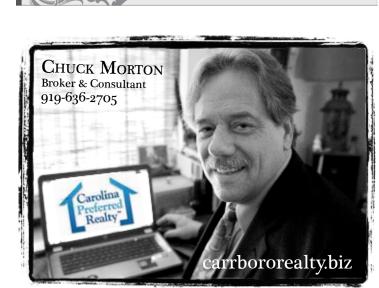
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A baffling decision

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The 2011-12 General Assembly made a host of troubling decisions in the last two years on everything from education to environmental policy.

In most cases lawmakers offered at least some claims or evidence or some ideology to support their actions, however misleading or misguided

But a few decisions were simply baffling regardless of your political philosophy, policy views or partisan leanings. One of them was the legislative leaders' insistence on ending all funding for the state's drug treatment courts.

The courts are one of the state's success stories. They provide a tough but effective treatment option for drug offenders that allows them to stay out of prison, stay with their families and often pay restitution to their victims, all while turning their lives around.

It not only helps the offender, it saves the state big money. The program costs a few thousand dollars for each participant, roughly one-tenth of the almost \$30,000 a year it costs to keep them

Numerous studies show the program works. One found that 75 percent of the graduates of drug court were arrest free two years after finishing the program.

It is one of a handful of programs supported by both prosecutors and advocates for alternatives to incarceration. In fact, it's hard to find anyone who thinks the drug courts are a bad idea.

But that didn't stop budget writers in 2011 from ending state support for the operations of the program. Then lawmakers came back this summer and abolished state funding for the treatment services that the program provides.

The rationale for this year's cuts was that the operations funding had been cut the year before. That doesn't make any sense. They could have restored it instead, of course - it was only a few million dollars in a \$20 billion budget – but they

decided to end the funding entirely. No legislator publicly questioned the drug court's effectiveness or the long-term savings it could provide, not to mention giving people the

chance to turn their lives around. A few lawmakers did complain that not every county had a drug court, which was true.

They were only operating in fewer than half the ite's 100 counties, though plans were underway to expand when more funding became available. There doesn't seem to be much logic in eliminating a highly successful program that saves money and lives because it isn't in place everywhere.

Republicans and Democrats across the country support drug courts, so it's not really a partisan issue. Republican Gov. Chris Christie recently began requiring that nonviolent drug offenders enter treatment programs instead of prison, saying drug addiction is an illness that needs to be treated.

Supporting drug treatment courts also doesn't mean you are soft on crime. District attorneys and law enforcement officials are some of the strongest proponents of the program.

A couple of years ago the Wilmington StarNews reported on the graduation ceremony of seven people who had completed the Brunswick County drug court program. They included a woman who had been addicted to heroin since she was 17.

She was arrested in 2009, entered the drug treatment program the following summer and graduated drug free while managing to keep her job and maintain her relationship with her family. That woman would have been sent to prison if the drug court hadn't existed.

Drug offenders from now on are not likely to have that second chance because of the decisions made by state lawmakers in the last two years. And the state will spend \$30,000 to keep the offenders locked up instead.

Somebody needs to explain how that makes

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Taking it to the streets

Regular readers of this paper know that right about jam-packed street or stepping into a crosswalk. As we've little closer attention.



I want to start by reminding there are a lot of new and freshly painted old crosswalks and that pedestrians in those crosswalks AL-WAYS have the right of way. Stopreally nice thing to do and a quaint local courtesy, it's the damn law ev-

Our annual encouragement to pay attention is not betoo many times local reporters from this paper and others have the gloomy responsibility of reporting on a fatal accident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian or bicyclist. Almost every one I've written or read about was avoidable and involved confusion or distraction.

erywhere in the state of North Carolina and most other

As you might guess, in a college town these stories usually include comments from friends or relatives about the promise of the individuals, their course of study and what they hoped to do with their lives. If you're new to town or are coming back and might have forgotten just how chaotic it is in the first couple of months of school, please excuse this harsh reminder, but we really don't want the next person we have to write about to be you.

The number of accidents – especially downtown and into the path of a town bus. especially car/bike or car/pedestrian accidents - jumps in the first couple of months of school. It makes sense given the increase in all kinds of traffic. There are more walkers, and SUVs stacked high with clothes and furnishings.

Throw into the mix the sheer number of people who must, must, take that phone call while cruising down a you. Honest.

this time of year we tend to start warning people to pay a seen all too many times, the combination of distraction and disassociation are deadly.

> There's a reason that Chapel Hill tried to ban cell people, up high in this column, that phone use while driving and it's not because we want to create a more courteous society. If you really want to scare yourself, stand at the corner of Weaver and Main streets in Carrboro or Columbia and Franklin streets in Chapel Hill and take an informal survey of the number of people ping to let people cross is not just a who pass by either on foot or in a vehicle who are talking on their cell phones. One afternoon a couple years back, I sat and counted, and around one-third of the people I saw trying to navigate the streets were engaged in doing something other than driving.

Most commuters I know have horror stories of passing cause we're such safety freaks; it's just that over the years, a person or being passed by a person obviously distracted by a phone conversation or, say, the report they're reading

Travel speeds aren't that high downtown, but on a busy day it's every bit as congested as I-40 and there are a whole lot of people around not encased by steel and protected by air bags.

One special note to you folks who like to jog through our streets jamming out to whatever it is you jam out to: Please turn it down and pay double attention to your surroundings for at least the next few months (and/or forever). We lost one of those really wonderful, really promising young people when she stepped into Cameron Avenue, unable to realize in time that she was jogging

The young people entrusted to the care of our community are coming back soon. The dorms open next weekend. It's exciting and chaotic and part of what makes bikers, drivers and a lot more buses, and, as the semester this a special time of year. But please remember the basics: wears on, there's less daylight. It also makes sense given Look both ways before crossing the street, pay attention the number of new drivers, out-of-town visitors and, for to the signals ('cause other people are), give pedestrians the first couple of weeks, people driving U-Hauls or cars the right-of-way and (my new favorite old adage) hang

Be careful out there, people. We wouldn't want to lose

Regaining comprehension

SAMMY SLADE

Editor's note: The following was excerpted from remarks given by Sammy Slade at the commemoration of the 67th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima on Monday.

Today is the 67th anniversary of the U.S. dropping an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima and the killing of more then 140,000 people. We are here to remember this horror and to reflect on its significance

To begin: 140,000 is a number that I want us to bring home. Think of every person you know in Orange County. In the 2010 census Orange County had a population of 133,000. The United States dropped a bomb in 1945 that killed the equivalent of a little more

than all who live in Orange County today. Imagine that three days from today, a bomb will be dropped that will kill all 64,000 who live in Chatham County also.

Empathy is easiest when we are relating to those who are most proximate to us. Beings, places and times that are near are easiest to comprehend. I say this not just in regard to the enormous pain released by these bombs 67 years ago – suffering and loss that we hopefully can still feel here and today.

The atomic bomb is inhuman in scale and inhuman in comprehension. There are approximately 19,000 nuclear bombs on earth today. In 1996 the International Court of Justice declared, "The destructive power of nuclear weapons cannot be contained in either space or time. They have the potential to destroy all civilization and the entire ecosystem of the planet."

Nuclear power is like so much of modernity that is placed beyond democracy because it is impossible to comprehend and manage before it is too late.

On this anniversary, people in Japan have been making the link between Hiroshima and Fukushima.

One news outlet quotes 68-year-old Setsuko Kumazaki, who lost several relatives in Hiroshima, saying, "Nobody knows the fear and uncertainty Fukushima residents face over radiation levels better than the people of Hiroshima."

We could approximate the awareness experience has instilled in the Japanese people through some abstract figures. This is all beyond comprehension though.

Meanwhile today, Aug. 6, 2012, climate scientist Dr. James Hansen released a study showing that the crazy weather we have been experiencing everywhere has no explanation other than climate change. Hansen makes the point that if we are to survive on this planet, emissions have to begin dropping by 2015 globally. Even with the global recession we are at a steady rise of 3 percent every year.

To avert runaway climate change, scientists are saying we must reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 8 percent of 2007 levels every year so that we can be 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2020. This is an incomprehensible task.

Most of our emissions are from electricity use, electricity that we buy from Duke Energy. Duke Energy's electricity is 60 percent fossil fuels and 30 percent nuclear. Duke plans to use 0.77 percent wind and solar and 2 percent energy efficiency by 2030. Meanwhile, Duke plans to burn 96 percent of the coal that it was burning in 2010 in 2030. Duke also plans to more then double its natural gas generation (fracking) by 2030.

The recent Duke Energy merger was in large part driven to build the capital necessary to attract investments for new nuclear plants that even Wall Street has not wanted to touch as nuclear is an extremely risky investment. To attract Wall Street, Duke is seeking an annual rate-hike bill, which will force ratepayers to pay in advance for nuclear power plants that may never get built, as has happened in Florida.

Nuclear is the most expensive form of electricity generation – and this does not even take into account the many externalized costs! The nuclear pursuit is a misallocation of resources that must be put to better uses.

Wind, solar, efficiency and conservation are saner options but we have leaders who, like their technologies, are the embodiment of incomprehensibility. The first CEO of the new merged Duke Energy received \$40 million after only 20 minutes on the job.

In all these statistics, we catch a glimpse of the outrage. Thankfully we have not experienced nuclear disasters like the people who now fight nuclear power everyday have.

The weather has begun to change, and hopefully the experience will be enough to snap us back to comprehension in time.

We need to scale into the human again to reconnect with what surrounds us.

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Judicial elections and artificial persons

DAMON ATKINS

Earlier this summer, the Supreme Court affirmed its 2010 Citizens United decision, holding that a 100-year old Montana law barring direct corporate contributions to political campaigns was an unconstitutional violation of the free speech rights of an anti-environmentalist organization with ties to the energy industry and conservative multimillionaires Art Pope and the Koch brothers. North Carolina filed a brief supporting Montana's position, and the court's decision promises to further erode the state's ability to defend against the growing influence of corporations, especially in judicial

The court's decision privileged the theoretical rights of artificial persons over the real rights of natural persons, and looked to one of the most corrupt periods in American economic history as a model for our current political landscape. We seem to be learning the wrong lessons from

While the legal fiction of limited corporate personhood predates the republic, over the last 125 years corporations have pushed for more and more of the rights associated with natural persons. In 1886, the Supreme Court extended the due process and equal protection guarantees of the 14th Amendment to corporations, allowing railroad companies to reduce their tax burden. In 1978, the court held that the First Amendment right of free speech extended to corporations. In the controversial 2010 Citizens United decision, the court expanded those rights, ruling that corporations could engage in direct political contributions to "independent expenditure committees" as a form of protected speech. In his opinion, Justice Kennedy claimed that corporate contributions do "not give rise to corruption or the appearance of corruption."

History does not support that assertion, and the Montana law at issue in the recent court case is a good example.

The 1912 law was the result of a very popular voter initiative to counter the phenomenal corruption gripping the state in the early 20th century, as three rival "Copper Kings" jockeyed to control the state's political system and natural resources. One of them, whom Mark Twain described as "as rotten a human being as can be found anywhere under the flag," spent upwards of \$1,000,000 of his personal fortune to purchase votes for his successful 1899 appointment as U.S. senator. Paying between \$10,000 and \$50,000 per legislator's vote (who, before the 17th Amendment appointed senators), he claimed he "never bought a man who wasn't for

He was forced to resign from the senate the following year, but immediately redoubled his efforts, attempting to buy control of the state legislature outright in order to avoid having to pay for individual votes. His rival was more effective by buying two of the three justices in the district court. He effectively gained control over the docket and tied up other mining companies in lengthy and expensive court challenges.

Corruption, for the voters of Montana in 1912, was not an abstract idea. The law stood for 100 years because it protected the political system in a state with valuable natural resources and a small population from the enormous international companies renowned for their willingness and ability to buy elections.

After Citizens United, independent expenditure committees have made their presence felt in almost all elections. But in North Carolina, and especially in the wake of last month's court decision, the impact will be felt in judicial elections, as Doug Clark of the Greensboro News & Record has suggested. The only reason for large corporations to contribute to campaigns is to elect candidates perceived to be sympathetic to corporate interests, and to ensure access and influence once elected. While a legislator might have a local interest in supporting a specific corporation (e.g, jobs), the courts have consistently understood, as Chief Justice Roberts noted, that "judges are not politicians who can promise to do certain things in exchange for votes."

While there is no evidence to suggest that the sort of corruption found in Montana in the early 20th century or in West Virginia in the early 21st century has taken hold in North Carolina elections, there are still compelling reasons to keep corporate money out of judicial elections. Unfortunately, the North Carolina Judicial Coalition has already begun to raise corporate money to support conservative incumbent justice Paul Newby's reelection bid to the State Supreme Court. At the same time, the Republican-dominated General Assembly has slashed the state's election funding in next year's budget.

The combination of expansive electoral rights for artificial persons and reduced voting access for real people distorts the political process, and now threatens our judicial system. Corporations are not people, and we must protect elections especially judicial elections - from their influence. Let's hope North Carolinians learn and act upon this critical lesson before our state politics are damaged beyond recognition.

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This is a highly non-traditional method of seeking new ownership, but unlike any other publication with which I've been involved *The Citizen* belongs mostly to the readers, and it's the readers who should have first crack at continuing what we've begun. I have no interest in seeing this newspaper acquired by someone who would change its focus from nuanced, community-focused journalism. Those folks can go start their own publication.

This newspaper has always been about the journalism, pure and simple. And you readers have emphatically told us again and again that you like what we're doing. For example, in 2012 we have distributed an average of 7,315 papers per week, with an average pickup of 90 percent. In the free newspaper business, that's a huge number.

Based on industry standards, and coupled with our web readers, this means that there are more than 15,000 of you consistently reading what we have to say. And why not? After all, it's all about you and your community.

Make no mistake about it — *The Citizen* has been a financial burden. That's definitely a part of the weariness I'm feeling. The contrast of our strong readership success with these financial issues, however, while highlighting the challenges facing our industry, presents a manageable conundrum.

Manageable, that is, by the right person or group who sees the value of what we've built here, and who has the energy and resources to take on this task.

Who will it be? Am I the only person who believes our community deserves quality locally owned and operated long-form journalism, and is willing to back up that belief with money and time? I sure hope not.

Here's the punch line: If a qualified successor isn't soon found, *The Citizen* will cease publication sometime in the fall. Not before, however, we bring you another awesome Carrboro Resource Guide (9/6) and Carrboro Music Festival special section (9/27).

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Recipe of the Week **Peach Trifle with Classic** Zabaglione and Amaretti Cookies

Recipe provided by II Palio Chef Adam Rose

Ingredients

- 4 ripe N.C. peaches
- 1 1/4 cups sugar, divided
- I lemon, juiced
- 8 egg yolks
- 5 ounces marsala wine crushed amaretti cookie crumbs

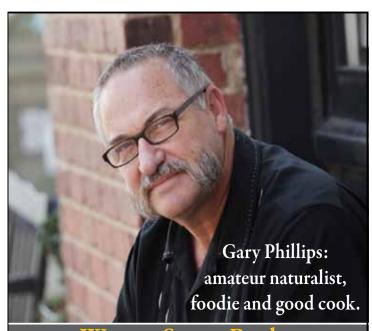
Method

Peel and slice the peaches. Add 1/4 cup of sugar and lemon juice and stir in a stainless steel bowl. Refrigerate the peaches until ready to assemble the trifle. Heat water in small pot.

To make the zabaglione, whip the egg yolks and sugar in a stainless steel bowl until pale yellow. Whisk in the marsala and place the bowl over the steaming pot. Continuously whisk for 3 to 4 minutes until the egg has set and the mix-

Place the bowl with the zabaglione over an ice bath and whisk until cool. To stack the trifle, spoon some of the zabaglione into a wine glass and sprinkle with crushed cookie crumbs. Spoon some of the peaches over with the juices, and repeat this process until the glass is full.

The top should be finished with zabaglione and garnished



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But still, who planted that original Chapel Hill tree?

A few weeks ago I learned from Bob Durham of Academy Opticians that when he was a kid, he lived next door to that tree for several years, and he remembers it was a big tree several decades ago. Bob referred me to his childhood friend John Eliadis, whose dad owned and managed legendary Leo's on West Franklin Street. John, now living in Carrboro, also remembers that tree and recalls his dad describing how UNC chemistry professor Dr. Francis Preston Venable, president of the university from 1900-1914, brought seedlings of coastal redwood back from California in the early 1900s to establish in Chapel Hill and other locations on the East Coast.

For more clues in this tree mystery I turned to Bill Burk, local historian and retired botany librarian. He reminded me that in 1900 President Venable convinced newly appointed botany professor Dr. W.C. Coker to develop an arboretum in the 5-acre wet meadow next to the present Morehead Planetarium.

Bill directed me to a photograph in Essays on William Chambers Coker, Passionate Botanist, by Coker's niece Mary Coker Joslin, of Coker standing beneath a redwood during a visit to California in 1909. So it seems logical that passionate botanist Coker was the one who brought redwoods back from California. But no one seems to know for certain.

I have a theory based on a couple of facts.

Coker, who married Venable's eldest daughter, Louise, and Venable were close family friends as well as revered academic colleagues.

Opposite the coastal redwood on North Columbia Email Ken Moore at flora@car-Street is a specimen of long leaf pine, Pinus palustris, the iconic conifer of the Southeast, similarly reduced to less than 5 percent of its original



Coastal redwoods thrive in foggy ravines along the California coast. PHOTO BY JIM MCKERROW

range, like the iconic coastal redwood of California.

My theory: Close friends Coker and Venable planted those two trees around 1910 purposefully to frame the northern entrance to the town and university with two stately evergreen conifers, each representing the continent's west and east coasts.

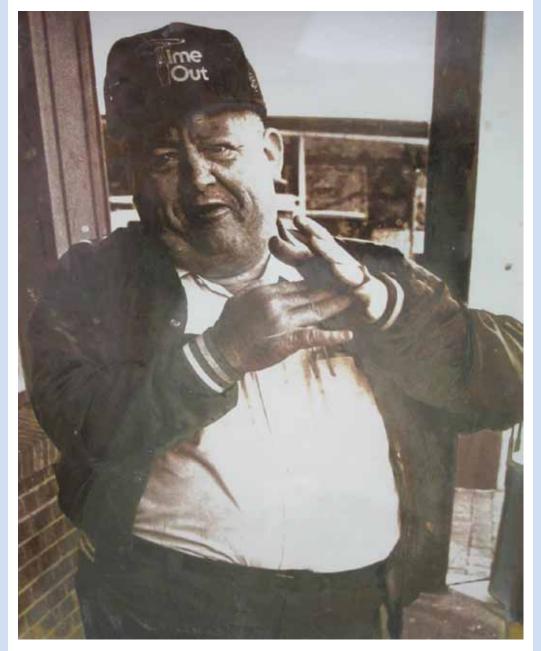
Think about it, and for goodness sake, someone out there among you, let us know the real story about Chapel Hill's mystery tree.

Please take care not to confuse coastal redwood with the less common California giant sequoia, Sequoiadendron giganteum. That's another story in itself.

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Coker Arboretum curator Margo McIntyre (left) and assistant Geoffrey Neal are dwarfed by the 30-year-old "Chapel Hill" coastal redwood. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Cat Baby at Time Out

ime was, it wouldn't be football season at Chapel Hill High School unless George "Cat Baby" Cannada led the team onto the field at Carrboro's Lions Park behind the present-day Carrboro Town Hall. The unofficial mascot and much-beloved number-one Wildcat fan (think of the movie Radio), "Cat Baby" got his name from the greeting he gave as he delivered newspapers around town, hailing one and all - President Friday down to the meekest freshman – with the same exuberant drawn-out, "Wha-say Caaaaaat!" He finally graduated from high school at 21 without ever cracking a book, according to local historians Richard Ellington and Dave Otto. To this day, CHHS'ers of a certain age can still be heard hailing each other with "Caaaaaaat!" This photograph is from Eddie Williams' Time Out restaurant, where Cat Baby joins a host of other famous local characters and sports heroes striking the iconic pose.



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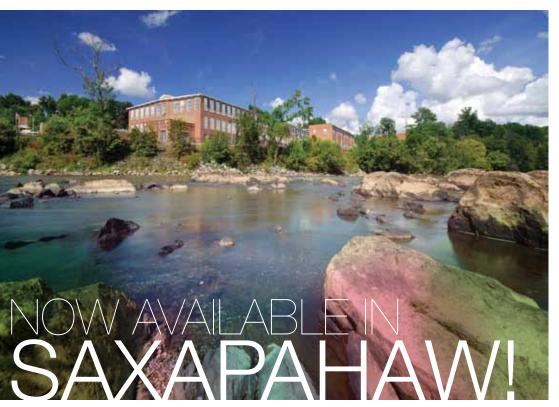


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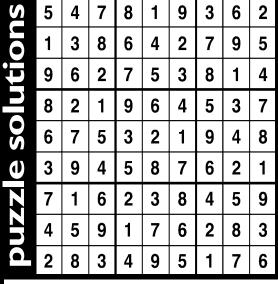
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