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Raindrops enhance night-flowering jimsonweed. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

State takes a bite out of local school budget

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

This story is the second in a series about the real and potential effects to Orange County residents of state budget cuts.

In a county that was built around the first state university, public education – and with it, the two public school systems – has become one of Orange County’s most prized assets.

Drawing families from around the country, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is widely regarded as one of the nation’s best school systems.

county’s continued support for public education has helped to maintain the schools’ status.

This year, however, things got a bit dicey, with a \$5.75 million reduction in state funding and a deeply divided state legislature keeping much of the schools’ fate in limbo.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education adopted the district’s 2011-12 operating budget last week, following the passage of the final state budget – which includes a 5.8 percent cut to K-12 education to help close a nearly \$2.5 billion shortfall.

The district had been asked to make \$2.5 million in discretionary reductions in the previous state budget, which staff agreed to again make in the 2011-12 budget.

reduction requirements, the district eliminated mentor pay (\$83,187) and reduced funding for classroom materials (\$188,000) and textbooks (\$617,916).

Though the state identified other areas for reductions, including salaries and benefits, transportation, instructional supplies and equipment and school technology, the board was able to avoid these cuts by appropriating fund balance, basically the district’s savings account.

“We’ve looked for any possible way to avoid having to make reductions to the classroom,” said Todd LoFrese, assistant superintendent for support services

with CHCCS. “By taking those steps in addition to two years of reductions previous to this, we’ve run out of places to look to help protect the classroom.”

In the classroom

So what do these numbers mean for the kids?

The schools haven’t gotten new textbooks in three years – only replacement books or books for an increase in students.

A reduction in funding for classroom supplies will be felt by both students and teachers.

“Those are resources that go directly to classrooms to support kids,” LoFrese said.

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Go out after dark to see this one

Jimsonweeds will volunteer wherever there is open ground. They generally don’t show up until early in the summer, and this year, in spite of the heat and the drought, I’m observing seedlings emerging late in the season.

Poisonous, night-flowering jimsonweed, Datura stramonium, is a native annual, never seen in cultivated gardens. Close-relative garden varieties of Datura, also called thorn apple, and Brugmansia, angel trumpets, are frequently seen in gardens these days.

The native jimsonweed has a smaller flower, only 3 to 4 inches long, angled upward in the axils of sturdy branches on a 3- to 6-foot-tall plant. It seems more a small shrub than a tall annual.

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From belly flops to swan dives



Community children learn to swim in the Hargraves Community Center’s summer camp swimming program. PHOTO BY BARBARA TYROLER



Oswaldo Reyes, 6, learns to swim with instructor Karysha Reid. PHOTO BY BARBARA TYROLER

BY TERI SAYLOR Correspondent

Jayla Byrd has earned the nickname “Aqua-woman,” and certainly feels like a superhero, having progressed from being terrified to put her face in the water to being able to dive into the deep end of a pool in just one summer.

“Before I took swimming lessons, I was scared,” she said. “I wasn’t used to the water and I was afraid I would drown.”

Jayla celebrated her 9th birthday by diving into water 12 feet deep at the A.D. Clark Pool at the Hargraves Community Center, where she participated in the center’s summer camp program.

“The first times I tried to dive, I always did belly flops,” she said.

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Fired Chapel Hill sanitation worker files suit

BY TAYLOR SISK Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Kerry Bigelow, one of two fired Town of Chapel Hill Public Works employees, now known as the “Sanitation Two,” has filed a suit against the town.

Named in the suit are Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil, Deputy Town Manager Florentine Miller, Public Works Director Lance Norris and Human Resources Interim Director Frances Russell.

Also named is Lilly Langer, a Greenwood neighborhood resident who allegedly filed a complaint against Bigelow and his coworker Clyde Clark.

After an investigation by a private firm hired by the town, the two men

were fired in October for alleged insubordinate behavior toward their supervisors, intimidating behavior toward supervisors and residents along their waste-collection route and failure to properly perform their duties.

Bigelow and Clark denied the charges and countered that they were dismissed in retaliation for grievances they filed with management that alleged unsafe working conditions and racial bias in job placements and promotions.

They also alleged that the town took action against them due to their efforts to organize town employees with the N.C. Public Service Workers Union-UE Local 150.

The men presented their cases in February to the town’s Personnel Ap-

peals Committee, comprised of Chapel Hill residents. The committee recommended against rehiring Bigelow and Clark and Stancil subsequently upheld those recommendations.

Meanwhile, Bigelow had filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in June of last year after being passed over for a promotion.

A decision on Bigelow’s first complaint was released on April 15, stating that there was insufficient evidence to establish he had been discriminated against and that he had 90 days in which to file a lawsuit based on his charges.

Bigelow filed a suit with the U.S. District Court on July 12. He then amended it last week, adding two de-

fendants.

“I want justice done,” Bigelow said on Monday. “I was unjustly fired, and I want them to make it right.”

Stancil said in a statement that when town employees are involved in a disciplinary action for any reason, the town offers an extensive process for review.

“Mr. Bigelow used every opportunity to appeal the termination,” Stancil said. “In separate review processes, each appeal was denied, and the termination was upheld.

The town has 21 days after receiving notification of the suit to respond.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THE STARS EXPLODE
Friday, August 19
The Station at Southern Rail

THURSDAY AUG 18

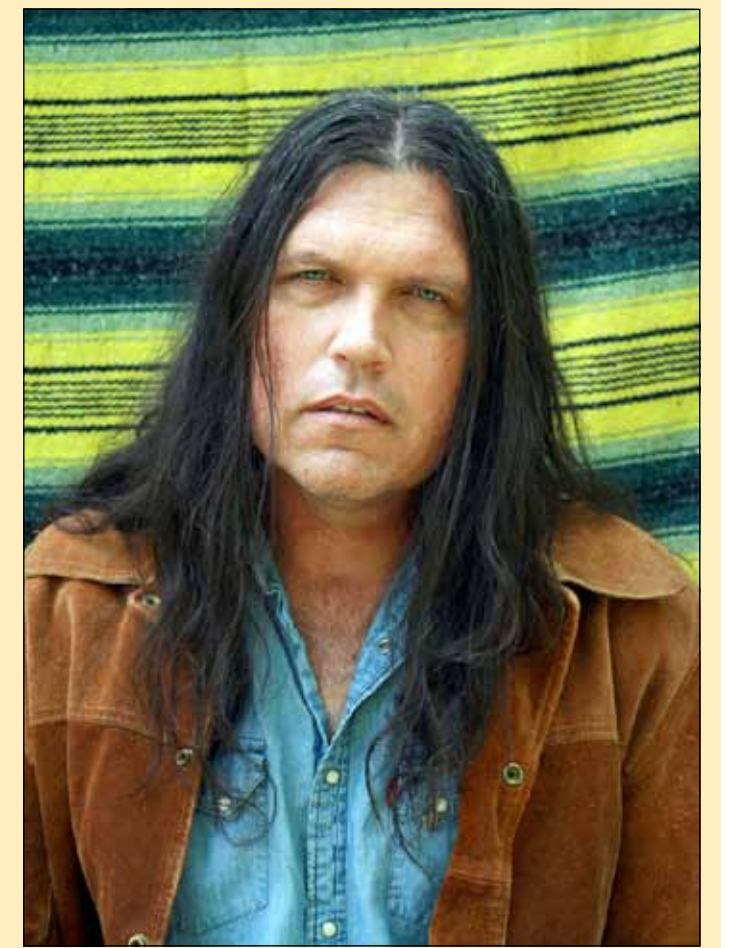
City Tap: The Third Expression. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7pm
Nightlight: Idiot Family, Dirty Dakotas, Jack the Radio. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio, Penny Prophets. 7pm
Weaver Street Market: Craic-down. 6pm
FRIDAY AUG 19
Bynum General Store: Justin Robinson and the Mary Annettes. 7pm
Caffe Driade: Alex Anderson, Season Ammons. 8pm
Carolina Inn: Big Fat Gap. 5pm
Cat's Cradle: Archers of Loaf, Electric Owls, Schooner. 8:45pm. \$20
The Cave: EARLY: Alan MacDonald LATE: Timulus Package
City Tap: Sinful Savage Tigers. 7pm
General Store Cafe: Maynard and Tenney. 8pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Johnny Swank, Unsubs. 8pm
Local 506: Six Organs of Admittance, Donovan Quinn. 9:30pm.

\$9/11
Nightlight: Birds of Avalon, Free Electric State, Savage Knights. 9:30pm. \$5
The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
The Stars Explode. 10pm
SATURDAY AUG 20
Caffe Driade: Loose Mood. 8pm
Cat's Cradle: Archers of Loaf, Hammer No More The Fingers, Cobra Horse. 8:45pm. \$20
The Cave: EARLY: Marcos Lightening Harkness LATE: Kate Edwards, Megan Jean and The KFB, Robobilly
City Tap: Killer Filler. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Peak City Blues Project. 8pm
Looking Glass Cafe: Carrborators. 8pm
Nightlight: Daniel Higgs, Zomes. 9:30pm. \$6
Open Eye Cafe: Hank Bowman Bluegrass Band. 8pm
The Station at Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve, Bad Dog Blues Band. 6pm
SUNDAY AUG 21
Southern Village: The Swamp Brothers. 7pm

Southern Rail: Tim Stambaugh. 8pm
Weaver Street Market: The Hushpuppies. 11am
TUESDAY AUG 23
The Cave: EARLY: Keaton Lange
WEDNESDAY AUG 24
ArtsCenter: Richard Buckner, David Kilgour. 8:30pm
Caffe Driade: ECHHS Jazz Band. 8pm
THURSDAY AUG 25
The Cave: EARLY: Eric from Philly
City Tap: 15-501. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Justin Johnson. 7pm
Local 506: Puritan Rodeo, Seph Stewart and The Boyfriends, Anna Rose Beck. 9pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Agile Feat, Daniel Walker. 10pm
Wallace Plaza: Future Islands, Motor Skills. 7pm
Weaver Street Market: Saludos Compay. 6pm
FRIDAY AUG 26
Bynum General Store: The Whiskey Smugglers. 7pm
Caffe Driade: Catbird Seat. 8pm
Carolina Inn: Mel Melton and The

Wicked Mojo. 5pm
The Cave: EARLY: Junko LATE: OPT-OUT, Industrial Grade Acid, Meconikill
City Tap: Irresolved, The Hey Brothers. 7pm
General Store Cafe: Lucky Strikes. 8pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: D and M. 8pm
Local 506: Luego, Soft Company, Lilac Shadows. 9:30pm. \$7
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
SATURDAY AUG 27
ArtsCenter: Mary Johnson Rockers, The Spark with Down River. 8:30pm
Caffe Driade: Flesh and Stone. 8pm
City Tap: Acoustic Garage. 8pm
General Store Cafe: Catbird Seat. 8pm
Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Nick Driver, Uncle Mountain. 8pm
Local 506: Tim Kasher, Aficionado. 9pm. \$10/12
Nightlight: Brand New Life, Big Fat Gap, Jonathan Scales and the Fourchestra

SPOTLIGHT: RICHARD BUCKNER AND DAVID KILGOUR



Richard Buckner and David Kilgour will be lighting up The ArtsCenter next Wednesday, Aug. 24, and those in the know will be in attendance. Out of the alt country mold, Buckner has more recently cultivated among his devotees a reputation for an eclectic sound and creative arrangements. The title song of *Our Blood*, he says, "features an Epiphone Nylon that's been through the wringer, a Wuritzer electric piano played through an old Lafayette tube tape recorder that Jill Draper found at a Salvation Army, a Silvertone acoustic 10-string and a Casio SK-1 through a Leslie."
 New Zealander Kilgour is out supporting his new album, *Left By Soft*. Merge calls him "a guitar god for guitar atheists. He's worthy of worship, but his style neither demands nor expects it, all of which only serves to increase his otherworldly cool." OK, then. Sounds like a must. Admission is \$14 in advance, \$16 the day of the show, which starts at 8:30.

SPOTLIGHT: BIRDS OF AVALON AND FREE ELECTRIC STATE



Birds of Avalon and Free Electric State will perform this Friday, Aug. 19, at 9:30 p.m. at the Nightlight.
 Psych-rock kings Birds of Avalon take the guitar sounds of '60s bands like Status Quo and Blue Cheer and filter them through 40 years of awesome music, resulting in a blend of psyched-out, shoe-gazed, Brit-popped perfection. These psych nuggets are certainly poised to gain new fans and impress critics as the band expands beyond its previous '70s-inspired/post-rock influences and looks to the future with greater abandon.
 Durham vets Free Electric State employ loudness as an instrument, drawing from shoe-gaze and noise rock to create a dark, velvety wash of sound.
 Savage Nights open the show. Tickets are \$5.

MOVIE LISTINGS

We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.
CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
 309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
 Closed temporarily for renovations. Will reopen in August for the N.C. Gay & Lesbian Film Festival and resume regular movie screenings in October.
CHELSEA THEATER
 Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
 Midnight in Paris; One Day; Sarah's Key
THE LUMINA
 Southern Village, 932-9000
 30 Minutes or Less; Crazy, Stupid,
 Love; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2; Rise of the Planet of the Apes; The Help; Zookeeper; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World
REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
 30 Minutes or Less; Fright Night; Final Destination 5 3D; Glee the 3D Concert Movie; Spy Kids: All the Time in the World; Rise of the Planet of the Apes
THE VARSITY
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 Top Gun; Kung Fu Panda 2; The Hangover Part II

<p>SOLD OUT FR 8/19 ARCHERS OF LOAF W/ELECTRIC OWLS AND SCHOONER</p> <p>SOLD OUT SA 8/20 ARCHERS OF LOAF W/HAMMER NO MORE THE FINGERS AND COBRA HORSE</p> <p>WE 8/31**(\$18/\$20) THE HOLD STEADY W/THE DONKEYS</p> <p>SA 9/3**(\$8/\$10) K.O. KID / DJ LADRO MIXTAPE RELEASE PARTY</p> <p>SU 9/4**(\$10/\$12) ABBEY ROAD LIVE</p> <p>MO 9/5**(\$10 ADULTS / \$7 KIDS) ABBEY ROAD LIVE 11 AM MATINEE!</p> <p>TU 9/6**(\$18/\$20) AN ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH THE WEEPIES</p> <p>FR 9/9**(\$20/\$23) GHOSTLAND OBSERVATORY</p> <p>SA 9/10**(\$28/\$30) SEATED SHOW BRUCE COCKBURN</p> <p>SU 9/11 STARFUCKER**(\$12/\$14) W/BEAT CONNECTION AND ALEXICO</p> <p>FR 9/16**(\$14/\$16) ATARI TEENAGE RIOT</p> <p>SA 9/17 GIRLS**(\$14/\$16)</p> <p>SU 9/18 MAT KEARNEY W/LEAGUES**(\$20/\$23)</p> <p>TU 9/20**(\$13/\$15) MEAT PUPPETS W/THE WEEKS AND BUSTELLO</p> <p>WE 9/21**(\$15/\$17) WILD BEASTS W/JONNY</p> <p>TH 9/22**(\$12) MEGAFALUN W/PERRY OWEN WRIGHT</p> <p>FR 9/23 MELISSA FERRICK W/RIA MAE**(\$16/\$18)</p> <p>SA 9/24 CD RELEASE PARTY MANDOLIN ORANGE**</p> <p>SU 9/25 CARRBORO MUSIC FEST FREE SHOW</p> <p>TU 9/27 CUT COPY W/WASHED OUT AND MIDNIGHT MAGIC**(\$25)</p> <p>WE 9/28 THE JOY FORMIDABLE**(\$13/\$15) W/FANG ISLAND</p> <p>FR 9/30**(\$15) WHO'S BAD? SA 10/1 STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS, JON MCLAUGHLIN W/AMY LENNARD**(\$16/\$18)</p> <p>SU 10/2**(\$17/\$20) THE LEMONHEADS PERFORMING IT'S A SHAME ABOUT RAY IN ITS ENTIRETY</p> <p>MO 10/3**(\$14/\$16) TAPES N TAPES W/HOWLER</p>	<p>TU 10/4**(\$15/\$18) FRIENDLY FIRES W/THEOPHILUS LONDON</p> <p>WE 10/5 Tune Yards W/PAT JORDACHE**(\$12/\$14)</p> <p>FR 10/7**(\$15) THE GOURDS W/PATRICK SWEANY</p> <p>SA 10/8**(\$18/\$20) BOYCE AVENUE</p> <p>MO 10/10**(\$13/\$15) JUNIOR BOYS W/EGYPTRIXX</p> <p>TU 10/11 THRICE W/LA DISPUTE, O'BROTHER, MOVING MOUNTAINS**(\$18/\$21)</p> <p>WE 10/12 STARS**(\$18/\$20)</p> <p>TH 10/13 IRATION W/TOMORROW'S BAD SEEDS AND THROUGH THE ROOTS**(\$12/\$14)</p> <p>SU 10/16**(\$13/\$15) MC CHRIS W/MC LARS, MEGA RAN AND ADAM WarRock</p> <p>TU 10/18 KEVIN DEVINE W/AN HORSE**(\$12/\$14)</p> <p>WE 10/19 ROSEBUDS**(\$14) ON SALE FRIDAY AUGUST 19</p> <p>TH 10/20 TRAMPLED BY TURTLES**(\$13/\$15)</p> <p>FR 10/21 WILD FLAG**(\$15/\$17) W/ELEANOR FRIEDBERGER</p> <p>SA 10/22 DAWES AND BLITZEN TRAPPER W/SMOKE FAIRIES**</p> <p>MO 10/24**(\$12/\$14) ELECTRIC SIX W/KITTEN</p> <p>TU 10/25**(\$16/\$18) MIKE DOUGHTY AND HIS BAND FANTASTIC W/MOON HOOC</p> <p>SOLD OUT TH 10/27 ODD FUTURE**(\$20)</p> <p>FR 10/28**(\$16/\$18) RA RA RIOT W/DELICATE STEVE AND YELLOW OSTRICH</p> <p>SA 10/29 REVEREND HORTON HEAT W/SUPERSUCKERS AND DAN SARTAIN**(\$19/\$17)</p> <p>SU 10/30 BORIS W/ASOBI SEKSU AND TRUE WIDOW**(\$15)</p> <p>TU 11/8 HAYES CARLL**(\$15) W/CATLIN ROSE</p> <p>SA 11/11 SAVES THE DAY, BAYSIDE, I AM THE AVALANCE, TRANSIT**(\$15/\$18) ON SALE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18</p> <p>MO 11/13 TINARIWEN**(\$22/\$25)</p> <p>WE 11/15 PHANTOGRAM**(\$14) ON SALE THURS AUGUST 18</p>	<p>WE 10/12 STARS</p> <p>FR 9/9 GHOSTLAND OBSERVATORY</p> <p>WE 9/21 FLEET FOXES RALEIGH AMPHITHEATER</p> <p>TH 10/6 BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA LINCOLN THEATRE (RAL)</p> <p>TH 9/6 THE WEEPIES (ACOUSTIC)</p> <p>TU 9/27 WILCO RALEIGH AMPHITHEATER</p> <p>WE 10/12 ARCTIC MONKEYS DISCO RODEO (RAL)</p> <p>TH 9/22 MEGAFALUN</p>
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ALSO PRESENTING

<p>LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL) FR 9/9 MICHAEL BURKS SU 9/11 MINIATURE TIGERS W/THE GRAPES WE 9/14 DAN ANDRIANO IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM (FEAT. DAN ANDRIANO OF ALKALINE TRIO) W/DAN HOUSE SU 9/18 THE LOW ANTHEM W/WILLIAM ELLIOT WHITMORE TU 9/20 SECRET CHIEFS 3 WE 9/21 NICK 13 (OF TIGER ARMY) W/BRETT DETAR (OF THE JULIANA THEORY) WE 9/28 JENNY OWEN YOUNGS TU 10/25 THE WOMBATS W/THE POSTELLES AND STATIC JACKS FR 11/11 THE SEA AND CAKE SA 9/12 THE FLING TH 12/15 RACHAEL YAMAGATA</p>	<p>CASBAH (DURHAM) SA 9/24 THE OLIVIA TREMOR CONTROL W/THE MUSIC TAPES</p> <p>LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH) TU 9/13 OKKERVIL RIVER W/WYE OAK TH 9/22 THE HEAD AND THE HEART W/THAO WITH THE GET DOWN STAY DOWN AND THE DEVIL WHALE TU 10/4 DAS RACIST: W/DANNY BROWN & DESPOT TH 10/6 THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA SU 10/16 NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL STARS FR 10/21 MINUS THE BEAR W/THE VELVET TEEN</p>
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<p>KOKA BOOTH AMPHITHEATRE (CARV) TICKETS VIA TICKETMASTER MO 9/19 RAY LAMONTAGNE W/BRANDI CARLILE AND SECRET SISTERS THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO) WE 9/24 AN EVENING WITH RICHARD BUCKNER AND DAVID KILGOUR TU 9/20 ADRIAN BELEW POWER TRIO AND STICK MEN FEATURING TONY LEVIN AND PAT MASTELLOTTA WITH CRIM-CENTRIC ENCORE \$32 / VIP \$45 SEATING 8PM SHOW SA 9/24 WHY? MOTORCO (DURHAM) SA 9/17 FRUIT BATS AND VETIVER W/GITAY KINGS (RALEIGH) TH 9/22 MATT POND AND ROCKY VOLATATO W/APEX MANOR</p>	<p>RALEIGH AMPHITHEATER TICKETS VIA TICKETMASTER WE 9/21 FLEET FOXES W/THE WALKMEN TU 9/27 WILCO W/NICK LOWE</p> <p>HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAX) SA 10/1 STEPHEN MALKMUS AND THE JICKS</p> <p>DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH) WE 10/12 ARCTIC MONKEYS W/SMITH WESTERNS</p> <p>CAROLINA THEATRE (DURHAM) TIX VIA CAROLINA THEATER BOX OFFICE MO 10/24 JOHN HIATT WE 10/26 THE JAYHAWKS PAGE AUDITORIUM (DUKE) TH 10/20 THE CIVIL WARS W/MILO GREENE</p>
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News Briefs

CHT delays this weekend

Chapel Hill Transit buses traveling on or near the UNC campus on Saturday and Sunday may experience schedule delays due to student move-in.

The most affected routes will likely be the FG, NU and U. CHT is advising customers to allow extra travel time. For more information, call 969-4900, ext. 1.

OWASA report on recycling

From July 2010 to June 2011, OWASA treated and recycled 2.7 billion gallons of wastewater and 1,279 tons of biosolids in accordance with federal and state standards.

OWASA surpassed the treated water-quality standards for the utility's Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant, including limits on bacteria, phosphorus, nitrogen and solids.

Biosolids are the solids that are separated from wastewater, treated in a biological breakdown process and disinfected by heating them to 140 degrees. Biosolids are recycled on farmland to help grow crops for non-human consumption or are used in a composting process to make a soil additive for landscaping. OWASA's biosolids surpass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's standards for "Exceptional Quality."

OWASA's annual report on wastewater is available on OWASA's website, owasa.org.

Rosemary streetscape improvements

A contractor working for the Town of Chapel Hill has begun constructing sidewalk and related streetscape improvements on the north side of the 300 block of West Rosemary Street from Mitchell Lane to Breadmen's Restaurant.

Improvements will include building about 420 feet of concrete sidewalk and 500 feet of curb and gutter and installing trash receptacles. New street trees will be planted during the final phase of the \$100,000 project, funded by the 2003 Streets and Sidewalks Bond.

Future lighting improvements are also planned. Construction is expected to be complete by mid-October.

Village Drive closure

The intersection of Village Drive and Umstead Drive is closed through early November as part of the Bolin Creek sewer-replacement project. Chapel Hill Transit will not be able to serve Village Drive during this closure.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Robert Campbell, a leader in the Rogers-Eubanks community, serves chili at the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association's back-to-school bash on Saturday at the RENA Community Center. The annual event featured a cookout, ice cream donated by Maple View Farms and a backpack giveaway in which children picked out donated packs filled with school supplies.

PHOTO BY MARY-ALICE WARREN

SCHOOL BUDGET

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The state also eliminated funding for professional development, which is important for new teachers as well as experienced teachers as new programs and mandates are implemented, he said.

"We've had to look at other ways to fund those programs," LoFrese said. "When I look at where we ended up this budget year, by and large the way that we maintained the programs that we've held so dear is by allocating fund balance."

However, those funds are not money the district can rely on, he added.

"There will be less fund balance available to use," he said. "When we start building our budget – the process starts in October – we have a \$2.6 million hole to begin with."

Pre-kindergarten in limbo

Last week, Gov. Beverly Perdue ordered that the pre-kindergarten program, previously known as More at Four, be available for all eligible at-risk children, regard-

less of whether their families can pay fees included for most families in the recently passed state budget. The budget cut pre-kindergarten spending by 20 percent – \$200,000 for CHCCS – and required most families to pay fees for the program.

"What the governor has stated is that we need to be providing services – the state needs to provide services for all kids who need it," LoFrese said. "The funding isn't there right now, so we're waiting to see how this all develops."

Following Perdue's mandate, the legislature has not yet resolved how it will fund the program.

"The other factor for us is we don't have any space," LoFrese said, adding that elementary school classrooms are already crowded.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro has about 80 kids on the waiting list for the pre-kindergarten program, which would equate to about seven more pre-kindergarten classrooms.

Board Chair Jamezetta Bedford said that the board had already determined that it would

use local dollars and fund balance to continue the pre-kindergarten program without charging fees to families who could not afford them.

"Our district said we're not going to send any of those kids away," she said. "That's just one of the biggest, most effective ways for closing the achievement gaps."

"The Republicans think of 3- and 4-year-old education as day care," she added. "We think of it as education."

What's next?

Because local funding represents about 50 percent of the school district's budget – more than in most North Carolina counties – CHCCS has been more insulated than others from deep state cuts. The district's fund balance has also helped prevent cuts, but there won't always be fund balance to use.

"We'll have it again one more year after this," Bedford said.

After the fund balance runs out and if funding isn't available at the

state and local levels, cuts will have to be made to the classroom, she said, and secondary students will have less elective choice and class sizes will grow.

"This is worldwide, and we are going to have to think a little differently," Bedford said.

"The hope is that the economy improves, that funding is restored at the state level, that the local economy improves and that perhaps our revenues will increase to offset that one-time fund-balance allocation," LoFrese said.

However, any funding increase is likely to go toward salaries, he said.

"Staff members in public education have gone three years without a salary increase, and their benefits are decreasing," he said. "I think there's going to be a lot of pressure on the General Assembly to provide some cost-of-living increase for staff."

"It may be three, four, five years before we see a turnaround," LoFrese added. "We're not out of the woods yet."

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Break the rules and visit Goodwill H'boro

BY CAROLINE KILARU
Staff Writer

This story is the fifth in a series about thrift shopping in our community. This week, we profile the Hillsborough Goodwill Community Foundation Donation Center and Store, located at 520 Hampton Point Blvd. in Hillsborough.

Though it's best to stop by your neighborhood thrift store quickly and often, shoppers will need to break the rules and drive to Hillsborough if they're in the market for clothing.

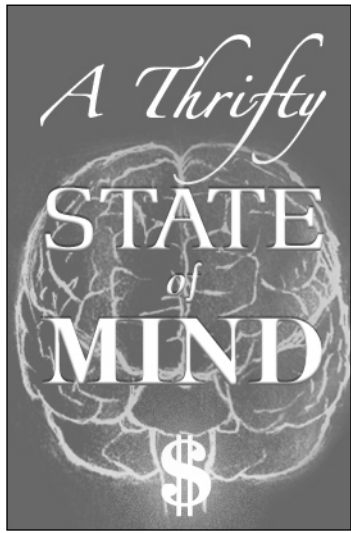
A straight shot north up N.C. 86, the Goodwill Community Foundation (GCF) Donation Center and Store is well worth the drive for those looking to outfit men, women or children. Glassware, housewares, books and toys are also abundant.

"We have a constant flow of items, mostly clothing, donated from the surrounding areas," said manager Mark King.

Best bets

The 10,000-square-foot retail space is one large room, brightly lit by windows and fluorescent lights. Endless rows of clothing are arranged in the center of the room by type and color; the result is a rainbow of racks that keeps shoppers browsing for hours.

Glass cases at the front hold jewelry and watches. Shelves line the walls and are filled with books and housewares, mostly kitchen items. There are also large bins in the back of the store full of blankets, pillows and stuffed animals.



In addition, there are a handful of furniture items in back: chairs, sofas, desks and bookshelves are most often in the mix.

This store is clean, organized and quiet, with no music piped in. It's easy to strike up conversations with fellow shoppers or to overhear their conversations. The Carrboro thrift shops can get crowded with people and furniture; by contrast, this Hillsborough store is calm and spacious, with three large dressing rooms to hole up in for as long as needed.

Know before you go

You've got to drive to get here, so carpooling and making the most of your trip are advisable.

This store's selection is so large and so good that shoppers could easily spend 10 minutes in the black-shirt section alone. Unlike the in-town shops, where shoppers can sift through a rack in 20 seconds, the dense rows of clothing in Hillsborough could land someone

in the dressing room for 20 minutes.

Each thrift store has its own pricing scheme, so the savvy shopper uses these differences to her advantage.

At the Hillsborough GCF store, all shirts are \$3.39 and all dresses are \$4.59, except specially marked gowns. This makes dressy shirts a steal and t-shirts more expensive than at Club Nova or PTA, where they can be bought for \$1 or \$2, respectively.

Dresses, though, are pretty much always a steal at \$4.59; they're up to \$8 at PTA. Children's clothing at the GCF store, at \$2.59 for kids and \$1.19 for infants, is a bit more expensive than at local stores, but the scope and quality of the selection justify the prices.

"We have a very regular flow of donations, and you never know what treasure you are going to find, so there's no special time to shop," Steve Snyderman, a company spokesperson, said. "Every day, there will be something different."

Bring cash or local checks numbered over 500. No credit cards are accepted.

Where your dollars go

Whereas the in-town shops are personable, full of noise and chatter, the GCF store is almost eerily quiet and calm. It's clear that this is part of a bigger enterprise, with a reach broader than Hillsborough.

The GCF store is part of a larger network of stores — 31 in eastern North Carolina — supporting a mission to help people improve the quality of their lives through



Durham resident Bo Bryan shops at the Hillsborough Goodwill. PHOTO BY: CAROLINE KILARU

education and enrichment opportunities.

The primary vehicle for this mission are two websites: GCFlearnfree.org and GCFLatino.org.

"These sites have over 250 videos and over 750 different courses for people to experience online for free," Snyderman said. "Over one million people have taken a course to completion since this service was launched in 2000."

The GCF also supports Boys and Girls Clubs and the Family Support Network in North Carolina.

"Our mission is really to help people improve their lives through life-skills training and enrichment," Snyderman said.

Support the players by filling Kenan Stadium

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

The dilemma is not a simple one.

Forget the propaganda coming from UNC officials concerning the reaction to the firing of football coach Butch Davis. The administration claims it has been fairly split between those for and those against the firing.

No way. The response has been decid-

edly in favor of Davis and against the actions of Chancellor Holden Thorp and the board of trustees.

The people who give their hearts and their money to Carolina football are angry. The question is how to express this anger toward Thorp and the board of trustees while not simultaneously harming the players, whom these folks wish to support.

The first impulse by many is to stay home on Saturdays and let the gleaming aluminum serve as

their vote against the destruction of UNC's football program. As attractive as that option may seem, the end result would only serve to punish the players, who have been punished enough already.

"If the fans don't come to the games, they are not supporting us," senior wide receiver Dwight Jones said. "We do a lot of hard work. We want to put on a show for the fans."

Playing college football in the 21st century requires nearly 12 months of grueling work. It's run-

ning sprints and lifting weights in January and February; it's banging on one another in spring practice; it's doing an unholly amount of work beneath the record-breaking heat of another Carolina summer, well before August camp begins.

It is also the public humiliation of being portrayed as a renegade program filled with young men bordering on being criminals.

"We have been through a lot," Jones said.

There is no doubt that some of

School Briefs

First day of school for CHCCS next week

Schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools system will soon open their doors for the new school year.

The first day of school will be Aug. 25 for grades one through 12, Aug. 29 for kindergarten and Aug. 30 or 31 for preschools.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro ABCs success

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools continued to perform well on the ABCs of Public Instruction, the statewide program that measures growth based on End-of-Grade Testing.

Sixteen of the 17 district schools achieved High Growth. Three district schools were named Honor Schools of Excellence for 2011: Estes Hills Elementary, Glenwood Elementary and Seawell Elementary. These are schools that achieved Adequate Yearly Progress, made at least Expected Growth and had 90 percent or more of their students at or above grade level on end-of-grade tests.

Another eight district schools were named Schools of Excellence after meeting at least Expected Growth and having 90 percent or more of their students at grade level: Rashkis Elementary, Scroggs Elementary, Culbreth Middle, McDougle Middle, Phillips Middle, Smith Middle, Chapel Hill High and East Chapel Hill High.

All remaining schools in the district were named Schools of Distinction. These schools made at least Expected Growth and had 80 percent or more of their students at grade level: Carrboro Elementary, Ephesus Elementary, Frank Porter Graham Elementary, McDougle Elementary, Morris Grove Elementary and Carrboro High.

Chapel Hill High School football all-stars

Two Chapel Hill High football players have been named to the HighSchoolOT.com Preseason All-OT Team, a selection of the premier players from the Triangle. Junior wide receiver R.J. Quick was named to the first-team offense and senior offensive lineman Montrell Cary was named to the second-team offense. Team members are selected by representatives of several Triangle media outlets upon the recommendation of local coaches.

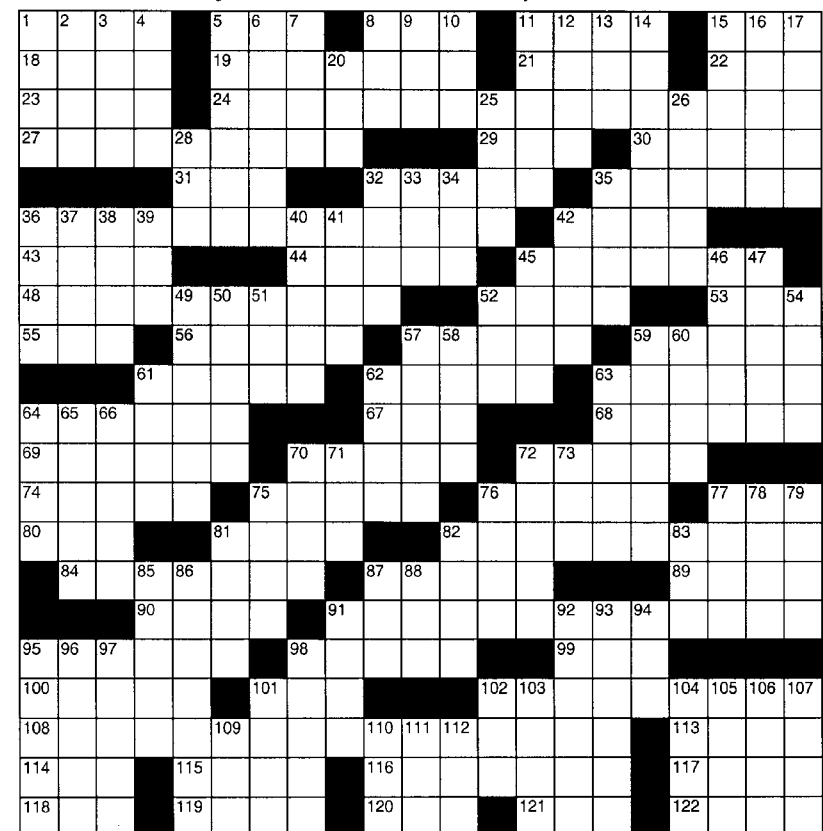
Read2Me at Royal Park Apartments

More than 20 children who reside at Royal Park Apartments took part in a Read2Me session in the apartment complex's leasing office last week that featured new Superintendent Thomas Forcella and McDougle Elementary Principal Amanda Hartness.

McDougle staff members have been visiting the site daily to read to the children and let them select books to take home. The program is intended to encourage student learning during the summer months.

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Community Briefs

Artists' Salon Aug. 19

The next Orange County Arts Commission Artists' Salon will be held this Friday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the West End Theater at The ArtsCenter.

The Orange County Arts Commission sponsors the free event for artists of all kinds. The topic for this month's salon is becoming a "teaching artist," with guest presentations from Sheila Kerrigan, Martha Burdette and Jef Lambdin of Southeast Center for Arts Integration.

RSVP to the arts commission at 968-2011 or email arts@co.orange.nc.us

Cooking with apples event

Marilyn Markel, manager of the cooking school at A Southern Season, will visit the Carrboro Farmers' Market on Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. to demonstrate new and unique ways to incorporate apples into your cooking at home.

Take away some new tricks and tips from this market demonstration.

Northeast District Park opens

The official grand opening of Northeast District Park, a 66-acre park located at 5408 Big Woods Road off Jack Bennett Road in northeast Chatham County, will be held on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event will include a ceremony, games, a rock-climbing wall, clowns making balloon sculptures, food concessions and prizes.

Northeast District Park is Chatham County's third district park. The ribbon-cutting begins at 6 p.m. and will feature county officials and others involved with the development and construction of the park.

Second annual local foods dinner

Carrboro United Methodist Church will serve a dinner made with locally grown and produced foods on Saturday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 200 Hillsborough Road.

The meal will feature local grain-fed beef,

chicken, cheeses, fruits, vegetables and divine deserts. The event is free of charge, but donations will be accepted for the United Methodist Women's Missions Giving Fund, which supports several local and global missions, including Freedom House and Meals on Wheels.

Call 942-1223 for more information.

Boys & Girls Club fundraiser

The Boys & Girls Club of Eastern Piedmont will host Dancing with the Stars of Carolina at the Carolina Inn on Aug. 27 beginning at 6 p.m. to raise money for the first Boys & Girls Club in Chapel Hill.

A cocktail reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., followed by a dance competition featuring celebrity dancers and their professional partners.

Dancers include UNC football and NFL player Dre Bly, UNC assistant basketball coach C.B. McGrath, Miss UNC Monica Dole, Chapel Hill Police Chief Chris Blue and other local celebrities.

After the competition judging, there will be open dancing for all, as well as a silent auction. Tickets are \$125. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 923-6015 or visit dancing-withthestarsofcarolina.com

Meals on Wheels receives grant

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Meals on Wheels received a grant of \$25,000 from the Walmart State Giving Foundation.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Meals on Wheels provides hot, nutritious meals and personal visits Monday-Friday to individuals who are unable to prepare meals themselves. The program serves 90 meals a day.

Meals on Wheels plans to use the grant to continue to provide services to those in need in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area and to improve the nutrition of its clients.

For more information on Chapel Hill-Carrboro Meals on Wheels, to volunteer or to apply for this service, contact Stacey Yusko at 942-2948.



MIDNIGHT WALK THRU DECLINING EMPIRE

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HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about flu shots and high-fructose corn syrup.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I am 53 years old and in good health. Why should I get a yearly flu shot?

A few years back, flu vaccines were recommended only for people with chronic health conditions, very young children (under 2) and those over 65 because they were most prone to complications from the flu. More recently, recommendations were expanded to include pregnant women (also at risk for complications), children aged 6 months to 5 years (because of risk of flu and rapid spread in preschools) and those aged 50-65. The reason the 50-65 ground was added was really because we were missing so many adults with chronic disease. Before the 2010-11 flu season, government experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended universal immunization. There

are a few reasons for this; first, we want to prevent flu in everybody. It can make you quite sick, and everyone can get complications (such as pneumonia). Also, the more people that we immunize, the more likely we are to prevent or minimize an epidemic. So we would recommend you consider a flu shot.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I've been hearing a lot about the ill health effects of high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS), not just in regards to weight gain, but also diabetes. What exactly is the problem with HFCS?

This is so important – thanks for asking. HFCS is sugar from processed corn and is the most commonly added sweetener in processed foods and drinks. We would lump the ill effects of HFCS with all sugars added to foods. HFCS really packs the calories into processed food and drinks, which leads to weight gain. There was an interesting article a decade ago that compared people who drank

soft drinks sweetened with HFCS versus aspartame, and the former gained weight while the latter lost weight. The weight gain is associated with a variety of problems, including diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, back pain and arthritis. Also, HFCS can lead to dental decay. Lastly, HFCS and sugar will increase your insulin, which will fuel your hunger and contribute to even more weight gain. So try to lay off the HFCS and processed sugar. Sugar from whole fresh fruit is generally considered to be a lot better for you. Also, favor whole grains and fresh vegetables for a healthier diet. We know how hard this can be to do. Good luck.

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 18

Movie Night — For adults. Orange County Main Library, Hillsborough. 6pm Free. For movie title call 245-2536

Movie Showing — E.T. will be shown as part of the Locally Grown Series. Wallace Plaza, 9pm Free

Dulcimer Players — Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players to meet. Carol Woods Retirement Community, 7pm shirleyray@aol.com

Rabies Clinic — Animal Services Center in Chapel Hill, 1-4pm \$10 942-7357 co.orange.nc.us/animalservices

FRIDAY AUGUST 19

Contra Dance — Clean shoes required. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm workshop, 8pm dance \$8 csda-dance.org

SATURDAY AUGUST 20

Stars in the Round — Funds will support purchase of the land on which Shakori Hills events are held. 1439 Henderson Tanyard Road, Pittsboro 8pm \$10/15 shakorihills.org

Service Dog Ceremony — EENP (Eyes, Ears, Nose and Paws) celebrates graduation by placing a service dog with a client. Carrboro Century Center. 11am Free eenp.org

MONDAY AUGUST 22
Bird Club — Chapel Hill Bird Club meeting with special speaker Anand Arya. Binkley Baptist Church, 7:30pm Free 493-2607

Summer Exhibit — Presented by Free Spirit Freedom Institute and Gallery, the display depicts the history of Orange County. The exhibit continues through Sept. 9. Meadownlands, Hillsborough, 9am-3:30pm 732-1763

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24

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

Nutcracker Auditions — For the Senior Company, open to boys and girls ages 13 and up. Triangle Youth Ballet, 1708A E. Franklin St., 4:30pm \$10 triangleyouthballet.org

THURSDAY AUGUST 25

Candidate Forum — For CH Town Council candidates, sponsored by Friends of the Downtown. Franklin Hotel, 10am franklinstreetusa.com

Time Management Seminar — For teachers, led by Lori Bruhns. OC Main Library, Hillsborough 6pm bit.ly/MoreTime4Teachers

OCDW Meeting — To discuss the proposed 1/4 cent sales tax and using social media for politicking. Holiday Inn Express, Hillsborough, 7-9pm 593-1094

FRIDAY AUGUST 26

Cupcake Challenge — Sponsored by The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill. Contest rules and entry forms: 942-7818

Community Drumming — All levels and ages welcome, bring your own drums if possible. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm \$3

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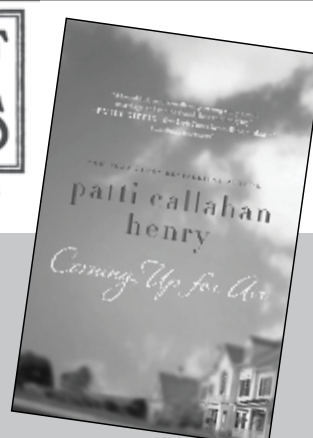
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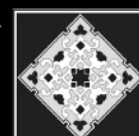
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A job session indeed

CHRIS FITZSIMON

Republicans took control of the General Assembly this year promising to focus on jobs. And now, two months after their budget was passed, it is clear they lived up to that promise.

They did focus on jobs – eliminating them, thousands of them, from classrooms, court-houses and college campuses across the state.

It's hard to come up with an exact number of job losses caused by the budget that took effect July 1, but, piecing together media reports and official announcements, the total is approaching 5,000 and growing every day.

It is growing by small numbers, with seven people laid off at the Iredell County Smart Start office, and by larger ones, like 90 people fired at UNC-Greensboro as 275 positions were eliminated.

And despite claims otherwise by GOP leaders, the job losses are sweeping through public school classrooms too. Catawba County Schools cut 38 teachers and teacher assistants, Union County cut 97 and, at last count, Wilkes County Schools had cut 20.

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools cut 118 teaching jobs and 218 positions overall. Virtually every school system has slashed support personnel, the people who make it possible for teachers to do their jobs.

The handful of school systems that managed to avoid cutting teachers did it by using leftover federal stimulus money, the funds that Republicans railed against for the last two years.

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger blasted Democrats early in this year's legislative session for "patching the budget holes with federal stimulus money."

Many of the budget holes that were patched were teacher salaries.

Democrats decided to use one-time federal money in the last two years to keep teachers in classrooms with the hope that this year's General Assembly would find the money to keep them.

Instead, Republicans chose to cut taxes and lay off teachers. And now they are praising school systems that had some federal money left to avoid layoffs, the very practice that Berger and his Republican colleagues condemned the year before.

But counties with money to protect teachers have been the exception, not the rule, in the devastation created by the budget passed in June. And the layoffs go far beyond the classroom and university campuses.

The courts have lost prosecutors, clerks and victims' assistants. The N.C. Teaching Fellows program was wiped out and all state funding for drug-treatment courts was abolished.

Dozens of jobs in programs that helped train and develop teachers were lost as those programs were also eliminated.

And these are actual numbers, people and positions, not projections of job losses to come. A report from the N.C. Budget and Tax Center in June found that the \$2 billion taken out of the Medicaid program by the new state budget will cost the state more than 13,000 jobs in the health care industry.

The report projects total job losses caused by the Republican budget to top 30,000 this year, not to mention the \$1.3 billion in lost wages for workers and \$2.8 billion in lost industry output.

That study used the same methodology as one conducted by researchers at UNC that was often cited by Republicans to project how many jobs would be created by the tax cuts in the budget. The study's authors admitted that they did not factor in the jobs that would be lost because of the deep budget cuts.

The Budget and Tax Center looked at both tax reductions and spending cuts. That's where the estimate of 30,000 jobs lost comes from. In other words, the layoffs have only just begun.

We should have known. The new legislative leaders told us in January it would be a job session of the General Assembly.

It was quite a job session indeed.

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

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A call for a champion for North Carolina

KIRK ROSS

Dear Carolina,

Congratulations on the start of a new semester. What's it been now, 225, 226 years? You're looking good these days. Has anyone told you that? Lots of new buildings and equipment and some amazing research going on. Congrats on all that, too.

Anyway, I don't know if you've had time to check the news lately, but this state is hurting something fierce and, well, we could really use your help again. You are, after all, the university of the people.

The people need you.

Ten percent of the state's workforce — nearly a half-million people — are unemployed. Many, many more are underemployed or have dropped off the rolls altogether. The manufacturing economy that helped build this state and helped build you has collapsed. The cities, towns and little crossroads that have sent you their best and brightest for more than two centuries don't have enough work to go around. Our kids are looking elsewhere to make their lives and fortunes. It's the saddest thing.

For the people who really need you, the sick and destitute, life is worse now than it's been in a long time. Even right at your doorstep, the spiral of poverty has drawn so many people into its spin. During those incredible years when the Research Triangle became a seemingly unstoppable engine of the economy, who would have imagined its host communities would be struggling so just a couple of decades later.

Elsewhere in this state, there are places far worse off — places with shameful poverty and infant mortality rates.

Think of them when you're marveling over those new energy-efficient offices, wonderfully refurbished dorms and high-tech classrooms. Think of them, not because any of us

be grudge you one bit of the fine institution you've become or quality education you have to offer, but because we don't.

People of this state have been willing to give their all for you. Those new buildings and classrooms might bear the name of a donor and patron, but for most of the 90 or so projects constructed in the last decade it was the people of North Carolina who came through for you. Of the \$3.1 billion in bonds we passed in 2000, nearly a third went to you, Carolina. Almost \$1 billion. The vote wasn't even close. That's

because you're important to us, a point of pride, the first state university and a damn good one. You are world-renowned, and yet through the years you've seldom lost sight of where you come from or forgotten that it is the people of North Carolina, all of us, who have been your unflinching partners. Remember that. Remember us.

Carolina, you are capable of great things. We've seen it. We've seen you put this state on your back and carry it into modernity. We've seen you help reform and transform government and industry. We've seen you right wrongs and make history.

And we need you, again, to be great — to help in any way you can to make this state whole. To get on the right track and moving forward again, we need your ideas, inspiration and innovation.

Most of all, we need action. We are faced with an economic crisis at a time when our politics are polarized to the point of near-paralysis. There are few if any institutions in this state capable of bringing to bear on the problem the energy and creativity it needs and almost none, save the university, that has the clout to get something done.

Carolina, it is time to roll up your sleeves and be prepared to get your trousers dirty. This people of this state need a champion.

BIG CITY

Letter to President Obama

VICKY DICKSON

Dear President Obama,

I'm glad that, after the debt ceiling debacle, you can now turn your attention back to our country's dismal employment situation. But I do find it ironic that you met the leaders of Xerox, Johnson & Johnson, American Express and other multinationals at the White House last week to discuss their ideas for spurring job growth. With Department of Commerce figures indicating that U.S. multinationals cut their workforces at home by 2.9 million between 2000 and 2010 while increasing their overseas workforces by 2.4 million, and with Fox News reporting that in 2010 American companies created 1.4 million jobs overseas while creating fewer than a million domestically, it seems to me that multinationals are part of the problem, rather than its solution.

It's not that I blame the multinationals. Their existence is predicated on making profits, so if they can pay Chinese workers a tenth of what Americans need to live on and thereby increase their profits, they'll certainly be rewarded by their shareholders for doing so. And punished if their competitors do a better job at outsourcing than they do.

I also don't blame companies for investing their profits in technology that replaces workers. The efficiencies that technology can bring should lead to even higher profits, and hopefully more overall wealth. But I'm very concerned about the number of jobs that can, and will, be lost in the process. When I think, for instance, about the jobs that will be rendered obsolete when e-books replace paper ones — from the lumberjacks to the paper company machine operators to the bookstore employees — I can't imagine how the higher profits that will be accrued will lead to a net increase in jobs for Americans. Especially if the companies that accrue those profits either decide to hoard their cash (as Apple is doing) or invest it overseas.

Government should not, and probably cannot, stop multinationals from outsourcing jobs, or computers from replacing human employees. It probably also can't do much about the weak consumer demand that's resulted from the dramatic drop nationwide in the home equity that fueled so much borrowing and purchasing when times were flush.

But what it can do is be a stabilizing force when our economy faces such powerful headwinds. It can increase its investment in the infrastructure — the roads and bridges, the education and health of the workforce — that has always enabled American business to survive and prosper. I know that

you've stressed this sort of investment in your stimulus packages, but I fear that the tea party's anti-government message has simply drowned out public awareness of the positive effects of that stimulus.

Tea party propaganda also ignores the positive effects that government workers' paychecks have on the businesses those employees frequent. And so I'm afraid that the budget cuts you've recently agreed to, in your effort to negotiate with people who won't compromise, will hurt small businesses all over the country at a time when they can least afford it.

My husband and I own a small weekly newspaper. Despite launching the paper at a particularly inauspicious time (March 2007), we've managed to keep five or six people employed. The printing bills we pay help keep our printer's employees working, and the free ads we've given to nonprofits undoubtedly benefit their employees. Then there's rent and utility payments, which go to local businesses and in turn help them stay alive. So our investment has a very real and positive effect on the American job market.

But thanks to our Republican state legislature, the university in our town is facing budget cuts, potentially \$100 million of them, and the loss of that money will inevitably reverberate throughout our community. When those who lose their jobs quit going out to eat and buying goods and services, the small businesses that serve them may have to quit advertising, or be forced out of business altogether — which could hurt our business. And that would decrease the revenue coming into state and federal coffers as well as that going to local business, in a downward spiral that I can't foresee ending well.

So I would urge you, if you want to develop policies that could increase employment in this country rather than hasten that downward spiral, to listen to the country's small-business owners. Not the ones the Republicans seem so concerned about, the tiny minority who take out more than \$250,000 a year from their businesses, but the vast number who struggle just to keep their doors open and their workers employed — the owners of the companies that will never outsource their workers, or replace them all with machines. I also urge you to increase, rather than cut, the government funding that can, in these difficult economic times, provide a real lifeline to those companies.

Sincerely,
Vicky Dickson

Vicky Dickson is co-owner of The Carrboro Citizen.

Bricks and clicks: hybrid local businesses

BRIAN RUSSELL

Recently, I've gotten to know a lot of local business owners. Many of them are running retail shops selling products and services, but there are also a lot of people working in offices both downtown and in their homes. A large number of them use the Internet to make a living. The primary difference between these two groups is market size and how it makes or breaks businesses these days.

Many retail businesses have a finite market size, while an Internet business can have a global market size. Traditionally, a small retail business that sells physical products out of its building on Main Street can only sell to whomever walked in the door, meaning its total potential number of customers, or market size, is the number of people who live in the area plus a small number of tourists. However, not everyone in that group is interested in purchasing from a local business. The number of actual customers can be quite small, especially in bleak economic times like these.

Contrast that to a business in Carrboro that operates out of an office and has its store online. It provides electronic products and services and doesn't have money wrapped up in physical inventory. Its potential number of customers is in the billions. The actual number of paying customers can be quite large, even in rough times.

So, the difference is just math, really. Local business has to make it by selling to a small number of people. Global business can get it done by selling to a large number of people. Which do you think has a better chance of success?

In the new local economy, there is a type of business that combines the physical and Internet. It's a hybrid business that sells with bricks and clicks, kind of like a hybrid car that runs on gas sometimes and electricity at other times. It's a transitional business type that helps people adjust to new business realities.

Carrboro needs new kinds of businesses that do a bit of local retail and a bit of online sales. The traditional business isn't going away; we will always be physical beings that require physical space, and will always prefer to touch and smell things before we buy them.

Here's a hypothetical example of a brick-and-click business: Jane's Art Gallery on Main Street has a small storefront. She participates in 2ndFriday Artwalk and shows work by local artists all week long. But while folks are milling around looking at the latest painting in her store, Jane is putting pictures online and selling them, both on her own website and community sites like Etsy.com. To add to the mix and increase her chances of a good profit, Jane has licensed a line of jewelry to a big retail chain. That work is submitted online, and negotiations with the customer happen via email. Payment comes electronically too. She also sells graphic-design services to clients in Australia that love her style. This is but one of hundreds of possible online businesses that mix a physical retail business with an online one.

As existing local businesses look for new revenue streams, they should consider our global neighbors as potential customers. They are local to us, thanks to the giant Internet highway. The money made on a sale to a person in China could end up in Carrboro — a place where we welcome diverse groups of people and ideas from all over the world.

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Recipe of the Week

Eggplant Parmigiana

Recipe provided by Susan Spalt

Ingredients:

- Eggplant
- Olive oil
- Plum tomatoes
- Basil
- Fresh mozzarella
- Parmesan cheese

Method:

Peel eggplant unless it is very young and small. Slice, and place slices on a plate lined with a paper towel. Salt the eggplant and cover with another paper towel and another plate. Place something a bit heavy on the top plate for about 15 minutes. This will get a lot of moisture out. Old-timers refer to this as "getting the bitterness out."

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Grease cookie sheets with olive oil. Place eggplant slices in a single layer, brush with olive oil and bake seven to eight minutes per side, or until tender and slightly browned.

Pour a little homemade tomato sauce (see below) with cut up basil in the bottom of a casserole dish or pie plate. Add a layer of eggplant, some fresh mozzarella, parmesan cheese and then more sauce and basil. Continue until you run out of eggplant. Finish with a thin layer of sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheese.

Bake until browned and bubbling. Serve with capellini and more sauce and basil.

Fresh Tomato Sauce

Slice and quarter plum tomatoes. Place in large baking dish and bake at 350 degrees until they boil down, about an hour or so. Put them through a food mill. If the sauce is too thin, microwave it until it is the right consistency. Traditional fresh tomato sauce in Italy is made only with tomatoes and basil. In the North of Italy butter is sometimes added; in the South of Italy, olive oil is added.

Stolen plane crashes in Alamance County

A small plane was stolen from Horace Williams Airport in Chapel Hill sometime after 9 p.m. on Monday and then crashed about 20 miles away in a wooded area near N.C. 87 in Alamance County south of Graham. When the plane was discovered around noon, no one was onboard. Blood was found in the cockpit and on the wing.

The UNC Department of Public Safety issued an arrest warrant on the charge of felony larceny for Curtis Rene Mellott, 46, of 114 Mel Oak Drive in Chapel Hill, in relation to the theft. As of *The Citizen's* press time Wednesday, Mellott had not yet been apprehended, according to Randy Young of UNC DPS.

Because the investigation is ongoing, Young said he could not reveal how police identified Mellott as a suspect.

The plane is a single-engine, six-seat Piper and is registered to LFW Investments in Hillsborough. Horace Williams closes at 9 p.m., and the plane wasn't discovered missing until the following morning.

The Civil Air Patrol received a distress signal shortly before 7 a.m. Tuesday. The Alamance County Sheriff's Office responded, but the plane wasn't located until between 12:30 and 1 p.m. The sheriff's office notified authorities at UNC, which owns Horace Williams.

- Staff Reports

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PET OF THE WEEK

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Scallop-margined, triangular leaves of jimsonweed seedlings are distinctive. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
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Though poisonous, the plant has a rich medicinal heritage. Quoting Jim Duke (*Handbook of Northeastern Indian Medicinal Plants*): "In Virginia, Algonquin fed male pubic initiates tea made from *Datura*, enough to keep them drugged for two to three weeks. Such initiates were supposed to forget everything and learn again, as men, not boys." Apparently Capt. John Smith's followers at Jamestown tried this native custom, resulting in lengthy nonproductive stupors. It became known as loco weed and Jamestown weed. As often happens, names change as they are handed down through the years. "Jamestown weed" became "jimsonweed."
I am amused with Paul

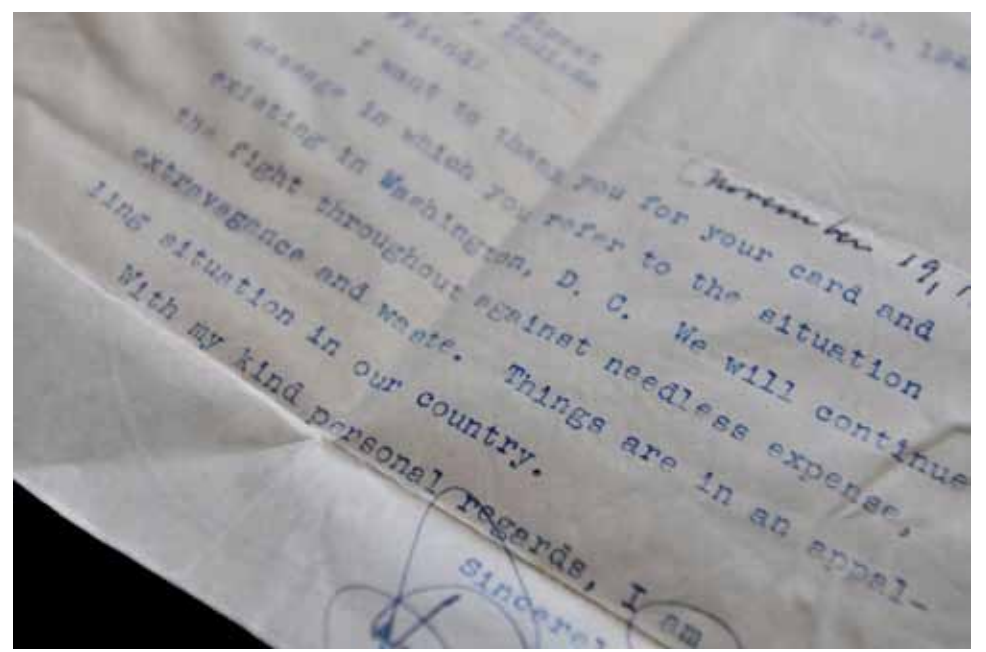


Immature green jimsonweed seedpod is a curiosity. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Green's recollection (*Paul Green's Plant Book*): "We children used to have great fun in the dusk of warm summer evenings chasing after great tobacco moths that haunted the strong scented blooms of the jimson weed. I read in an old book once where it said

that harem wives in Turkey were wont to chew this weed and swallow the juice to strengthen their powers of love. I wonder what the head of the harem, the old Turk himself, chewed."
Though it is a common plant throughout the state, most people miss the evening flowering and are intrigued when discovering it during winter walks when it is a curious-looking stem of bare branches with spiny egg-shaped pods. You may want to collect a few seeds and scatter them in a corner of your garden for some night flowers of your own.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at *The Annotated Flora* (carrborocitizen.com/flora).



About that appalling situation in Washington

One of the reasons real-book libraries are so valuable has to do with simple serendipity. Out of my bookshelf, I chanced upon a diary belonging to my Aunt Mary Baldwin, the editor of the weekly Fairmount, Ind., News. And from that little book fell this letter; a response typed on formal letterhead from the Congress of the United States and signed by Indiana 10th District Rep. Raymond S. Springer. It reads: "Dear Friend: I want to thank you for your card and message in which you refer to the situation in Washington, D.C. We will continue the fight throughout against needless expense, extravagance and waste. Things are in an appalling situation in our country."
Sincerely, I am

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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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SWIMMING

FROM PAGE 1

Jayla goes in head-first now, and she knows how to make her way to the surface.

"I kick my feet and push up, and then my head comes out," she said.

Jayla is one of 160 Chapel Hill campers who had a chance to learn to swim or improve their swimming skills at no cost this summer at the Hargraves Center.

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department tried out a free swimming program for their community campers in anticipation of becoming a local partner in USA Swimming's Make A Splash Foundation, a national child-focused water-safety initiative.

"We have an engaged audience," said Lizzie Burrill, assistant aquatic supervisor. "Over the years, we have seen campers who can't swim in the deep end. This is the first summer we have offered swimming lessons at the summer camp."

Burrill has proclaimed the program, which ended last month, a success, and hopes to

expand to the entire community next year.

"Our goal is to become part of the Make A Splash Foundation, and its programs will be offered to anyone in Orange County," Burrill said.

USA Swimming created Make A Splash because of high drowning rates. Nine people drown daily in the U.S., and drowning is the second-leading cause of accidental death among children under the age of 14, according to Make A Splash. The organization's mission is to create opportunities for children to learn to swim by the third grade.

Believers

With the help of people like Karysha Reid, Make A Splash's goals become more possible. As one of the camp counselors with the Hargraves program, Reid is a believer.

A lifelong swimmer, she would like for everyone in the world to learn to love swimming as much as she does.

"I was a total water baby," she said. "When I was 2, I cried when my parents would not let me swim in rain puddles."

An ambitious youngster, Reid, now 24, was on a mission



Kory Bunn has some fun in the pool while improving his swimming skills during the Hargraves Community Center's summer camp swimming program.

PHOTO BY BARBARA TYROLER

to be a lifeguard for Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation, so she saved her babysitting money for lifesaving lessons, and the day she turned 15, old enough to become a certified lifeguard, she took the test, claimed her job and hasn't stopped since.

A junior at UNC-Greensboro, she is majoring in health studies and plans to pursue a master's degree in aqua therapy.

"Learning to swim and knowing how to swim is a life skill," she said. "Swimming is therapeutic, so lovely. Just learning the basics and refining your skills makes swimming easy."

Capturing the moment

Specializing in water portraits, Chapel Hill artist Barbara

Tyroler embraced the Hargraves Center swimming program, capturing the joyful faces of kids having fun in the pool.

"With grant support from the Orange County Arts Commission, I have documented my most favorite subject: people in the pool with an emphasis on community," she wrote in an email.

Chapel Hill Cultural Arts administrator Jeff York and Chapel Hill Aquatics supervisor Robb English are collaborating with Tyroler to set up a permanent installation of her work at the Homestead Aquatic Center.

"At the Homestead Aquatic Center, I hope to enhance the feeling of community and celebrate health and beauty. The grant will also fund portrait gifts for the young swimmers and their families and publicity photos for the summer camp program," she said.

Superstars

Chapel Hill's newest crop of swimmers are believers, and even though summer is winding down, Jayla's mom, Marie Dean, is preparing to enroll her daughter in fall lessons so she can continue her progress in the pool.

"I hope Jayla will start swimming year round," Dean said.

Words like that make Burrill happy.

"I love working with the community and providing an outlet for people to gain new skills," she said.

Reid, who calls herself the strict mama bear of the pool scene, is proud of her little cubs.

Among her level-one kids, most were afraid to even put their faces in the water.

"We started out by blowing bubbles in the water and by the end of the sessions, all of them were putting their faces in the water," she said.

Her level-two kids enjoyed improving on the basics.

"They passed their swim test; they learned how to dive and they learned how to do flip turns," she said.

The 2012 Olympics in London are right around the corner, and the athletes who make the USA team started out as beginners.

Will a future Olympian come out of Chapel Hill's swimming program?

Reid can't predict the future, but she is certain about one thing.

"All my kids are superstars."

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