

Swallowtails converge on Chatham County devil's walking stick.

PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN FISHER

Sales tax increase should fund economic development, residents say

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

County residents told the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday that they would like to see funds from a possible quarter-cent sales tax go toward economic development, if such a tax is approved by voters in November.

The board voted unanimously in June to put the sales-tax option on the November ballot but delayed a decision on how the money would be allocated in order to give the public a chance to weigh in.

Aaron Nelson, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of

Commerce, said the chamber would likely support the sales tax.

"That support is only possible, however, if a significant portion of those funds are dedicated for economic development," he said. "I think it only passes in this climate with the support of our organization."

Nelson said the county should focus on business retention, recruitment and business services, in addition to increasing within-county spending by residents.

"Finding ways to make more of that happen in our community will be good for all of us," he said.

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What's on the table?

Chapel Hill, Carrboro face series of critical decisions

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

When it comes to the twists and turns of local policymaking, just about every fall sees a key set of decision points. Unlike the spring season, when the annual budget tends to dominate the action, fall is a traditional time to set policy and direction.

For the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, this fall is no different. The roads taken in the coming months are likely to have very significant long-term impact.

Here's a look at some of the items driving the towns' agendas:

Carrboro

The biggest item early on for the board of aldermen is the Sept. 7 continuation of a public hearing on the latest proposal for Smith Level Road. Mayor Mark Chilton has been leading the charge for the latest compromise with the N.C. Department of Transportation. The project, which would add bike lanes, sidewalks and a median to the road, has been opposed by residents of the Berryhill neighborhood and others. And NC-DOT's plan to acquire enough of an easement to further widen the road has left some board members uneasy about the plan.

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FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Flora readers have influence

For weeks now, I've wanted to describe the lovely fern glade at the base of the mountain at Occoneechee Mountain State Natural Area. The 2-mile trail encircling that mountain is one of the premier hikes in our area. In spite of this summer's heat and drought, that fern glade is still lime-green fresh looking.

But all the butterflies and other interesting critters moving about on the summer wildflowers keep sidetracking me. So this past week, as I was once again beginning to focus on that fern glade, I received an enthusiastic description from Chatham County reader Christian Fisher about all the butterflies on devil's walking stick, Aralia spinosa, in the community's woods. The note was accompanied by a wonderful image of yet another native plant "butterfly magnet." That image was so engaging that I thought, "Well now, devil's walking stick is a plant worthy of attention; I should focus on that sometime."

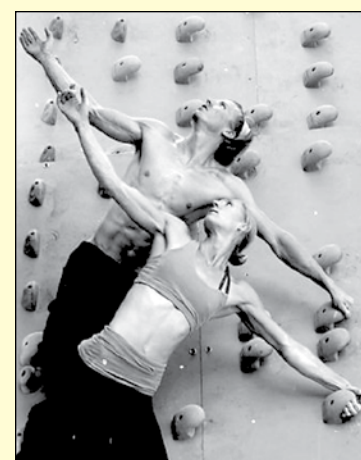
The very next day, Ron Flora, gardener and staff member of the Carrboro branch of the State Employees' Credit Union, and I engaged in a short over-the-counter plant conversation. He was curious about a plant he saw stretching out from entangling kudzu along the woodland trail at the N.C. Museum of Art. It was covered with all sorts of butterflies. After hearing a few more of his keen observations, I responded that it must be a devil's walking stick he had seen. So, that sealed it. This week, the spotlight is on Aralia spinosa.

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Rob Tolbart of Laughing Spirit Farm displays his wares at the Carrboro Farmers' Market.

PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS



Local dancers advance

BY HENRY GARGAN Staff Writer

Carrboro native Ryan Gaunt is slated to compete in the semi-final round of NBC's "America's Got Talent" next week. His act, titled "AscenDance," is a fusion of climbing and dance and features his fiancé and climbing partner, Isabel von Rittberg.

The duo's journey began with an audition in Portland, which earned them a trip to Las Vegas, where they qualified for the quarterfinals. Gaunt and Rittberg performed live in Hollywood on July 20 and advanced to the semifinals, which will air on Aug. 24 at 9 p.m. The results show will be broadcast the following day. A \$1 million prize, as well as a year-long booking in Las Vegas, await the winner of the NBC competition, which is closing out its fifth season on the air. Other popular acts will embark on a nationwide tour in the fall.

Gaunt, who graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1998, now lives in Berkeley, Calif. with von Rittberg, founder of the AscenDance project. He has been a dedicated climber for a little over a decade and joined the act with von Rittberg in 2006.

Gaunt took sewing and advanced sewing classes during his time at Chapel Hill High and designed and made the act's costumes. He now owns his own line of urban climbing apparel, Aeré Fashion.

Clips of AscenDance's performances on "America's Got Talent," some of which have been viewed upwards of 100,000 times, can be found on YouTube.

Greetings, sports fans

BY EDDY LANDRETH Staff Writer

PITTSBORO - Hello from south of the border - south of Carrboro, that is.



I've been invited (I invited myself, actually) to join The Carrboro Citizen as your UNC sports columnist. I'm grateful and honored to be a part of this newspaper.

My credentials, for those who haven't read me, are that I have covered college athletics since 1987. Long before then, I followed ACC sports with an emotion that can only be described as passion.

My first memories of Carolina and Duke basketball were games between Larry Miller, Bob Lewis and Duke's Bob Verga and later Rusty Clark versus Randy Denton.

I saw David Thompson play for N.C. State, and he was the greatest player in ACC history. No doubt. Duke would never have gotten put on probation trying to recruit an ordinary player.

During my first tour as a Carolina student, I saw Lawrence Taylor tomahawk quarterbacks into the Bermuda grass at Kenan Stadium, well before the New York Giants and the rest of the National Football League got to see him.

On my second tour as a Carolina student, I actually went to class, became less of a fan and started my development as a professional journalist. Since then, I've had the privilege of covering some of the finest athletes to play college sports and some of the greatest moments created by those people.

In my position with The Carrboro Citizen, I will try to bring you unique views of UNC sports and the people who coach and play them. The ordinary story of who won and who lost doesn't excite me as much these days. The personalities of the players and coaches and the heroics they manage to perform before full stadiums and arenas are far more fascinating, to me anyway.

So hello, and I look forward to my weekly encounters with you all.

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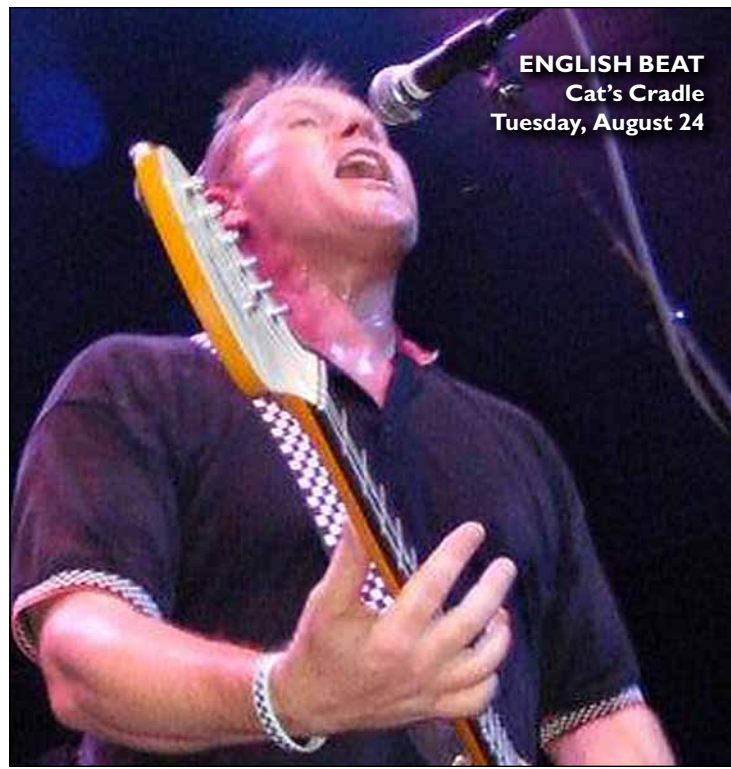
New Carrboro arrivals

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THURSDAY AUG 19
Blue Bayou: Chaz Depaolo. 9:30pm. \$18/20

Cat's Cradle: Lou Barlow and The Missingmen, Wye Oak. 9:30pm. \$12

The Cave: LATE: Charles

City Tap: Marc Brown. 7pm

General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7pm

Local 506: Miniature Tigers, Aminor, Jordan and The Sphinx. 8pm. \$9/11

Nightlight: Inspector 22, Hume. 9:30pm

Weaver Street Market: Tim Stambaugh. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 20

Blue Bayou: Spoonful of Soul. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Caffe Driade: Bob Segal. 8pm

The Cave: EARLY: Rodie Ray LATE: Taz Halloween, Kittybox and the Johnnys

City Tap: See No Weevil. 7pm

General Store Cafe: Swang Brothers. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Saludos Compay. 8pm

Local 506: The Dead Mirrow. 9:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Free Electric State, The Sky Drops, White Cascade. 10pm

Reservoir: Blix, monsonia, Death Came Down the Mountain, HOG, Black Skies, Colossus

Talullahs: LATE: Vincents Missing Ear, Darien

Westend Winebar: EARLY: Scarlet Virginia LATE: Crystal Bright and the Silver Hands, Why Not Be Lovers

SATURDAY AUG 21

ArtsCenter: Carolina Casbah! 7:30pm \$15

Blue Bayou: Harvey Dalton Arnold Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Cat's Cradle: dub Addis, Jamrock. 9:30pm. \$6/8

The Cave: EARLY: Jodie manross LATE: Judy Woodall's MuleTrain, Jones Sisters

City Tap: Uniontown. 8pm

General Store Cafe: Black Swamp Bootleggers. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Organos, Wages. 8pm

Local 506: Wembley, North Elementary, Electric Owls

Nightlight: Pinche Gringo, Wild Wild Geese, Shithorse, Shortstack. 9:30pm

Open Eye Cafe: Loose Mood. 8pm

Reservoir: Make, In the Year of the Pig, Systems, Ruscha, The Curtains of Night, Caltrop

Talullahs: LATE: Dark Water Rising

Westend Winebar: LATE: Ashley Adtkins

SUNDAY AUG 22

Local 506: Black Joe Lewis and The honeybears. 9:30pm. \$9/11

Milltown: Zeke Graves and Pais. 7:30pm

Southern Village: David Dyer and the Crooked Smile Band. 7pm

Weaver Street Market: The Southern Routes. 11am

MONDAY AUG 23

The Cave: LATE: Bel Air

Local 506: Funktion, Ascended

TUESDAY AUG 24

Cat's Cradle: The English Beat, Bad Manners, Chris Murray. \$18/20. 8pm.

The Cave: EARLY: pete Sinjin, Doug Edmunds LATE: Jailbox, Stephen Sebastian. \$5

Local 506: Rio Bravo, James Ethan Clark. 9:30pm. Free for members

WEDNESDAY AUG 25

Caffe Driade: Southern Routes. 8pm

Cat's Cradle: The Movement. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: LATE: Laurel, Marathon Girl

THURSDAY AUG 26

Blue Bayou: 15-501. 9pm. No cover

The Cave: EARLY: Adam Klein, Gabriel Mintz LATE: Big Al Hall, Marching Rams, The Armchairs. \$5

City Tap: David Quick. 7pm

General Store Cafe: Marie Vanderbeck Quartet. 7pm

Local 506: This Year's Models, Archbishops of Blount Street. 10pm. Free for members

Reservoir: Constrictor, Colossus. 10pm

Weaver Street Market: Equinox. 6pm

FRIDAY AUG 27

Blue Bayou: Guitar Shorty. 9:30pm. \$18/20

Caffe Driade: Amy Alley. 8pm

Cat's Cradle: Paul Thron. 8pm. \$15

The Cave: EARLY: Rafael Green LATE: Pipe, Tonk

City Tap: Jay manley. 5pm. Great Big Gone. 7pm

General Store Cafe: Fayssoux mClean. 8pm. \$5

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Dalta Rae, Climb Jacob's Ladder. 8pm

Local 506: Max Indian, Twelve Thousand Armies, The Houstons. 10pm. \$5

Nightlight: Ben Davis and the Jett\$, Controlled Storms, Last Year's men, Pointless Forest. 9:30pm. \$6

Open Eye Cafe: Judy Woodall

SATURDAY AUG 28

Blue Bayou: Crossover Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$8/10

Caffe Driade: The Drowning Lovers. 8pm

The Cave: EARLY: Bengt and the Walkers LATE: Embarrassing Fruits, Gray Young

City Tap: Stratocruiser. 8pm

General Store Cafe: New town Drunks. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Ki8ller Killer. 8pm

Local 506: Honored Guests, Schooner, Calico Haunts. 10pm. \$8

Nightlight: Flesh Epic, Lord Scrummage, Rapdragons

Open Eye Cafe: Fell the Trees. 8pm

Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

CAT'S CRADLE

TH 8/19
LOU BARLOW

SA 9/18
BILLY BRAGG

FR 8/27
PAUL THORN

SU 9/18
JP, CHRISSE & THE FAIRGROUND BOYS

WE 8/18 CHIDDY BANG
W/2AM CLUB, XV AND K.O. KID**(\$12/\$15)

TH 8/19 LOU BARLOW & THE MISSINGMEN
W/WYE OAK**(\$12)

SA 8/21 SUMMER REGGAE JAM 2010
DUB ADDIS / JAMROCK**(\$6/\$8)

TU 8/24 THE ENGLISH BEAT / BAD MANNERS / CHRIS MURRAY**
(\$18/\$20)

WE 8/25 THE MOVEMENT**
(\$10/\$12)

FR 8/27 PAUL THORN
W/THE O.A.K.**(\$11)

FR 9/3 AUTOLUX
W/GOLD PANDA**(\$10/\$12)

SA 9/4**
(\$18/\$20)
LITTLE BROTHER
W/CHAUNDON, JOZEEMO, JOE SCUDDA, ROC C

SU 9/5**
(\$10/\$12)
ABBEY ROAD LIVE!

WE 9/8**
(\$18/\$21)
CHARLATANS UK
W/SHERLOCKS DAUGHTER

TH 9/9**
(\$25/\$28)
CORINNE BAILEY RAE
W/FILTHY BIRD

FR 9/10 MATT HIRES
W/WAKE WAKE**(\$10)

SA 9/11 WHO'S BAD?*
(\$15)
(MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE)

WE 9/15 JAY CLIFFORD**
(\$10/\$13)

TH 9/16 SHOOTER JENNINGS & HIEROPHANT**
(\$15/\$18)

FR 9/17 THE OLD CEREMONY
RECORD RELEASE SHOW
W/LIFTED PRAISE GOSPEL SINGERS**(\$10/\$12)

SA 9/18 BILLY BRAGG
W/DARREN HANLON**(\$25)

SU 9/19 JP, CHRISSE & THE FAIRGROUND BOYS
FEATURING
CHRISSE HYNDE AND
JP JONES W/AMY CORREIA**(\$24)

MO 9/20**
(\$18/\$20)
COCOROSIE

WE 9/22 SIGNAL 2010
PAC DIV, KOOLEY HIGH,
ACTUAL PROOF, KING MEZ**(\$12/\$14)

TH 9/23**
(\$16)
JENNY & JOHNNY

SA 9/25 SIGNAL 2010
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TITTSWORTH, NICK CATCH-DUBS**(\$14/\$16)

SU 9/26 CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL
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MO 9/27 DAVID BAZAN
W/MYNABIRDS**(\$12/\$14)

TU 9/28 PHANTOGRAM
W/JOSIAH WOLF**(\$10/\$12)

WE 9/29 ELECTRIC SIX
W/CONSTELLATIONS**(\$12/\$14)

TH 9/30**
(\$10/\$12)
DEAD CONFEDERATE
W/MT ST HELEN'S VIETNAM BAND AND LAKE INFERIOR

FR 10/1 STARS**
(\$18/\$20)

SA 10/2 ROGUE WAVE
AND MIDLAKE**(\$16/\$18)

SU 10/3 MAE**
(\$13/\$15)

MO 10/4**
(\$12/\$14)
BLITZEN TRAPPER

TH 10/7 MENOMENA
W/SUCKERS**(\$12/\$15)

FR 10/8 ANOOP DESAI & FRIENDS**
(\$10/\$12)

SA 10/9 DEERHUNTER
W/CASINO VS JAPAN AND DUCKTAILS**(\$15/\$17)

SU 10/10**
(\$20/\$23)
BUILT TO SPILL
W/REVOLT REVOLT

MO 10/11 THE VASELINES
W/JEFFREY LEWIS**(\$15)

TU 10/12 STEPHEN KELLOGG AND THE SIXERS
W/SMALL PONDS AND ROY JAY**(\$15/\$18)

TH 10/14 PERPETUAL GROOVE**
(\$15/\$18)

FR 10/15 SARA BAREILLES
W/GREG LASWELL**(\$20/\$25)

SA 10/16 DUCK DOWN 15-YEAR ANNIVERSARY TOUR:
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TU 10/19**
(\$16.50/\$18)
CIRCA SURVIVE
W/DREDD, CODESEVEN, ANIMALS AS LEADERS

WE 10/20**
(\$16/\$20)
MATT & KIM

FR 10/22 GUIDED BY VOICES
W/SWEET APPLE

SA 10/23 RAILROAD EARTH**
(\$20/\$23)

TU 10/26**
(\$16/\$18)
GHOSTFACE KILLAH
W/SHEEK LOUCH, FRANK DUKES

WE 10/27**
(\$14/\$16)
HIGH ON FIRE / TORCHE / KYLESA

TH 10/28**
(\$16/\$18)
ME FIRST AND THE GIMME GIMMES
W/TEENAGE BOTTLEOCKET, COBRA SKULLS

SA 10/30 BLONDE REDHEAD**
(\$20)

SU 10/31 CARIBOU**
(\$16/\$18)

TH 11/4 RA RA RIOT**
(\$15/\$17)

SA 11/6 MAN OR ASTROMAN?*
(\$15)

TH 11/11 MATT COSTA**
(\$15)

FR 11/12 AMY RAY**
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SA 11/13 BADFISH— A TRIBUTE TO SUBLIME**
(\$18/\$20)

TU 11/16 TRISTAN PRETTYMAN**
(\$15)

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MO 11/22 JUNIP**
(\$15)
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WE 9/8 COLOUR REVOLT W/TURBO FRUITS
TU 9/14 THOSE DARLINS W/STRANGE BOYS AND GENTLEMAN JESSE
NIGHTLIGHT (CH)
TH 9/16 SEA WOLF W/SERA CAHOONE AND PATRICK PARK
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FR 9/3 SHANNON WHITWORTH
TH 9/30 DAVID WILCOX
TH 11/18 AZURE RAY
KINGS (RALEIGH)
SA 9/4 STAN RIDGWAY
SA 10/16 THERMALS W/CYMBALS EAT GUITARS
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Briefs

Dorms open, schools staff up

Public school teachers returned to work this week and schools are gearing up for next Wednesday's first day of school. Classes at the university begin Tuesday.

On campus, residence halls opened for returning students yesterday (Wednesday) and the annual U-Haul rodeo – the move-in of first-year students – takes place this weekend.

The annual town-gown Good Neighbor Initiative is Monday. Community volunteers, students and Chapel Hill police officers will walk door to door starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Hargraves Center and moving out into the Northside, Pine Knolls and Cameron-McCauley neighborhoods.

Chatham narrows landfill search

Chatham County officials announced on Monday that they would hold a series of community meetings to discuss potential landfill sites. The board of county commissioners received a report on Monday from consultant Camp Dresser and McKey detailing potential sites based on the county's criteria. The group narrowed a list of 564 parcels that fit the initial size requirement to 14 potential areas extending in a wide belt between Siler City and Pittsboro, from Bennett to just north of U.S. 64. The report is available in the commissioners' agenda at chathamnc.org/index.aspx?recordid=2992&page=45

Hackney, Kinnaird town meeting

The Orange County Democratic Party will host a joint town meeting with N.C. Speaker of the House Joe Hackney and state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird at the Southern Village Club Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The two will discuss the legislative session and the upcoming midterm elections. The club is located at 601 Brookgreen Drive in Southern Village.

County work session tonight

The Orange County Board of Commissioners meets today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road.

- The board will:
- discuss Orange County economic development;
 - discuss proposed uses for the potential quarter-cent sales tax revenues; and
 - review the Senior Orange County Staff Ethics Policy.
- To view the detailed agenda, visit co.orange.nc.us

County seeks input on Unified Development Ordinance

The first draft of the Orange County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is available for review and area residents are invited to submit feedback.

A UDO compiles property-development ordinances and regulations, such as zoning, subdivision, flood damage and erosion control, into one cross-referenced document.

Area residents are invited to attend a public input session on Sept. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Orange County West Campus Office Building, lower level, 131 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough. Verbal or written comments may be submitted at the session. In addition, written comments may be submitted to the planning department until 9 a.m. on Sept. 20.

The 800-page draft is available online at co.orange.nc.us/planning/UDO.asp. Residents can also obtain a CD copy at the planning department on the second floor of the Orange County West Campus Office Building. For more information, contact the Planning and Inspections Department at 245-2575.

UNC ranks fifth in magazine poll

UNC ranks fifth among the nation's best public universities for the 10th consecutive year, according to *U.S. News & World Report* magazine. The rankings appear in the magazine's annual college guidebook.

UC Berkeley ranked first among public universities, followed by UCLA and Virginia (tied for second), Michigan (fourth) and UNC (fifth). Among national public and private universities, Carolina ranked 30th. Other top public universities ranked between 22nd (Berkeley) and 29th (Michigan) overall. Last year, UNC tied for 28th overall with Tufts and Wake Forest. Overall scores of all five top public universities remained identical to last year, ranging from 76 to 70.

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Double ribbon-cutting at Carrboro Plaza



A sense of neighborliness between new Carrboro Plaza residents Latino Community Credit Union and El Centro Hispano was evident last Friday, and not just because the two shared scissors and, to some extent, dignitaries at their respective openings. Rep. David Price and Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton did the honors with gusto at the credit union, then surrendered the scissors to Gabriela Zabala, director of the governor's Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs, and Matty Lazo-Chadderton, director of Hispanic/Latino affairs for Senate Speaker Pro Tem Marc Basnight, who presided at El Centro Hispano.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

The lobby of the newly opened Latino Community Credit Union in Carrboro Plaza was standing room only Friday morning for the dual grand opening celebration of the credit union's 10th branch and the new El Centro Hispano offices just a few door away.

Among the many attendees were Mayor Mark Chilton, several Carrboro Board of Aldermen members, N.C. House Speaker Joe Hackney, Fourth District U.S. Rep. David Price and Carlos Flores-Vizcarra, counsel general of Mexico in Raleigh. Master of ceremonies for the event was former board of aldermen member and credit union official John Herrera.

Several speakers noted the distinction between North Carolina's reception of its im-

migrant population and that of the state of Arizona and other places where the mood has grown far more hostile. Flores-Vizcarra said he appreciated the distinction, having served previously as counsel general in Phoenix.

Price, who chairs the appropriations subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Homeland Security, praised the network

of organizations that have strengthened the Latino community and said the financial education and financial security the credit union has provided since its beginning 10 years ago has been invaluable. "This branch is another milestone and I'm just as pleased as can be that it's right here in Carrboro," Price said.

— Staff Reports

Break-ins occur across Chapel Hill

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

A rash of residential break-ins in the area this month has left Chapel Hill Police perplexed.

From Aug. 1-17, there were 20 break-ins in Chapel Hill, including 12 in which force was used to enter the home and eight in which suspects came in through an unlocked door or window.

"We're seeing a little bit of everything, and that's what makes it difficult from our standpoint. There's no clear pattern," Chapel Hill Police Lt. Kevin Gunter

said.

Some of the break-ins have occurred during the daytime, while residents were at work, while others were in properties that students left vacant over the summer. The crimes were committed all across town: at Worsham Drive, Glenburnie Street, Caswell Road, Legion Road, Cedar Hill Circle, West Cameron Avenue and other locations.

Residents reported a wide range of items stolen, with values ranging from a few hundred dollars to \$40,000.

"[The break-ins] didn't appear

to be related," Gunter said. "Our investigators may at some point find a link in these."

He said investigators have made no arrests related to the break-ins and have no leads on suspects.

During the same time period last year, Chapel Hill police responded to 14 break-ins, Gunter said, adding that police tend to see an increase while students are away and during the warmer months.

Gunter urged residents to make sure they lock their windows and doors, since perpetra-

tors tend to prey on places they can enter without making a lot of commotion.

When residents plan to be away, neighbors should be asked to be on the lookout for suspicious activity, he said. Adequate lighting with motion detectors on the exterior of homes also is very important.

The police offer residents free security surveys, in which a crime-prevention specialist visits a home to determine if locks are secure or need replacement, identify vulnerable areas of a residence and examine lighting.

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Board of alderman member Dan Coleman said he's unsure if the board can finish work on the agreement this fall, but hopes the talks will end with an approved plan or an effort to arrive at one.

Coleman said Chilton deserves a lot of credit for getting the two sides as close as they are, but that details, like how much clearing would be involved, still remain to be settled.

"If they're buying right-of-way but not building a road, why clear it?" Coleman said.

Also on the aldermen's agenda for the fall is the hiring of a new town clerk and the continued build-out of the town's bicycle and sidewalk infrastructure, including sidewalks along part of Rogers Road. Greenways will be reviewed in the coming months as well, including the plans for the Morgan Creek Greenway and the first phase (1b) of the Bolin Creek Greenway.

The board is also planning for a public hearing in late September to review phases 3 and 4 of the Ballentine subdivision off Homestead Road. At the board's urging, the project's developer has added a small commercial area into the project's design.

And while the board stays busy, the town's public works and fire departments have their work cut out for them this fall.

Public works is coordinating the yearlong rebuilding of Weaver Street, starting with a series of meetings and one-on-one visits with affected property owners. Meanwhile, fire department leaders are planning to split the department in two, with the opening of the town's new fire station on Homestead Road scheduled for early September.

Chapel Hill

Library services will continue to figure high in the Chapel Hill Town Council's priorities this fall. A series of discussion points produced by a joint work group

and sent to county and town officials last month drew criticism from some council members, who said it seemed to reflect the county's priorities and didn't go far enough to bridge a funding gap that's been a bone of contention for the past several budget cycles.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said recently he'd like to see some kind of agreement reached with the county before the end of the year.

Town Manager Roger Stancil said one aspect of library funding will be high on the council's agenda when it reconvenes on Sept. 20. That's when a vote is scheduled on the sale of bonds for a \$16.5 million addition to the Chapel Hill Public Library. Bids on the project are expected to be ready by the end of the year.

One of the main efforts in the coming months, Stancil said, will be designing a procedure for updating the town's comprehensive plan, the first major re-write in a decade.

He said planners are working on methods to collect input and residents' views on the town's future. Density issues and ways to diversify the tax base will be among the questions the process will address.

"It's time to have that conversation," Stancil said.

One issue that will be front and center but not on the council's agenda – at least for now – is the relocation of the men's homeless shelter.

While the relocation remains one of the bigger issues in Chapel Hill, Stancil said the review of the special use permit for the project won't come before the council until much later in the calendar.

That doesn't mean that it won't come before the council through petitions and public comment, but Stancil said much of the discussion on the project this fall is likely to take place at the advisory board and staff level as the application goes through the review process.

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Briefs

The ArtsCenter offers 10 percent off ArtSchool classes

As a kickoff to its fall session of class offerings, The ArtsCenter will present an open house Aug. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at University Mall. Customers can meet instructors offering classes for children of all ages and receive 10 percent off any ArtSchool class. Look for the event on the main stage near Dillard's.

"Not only do we provide nearly 550 art classes throughout the year," said ArtsCenter executive director Ed Camp, "we also are the largest employer of artists in our area and provide a way for artists to support their families." He added that ArtSchool employs nearly 75 artists.

Last call for film festival entries

The 5th annual Carrboro Film Festival is seeking submissions from filmmakers who have breathed in the good local air of Orange County.

The early deadline for submissions is Friday. Filmmakers may submit up to four films for a \$20 entry fee. The late deadline is Sept. 30 with a \$25 fee per submission.

The rules require that the filmmaker at one time in life had a brush with Orange County and that films run no longer than 20 minutes. The festival will be held on Nov. 21 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center. Winners receive cash prizes.

Visit carrborofilmfestival.com for more information.

Local dinner

A reminder that Carrboro United Methodist Church's Community Family Feast takes place Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The dinner, which features locally grown and produced foods, is free, but donations to the United Methodist Women's Missions Giving Fund are encouraged. The church is located at 200 Hillsborough Road in front of Carrboro Elementary School. Call 942-1223 for more information.

Piedmont Health 40th anniversary

Piedmont Health Services celebrated its 40th anniversary last week at the community health center's Carrboro clinic.

Legislators at the event, including N.C. House Speaker Joe Hackney, Rep. Verla Insko and Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, praised PHS as an example of the cost-effective delivery of primary care services to underserved populations.

As part of the event held during National Health Center Week, the North Carolina Medical Society and the Durham-Orange County Medical Society recognized community health center efforts to care for uninsured and underserved patients.

Domestic violence series

The Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County (FVPC) is holding a free program called "Understanding the Basics of Domestic Violence" on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsborough Public Library. The program will explore myths and stereotypes about domestic violence and the role that power and control plays in unsafe relationships.

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 sodium and hip replacement surgery.

Dear HOUSE Calls, *How much salt is too much? I'm 35 years old and I have not had high blood pressure, but I love salty foods. You talked on your show about reducing salt intake to a certain cut-off point to decrease heart attacks and strokes. How much should I restrict myself to?*

You know, a lot of people love salty food. In people with hypertension, it is clear that 2.4 grams of sodium per day or less should be the goal. A diet with less than 1.6 grams of sodium in combination with a high-fiber, low-saturated fat diet (a DASH diet) can be as effective as a medicine for lowering blood pressure. In people without hypertension, the issues are a little different. Too much sodium over time can lead to hypertension. Sodium makes your heart and kidneys work harder. Most people eventually develop hypertension, so getting into good habits now will serve you well. And last, if you are eating a lot of so-

dium, you are probably eating foods that are unhealthy in other ways (processed foods, fast foods, etc.). U.S. dietary labels recommend no more than 2.3 grams of sodium per day, so that is probably a prudent goal. Many people can re-acquire a taste for their favorite foods without salt or substitute a different spice such as pepper or cinnamon. Hopefully, you can make some changes and eat a little bit healthier and still be happy.

Dear HOUSE Calls, *You spoke recently on your show about hip replacement surgery. I am 81 years old and doing well. How can I prevent a hip fracture?*

This is so important and we are so glad you are thinking about prevention. Though there is much to do at 81 to prevent hip fractures, we would encourage readers to think about this much earlier (like in your 20s) when you are laying down new bone and bone loss has not started to ramp up. Make sure you get about 1200 mg. of calcium per day and 800 IU of vitamin D per

day, which, for most people, requires supplements. In fact, adequate vitamin D not only strengthens bones but has been shown to prevent falls. Speaking of falls, anything you can do to avoid them is critical. This includes minimizing or eliminating medicines that can compromise your balance and reaction time and keeping your home free of trip hazards. Exercise that focuses on balance can help (such as yoga). Also, weight-bearing exercises such as jogging, weight lifting, and racquet sports help. People with low bone density as measured by various medical procedures may need to take special action to prevent hip fractures.

We would be remiss if we didn't take this chance to remind readers that smoking increases the risk of hip fractures. One more great reason to quit.

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.

SPOTLIGHT: MINI-COMIC PARTY



Celebrate the art of the mini-comic with eight local artists at Chapel Hill Comics' aptly titled Local Artist Mini-Comic Party.

The characters planning to gather Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. range from 8-year-old Yana Levy to 16-year-old "Moctopus" creator Max Huffman to the prolific and sagely Eric Knisley. Check out all the zombies, epic heroes, tentacles, adorable youngsters, Sad Animals and friendly robots at 316 West Franklin St. chapelhillcomics.com

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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by Linda Thistle

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Calendar

THURSDAY AUG 19

Fantastic Mr. Fox — Locally Grown's movie night atop the Wallace Parking Deck, 6pm. Free

TGI Thursday at FRANK Gallery — Ken Simon, improvisational flutist, 5-8pm. Free. frankart.com

Dulcimer Players — The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players welcome beginners and experts. Carol Woods Retirement Center, 7pm. 929-5359, ShirleyRay@aol.com

FRIDAY AUG 20

Contra Dance — Music by The Avant Gardeners with caller Keith Cornett-Eustis. Newcomers' workshop at 7:30pm; dancing begins at 8pm. Carrboro Century Center. csda-dance.org

Cupcake Festival — See who goes home with bragging rights of "Chapel Hill's Most Luscious Cupcake." Horace Williams House. 7pm

Artists' Salon — Writer's Grants with Krista Bremer. Sponsored by the Orange County Arts Commission. West End Theatre, The ArtsCenter. RSVP required. 968-2011, arts@co.orange.nc.us

SATURDAY AUG 21

Carolina Casbah Belly Dance Showcase — Gala performance featuring professional Middle Eastern dancers and musicians from throughout central North Carolina. Adults/\$15, children/\$5. The ArtsCenter. 7:30pm. acmednc.org

Colossal Yard Sale — Binkley Baptist Church in partnership with Barbee's Chapel Harvest Word Ministries will be raising funds to benefit Habitat for Humanity in Orange County and Family Health Ministries in Haiti. Binkley Baptist Church. 8am-1pm

Puppet-Making Workshop — Handmade Parade puppet-making workshop for all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should bring their ideas or projects and materials such as large cardboard or light weight fabric. Hillsborough United Church of Christ, 220 Davis Road. 1:30-4:30pm

SUNDAY AUG 22

Community Family Feast — 2010 Local Foods Dinner and Missions Celebration. Dinner is free, donations to Carrboro Women's group will benefit more than a dozen charitable organizations. Carrboro United Methodist Church. 5:30-7pm. 942-1223

MONDAY AUG 23

"Time Out" on WCOM — Retired ambassador to Turkmenistan Michael Cotter discusses the situation in Afghanistan. WCOM-FM, 103.5FM. 5pm



CAROLINA CASBAH BELLY DANCERS, AUG 21

THURSDAY AUG 26

"Talking Things Over with Chekhov" — By John Ford Noonan. West End Theater, The ArtsCenter. Aug 26-28, 8pm. artscenterlive.org

Dance - Participatory Ballroom — Fourth and fifth Thursdays, 7-9:30pm. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill. \$2. 968-2070

Carrboro DanceJam — Free-style dance. First Fridays, 8pm, Balanced Movement Studio, 304 W. Weaver St., upstairs. 968-8776.

Ballroom Dance — Second Saturday of every month, recorded music. Triangle StarDusters, 8-11pm, \$7/StarDusters members and students, \$12/others. Couples and singles are welcome. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Road, Durham. 942-7232

Pleasant Green Community Center, \$8/\$6 student, nc-squares.com

Shag Dancing — Every Monday. Beginner class at 7pm, dance at 9pm. Free lesson first Monday of the month, 6pm. General Store Cafe.

Tango — Learn and practice Tango with the Triangle Tango Society. Open Eye Cafe. Aug. 20, 8pm

Ongoing Cancer Support — Support groups for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiahouse.org

Carrboro Chess Club — A casual meeting for people who like to play chess. All skill levels are welcome. Jessee's Coffee and Bar. Every Saturday, 3pm

Compassionate Friends

— Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221, chapelhillctf.org

Yoga for Everyone

— UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program presents Yoga for Everyone. Each class will include a full yoga practice as well as exploration of physical movement, meditation, breathing techniques and relaxation. All levels are welcome. Mondays, 11am - 12:30pm. Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101 in Chapel Hill. 966-3494

Walking Group — The Chapel Hill Area Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday at Weaver Street Market at 9:15am. Julie (967-3221) or Marilyn (932-1411)

Saludamos Group Walks — Every Saturday, 9am. Front of El Futuro

Job Search Meeting — A networking and support group for job hunters. Wednesdays at Binkley Baptist Church, 9:30-11am

Breastfeeding Cafe — An informal drop-in gathering of breastfeeding moms will be held every Monday from 1-2pm at The Red Hen. A La Leche representative will provide information and answer questions.

Tutoring — Hillsborough Police Department and UNC Habitat for Humanity offer tutoring sessions for students in Orange County School's K-5 classes at the Community Policing Station, 501 Rainey Ave. Tutors are students from UNC. Call 732-2441, ext 26 to register

Wish Granting Volunteers Needed — Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina needs Wish Granters to visit the family and help determine the wish of the child while explaining wish procedures and using their creative side to make the wish truly magical. Contact Lisa at 821-7111 or lbrinkerhoff@eastncwish.org

Chapel Hill Public Library — Story Time, for ages 3-6; Junior Book Club, for readers grades 1-3; Time for Toddlers, for stories, songs and activities; Baby Time, for children between 6 and 18 months;

Teen Book Club, for teens in grades 6 and up; Book-worms Club, for grades 3-6. Dates and times vary

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Support Group — Tuesdays at Binkley Baptist Church, 7:30-9pm. Free. DBSACapel-Hill@nc.rr.comOrange County Main Library Brick Paver — Phase two of the popular brick paver campaign has begun. Proceeds will enhance the new facility and its programs. Pavers are \$100 each and tax-deductible as allowed by law. bricksfor-books@gmail.com

The Lightning Players Seeks Performers — A small, diverse, energetic, creative team of performers get together to shoot short-form movies. Professional performers, wannabes and people with other day jobs welcome. meetup.com/lightning-Players/

Artists/Vendors Needed for Festifall Arts and Crafts Street Fair — C.H. Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the 38th Annual Festifall to be held Oct 3. \$100 fee for residents of Chapel Hill or Orange County residents, \$120 for non-residents. Applications: townofchapelhill.org/festifall

Gardening Questions? — Ask Orange Co. Master Gardeners at Home Garden Clinic, Wed & Fri, 12-2pm, N.C. Botanical Garden, walk-in or call 262-0522. Hillsborough clinic weekdays, 10am-noon. 245-2061

Free Yoga Classes — Support for Cancer Patients, Survivors and Caregivers. Mondays, 11am-12:30pm; Thursdays 10:30am-noon. CCSP at Carolina Pointe II, 6013 Farrington Road, Suite 101. Free parking available

Hand In Hand Exhibit at the Carrboro Branch Library — "Hand in Hand" is a multimedia exhibition featuring the work of eight local artists who are lending their support to three local social action groups: the (UNC) Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC), also known as the Carrboro Free Clinic; TABLE, the children's weekend backpack feeding program; and the Orange County Literacy Council. Through Nov. 30. 969-3006

NAMI Classes — 12 weekly classes for relatives of individuals suffering from chronic mental illness. Sept 2-Nov 18. 6:30pm. Seymour Center. Info: Samruddhi, 968-1777

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FROM THE EDITOR

Time for the safety dance

We are entering into a time of year that's traditionally full of promise, and it's right to encourage the imagination of possibilities and fuel with inspirational rhetoric the soaring dreams of young people gathered together in the name of education.

We wish those of you charged with beginning-of-school-year speeches a golden voice and the combination of brevity, wit and wisdom that makes for a good clarion call.

In the name of those of us who call this place home, we also ask that you remind your charges, especially the ones unfamiliar with their new surroundings, that this is a busy, congested community full of bicycles, pedestrians and drivers of all skill levels often self-encumbered with a portable electronic device.

Anyone familiar with this newspaper's short history knows that we treat the idea of driving while distracted seriously. But despite near-perpetual haranguing from these pages as well as elected officials, resident national traffic-safety experts and, really, everyone with any sense in this community, the practice continues unabated.

It is true that over the years the enforcement of pedestrian safety laws and improvements to the infrastructure have improved the situation. But each year we write about a promising life or lives cut short in a pedestrian-vehicle collision.

We know from studies and experience that the first couple of months of the new school year are when the highest number of accidents occurs. Many new drivers and pedestrians venture out unsure of the rules of the road, and encounters with both on our streets are all too common.

So pardon our cajoling, again. There are some things we'd rather not write about, again. In short: hand off the phone or, better yet, hang up and drive. And look both ways before you cross the street and turn the earbuds down. Someday we want to write about how you came to Carolina and started living your soaring dream.

Welcome aboard

Got a call from Eddy Landreth the other day, and the end result, to make a long story short, is that he'll be putting about 25 years of experience writing about UNC sports into a new weekly column for our paper.

It's never ceased to amaze me that so many talented people have stepped up to make this a true community newspaper, and a quality one at that.

Having spent several years sitting across from Eddy when we were both at *The Chapel Hill News* and watching him put real fire into his work, I'm excited about adding his voice to our efforts and feel confident that our readers will be too.

Eddy says hello on page 1 of this issue.

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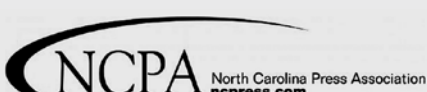
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Passage of time with words

SHAWN HOFFMAN

As children, including my own, are beginning their school-day schedules once again, I'm going to take up a practice that I did for several weeks this summer while my son traveled Europe with backpack in tow – the practice of writing a haiku once a day –

*Shift your weight and load
As you seek understanding
Backpack as fulcrum*

Our 21-year-old son, John, traveled five countries in seven weeks for a unique summer experience. The impulse to write a haiku a day came from some need to discipline myself and examine my feelings along his journey. Anticipation, excitement, worry, gratitude – emotions felt from that first day of kindergarten and even today as he begins his senior year of college.

The trip to me was so symbolic of his journey, but my passage. Hasn't it been our job to give him the skills that he needs to move through life with a confidence that he is his own person? Isn't it my job to each day let go a little bit more until, like this summer, we let go and say goodbye almost completely.

*Heart in transition
Your boundaries are the largest
They could ever be –*

My flowing passage as his mom takes beauty and courage that sometimes cannot be captured in the stillness of a photograph. The loosening of my tongue and my heart through placing simple words on a page allowed me to press out the moments of transition in our lives.

To learn a bit about haiku, I went online and read several ways to discipline its form, but I simply chose one – that of a line rhythm of 5,7,5 – the syllables on each line. Some days, I chose my own style, which I coined "Folk Art Haiku," when freedom was needed and my tongue could not be disciplined.

*Poetry as "folk art"
Now that resonates in my soul
Words should have a freedom
To move on the page*

*Our lives unsettled
Often unpredictable
Moments of stillness we seek
When change is constant*

In my busy day of going to work, visiting my mom with Alzheimer's, trying to exercise and all the life challenges that so many of us have, I needed to allow words to become the compass for my direction each day.

*Enjoy life's compass
A navigation palette
Of colors you choose*

The time of writing, usually in the morning but sometimes in the car or walking at the gym, became the pause of stillness to go into that part of myself that feels deeply about what it has meant to send my "bird from the nest" –

*Red bird on cedar
It's perch within our eyes' grasp
What are you thinking?*

*the "shimmering verge"
Of the space between not filled
Possibility lies*

In the last weeks since he returned, I have realized that my passage with words those weeks served me in more ways than was their initial purpose. So as of today, I will take the practice and navigate with it once again. Sometimes it is a challenge in the demands of life to go to that part of oneself that feels deeply and say to it, "Open your truest voice because I care what you have to say" – the haiku practice offered my heart walking shoes to stay open and healthy on the path of what life offers in each moment – it allowed my brain to visit the other hemisphere of creativity and flow, and I've missed that journey these last weeks. The whole collection of my summer haikus is greater than each of its parts and has a shape all its own.

*The shape still forming
Of the whole and its moments
Parts support the sculpture*

My neighbor, Sarah, puts her last of three sons, my godson, on the kindergarten school bus this year. His first day of class is John's first day of his senior year. I am nearing the end of the passage that for Sarah is beginning. Our "fulcrums," while in two different places, have a sort of delicate balance – what a beautiful ride – Sarah this is for you ...

*Our shoes and hearts will
Journey to Nathan's bus and share
Tears and mimosas!*

And as John leaves our driveway for college –

*Tracks of growing years
Through right or left rear windows
Views from fresh lenses*

And for myself filled with a compass of emotion for all families in this journey –

*(East): We greet our day
(North): With open hands to life's force
(South): That shifts our children like the sand
and the seas
(West): Wild youths smiling in our salty hearts*

After all, it is their journey, but it is my passage ...

Shawn Hoffman is a Carrboro resident.

LETTERS

Thanks for the support

I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart all the people who made The Goat-house Refuge Burrito Bash on August 3 at the General Store Café in Pittsboro a huge success. You are all wonderful!

We needed to raise a very large sum to make crucial improvements at the refuge, and I was very concerned about our impossible goal. But we made it! We succeeded far beyond my dreams! I was overwhelmed by the number of supporters who came and participated in our reverse raffle, and the silent auction, and who brought friends and family members to join them for a burrito dinner. I cannot thank everyone enough for this heartfelt support.

*We are all united by
our love of the more
than 200 cats who
call the refuge home
until they can find a
permanent home.*

Thank you to the General Store Café for hosting our event and to the artists who generously donated their works for our auctions. I was deeply moved to hear laughter and see smiles all around the room – everyone seemed to be having a good time!

Finally, I have to thank Becky Norman, the mastermind, and the many workers and volunteers who spent hours organizing before and working hard the evening it took place. We are all united by our love of the more than 200 cats who call the refuge home until they can find a permanent home. But it takes very special people to extend that love into the hard work it took to host the Burrito Bash.

Thank you, to everyone who donated, participated and worked. I love you all!

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The expense of back-to-school shopping

SADIE FRANK

Going back to school. It's the subject of many texts and dreams and conversations across the nation. New year, new teachers, what's it going to be like? I already know the way much of it is going to be: It's going to be exactly like in the TV commercials that have been going on for ages. You know, you go shopping for school supplies, your parents marvel at the low prices unique to that singular store, you go to school and you make loads of friends. It'll be like that, right? Wrong. It'll be nothing like that.

In fact, the only similarity my school year will have to the ads is the shopping. The shopping for school supplies. It happens every year. I, being kind of a nerd, like the smell of new paper and the knowledge that there are new pencils and pens in my bag, and shopping for school supplies is always kind of fun for me. Until I start to feel guilty about how much money my mom is shelling out for my stuff.

My parents will marvel about the price of their daughter's school supplies, although their marveling will probably be more along

the lines of, "I can't believe I'm buying her all this stuff for such exorbitant prices. I must be a complete sucker." But they won't be able to do anything about it.

School-supply stores have us in their pockets, because they know everyone shops for school supplies within the three weeks before school starts – and by then, they can't wait for

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things to go on sale because school is starting and they've got to have pencils. This year, I made a promise to myself to go back to Staples or Office Max a week after school starts, find all the products I bought (on sale, as they undoubtedly are now that everyone's bought their pencils) and do a complicated bit of adding and subtracting to find out how much I would have saved. I can bet that it's going to be a significant amount of money.

Continuing on in the very interesting vein of school-supply dilemmas, I would like to

take a minute to talk about binders. My sister, who's going into her sophomore year, uses notebooks now, and has ever since she began high school; but I'm still using binders. I go through at least three binders a semester because, inexplicably, the rings get bent out of shape – no pun intended – and won't close within a minute amount of time after they are bought. It's been happening for ages, and it happens to all my friends as well. Binder companies need to create a binder that sticks, and that's all there is to it – in fact, I'm thinking about staging a protest.

Even when you take into account the fact that school-supply shopping is a basically unnecessary action – I have stacks and stacks of notebook paper in my house, boxes of old pencils, and yet I buy them new each year – it's still fun, still something to look forward to. Maybe that's because it means that the start of school is imminent. It brings us out of our summer stupor and back into the life of a student. And what, may I ask, could be better than that?

Sadie Frank is a resident of Carrboro and a rising eighth-grader at McDougle Middle School.

BIZ BEAT

Economic malaise persists



MARGOT C. LESTER

With unemployment continuing and credit markets remaining tight, the folks in charge of the balance sheet are understandably pessimistic. This according to the Quar-

terly Economic Outlook Survey by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and UNC's **Kenan-Flagler Business School**. The survey polled 1,584 CPAs serving as financial executives (CEOs, CFOs and controllers). More information and full poll results are available at aicpa.org.

Forty percent were downright pessimistic, an increase from 25 percent in the last quarter. About 20 percent said they were optimistic. More depressingly, a whopping 78 percent think U.S. business conditions won't rebound to pre-recession levels until 2012 or later. Ouch.

"Uncertainty about the sustainability of the recovery continues to limit planned invest-

ment and hiring," said UNC Kenan-Flagler accounting professor Mark Lang via a press release. "The next few months will be crucial in determining whether uncertainty resolves to the point where firms are willing to significantly increase spending and hiring."

Another survey, this one by financial software developer Sageworks, says independent retailers have watched sales drop 2 percent this year. That's on top of a reported 8 percent decline last year. By comparison, publicly traded retailers experienced a 0.5 percent uptick year-to-date, plus a 0.4 percent increase in 2009. Not huge gains, but a marked difference in performance compared to independent

shops. Sageworks analysts attribute the gap to small businesses' limited influence with suppliers and smaller advertising budgets. Additionally, many private retailers specialize in "boutique" items, not the mainstream stuff folks buy more frequently.

One local retailer seeing a decline doesn't blame the economy because we usually go up every year a little bit," she says. "In 2009, we were up 5.14 percent over 2008."

Jenkins expects traffic to pick up when the **Chapel Hill Library** opens a mall branch later this year. In the meantime, the 25-year retail veteran is taking matters into her own hands. "I'm back on the sales floor because I love to sell, I'm good at it and so sales go up," she

laughs. "And I've thought up ridiculous promotions, like Ducking for Discounts, where you get to pick a duck out of the tub of water for a discount. Next we're going to have a worst-pan contest, where you bring in your worst pan and get some percent off a new one. We're going to put the yucky ones in the window and give a big prize to the winner."

She's also planning special in-store events, like book signings and demos. If you want to keep up with what's going on, email kworks@mindspring.com to get on the mailing list.

Some relief may be in sight, at least for Orange County small businesses. The Orange County Board of Commissioners recently voted to commit an additional \$200,000 to the **Small Business Loan Program**. Eligibility requirements and application procedures are available by emailing dschmitt@co.orange.nc.us, calling 245-2327 or visiting the co.orange.nc.us/ecodev.

Keller Williams busy

Lots of news coming out of **Keller Williams Chapel Hill** recently. The brokerage announced the formation of a commercial services division headed by Mike Clayton. He merged his company, **Clayton Commercial Real Estate**, with the firm to create the new KW Commercial Chapel Hill. Brokers in the group include David Morgan, Mike Hickey, David Bellin and Chris Nesbitt. For more information, visit KWCommercialChapelHill.com.

The residential division announced a new hire and a free workshop for area agents. Earlier this month, the firm welcomed a new agent, Wei Liu, as a residential broker. KW broker Rachel Leber will offer a free workshop on Internet marketing for all area brokers on Sept. 15, at 12:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 1516 E. Franklin St. in Chapel Hill. Contact Rachel@LeberRealEstate.com for more information or to register.

OBITUARIES

Homer Morrow

Homer Morrow passed away August 16, 2010. Homer was born to the late George and Viola Harley Morrow on October 14, 1941 in Orange County. He attended Chatham County Schools. He later moved to Carrboro, N.C. and was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

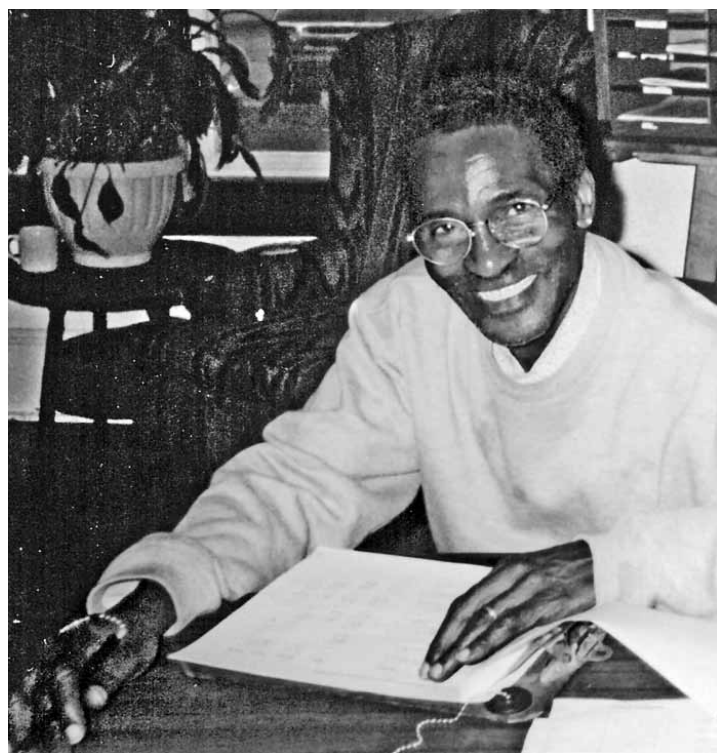
Homer was well-known throughout the Carrboro and Chapel Hill communities, as well as the UNC campus. Homer loved people. He always kept a smile on his face. Everywhere Homer went, everyone seemed to know him. Walking with him, one repeatedly heard, "Hey, Homer!" Homer was known as the "unofficial" mayor of Carrboro.

He loved playing his guitar and singing. He had a beautiful voice and sang with The Friendly Gospel Singers and traveled with them many places. Homer performed for Club Nova, singing at funerals, memorials, birthdays and other special events, including a wedding on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans.

He had a favorite hobby. Anyone who knew Homer knows what that was: He loved to wash cars. He washed cars for many people. He even had a slogan: "Your car ain't been washed until it's been washed by Homer." So, if you were one of the lucky ones who got your car washed by Homer, you may have seen your car turning a corner in town or in the country. Guess who's driving with a big smile on his face? Yep - it was Homer!

Homer was part of the Club Nova community, where he had many friends and was well loved. For more than 20 years, his contributions to Club Nova were immeasurable and made a difference in the lives of many. His long-time friend and colleague, Karen Kincaid Dunn, will miss him immensely. Carrboro will never be the same without Homer. If you knew Homer, your life was enriched.

In his final days, he was surrounded by his extended loving family and his Club Nova family. He leaves to cherish his memories three sisters, Elizabeth Massey-Berry of Pittsboro, N.C. and Hannah Burnette (Homer's twin sister) and Sally Ann (Roger) Murchinson, both of Durham, N.C., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins



and many wonderful and special friends.

A service will be held at Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Bethel-Hickory Grove Church Road, Chapel Hill, this Saturday, August 21 at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. David L. Massey officiating.

Paula Hoffmann

Paula Vandervoort Hoffman, of 504 Erwin Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. died on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at N.C. Memorial Hospital, the result of a stroke suffered the previous weekend.

Affectionately known as Polly, she was the youngest of eight children, and was named for the newly elected pope at the time, Pope Paul VI. Born June 27, 1963 in Somerville, N.J., she moved with the family from North Plainfield down to Chapel Hill. Her formative years were spent back up in New Jersey, where she did her schooling in Rumson, graduating from Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School in 1981.

She stayed there in the Jersey shore area and, with skills she developed in fine-furniture refinishing, carved out a niche in the wealthy Monmouth County area. She was blessed with a fine singing voice and guitar talent that made her a favorite in every music venue she played. In the last years of her life, she settled in the Chapel Hill area, not far from Vance Street, where the family resided in the

'60s. Health problems made her unable to continue on with the rigors of her craft, but she still made positive contributions to those she was close to in her own way. She was devoted to her cats, her music and leaving a light footprint on this Earth. She is survived by her mother, Gloria Hoffman, of Carillon Extended Care Facility in Hillsborough, N.C.; brothers, H. Stewart Hoffman III of Milton, Fla., David K. Hoffman of Merlin, Ore., Geoffrey E. Hoffman of Chapel Hill, Damian M. Hoffman of Carrboro, N.C.; and sisters, Hilary S. Hoffman McCain of Whiting, N.J. and Joan St. Claire (Hoffman) of Galloway, N.J. She is pre-deceased by her father, Herbert S. Hoffman II, and sister, Alice A. Hoffman McCormick. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, along with extended family members, foremostly, her friend and companion, Angie Ammons.

The family would like to especially thank the professional, attentive staff of the ICUs and ER at N.C. Memorial Hospital, and the clergy from St. Thomas More Catholic Church for their spiritual comfort and pastoral care. As with Polly's wishes, in lieu of flowers or donations, the Hoffmans ask a contribution be made in her name to the Orange County Humane Society. She will be interred at the family plot in Somerville, N.J.

Business Briefs

Locopops expands

You may already have seen the serve-yourself **Locopops** freezers at the three Weaver Street Market locations. Now you'll be able to get Loco on the UNC campus. Founder Summer Bicknell inked a deal with UNC Dining to operate a cart on campus. "We're effectively moving our Franklin Street store to the Pit," Bicknell reports. The Franklin Street store closed Sunday and the cart in the Pit debuted today (Thursday). It will operate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, weather permitting. (lovelocopops.com)

Wootini moves

Gallery and boutique **Wootini** has relocated to 110 Lloyd St., sharing a building with **The Merch** and **MiniCassetteTees.com**. According to owner Michael Maher, the move will allow Wootini to extend its hours later into the evening and potentially do some exhibitions al fresco. No word yet on when the new space will be open for business. (wootini.com)

Local techcos active

Three Chapel Hill technology companies made news this month. **Cardioxyl Pharmaceuticals**

Inc., a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company, "achieved positive safety and tolerability results" in the initial clinical trial of its heart-failure therapy, CXL-1020. The compound is for the treatment of patients with acute decompensated heart failure, which results in more than one million hospitalizations in the U.S. annually. (cardioxyl.com)

Wastewater treatment solutions provider **Entex Technologies Inc.** was named one of 25 North Carolina Companies to Watch by the **Council for Entrepreneurial Development** in RTP. This is the first "class" in the recognition program, which honors growth-stage entrepreneurial companies based on market performance, innovative products and other qualities. (entexinc.com)

Intrepid Company signed a consulting engagement with StatSheet, an online sports data visualization and analysis firm. Intrepid will assist in the development of team-focused sites. Building the system and the site network requires a unique mix of technology and creative, as well as an in-depth knowledge of the mechanics of writing, social media and the sports themselves. (intrepidcompany.com)

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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Nice is Nice

Those are the nicest things that have ever been said to me in Raleigh and definitely in Chapel Hill also. - - - Mike Krzyzewski, after his national championship victory.

School Briefs

Board to hire firm for superintendent search

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education voted last week to request proposals from outside firms to aid in the search for the district's next superintendent.

The move follows Superintendent Neil Pedersen's July announcement that he will retire at the end of next June. The board will issue a request for proposals and hear from firms over the next few months, with a goal of having a firm selected by the end of the calendar year.

Board members decided against conducting the search on their own, saying they did not think they were qualified to do so and that district staff did not have the time. The board also decided not to use the N.C. School Board Association, though it has conducted many superintendent searches across North Carolina.

Anonymous donor gives to BRMA

An anonymous donor has given more than \$5,000 to the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program for students to purchase school supplies.

BRMA focuses on improving the achievement of black and Latino students. Earlier this month, the donor arrived at the BRMA offices to deliver 50 \$110 gift cards for BRMA students to use during North Carolina's tax-free weekend. The donor made a similar gift last year.

For more information about BRMA, visit chccs.k12.nc.us/education/dept/dept.php?sectionid=5127

ECHHS students win space settlement contest

A team of East Chapel Hill High School students was one of 12 teams from around the world invited to participate in the International Space Settlement Design Competition, held July 31-Aug. 2 at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Team members are Alexis Cotton, Marc Jutras, Alexander Kampov-Polevoi, Lori Kim and Birger Hennings, with coach Brad Miller, an ECHHS physics teacher, and assistant coach Adam Gray, a UNC student. Hennings, team captain, was named Best Male Presenter at the competition.

Teams were asked to design a space settlement for more than 24,000 inhabitants in the Valles Marineris region of Mars.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

- Aug. 17-24 – Teacher workdays
- Aug. 25 – First day of school for grades 1-12
- Aug. 25-26 – Kindergarten orientation
- Aug. 27 – First day of kindergarten
- Sept. 6 – Labor Day Holiday

Note that school bus schedules change frequently during the month of August. Visit the district's website at chccs.k12.nc.us for up-to-date schedules. Schools also post printed copies of their schedules.

Orange County Schools

- Aug. 25 – First day of school
- Sept. 6 – Labor Day Holiday



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Message from the superintendent

NEIL PEDERSEN



The first goal in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' strategic plan is for "all students to graduate prepared for the 21st Century as high-achieving learners, possessing world language skills, global awareness, technology competence, communication skills, creativity, critical thinking, and the ability to work effectively as a member of a diverse team." The school board approved a set of priorities in July that are consistent with this goal and that will guide the administration's time and resources for the 2010-11 school year.

The highest-prioritized strategies are intended to support the district in ensuring that all students are academically proficient and graduate from high school prepared to pursue higher education or a career. Each school has a prevention/intervention plan that is to be followed when students begin to run into academic or behavioral problems in school. The intent is to catch students early and get them back on track quickly. Each student who is academically at-risk is to have a Personal Education Plan that outlines in detail the supports that will be put in place.

Another board priority is to strengthen our literacy program. Reading, writing and oral communication skills are essential for success in most subject areas. In recent years, our focus, rightly so, has been on the elementary grades. However, literacy skills need to continue to be honed in middle school and students need to develop literacy skills in

each discipline. The district will be implementing a new middle school literacy framework this year to better educate all students. The board also has asked the administration to evaluate intervention strategies in grades K-12 for students who are experiencing difficulty with literacy and to en-

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sure that we have a wide array of alternative strategies for students who are not acquiring necessary literacy skills.

Educational research supports the common sense notion that the more time students spend on a skill or subject, the more they will improve. Consequently, the board has directed the administration to consider expanding the time that students spend in school. This could be in the form of a longer school year for some students, extended day programs or weekend

learning opportunities.

The other high-priority strategy that the board supported was for the administration to begin immediately to determine how it can save up to \$7 million in operating costs. This is the amount of federal and state funding that we could lose in 2011-12. Having made reductions in our budget for the last four years, it will be especially difficult and painful to consider further cuts that, necessarily, would have to impact the quality and scope of the education that our students receive.

Although, according to the state constitution, our first priority is to provide a "sound, basic education" to all students, we have an obligation to the young people and families in this community to do much more than that. One of our priorities is to ensure that teachers design schoolwork that truly engages our learners. This means that students need to be

es. We also must strive to ensure that students who take honors or Advanced Placement courses are well supported, including students with educational disabilities.

Also at the high school level, we want to better publicize and support alternative pathways leading to high school graduation. We have career and thematic academies at our high schools in the arts, international studies, social justice, health fields, finance and information technology. Students also can attend the Middle College program at Durham Tech during their junior and senior years and earn one year or more of college credit. Phoenix Academy is now designated as an alternative high school serving students who are not meeting with much success in comprehensive high schools. We also encourage as many students

as possible to take at least one college-level course through the Advanced Placement program, the state's Learn and Earn Online system or Middle College. These alternatives have been established in recognition that "one size does not fit all" students.

The 2010-11 school year is shaping up as another year filled with exciting challenges for our students and staff. As always, we greatly appreciate the value that this community places on our school system and the financial support that we receive from the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Neil Pedersen is superintendent of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

TAXES

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If voters approve the sales-tax increase, the Orange County sales-tax rate, which would apply to all goods and services except food and medicine, will increase from 7.75 percent to 8 percent. According to County Manager Frank Clifton, the tax could generate \$2.3 million annually, though revenues for fiscal year 2010-11 would be minimal due to the timing of the tax's implementation.

In its 2007 budget, the legislature gave counties the option of a quarter-cent sales-tax increase or a 0.4 percent land-transfer tax to help compensate for money taken away from counties when the responsibility for paying for Medic-

aid was turned over to the state. As a result of that budget, counties lost state-supplied school-construction money and some sales-tax revenue.

Orange County voters overwhelmingly rejected a transfer-tax referendum in May 2008.

Some residents said they would like to see the tax used to fund schools.

Desiree Goldman, legislative affairs director for the Greater Chapel Hill Association of Realtors, said the funds should go toward schools as well as economic development.

"We think the schools are absolutely critical to the vitality ... of our county," she said.

Tony McKnight, chair of the Orange County Schools Board of Education, asked commissioners to dedicate all of the tax proceeds

to schools, citing nearly \$7 million in lost OCS funding over the past two years.

Bill Whitmore, president of the Greater Chapel Hill Association of Realtors, said that while his organization is not generally in favor of any more taxes, it would support the quarter-cent sales tax.

"The cost burden will be equally distributed, it is non-regressive by design and a portion of it will be paid by the kind visitors who pass through the county," he said. "We must change the dependence on real property owners."

County officials are eager to explore new revenue sources for Orange County, as property tax makes up more than 75 percent of the county's total revenue. Board members have listed economic development, schools, debt service

and libraries as possible priorities for funding by the sales-tax revenue increase.

Commissioner Steve Yuhasz said he was ready to allocate at least some of the funding toward economic development.

"I think the only question that remains, at least in my mind, is how much of the tax will go toward economic development," he said.

Board members also said they would like to look at putting time limits on funding specific items.

"I don't want to see us make an indefinite commitment," Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier said.

The board will discuss how to allocate the possible funds at a work session today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center on Homestead Road.

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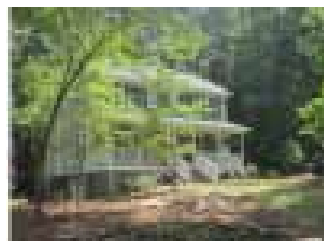
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Touch softly devil's walking stick's armored stem.

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FLORA
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This small tree is fairly common along streams and in low moist areas scattered throughout our state. It's seldom noticed until large clusters of small cream-colored flowers or dark purple-black berries show up along forested roadsides. The 2-to-4-foot-wide double-compound

leaves are unforgettable.

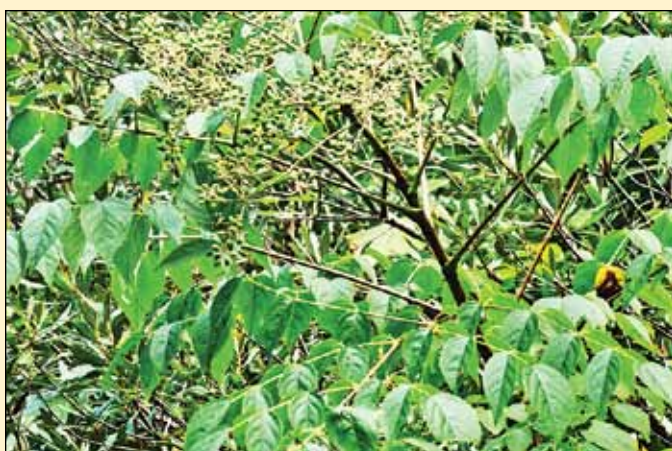
If you discover the plant during a leisurely walking excursion, you will notice menacing thorns armoring the stems. Since devil's walking stick commonly suckers, you'll most likely find a grove or thicket of those spiny stems. You dare not grab hold, for obvious reasons. Only the Devil, himself, would dare do that.

It's interesting that devil's walking stick shares close kinship with two quite different plants: ubiquitous English ivy, *Hedera helix*, and the much-revered magical herb, ginseng, *Panax quinquefolium*. All three bear tiny flowers in globe-shaped clusters characteristic of the plant family, *Araliaceae*.

For easy viewing, there is a thicket at the edge of the big magnolia grove in the Coker Arboretum. And there is a smaller thicket along the edge of the sand hill habitat just inside the cattail gate at the N.C. Botanical Garden. Regular commuters up and down South Columbia Street may notice the thicket along the woodland edge near the Ambulatory Care Center. Keep your eyes open for other *Aralia* spottings.

And about that Occaneechee Mountain fern glade, don't wait for my description; enjoy discovering it yourself.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Once discovered, you'll never forget devil's walking stick.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Sneaky praying mantis finds the flower and berry clusters of devil's walking stick a great dining hall.

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Bolin Creek Trail

Dave Otto's fine exhibit "Bolin Creek Trail: A Community Treasure" has delighted University Mall shoppers and passers-by all summer. Dave, whose keen eye misses little, says the 92-photo spread aims to "illustrate the natural beauty of the Bolin Creek corridor and the joy of people using the Bolin Creek Trail for recreation, exercise and transportation." One of Dave's favorite images freezes this sweet moment in time: (left to right) Skylar Potts, Hanne Parks, Morgan Potts pushing his son, Silas, in the stroller, Brenda Nielsen and her husband, Glenn Parks. If you haven't seen the exhibit yet, go check out Dave's work – and then, go take a hike!



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