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Evergreen mistletoe is a year-round magical plant. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Mistletoe in the news

Mistletoe was in the news last week. An article in Raleigh's *News & Observer* described mistletoe gathering from canoes; there was mention in *Flora* that mistletoe might appear on Carrboro's giant wreath (and it is, hanging up beneath the triple red bow); *Chapel Hill News* pictured the Carrboro Town wreath, including mention of mistletoe; and a friend shared the *Guardian's* story describing the increasing rarity of mistletoe in England.

The story from the *Guardian* is worth a long pause:

"Conservationists warn today that mistletoe, favourite plant both of pagans and stealers of Christmas kisses, could vanish from the nation's halls and doorways within 20 years."

The National Trust fears that the decline of traditional apple orchards may cause this curious plant to disappear or, at least, be much harder to obtain. European mistletoe, *Viscum album*, a tree parasite, is prolific in English apple orchards. National Trust ecologist Peter Brash the *Guardian* that such a result would be a sad loss: "Mistletoe is part of our Christmas heritage and has a special place in a wonderful winter landscape."

The *Guardian* wrote that environmental consultant and mistletoe expert Jonathan Briggs, a traditionalist who keeps mistletoe in his house all year to ward off evil spirits, said that "mistletoe would migrate to bigger, non-orchard trees and so become harder to reach. This could turn it into a much more expensive product or prompt people to rely on cheaper foreign imports. 'A Christmas kiss could become more expensive.'"

SEE FLORA PAGE 10

Changing old perceptions a big task for new economic-development initiative

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

This is the second in a series of articles on new economic-development initiatives in Orange County. The first article, on an effort to set up a new economic-development corporation is at <http://www.carrborocitizen.com/main/2010/12/09/for-local-economic-development-collaboration-the-new-buzz-word/>

Call it the Southern Orange 80/20 rule, a kind of informal target for the mix of residential to commercial tax base.

Two decades ago, you would occasionally hear an elected official or policymaker talk about maintaining that 80/20 mix.

Now, not so much. With growing budget pressures, already-high property-tax rates and a lingering reputation of being anti-business, there is a general consensus that Orange County and its municipalities have to revise strategies.

In the past few years, Carrboro and Chapel Hill have expanded their economic-development efforts.

Chapel Hill set up an economic-development office and hired a full-time director in 2007. Carrboro maintains an office of economic and community development, which in addition to overseeing economic-development initiatives manages the town's human-services grant program and affordable-housing efforts.

Now, with an effort to draw together local governments, the university and the business community in an economic-development collaboration, there comes the task of creating a structure and direction all parties can agree on. Then there's the job of reversing a perception that has snowballed since Jesse Helms started railing against Hippy Hill.

Too much success

If there really was an 80/20 rule, you might say it was a roaring success, especially in Chapel Hill, which throughout the 1980s and '90s tightened development ordinances and placed an emphasis on neighborhood protection. Stormwater runoff and

traffic impacts were given greater scrutiny and the time developers could expect for review lengthened.

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said that while the standards and safeguards put in place then were important, they fed into the perception the town was anti-business.

"Unfortunately, it created a momentum," he said of the mythical 20 percent target. "We overshot that to our detriment."

With the town's commercial tax base now hovering at around 15 percent, he said, the town has to work hard to reverse the trend.

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Classical string players Margaret Dyer and Jennifer Curtis share a laugh with local rock legend Dexter Romweber during a jam session after a house concert in southern Orange County last weekend. Curtis, who grew up in Chapel Hill, said she learned to skateboard and play drums thanks to Romweber's sister, Sara. At the concert, the New York-based players performed an array of intricate duets and solos, highlighting Curtis' Stradivarius, which turned 333 on Saturday. A video excerpt of the jam session can be seen on *The Citizen's* MILL Blog, carrborocitizen.com/mill

PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS

OWASA extends comment period on forestry plan

BY VICKY DICKSON
Staff Writer

"The only thing you haven't done is cut it and float the logs down Cane Creek," said Patrick Mulkey to the Orange Water and Sewage Authority's board of directors at the board's Dec. 9 meeting. In response to concerns like that, the board has extended the public-comment period for the utility's draft forestry-management plan for 1,900 acres in Orange and Chatham counties. It also promised that staff will prepare a detailed report addressing all of the comments that are received and make it available in early 2011.

OWASA owns more than 3,700 acres of land, mostly forest that was purchased to protect the water sup-

ply. It has been working with the N.C. Division of Forest Resources, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, the Duke Forest manager and True North Forest Management Services on a management plan for the forest. But when the plan was presented at a public forum at Maple View Agricultural Center on Nov. 30, county residents expressed strong opposition, citing concerns about the use of herbicides, the effects of clear cuts on wildlife, the disruption caused by forestry operations and the effects of the plan on drinking water. Several residents also protested that they had not been informed about the plan or the meeting and called for more time to provide feedback.

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County approves \$1.47-million clinic expansion

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted 6-1 on Tuesday to approve plans for a \$1.47-million expansion to the county's medical and dental clinic in Hillsborough.

Last week, the board postponed the decision, citing a need for more clarity in how the project would be funded.

The commissioners voted in September to close the county dental clinic at Carr Mill Mall and consolidate dental services at the Hillsborough clinic, which county officials said would yield \$113,000 in annual savings and provide increased access to care through extended operating hours. The \$1.47-million renovation of the dental and health clinics will be funded with Medicaid Maxi-

mization and Dental Equipment capital project funds, which can only be used for programs that have provided care to Medicaid patients.

The county operates a dental clinic at Carr Mill Mall two days a week and one at the Whitted Human Services Center on West Tryon Street in Hillsborough three days a week. Under the approved plan, the Hillsborough dental clinic will serve patients five days a week when the Carrboro clinic closes. County officials have said they will offer vouchers to qualifying dental patients for transportation to the Hillsborough clinic.

Commissioners stressed that they would like to develop a long-term plan for dental services that would include a clinic in the southern part of the county.

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Towns to convene day labor task force

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

For years, day laborers have unofficially assembled near the intersection of Jones Ferry and Davie roads hoping to be picked up for a few hours' work. When a contractor arrives, would-be workers surround the car asking to be chosen; a few are selected, hop in the car and are gone within seconds.

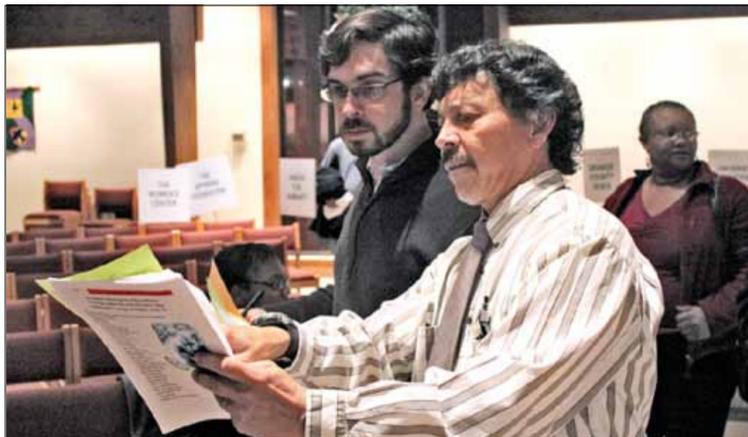
But day laborers — mostly Latino immigrants — don't know if they'll be paid or how many hours they'll be expected to work without a break. Contractors don't know the workers they pick up or whether they'll

do the work they promise to do. And neighbors of the unofficial day-laborer station have concerns about loitering and the issues that it brings.

"Our work is very hard, and also carries a lot of risk," Alberto Rodriguez, a day laborer said through a translator to an assembly of Orange County Justice United members last week. "When we get a day of work, we don't know if the contractor is going to pay us."

"We are hoping that a well-organized place can be created — a center where we can feel respected and work with pride," Rodriguez said.

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Immigrant advocate Mauricio Castro and Alex Bidot of Habitat for Humanity confer during the recent meeting of Orange County Justice United.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

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The return of Larry Drew

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MUSIC CALENDAR



DON DIXON
Local 506
Saturday, Dec. 18

THURSDAY DEC 16

BadDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm

Cat's Cradle: Christmas at the Cradle to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society with The Trecky Yuletide Orchestra, The dB's, The Old Ceremony, Filthybird, Phil Cook and His Feat, The Tender Fruit, Yardwork, Cassis Orange, In The Year Of The Pig. 7:30pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Jason Myles Goss LATE: George Tisdale Band.

General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani Band. 7pm

Local 506: Spiralfire, Temporary Empire, Brainbows. 9pm. \$6

The Station at Southern Rail: The Dave Spencer Blues Consortium. 9:30pm

FRIDAY DEC 17

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Penny Prophets, Stella Lively

General Store Cafe: Nikki Meets the Hibachi. 8pm

Local 506: The Whiskey Smugglers, The Pneurotics, Gambling the Muse. 10pm. \$5

Nightlight: Big Picture, Pinche Gringo, Mark Holland. 9:30pm. \$5

SATURDAY DEC 18

Cat's Cradle: K.O. Kid, King Mez, Afika NX, The Apple Juice Kid, Evolewtion. 9pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Williams and the Cavalry LATE: Michael Kelsh Stu Cole

General Store Cafe: Triology. 7pm

Local 506: Luego, Don Dixon, BJ Barham. 9pm. \$6

Nightlight: Spermcount, Seamus Kenney, The Michael Hurley Cover Band, Crowmeat ob, Joe Hendrix, DJ Steph Russ. 7pm. Free

Open Eye Cafe: Dylan Gilbert.

SUNDAY DEC 19

The Cave: LATE: 7th Annual Evil Wiener X-Mas Show. \$5

Local 506: The Dogwoods, Lizzy Ross Band, Greg Humphreys, Michael Holland

TUESDAY DEC 21

The Cave: EARLY: Holiday Saxophone Ensemble

WEDNESDAY DEC 22

Cat's Cradle: Great Dog Almighty, Baby Copperhead, Limbs. 8:30pm. \$5

The Cave: Jim Watson's 25 Annual X-Mas Show. 8pm. \$5

THURSDAY DEC 23

BadDa Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm

Cat's Cradle: Wyatt Easterling. 8pm. \$15

Nightlight: Viswas Chitnis, David van Dokkum, DJ Luxe Posh

MUSIC SPOTLIGHTS



Big Fat Gap Christmas Revival

The Big Fat Gap Christmas Revival will be held Sunday, Dec. 19 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Local 506.

Big Fat Gap is a back-porch bluegrass band that has no plans to take Nashville by storm. They just like to pick, and their shows are known to be excellent for those who enjoy sweet three-part harmonies, smoking solos and captivating stage dynamics.

The Dogwoods (Mandolin Orange, Drughorse, Ryan Gustafson), the Lizzy Ross Band, Greg Humphreys and Michael Holland will also perform.

Tickets are \$6.



Penny Prophets

Penny Prophets will perform on Friday, Dec. 17 at 10 p.m. at the Cave.

Not your average super-group, Penny Prophets is a Frankenstein assembly of Randy Whitt & The Grits (bass player Josh Sokal, drummer Matt Brown and Randy Whitt himself) with Jaybirds duo Jamie Sneeringer (on guitar and vocal) and Susie Hicks (on violin and keyboards).

Stella Lively will open the show. The band started out as more of a project – a collection of songs written by Ashley Carter and a few talented friends. Carter's songs are crafted with a spooky storyteller's vibe – atmospheric indie rock with more than a hint of cow punk.

Pagan Hellcats will kick off the evening with their x-mas special at 7:30 p.m.



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Briefs

Chief to be sworn in

Chris Blue, a 13-year veteran of the Chapel Hill Police Department, will be sworn in as Chapel Hill Police Chief in a ceremony Friday at the Hargraves Center from 4 to 6 p.m. Blue has held the positions of assistant chief, captain, lieutenant, sergeant, patrol officer and crime-prevention officer in the community-services unit. He moved to Chapel Hill when he was 12. He lived on Elizabeth Street and attended Phillips Junior High School and Chapel Hill High School. Blue, an avid marathoner, has a bachelor's degree in radio, television and motion pictures from UNC and a master's degree in public administration from N.C. State. He is president of the N.C. Police Executives Association and past president of Volunteers for Youth.

Holiday schedule for Carrboro

Town of Carrboro administrative offices will be closed Dec. 20-24, with all town offices re-opening on Dec. 27. Residential garbage collection will be on a normal schedule for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Routes that are normally collected on Dec. 23-24 will be collected Dec. 22. Routes that are normally collected on Dec. 27 will be collected on Dec. 28. Loose-leaf collection will be suspended starting on Dec. 20 and will restart Dec. 27.

Winter commencement this weekend

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Morehead Alumni Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, will speak at UNC's December Commencement. Sayre-McCord, recently returned from a year as a lecturer at Oxford University, specializes in moral theory and metaethics, which explores the nature and status of moral thought. The ceremony will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Smith Center on the UNC campus.

County OKs new soccer field

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted on Tuesday to approve the installation of an artificial-turf soccer field at Cedar Falls Park. The project will be funded using money from the Soccer Superfund, created by the Parks and Open Space Bond approved by voters in 2001. Funds were initially appropriated for the first phase of Twin Creeks Park north of Carrboro, but county officials later determined that the funding was insufficient for the planned park. Commissioners re-appropriated the funds to reconfigure an existing damaged youth baseball field at Cedar Falls Park, on Weaver Dairy Road across from East Chapel Hill High School. The funding will allow for the installation of an artificial-turf field in place of the existing field.

WERA earns Reynolds grant

Mebane's West End Revitalization Association has been awarded a two-year operating grant of \$70,000 by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. WERA president Omega Wilson said the organization's focus over the next two years will be expanding innovative ways to leverage grant money for the installation of safe drinking water and first-time sewer services for Mebane's low-income minority communities of West End, White Level and Buckhorn/Perry Hill. The City of Mebane has provided matching funds for millions of dollars in block-grant projects that initiated first-time sewer-services installations for more than 90 low-income homes with health risks due to failed backyard septic systems.

LABORER

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The mayors of Carrboro and Chapel Hill committed last week to work toward improving the day laborers' situation by convening a task force that will examine and address the surrounding issues.

"It's a very difficult situation that requires people to think specifically," said Mauricio Castro, a member of Justice United's immigrant family action team. "It requires also different sectors to be involved."

The immigrant family action team has been taking an in-depth look at the day-laborer issues and building relationships with the workers to determine what is needed and wanted as a solution.

The team asked the mayors, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce President Aaron Nelson and Carlo Robustelli, director of Durham Tech's Orange County Operations, to publicly commit to the task force.

"I think this is an issue of real concern to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen," Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton told Justice United members, adding that he wants to work toward "having a permanent, safe location where day laborers can seek work."

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said people in Chapel Hill often incorrectly regard the issues surrounding day labor as a problem for other jurisdictions.

"It is our community often where the employment actually takes place and where the employers are from and where the employees live," he said. "It is as much a challenge for Chapel Hill ... as it is for Carrboro or

Orange County. "This is an issue I care about," he added.

Past issues

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved an anti-linger ordinance for the intersection of Jones Ferry and Davie in November 2007 after residents of the surrounding neighborhood complained of public consumption, public urination and garbage in the areas around the intersection. The ordinance prohibits waiting at the intersection from 11 a.m. until 5 a.m.

There were murmurs of creating an official day-laborer station in 2009 when after police reported that the ordinance appeared to

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be working, neighbors said problems continued. But plans for the station never took shape.

"This has been something that flares up every now and then," Castro said. "It never goes anywhere."

Castro's team has been researching the issues over the past several months and he hopes the task force can come up with a viable solution. The group has looked at official day-laborer stations in other cities, talked with the day laborers that gather in Carrboro and attempted, with little success, to contact contractors who hire the workers.

"We feel that at this point, we have quite enough info that indicates there is a tremendous interest in finding a viable center," Castro said.

Challenges

Because the hiring process at the Jones Ferry/Davie gathering spot is unofficial and so fast, Castro said his group has had a hard time connecting with contractors who hire day laborers.

"We are hoping that by connecting through the chamber of commerce that we're going to begin to build some sort of a relationship that is more formal and looking at the best interests of those who hire [the workers]," he said.

Castro said he has heard concerns regarding possible locations of the day-laborer station, but none from day laborers. The current gathering spot is close to several apartment complexes that are home to many Latino immigrants.

"I think that's a conversation that we are going to open up with them very soon too," he said. "Whether transportation are issues of concern or whether the location is a concern."

The group also wants to correct the perception that all day laborers are undocumented immigrants.

"The perception is that these people are all undocumented, but that's not true. We have learned that a lot of them are not," Castro said.

There is a long way to go, he added, but for now the task force will continue the work of Justice United's team.

"At this point, the place is not going anywhere. It is still a work in progress and we are taking an approach of being very realistic about the situation," Castro said. "We feel that if this is done correctly ... that there will be protection for the workers as well as for the people who hire them."

CLINIC

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"I do think the time has passed that we seriously talk strategically about how we're going to provide a dual model for dental clinic services, particularly in southern Orange County. I think that it's going to be clear to us soon that the needs are not going to diminish - they're going to be greater," Commissioner Valerie Foushee said.

Commissioner Alice Gordon agreed.

"That's the problem - not that there isn't a need for something better at the Hillsborough location," Gordon said. "There are going to be needs for the citizens in Chapel Hill and Carrboro and it's not clear how they're going to manage to travel to Hillsborough and so forth."

The vote to close the Carrboro clinic has drawn criticism from Carrboro and Chapel Hill officials, who have expressed

concern that residents of the southern part of the county would forego care if that clinic were closed.

The clinic redesign, intended to serve county health and dental clinic needs for seven to 10 years, includes structural improvements to the building. If commissioners open bidding and award a bid in January, the project is estimated to be completed in June.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to approve a timeline for the county's Unified

OWASA

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At the Dec. 9 meeting, chair Gordon Merklein pointed out that the board "very much appreciates the interest in and feedback about the draft plan." He also stated that the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen have requested OWASA not to act on the forestry-management plan at this time.

At the public hearing that followed Merklein's remarks, Myra Dotson and Michael Hughes spoke in addition to Mulkey. Dotson, speaking on behalf of the Sewage Sludge Action Network, told of living just across the road from the sludge fields off Orange Grove Road. She expressed her concern that timbered areas would be used for spreading sludge. Hughes, with the Clean Water Coalition, said the biggest issue with the plan is that it's a traditional logging plan, one in which "quality refers to marketability" rather than diversity and sustainability.

"We believe OWASA must drop the plan and start from scratch with a new one," Hughes said.

The draft forest-management plan is available online at owasa.org/whatwedo/ForestManagementPlan.aspx

Development Ordinance that continues the public hearing on the ordinance until Feb. 28, with adoption of the ordinance scheduled for April 5.

Also on Tuesday, the board voted to approve 91 percent of the Orange County/Alamance County line, with the remaining 9 percent of the line to be determined by the end of 2012. The counties are attempting to deliver a plat of the boundary for incorporation into a 2011 General Assembly local bill that resolves the disputed boundary.

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Christmas and New Year's Holiday Schedule
Orange County Solid Waste Management

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Solid Waste Convenience Centers and the Orange County Landfill including associated services such as the hazardous waste collection and mulch sales **will CLOSE EARLY 2:00 pm on Friday December 24 and Friday December 31. They will be CLOSED Saturday December 25 and Saturday January 1.**

Orange County Solid Waste Administrative Office will be CLOSED December 24, 27, 28, and 31.
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Briefs



Maggie Burnett, recipient of the W. Calvin Horton Service Award, surrounded by the other nominees

Burnett honored

Maggie Burnett, office manager for the Chapel Hill Public Works Department and an employee with the town for 34 years, received the W. Calvin Horton Service Award, given to an employee who brings credit to the town with exceptional contributions to the community.

Town Manager Roger Stancil selected Burnett based on information and recommendations from an employee committee.

Other nominees for the award were Carmen Cole, grants coordinator for Transit; Nate Davis, Hargraves Center supervisor for Parks and Recreation; Cary Degraffenreid, stormwater crew supervisor for Stormwater Management; Harold Scarborough, solid-waste operator for Public Works; M.C. Russell, senior engineering inspector for Public Works; and the late Sandy Kline, who served as communications manager and deputy clerk for Communications and Public Affairs.

Potluck at St. Thomas More

The first annual Job Network Holiday Potluck will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room 110 of the new Parish Center at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church.

Events include a discussion of local job-search efforts and mini-clinics, contests and prize giveaways.

Salute to Community Heroes

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual Salute to Community Heroes tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8:30 at University Mall. The salute honors men and women committed to making the community a safe place to live, work and play, recognizing the Carrboro and Chapel Hill Police Officers of the Year and Firefighters of the Year, the Orange County Deputy Sheriff of the Year, the UNC Department of Public Safety Officer of the Year and the Orange County EMS Employee of the Year.

Recipients of the chamber's Town & Gown award, the Citizen of the Year award, the Jim Gibson Volunteer of the Year award and the Irene Briggaman Lifetime Achievement award will be announced.

The event includes refreshments and a performance by the UNC Loreleis.

Phillips Ambassador

William K. "Keith" Funkhouser III of Chapel Hill has been named a Phillips Ambassador and will receive a scholarship for UNC undergraduates designed to broaden awareness of Asia.

Funkhouser will study at the National University of Singapore with the Honors-University Scholars Exchange program this spring. A double major in biology and biostatistics at UNC's Gillings School of Global Public Health, he graduated from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham.

Phillips ambassadors are chosen twice each year and are selected based on their academic achievement and commitment to activities, service and leadership roles in the classroom and community.

Chatham tree recycling

Chatham County Waste Management is encouraging residents to recycle their trees by taking advantage of a post-holiday period when real trees will be accepted at no charge.

The county's Christmas Treecycle Program will grind recycled trees into a mulch product to be sold in the spring. County residents can bring their real trees to the Main Waste Management Facility at no charge from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 28-30, Jan. 3-7 and Jan. 10-14. Those interested in donating their trees must remove all decorations, tinsel, bulbs, wire, bolts, stands and pots. Artificial trees will not be accepted but can be donated to the Swap Shops at Chatham County Collection Centers if they are still in good condition.

For more information, contact Chatham County Waste Management at 542-5516.



Keith Funkhouser

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 third-hand tobacco smoke and poison ivy.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have a 2-year-old who has had frequent ear infections. I do smoke, but never around him. Recently, my family doctor told me that third-hand smoke on my clothes and in my hair could still be causing my son's ear problems and he referred me to a smoking-cessation specialist. Do you think this is true?

That is really great that your family doctor is considering all the ways to improve your son's health and your own. Referring you to a smoking-cessation specialist is a great option. Your doctor may not feel like he has the time or expertise to maximize your chances of success. For our readers, second-hand smoke comes directly from the smoke of a smoker. Third-hand smoke is from irritants that remain in hair, clothing and carpets. Third-hand smoke is definitely an irritant. Children of smoking parents get twice as many ear infections as those of

non-smokers. Avoiding smoking in the room with the child cuts back on this risk a little, but there is still exposure from the ventilation system, carpet, upholstery, hair and clothes. Some smokers go so far as to smoke outside in dedicated smoking clothes, washing their hands and face on the way back into the home. That may help a little. If you are working that hard to support such a dangerous and expensive habit, you really may need some help quitting. Good luck.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have poison ivy on my hands. I'm not sure how I got it, because I used gloves when pulling weeds. To help it heal, I rub the blisters to get all the fluid out and lie in the sun to let it dry out. It is still painful, but I think this treatment is helping. Are these good ideas?

If we could have a nickel for every person who can't understand how he or she got poison ivy, we'd be rich. You got poison ivy because the oil from the leaf got on your skin, probably from the gloves when you removed them. If you do come in

contact with the plant, a shower with soap and water and washing the clothes will cut down on skin reaction and plant-oil exposure. If you rub the blisters until they break, you are likely to get a skin infection, and that can be a much bigger problem. You are not "healing" the poison ivy, you are using pain to distract yourself from itching. There are some products you can use after exposure to inactivate the plant oil that causes the skin reaction, such as Ivy Block. After you have developed a skin reaction, we recommend a strong topical steroid or ice to cut down the inflammation. Some people do feel that heat from the sun or a blow dryer can help relieve the itching. People with severe cases may benefit from steroids (like prednisone) by mouth.

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.

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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Find the answer in the puzzle answer section.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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PETS OF THE WEEK



PAWS4EVER — Cider is a tan-and-white bull terrier/Labrador retriever. He is young, good looking, has tons of energy, loves to play rough, loves going for car rides and is house trained. He doesn't like kittens: they get him way too excited and he wants to chase them. He would probably also do best in a home with older children, since he can be quite the ham and full of

himself sometimes. He would love to go to puppy classes; he's a smart boy and learns very quickly. Contact Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES —

Meet Hope! This gorgeous tortie girl is around a year and a half old and looking for a new place to call home this holiday season. Hope is a gorgeous girl, with swirls of chestnut throughout her coat and eyes. But despite her obvious beauty, it will be her personality that keeps you coming back for more. This girl is FUN! Visit her today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road in Chapel Hill. You can also see her and other adoptable animals online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp



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Calendar

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Croatian Earth First — Screening of The River of Waste, which exposes the impact of meat and poultry production on health and the environment. Internationalist Books, 405 W. Franklin St., 7pm internationalistbooks.org
FRIDAY DEC 17
Contra Dance — Music by the Donnybrook Lads, caller

Dean Snipes. Carrboro Century Center, 8pm \$8 tcdancers.org
Meet the Author Tea — Jill McCorkle is the featured guest. Chapel Hill Public Library, 3:30pm Free chapelhillpubliclibrary.org
MONDAY DEC 20
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Ongoing Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia House, Chapel Hill for cancer patients and their families. cornucopia-house.org

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Compassionate Friends — Free self-help support for all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Evergreen United Methodist Church, third Mondays 7-8:30pm 967-3221 chapelhilltcf.org
Food Drive — Farmer Foodshare and the IFC join to provide fresh food for local families.

Contributions may be made at the South Estes Farmers' Market, Carrboro Farmers' Market or theabundancefoundation.org/farmerfoodshare
Holiday Music — University Mall, Nov 26-Dec 24 university-mallnc.com
Paintbrush Forest — 30 area artists collaborate to explore the relationship between people and trees. Proceeds from the book's sale and original artwork benefit Haw River Assembly. Further information at paintbrushforest.com

Send your Community Calendar submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

Holiday Parade!



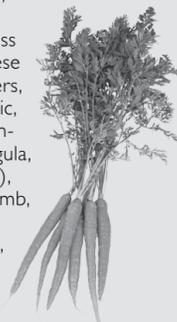
From left to right, Elliot Ferris, Nightingale Pergolotti, Ada Wiltberger and Max Wiltberger take in last Saturday's Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade. It was a cold, wet day, but the crowd was large and enthusiastic. PHOTOS BY ALICIA STEMPER EXCEPT BOTTOM-RIGHT BY KIRK ROSS

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What's at Market?
Check out what's at the Carrboro Year-Round Farmers' Market . . .

New Item this Week: Beet greens, savoy cabbage, mint, thyme, brussel sprouts, carrots, broccoli rabe, cauliflower, broccoli, beets, carrots, swiss chard, kale, spinach, acorn squash, cheese squash, bok choy, hot and sweet peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, onions, garlic, sweet potatoes, potted herbs, eggs, sun-dried tomatoes, cornmeal, lettuce, arugula, wheat flour, salad mixes (spicy and non), fresh herbs, pecans, goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, relishes, local wine, and more!



Recipe of the Week

Linda's Fresh Green Salad
 Recipe Provided by: Linda Leach of Pine Knot Farms

Ingredients
 2 lbs. kale, collards or any mixed greens
 1 red onion (optional)
 1 teaspoon sea salt

Procedure
 Wash, wash, and then rewash your greens (tip: Mama taught me to use hot tap water with salt and repeat with fourth wash in cold tap water)
 Cut greens into bite-size pieces
 Place in large bowl, sprinkle with salt
 Allow to sit for a minimum of 30 minutes

Marinade:
 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1 clove of garlic
 1 lime juiced (large)
 3/4 teaspoon of maple syrup or raw sugar
 Mix together ingredients, pour over greens, allow to sit at least a couple of hours before serving.

Variations:
 Use any type of onion, lime or lemons, and any type of pepper. Also may use a handful of raisins for something sweet.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Holiday letters

Some years ago, during a brief stint out of state, I landed a weekend reporter job at a mid-sized daily paper in a mid-sized Midwestern town.

Got the job in mid-October, pretty much a feature beat with the occasional crime story. There were lots of old hands in the newsroom and the paper had a calm, well-planned rhythm to it. I found out how planned when the senior editor approached me in early November with a list of what my weekends were to be like through the end of the year. On the list was a carefully prepared agenda of light holiday stories – Santa Arrives at Mall, the Lighting of the Town Tree, Holiday Parade, Beautiful Choral Concert, Family Shops for Tree, Santa Visits Factory, Story about Snow, New Year's Roundup, to name a few.

I highly recommend spending a couple hours handing out presents to kids who otherwise wouldn't get any. Knocks the burrs right off of you.

By the end of eight weeks, I never wanted to type the word "yule" again. Aside from that, the job was amazingly liberating. I asked the tough questions, trying at one point to pin the mall Santa down on whether he would purposely mislead the bad little children after they'd listed their wishes. More importantly, I got to see a lot of people at their best – doing good things for total strangers. I highly recommend spending a couple hours handing out presents to kids who otherwise wouldn't get any. Knocks the burrs right off of you.

So, rather than emerge from that experience more curmudgeonly, I came away with a better appreciation of the season, warts and all, and found out that it's that one time of year when just about everyone has a story to tell.

If you've got a story or reflection on the holiday season or the year now passing that you'd like to share with your neighbors, please drop me a line at editor@carrborocitizen.com

If it's printable, we'll try to include it in the paper or on our MILL blog. If it's not printable, well, we'll just pass it around the newsroom and have a good laugh. — Kirk Ross

Recruits needed

As of last week, The ArtsCenter has added about 50 new members in a year-long effort to rebuild its membership base. The center, which has seen membership decline even as attendance has increased, is trying to increase membership to help stabilize funding. This makes a lot of sense, since the state of the economy continues to depress individual and corporate giving.

Having a membership also makes sense because of the discounts and perks that are included. The ArtsCenter is more than just another venue, it's a unique institution in the heart of the community. Joining not only helps The ArtsCenter remain a vibrant place, it also says in a very tangible way that you support its mission of education and its wide range of programs for artists young and old. Visit artscenterlive.org to find how to join.

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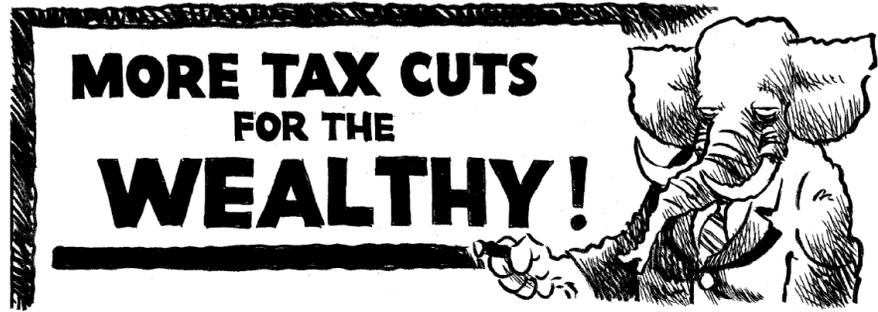
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LETTERS

Thanks

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the Varsity Theater, Harrington Bank and the community at large for coming out to our first annual Community Night at the Varsity on Friday, Dec. 3. The Community Home Trust rented the main theater at the Varsity for a free showing of the holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life*. Harrington Bank sponsored the event and tickets were offered free to the community. We were very pleased that every ticket was distributed and nearly every seat filled! What a great time as people from throughout the community came together to kick off the holiday season. We also accepted more than \$800 in donations. Thank you and happy holidays to everyone, with a special thanks to our homeowner, Jennifer.

ROBERT DOWLING
Executive Director
Community Home Trust

Foraging options

It's sad that Mr. Ken Moore ("Bringing evergreens indoors," *The Carrboro Citizen*, 12/9/10) takes unwarranted and cheap shots at "protective landowners and deer hunters" for his self-perceived inability to easily and safely collect a few holly branches from the local woods like in days of old. The areas within and surrounding Carrboro are blessed with countless locations where Mr. Moore can enter without trespassing and leave without his fear of encountering hunters. Mr. Moore should know that his foraging options expand exponentially if he simply asks permission to walk private land or if he walks all public game-land areas on Sunday, when hunting is prohibited. Better still, Mr. Moore might even consider advocating that fortunate folks grow their own holly on their own property and pick the branches whenever they choose. His article and photos are otherwise interesting and informative.

JOHN M. KESSLER
Chapel Hill (Chatham county)

PORCH welcomes your porch

Thank you to *The Carrboro Citizen* for putting the spotlight on poverty in Orange County in its Dec. 9 editorial. In an area considered affluent by many, the editorial is a sobering reminder that one in six families in Orange County lives below the poverty line – which is about \$22,000 a year for a family of four. The editorial concludes that "the chief bulwark against the effects of poverty is not in the deeds of government, it's in the heart of one's neighbors." The 850 families that make up PORCH – People Offering Relief for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Homes – wholeheartedly agree!

PORCH was founded in May to help our five local pantries keep their shelves well stocked in the face of these challenging economic times. The PORCH model is simple – very simple. On a designated day each month, neighbors leave canned goods and other nonperishable items on their front porches. Neighborhood organizers then go porch to porch picking up the donated items, bringing them to a garage

where they are sorted, and then delivering the canned goods to the five pantries around town. Within hours, some of the donated food is into the hands of families in the community that are skipping meals to make ends meet. From porch to pantry, it's just that easy! So for those who are looking for ways to dig a little deeper and give a little more this holiday season, PORCH welcomes your porch. One can at a time, we are making a difference feeding the hungry in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community. For the month of December alone, PORCH collected over \$20,000 in food and cash donations to help our neighbors in need. Together, let's do even more in the new year.

CHRISTINE COTTON,
DEBBIE HORWITZ, SUSAN ROMAINE
Founders of PORCH

A very long time

One hundred and ten months is a very long time! That's how long it has been since the U.S. invaded Afghanistan in order, we were told, to arrest our arch-enemy (or one of them) Osama bin Laden.

Almost 10 years on, that objective has been abandoned in favor of a counterinsurgency strategy to bring democracy to Afghanistan. We are "seeing some encouraging signs," said NATO spokeswoman Army Maj. Sunset Belinsky (quoted in the *Daily News*, 10/24/10), since in six months Afghan and U.S. special operations inflicted "body blows" in 1,500 raids that killed 332 Taliban leaders and 929 fighters, while capturing 2,317 insurgents. She did not mention the concomitant civilian casualties. Although she added, "We know we cannot capture or kill our way out of Afghanistan."

The war costs about \$7 billion a month, a sum that is still being borrowed, and adds nearly \$100 billion a year to the national debt (see costofwar.com for details). Yet few of the candidates who voiced their anguish about the dangers of the federal budget deficit talked about the war as economically unsustainable.

The midterm election circus in the U.S. all but banished news of the Afghan War conflict from the consciousness of our residents: Witches in Delaware seemed a lot more interesting, and sell better.

But the tragedy of the treasure spent in lives and money, our standing in the world and our ability to ameliorate the lives of our citizens, must not be forgotten.

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We have to do a lot better

BERNIE SANDERS

Editor's note — Although it cleared the U.S. Senate by a wide margin, the tax bill worked out between the president and the new Republican leadership of Congress had detractors on both sides of the aisle, but few as determined as Independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who took to the floor of the U.S. Senate last week. At the outset, he told his colleagues, "You can call it a filibuster. You can call it a very long speech." He was right about the latter, concluding his remarks about eight and a half hours later. Sanders wrapped up his case as follows:

As I said earlier, and will say again, I think the most effective way to create jobs, and the most important way, is to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure. That is our roads, bridges, rail system, water system, wastewater plants, our dams, levees, and the need to improve broadband to make sure every community in America has access to good-quality broadband and access to cell phone service. Unfortunately, as best as I can understand, there has not been one nickel appropriated in this

proposed legislation that would go to infrastructure improvements.

I think this proposal should be defeated because it is not a strong proposal for the middle class. It is a proposal that gives much too much to people who don't need it, and it is a proposal that I think sets the stage for similar-type proposals down the pike. I apologize to anybody who has been listening for any length of time. I know I have been, to say the least, a bit repetitious.

But the concern is that when the President and some of my Republican colleagues talk about some of these tax breaks being temporary, we are just going to extend them for two years, talking about this payroll tax holiday being just one year, I have been in Washington long enough to know that assertion doesn't fly; that what is temporary today is long-term tomorrow and is permanent the next day. I fear very much that this proposal is bad on the surface. I fear very much that this proposal will lead us down a very bad track in terms of more trickle-down economics, which benefits the tricklers and not the ordinary Americans. I think it is a proposal that should be defeated...

The 'Harvest of Shame' continues

BART EVANS

While the modern landscape of North Carolina agriculture may not, at first glimpse, look very "modern," many of our local growers are, in fact, now operating in a new global agribusiness paradigm.

Yes, it's true that many of the same crops are still grown on the same land, using many of the same methods. They are still planted by hand, and harvested by hand, as they have been since the time slaves were doing that work. But don't get caught up in nostalgic notions of the preservation of small, family farms – today the name of the game is, overwhelmingly global, agribusiness: factories in the fields.

This is illustrated by the new effort to market the North Carolina sweet potato to European supermarkets. As recently reported by the Associated Press, "the value of exports to the United Kingdom jumped from \$5.7 million to \$20.4 million between 2005 and 2009, and in the first six months of 2010 exports were on pace to comfortably exceed last year's total, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

Further evidence of this shift can be seen in the sustained, heavy reliance by local farms on a vulnerable, immigrant workforce from the global south.

It's been half a century since Edward R. Murrow's *Harvest of Shame* documentary aired on CBS, revealing the plight of migrant field workers and making a strong call to civil society for change. Murrow highlighted the "backwardness" of the extreme, systemic poverty of field workers, asking us how, in this great, modern nation, could this be happening? And 50 years later, the agricultural industry is still just as important to our national and state economies. Yet it still relies on a system of vulnerable, exploitable workers to hand-harvest crops. Murrow's concerns clearly have still yet to be addressed.

The global forces affecting North Carolina agriculture nonetheless offer new challenges and new opportunities to address some of the age-old problems that continue to exploit and degrade the environment and workers. Indeed, as agribusiness reaches out to new markets, it also changes the distribution of power within the system.

For example, if North Carolina growers wish to market their sweet potatoes to a European market, they will have to meet new health and safety standards of the European supermarket chains. This is one example of new possibilities for points of leverage, to again force the question of how can this be happening here?

Recently, the Farmworker Advocacy Network (FAN), held a series of events around North Carolina to kick off the "Harvest of Dignity" campaign, which seeks to improve the laws protecting farmworkers. FAN is a coalition of organizations that work with farmworkers directly or work around issues affecting them.

The group's message is simple and straightforward: 50 years is far too long to wait for change. Change is badly and outrageously overdue, even more so now in the new, global agriculture system. And while many would agree that a complete overhaul is what's truly needed, what workers are asking for is relatively quite plain and simple: just the basics.

Safe places to work: Enact basic health and safety standards to protect field and poultry workers from injury, illness and toxic chemical exposure on the job.

Safe places to live: Require employer-provided housing to be safe, sanitary and provide for basic decency, such as privacy in bathrooms and locks on the doors.

Better enforcement of existing laws: Require state agencies to work together to enforce our state's current laws protecting field and poultry workers.

So, during this holiday season as you come together to celebrate over shared family meals, remember to thank the workers here in North Carolina who harvested your sweet potatoes, or worked on the line processing your turkey, that still do not have the basic rights that most workers take for granted.

It's time to stand in solidarity with these people to demand that 50 years is enough.

Bart Evans is coordinator of the N.C. Farmworkers Advocacy Network.

BIZ Beat : Buy lo-ho-ho-cal!



MARGOT C. LESTER

'Tis the season to give. And not just to the people on your list, but also to local businesspeople. Rather than a nicely wrapped gift, all they want is your business. And if you're like me, there's still shopping to do, and, invariably, somebody accidentally (no, really) left off your list. Here then is a list of last-minute gifts from local producers and purveyors that don't scream "oops!"

- A day of pampering: Give your guy (or gal) a day of beauty/grooming with a **Beehive** (102 E. Main, thebeehive-salon.com) gift certificate. Consider a cut (starting at \$40), maybe a color (starting

at \$60), plus a deluxe mani/pedi (\$83). Oh, and don't forget the kids: manis (\$15) and pedis (\$20) for the under-12 set. Open till 7 on Dec. 23.

- Pottery with a purpose: Local potters will host "A Clay Centre Christmas," a sale to benefit Doctors Without Borders, Afghan Sister School Partnership, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and Wounded Warriors. Held at the **Clay Centre** (402 Lloyd St., claycentre.com) on Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the event features ornaments, serving items and jewelry. Among the artists participating are Tracy Broome, Carolyn Doyle, Kristin Esterley, Barbara Higgins, Charlotte Pamplin, Pat Saling, Amy Smoker and Betsy Vaden. Call 967-0314 for more information.
- Foundation garments: The cocoa's not the only thing that should be warm this holiday season. Grab some ladies' silk long underwear (\$38.50 for a top or bottom) or some Darn Tough socks made in the USA of merino wool (\$15/pair) from **Townsend Bertram & Co.** (Carr Mill Mall,

tbandc.com) Open Christmas Eve until 5.

- Green giving: No, not cash. Something from or for the garden from **Dickinson Garden Center** (1510 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill), like a verdant house plant or flowering bulbs, yard implements, statuary or wind chimes. There's even an outdoor chess/checkers table (\$119). Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Christmas Eve.
- Something silky: Go a little glam this yuletide with a gift from Carrboro-based **Mitzi's Fine Silks of Thailand** (mitzissilks.com). Mitzi Powell sources the finest silks from Thailand for everything from clutch bags and ties (\$24.99) to photo albums (\$49.99) and men's shirts (\$54.99). Order by Dec. 22 and it can be delivered on Christmas Eve.
- Good eats: If it's true that nothing says lovin' like something from the oven, then a gift certificate from one of our excellent local eateries like **Taqueria Tres Amigos** (tresamigoscarrboro.com) or **Locopops** (ilove-locopops.com) is a great last-minute present. For an added touch, get a to-go order



to accompany the card. At **Acme** (acmecarrboro.com), for every \$100 you spend on gift certificates, you'll get a \$20 certificate to boot!

- Out of Africa: Pittsboro's **French Connections** (178 Hillsboro St., Pittsboro, french-nc.com) has loads of multi-colored Senegalese baskets and hampers, "yard art," French fabrics, African beads and more arts and crafts.
- Calendars for conservation: The 40th annual **Eno River Association** calendar (\$13.95) sports a then-and-now theme showcasing the evolving river and the communities that line its banks. Proceeds benefit the ERA. A list of retailers can be found at enoriver.org/calendar/cal-loc.htm.

wants some hands-on help, try the **Personal Training Package** (\$95): a one-hour consultation and resistance bands or a stability ball. The **Life Coaching Package** (\$75) includes a one-hour session with a coach and a journal. Or give an antidote for holiday stress: the **Massage Package** (\$95) includes a one-hour session and some take-home stress reducers.

- For the person who has everything: Glom onto this gift for the very-most difficult to shop for: **Cherry wood tongs** (\$15.95) from **Kitchenworks** (University Mall, kitchenworksinc.com). Handmade in Kentucky, these little wonders fold flat for easy storage. Adorn your package, or your tree, with cloisonné ornaments (\$5.95 - \$15.95) shaped like frogs, dolphins, seahorses, fish, alligators, grasshoppers, lobsters and more. Open till 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

As long as we're talking local shopping, remember that the Town of Chapel Hill offers free parking on Saturdays throughout December (it's always free on Sundays). However, the Wallace Deck and Rosemary-Columbia lot will start charging at 5 p.m. Meters and other lots remain gratis.

A six-pack to go

BY WILL BRYANT
Staff Writer

If you're thinking of hosting a party this holiday season, a new beer delivery service in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area has erased any good reason for you and your festive sweater to leave the house-guests thirsty.

Rosemary Mart Express, operating out of the student-owned Rosemary Mart at 505 W. Rosemary St. in Chapel Hill, has begun offering a beer delivery service in hopes of reducing the number of intoxicated drivers out on the streets and keeping local residents safe.

"It's something we think is good for the community," said co-founder Jared Polivka. "We don't want people drinking and driving."

Orders can be placed at RosemaryExpress.com, the store's snazzy new website that offers customers every brand of suds



they would find in a normal trip to the store.

With everything from Pabst Blue Ribbon cases to Samuel Adams seasonal six packs, Rosemary Mart Express has the perfect stocking stuffers for the holiday season.

However, don't expect these sprits to arrive by reindeer. Instead, deliveries are made by a toy

even Santa might envy: a silver BMW X-5.

"It's not great on gas," says Polivka, "but it makes deliveries fun."

Delivery service, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 1:30 a.m., is available to any location within 10 minutes of Franklin Street. There's no delivery fee and the prices charged are exactly what customers would find in the store.

Co-founder Connor Warnock says the idea for the service began to brew after experiences he had in London while studying abroad.

Beer delivery services are common there, Warnock says. "We thought to ourselves, 'Why couldn't this happen in the United States?'"

The two entrepreneurs found an answer in close friend and Rosemary Mart owner Deya Harb.

"He embraced our idea with open arms," Warnock says with a smile.

Harb opened Rosemary Mart after working 90-hour weeks for six years to save up the money needed to start his own business.

Polivka and Warnock say that along with the desire to keep residents from drinking and driving, their motivation for starting the service was to help Harb's business flourish.

"He's earned it, and we hope that he'll succeed," Polivka says.

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Get your beer here

Or there. In case you missed it, **Carolina Brewery** (460 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, carolinabrewery.com) inked a distribution deal with Greensboro-based distributor R.H. Barringer. This means your friends from "Burlington to Boone" can sip the brewery's beers in restaurants and bars and pick up growlers in the grocery store. This is the fourth distribution deal for the brewer, allowing it to serve the entire state. Founded in Chapel Hill in 1995, Carolina Brewery is the oldest brewery in the Triangle.



Share your expertise

Got some useful advice or helpful techniques to share with local small-business owners? The **Chamber's Small Business Roundtable** is looking for presenters. Send an email containing a brief description of the proposed topic to alanh@multi-channel-marketing.com. Roundtable meetings are held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

Where the toys are

Now you can visit **The Children's Store** at University Mall or in cyberspace at thechildrensstoreinc.com. Chapel Hill's Julie Holmes Design (julieholmesdesign.com) helped local owners Jeanette Falk and Becky Broun develop a site that approximates the in-store experience.

Contest for women entrepreneurs

Kauffman Labs for Enterprise Creation (kauffman.org) launched its first Women in Science and Engineering Business Idea Competition last month in an effort to encourage women to start scalable science- and engineering-related ventures. The winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to TED 2011. Entrants must complete an application, including a video, at kauffmanbusinessideapitch2011.istart.org. Entries are due Jan. 15; winners will be announced in early February.

OBITUARIES



Nancy Hu

Shih-Chin (Nancy) Hu, age 76, died peacefully near midnight on December 4, 2010 at the University of North Carolina Cancer Hospital. She was surrounded by her husband and children. Shih-Chin was born to Mien-Nan Sung and Tso-Yan Liu on January 21, 1934 in Harbin, China.

Mrs. Hu is survived by her husband, Ping-Chuan (Ed) Hu; two children, Dorothy Huang and husband, Bao-Sheng, of Bridgewater, N.J., and Robert Hu and wife, Monica, of Hillsborough, N.J.; three grandchildren, Michelle Huang, Lizbeth Hu and Caroline Hu; four sisters, Dorothy Lin of Houston, Texas, Marion Popeske of Winchester, Va., Joyce Shizuya of South Pasadena, Calif., and Shih-Yi Yu of Taichung, Taiwan; and two brothers, Richard Sung of Foster City, Calif., and Robert Sung of Bellevue, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Shih-Chin received her bachelor's degree in botany from National Taiwan University in 1956 and her master's degree in botany from North Dakota State University in 1968. She met her husband, Ping-Chuan Hu, in college. They married on September 1, 1957 and soon started a family, Dorothy, born in 1958, and Robert, in 1961. After moving to Chapel Hill in 1973, Shih-Chin worked as a research analyst in the department of pediatrics of the University of North Carolina Medical School for 25 years, until her retirement in 1998.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill, 101 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

Julia Durham

Julia Lloyd Durham, 89, of Chapel Hill, N.C., passed away Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Mrs. Durham was a native of Orange County and the daughter of the late Harrod and Nellie Durham Lloyd. She was preceded in death by her husband, Coy Edward Durham Sr. Julia had worked as a secretary at UNC Hospitals for many years. She was a faithful and lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church, where she had been a member of the choir and also served as the church historian. When Mrs. Durham was able, she was actively involved with the WMU and also the G.A.s.

Surviving Mrs. Durham are two sons, Coy Edward Durham Jr. and wife, Dockery, and Harrod Lloyd Durham and wife, Karen, both of Chapel Hill; one brother, Roy Lloyd of Chapel Hill; and five grandchildren, Carrie Knapp, Ced Durham III, Lloyd Durham, Kristen Durham and Dane Durham.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Antioch Baptist Church, 1707 White Cross Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

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"We have to get businesses open more quickly," Kleinschmidt said. The town also will have to continue to find ways to streamline the permitting process, he said, as well as be more open to new projects.

"We can't say 'no' to everything," he said.

Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton, who served on the Chapel Hill Town Council in the mid-1990s, said that in both towns the mix of commercial to residential was driven by concerns about traffic and other impacts.

"Commercial development has been more controversial," Chilton said. "That's made it easier to grow residentially."

That's not likely to change soon, he said, noting the intense interest in projects like the proposed move of CVS in downtown Carrboro.

Brian Russell, a Carrboro business owner who serves on the Orange County Economic Development Commission, said despite efforts to be more open to commercial projects, the anti-business perception still haunts the county.

"As far as the reputation goes, its still alive and well,"

"We need to find some harmony between the local business, anti-big box people and those who want them."

"We need to find some harmony between the local business, anti-big box people and those who want them. We need to find some harmony with what environmentalists want and people being able to have a livelihood."

Old concepts about economic development are colliding with the pressing need for more jobs, Russell said. "It's not that simple anymore."

Chilton agreed that the need for increasing the commercial tax base and the jobs that come with it is growing. That means making adjustments. The town recently

worked with developers to add commercial properties to new housing developments and identified parcels north of town for commercial development.

"We're in a far different environment than we were three, four or 10 years ago," Chilton said.

Coming next: Balancing priorities

Russell, who owns and runs Carrboro Creative Coworking, said. "We have a lot of public relations to do."

Russell said any new economic-development entity will have to have a clear vision of what it wants to accomplish. He said he doesn't think that means abandoning long-held principles. "I think we can find a bal-

Here's to a giant ham roast from Cliff's, shopping for gifts at Nested, and drinks with friends at The Station.

Here's to Paperhand Puppets and their winter show (tickets available now!). And here's to the occasional warm day amid the winter chill.

Here's to our town, our friends, and everyone who makes our community what it is.

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Well now, our own native mistletoe, *Phoradendron serotinum*, is already expensive, unless you happen to find it easy to pick low down in a nearby maple tree, as was my good fortune. That impressive bundle of mistletoe on the Carrboro wreath is hanging higher than it was in that maple. Nature was generous this time.

Accounts of mistletoe's medicinal, sacred and magical attributes abound. It has a centuries-old heritage as a cure for epilepsy and other nervous disorders, but I'm not eager to give it a try. I do, however, find appeal in a combination of other attributes, dating back to druidic pre-Christian European cultures. Hanging sprigs of mistletoe inside all year long, from New Year to New Year, to insure prosperity as well as protection from witches and evil spirits is a tradition I will try.

Our native mistletoe is unlikely to be considered under threat of rarity as in England. It's very common down east and frequently found here in the lower Piedmont. You'll even spy it in town. Look for it in oaks along Franklin Street. You'll see it in abundance



Mistletoe is easy to spot high up in trees this time of year. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

in the ash trees on the UNC campus behind University Methodist Church.

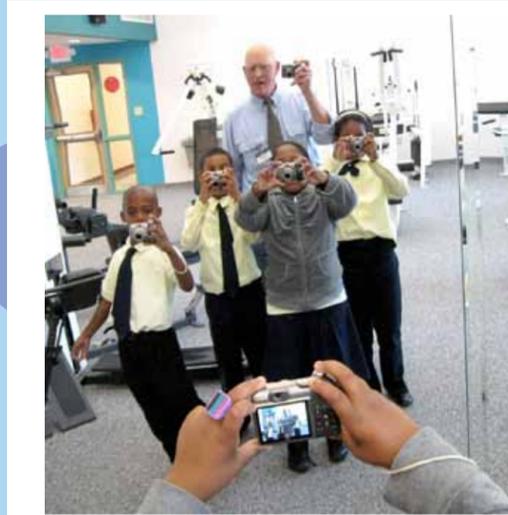
Though a parasite, it does sport leaves, and is quite capable of photosynthesis and providing for some of its own needs. The plant spreads from tree to tree, carried by birds cleaning their beaks of the sticky seed coating.

As I am guarded about the location of my favorite female

persimmon trees, I'm not about to disclose the location of the tree that sports female, berry-producing, mistletoe low down enough for me to reach.

I wish you luck with your own mistletoe search and may your whole year be free of witches and evil spirits..

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Fun with G-Pop

After teaching photography to college undergraduates for over 20 years, I have discovered a new joy in teaching photo to children. It began a couple of years ago with my two granddaughters, then 6 and 7, with whom I bonded on "Photo-hikes with G-Pop." Somehow that led to teaching photography to urban youth in inner-city Durham – and most recently, a semester's worth of lessons, aided by my UNC photo class, with the third-graders at the new Union Independent School in Durham. What a sight: my 16 collegiates teaching those 16 bright and curious 8-year-olds. With minimal instructions, those children created hundreds of wonder-full and insightful images (using point-and-shoots supplied by UNC). The best 80 pictures will be showcased this evening (Thursday) from 5:30 to 7:30 at a reception in the gym at Union Independent School on the corner of North Roxboro and Dowd streets in Durham. Special thanks to store manager Emanuel Cole and the good folks at Wolf Camera in University Mall for partnering with us on this project. Are we having fun yet?



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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