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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW: The Citizen takes a look back at the stories of the past 12 months in our community. SEE PAGES 4 & 5



Please don't let this happen in your neighborhood. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Don't discard that special tree

As we reflect on the joys of the season, take time out to ponder the specialness of that tree you brought indoors to accompany your family traditions.

Most likely that special tree is a North Carolina Fraser fir, *Abies fraseri*, purchased from a temporary tree lot.

The former magnificent North Carolina high altitude evergreen Fraser fir forests, described as “Christmas Tree Land” by B.W. Wells in *The Natural Gardens of North Carolina*, are now much diminished by an exotic insect pest, the balsam wooly adelgid. I remember being awed back in 1967 by the blue-green Fraser fir forests along the Blue Ridge Parkway’s highest elevations. Those ridge-tops today are graveyards of dead stems of the formerly magnificent fir.

Today we see Fraser firs mostly as crops on Christmas tree farms in our mountain counties. Though helping the economy of the region, those farms don’t replace the biodiversity of the former Fraser fir forests. Unfortunately, much of the Christmas tree production depends upon heavy pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer applications with resulting toxic runoff. A bright side is that some farms are now moving toward non-toxic organic operations

With the holidays past, those trees are sadly discarded along curbsides. Please don’t let this happen in your neighborhood. Though we are fortunate to have curbside pickup for landfill composting, our special tree deserves better treatment. Honor that tree by continuing its usefulness on your home turf.

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Budget cuts take toll on child-care services

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

This story is the fourth in a series about the real and potential effects to Orange County residents of state budget cuts. This week, we look at childcare and early childhood education.

As director of the Orange County Department of Social Services, Nancy Coston has a lot of experience working within her means, bringing much-needed services to local families. In the present economic climate, every dollar counts, especially in the realm

of social services. But in considering the impacts of widespread budget cuts, child care is the first thing Coston mentions.

“For the last two years, we’ve received a significant decrease in the child-care subsidy fund,” which provides funds for child care for families who couldn’t otherwise afford it, she said. This year, Orange County received \$4.1 million for child-care subsidies, down from a recent high of \$4.9 million, meaning that there are nearly 650 children in Orange County who qualify for the child-care subsidy who can’t get it.

So what do families do?

“Some are hanging on with family members and so forth,” Coston said. “Some are paying what they can. Some are losing their jobs.”

But without the money, Coston’s hands are tied.

“When we knew the cuts were coming, we stopped taking people into the program,” she said. But, “Orange DSS did not stop serving anyone who was already getting child care.”

So families are placed on a waiting list, with certain groups – like children in protective services or those with adolescent parents – given prior-

ity.

“It became increasingly difficult for us even to serve our priority groups when the money started drying up,” Coston said. Luckily, the county provided some funding in its 2011-12 budget to help DSS serve those groups.

“We’re trying to piece together what we can for our priority groups, but the picture is quite bleak for working families,” Coston said, citing some families who have been waiting for child care for 18 months or longer.

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New Hillsborough brewery garners support



Chris Shields, assistant brewmaster, and Erik Lars Myers, founder and brewmaster of Mystery Brewing Company, in the new Hillsborough brewery PHOTO BY ROSE LAUDICINA

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

It takes a village to raise a child. Or in Erik Lars Myers’ case, it takes a community to raise a brewery.

Myers is the founder of Mystery Brewing Company in Hillsborough, and earlier this month he became the recipient of a loan from the Orange County Small Business Loan Program.

The program is a county-funded revolving loan fund created to support development of small businesses with gross revenues of less than \$3 million. A volunteer board of directors comprised of local business owners, bankers and county staff reviewed Myers’ application and chose him as the fifth loan recipient in program history.

This isn’t the first time Mystery Brewing Company has been on the

receiving end of massive community support. Start-up capital for the brewery was received from donations via the website Kickstarter.

Kickstarter is a micro-financing website where fund-seekers post ideas and set a deadline to raise money needed to complete their vision. If the money requested isn’t raised by the deadline, the money returns to donors.

Myers’ idea was to start an artisan craft brewery that, rather than having a flagship brew, rotates beer options seasonally.

“If I look at my personal drinking preferences, I definitely don’t drink the same beer all the time, so it seems stupid for me to make the same beer all the time,” Myers said.

“The beer market is such right now that people are not brand drinkers, they’re portfolio drinkers and want to

try something new, and I’m happy to give them something new.”

Myers said that when most people hear his brewery is based on seasonal beers available for a three-to-four-month period, they think it’s either brilliant or insane.

Luckily for Myers, those who found his idea on Kickstarter thought it was brilliant, and he soon reached his goal of raising \$40,000.

“It was a really good way to get people invested in the brewery,” he said. “Those people hold a real strong place in my heart.”

To give back to those who gave to him, all Kickstarter donors will be honored in the Mystery Brewing Company taproom with their names on a permanent plaque.

SEE **MYSTERY BEER** PAGE 3

Football team needs fresh start

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

Two years of controversy and chaos in the Carolina football program ended in a train wreck at the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., on Monday.

Missouri’s offense moved at will, as UNC’s collection of future NFL players on defense made a joke of that distinction.

The defense did not read plays or tackle well. On offense, Dwight Jones acted as if someone had chopped off his hands.

Time and again he turned his head to run before he had secured the ball.

Perhaps it is fitting the game went this way. The Tar Heels held it together admirably for the better part of two years, far longer than many of us thought possible.

But with a new head coach hired, current assistants looking for jobs and too many players thinking ahead to the NFL draft, this bowl game became the perfect storm of all that can go wrong.

Ugly. There is no other way to describe the ending to a season in which the kids and fired coach Butch Davis’ former staff did a superb job of holding it together when the team and program could have unraveled from the beginning.

There is no way most Carolina fans are not going to be happy to see offensive coordinator John Shoop leave.

A prime example of why Shoop drives Tar Heel fans nuts could be seen when quarterback Bryn Renner hit Dwight Jones for a first down at the 2-yard line with around 70 seconds left in the first half against Missouri.

Eddy Landreth

SEE **HEELS** PAGE 8

Court rules Fraleys can sue EMT

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

A three-judge N.C. Court of Appeals panel last week upheld an Orange County judge’s decision to allow the parents of former Chapel Hill High School football player Atlas Fraley to sue paramedic James Griffin on claims of negligence regarding their son’s death.

Reports show Griffin violated a number of Orange County Emergency Services policies that might have prevented the 17-year-old’s death.

The Fraleys had previously voluntarily dismissed their claims against Orange County and the Orange County Emergency Services Department after the county and EMS claimed governmental immunity. Superior Court Judge Carl Fox ruled in November 2010 that Griffin was a public employee and not a public official, and under such classification Griffin is susceptible to claims of negligence.

On Aug. 12, 2009, Fraley made a 911 call from his home at 1:45 p.m. after a football scrimmage at Middle Creek High School, complaining of severe body pains.

Griffin was dispatched to the home, and upon arrival he advised Fraley to hydrate and watched him do so, gave him instructions to contact his parents and call 911 if his symptoms worsened and left him at home.

According to a county report, Griffin failed to take Fraley’s vital signs while he was both sitting and standing, take his temperature, transport him for treatment of hyperthermia, contact his parents or seek a doctor’s opinion on the issue.

Fraley’s parents found him dead in their home at 6:30 that night.

An autopsy report suggested Fraley’s dehydration and cramping may have led to a fatal heart attack, though the autopsy could provide no definitive explanation for his death.

Griffin had his paramedic privileges revoked by the county and later resigned from his job.

Unless Griffin makes an additional appeal that is accepted by the state Supreme Court, the decision, made by Chief Judge John Martin and Court of Appeals Judges Wanda Bryant and Ann Calabria, will allow David and Malinda Fraley to sue Griffin for negligence.



Atlas Fraley PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA HAZEN

Community Briefs

New dental program for kids

Piedmont Health Services has begun a new program that aims to get more children in central North Carolina to visit the dentist.



Annetta Streater

The program involves training Piedmont's dental staff on care of young children and intervention with parents. It also involves setting up an internal referral system so that children receiving medical care are also referred for dental care.

Annetta Streater, Piedmont's child dental home coordinator, will oversee the program. Streater is also a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

If you are interested in having your child seen in the dental department of the Carrboro community health center, call 933-9087.

Storytelling for Grown Ups

Storytelling for Grown Ups will take place Jan. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the General Store Café in Pittsboro.

The night will feature a variety of storytelling styles and fine storytellers for \$5, with a buffet dinner available for an additional \$10. For more information, contact Amy Barefoot at 451-3515 or amy@barefootpublic.com.

Wellness expo

An alternative-medicine health fair is scheduled for Jan. 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Carrboro Century Center. Professionals will talk about alternative methods of healing, disease prevention and healthy lifestyles, and will answer questions. The event is free and open to the public.

If you own a business and would like to participate, contact Julie Collins at 918-7392.



WALK IN THE WOODS CONVERSATION LEAD TO CARRBORO REACTIONS TO THE EXISTENTIAL FACT THAT LIFE IS ESSENTIALLY KILL OR BE KILLED.

ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

Community Calendar

SATURDAY DEC 31

IFC Benefit — The Road Home Band performs in a benefit for the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 7pm 942-3540

MONDAY JAN 2

Open House — Tours and open enrollment begin for the Fall of 2012 and for Summer Camp 2012 at Legacy Academy, 515 E. Winmore Ave., 7am-6pm Monday-Friday Free legacyacademy.com

THURSDAY JAN 5

Readings and Carols — Readings by Lee Smith are coupled with carols

sung by The St. Matthew's Women's Singing Circle. St Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, 7:30pm \$10 stmatthewshillsborough.com

Auditions — For OdysseyStage Theatre's reading of Michael Halperin's Desert Stories. The Seymour Center, 1pm odysseystage.org

SUNDAY JAN 8

Storytelling — Melissa Delbridge, Suzi Whaples, and Eloise Shoettler to perform at Storytelling for Grown-Ups. General Store Cafe, Pittsboro 7-9pm \$5

Art Exhibit — The Preservation Society of Chapel Hill presents "Cyanotypes," by Leah Sobsey. The exhibit continues through Jan. 29.

Horace Williams House, 2-4pm Free

WEDNESDAY JAN 11

No Child — Written and performed by Nilaja Sun, opens at the Kenan Theatre, and continues through Jan. 15. playmakersrep.org

ONGOING

Cancer Support — Support groups at Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org 401-9333

Cancer Support — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/supportgroup.asp

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 finding medical information on the web and nail shellac.

Dear HOUSE Calls, When I have a question about my health, I often type it into Google but so many results pop up. How do I know which ones to trust?

The first thing you should ask is, "Who is providing this information, and why?" There are many parties with commercial interest in health care. That does not mean information put on the web by a party with commercial interest is bad, but simply that you should understand that interest. Unfortunately, the absence of commercial interest does not mean the information is unbiased or high quality. One approach we like is to find long-standing patient-run chat rooms on major Internet search engines and observe, ask questions and find out where other patients have found reliable information.

Don't ever jump on the first piece of advice or information you get, but observe the dialogue for a bit. Another approach is to ask your doctor about recommended websites particular to the condition you are facing. Some doctors have regular websites they trust and send patients to, like their specialty's organization website. The downside here is that because the information is high quality and reviewed, there may be less of it and it may not be updated often enough. The last advice we have on this is that if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. We live in a time of unprecedented information access, and we all must learn to be good consumers of information.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I'm wondering about this new shellac that is used in nail salons. Is there any health downside?

Shellac is a new type of manicure that lasts longer

and requires lots of steps. It requires you to put your hands under UV light multiple times. Because this is new, we don't know what the long-term health effects may be. We are cautious about this because of the repeated exposure to UV light. We know that increasing UV radiation increases a person's risk of skin cancer. This stuff is very hard to remove (which is part of the allure), but that means that as your nails start to grow out or if you want to change color, you need to have your nails soaked in 99 percent acetone and wrapped. This process may be damaging to nails and nail beds. So, the jury is still out.

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.

Send your Community Calendar submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

Stay tuned.

carrborocitizen.com

THE CAROLINA THEATRE DOWNTOWN DURHAM

FILM SCHEDULE DEC 23 - JAN 5

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO
Nightly 7:00 & 9:50
Sat/Sun Mats 1:00 & 4:00

THE DESCENDANTS
Nightly 7:15 & 9:35
Sat/Sun Mats 12:45, 3:00 & 5:10

MY WEEK WITH MARILYN
Nightly 7:30 & 9:30
Sat/Sun Mats 1:15, 3:15 & 5:15

carolinatheatre.org

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030

The Descendants; The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo; My Week with Marilyn

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey; The Descendants; Young Adult; My Week with Marilyn

THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked; Mission: Impos-

sible — Ghost Protocol; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; The Adventures of Tintin; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked; Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol; Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows; The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo; We Bought a Zoo; War Horse

THE VARSITY

123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

The Ides of March; Moneyball

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

home for the holidays



Adoption fees for select
DOGS only \$60
and for select
CATS only \$50

Now thru January 6, 2012
Visit the Orange County
Animal Shelter at
1601 Eubanks Rd.
Chapel Hill
or call 942-PETS

PET OF THE WEEK



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Say hello to **Little Bear**! This lab mix is around 3 years old and has a few more days to represent our annual Home for the Holidays event! Until Jan. 6, Little Bear's adoption fee will be reduced to only \$60! This sweet boy is a staff and volunteer favorite. He is a gentle, sweet boy who enjoys company and is eager to please. He likes other dogs and should be a quick learner who is highly trainable and ready to show off any new tricks you take the time to teach him! Visit him today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see Little Bear and other adoptable animals online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices

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ACROSS

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5 — ghanouj
9 "Sister —" ('92 film)
12 Rodeo ropes
18 "America's Most Wanted" info
20 Panache
21 Chase away gray
22 Changes
23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
26 Rice dish
27 Tangle
28 Quahog, e.g.
29 Consumed a knish
31 Cart
32 Altar oath
34 Hair ball?
36 "The — is High" ('80 hit)
38 Hazard
42 Part 2 of remark
46 Bete noire
48 Reserved
50 Mideast gulf
51 Supp.
52 Way in
55 Lend a hand

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1 Chou En —
2 Charity
3 Anthropologist
4 Arp's art
5 Role for a rat
6 Baldwin of "Malice"
7 Cry like a baby
8 Novelist
9 "Tobacco Road" character
10 Nosy guy?
11 Try out
13 '92 Disney film
14 Audiophile's equipment
15 Ward of "Sisters"
16 French airport
17 Govt. agency
19 Printer's stroke
24 Robert of "Rhapsody in Blue"
25 Fireplace fragment
30 Practice piece
33 Vintage
35 Manipulate
37 Bookkeep- ing entry
38 Dad-to-be, often
39 Like Machu Picchu
40 Rock hound?
41 Find out
42 Designer
43 Cowardly Lion Bert

ACROSS

56 Noah's eldest
57 Cornmeal concoction
58 Part 3 of remark
62 Surround
63 West ender?
64 Greene of "Bonanza"
65 Author LeShan
66 Picturesque
68 — shui
69 Switch-board abbr.
70 Irish island group
71 Asian island
73 Joanne of "Red River"
74 Cavalry weapon
76 Spare part?
79 French dynast
80 Part 4 of remark
83 — of passage
84 University ordeal
86 Family vehicle
87 A hole near the sole
88 Sten relative
89 Profess
90 Walked off with

DOWN

93 Pickable
94 Part 5 of remark
97 Act like a mirror
100 Dweeb
101 Empower
102 Dernier —
103 Bear's advice
105 Puppy bark
107 Role for Liz
111 Stout
115 Reach
117 End of remark
121 Hispanic board abbr.
122 Cover the cake
123 The — Brothers
124 Lotfy spaces
125 Exchanged in Blue
126 Getz's instrument
127 Sammy or Stubby
128 No sweat

ACROSS

44 Mother Judd
45 Jerkin
46 Draft animals
47 Movie piglet
48 Boxer Tyson
53 Taciturn
54 Teatime
56 Where the gulls are
57 Quaker colonist
58 As a result
60 Link
61 Banned pesticide
62 Cordial
66 "The Thief of Bagdad"
67 Minos' realm
68 Manumit
69 Misdudge
71 Felitike fabric
72 Eye-related
73 Singer
74 Ginger
75 One of the Yokums
76 Antique
77 Like a lummoxx
78 — the bullet
79 Muck
80 Dupe
81 Roman poet
82 Present

DOWN

84 Mind — matter
85 Actor McDowell
89 "Sweet —" ('903 song)
90 Heiler or hen
91 Good speller?
92 Cal page
95 Like mother-of-pearl, often
96 Lama kin
98 Starting at
99 Neighbor of Niger
103 Christmas-tree topper
104 Singer James
106 Mascagni opera
108 Plumbing problem
109 "Cope Book" aunt
110 Heed
112 Punta del —
113 Blood components
114 — "Coming" ('69 song)
115 Cockpit fig.
116 Head motion
118 John Ritter's dad
119 Language suffix
120 Weldon or Wray

CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

For example, YAPHCYAPLM is WORDSWORTH. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the two O's, Y for the two W's, etc.. Apostrophes, punctuation, the length and formation of the words are all hints.

What A City

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N E B W F C F K S T M Y S
Q J M B Q W C X Q J R M W
V E D D R S K J D R E M J W X
M Y E M Z W C R T F S O C J F S
E R M S F X E M S D J T S
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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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Briefs

Police seek info in Franklin St. assault

The Chapel Hill Police Department is looking for anyone with information concerning an assault that took place in the 1500 block of East Franklin Street on Tuesday morning.

The victim reported that a male wearing a black hoodie and black sweatpants grabbed her from behind and assaulted her. The suspect was described by a witness as a 21- to 25-year-old black male, 5-feet-8-inches to 5-feet-10-inches tall and of medium build. The witness reported that the suspect fled the scene when the victim yelled for help. It is believed that the suspect fled the scene in a dark blue Ford Explorer.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515

New Year’s closings

Most municipal offices will be closed on Monday in observance of New Year’s Day. Schedule changes include:

- The Town of Carrboro offices will be closed on Monday.
- Carrboro garbage scheduled for collection on Monday will be collected on Tuesday.
- Chapel Hill Transit will operate on Saturday routes on Friday and Saturday, with EZ Rider service ending at 7 p.m. and no U or NU routes running. There will be no transit service on Sunday or Monday.
- Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be

closed on Sunday.

- The Town of Chapel Hill offices will be closed on Monday.
- Chapel Hill residential refuse collection will not collect yard waste on Monday and will instead pick up yard waste on Wednesday.
- The Chapel Hill Public Library will be closed Sunday.
- Chatham County Public Libraries will be closed Saturday-Monday.
- Chatham County offices will be closed on Monday.
- Chatham County Waste Collection & Recycling Centers will be closed on Sunday.
- The Town of Hillsborough offices will be closed on Monday.
- Hillsborough garbage collection scheduled for Monday will be collected on Tuesday.

Two rabies cases in Orange County

Two animals tested positive for rabies in Orange County last week, bringing the total number of positive rabies test to 11 in Orange County for 2011.

A deceased skunk and raccoon were both submitted to the State Laboratory of Public Health after they came into contact with dogs and their owners in Orange County.

The skunk was discovered dead in a dog’s pen at a residence on N.C. 57 just north of Hillsborough. The owner then came into contact with the dog after finding the skunk. Because the dog had not been vaccinated for rabies, it had to be surrendered for euthanasia.

The raccoon was discovered in the mouths of two dogs in the

area of Hawkins Road and N.C. 86. The owner contained the two dogs, which were current on their rabies vaccinations and received a booster shot after exposure.

In accordance with state law, unvaccinated animals that come into contact with rabies must either be quarantined for six months or destroyed. By contrast, animals currently vaccinated must receive a booster shot within five days.

Buses to the Dean Dome

The Tar Heel Express shuttle will provide service today (Thursday) for the UNC men’s basketball game against Elon at 7 p.m. at the Dean Smith Center.

Shuttle service will begin at 5:30 p.m. from the Friday Center, Southern Village, University Mall and Jones Ferry park-and-ride lots. Tickets are \$3 for one-way and \$5 round-trip.

A shuttle will also run from the Carolina Coffee Shop, and will cost \$2 one-way or \$4 round-trip.

The shuttles will run every 10 to 15 minutes prior to the start of the game and will operate for 45 minutes following the game.

The Tar Heel Express will drop off and pick up in front of the Dean Smith Center on Bowles Drive.

Branch Street closed

Branch Street is closed near its intersection with Airport Drive until Jan. 10 for construction of an electrical duct bank for UNC.

A detour route has been posted for motorists and is indicated by signs along the road. Airport Drive is open.

BUDGET CUTS
FROM PAGE 1

“Child care is very expensive,” she added.

The cuts have also impacted child-care providers, since Cos-ton can’t guarantee them a set number of children anymore.

Major cuts

DSS works with organiza-tions like the Orange County Partnership for Young Children to provide services to residents who need them. The partnership

matches children with child-care providers and pre-kindergarten placements, administering the county’s Smart Start allocation and a portion of its pre-kindergarten dollars. Smart Start is an initiative started by Gov. Jim Hunt that provides comprehensive early-childhood programs in health and education.

“Over the past three years, basically since the recession started, Smart Start has received a bud-get cut,” said Margaret Samuels, executive director of the partnership. “It’s been really awful in the past few years watching the bud-

get shrink and shrink, because it does have an impact.”

In this year’s state budget, cuts to Smart Start and the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten program – formerly known as More at Four – totaled 20 percent, Samuels said. Different school districts across the state treat pre-k in different ways; in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, some pre-k students are served within the public schools while other slots are available in private schools.

“That has affected our community significantly,” Samuels

said. “It means less money for child-care payments, subsidy payments.”

“It also means we got reduced slots for the N.C. Pre-K,” she added.

The partnership also admin-isters a number of programs associated with Smart Start, like a special services coordination program in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools that helps identify children with special needs, but that program was cut this year because of budget reductions.

The county has helped out with some programs though,

like an early-childhood dental project that the county health department started funding when the partnership was no longer able to do so.

“We worked really hard to work with the county this year because we were really worried about some of these programs,” Samuels said, adding that both the Orange County Board of Commissioners and county staff have been very supportive.

“Counties have limited funds as well. The mess is kind of all over,” she said. “It’s really difficult because so many of our

programs ... were showing real outcomes for children and their families.”

Samuels said the partnership has cut its budget pretty much to the basics at this point, and that she worries about future cuts.

“We are going to be watch-ing the outlook very closely,” she said. “Our eternal hope is that everyone recognizes the benefit of early-childhood [programs] and that the more funds we put in early childhood, the less issues we have down the road.”

MYSTERY BEER
FROM PAGE 1

Thanks, Mom

While Kickstarter contribu-tors will have their plaque, Myers should consider erecting another one thanking his mom.

Twelve years ago, his mother gave him a small gift that snow-balled into the big idea of starting his own craft brewery: a home-brewing kit.

“I made some really terrible beer,” Myers said of his first brew-ing attempts. “It was awful, and I really like beer, so it was disap-

pointing.”

He said it took him five or six years of brewing before he made anything decent.

While those first attempts may not have been the best – and some of his recent trials, such as a garlic-flavored beer, might also be con-sidered less than terrific – Myers insists that he knows what flavors work and wouldn’t make any-thing he wouldn’t want to drink.

For example, the brewery’s Langhorne rye wit, named after Mark Twain, is made from rye, hibiscus, rose hips and blood or-ange peel.

“I make what I like,” he said.

In addition to not having a flagship beer, Mystery Brewing Company won’t have six packs; it will sell its beer in kegs and growl-ers only.

“I tell restaurants to feel free to order a mystery tap at all times,” Myers said. “The beer might change but the quality won’t.”

Continued support

The brewery’s opening date has tentatively been set for Feb. 29. For those who can’t wait until 2012 to check it out, Mystery Brewing Company, located off Dimmocks Mill Road, is hosting a New Year’s Eve party, allowing the curious and beer-centric to ring in the new year with all the necessities of any great New Year’s

Eve celebration: food, music and beer.

While Myers is thankful for the monetary support his venture has received, he’s also thankful for the generous helping of good faith from the community.

Although he initially chose Hillsborough for its proxim-ity to multiple major highways, which allows for easy distribu-

tion, the exuberance displayed by townspeople for his little brewery proved he chose the right location.

“It is absolutely unbelievable how many people I have met in this town that are excited to have a brewery in town,” Myers said.

“They’ve done a lot to help us get off the ground,” he added. “They’ve been a very supportive and very warm community.”

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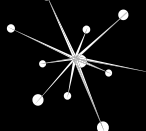
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JANUARY

Douglass Hunt dies on New Year's Day at 86. After a long legal career and a stint as assistant to the secretary of the treasury in the Johnson administration, Hunt served as special assistant to a succession of UNC chancellors.

The Chapel Hill Planning Board unanimously approves a request by the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service for a special-use permit for Community House, a two-story, 16,250-square-foot transitional shelter for homeless men on a university-owned parcel near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Homestead Road.

Among the items featured at the Carboro Farmers' Market are mache, carrots, beet greens, savoy cabbage, mint, thyme, Brussels sprouts, carrots and broccoli rabe.

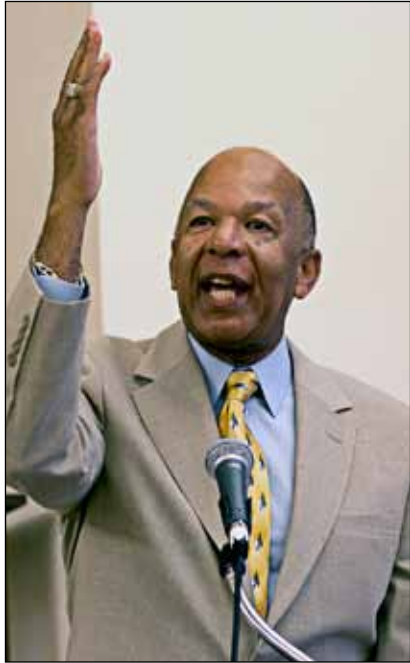
The Chatham County Board of Commissioners votes upon party lines to eliminate four staff positions, with the newly elected Republican majority voting in favor of the cuts. The eliminated positions include the directors of the Office of Human Relations and the Department of Sustainable Communities.

A website chronicling everyday life in the South 150 years ago is launched by the University Library at UNC. The site commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

According to a report presented to the Orange County Board of Commissioners, the county has made major improvements in its use of technology over the past two years.

Improvements include the development of the new county GIS website.

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award goes to Lorie Clark, a Carboro native and longtime school social worker.



A survey by the N.C. School Boards Association says community members and school district staff want to hire a school superintendent with experience in budgets and finance, a proven track record of success and experience in the classroom.

Orange County officials announce that the county has received a \$1.4 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund sewer systems in central Efland and north Buckhorn.

The Chatham County Superior Court reopens, after a fire, at a new location, 158 West St. in Pittsboro.

FEBRUARY

The Orange County Board of Commissioners votes to approve the county's legislative package for the 2011 N.C. General Assembly Session, requesting approval of bills that would prohibit deer hunting with dogs in the county and establish 91 percent of the disputed Orange County/Alamance County line.

UNC juniors Mark Clarke and Zach De La Rosa are selected as the 2011 recipients of the Eve Carson Scholarship.

The Special Olympics of Orange County skiing and snowboarding team competes in the Southeast Winter Games in Blowing Rock and Boone, with several team members bringing home gold, silver and bronze medals.

UNC system students and immigrants-rights activists march down South Road in protest of proposed tuition hikes and layoffs in the UNC school system.

Carboro considers a plan to slim down West Main Street along the road's four-lane stretch near Town Hall, adding bike lanes and dropping the number of travel lanes for cars from four to two, plus a turning lane.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education votes 4-3 to approve a plan that reassigns 33 students and several new developments from Morris Grove Elementary School to other district elementary schools, but would keep students from the neighborhood north of Weaver Dairy Road at Morris Grove.

With a new system for provisioning mental health care services now in effect — one in which most services that will be reimbursed by federal funds will be delivered by large, state-accredited providers — the question remains of what will happen to smaller providers.

A Helping Hand visits Charles House ElderCare Center for a volunteer serenade and Valentine delivery.

Local artist J. Lev unveils the new Whirlid, an interactive sculpture, at Leo Gaef Metalworks. The interactive sculpture acts as an observatory to everyday life by projecting a dynamic, panoramic movie of the world around it.

The *Murphey School Radio Show*, an old-style variety show, is held at the Shared Visions Retreat Center, marking the first of what center directors hope will be many radio shows at the facility to benefit local nonprofits.

The ArtsCenter board of directors announces that board members have voted to restructure the center's leadership, eliminating both the executive director and Youth Performing Arts Conservatory director positions.

The Carboro Board of Aldermen clear the way for additions to the former VisArt Video space at 300 East Main St., opening the door for a possible expansion and move of Car's Cradle along with other changes at the property.

The Town of Chapel Hill's Personal Appeals Committee recommends against rehiring Kerry Bigelow and Clyde Clark, who were dismissed from the town's Public Works Department for alleged insubordination and intimidating behavior toward supervisors and residents. The men had appealed their firings to the committee composed of town residents.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education narrows its search for a new superintendent, selecting 10 candidates for interviews.

The Carboro High School JV men's basketball team goes 19-1 overall and 14-0 in conference play.

A delegation of three state representatives and two senators warns the Chapel Hill Town Council that what lies ahead for them in the coming session will be, in Rep. Joe Hackney's words, "Worse than [a] challenge."

Town staff, former board members, elected officials and residents young and old line up to ring the Carboro Century Center bell 100 times to commemorate the town's 100th birthday. In true Carboro fashion, the ringing of the bell is barely audible over the celebratory noise of the townspeople inside.

"Nobody can make noise like Carboro," says board of aldermen member Jacquie Gist.

On Carboro's 100th anniversary, board of aldermen member Lydia Lavelle and her partner, Alicia Stempert, register as domestic partners with "a statement of gratitude to Carboro" and "a statement of outrage to our legislators" for the proposed "Defense of Marriage" bill.

The Tar Heels beat Duke to finish first in the final ACC regular-season standings. The victory vaults Carolina to sixth in the Associated Press poll and seventh in the coaches' poll.

Parlez Vous Crepe, Will and Pop's, Only Burger, Blue Sky Dining and Captain Ponchos Tacos are the featured vendors at a gathering of food trucks at Al's Garage.

The Carboro Board of Aldermen agrees to lease a large number of parking spaces at a new parking deck in the 300 East Main Street project. The agreement with Main Street Partners helps with financing and clearing the way for construction of the deck and a Hampton Inn on the eastern portion of the property.

Representatives of Hart-Redd, a company that wants to build a 24,000-square-foot commercial building on the northwest corner of Greensboro and Weaver streets, shows updated plans for the project at a community meeting at Carboro Town Hall. The design calls for a two-story building that will house a CVS pharmacy downstairs along with upstairs storage and office space.

After months of speculation, Bank of America says that it will foreclose on the Greenbridge development on June 27.

After a long negotiation over design, pricing and what would happen to current residents, the Carboro Board of Aldermen approves a rezoning to allow the Pine Grove Mobile Home Park on Old Fayetteville Road to be redeveloped as a cluster of 39 energy-efficient homes.

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The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education votes to approve their budget request, with a warning that the picture painted by the budget is unlikely to mirror the financial situation the schools will actually face in the coming year, bracing for cuts that state legislators have indicated are likely.

Carboro Town Manager Steve Stewart announces that he plans to retire in late summer or early fall.

Abbey Court Condominiums celebrates Thingyan, the Burmese New Year Water Festival, and more than 100 people come out to take part in a massive water fight.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education votes 6-2 to approve a plan that would move students from the neighborhood north of Weaver Dairy Road from Morris Grove Elementary School to Estes Hills Elementary School.

Members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners postpone a decision on extending the life of the Orange County Landfill.

The Carboro High School theater department presents *Bye Bye Birdie* as the first performance in the new CHS auditorium.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners votes to put a quarter-cent sales-tax referendum on the November ballot.

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Charter school has conservative roots

Readers may be interested in the following information about the National Heritage Academy for-profit charter school, which I garnered from several websites. Is this really a viable option for a school in our community?

The Academy, in addition to teaching traditional subjects, seeks also to provide moral instruction as stated in this excerpt from the website of the National Heritage Academy (nhaschools.com/About-Us/Pages/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx):

What about your moral focus curriculum?
“We believe great schools develop both a student’s heart and mind. Our moral focus curriculum is designed to support our parents’ efforts to teach character at home by reinforcing and modeling universal human virtues, such as compassion, respect and integrity. A different virtue is featured each month of the school year and is supported by curriculum in the classroom. Additionally, teachers model behavior that exemplifies the virtue, recognizing and praising students when they do the same. The moral focus curriculum is integrated throughout the school and creates an environment that is not just physically safe, but also emotionally safe. Students are taught to respect their classmates, to make smart decisions and to resolve disputes in a manner that displays strong character.”

They also regularly have a “moral focus assembly.” (nhaschools.com/Our-Commitment/Moral-Focus/Pages/MoralFocus.aspx)

As for the qualifications of the Academy leadership, if you look at their website and click on the leadership heading you will find that the majority of those involved in the educational aspects of the Academy received their college education in conservative Christian institutions, e.g., George Fox University, Hope College and Cornerstone University.

ELLIOTT MILLS
Chapel Hill

Fracking too risky

As a concerned citizen of Chapel Hill, I am completely against fracking. The practice of hydraulic fracturing is incredibly dangerous. Even fracking in rural areas is dangerous.

When fracking is done, harmful methane gas is released and can ruin the local water supply. This affects not only the people who live nearby but the animals, too.

Water with methane gas is hazardous to drink. Methane-infested water can ignite, meaning that if someone left a lit cigarette or candle near a glass of water, it could all catch fire. Who would want to take these risks?

If a large number of animals drank this toxic water, they would most likely die. If a lot of animals died, it could very likely damage that particular ecosystem. And if one small ecosystem was ruined, it could dramatically change the whole area.

In the play *An Enemy of the People*, by Henrik Ibsen (adapted and translated by Arthur Miller), the topic of fracking is discussed.

An Enemy of the People is about a doctor who tests the town’s water supply and finds it is poisonous. The doctor then tells the citizens of the town and they don’t believe him. He is then thought of as an enemy of the people (hence the title).

It is very likely that the water supply was poisoned by fracking. Many of the townspeople and people who visited the town got sick, but no one knew why. This is legitimate evidence that they could have been poisoned by methane-infested water, the result of hydraulic fracturing.

The importance of this play is the realization that this could happen to us. If we decide to frack here, in North Carolina, *our* water supply might become poisoned.

Is that what we want? To drink poisoned water? To make ourselves sick? To have that risk of being hurt?

Why be haunted by that risk when we, as the people of this community, can decide against it? Fracking is our decision; why choose to frack when the cons heavily outweigh the pros?

I, as a member of our community, am against fracking. Why take the risks when not much good can come of it?

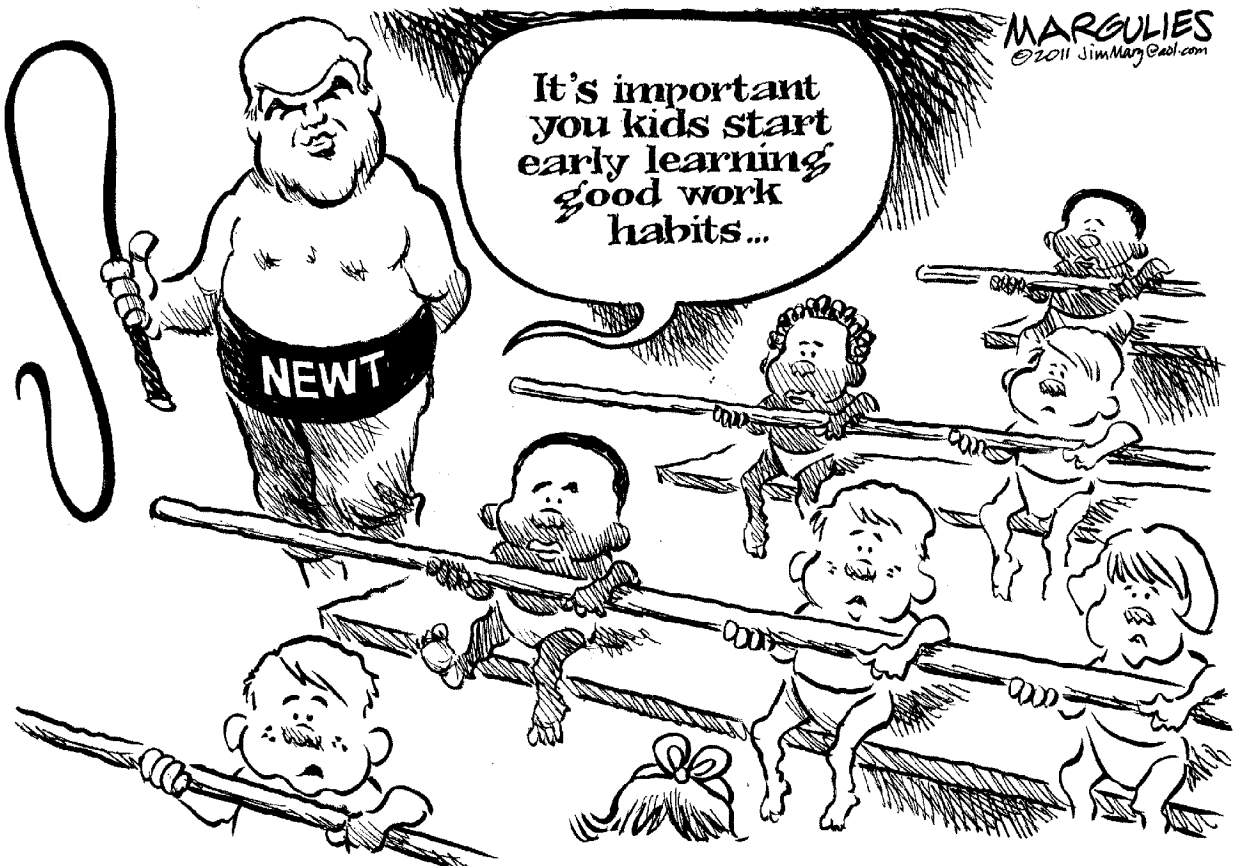
Would *you* want to take the risks?

ALEXANDRA GLASSER
Chapel Hill

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The biggest story of the year

Looking back at the end of the year is a natural thing to do. The downtime between semesters after the feasts and holidays always seems about right for reflection. The green leaves of summer are scarred and toasted and raked into piles. You can see the contours of the land much better, and in the quiet of the long nights, if you put your mind to it, a perspective on the year now fading also starts to reveal itself.

There’s nothing like a local newspaper to help you along in that process of reflection. When we first started publishing *The Citizen* in the spring of 2007, we hadn’t really conceived of exactly what to do at year’s end, but we knew it would be an important part of our mission. We wanted to make something you could put in the cedar chest as a clue for future generations of just what happened around here.

Too often, end-of-the-year issues come off as slapped-together space fillers. In an industry where the printed product is growing smaller and the online product more full of baubles than substance, putting the year in perspective has come down to cavalcades of photos and a top 10 biggest stories list. That first year, when we started planning our inaugural year-in-review issue, we thought maybe you – our readers – deserved a little more than that.

What we came up with isn’t exactly the definitive history of our community, but it’s not 365 days boiled down to 10 paragraphs.

By taking you through things month by month you can see how the year flowed, how the conflicts and controversies started, evolved and resolved over the course of the year. Big events happen of course, but the stories that really shape a community and influence the direction of it rarely are comprised of a single moment. An election or a decision taken by

a governing body may be the culmination of something, but they are rarely standalone events. Protests like the ones we’ve seen in recent months might seem just to burst into view, but they’re the result of pressure building over time.

And if you’re concentrating on just the big things and the usual dominant personalities and influencers, the smaller moments of the year get lost. It may seem silly or at least unserious to add into a review the growing of a giant vegetable, the installation of a strange sculpture or the birth of twin oxen, but that’s part of what makes this place what it is and shouldn’t be left out. Things don’t have to be newsworthy to be news. Folks just keeping on in the face of adversity, especially in times like these, is an important story as well. And the victories and accolades that might seem small to some are giant in the lives of those people classified as “ordinary people.”

There are no ordinary people. Some make more headlines and get more ink than others, but that doesn’t make them more important than anyone else or their dreams and hopes and fears any more real.

Everyone has a story to tell – the story of how they got here, how they came to be the person they are and where they want to go in life.

In a culture that is obsessed with celebrities and wealth and power, you can lose track of that. You can forget that all over this place there are people performing simple heroic acts every day without fanfare.

When you reflect on the year past, remember those people too, because as much or more than any well-known figure, their acts of compassion, kindness and service keep this community running and are steadily shaping its future. That’s the biggest story of the year, any year.



Why NC should keep the Racial Justice Act

RICK GLAZIER

The North Carolina Racial Justice Act (RJA) is all about the relationship between our present and our history. The early history of our state was marred by the adoption of slavery with a clear institutionalized message that race made a difference and a legal system formalizing the disparate treatment of African Americans and whites through the “Black Codes.”

Those laws provided different punishments for crimes based on the race of the defendant and the victim. Other laws, intensely hostile to African Americans, remained on the books until well into the last century and their cultural counterparts have never fully been eradicated.

It is in this context RJA was enacted in 2009.

The criminal justice system operates with law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges and juries exercising discretion over a host of decisions made during the course of a case. Because of this broad discretion, significant opportunities exist for an individual’s prejudice, informed by his cultural lens, conscious or unconscious, to affect the ultimate outcome of a case. At every stage of the process African American suspects have too often been treated differently. This should come as no surprise – it simply reflects the complex social mechanisms of class and race particularly prevalent in North Carolina through much of the last century.

So how does the RJA apply? The law addresses the question of how discrimination is proved. There are generally two ways: first, with direct evidence that, in its words, establishes the decision-maker was prejudiced. In North Carolina cases, words by a juror suggesting “blacks value life less than whites” powerfully suggest racial animus substantially affected those decisions.

But, today discrimination is often not that overt. It is more subtle, yet we cannot deny its existence. So, a second route of establishing discrimination is through the use of statistical evidence to prove or disprove racial animus drove a decision.

Why statistical evidence? Because each statistic represents a human decision. These are objective facts quantifying very subjective human behavior. The RJA recognizes this and allows courts to look at those facts.

Where there is a true disparate impact suggesting race played a substantial factor in the decision to seek the death penalty, select a jury, or impose the death sentence, RJA demands a legitimate non-discriminatory explanation exist for what occurred.

A defendant bears a heavy burden to prove discrimination, but in the rare case that burden is met, a life sentence without parole will be imposed in lieu of a death sentence.

Defendants may file frivolous cases – and they should be quickly dismissed for what they are – but the fact many cases may be meritless hardly justifies refusing to consider those that are not. We are better than that as a civilized people.

Statistical evidence is used in this manner, on a daily basis in courts throughout this country, to determine civil law issues of discrimination. If it is acceptable to do so in those settings, it is impossible to see how the same evidence is invalid in a criminal case where a life is at stake.

Years ago, I represented a client in a civil rights case who was falsely convicted of a rape he did not commit. He was black; his accuser white. His jury was all white with black prospective jurors struck from the jury pool as was – too often – customary practice in the early 1980s in parts of this state. His defense was supported by four alibi witnesses – including a base chaplain, but not believed. He proclaimed his innocence loudly, but nobody listened. Strong exculpatory evidence was hidden by white police from prosecutors. He stayed in prison for eight years for a crime DNA evidence later proved he did not commit.

This case was a classic example of errors permeating cross-racial eyewitness identification. And my client was hardly alone. North Carolina has released nearly a dozen men from prison with life or death sentences for crimes they did not commit.

The RJA, in combination with many other criminal justice reforms, like the Actual Innocence Commission, is part of a modern and accountable criminal justice system designed not to perpetuate error, but correct it.

Many honorable steps to eradicate the influence of discrimination have been achieved, but as the late Supreme Court Justice Brennan wrote years ago in the case of McCleskey v. Kemp, “We remain imprisoned by the past as long as we continue to deny its influence on the present.”

The RJA will, once and for all, if allowed to complete its mission, determine whether race played a substantial role in the outcome of any case where a defendant sits on death row and will, as important, deter such from ever happening again. The time delay for these executions until that decision is made and the cost of doing so dim in comparison to the moral, spiritual and human cost of not doing so. We can go a long way toward restoring full confidence in our criminal justice system for us all if we simply allow the law to complete its task. Nothing in life is settled until settled right. Let’s keep this important law.

Rick Glazier is a lawyer, law professor and state representative from Cumberland County.

An offer to the president

ROBERT REICH

Mr. President, we heard what you said earlier this month in Kansas – about the dangers to our economy and democracy of the increasing concentration of income and wealth at the top.

We agree. And many of us are prepared to work our hearts out to get you reelected – as long as you commit to doing what needs to be done in your second term:

- Raise the tax rate on the rich to what it was before 1981. The top 1 percent has an almost unprecedented share of the nation’s wealth and income yet the lowest tax rate in 30 years. Meanwhile, America faces colossal budget deficits that have already meant devastating cuts in education, infrastructure and the safety nets we depend on. Income in excess of \$1 million should be taxed at 70 percent – the same rate as before 1981.

- Raise capital gains taxes to the same level. It’s absurd that the 400 richest Americans – whose wealth exceeds the wealth of the bottom 150 million Americans put together – should pay an average of 17 percent tax on their incomes, the rate day laborers and child-care workers pay. That’s because so much of the income of the super-rich is considered capital gains, now taxed at only 15 percent. Close this loophole.

- Tax financial transactions. A tiny tax on every financial deal would yield billions of dollars. It would also slow speculators and reduce the wild gyrations of financial markets.

- Use the bulk of this money to create good schools, give our kids access to a college education and build a world-class infrastructure.

- Resurrect the Glass-Steagall Act, which used to separate commercial from investment banking. It was put in place after the Great Crash of 1929 to prevent financiers from gambling with people’s bank deposits. But it was repealed in 1999 – and its repeal contributed to the crash of 2008. Wall Street lobbyists have made sure the new Dodd-Frank law has enough loopholes to allow financiers to continue to gamble with other people’s money. The only way to stop this is to bring Glass-Steagall back.

- Cap the size of Wall Street’s banks and break up the biggest. They were too big to fail before the bailout. They’re even bigger now. And because of their huge size they get preferential treatment from the Fed, giving them an even greater competitive advantage over smaller banks. Cap their size and break them up before we have to bail them out again.

- Require the big banks that got bailed out to modify the mortgages of millions of Americans now under water who owe more than their homes are worth. It’s not their fault the banks created a housing bubble that burst, causing home values to plummet.

Mr. President, we know nothing good happens in Washington unless good people outside Washington are organized and mobilized to make it happen.

So here’s the deal: We’ll reelect you. We’ll stand behind you. We’ll give you a mandate to do all this – and more – in your second term.

As long as you stand behind us. Deal?

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FLORA
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Sited upright near bird feeders, it becomes excellent shelter and perches for birds. It also provides an additional evergreen element in your landscape for several more months. When it finally turns brown, cut it into pieces for your compost bin or apply cut branches as mulch at the base of trees and shrubs. There is no sense discarding them curbside, making more work for public works crews.

Until some other creative homeowner is nominated, Chapel Hill resident Diana Steele once again receives the annual "Citizen Award for Creative Orphaned Christmas Tree Recycling."

For years, Diana has inspired curbside rescuing of discarded trees to be dropped along the driveway of her Willow Hill Preschool at 1207 Mason Farm Road. Propped up along the edges of her parking spots, these trees provide instant dramatic landscape effect. For weeks the kids in her preschool drag them around, and with creative energies, like budding architects, make tree fortresses, tree castles and even giant bird nests to explore for weeks on end.

Under Diana's supervision,



Preschoolers enjoy creative play with "rescued" holiday trees.
PHOTO BY DIANA STEELE

the trees eventually settle into natural recycling as meandering brush-pile wildlife habitats along the woodland edges of her magical gardens and preschoolers' discovery ground.

Every time I spot one of the orphaned trees at curbside, I rescue it. A few go to my yard, but most will find a happy home at Willow Hill Preschool. It's a great celebration when the kids are there at drop-off time.

I hope you honor your tree this year by keeping it on your home turf, or at least on a neighborhood site where the kids may enjoy it on its way to a natural return to the soil.

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UNC Cheerleaders, 1973

One good photograph leads to another: After publishing the Bluebook cover picture of three players from the 1975-76 UNC men's basketball team, we received this photo and email from Linda Long: "Your recent 1975 photo of UNC basketball players reminded me of this one. ...We cheered for the guys." Linda identifies the UNC Varsity Cheerleaders from 1973 as: (front) Janet Killian; (second row, left to right) Mary Rudd and Linda Waters Long; and (back row) Becky Branch Swift, Becky Fuller Campbell and Kathy Samuelson. In a nice twist of fate, two of these cheerleaders turned out to be local teachers: Linda Long teaches at Githens Middle School in Durham while Becky Campbell, the former swim coach at East Chapel Hill High School, now teaches at Phillips Middle School. This photo was taken in Woollen Gym, most likely by long-time Durham *Herald-Sun* photographer Charles Cooper, who also took the cover shot from the 1975 Bluebook. And you can't help but notice in this photo that four of the six cheerleaders are blonde. When I mentioned that to Linda, she laughed and recalled a basketball camp from the mid-'70s when "a little girl raised her hand and asked, 'Do you have to be blonde to be a Carolina cheerleader?'"

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Anyone who has ever watched a football game knows the only sensible play from there is to put in senior running back Ryan Houston and let him carry the ball four times if necessary. It probably would only have taken one or two tries from the 6-foot-2-inch, 240-pound Houston to score a touchdown.

Instead, Shoop had to show everyone how brilliant he is, and UNC misfired on three straight pass attempts and settled for a field goal trailing 31-7. So the Tar Heels went to the locker room down 31-10 when it should have been 31-14.

This bowl game proved the perfect example of why the program needed an overhaul in leadership. The coaching staff did not prepare this team to play its final game of the season.

Given the overall situation, it's possible few could have done a better job. There is no way we will ever know.

I just know this: The majority of players on this team have gone through far more misery than they deserved. A few players betrayed their teammates, as did an egomaniacal assistant coach in John Blake.

But a new regime is on its way. Larry Fedora is now the coach, and he has already assembled most of his staff.

That group will hit the road as soon as the recruiting dead period ends. Fedora has the kind of engaging personality that makes him a born recruiter. He is oozing with confidence, and he is coming off a 12-win season in which his Southern Mississippi team defeated previously unbeaten Houston in the Conference USA championship game. Southern Miss then won its bowl game.

The team needs him; the program needs him; the school needs him.

There is enough talent for Fedora to make an immediate winning impact, too. He is inheriting more talent than any new coach at UNC since Dick Crum succeeded Bill Dooley.

His first big recruiting job will be to convince Kevin Reddick and other players with eligibility remaining to stay another year. Then his biggest job will be to win this team's minds and hearts as much as possible before spring practice and beyond.

Then and only then can the Tar Heels avoid a repeat of the horrible excuse of a performance they gave in Shreveport, La., on Monday.



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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