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"We really need to take time out and look at this. What seems to be happening is there's a rush to develop around here, and maybe that's because Apex said, 'Enough. See you guys around,' and Cary is getting built out. Maybe Chapel Hill is in the crosshairs now of this mega development."

-- Greg Brusseau, a member of the steering committee of neighbors and residents that organized to respond to a plan to redevelop the Glen Lennox community, on the future of the East N.C. 54 corridor.

"I don't think everybody knows about it. There is signage, but when people come over the hill into Hillsborough they are taking in the town, and they miss it."

--Melissa Booth, owner of Melissa Designer Jewelry, on why the new Churton Street parking deck in Hillsborough has been largely empty since its opening.

"War is repugnant. War is the ultimate in human stupidity."

-- Garland Neville, chaplain for American Legion Post 6, at a Memorial Day ceremony at the Legion hut in Chapel Hill.

"I would just like to hope that the town would consider ways of promoting the town and educating locals about events and artistic events, whether it's a music event for [Barack] Obama with Superchunk and a giant rally or it's an improv festival or a film festival."

-- Mike Maher, owner of Wootini, a Carrboro arts store, speaking to the Board of Aldermen about how

the town should increase its promotion of cultural activities.

"Everywhere you turn is a price increase. No way we can afford to pay the tax increase that you suggested."

Lousy Landlord

Feuds With Everyone

-- Betsy Tilley, who retired from the Orange County school system in 1994, speaking to the Orange County Commissioners about rising costs for seniors.

"I've had it. I've signed a lease on a new space on Elliott Road. I gave my best shot in downtown Chapel Hill, but it didn't work."

-- Lex Alexander, proprietor of 3 Cups in The Courtyard on West Franklin Street, announcing that he was moving his business rather than fight an eviction notice from his landlord, Spencer Young. A dispute over parking has embroiled Young and some of his tenants for months.

"Chapel Hill is sort of trying to revive its commemorative landscape. This fits in very well with what the town wanted to do."

-- Yonni Chapman, who has led the effort to get a commemorative marker for the 1947 civil rights Freedom Ride that stopped in Chapel Hill. The state approved the plan this week.

"The administration would say that if we need to be open in 2011, Northside might be our only choice."

-- City schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen, on the likely location of the district's 11th elementary school, which it wants to open in three years.

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