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# Council OKs long-range planning effort

BY KIRK ROSS

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The last time the Chapel Hill Town Council authorized an extensive rewrite of the town's comprehensive plan, the president was Bill Clinton, the federal budget was showing a surplus, the local economy was booming and the population of Chapel Hill was around 48,000.

Now, with a much different fiscal landscape, 6,000 more people and thousands of additional homes and acreage under its purview, the council on Monday night was in agreement that it's time to put a new set of values and priorities to paper.

At its meeting at Chapel Hill Town Hall, the board heard from planning board Chair Michael Collins and former chair George Cianciolo about the effort to create a new plan. Collins said it will be a long effort and that it must result in "a living document" that is representative of the community's vision for its immediate future.

The council and Town Manager Roger Stancil have set a June 2012 target for completing a new plan, which serves as the guiding document for development of town ordinances, particularly as they pertain to land-use planning, construction standards and town infrastructure.

residents Madeline Jefferson and Will Raymond cautioned the council to make sure the process for drafting the plan drew in the views of the citizens. Raymond said he was con-

Prior to the council's discus-

sion on the process for the plan,

cerned that there might be too heavy a reliance on consultants and town staff.

"The community must play a dominant part," Raymond said. [They] must be front and center in this effort."

Council member Sally Greene said she wants to make sure that in shaping the plan, discussions include a wide variety of community members.

"I don't want it to be the usual policy wonks," she said.

Council member Jim Ward said he wants to see the concept of sustainability woven through the plan. He said the council shouldn't expect more than a 10-year shelf life for the plan and that to try to plan much further out than that would be a waste of time.

Ward asked Stancil to look into how the town would handle planning reviews during the time it takes to put the plan in place, including the possibility of a development moratorium.

Council members were also in agreement that the plan should have a more formal schedule for reevaluation.

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#### **County makes** technology strides

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

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

The report from the county's information technologies department outlined the department's major accomplishments in 2009 and 2010, including the development of the new county GIS website, which standardizes Orange County land data and provides the public with a convenient way to create address lists from maps.

Other accomplishments include the provision of streaming videos of commissioner meetings, completing the move from the county's antiquated mainframe to upgraded computer servers and systems, the provision of new wireless hotspots and a major upgrade for the county

In addition, staff implemented a new jury-selection and -management system that allows the clerk of courts to directly manage jury pools without the involvement of county staff.

Board members applauded the department's efforts.

"It's been night and day in the two years that I've been sitting here on where we are and where we've come," Commissioner Pam Hemminger said. "Now we can actually move forward on some things that will be very positive for the county."

"Today's servers are tomorrow's mainframes, and we do have to have that kind of continuous upgrade of systems," board Vice Chair Steve Yuhasz said, adding that upgrades will help to avoid a huge replacement 20 years down the road.

Todd Jones, chief information officer with Orange County, said the technology infrastructure is in really good shape.

"I think you will see a fair reduction in the infrastructure-related capital costs going forward," he said.

This year, the county plans to impleent technology that will archive all incoming and outbound county emails, which will improve response times to public-records requests. County Manager Frank Clifton said officials are developing a policy on county documents.

"Almost all those documents, outside of personnel, are public records," he said. "[The new archiving technology] will just make it easier for people to do electronic searches."

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# ORA BY KEN MOORE

#### Reading the landscape

eading the landscape can be really engaging for those who take to our local trails with an intention to get more than exercise or a dog walk. Whether it's a strand of rusted barbed wire captured inside the trunk of a tree or an unexpected area covered with English ivy or periwinkle, one may be curious enough to linger and consider what occurred there long ago. Sometimes the answer is quickly evident, as when an old gravesite is spied amidst the traditionally planted ivy or Vinca minor (commonly called periwinkle or myrtle).

Sometimes one spots brightly colored surveyors' marking tape or freshly hacked saplings, indicating recent property line surveys. These sightings can easily send a concerned walker to Town Hall with inquiries about potential dramatic landscape alterations.

A pleasant read for inquisitive walkers is Reading the Landscape by May Thielgaard Watts, a book long out of print but generally found in libraries and used bookstores. Watts, a legendary naturalist at Morton Arboretum near Chicago, loved helping young and old alike "read" the meanings of local landscapes.

Last week, I discovered a trail that was new to me, in Duke Forest. Reserved for foot traffic only, it's located just a short way along Duke Forest Durham Division trail C, which is accessed via N.C. 751, beyond the roundabout west of U.S. 15-501 bypass.

Interpretive signs along the trail help walkers understand the land-use history of the diversity of habitats the trail traverses.

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Will Pettis, 24, looks out the window of Will & Pop's Gourmet Burgers food truck. The business is owned by father-and-son duo Will and Kenny Pettis, and opened for business on Jan. I. The truck parks in Carrboro Monday through Friday at the CITGO on the corner of Elm and Weaver streets. The Chapel Hill Town Council is considering a change to rules that have been a roadblock to the trucks, setting a public hearing for Feb. 28. See editorial on page 6. PHOTO BY ALLISON RUSSELL

# Community wants superintendent with proven track record

**BY SUSAN DICKSON** 

Staff Writer

— Community members and school district staff would like to see a superintendent with experience in budgets and finance, a proven track record of success and experience in the classroom, according to the results of a survey administered by the N.C. School Boards Association.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education reviewed the survey results last week as part of the district's search for a new superintendent. The board officially launched the search in October, following Superintendent Neil Pedersen's July announcement that he would retire next June.

Over the past few months, the district has held two public forums, collected written statements from local organizations and individuals and solicited public opinion via the survey.

Allison Schafer, legal counsel with the N.C. School Board Association, said 1,200 community members and district staff members completed the

'That is an excellent number," she said, adding that communities of similar sizes normally have 200 to 300 respondents. "That's a good amount of information for the board to review."

While survey respondents gave weight to candidates' experience as a superintendent and with budgets and finance, respondents were less concerned that candidates have experience in North Carolina or other leadership experience, such as in business or the military.

In addition, respondents said they would like a superintendent to exhibit a commitment to high student achievement.

Both community members and staff said a superintendent should inspire trust, have high levels of self-confidence and optimism and model high standards of integrity and personal performance. Less important to those surveyed were an ability to integrate instructional and administrative technology and a demonstrated ability to work with the media.

Board members also outlined a number of qualities and skills they would like a potential superintendent to possess.

"I'd like to see proven experience in maintaining successful, responsive and interactive communication with all key stakeholders," board member Greg McElveen said.

Board member Annetta Streater said she would like to see a superintendent who is a cheerleader among the staff and the students.

"You really have to be excited and enthusiastic about the work that's going on and the work that's got to be done," she said.

Board member Jean Hamilton said a superintendent should have a good understanding of program administration, including what is regarded as bestpractice and the cost of implementing various programs.

"I think it's really important to have someone who understands the business, who understands what it takes to deliver a really high-quality education to all our students, and I think that you need to have had that experience as a teacher and as a principal, as well as an administrator," she said.

Board member Mike Kelley said an ideal candidate would probably have a doctoral degree and would be at a place in his or her career where he or she could spend 10 to 20 years at the helm of the district.

The application period closes on Monday and the board will review applications in February. The board hopes to hire a superintendent by April.

# Transforming County receives \$1.4 million for Efland sewer

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

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

Efland sewer has been a hot-button issue in recent years, as the Orange County Board of Commissioners in 2008 approved a 300 percent hike in Efland sewer rates scheduled to be

spread out over four years. According to County Manager Frank Clifton, the grant isn't likely to have much of an effect on the rate increase, but it will bring additional customers into the overall system, "which will help balance the rate structure to some extent."

At an Orange County Justice United meeting in December, Efland residents asked county officials to seek additional sources of funding to lessen the rate increase. At the meeting, Orange County planning director Craig Benedict said the county had started design work to change the flow of the sewer to help negate the rate increase.

Clifton said county officials are studying the rate system and hope to bring the structure in line with Mebane rates as part of the 2011-12 fiscal year budget.

Rep. David Price, who represents Orange County, had added the funds for the grant to a special appropriations bill in 2003 and 2005. Over the years, Orange County and Mebane officials have been planning for the

utility infrastructure in the area. The proposed sewer will service existing residents, churches and businesses, as well as potential development nearby.

"Basically, it fulfills a promise that was made 20 years ago," Clifton said. "It's something that was needed."

The project will be funded by the grant funds, bond monies and loans

totaling more than \$4 million.

The county will hold community meetings in coming months to discuss the status of the project and opportunities for public sewer connection.

#### **MUSIC CALENDAR**



#### **THURSDAY JAN 27**

Cats Cradle: Alejandro Escovedo, Jolie Holland, Kyp Malone. 8:30pm. \$18/20

**The Cave:** LATE: Tin Pan. \$5 Century Center: The Mighty Gospel Inspirations. 12pm. Free

City Tap: Jo Gore and The Alternative. 8pm

Local 506: The Moondoggies, Quiet Life. 9pm \$8/10

Nightlight: Pinkerton Raid, Gentle Robot, Tim Carless and Bouldaliers. 9:30pm. \$5

**Resevoir:** Hectagons, Zeus, Torch Runner, 10pm, Free

The Station at Southern Rail:

Dave Spencer Band. 10pm

**FRIDAY JAN 28** The ArtsCenter: Solas. 8:30pm. \$26/28

Cats Cradle: Cosmic Charlie. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: Nick Driver LATE: Tim Stambaugh

City Tap: David Quick. 8pm General Store Cafe: 15-501.

The Joyful Jewel: Stellaria. 7pm **Local 506:** Capstan Shafts, Le Weekend. 9:30pm. \$8

Memorial Hall: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wyton Marsalis. 8pm

Nightlight: Phantascist, Lady lazarus. 10pm. \$5

Open Eye Cafe: Scott Dameron, May Ladd. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: lustin Johnson, 6pm

#### **SATURDAY JAN 29**

The ArtsCenter: Bettye LaVette. 8:30pm. \$24/26

Cats Cradle: Best Coast, Wavves,

No Joy. 9pm. \$16 **The Cave:** EARLY: DTL LATE:

The Lowbots City Tap: John Howie, Jr and Billie

**The Flying Burrito:** See No

Weevil. 8:30pm

General Store Cafe: Pocket

Creek. 8pm **Local 506:** Frontier Ruckus.

8:30pm. \$8/10 Memorial Hall: Jazz at Lincoln

Center Orchestra with Wyton Marsalis. 8pm **Nightlight:** North Elementary,

Open Eye Cafe: Andrew Kasab.

Glen Iris, Embarrassing Fruits. 10pm.

The Station at Southern Rail: Brad Maiani Trio. 7pm

**University United Methodist** Church: Women's Voices. 8pm. \$15 Adults/\$5 students

Local 506: Smith Westerns, Yuck. 9:30pm. \$9/11

#### **TUESDAY FEB I**

**SUNDAY JAN 30** 

Cats Cradle: Lissie, Dylan Leblanc. 9pm. \$12/15

Local 506: Beg Fat Gap, Matri-

mony, Dewi Sant. 8pm. \$8 The Station at Southern Rail:

Fan Modine. 9pm Jack Sprat: Chris Reynolds

**WEDNESDAY FEB 2** 

Nightlight: Dreamweapon II.

#### 9:30pm

**THURSDAY FEB 3 The Cave:** LATE: Kaitlin Jones and The County Fair, We Are The

Willows Century Center: Marie Vander-

beck Jazz Group. 12pm. Free City Tap: John Worthington and The Stiners. 8pm

General Store Cafe: |azzbeau.

The Station at Southern Rail:

#### The Dave Spencer Band. 9:30pm **FRIDAY FEB 4**

Cats Cradle: Who's Bad. 9:30pm.

The Cave: LATE: Puritan Rodeo, Brian Mcgee and Hollow Speed

City Tap: Tracy Wiebeck. 8pm General Store Cafe: Swift

Creek. 8pm Local 506: Jonas Sees In Color.

7:30pm. \$8/10

Nightlight: J Bernard, Natan

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers Trio. 6pm

#### **SATURDAY FEB 5**

Cats Cradle: AleMickey Mills and Steel, Dub Addis, DJ Ras J, Jamrock, Cayenne. 8:30pm. \$12/1

The Cave: EARLY: Tad Dreis, Mark Kroos LATE: Kate Edwards, Reese McHenry

City Tap: Near Blind James and Harmonica Bob. 8pm

**Community Church of Chapel** Hill: The Kruger Brothers. 8pm. \$15/20

General Store Cafe: The Backbeat. 8pm. \$5

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers Blues Piano. 7pm

#### **SPOTLIGHT:** Bettye LaVette



#### Bettye LaVette will perform at The ArtsCenter on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 8:30 p.m.

LaVette is regarded as one of the greatest soul singers in American music history, possessed of an incredibly expressive voice that one moment will exude a formidable level of strength and intensity and the next will appear vulnerable, reflective, reeking of heartbreak. Discovered at the age of 16 by the legendary Detroit music raconteur Johnnie Rae Matthews, LaVette's first single was "My Man-He's a Loving Man," eventually covered by both Tina Turner and

The show is part of The ArtsCenter's 8th annual American Roots Series. Tickets are \$24 in advance, \$26 the day of the show and \$22 for ArtsClub members. For more information or to buy tickets, visit artscenterlive.org

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King's Speech THE LUMINA

Southern Village, 932-9000 No Strings Attached; The Fighter;

The Rite; The King's Speech; True

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Sun Matinees at 2:10 & 4:15pm Sun-Thu at 7:10 & 9:15 BLACK SWAN Fri & Sat at 9:30pm

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FR 1/28 COSMIC CHARLIE SA 1/29 BEST COAST/ WAVVES W/NO JOY

TU 2/1 LISSIE W/DYLAN LeBLANC\*\*(\$12/\$15) FR 2/4 WHO'S BAD?\*\* MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE
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TH 2/10\*\*(\$14/\$16) TAPES N TAPES

SA 2/12\*\*(\$12/\$14) BALLYHOO/IRATION MO 2/14 YANN TIERSEN WRIGHT\*\*(\$18/\$20)

TH 2/17 **PLAIN WHITE T**S //PARACHUTE AND MIGGS\*\*(\$18/\$20) SA 2/19 ROONEY W/EISLEY\*\*(\$15/\$17)

SU 2/20 THE BUDOS BAND W/D-TOWN BRASS AND DJ RAS J\*\*(\$12/\$15)

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FR 3/18 CARBON LEAF\*\*(\$15/\$17) SA 3/19 HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL\*\*(\$8/\$10)

SU 3/27 SEBADOH\*\*(\$15) SA 4/2 THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART

WE 4/6\*\*(\$12/\$14) BLACK LIPS **W/VIVIAN GIRLS** 

W/TWIN SHAI

TH 4/7 DESTROYER W/THE WAR ON **DRUGS**\*\*(\$13/\$15)

FR 4/8 THE MOUNTAIN GOATS W/MEGAFAUN\*\*(\$18/\$20)

SU 4/10 J MASCIS W/KURT VILE AND VIOLATORS\*\*(\$16/\$18) WE 4/13 **THE OLD 97**s

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**FR 3/4 PARLOTONES** M0 3/7 TENNIS W/LA SERA **AND HOLIDAY SHORES** FR 3/18 MICHAEL SHOWALTER FR 3/25 TIM BARRY

W/JENNY OWEN YOU

**DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH)** SOLD TH 1/27 GIRL TALK

**TU 4/5 CIVIL TWILIGHT** 

TH 5/4 INTERPOL CASBAH (DURHAM)

SA 2/12 BEN SOLLEE HISTORIC PLAYMAKERS THEATRE

(UNC-CHAPEL HILL)

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**Briefs** 

#### Library at mall meeting

The Town of Chapel Hill will hold a public information meeting to provide information and gather input on a proposal to move the Chapel Hill Public Library to University Mall on Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The town council is scheduled to receive an update on the proposal and discuss the issues involved on Feb. 14. A meeting with members of the library board of trustees, Library Foundation and Friends of the Library is scheduled for 5:30 to 7 tonight (Thursday) in the library meeting room.

For more information, visit townofchapelhill. org/futurelibrary or contact mayorandcouncil@ townofchapelhill.org to submit views on the idea.

#### Bingham meeting tonight

The university will hold a briefing on changes at its Bingham Facility today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Giles Horney Building on Airport Drive.

UNC Medical School officials recently announced they are dropping expansion plans for the facility. The school has filed a request with the state to replace the facility's failed wastewater-treatment system. For information on the facility, visit unc. edu/community/bingham.html

#### Officer placed on leave

Preston Oppegard, a Chapel Hill police officer serving as a member of the U.S. Marshal's Service Joint Fugitive Task Force, was placed on administrative leave last Friday after fatally wounding a Durham man while serving a warrant for his arrest.

The task force was attempting to locate and arrest Jerome Thompkins, a man wanted for three counts of first-degree sex offense involving a child, three counts of indecent liberties with a child and three counts of crime against nature.

Officers located Thompkins at 404 Macon St. in Durham. Upon arrival, Thompkins barricaded himself in a bedroom with a handgun and fired his weapon repeatedly at the officers. Oppegard was forced to fire his weapon out of self-defense, and fatally wounded Thompkins at the scene. No other

persons were injured.

As is standard procedure, the Chapel Hill Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation are conducting an administrative internal investigation into the incident.

#### **Emergency siren test**

UNC will test its emergency sirens on Monday between noon and 1 p.m. as part of Alert Carolina, the university's campus-wide safety awareness

Anyone on the UNC campus or in downtown Chapel Hill may hear the sirens, which are used to signal an emergency, such as an armed and dangerous person on or near campus, a major chemical spill or hazard or a tornado sighting.

#### **New Chatham court location**

The Chatham County Superior Court will open on Monday in a new location, at 158 West St. in Pittsboro. The address previously housed the Pittsboro Memorial Library. All superior court sessions will be held in the building and superior court judges and staff will have offices there.

The court will remain in the West Street facility until the new Chatham Judicial Center is completed, projected for late 2012.

#### **Bus to NCSU game**

Chapel Hill Transit will provide Tar Heel Express shuttle service to and from the Dean E. Smith Center for the N.C. State University vs. UNC men's basketball game scheduled for Saturday at 2

Shuttle service will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will provide continuous service to the arena from parkand-rides at the Friday Center, Southern Village, University Mall and Jones Ferry Road. The shuttles will operate for 45 minutes following the game.

Shuttles drop and pick up on Bowles Drive in front of the Smith Center. Shuttle rides are \$5 for a round-trip or \$3 for a one-way trip.

For additional information on the Tar Heel Express Shuttle, visit chtransit.org

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Shelter plan advances, more info sought

Inter-Faith Council for Social Sernew shelter and the guidelines building it would unfairly burden

but shelter opponents have used

the discussion of the guidelines to

highlight their concerns about the

on nearby neighborhoods as well as

men's shelter said the new guide-

lines were not specific enough and

do not spell out policies on sex of-

fenders and proximity to parks,

schools and other shelters. Op-

ponents have argued that the pro-

posed shelter would be close to the

IFC's Project Homestart, which

houses women and children tran-

sitioning from homelessness, and

Residents near the proposed

the proximity of social services.

vice's plans for a new men's shelter are moving on different tracks, other residents in the area.

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The approval process for the abuse recovery program, and that

## Researchers cite six demographic trends that will transform U.S.

UNC News Services

A browner, grayer and more culturally diverse population and workforce will dramatically transform the nation's social, economic and political institutions, according to a new

report by researchers at UNC.
The report, "Six Disruptive
Demographic Trends: What Census 2010 Will Reveal," identifies major shifts in U.S. demographics and their implications for business, consumer markets and the nation's competitiveness in the global marketplace.

'The U.S. population is far different today in terms of geographical distribution, racial and ethnic composition, age mix, family types and economic circumstance from what it was a decade ago," said James H. Johnson Jr., coauthor of the report with John D. Kasarda. Johnson is director of the Urban Investment Strategies Center at the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, part of UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School. Kasarda is director of the Kenan Institute.

The six trends are:

 South-shifting population. More than half of the nation's population growth

percent) occurred in Southern states, driven in part by an in-migration of an estimated 2.3 million newcomers from nearly all demographic groups - blacks, Hispanics, the elderly and the foreign born and high fertility rates among

some, particularly Hispanics.

• "Browning" of America. Nonwhites accounted for an estimated 85 percent of U.S. net population growth during the past decade. Non-Hispanic whites represented 65 percent of the U.S. population in 2009 compared to 76 percent in 1995.

• Intermarriage increase. Marriage across racial and ethnic lines has doubled since 1980, further contributing to the browning trend, with 41 percent of all intermarriages in 2008 between Hispanics and whites; 15 percent between Asians and whites; 11 percent between blacks and whites; and both parties nonwhite in 16 percent of intermarriages.

• "Graying" of America. The first baby boomer born in America turned 65 on Jan. 1, sparking a "silver tsunami" of 79 million baby boomers who will exit the U.S. workforce over the next 20 years. About 8,000 Americans will turn 65 every day over the next five tail on them.

during the past decade (51.4 years, and they will live longer than previous generations because of advances in health care and lifestyles that are

 Gender shift. Women now hold nearly half of all paid U.S. jobs (49.8 percent), own 40 percent of all businesses and hold 43 percent of executive, administrative and managerial positions in the U.S. economy, narrowing the malefemale wage gap to its lowest point in history.

• More grandparent-headed households. The number of children living in grandparentheaded households increased by 26.1 percent between 2001 and 2010, compared to 3.8 percent for all U.S. household types. One or both parents also live in about two-thirds of the grandparent-headed house-

Researchers identified these trends by analyzing demographic and economic statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Internal Revenue Service and other government agencies from the past decade as well as other demographic research. They expect the 2010 census data to confirm these trends and provide greater de-

# THE CARRBORO

#### **HOW TO REACH US**

trian Advisory Board approved the

luesday night, as the plans work

their way through the town's advi-

sory boards ahead of a public hear-

ing before the Chapel Hill Town

The shelter plans, which were

approved by the town's planning

board earlier this month, were also

scheduled for review by the town's

Community Design Commission

Wednesday night after The Citi-

Wednesday heard comments on

shelter guidelines from planning

board members, advocates for the

homeless and those opposed to

the proposed new men's shelter site near the intersection of Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and

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In other action Monday night,

• agreed to hold a joint public

hearing in the fall with Orange

County to discuss the Rogers

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forward the plan to the county

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In addition, county staff plans to create online tools for residents to register their pets, reserve meeting rooms and sign up for classes, team sports and recreational facilities. Plans also include an initiative to bring public wireless access to all county buildings.

In other business, the board agreed to hold up to three work sessions a year during the day, straying from their longtime practice of holding only night meetings.

Yuhasz said holding some meetings during the day will improve access for those who cannot attend night meetings.

"If all our meetings are at night, then someone who can't come at night can't come and address the commissioners," he said. "I think we should start with a couple work sessions, but I don't want to rule out the possibility that we might at

Commissioner Valerie Foushee cautioned against holding too many daytime meetings, saying that such a schedule would only allow those who are independently wealthy or who have control of their work schedules to run for a seat on the board.

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...who all won \$10 gift cards froM **Weaver Street Market** 

Their names were drawn from the correct entries in the "Find The Pie" contest from last week's paper. The pie, by the way, was in the 'MILL blog'' ad on page 2 of the Jan. 20th Citizen.

#### • set a Feb. 28 public hearing to discuss changes to the town's ordinances to permit food trucks to operate in the town;

- authorized a residential energy-efficiency program to provide funds for energy-saving improve-
- ments to residences; and • rejected a proposed increase in parking fees and authorized the purchase of new meters that would be assigned to a cluster of

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#### **ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

#### Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

A public hearing will be held on Orange County's potential legislative agenda for the 2011 North Carolina General Assembly Session. The issue areas to be addressed include:

**Hunting Deer with Dogs Orange-Alamance County Line** Commissioners Disclosure Revenue and Taxation Transportation Responsibility Bio-Solids Disposal **Energy Efficiency** 

**Broadband Service** Environment Court Facility Fees Electronic Public Notice E-911 Funds Mental Health **A**ariculture

The Board of Commissioners welcomes all comments on all items as may be introduced or addressed at the public hearing. **The meeting is open to the public** and will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at the Department of Social Services Center at 113 Mayo Street in Hillsborough beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you need additional information, please call Greg Wilder at 245-2300.

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# Community

#### **Community Briefs**

#### Funds for tumor research

Carrboro police officers are raising money to support children's tumor research.

Officers, along with friends and family members of Officer Joseph Thomas, have teamed up to run in the Raleigh Rocks 5k and half marathon on April 10. Thomas' daughter Logan, 4, was recently diagnosed with neurofibromatosis, a genetic disease that causes tumors to form throughout the body. If you are interested in participating in the run or making a donation, go to active.com/donate/nfeventnotlisted2011/Jthomas568

#### **Temporary shop opens**

4, a new accessories store, will open Feb. 4, upstairs at 149A E. Franklin St. The store will close at the end of May and donate its proceeds to local

The store is a project by UNC students Taylor Walters and Chelsea Crites, who will open and run the store under the supervision of professor Dana McMahan. Proceeds from 4 will benefit The Arc of Orange County, The Center for Child and Family Health of Durham, Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill and Table of Carrboro.

4 will feature fashion accessories, including jewelry, handbags and scarves. Shoppers will be able to hear the charity's stories as they browse.

#### **Volunteers needed for OPC board**

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners seeks volunteers to serve on the Orange-Person-Chatham (OPC) Mental Health Board. OPC is a local agency responsible for overseeing and managing publicly funded mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services in Orange, Person and Chatham counties.

The OPC board especially seeks professionals with financial expertise, management or business skills or a family member of someone receiving mental health services for a developmental disability.

Find an application form at chathamnc.org/Index. aspx?page=49 or contact Elizabeth Plata at 542-8200.

#### Youth concussion meeting

There will be a town hall-style meeting Saturday at UNC on concussions and other brain injuries among children and young adults.

The event, "How Do We Prevent, Identify and Treat Concussions in Youth?" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the Stallings-Evans Sports Medicine Center.

The meeting is part of a nationwide campaign led by the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation to raise awareness of the risks and symptoms of concussions. The event is free, but registration is requested. RSVP to Johna Register-Mihalik at 962-2702 or johnakay@ email.unc.edu

#### **THURSDAY JAN 27**

**Calendar** 

**Lunchbox Concert** — The Mighty Gospel Inspirations. Carrboro Century Center, noon Free

**Book Reading** — With Daphne Athas, discussing Chapel Hill in Plain Sight. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5pm Free

Friends of the Downtown — Meeting with speaker Chapel Hill police Chief Chris Blue. Franklin Hotel, 10am Free

#### **FRIDAY JAN 28**

Computer Class — Internet Basics. Chapel Hill Public Library, 8:15am Free Pre-registration required: 968-2780

**Family Movie Nite** — A PG film based on a book by Cressida Cowell. Call for movie title. Chapel Hill Public Library, 4pm Free 968-2778

Marsh Madness — An interactive musical journey up and down Georgia's coast. Participants will learn about characters who live in and around the barrier islands and the important role each of them play in maintaining a healthy coastal ecosystem. The ArtsCenter, 10am (grades preK-2nd) & 11:30am (grades 3-5) \$7 artscenterlive.org

**Zumba Jam** — Zumba fuses Latin and international rhythms to make a dynamic fitness program. Carrboro Century Center, 7pm \$3

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#### **SATURDAY JAN 29**

**Angels in America** — Opens at Paul Green Theatre, with two parts performed in rotating rep. Continues through March 6. playmakersrep.org

**Sacrificial Poets** — Poetry performance team from Chapel Hill-Durham area. The ArtsCenter, 7pm \$5

#### **SUNDAY JAN 30**

Women's Voices — Performing at University United Methodist Church. 8pm \$15 adults/\$5 students womensvoiceschorus.org

Photographic Workshop -"Color Management," designed to teach good color match using various color devices. Carrboro Branch Library, 2-4:30pm Free registration: 969-3006

#### Human Relations Month —

Kicks off with a panel discussion, "A Community Conversation on Immigration: What Are The Implications For Orange County And Its Residents." Carrboro Century Center, 3pm Free

Cuba Today — Dan Whittle and Daylin Munoz discuss current events in Cuba, including economic reform, Obama policy and

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#### TUESDAY FEB I

**Movie Nite** — Showing of *In*victus, with Matt Damon and Morgan Freeman. Chapel Hill Public Library, 6:30pm Free 969-2028

**Bingo** — For Ages 55 and older. Century Center, 2-3:30pm Free registration: 918-7364

#### WEDNESDAY FEB 2 **Books Sandwiched** — Dis-

cussion of The Piano Teacher, by Janice Y.K. Lee. Chapel Hill Public Library, 11:30am Free

#### THURSDAY FEB 3

**Lunchbox Concert** — Presents Marie Vanderbeck Trio. Carrboro Century Center, noon Free

Movie Screening — Queer movie night: But I'm a Cheerleader. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free internationalistbooks.org

#### **FRIDAY FEB 4**

**Fundraiser for Haiti** — An organ recital for Haiti Relief with Alexander Anderson playing works by Couperin, Bach, Franck and Messiaen. United Church of Chapel Hill, 7:30pm 942-3540

Film Fest — Blue Sky Film Fest, including workshops with producers. Lumina Theatre, Southern Village Continues through Feb 6

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#### **HOUSE** Calls

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

This week we respond to questions about blepharitis and low-back pain in a teenager.

Dear HOUSECalls, I have swelling in my eyelids ,with some crusting and no itching. My doctor told me that it was likely allergies. I tried zyrtec, but it didn't help. I went to an eye doctor, who diagnosed blepharitis and said it was going to be a chronic problem. What can you tell me about this?

Blepharitis is a pretty

common problem. It simply means inflammation of the eyelid, sometimes from allergies, sometimes from infection and sometimes from a skin condition, such as rosacea. Since allergies can cause or contribute to many cases of blepharitis, trying an antihistamine like zyrtec is a reasonable starting point. The condition does happen more commonly as we get older and tends to be a chronic, irritating problem, like dandruff. For some people, antibiotic ointments may be helpful, but simple things like warm compresses and

cleansing the eyelids can also work. We like a diluted baby shampoo with a cotton swab for cleansing the eyelid. Good luck.

Dear HOUSECalls, My son is a 17 year-old high school student and football player who has had back pain for a year. Our family doctor recommended rest and physical therapy, but the situation did not improve. An orthopedic surgeon took a CT scan and diagnosed a pars fracture. My son was then told to refrain from physical activity; soon he will undergo a different course of physical therapy. We were told that surgery is not likely to be needed, but the thought of spine surgery is terrifying. What can you tell us about a pars fracture?

Pars fractures, also known as spondylolisthesis, are fairly common, though many people have not heard of them. They occur most frequently among adolescent athletes, such as gymnasts, football players and tennis players. The condition is really a stress fracture of

the part of a backbone that attaches to the next backbone and is caused by repetitive trauma incurred when the back's in a poorly protected (hyper-extension ) position. Some cases also occur during rapid growth when the back is vulnerable. As with all stress fractures, rest is the key. Sometimes a brace is needed to provide stricter immobilization. So the advice to your son to rest and allow his back to heal is a very standard approach. Physical therapy to develop core strength, hamstrings, quadriceps, hips and abdominal muscles can provide protection from future injury as well as allowing the pars to heal. Surgery may be needed in severe cases. We wish your son a speedy recovery. Keeping our kids' activity restrained can be a real challenge.

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.

blueskyfilmfest.com/schedule/ **Computer Class** — Email basics. Chapel Hill Public Library. 8:15am Free Pre-registration

**Hidden Voices** — To Buy the Sun: The Challenge of Pauli Murray celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of one of N.C.'s foremost civil rights activists. The ArtsCenter, Feb 4-5 8pm \$10 artscenterlive.org

required: 968-2780

**Decorations Day in the Mountains** — Folklorist Alan Jabbour and photographer Karen Singer Jabbour discuss the

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Citizen **Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody

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#### Southern Appalachian tradition of cleaning and decorating community cemeteries. Wilson Special Collections Library, 4pm Free library.unc.edu

Mental Illness Program — A series of 12 weekly classes to help

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family members understand and support mentally ill relatives while maintaining their own well-being. Dogwood Room at the Seymour Center, Feb. 3-April 21 6:30-9pm Free 967-5403 gobaelder@gmail.

**Cancer Support** — Support groups at Cornucopia House for cancer patients and their families. cornucopiahouse.org

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

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

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#### TOWN OF CARRBORO **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:**

Part I: Orientation meeting February 2 • 6:30 to 9:30pm

Part II: Design Workshop February 26 • 8:30am to 4:30pm

Facilitated by Durham Area Designers

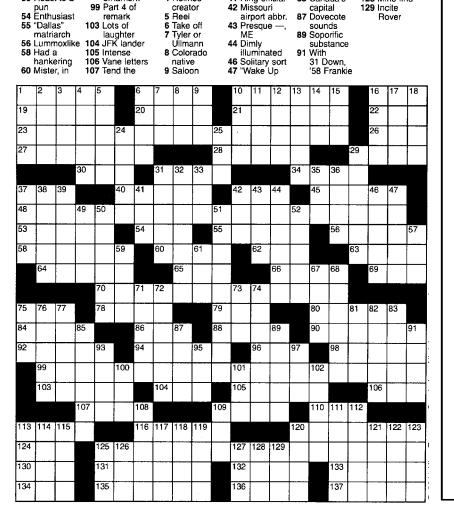
**Location:** Morris Grove Elementary School library (215 Eubanks Road)

#### You are invited to join the Durham Area **Designers, Town Planning Staff and other** workshop participants in a Design Workshop! The purpose of this event is to invite community participation in

exploring the possibility of neighborhood-commercial land uses and additional residential density on selected tracts of the Northern Study Area. In particular, we will focus on design implications for an assemblage of properties located on the northeast corner of Old NC 86 and Eubanks Road. In addition, we will explore related improvements to the Old NC 86 highway corridor in this vicinity. Please see the map on the reverse of this notice for the location of the study areas.

For lunch on Feb. 26, please bring a bag lunch. Beverages and sides will be provided.

Questions or more information? Contact Jeff Kleaveland ikleaveland@ townofcarrboro.org or Barbara Norton brnorton@earthlink.net



#### **School Briefs**

#### Youth Leadership Institute adopts **Merritt Mill Road**

The Blue Ribbon Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) recently adopted Merritt Mill Road as part of North Carolina's Adopt-A-Highway program.

YLI made a two-year commitment to keep the road clean as part of the group's efforts to care for the historic Lincoln Center, the school district's black high school before inte-

#### Summer camps registration

Registration for Community Schools summer camps begins Monday. The camps emphasize field trips and other activities related to weekly themes that include fitness, science, water and creativity.

The camps are open to rising first-through sixth-graders and will operate June 27-Aug. 5 at Carrboro, Glenwood and Scroggs elementary schools.

The weekly fee is \$165. Registration is \$40 plus a \$55-per-week deposit. For more information, visit www2. chccs.k12.nc.us/education/components/scrapbook/default. php?sectiondetailid=41773&

#### Glenwood featured on BBC America

Glenwood Elementary School's Mandarin dual-language program was featured on BBC America last week.

Reporter Ben Bevington visited the school earlier this month and the segment was aired on the BBC as an introduction to President Hu Jintao's state visit to the U.S.

The story is available online at news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/world\_news\_america/9365953.stm

#### Parent forum

Community Parent Forum will present the first in a series of discussions on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Extraordinary Ventures.

Participants will discuss finding solutions to reduce the black male dropout rate, understanding educational survival tools for the 21st century, bridging children's needs with their education and developing topics for future parent

Extraordinary Ventures is located at 200 Elliot Road. Child care and food will be provided. For more information, contact Lalanii Sangode at losenterprises@hotmail.

#### Students visited by soldier

Lt. Cmdr. Eric Gryn recently visited students in Nichole Bell and Stephanie Dimac's fourth-grade class at Mary Scroggs Elementary School to thank the students for letters they wrote for him to take on his deployment to Afghani-

The students recently read Andrew Clements' book Extra Credit, about two children from Illinois and Afghanistan who become pen pals. When Gryn, Dimac's nephew, received orders to deploy to Afghanistan, the students wrote letters expressing their appreciation of the soldiers and asked the troops to return a letter to them.

A Skype session is planned with Gryn when he arrives in Afghanistan.

# Tar Heels headed north or south?

**BY EDDY LANDRETH** Staff Writer

The most effective implement in a coach's toolbox is often the

bench. In a world of summer club teams; egos overinflated by friends, family and recruiting coverage; and parents blind to their children's flaws, today's

players can have a sense of entitlement that far exceeds reality. All the yelling, screaming and cursing in the world can sail over a player's head when one postgame phone call home can reinforce the idea that the player's poor play was not his fault, but that of ineffectual teammates

and coaches. The bench often has to be a tool of last resort. As cocky and self-assured as some players appear, they may well be showing such traits to camouflage insecurities. And there are insecurities galore in adolescents who are still trying to discover their true identities and self-worth.

So when UNC Tar Heel coach Roy Williams finally used the bench as a way to jumpstart a team falling well short of its potential, he made a smart move

by being as positive as possible with his players, rather than beating them down further by criticizing them publicly or chewing them out in front of the crowd as they came off the floor after making mistakes.

There is no reason to believe this approach won't continue to be the ideal one for the 2011 Tar Heels, given the talent they possess alongside the

The fact that this strategy

inconsistencies in their play.

worked with Larry Drew in a victory against Clemson is the best evidence that Williams can continue to squeeze more from all his players using this approach. Tyler Zeller and Drew appeared to be the two biggest enigmas on the roster. Both possess more talent than they have shown, but watching their body language and facial expressions one could not help wondering, at times, whether either one really cared.

After the debacle of a game against Georgia Tech in Atlan-

players on this team cared enough to play with some passion, to play through their mistakes and perform as if winning mattered.

The fact that this is a young team still learning how to

play together and how to play Williams' system in concert remains as true as it was on the first day of practice. But at some point, a team has to replace worries with pure effort.

If Zeller will run the court the way he can, box out opponents and rebound, the rest of his game will fall in line.

If Drew will play from the depths of his heart on defense, use his athleticism to attack on offense and play the game north-to-south rather than eastto-west, people will begin to see what Williams saw in the young man when he recruited him out of Southern California.

There is a truism about all team sports. No team sits idle. Teams are either progressing, ta, the time had clearly arrived even if at an excruciating rate,

to find out which or they are slipping. The key is to get as many of the parts working together as possible and keep advancing.

At this point, it would sound crazy to say the 2011 Tar Heels could play in the Final Four in late March, but it is not insanity. College basketball is like a bottle of whiskey that has been watered down so often that little of the flavor remains.

Look at what the 2009 Carolina team did to the tournament on its way to the title. UNC destroyed everything in its path and could easily have done so again last season if the juniors had returned for their senior seasons rather than turning pro.

There are few teams in the country with more raw talent than what Williams has on his team this season. Inexperience and the lack of a strong individual to take charge are Williams' biggest hurdles to overcome. This team's ultimate accomplishments in 2011 will be limited only by its capacity for unselfishness and willingness to listen genuinely to Williams, and the effort it can find to give every day in practice and in games.

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#### **Bernice Whitefield**

Bernice Cornelia Sanford Whitefield, 86, passed away on Friday Jan. 14 at UNC Hospitals following a brief illness. A native of Person County, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Longfellow Floyd Sanford and Elizabeth Sue Stegall Sanford.

Bernice is predeceased by her husband, John J. Whitefield; her brother, Lennie Sanford; and one grandchild, Justin Andrew Elliott.

Bernice is survived by two daughters, Joan Whitefield of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Linda Whitefield Kloosterman and her husband, Ron, of Indian Trail, N.C.; her brother, Charles Sanford, and his wife, Helen, of Roxboro, N.C.; two sisters, Hasseltine Sanford of Bahama, N.C., and Minnie Mae Martin of Colonial Heights, Va.; her grandson, Vann Whitefield Elliott, and his wife, Lisa; two great granddaughters, Sydney

and Aspen; and many loved nieces and nephews.

Bernice was a member of Farrington Road Baptist Church and was the #1 Tar Heel fan when it came to Carolina basketball. We will all miss her humor, her good food and her outgoing personality, because she never met a stranger. Bernice loved her life at The Stratford, her cornbread and buttermilk and putting puzzles together.

Flowers will be accepted or donations can be made in Bernice's honor to Farrington Road Baptist Church, 5936 Farrington Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill is assisting the Whitefield family.



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#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

#### Let those truckers roll

Chapel Hill needs to get with it on this food truck thing.

The town's land-use management ordinance makes it difficult for trucks to set up as they have in Carrboro, Durham and elsewhere for years. That glaring difference may be coming to an end, as the town council has picked Feb. 28 for a public hearing to consider a change in the rules.

Hats off to people like 3 Cups owner Lex Alexander for pressing the council to make Chapel Hill a friendlier place to park a food truck. Alexander, who knows better than to bring up to an elected board in Chapel Hill the fact that Carrboro is light-years ahead on food trucking, used the examples of Portland, Ore., and Austin, which have embraced the trucks.

The positives, as Alexander and others have pointed out, are evident to anyone who has experienced a truck-delivered repast - this reporter among them. In addition to filling a late-night void and providing those out and about a quick, quality meal, the trucks have added to the variety of choices available and, in the case of Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe and Durham's OnlyBurger, enabled entrepreneurs to build a following and open brick-and-mortar locations.

Council members are no doubt getting some feedback from local restaurateurs that the trucks will take away business. That has not been the case in Carrboro and elsewhere, and, as Alexander pointed out to the council, the trucks can be a gateway to new foods and styles, allowing eaters and chefs to try different approaches. Aside from the fact that the council should not be in the business of selecting winners and losers in the food-service marketplace, the experience in other cities has been that the trucks can lead to a much more vibrant and varied food scene. The council will also be providing a boost to the kind of local entrepreneurs the town has been trying to encourage.

There are a lot of big decisions ahead for the council. If they would deem to fix this relatively small item on their plate, the rest of us can get on with adding a few delicious things to ours.

#### **Celebrating the centennial**

Thanks to all the fine people who have contributed some really great suggestions on how Carrboro might celebrate the upcoming centennial.

A time capsule seems to be a popular idea. Donna Campbell suggested setting up a video booth to record comments for future residents. Eric Knisley came up with several suggestions featuring the town's age, including gathering 100 little-known facts about Carrboro past and present, one interesting fact per year for the past 100 years and 100 reasons to love the place.

And the folks at Hoopdrum said they want to help out with some live music and, of course, hooping.

Ah, the mind does wonder at the possibilities. Please send us your thoughts and suggestions, either with a comment on our website or via email to editor@carrborocitizen.com

#### Pie, glorious, pie

Congratulations to the winners of our recent Find-the-Pie contest. We ask for your input in many ways, some serious and some not. You should know that the Find-the-Pie contest generates the greatest interest by far. Some editors might be discouraged by that, but I think it indicates that Citizen readers are smart enough not to pass up a solid chance at free pie.

#### CORRECTION

In last week's Biz Beat, the method by which the town of Carrboro will distribute energy-efficiency funds from a recent federal grant was incorrectly identified. Carrboro will distribute the funds through a town revolving loan program similar to its small-business loan program.

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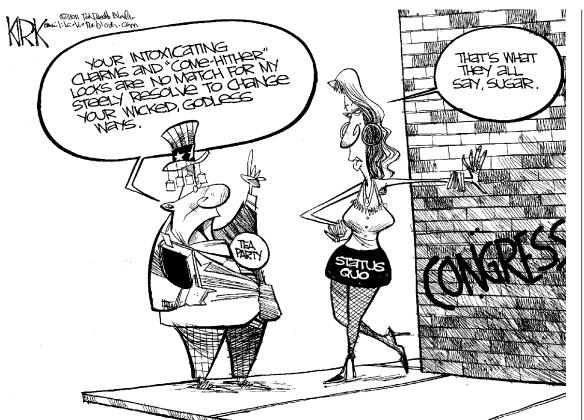
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### Perdue edges toward a fight for schools and human services

#### **CHRIS FITZSIMON**

The battle lines over the state budget became a little clearer this week as Gov. Beverly Perdue expressed her grave concern about the damage that could result from addressing next year's \$3.7 billion shortfall with cuts alone.

Perdue made a point at a Tuesday news conference of saying that her earlier vows not to raise taxes did not rule out a recommendation to continue the temporary tax increases approved in 2009 that are set to expire June 30.

Her remarks came just a day after incoming Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger restated his position that no taxes should be raised to address the shortfall and that the temporary taxes

Most members of the new Republican majorities in the House and Senate promised during their campaigns that they would not raise taxes to balance the budget or keep the 2009 temporary tax increases on the books.

Berger refused to name any specific budget cuts he would support. Incoming House Majority Leader Paul Stam said recently he had identified \$3.1 billion in cuts but also declined to offer

A budget with no new revenue would mean lawmakers would have to find \$3.7 billion in cuts after cutting the budget by \$3.55 billion in the last two years. That's a scenario Perdue is clearly uncomfortable with, telling reporters Tuesday that she didn't want to put 50 kids in a classroom or fire mental health workers.

These were Perdue's most pointed remarks to date about the possible damage a cuts-only budget could do to vital state institutions like public schools and human services. They seem to signal that the budget she plans to submit next month will be a balanced package of cuts and revenue, with most of the money raised from keeping at least the one-cent sales tax passed in 2009.

That would bring in roughly a billion dollars. She is reportedly also considering recommending a significant increase in the state tobacco tax, long a goal of public-health advocates. A dollar increase would raise several hundred million

dollars a year. Perdue also reported that state revenue growth was more robust than predicted, which may mean a slightly smaller shortfall to

Maybe just as important as Perdue leaving the door open to keeping the temporary taxes on the books and the positive news about the revenue growth was the way Perdue talked about the budget. She was more animated than usual when she pledged to protect education and human services.

Polls released recently by AARP and Together NC, a large coalition of nonprofit groups, service providers and grassroots organizations, showing strong public support for raising revenues to protect key services had to help.

And a Together NC letter to Perdue calling on her to recommend a balanced budget to lawmakers instead of a "job-killing, cuts-only approach" couldn't have hurt either.

Whatever the reason, Perdue seems more ready to take a stand to protect schools and services to the most vulnerable people in the state than she has been in a long time, even if it means finding new revenue or leaving existing taxes in place.

She also appears ready to take that message to the people of the state, which is vitally important. She's the one with the bully pulpit who can make the choices clear to the public: a cuts-only budget that fires thousands of teachers and ends services for seniors and people with disabilities or a balanced approach that combines significant cuts with new revenue to protect schools and people who rely on the state's social safety net.

Perdue didn't endorse any new taxes Tuesday or even say for certain that she will keep the temporary taxes on the books. We'll know for sure next month when she releases her budget proposal. But she seems headed in that direction, and it's the

Republicans so determined to slash and burn their way through public education and human services to balance the budget may soon have quite a fight on their hands.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy

#### **LETTERS**

#### **Visioning Glen Lennox**

I attended the Glen Lennox Visioning Workshop this past weekend. We had a lively, creative evening imagining a future Glen Lennox apartment property redevelopment. It was a great opportunity for the public to participate in the redesign process and we came up with a variety of good ideas to accommodate progress. I'm still puzzling about a few things though.

For example, in all of our redesign scenarios, we basically pushed the development beast to the edges of our neighborhood by degrees. Overall, I think we just held our noses while eating our peas and some of us put a better face on it. And we did little to discuss changes and development controls on the wider area of our neighborhood. I also can't seem to shake the idea that the workshop was a kind of puppet theatre and that our participation implies a tacit approval for the next proposed development plan, assuming it incorporates some of the ideas. I also wonder if the visioning workshop co-opted the original effort of crafting our NCD.

But maybe the Glen Lennox redevelopment can be a catalyst for both change and stability in our neighborhood. Maybe we can all get what we want by staying in the discussion and cooperating. Mostly, I am hopeful that our NCD steering committee will keep their eyes on the prize ... the place all of us like to call home.

> TOM CARSON Chapel Hill

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Having all of our policemen and firemen ring their alarms and sirens nonstop for five years would not announce the emergency enough.

> SAMMY SLADE Member, Carrboro Board of Aldermen

#### Welcoming IFC

United Church of Chapel Hill will be the closest neighbor to the to the Inter-Faith Council's proposed men's transitional housing facility, Commu-

From 1969 until 1999, we were neighbors as the Inter-Faith Council was in a church building on Wilson Street when we gathered for worship on Cameron Avenue. For 30 years, they were good neighbors, including those weeks of the shelter's existence when it was in the fellowship hall of United Church of Chapel Hill.

United Church has 30 years of experience with the IFC as a neighbor who promotes public health, safety and welfare.

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Not every neighbor in this sector of Chapel Hill has had the Inter-Faith Council as a neighbor for 30 years, but United Church has. We welcome them to be our neighbor again.

REV. RICHARD EDENS Pastor, United Church of Chapel Hill

#### State's budget shortfall calls for smart solutions

#### **ADAM SEARING**

With an estimated \$3.7 billion deficit, North Carolina faces some hard choices. But just because cuts to government services are necessary is no reason to abandon our values of shared sacrifice and protection of the most vulnerable. As individuals, North Carolinians didn't create the recession that is the major reason for our terrible budget deficit; but like it or not, it's time for a solution.

A balanced solution to our budget predicament would put not only cuts to services but revenue-raising provisions on the table. Shared sacrifice shouldn't mean cutting the pay of state workers who drive snowplows on our roads. But we all have to contribute, even in small ways. By being willing, for example, to forego this year's scheduled sales and high income-earner tax cuts. Most of us wouldn't notice at all the amount of sales tax we'd save if the tax rate dropped back down, but we would notice the newspaper headline announcing that North Carolina's budget hole just got a \$1.4 billion plug.

Likewise, cuts to government services need to be targeted to minimize the impact on our children, elderly and disabled citizens. In the case of Medicaid, North Carolina's health care program for low-income people, knowing who this health care program serves and what services they get can help us follow our values too.

While politicians frequently trumpet the need to cut Medicaid, they rarely point out that children make up 60 percent of the state's Medicaid patients. Kids are followed by the elderly and disabled (another 27 percent), and the last 13 percent is largely parents, pregnant women and a few other categories with minimal numbers. And it's important to know that kids are relatively cheap to insure. In fact, we spend most Medicaid dollars on people with serious disabilities and older adults because (surprise!) they have a greater need for health care

Some also like to engage in grave talk about the need to eliminate "optional Medicaid services" way to reduce costs. But the bulk of the spending on these so-called "optional" services goes to prescription drugs: Taking away remedies like antibiotics from the basic health care package we provide would mean delivering 1920s medical care in 2011. Other major "optional Medicaid services" include dental treatment, ambulance service, hospice care, artificial limbs, and residential care, such as group homes, for people with mental disabilities. Certainly none are extravagances.

Smart ways to reduce health care costs in Medicaid would include expanding the reach of our successful primary-care case-management program which puts pediatricians and family doctors in charge of delivering better health care at lower costs. We could also target unnecessary surgeries. A recent announcement from private nonprofit health insurer N.C. Blue Cross advocated this approach, stating that it would help patients avoid dangerous side effects as well as decrease health care costs.

Our budget deficit is one of the greatest challenges we have faced in many years. But we can't face this challenge either in ignorance of the consequences of our choices or in denial of the values that are the strength of our state.

Adam Searing is director of the N.C. Health Access Coalition.

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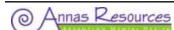
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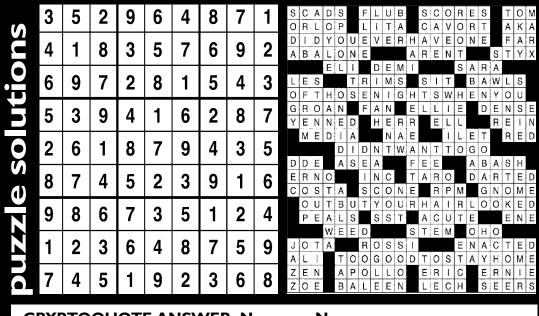
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Prominent red clay mounds are eerie reminders of big-tree hurricane victims

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#### **FLORA**

FROM PAGE I

At the bottom of the first slope, there's a kiosk displaying a cross section of a 212-year-old white oak victim of Hurricane Fran's devastation 15 years ago. One can feel insignificant while reflecting on all the human history that tree witnessed in a life that began when George Washington

was president.

The forest landscape
a walker encounters up
beyond the fallen giant is
a sharp contrast to the
undisturbed north-facing
slope of mature beech and
tulip poplar that's just been
crossed. Ahead is a mix of
struggling small trees, some

of which may one day be forest giants like the ones that have fallen down all around them. Mounds of rocky red clay soil are scattered about on the forest floor; these remnants of the big trees felled by Hurricane Fran give an eerie, ghostly feel to their surroundings.

An interpretive marker in an area of scattered big trees where saplings fill the canopy gaps causes one to pause and consider the possibility that this may have been an early-settler "wood lot." The forest would have been fenced off to contain the livestock foraging within. Suitable trees would have been selectively cut for building materials or firewood. This was certainly a gentler harvesting of forest resources than the visually

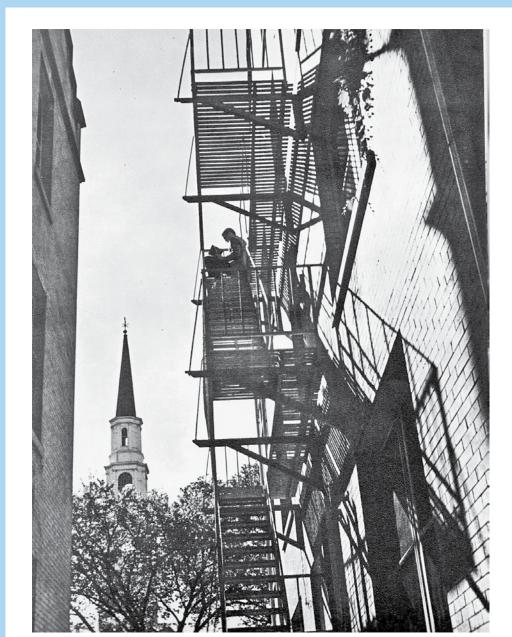
unappealing practice of clear-cutting.

Other forest history stories are found along the trail, which continues up and down through different forest types, including some variously managed pine plantations.

If you explore this trail soon, I'll wager you'll discover spots you'll want to revisit for wildflowers in the spring, like that north-facing beech slope.

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**Battle-Vance-Pettigrew Dorms 1967** 

urely, anyone who has been on the UNC campus recently surely has marveled at the giant expanse of protective plastic sheeting completely covering Battle-Vance-Pettigrew halls as workers renovate the roof and exterior of those administrative buildings. Looking at the spectacle makes me recall a "BVP" photo from another day, of a soon-to-be graduate Joe DePriest, class of '67, perched on the fire escape back in the day, when these were men's dorms. Joe would go on to serve in the Army as a reporter-photographer in Vietnam, 1968-'69, returning to work at the *Charlotte Observer*'s Gaston County bureau, where, the last I heard, my classmate is still holding forth as a much-beloved columnist.



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