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Black locust flowers appear like white wisteria.
PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

No, it's not white wisteria!

Last year, the purple wisteria draping the highway bypass around Carrboro-Chapel Hill ended its peak flowering on or about April 17. Appearing immediately afterward were grape-like clusters of white flowers hanging from trees like a late-flowering white wisteria.

As described in last week's Flora, this spring's flowering sequence is ahead of schedule, at least in our urban environment, where pavement and other factors provide warmer microclimates than what's found in the cooler countryside.

Those of you who frequent the highway corridors around our town can anticipate seeing pendulous clusters of pure white flowers during the next week.

Those white flowers are the fragrant floral expression of common black locust, *Robinia pseudacacia*. But unlike the straggling wisteria, which is a vine, the locust is a tree. Both plants are in the bean family, and if you've been looking closely, you will have noticed small bean pods hanging from the bare locust branches all winter.

The original range of black locust is along the length of the Appalachians and in a large island-like area in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The locust's strong wood was commonly used by Native Americans for their hunting bows. One explanation for the trees' naturalization across our state is that this western species traveled east with the native people.

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Board of commissioners delay decision on landfill extension

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

Members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday postponed a decision on extending the life of the Orange County Landfill, saying they could not in good conscience consider an extension until a plan to mitigate the landfill's impacts on nearby resi-

dents is proposed.

A group of residents of the Rogers Road neighborhood, UNC students and other community members blasted the board for even considering the extension, pointing to decades of false promises to and suffering by nearby residents.

Commissioner Valerie Foushee said she felt ashamed that the board had done nothing to mitigate the

impacts of the landfill on the Rogers Road neighborhood during her six years on the board.

"I am so appalled that we are at this same point that we were when we established a task force ... to determine what we needed to do to make it right," she said. "I take the blame, as this unit should take the blame."

SEE **LANDFILL** PAGE 7

Library meeting moved up

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — A public hearing on the proposed rezoning of property on Hillsborough Road for a new library will be held next Tuesday instead of April 19, town officials announced at their meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall.

The board continued the hearing on the controversial rezoning last month after hearing from supporters of the site and a number of its neighbors who said it is in a far too residential setting.

Members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen agreed Tuesday night to a request by the county to move the continuation of the hearing up a week. Mayor Mark Chilton said the county had asked for the change because it would cost the county about \$10,000 in additional earnest money to retain a contract on the 2.69-acre property. The county obtained an option to purchase the property in mid-October in order to explore the possibility of locating a one-story 20,000-square-foot library on the site, which is adjacent to Carrboro Elementary School. The option expires on April 21.

Chilton said the town was reluctant to change the date and that it had been misinformed by county staff about the timing of final consideration of the zoning issue. The town would have to approve a change in the zoning in order for the library to be built. Even if the change is approved, the county's site and building plans would still require approval by the board as well as another public hearing.

Town Manager Steve Stewart said the county had advertised the date change and sent postcards noting the change to residents within 1,000 feet of the site and those who spoke at the last public hearing.

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Nice work
Screen printer Gil Anaya checks his work on the back porch of Harper Collegiate Sportswear.
PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS

County puts sales tax on November ballot

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted 5-2 on Tuesday to put a quarter-cent sales-tax referendum on the November ballot.

In its 2007 budget, the legislature gave counties the option of a quarter-cent sales-tax increase or a 0.4 percent land-transfer tax to help compensate

for money taken away from counties when the responsibility for paying for Medicaid was turned over to the state. Orange County voters narrowly rejected a proposed quarter-cent sales tax on the November 2010 ballot.

Commissioners Earl McKee and Valerie Foushee voted against the measure, saying they would prefer to wait until the May 2012 primary to stage the referendum.

"I think that there would be a perception that the rural residents ... that predominantly voted against this in the past election, that an end run was being made around those residents," McKee said. The referendum will be the sole item on the ballot in rural areas, with only municipal elections this fall.

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Mental health care agencies merge

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

The UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health and XDS Inc., a nonprofit agency serving adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses in Orange and four surrounding counties, announced Tuesday that they are merging operations.

"Combining forces with XDS allows us to continue to develop evidence-based, cost-effective treatment and training models that span

a continuum of care and address the changing needs of a patient whose illness lasts a lifetime," said John Gilmore, the center's co-director. "I am very excited about XDS staff joining with us in this work."

XDS, or Cross Development Services, primarily serves those with dual diagnoses, which may include, in addition to mental illness, substance abuse or a developmental disability. Among its primary services is Assertive Community Treatment

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Town wary of telecom bill

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — As the town of Chapel Hill prepares for the installation of an extensive fiber-optic network, officials here are worried that the real potential of the new high-speed network may never be realized.

The network, funded mostly through federal stimulus funds, will be used to speed up and improve the town's traffic-signal system. Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said it's an important step for the town.

"It's been at the top of our transportation wish-list for a decade," he said.

But the new system also could mean much more.

For Kleinschmidt, the 30 miles of new fiber also presents a number of opportunities. One use would be an upgrade to the town's intranet.

"It could really help our ability to communicate," he said, with high-speed links between police substations and between the Town Operations Center, Town Hall and other key facilities. "We want it to be the backbone of a new system."

SEE **BROADBAND** PAGE 9

Always at home in Carrboro

BY ALLISON RUSSELL
Staff Writer

The house where Richard Ellington grew up used to be painted daffodil yellow. Over the years, it has been layered with different paints, today a pale minty-green color.

His father, a building contractor, built the house in 1937. Since its construction, along with the shifting colors, the house has experienced birth, death and change.

"I've been uncovering Richard's life through the layers of paint," says Alfredo Balderas, who is restoring the house for its current owners, Scott and Charlotte Smith.

Ellington was born in his parents' bedroom in the back of the house in February 1945. He lived at 115 Weaver Road — which is now West Poplar Avenue — until he left to go to college in 1963.

The house was renovated several times while Ellington lived in it,

primarily because his family needed more room after he was born.

"You can tell that there was a woman who kept saying [to Richard's father], 'Honey, could you add another room here and here?'" said Scott Smith.

Ellington is the youngest of three children. His sister Priscilla, 78, and brother Boyd, 76, still live in Carrboro.

"We had relatives all over here," Ellington said as he swept his hand up and down a map of the streets surrounding his old house.

Ellington grew up surrounded by his grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins, thanks to the six acres of land purchased by his father and grandfather in the 1930s. His father took two acres to build his house and his grandfather gave the rest of the land to his sons, Ellington's uncles.

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Richard Ellington draws a diagram of the railroad that ran through Carrboro and Chapel Hill in the dirt near his childhood home on West Poplar Avenue.

PHOTO BY ALLISON RUSSELL

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Spring football

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MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY APRIL 7

Cat's Cradle: Destroyer; The War on Drugs, Shit Horse. 9pm. \$13/16

City Tap: Barry Onyx

General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau. 7pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Catie King. 8pm. Free

Local 506: Transportation, Thourand Words for Snow, Midway. 9:30pm. \$6

Nightlight: Big Hell, Alexis Gideon (4/7)

Reservoir: Salt to Bitters, Sleeping in the Aviary, Jokesandjokesandjokes

FRIDAY APRIL 8

Cat's Cradle: The Mountain Goats, Megafaun. 9pm. \$17/20

The Cave: EARLY: Greg Fort LATE: The Infidels

City Tap: Matt Daniels, The Breaks, Greg Hawks

General Store Cafe: The Small Ponds. 8pm

Local 506: The Huguenots, The Tomahawks. 10pm. \$6

Nightlight: The Fooligams, Medals, Sons of Young, Spiralfire. 10pm. \$6

Open Eye: James Richards. 8pm

SATURDAY APRIL 9

ArtsCenter: Sonos de Mexico. 7:30pm. \$12/14

Cat's Cradle: Dr. Dog, Flating Action. 9pm. \$16/19

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: North Elementary, Organos

City Tap: Peak City Blues Project, 15-501

General Store Cafe: Big Trouble. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Anna Rose Beck, Climb Jacob's Ladder, James Mathis & The Summer Show, Skylar Gudasz and The Ugly Girls, Luego, Justin Robinson and The Mary Annettes, Supreme Fiction, Brett Harris, Greg Humphreys, jBrand New Life, Wind and Willow, Tomahawks, Towers, Fan Modine, The Ill FAmily, Dick Move, Twilighter. 11am-midnight



Katy's Music Bar: Radar's Clowns of Sedtion, New Town Drunks, Mighty Brides of Christ 8pm

Local 506: The Chapin Sisters. 9pm. \$10

Nightlight: Skull Defekts, In the Year of the Pig, Zomes. 10pm. \$8

Open Eye: Erin Brown. 8pm

SUNDAY APRIL 10

Cat's Cradle: J Mascis, Kurt Vile and the Violators. 9pm. \$16/18

The Cave: LATE: Miss Shevaughn, Yuma Ray

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Justin Johnson, Guilty Pleasures, Erin Brown, Bulltown Strutter, HearYonder, jScott Dameron and Jay Ladd V, Andrew Kasab, Stars Explode, Harrison Ray, Ben Davis and The Jetts, Arielle Bryant, Doug Largent Trio, The Ox Magnolia, Pblo Valencia and Drew Pilant, Sinful Savage Tiger, Jeff Hart, Jane Francis, Jeremy Current. 10:30am-10:30pm

Open Eye: Chuck Champion and the Rank Contenders. 4pm \$8

MONDAY APRIL 11

The Cave: LATE: Eminent Smith, RoarShock, Paul Luc

Local 506: Joe Pug, Strand of Oaks. 9:30pm. \$10/12

Reservoir: Armarok, Mouth Of The Ghost, Enoch

TUESDAY APRIL 12

The Cave: LATE: Carolina Still

Cat's Cradle: The Books. 9pm. \$18/22

Local 506: Wanda Jackson, Girls Guns and Glory. 9:30pm. \$8/10

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

Cat's Cradle: Old 97's, Teddy Thompson. 8:45pm. \$18/20

Local 506: Jukebox the Ghost, Tereu, Tereu. 9:30pm. \$8/10

THURSDAY APRIL 14

Cat's Cradle: Citizen Cope. 9pm. \$25/28

The Cave: EARLY: Anne McCue LATE: Creeping Weeds, Revolution Mill

City Tap: Tracy Wiebeck

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Kelly and The Ruths, Something Candid. 8pm. Free

Memorial Hall: Jennifer Koh. 7:30pm

FRIDAY APRIL 15

Cat's Cradle: mount Moriah, The Moaners, Filthybird. 9pm. Free

The Cave: EARLY: Latecomers, Stormfront LATE: Honeychile, Penny Prophets

City Tap: Gasoline Stove, Daniel Sean

General Store Cafe: Climb Jacob's Ladder. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: HWYL, Mark Williams. 8pm. Free

Local 506: Toro Y Moi, Adventure, Braids. 9:30pm. \$9/11

SATURDAY APRIL 16

Cat's Cradle: The Raveonettes, Tamaryn. 9pm. \$15/17

The Cave: EARLY: Rodie Ray LATE: The Fervor, Gentle Robot, The Drowning Lovers

City Tap: Dave Quick and the Slow Hugs, Jack Maverick and his Wild Rebels, Sarah Shook and The Devil

Flying Furrrito: See No Weevil, Joe Bell. 8pm. No cover

General Store Cafe: String Machine. 8pm. \$5

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Steph Stewart. 8pm. Free

Local 506: Acid Mothers Temple and The Melting Paraiso Ufo, Shilpa Ray and Her Happy Hookers, Clang Quartet. 9:30pm. \$10/12

Nightlight: Ascetic Parade, Think Big, Bibis Ellison, Tiger Saw, Golden Ghost. 9:30pm. \$5

Open Eye: Loose Mood. 8pm

Carrboro Gets The HINT A TWO DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL. Saturday April 9th 11am-Midnight Sunday April 10th 10:30am-10pm. Includes artist lineups like Justin Robinson & The Mary Annettes, Supreme Fiction, Brett Harris, Greg Humphreys, Wind & Willow, Tomahawks, etc.

Varsity THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH PRESENTS BIG FISH ON THE BIG SCREEN WITH THE BIG GUY DANIEL WALLACE. APRIL 12th, 2011. 5:30 - 7:30: Film Screening, Varsity Theatre [123 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill]. 7:30: Discussion with author, Daniel Wallace moderated by Bill Ferris.

MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

CAROLINA THEATRE DURHAM'S HISTORIC MOVIE PALACE FILM SCHEDULE APRIL 8-13. COLD WEATHER (DVD projection) Nightly at 7pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 2pm. PHIL OCHS: THERE BUT FOR FORTUNE (DVD projection) Nightly at 9:15pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 4:15pm. THE LAST LIONS Nightly at 7:10pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 2:10pm. EVEN THE RAIN Nightly at 9:10pm Sat & Sun Matinees at 4:10pm.

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM 309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030. Cold Weather, nightly at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; Phil Ochs: There but for Fortune, nightly at 9:15 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4:14 p.m.; The Last Lions, nightly at 7:10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:10 p.m.; Even the Rain, nightly at 9:10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4:10 p.m.

Chelsea Theater Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005. Jane Eyre; Win Win. THE LUMINA Southern Village, 932-9000 Hop; Hanna; Diary of a Wimpy Kid; Rodrick Rules; Your Highness; Source Code. REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600 Arthur; Your Highness. THE VARSITY 123 E. Franklin St., 967-8865 Black Swan; The Roommate; Unknown; Tangled.

Tickets: \$3 for public FREE for UNC students (with ONE card). This DOG appears on page 43 in Big Fish the bites off people's fingers. www.uncsouth.org (919) 962 - 0503. Includes illustration of a dog.

CAT'S CRADLE WE 4/6 BLACK LIPS W/VIVIAN GIRLS AND GRINGO STAR**(\$12/\$14). TH 4/7 DESTROYER W/THE WAR ON DRUGS AND SHITHORSE**(\$13/\$15). FR 4/8 THE MOUNTAIN GOATS W/MEGAFAUN SOLD OUT. SA 4/9 DR. DOG**(\$16/\$18) W/FLOATING ACTION. SU 4/10 J MASCIS W/KURT VILE AND THE VIOLATORS**(\$16/\$18). TU 4/12 THE BOOKS CO-PRESENTED WITH NIGHTLIGHT CLUB**(\$18/\$22). WE 4/13 THE OLD 97s W/TEDDY THOMPSON **(\$18/\$20). TH 4/14 AN INTIMATE SOLO/ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH CITIZEN COPE**(\$25/\$28). FR 4/15 ALBUM RELEASE PARTY MOUNT MORIAH W/THE MOANERS AND FILTHYBIRD FREE SHOW!

TH 4/21 BIG KRIT. TH 4/28 MAN MAN. WE 4/27 EISLEY**(\$12/\$15) W/THE NARRATIVE AND CHRISTIE DUPREE. TH 4/28 MAN MAN**(\$14). FR 4/28 PETER, BJORN & JOHN**(\$15/\$18) W/BACHELORETTE. SA 4/30**(\$14/\$16) YOUNG DRO, KILLER MIKE, PAC DIV, DEE 1. MO 5/2 PINBACK W/JUDGMENT DAY**(\$14/\$16). TU 5/3**(\$15/\$17) BROOKE FRASER W/CARY BROTHERS. WE 5/4**(\$15) BOMBA ESTERO. SA 5/7 THE TWILIGHT SINGERS W/MARGOT & THE NUCLEAR SO & SO'S**(\$15/\$18). TU 5/10**(\$13/\$15) UH HUH HER W/DIAMONDS UNDER FIRE. TH 5/12 THURSDAY W/PYGMY LUSH AND I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT**(\$15).

SU 4/10 J. MASCIS. SA 4/9 DR. DOG. SA 6/11 THE DECEMBERISTS RALEIGH AMPHITHEATRE. WE 5/4 INTERPOL DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH). SU 6/12 JOE PURDY W/THE MILK CARTON KIDS **(\$15/\$17) SEATED SHOW. TU 6/14**(\$15) JONNY (NORMAN BLAKE FROM TEENAGE FANCLUB AND EUROS CHILDS OF GORKY'S ZYGOTIC MYNCI) W/APEX MANOR. TH 6/16**(\$17/\$20) DAVE ALVIN AND THE GUILTY ONES AND LOS STRAITJACKETS. SA 6/18 FREE SHOW SPLIT 7: RELEASE PARTY! JENNYANYKIND / THE MOANERS W/SPECIAL GUEST PINCHE GRINGO. FR 6/24**(\$15/\$17) BEN SOLLEE. SA 7/9**(\$25/\$30) PSYCHEDIC FURS. MO 7/25 EELS**(\$18/\$21). ALSO PRESENTING LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL) SA 4/9 THE CHAPIN SISTERS W/THE WILDERNESS OF MANITOBA AND ANDY FRIEDMAN. TU 5/17 HERE WE GO MAGIC W/CAVEMAN. SA 6/11 THAO & MIRAH W/LED TO SEA. WE 6/15 DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE. KINGS (RALEIGH) SU 4/17 HANDSOME FURS W/GRIMES. SA 5/7 WINTERSLEEP. THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO) FR 4/22 KINA GRANNIS W/IMAGINARY FRIEND. TU 5/17 CRASH TEST DUMMIES TH 5/19 DE DIAS / DAMON & NAOMI. SU 6/5 SAM BRADLEY W/HOLLY CONLAN. MO 7/11 DAVID WILCOX. LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH) TU 6/16 NOAH AND THE WHALE. DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH) WE 5/4 INTERPOL W/SCHOOL OF SEVEN BELLS. RALEIGH AMPHITHEATRE SA 6/11 THE DECEMBERISTS W/DECEST COAST ON SALE FRI MARCH 18 @ 10AM VIA TICKETMASTER COOPRESENTED WITH LIVE NATION.

Briefs

OWASA reports low risk of water shortage

OWASA announced last week that its water supply reservoirs rose from 78 percent of capacity last Wednesday to 83 percent on Friday.

In March, 4.4 inches of rain fell at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant in Carrboro, nearly meeting the month's average rainfall total of 4.5 inches.

OWASA Executive Director Ed Kerwin said there is a low risk of shortage conditions this year, but encourages customers to continue conserving water. "It's always the right thing to do," he said.

Budget work session

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will hold a budget work session today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Link Government Services Center on South Cameron Street in Hillsborough.

Board members will discuss proposed uses of funds from a quarter-cent sales-tax referendum on the November ballot. In addition, the board will discuss the county manager's recommended 2011-16 Capital Investment Plan, as well as 2011-12 budget drivers.

For more information or the complete agenda, visit www.co.orange.nc.us

Job fair

Orange County will host a Job and Resource Fair on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Department of Social Services at 113 Mayo St. in Hillsborough.

More than 30 local businesses with a variety of staffing needs will attend the fair. Participating businesses include Duke University, Durham Technical Community College, Lowes Home Improvement, UNC, Time Warner Cable, Weaver Street Market and Sports Endeavors.

The fair is open to the public. Job-seekers are encouraged to bring resumes and dress professionally. For more information, contact Randy Haynes at 245-2821.

Applicants needed for Parks and Rec Council

Orange County is recruiting applicants for the Parks and Recreation Council.

The council is responsible for consulting with the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation and the Orange County Board of Commissioners on matters affecting parks and recreation policies.

There are open positions for Chapel Hill and Hillsborough.

Apply online at co.orange.nc.us/boards/apply.asp

West Drive closed

The UNC Department of Public Safety announced that West Drive will be closed to through traffic through April 18. Only holders of UNC PD parking permits will be allowed southbound on West Drive to access the Cardinal Parking Deck.

All other vehicles will be detoured to East Drive and Mason Farm Road. For more information, go to dps.unc.edu/NewsLinks/ManningClosedWeb/West&ManningClosed.pdf

Chapel Hill man steals, crashes ambulance

A Chapel Hill man stole an Orange County ambulance last Friday after receiving treatment, according to Chapel Hill police.

The incident occurred after Orange County Emergency Medical Services workers responded to a distress call at the man's house on Deerwood Court. According to police, the man drove the ambulance around the neighborhood, hitting a number of cars before coming to a halt at the dead end of Emory Drive.

One of the vehicles struck in the incident was a Chapel Hill fire truck.

The man was transported to UNC Hospitals after the incident. Charges are pending.



Helvey honored

Relentless volunteer and local media baroness Jackie Helvey received a sculpture by Mike Roig along with the rare honor of having a week named for her at the Carrboro Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday night.

PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

OWASA continues work on forestry plan

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority continues to gather public input on a draft forestry-management plan that drew fire from the community after it was released late last year.

The OWASA board of directors in December decided to extend the public-comment period for the utility's plan for 1,900 acres in Orange and Chatham counties following intense public outcry surrounding the plan. OWASA is developing another draft in response to those comments, but has not yet determined a timetable for that process, according to board Chair Gordon Merklein.

"We still are getting input from resource experts as well," said Pat Davis, OWASA sustainability manager.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Chapel Hill Town Council and the Orange County Board of Commissioners in December requested that OWASA not act on the forestry-management

plan at the time. Merklein said that the board will not make a final decision on the plan until they make additional informational presentations to and consider comments from all three boards.

"We do not have any active forest management work in progress or any scheduled at this time, so there is no immediate need to finalize the plan," Merklein said in an email. The board and staff had originally targeted March for completion of the draft, but it has been temporarily set aside to allow them to focus on the fiscal year 2012 budget.

The original draft of the plan broke up the 1,900 acres into 17 properties with different types of forests, including areas around Cane Creek, Mt. Mitchell, Thunder Mountain and other parts of Orange and Chatham counties. David Halley, owner of True North Forest Management Services, the company hired by OWASA to develop and implement the plan, said the plan included

protection for riparian buffers and involves hardwood and pine thinnings, cutting of low-quality trees, small-group opening harvests, controlled burnings of understory and reforestation. It also included clear cuts in some areas and herbicide control of hardwood sprouts and weed species.

Residents expressed strong opposition to the plan, citing concerns about the use of herbicides, the effects of clear cuts on wildlife, the disruption caused by forestry operations and the effects of the plan on drinking water.

OWASA's primary objective for the plan, according to authority officials, is to protect water quality. Other objectives include establishing and maintaining riparian buffers, enhancing forest conditions, minimizing the impact of forestry-management activities on adjacent properties, restoring and enhancing the overall quality of OWASA-owned woodlands and generating revenue through sustainable timber harvests.

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Earth Action Day
Saturday, April 9, Noon to 5pm

Free Outdoor Festival
at Southern Community Park featuring interactive exhibits, demonstrations encouraging, educating, and celebrating sustainable living practices...

Plus - Live Entertainment!
featuring **BIG FAT GAP BAND**
also Tokyo Rosenthal, Sacrificial Poets, local music, dance, and spoken word

Swap-o-Rama-Rama clothing swap: Bring \$5 and a bag of clothing to swap, cut, sew, refashion, and print

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Stops downtown, on campus, at Eastgate and U-Mall.

Chapel Hill - Carrboro's
1360 WCHL
News, Talk & Tar Heels Station

www.townofchapelhill.org/earthday

Briefs

Swim volunteers needed

The Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department needs volunteers to work with swim students with special needs in the department's Adapted Aquatics class.

Volunteers must be age 16 or older and must be comfortable in the water, though no teaching skills are required. A swim instructor will work with volunteer/student pairs to teach swim skills. Volunteers will help to motivate, practice strokes and help participants have fun.

The class meets weekly from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays through May 11 at the Homestead Aquatic Center. For more information or to volunteer, contact Marian Kaslovsky at 968-2813 or mkaslovsky@townofchapelhill.org

Free Earth Action Day shuttle

Chapel Hill Transit will provide a free shuttle to Earth Action Day at Southern Community Park on Saturday. The shuttle, an extension of the Saturday D route, will operate from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. departing every 30 minutes from the Shops at Eastgate with stops at University Mall, Varsity Theater/Carolina Coffee Shop and the State Employees' Credit Union on Pittsboro Street.

Earth Action Day will feature interactive exhibits, local food and live music, dance and poetry performances. For more information, visit townofchapelhill.org/earthday

For additional information on the shuttle, view a map and schedule at bit.ly/i0TJ7R, or call 969-4900.

Advise local government

Chapel Hill has more than 20 standing boards and commissions that advise the town council on issues ranging from building development to public art to cemetery improvements, and they are looking for new members. To ensure consideration for seats whose term will begin on July 1, submit your application by fax or email by April 15.

For more information on the work of these groups, eligibility requirements or to download an application, visit townofchapelhill.org/boards

Creek Action Tour

The 2011 Creek Action Tour will be this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and will showcase projects that improve water quality in our creeks.

Participants can choose from nine different free events on the tour, including a puppet adventure at the N.C. Botanical Gardens, a demonstration rain garden at McDougle Middle School and a stream-restoration project at Baldwin Park.

A map with complete tour information can be found at bolincreek.org

Fairview Park opening

The grand opening of Fairview Park will be this Saturday at 2 p.m. The park is located at 195 Torain St. in Hillsborough.

The park will feature a baseball/softball field, basketball courts, hiking trails, a picnic shelter and northern Orange County's first public tennis courts outside of schools, among other amenities.

The grand opening will feature a tennis clinic, horseshoes, basketball and volleyball. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact David Stancil at 245-2510 or Lori Taft at 245-2660. A master plan map of the park can be viewed on the main Orange County website, www.co.orange.nc.us

Lobster sale

The 11th annual Chatham County Together! Claws for a Cause lobster sale has begun and will run through May 1.

Lobsters can be picked up on May 7 between 3 and 4 p.m. at several Chatham County locations. The lobsters average 1.31 pounds and cost \$16 live or \$18 cooked.

For more information, visit chathamcountytogether.org. You can place an order on the website or by contacting Pam Johnson at 542-5155

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 pap smears and eczema.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I am a 67-year-old, very healthy woman. I went to my doctor for my yearly pap and she said I don't need one anymore. Is this true?

We are so happy you are paying attention to prevention. Though it can be hard to decide to stop doing a screening test that a patient has become accustomed to, we would generally agree with your doctor. If you have had normal pap smears every one to three years for a number of years, have never had a significantly abnormal pap smear and have no post-menopausal bleeding, we would not recommend a pap smear for you. It is very unlikely for such a person to have an abnormal pap smear, and even more unlikely that the conditions causing the abnormal pap could develop into cervical cancer. Under these circumstances, the cost, inconvenience and risk of the test – which includes further testing and treatment – outweighs the possible benefits.

This is consistent with the recommendations of the government-appointed United States Preventative Services Task Force, which reviews data on prevention and makes evidence-based recommendations. Cervical cancer is caused by a human papilloma virus infection. The virus causes precancerous changes in the less mature cells of the cervix, changes that occur very slowly and over many years. So if your doctor has reviewed your history and recommended against pap smears, we are in agreement.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I am 40 years old and I have eczema. This gets worse in the fall and winter. Steroid creams help with the eczema, but lately I've been getting it on my eyelids. Aquaphor or Vaseline help some but I would need to use steroids on my eyelids to make the eczema entirely go away. I'm worried about side effects, particularly causing cataracts from steroid cream. What do you recommend?

We would worry about those side effects, too. Since the problem in the

winter is the dry air, you could consider using a humidifier while continuing the great job you're doing with skin moisturizers. Also, since hot showers are very drying for the skin, we tell people to try and decrease the frequency, temperature and duration of their showers.

It is a great sign that you respond to steroids; this means that your eczema is steroid-sensitive. So the skin around your eyes should also respond to steroids, and at a lower dose, because this skin is some of the thinnest on the body. We recommend using over-the-counter 1 percent hydrocortisone cream, or even 0.5 percent hydrocortisone cream. Since there are some increased risks in using steroids around your eyes, use as little as possible, for as short a time as possible.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

SPOTLIGHT



Wanda Jackson

Wanda Jackson will perform at Local 506 on Tuesday, April 12 at 8 p.m.

Jackson, the justly crowned Queen of Rockabilly, was one of the first women to perform unadulterated rock and roll as a teenager in the mid-'50s. Her long history with country, gospel, rock and big-band music is evident in her music.

Jackson's latest album, *The Party Ain't Over*, was produced and arranged by Jack White of The White Stripes and proves that brush rock and roll need not have an age limit.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Girls Guns & Glory opens the show. Tickets are \$20 and available online at local506.com

PET OF THE WEEK

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody

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Mutual Admiration?

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by Linda Thistle

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THURSDAY APRIL 7
Kevin Cherry — To speak on the origins and development of the Dialectic and Philanthropic literary and debating societies at UNC. An a cappella performance by the Loreleis will precede the lecture. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5pm lib.unc.edu

Audubon Society — Monthly membership meeting will feature Dr. H. Douglas Pratt speaking on bird taxonomy. N.C. Botanical Gardens, 7pm newhopeaudubon.org

FRIDAY APRIL 8
Dreamland, a Musical — Opens at Chatham Mills in Pittsboro. The show chronicles the everyday struggles and hopes of residents in a Depression-era NC mill town. \$13 brownpapertickets.com

End:Civ — Film examines our culture's addiction to systematic violence and environmental exploitation. Hosted by Croatan Earth First. Internationalist Books, 8pm \$6

SATURDAY APRIL 9
ABC Sale — The Chapel of the Cross, 304 E Franklin St. 9am-2pm

Earth Action Day Festival — Celebrating sustainable living, presented by Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation. Southern Community Park, noon-5pm townofchapelhill.org

Healthcare Fundraiser — Local bands perform to benefit the Future of Music Coalition's Health Insurance Navigation Tool. Jesse's Coffee and Bar, 11am Donations requested

Passport Fair — Celebrate Passport Day in the USA 2011. Carrboro Post Office, 8am-2pm Passport ap-

licants can download forms at usps.com/passport

Tree Planting — Help plant a rain garden that will help filter storm water as part of the stream restoration project. Baldwin Park, 9:30am-noon 969-7246

Parents Workshop — For parents of special needs children, entitled "Best Parenting Strategies: Steps to Confident Conscious Parenting." Orange United Methodist Church, 9:30-11:30am mhatriangle.org

"The Story of the Haw" — Puppet and song presentation in honor of Earth Action Day. McDougle Middle School students will show a video of their rain garden and Alex Millager will explain how to build a backyard rain garden. N.C. Botanical Garden, 10am-noon

Food Truck Rodeo — With Captain Poncho's Tacos, Blue Sky Dining, Klausie's Pizza, Indian Food on Wheels and performance by Carga Mundial De Awesome. AI's Garage 4-7pm Free 636-2767

Wine Show — 7th Annual Spring Wine Show in Southern Village. Proceeds from glasses to go to the Cooperative Community Fund. 1-5pm \$5 weaverstreetmarket.coop

Museum Fundraiser — For Kidzu Children's Museum consisting of dinner, music, auction and dancing. Top of Wallace Parking Deck, 7pm-12am kidzuga.org

SUNDAY APRIL 10
Healthcare Fundraiser — Continues at Jesse's Coffee and Bar, 10:30am

Wildflowers Go Wild — Lecture scheduled at the NC Botanical

Gardens with speaker Elizabeth Pringle. Reeve Auditorium, 2:30pm Free, registration required 962-0522

Bald Eagle Count — Part of the quarterly census of the Bald Eagles at Jordan Lake. 7-8:30am Contact Martha Girolami at mgirolami@mac.com to join a count team

TUESDAY APRIL 12
Roland McReynolds — To speak on Sustaining Food, Sustainable Farms. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Pittsboro 7-9pm nc.sierraclub.org

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13
Carrboro Farmers' Market — Opens its Wednesday Market and begins its Unique Tastes of the Piedmont Series: Local Grains and Bread Bakers. 3:30-6:30pm

Frank Fee — Discusses "News and Journalism During the Civil War." Wilson Special Collections Library, 3pm Free lib.unc.edu

THURSDAY APRIL 14
Orange County Beekeepers — Monthly meeting with Dr. Mike Simone-Finstrom as the guest speaker. Orange County Agricultural Extension Office in Hillsborough. 7pm Free and open to the public theoeba.org

Bye Bye Birdie — Opening performance by Carrboro High School Theatre. The show continues on the 15th and 16th. Carrboro High School Auditorium, 7:30pm \$8 adults/\$5 students chsreservations@gmail.com

Mark Nicholls — To lecture on Sir Walter Raleigh: In Life and Legend. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:45pm Free lib.unc.edu



THE HILLS OF ORANGE COUNTY

ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

FRIDAY APRIL 15
Contra Dance — With music by The Carolina Cutups. Carrboro Century Center, workshop at 7:30pm, dance at 8pm \$8 csda-dance.org

Bicycle Coalition Fundraiser — Proceeds go to planning and holding cycling events in Carrboro-Chapel Hill. The event includes live music, food and a raffle. Johnny's, 5-10pm \$5 bikecarrboro.com

Computer Classes — 4-week class begins with the Chapel Hill SeniorNet. Seymour Senior Center www.chapel-hill-seniornet.org

Saturday April 16
Egg Hunt — For ages 2-10 years old. Homestead Park, Chapel Hill, 9:30am-noon Free

ClydeFEST — Celebrates folk artist Clyde Jones with art, games, music and food. Bynum Ballpark in Clydeville, 11am-4pm Admission \$7/ adults, \$3/children chathamarts.org

Book Swap — Trade gently used books for "new" ones in honor of Earth Week. Chapel Hill Public Library, 11am-4pm 968-2780

Japan Fundraiser — 7th Annual Spring Wine Show with a portion of sales to benefit earthquake and tsunami recovery in Japan. Weaver Street Market, 228 S Churton Street, Hillsborough, 1-5pm \$5 weaverstreetmarket.coop

Arts and Crafts Show — With more than 30 artists and live music. Hillsborough-Orange County Visitors Center, 150 E. King

Street 10am-5pm 942-6410

Ongoing 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

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Free drug discount cards for Carrboro residents

The Town of Carrboro is now making free prescription discount cards available to residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC) and administered by CVS Caremark. The cards offer residents average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed medications.

All residents of Carrboro may use the discount cards; there are no restrictions based on age, income level or existing health coverage. The cards benefit not only those without insurance, but can also be used by underinsured residents to obtain prescriptions that are excluded from health-benefit plans. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at approximately 15 pharmacies around town and more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

Cards can be printed from the Internet at caremark.com/nlc and are available at Town Hall, Fire Stations #1 and #2 and the Carrboro Century Center at no cost to residents. Additional locations for card pick-up are being planned. For more information, go to caremark.com/nlc or call toll-free (888) 620-1749. — *Staff Reports*

OBITUARY

Holly Wallace

Holland Lucille Wallace died Friday, April 1 at UNC Hospitals. She was 56 years old.

Holly was born and raised in Birmingham, Ala. Following her graduation from Birmingham-Southern College, she moved to Chapel Hill to attend political science graduate school at the University of North Carolina. After contracting severe rheumatoid arthritis, she became an advocate for disability rights, traveling across the country educating physicians about how to recognize the full humanity of their patients. She was

also a publisher at Menasha Ridge Press for many years.

Holly married her high school sweetheart, William Nealy, who was an outdoor adventurer, artist and author. William died in 2001. Thereafter, she was cared for by Raquel and Miguel Landa.

Holly's struggles with arthritis and other afflictions were borne with a courageous and indomitable spirit, unbelievable strength and a beguiling sense of humor. She was an inspiration to everyone who met her, and she will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her sister Rangeley Wallace of Bethesda, Md.; her brother,

Daniel Wallace, of Chapel Hill; her sister Barrie Wallace of Hillsborough; her nephews, Basie Settle, Daniel Denvir, Jamie Denvir, Jack Denvir and Henry Wallace; her nieces, Emma Denvir and Lillian Hoover; her caregivers, Raquel and Miguel Landa; and her beloved dog, Ernest.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the UNC Palliative Care Program, med.unc.edu/pcare/make-a-gift. A memorial service will be held April 23 in Chapel Hill. For additional information, please email Daniel at dwallace@mindspring.com

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FROM THE EDITOR

Meet the new boss

For all their talk about the importance of limited government and local communities having more control over their own destinies, the new boss in Raleigh is acting much like the old boss.

Memory loss is a common ailment among legislators, often coinciding with ascendancy to Raleigh and the ability to rule like gods over local governments.

By law, everything is pretty much a creature of the state – the towns, the school systems, the counties and, naturally, the university. As a result, the state can give and take away as it pleases. Once it dawns on a lawmaker that they can plug about any budget gap or tweak a social issue or two by simply passing the task and cost on to a lesser power, the temptation to do so is overwhelming.

Thanks to a new majority eager to rearrange the furniture, we'll see a slew of such measures in the coming weeks.

This is not to say that such measures are always misguided. The annexation moratorium, for instance, was driven in part by some pretty nasty examples of land grabs by municipalities. But in the details of the budget and the way it is handling local legislation, the legislature is showing a disinclination to give ear to the pleas of its children.

In the budget that comes out today, costs across a spectrum of government services are likely to be shifted on to the counties and towns. And health care and mental health services now funded by the state are at risk of being reduced, leaving counties with the decision to either go it alone or cut programs. One example of this would be if the state decides that in North Carolina, Medicaid will no longer cover dental needs. Orange County, which recently consolidated its dental clinics and is making significant improvements to the Hillsborough facility, could be faced with covering the cost of care or shutting down the clinic.

In their haste to balance the books without even considering raising taxes on the many millionaires among us, the House and Senate majorities, along with some willing co-conspirators across the aisle, are going to gut services and pass a budget rife with unfunded local mandates. Then they'll take their leave of Raleigh and go home and no doubt mingle proudly with the little folks who sent them there.

A well-deserved honor

It is hard not to admire Jackie Helvey's dedication to the little town of Carrboro. As she told the Carrboro Board of Aldermen Tuesday night, she does what she does out of love.

So the town made it official: Carrboro hearts Jackie Helvey.

She got a little weepy as Mayor Mark Chilton read out an extensive proclamation in her honor and had to remove her trademark black rims and dab her eyes a few times between the whereases.

Helvey, who, as Jacqui ("the other Jackie") Gist pointed out, is not going anywhere and is in fine health, will have a whole week dedicated to her, an honor that's likely unprecedented in southern Orange County.

And though she's stepping down from the Carrboro Arts Committee, don't expect her to change a whole lot.

The first week of May might be Jackie Helvey Week in Carrboro, but Jackie won't be taking it off. She'll still be taking pictures during Carrboro Day, updating carrboro.com, preparing for the 2ndFriday Artwalk, holding forth on her radio show on WCOM and just being Jackie Helvey. And for that, we're all pretty grateful.

Thanks, Jackie. You deserve the honor and more.

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"WELL, IF THEY DON'T ACTUALLY SUPPLY US WITH THAT MUCH OIL, WHAT DOES LIBYA GIVE US?"

How many bottom lines do we really need?

DAN COLEMAN

Did you know that Carrboro's Town Code incorporates a principle devised by Shell Oil? That's right, the same Shell Oil that has been accused of human rights violations in Nigeria, including summary execution, crimes against humanity, torture, inhumane treatment and collaborating in the execution of Nigerian activist Ken Saro-Wiwa. The same Shell Oil that has despoiled the Niger delta and was responsible for the largest freshwater oil spill ever.

With a record like this, it is little wonder that Shell came up with one of the corporate world's more effective public relations concepts of recent years: the Triple Bottom Line (TBL), also known as People, Planet, Profit. It's as if Shell was saying, sure you can criticize our environmental and humanitarian record but don't forget, we have to make a profit.

Efforts to value people have dogged profiteering for over a century. The late 19th and early-to-mid-20th centuries were marked by many thousands of strikes by workers, more than 1,400 in the year 1886 alone. Many of these were met by violent strikebreakers backed up at times by military force. This is a struggle that continues in 2011 in Wisconsin and other states.

Through the efforts of these men and women, much of value was created: the weekend, workplace-safety standards, health care for workers, vacation and sick leave, etc. And each of these was wrested from the one bottom line that corporate America really cares about.

Despite William Blake offering the image of "dark satanic mills" as far back as 1804, the environmental impacts of industrial capitalism began to be understood with Rachel Carson's 1962 publication of *The Silent Spring*. Within a decade, there was Earth Day, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Water Act and much more, each a challenge to the profit-focused priorities of capital.

Given the pre-eminent importance of profit-maximization, it is not surprising that corporations touting the Triple Bottom Line often oppose measures to combat global warming, oppose workers' rights and oppose regulatory mechanisms to protect the health of people and planet.

History has taught us that Adam Smith was wrong when he offered the justification for prioritizing profit that "by pursuing his own interest [the businessman] frequently

promotes that of the society more effectually than when he really intends to promote it." If Smith were correct, companies like Shell would not have such a devastating impact on society and nature. In part, this impact results from profit being measured in a short timeframe, a year or even a quarter of a year, while sustainability requires a vision spanning, as the Iroquois put it, as much as seven generations.

But Smith was right that profit ought to serve human well-being. Therefore, it must be understood within an ethical system that places people and planet first. This holds true for the vague term "stakeholder value" that some, including Carrboro, use instead of profit. Who are the stakeholders if not people and planet?

The TBL offers nothing to help us navigate the inevitable contradictions between profit on the one hand and people/planet on the other. But, really, why should we have any social or political bottom lines at all?

It was social ecologist Murray Bookchin who bemoaned the cultural turn to the "grubby language" of the market economy, which has "replaced our most hallowed moral and spiritual expressions. We now 'invest' in our children, marriages, and relationships. ... We live in a world of 'trade-offs' and we ask for the 'bottom line' of any emotional 'transaction'."

There are a variety of frameworks that speak to a more fundamental commitment to the well-being of all life. In an 1854 speech, Chief Seattle offered the notion of a web of life: "Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves."

A century after Chief Seattle, Aldo Leopold articulated his land ethic in *Sand County Almanac*, "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." The biotic community, of course, includes humans.

We need the ability to truly place people and planet first and to reject the false, self-serving homilies offered by those who spread pavement and poverty in pursuit of the almighty dollar. Rather than seek simplistic nostrums, we may have to take the time to look hard at each decision, and bring a clear ethical sensibility, like that of Seattle or Leopold, to bear.

Dan Coleman is a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Don't believe it

CHRIS FITZSIMON

The old adage in political advertising is that if you tell people something enough times, they will eventually believe it. Republican leaders in the General Assembly seem to be counting on that this year.

They keep repeating phrases like "the state is broke" and "everything is on the table" when it comes to addressing the state budget shortfall.

Neither is true, no matter how times they say it. Rep. Leo Daughtry, who represents Johnston County, is trying his best though, parroting both of the lines in a recent *News & Observer* story to explain why radical budget cuts are under consideration in the criminal justice system, like the elimination of drug courts, substance-abuse treatment for women and a highly successful alternative-sentencing program, all of which actually save the state millions of dollars.

North Carolina is far from broke. Like most states, it faces a budget shortfall because state revenues have not yet fully recovered from the collapse of the national economy and the federal stimulus money that helped make up the difference in the last two years is gone. The temporary tax increases approved in 2009 are scheduled to expire June 30, but they don't have to end. That's up to legislative leaders, who could simply choose to leave taxes at their current levels for two more years to protect programs like the drug court, which is widely supported by judges and prosecutors. And it's not just the criminal justice system that is threatened with cuts that could reverse much of the progress made in the last 20 years. The university system is now facing cuts of more than 20 percent, early childhood programs may be abolished and 13,000 teacher assistants may be fired.

There's plenty more on the line too – not because the

state is broke, but because Republicans have decided they can use the budget shortfall.

Proposals to dismantle the Department of Environment and Natural Resources wouldn't save much money, but they would make it much tougher to enforce environmental regulations that most Republicans have long opposed.

The right-wing base of the Republican Party has made no secret of their disdain for the university system, so it is no coincidence that UNC appears in line for the most drastic cuts. The overall aim is to shrink the government they loathe and blame it on forces beyond their control.

Legislators rarely mention that state spending per capita is at the same level that it was 14 years ago. Or that the state revenue picture is brightening.

Economists have already increased their state revenue projections for next year by \$600 million.

Unemployment is falling nationally and North Carolina's jobless rate is down almost 2 percent in just the last year. The economic recovery may seem slow and plodding, but it is underway.

Legislative leaders don't have to slash and burn their way through the budget. They could make some responsible cuts and leave tax rates the same for two more years until the recovery has had more time to take hold.

So don't believe it. Everything is not on the table. Notably missing is the option not to cut taxes and instead protect the state's public investments.

And the state is not broke. It is just being run by people who want to use the current fiscal situation as an excuse to pursue their right-wing ideological agenda.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

LETTERS

Downtown right

The debate as to whether Carrboro needs a library or not has been going on for over 24 years. Now the debate regarding the siting of the proposed Southwest Orange Branch Library promises to go on for another few years. Since the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library began their endeavor of convincing Orange County government that a town the size of Carrboro requires a library, close to two generations of local young people have gone underserved by Orange County's library services. The debate currently going on about the rezoning of 210 Hillsborough Road threatens to deprive yet another generation of local youth's access to knowledge and comprehensive library services – which include computers, tutoring and the like. Orange County is 60th in the state and the state is 44th in the nation for library services. Currently Orange County only serves 47 percent of its population with library services.

Allen Spalt, at the March 22 public hearing, cautioned the Carrboro Board of Aldermen not to let the quest for a perfect library site be the enemy of the good – a library at 210 Hillsborough Road. We have a proposed site which, if approved at the April 12 public hearing, will lead to the county considering a CIP for a 20,000-square-foot library in Carrboro in 2014.

The Carrboro Branch Library has been at McDougle School for 15 years and could be "concealed" there for another 15 years if we do not go ahead with approving this site. Carrboro has doubled in size since the Friends, at [former] Mayor Ellie Kinnaird's urging in 1987, began working for a freestanding library in Carrboro serving Southwest Orange County residents. I have served on all three Orange County library task forces. That's a total of seven years studying the

issues. The Hillsborough Road site complies with the 2007 Library Task Force's recommendations. We could put the library in a field – out of town – which would please some people but which would make it less accessible to the majority of Southwest Orange County residents who live in Carrboro – the most densely populated town in North Carolina.

A library belongs downtown. We have tried the Town Hall and Century Center routes and they have been rejected. Citizens of Carrboro, 210 Hillsborough Road is it. It can be accessed through both Hillsborough Road and Shelton Street. Carrboro Elementary School will be a direct beneficiary. Let's all try and work together and make it happen – NOW! The interests of a few should not take precedence over the needs of 35,000 people.

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*Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library
Member of three Orange County library task forces*

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Investing in early-childhood education benefits all of us

RANDOLPH VOLLER

“Early childhood education has a tremendous impact on the national economic security and the viability of the American dream.”

— U.S. Chamber of Commerce
As a Pittsboro businessman and its mayor, the above words resonate with me. More and more, business and community leaders are becoming advocates for young children. We know early-childhood investments are critical to keeping the United States competitive in a global market. After all, our future workers are today's children. Building a strong and productive labor force largely depends on investing in high-quality early-childhood education programs today.

Last year, I had the opportunity with my fellow Chatham County mayors from Goldston and Siler City to attend a regional conference as guests of Genevieve Megginson,

executive director for the Chatham County Partnership for Children. We were impressed with the presentations and the turnout. And we learned.

For example, 90 percent of brain development occurs between birth and 5 years old. Neuroscience demonstrates that early experiences shape the child's brain, providing either a strong or weak foundation for all future learning, health and behavior. A strong foundation helps ensure that children develop the academic and social skills, such as cooperation, patience, hard work and persistence, that lead to responsible citizenship, economic productivity, strong communities and a sustainable society. Healthy brain development depends on stable, responsive relationships with caring adults at home and in quality child-care settings.

James Heckman, a Nobel Prize-winning economist, has

shown that early-childhood development heavily influences health, economic and social outcomes for individuals and society at large. His research proves that investing in early-childhood development can lead to significant economic gains for society — an average of 10 percent per year through increased personal achievement and social productivity. In addition to saving money, early-childhood investment is more effective than later remediation, such as school interventions, juvenile justice or job training. In the short term, studies confirm that children who attend early-childhood programs have better language skills, math skills, graduation rates, SAT scores and behavior. As adults, program participants are less likely to engage in crime or rely on welfare. They are more likely than non-participants to graduate high school, attend college, earn more and own a home.

We also learned from an economist at the University of Oklahoma that, over time, investments in our children outperform the standard economic indicators and metrics for Wall Street — by a significant margin.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has just issued a new report called “Ready, Set, Go! Why Business Should Support Early Childhood Education.” The report recommends that government and businesses support the development of high-quality early-childhood education programs with highly skilled teachers; small class sizes with low teacher-to-student ratios; stimulating curricula that address children's academic, social and emotional development; integrated early-learning systems for children from birth to age 5; and seamless transitions from preschool to elementary school. They

also emphasize that effective programs partner with parents and community agencies to provide greater access to family support and health programs, such as home visits, parent education, immunizations and developmental screenings.

Fortunately, North Carolina is an acknowledged leader in effective statewide early-childhood systems with Smart Start and More at Four. The chamber report highlights North Carolina's national models as one of five promising practices in the United States. Unfortunately, even as N.C.'s population of young children increases, funding for early-childhood programs like Smart Start has been declining for the past decade. The consequences are magnified further, as the percentage of our children living in poverty has increased significantly, to almost 25 percent in North Carolina and

18 percent in Chatham County. These are the very children that benefit most from high-quality early-childhood programs.

Our public leaders face many difficult budget decisions with the economic recession and the state-budget deficit. Cutting effective early-childhood programs hurts all of us. Our future depends on ensuring that today's children, who will be the next generation of leaders, workers, parents and taxpayers, become responsible, productive and successful adults.

So in a nutshell, if we all believe that our children are priceless, then it follows that the return on investment in them is infinite.

Don't shortchange our future. Invest in our children today.

Randolph Voller is mayor of Pittsboro and a board member of the state of N.C. Juvenile Justice Planning Committee.

LANDFILL FROM PAGE 1

“I will not vote to extend the life of the landfill until we talk about enhancing the quality of life for the people that live in the Rogers Road community.”

The landfill opened on Eubanks Road in 1972, with promises to the nearby historically black neighborhood that it would close in 10 years and be made into a park. Nearly 40 years later, the landfill remains open.

The board in late 2009 voted to ship the county's garbage to Durham County's transfer station for a three- to five-year period starting when the landfill closed in 2012, but additional capacity was found that extended the landfill's life until 2013.

County solid waste management director Gayle Wilson told commissioners that by reconfiguring the grades on the sides of the landfill, the life could be extended until as late as March 2018. Revenues from the extension could reach as much as \$11.7 million, according to county projections.

Allison Norman, president of the UNC Campus Y, led a group of UNC students urging the board to close the landfill.

“It's just continuing racism in our county. It's negatively impacting the quality of life of the Rogers Road residents and it will continue injustice in our community,” she said. “For 38 years, cries for justice for Rogers Road have fallen on deaf ears.

“For too long the putrid smell of racism has billowed into the Rogers Road community,” Norman said. “It's wrong. We have a better option. We can do better.”

Stan Cheren, a representative of the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association (RENA), presented a resolution to the board calling for the county to dedicate a percentage

of landfill tipping fees to remediation for the Rogers Road community, as well as alternative methods of waste disposal that would allow the closure of the landfill.

“Long-term obligations to 37 families remain unfilled,” he said. “As the county benefits from these additional monies, it is at the cost of the quality of life of the citizens living in the Rogers Road community.”

Board members said they would refer the resolution to their agenda review committee, which meets next week.

“This issue of closing the landfill ... isn't just about money,” said Robert Campbell, a longtime leader in the Rogers Road community and a representative of RENA. “It's about the polluted air that makes it impossible to come out of your homes. ... It's about trash dumped at the most convenient sites when the landfill is closed.

“It's about time that it stops. It's about time that the landfill closed,” he said.

Sarah Hatcher, a master's program student at the UNC School of Public Health, presented the results of a recent study by the UNC chapter of Engineers Without Borders and RENA that found 48 illegal dump sites in the Rogers-Eubanks neighborhood. Residents have said the illegal dumpsites, along with intense odors, speeding garbage trucks and polluted water, are some of the landfill's impacts on the neighborhood that should be mitigated.

County Manager Frank Clifton urged the board not to wait on the governments of Carrboro and Chapel Hill to take action regarding the landfill and an impact-mitigation plant. Board members directed staff to develop a mitigation plan and to look at how revenues from a landfill-gas project from UNC might be used to fund mitigation.

ELLINGTON FROM PAGE 1

His maternal grandmother, who lived directly behind his house, was the only grandparent he knew as a child.

“I blame my lackadaisical attitude on my grandmother because she loved to fish,” Ellington joked, looking in the direction of where his grandmother used to live.

“Whenever she'd laugh, her belly would shake up and down, and that's my fondest memory of her,” he said.

Ellington's grandparents moved from Durham to Carrboro to pursue millwork in 1912, a year after the town was founded. His grandfather worked as a carpenter and spooler in the Blanche Hosiery Corporation Mill No. 4, the building that is now Carr Mill Mall.

Although his parents never worked in the mill, Ellington was raised to appreciate the value of hard work. His family raised pigs and chickens in their backyard and Ellington was responsible for slopping the pigs each night after supper. He also worked with his father during the summer as a teenager.

“I worked one summer with my dad, and that's when I decided I would go to college,” Ellington said. “Schlepping lumber as a 14-year-old — that's hard work!”

The following summer, Ellington worked part-time at UNC in the registrar's office. He didn't know it at the time, but his job of assisting with summer school registration would lead him to a 43-year career of data processing at UNC.

“I became interested in data processing because of that job,” said Ellington, who retired in January. “The university was beginning to use data systems [to automate student records],

and when they offered me a [full-time] job it only made sense for me to accept it and stay in Carrboro.”

Although Ellington says he has “always been a Tar Heel” and he “bleeds Carolina blue,” he never had the desire to go to college at UNC.

“I didn't want to get lost in the number [of students],” Ellington said. “And at the time, I was intending to be a Baptist minister.”

Ellington chose to go to Campbell because it offered a pre-ministerial program. He eventually changed majors at the end of his sophomore year and decided to study history.

“My wife tells me I was born 200 years too late. I should have grown up with trains and stuff like that because I love history,” Ellington said.

Ellington has satisfied his love of history by co-authoring the book *Carrboro: Images of America* with David Otto. The book contains pictures of Carrboro throughout the century, many of which Ellington was given by his neighbor Mack Watts, an amateur photographer.

Bonded by community

Ellington attended school at Chapel Hill Senior High, which was located on West Franklin Street, during a time of social change in Carrboro's history. When he was a junior, his school was integrated with Lincoln High School, Chapel Hill's black high school.

“It was a non-event from the white community's perspective,” Ellington said. “I was raised to respect a black man and a white man the same.”

Ellington recalls segregation in Carrboro, but said the town was progressive for its time, allowing black people to buy food from local restaurants, even though they weren't allowed to eat in the establishment.

Ellington said he still sees room for the improvement of racial relations today.

“It's still not what it should be for a town that's as progressive as Carrboro,” he said.

When reflecting on the general sense of change that Carrboro has experienced, Ellington sees the town as “more transient” than it once was. However, he still believes Carrboro is bonded by its community.

“A lot of people look at little towns and [disparage the fact that] everyone knows everyone else's business — but that's not such a bad thing, is it? Social morals were enforced that way,” he said.

A value Ellington learned as a child is to support his community. One of the ways he does this is by participating as a member of the Carrboro Centennial Committee.

“The centennial celebration [on March 3] was pretty neat,” Ellington said. “When you live in one place all your life, everything has significance to you.”

Kim Andrews of the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department rediscovered the old bell that tolled during the celebration. It's a remnant of the Carrboro Baptist Church that used to occupy the Century Center.

“I hadn't heard that bell ring in 50 years,” said Ellington, who was among the dozens of people who rang the bell during the celebration.

Ellington said he has seen a great amount of change in Carrboro during his nearly seven decades as a resident of the town. To him, the change is most obviously manifested during the celebration of Carrboro Day, which falls on May 1 this year.

“There's always a bulletin board in the Town Commons that allows people to show where they're from. When I was a kid, everyone was from Carrboro, but today there's a much more global population,” Ellington said.

Despite the changes, Ellington says he will always consider Carrboro his home.

“Carrboro is my town,” he said. “It's a town with a conscience.”

Allison Russell is co-editor of the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and an intern with The Carrboro Citizen. This story first appeared in the Carrboro Commons.

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School Briefs

Japan relief program

Seawell Elementary School's Family Outreach Team and PTA have teamed up to conduct "Change and Cranes for Japan" through April 19.

The school's art teacher, Annie Cramer, along with parents and students from Japan, are making 1,000 origami paper cranes to send to Japan as a symbol of hope. Students have learned the symbolism of the paper crane and the side effects of radiation exposure by reading *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*.

The school will also host a change drive, and proceeds will be sent to the Red Cross.

Teacher receives literacy award

Mary Andrews, a reading teacher at Estes Hills Elementary School, was honored at the N.C. Reading Association's 2011 conference for her project "READ2ME: Tailgate Stories."

Her project won the James B. Hunt Jr. Celebrate Literacy Award North Carolina 2011. The award recognizes service given in promoting literacy among children and adults and in striving to develop reading and writing communities.

The "Tailgate Stories" program takes place during summer break in three elementary schools' communities: Estes Hills, Frank Porter Graham and McDougle.

Annual Parent Forum

The Annual Parent Forum will be held April 26 in East Chapel Hill High School's auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The interactive program is titled "Tuned In to Social Media." The event is sponsored by the Parent-Teacher-Student Associations from Chapel Hill High School, Carrboro High School and East Chapel Hill High.

Scholarship Program for Refugees

Donations are needed for the Scholarship Program for Refugees, which is in its second year of working to send children to summer camp free-of-cost. The program is headed by Madeline Kameny, a student at Carolina Friends School.

Children receiving aid range in age from 5 to 12 and are refugees from Burma (Myanmar). This year, the program hopes to send at least 10 children to a half-day camp at The ArtsCenter.

To make a donation, please write a check to the Carrboro ArtsCenter and specify that it is for the Burma Fund. Visit the Facebook group at facebook.com/group.php?gid=186040820591

Smith math team achievement



Smith Middle School math team members (L to R) Daniel Lee, Sarah Wu, Jennifer Zou, and Katherine Wang

The Smith Middle School math team won several awards throughout February and March.

Seventh-graders Veronica Kim and Sarah Wu qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME) contest with scores of 117 or higher during the national American Mathematics Competition 10 contest on Feb. 8.

The team finished fourth at the MathCounts State Finals on March 17. The team was represented by Jennifer Zou, Sarah Wu, Daniel Lee and Katherine Wang.

The Smith Algebra team won first place at the qualifying round for the State Mathematics Competition on March 24. The team was led by Tony Ahn and Sarah Wu, who each qualified for the state finals. Fifth-grader Vijay Dey from Seawell Elementary School also qualified for the state finals.

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High school class not for the wary

BY MICHAEL BLOOM

Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Not many high school students take a class where criticism and backlash are as commonplace as formulas and midterms.

But at Carrboro High School's student newspaper, the *Jagwire*, disclosure and deadlines go hand in hand for juniors and seniors.

"It was a very difficult week for our paper," said Emily Vaughn, senior copy editor at the *Jagwire*.

In the March edition of the student-run paper, a map was published showing the layout of the high school's lunchroom seating arrangements. Each table had a label corresponding to the perceived character of the students who sat there.

"The map was in the entertainment section – not to be taken too seriously – but it became much bigger," Vaughn said.

Tables were labeled "jocks," "freshman preps," "ethnic beauties," "senior burnouts," "people who always leave trash" and "pretty little liars," among others.

The caption for the illustration read, "The map may be one snapshot of the Commons (the lunchroom), but is it reality for you? Why be constrained by a label? It's spring and time to branch out."

"We were amazed at the response from the map – it was intense. We weren't thrilled that we were getting heat, but we were thrilled that it was making news and that people cared," said Josie Hollingsworth, co-editor-in-chief.

The student response was like no other the paper had seen in its four-year history. A simple illustration of a daily setting caused an uproar the *Jagwire* staff hadn't expected.

Faculty advisor and *Jagwire* founder Jan Gottschalk said students were tearing up copies by lunchtime. She said a ruckus had ensued and that students resented the illustration – one intended to be comical.

Gottschalk said that some students even refused to go back to class.

"There was so much turmoil that a couple of our editors decided to do a formal apology on the PA system one afternoon," Gottschalk said. "The next day, we had a forum in our journalism class that filled the room. We had kids sitting on the floor talking about issues like diversity in our newsroom, the harshness of the illustration and the stereotypes that went along with it."



Jan Gottschalk's journalism class produces the *Jagwire* monthly. In the above image, the class discusses the importance of diversity, responsibility and law in the news.

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Vaughn said the paper doesn't regret the illustration. She said editors had to figure out how to make the students feel better about the illustration while still keeping their integrity.

But even after all the commotion, the paper doesn't shy away from juicy stories.

They've spoken with the school administration about student depression, interviewed a drug dealer and conducted a survey on drug and alcohol use.

For the next issue, they'll focus on sex. They plan to do side-by-side editorials: one about waiting until marriage to have sex and another about not waiting.

"I think it's important to delve deep into an issue," said Mary Morrison, senior online editor. "And with sex, there is so much to look at."

Life in the war room

The paper is developed, written and published in class, yet many of the editors come in on Sundays to help catch up. Gottschalk teaches about 35 juniors and seniors in what she calls a "production class" that meets daily in what they all call "the war room."

Gottschalk said the paper needs to improve upon its staff diversity, with only one black writer and three Latino writers. She said they are actively recruiting more diverse students for next year's class.

The publication goes to print about once a month, giving students enough time to complete stories on deadline and juggle other schoolwork. Financially, the paper is struggling to keep afloat because all advertising is student-run. Both Gottschalk and Morrison said the development of their online edition is crucial for the paper's survival.

Editors say they love what they do, regardless of controversy and high stress. Vaughn said that she has stayed late after school copyediting, but it was all worth it in the end.

And with a 20-page paper on the horizon, they've got to be serious.

"I would pass up on other work to do *Jagwire* stories any day," Hollingsworth said. "With a paper like this and a family like this, you wouldn't want to pass it up."

The paper is divided into five sections: "Jag Country" is where school news is reported, "Top Spots" is for features, "Roar" is the opinion section, "Craze" is the entertainment section and the last section is sports. Hollingsworth said news values are hard to maintain with a monthly publication, so the paper strives to be a news-magazine.

Gottschalk said she is thrilled with the way her students perform, especially the editors, and that she tries to keep them motivated and excited about what they're doing in the midst of all the other demands they have as students, and that she wants them to still have a life.

"It's like a family because we're working toward something together," Gottschalk said. "And it's like the best of coaching. You want to bring the best out of them, using coach-

ing skills. So you work hard, then you find time to play hard and celebrate."

Editors say Gottschalk brings a motherly affection to their lives. They said they trust her and trust in her judgment as an overseer of production.

"She was out of town last week, so when I saw her this morning she hugged me and screamed, 'Mary!' I mean, she's my school mom," Morrison said.

Hollingsworth said Gottschalk has a good read on the school.

"She knows what's hot – she knows what's not," Hollingsworth said. "She can write six headlines in like two minutes."

Gottschalk said students are proud of their paper and that the student body has also embraced the publication, even with a sticky relationship as of late.

"Students who are not a part of the staff still see something that they are proud to take home," Gottschalk said. "It's colorful, reliable and has a lot of stuff they enjoy reading."

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25th Annual Event

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

How to watch the spring game

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

On Saturday at 3 p.m., the Carolina football team will hold its annual spring game at Kenan Stadium.

This will not be a game, really, but rather a glorified scrimmage. There is an art to watching such a "game."

Watch to see the various pieces that comprise a team and look for trends. If the No. 1 offense can't move the ball well and attack, most importantly scoring points, this is a bad sign of things to come.

The coaches are not going to show much of their playbook, but the talent of the individuals making plays will reveal itself. Can the offensive line protect? Can the line open holes for the runners?

What kind of vision and feet do the runners have?

One spring, the game ended

9-0 with virtually no offense. That fall, the team generated very little offense and practically no running game.

In the spring game of Darian Durant's redshirt-freshman year, well before most people knew who this kid was, Durant threw the ball successfully all over the field. He attacked the defense. He followed that with four years of throwing the ball well.

When the lights came on in the fall, Durant performed just as well or better. The kid was a true gamer, and has proven to be one in the Canadian Football League too.

If the defense swarms successfully throughout the day, it's almost certainly the better of the two units. But will it be good enough to succeed against



the competition it will face in the fall? This question is a little harder to answer – you can't determine whether the dominance is due to defensive strength or offensive weakness.

If some skilled player gets the ball in his hands and proceeds to dodge and juke would-be tacklers and make huge gains, the Tar Heels have someone special for the offense and/or special teams.

The coaching staff will want to throw as many bodies into the fray as possible and then watch the film to see who understood their assignments, which players executed the fundamentals and who looked lost and overmatched.

A player like Quinton Coples, a rising senior and first-

team All-ACC selection last season while playing out of position at defensive tackle, is unlikely to play very many snaps on Saturday. The coaches know what Coples can do, and so does he.

Coples slid back to defensive end this season, and he's going to be a load for tacklers to block.

"It's great," Coples said of moving back outside. "It's definitely been great. I don't have to take all those double teams. It frees me up more. My body feels better."

Coples expects to find a way to top his performance of a year ago.

"I hold myself to a lot higher expectations than last year," he said. "Last year, I was just trying to step up and be the anchor for the team. Overall, my expectations for myself are higher than anyone else can have for me."

He envisions what he wants to accomplish this fall.



Sophomore Kira Castle takes a shot on goal during the Carrboro High School lacrosse team's March 24 game against Ravenscroft, which the Jaguars lost, 14-8. The team will take on East Chapel Hill High School on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at ECHHS.

PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

"I'm playing a sack-mental game throughout all of spring ball and forward," Coples said, smiling. "I'm sack-minded right now."

Of course, most of the eyes in the stadium on Saturday will be focused on Bryn Renner, the young man who will take T.J.

Yates' spot as starting quarterback. Renner put on a show during the first drive a year ago, zipping hard, accurate throws and leading his team to a touchdown to open the game.

On Saturday, it will be fun to see how he has progressed.

BROADBAND FROM PAGE 1

But with the passage by the state House last week of a bill titled "Level Playing Field/Local Government Competition," the worry is that Chapel Hill may soon be limited in what it can do with its new digital capacity.

The bill, heavily supported by the telecommunications industry, sets up a number of hurdles aimed at making it difficult for a municipality to build a town broadband system. Supporters say it will prevent unfair competition with commercial providers, but its detractors say it will make it almost impossible for a town to offer the service.

Several states are considering similar bills, a trend that worries federal officials charged with ensuring the expansion of broadband services. On Monday, FCC commissioner Mignon Clyburn called the legislation "a significant barrier" to expanding broadband access.

"This piece of legislation certainly sounds goal-worthy, an innocuous proposition, but do not let the title fool you. This measure, if enacted, will not only fail to level the playing field; it will discourage municipal governments from addressing deployment in communities where the pri-

vate sector has failed to meet broadband service needs," Clyburn said in a statement.

Kleinschmidt, who has been monitoring the progress of the bill along with a group of mayors and other local elected officials, said the bill is aimed mainly at halting moves by the towns of Salisbury and Wilson who want to set up their own broadband systems. Those towns, he said, decided to step in and set up their own systems because of a dearth of high-speed broadband in their areas.

Since Chapel Hill is a more affluent community, the availability of broadband is not as much of an issue, Kleinschmidt said. But the way the bill is worded may mean that the fiber the town is installing could be used only for the new traffic system.

"We want to be able to maximize the fiber we're putting in," he said. "We're worried about whether we're going to be able to use it. This could be a huge wasted opportunity."

Kleinschmidt said he is also pushing against the bill because it represents another example of the state holding back local communities from stepping in if their citizens are being underserved.

"It's another attempt to handcuff us from providing a full array of services," he said.

MERGER FROM PAGE 1

(ACT), which provides an outreach team offering a range of support on an around-the-clock basis.

The Center for Excellence is based at UNC's School of Medicine and includes the Schizophrenia Treatment and Evaluation Program (STEP) and Outreach and Support Intervention Services (OASIS) for adolescents and young adults who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, early psychosis.

Both STEP and OASIS have offices in Carr Mill Mall in Carrboro. Care is provided by a multidisciplinary team and includes medical and psychosocial treatment, including family support.

The center also provides training for graduate students from

UNC's nursing, social work and psychology programs.

Thava Mahadevan, XDS' former executive director, will now serve as director of operations at the center, which will operate as a Critical Access Behavioral Health Agency, or CABHA, a new model of provider introduced on Jan. 1 by the state Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of consolidating mental health, developmental disabilities and substance-abuse programs within fewer, larger providers.

"I am very optimistic that with our combined forces, and with our UNC partner Horizons, the UNC School of Medicine will be able to create a sustainable CABHA," said center co-director Bebe Smith.

Smith said that Mahadevan's "knowledge of the public mental health system and success at run-

ning a nonprofit mental health agency in challenging times combined with our longstanding clinical programs that focus on the underserved and those with complex mental health challenges will make us stronger."

A Tuesday press release stated that the newly expanded center will "form new lines of study based on broader community mental health experiences to improve recovery outcomes" and "expand its capacity to apply what is being learned in academic and scientific settings to real-life situations."

"In our new form, the center will have a broader range of clinical training experiences, plus greatly expanded numbers of experts on severe mental illness to better reach and teach mental health service providers across the state," Gilmore said.

"We will continue to place a

focus on psychiatric treatment, but will expand into recovery-oriented areas that focus on healing through creativity," Smith said.

Smith pointed to the center's art gallery, Brushes with Life, as an example of this approach.

Last summer, XDS moved from Chapel Hill to a 40-acre campus in Chatham County, on which it plans to expand activities to include horticulture therapy in partnership with the N.C. Botanical Garden, horseback riding, a music studio and art and pottery classes.

"I'm feeling very hopeful that we'll be able to create some innovative, recovery-oriented programs that will benefit from our combined clinical and rehabilitative expertise and our shared deep commitment to making sure that persons with severe mental illness have access to the things we all want in life," Smith said.

ALDERMEN FROM PAGE 1

At Tuesday's meeting, board members did not say which way they intend to vote, but Chilton said there needs to be a meeting of the minds with the county on the right kind of location.

Board member Jacquie Gist, who has been critical of the county's choice, said she hoped town and county elected officials could meet soon and have a "collegial discussion" on the issue.

"Maybe it's not their fault, it's just that they don't live here," she said. Next Tuesday's board of aldermen meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Carrboro Town Hall. The agenda will be posted at townofcarrboro.com/BoA/Agendas/boaAgendas.htm

In other action Tuesday night, the board discussed updates to the state's proposed Transportation Improvement Plan. The plan, which works off a list of priorities set by a consortium of local governments, sets the order and schedules for state transportation projects.

Before referring the latest infor-

mation to the town's Transportation Advisory Board for review and suggestions, sidewalks for the Rogers Road neighborhood and the proposed bicycle and pedestrian pathway between Carolina North and the main UNC campus were added to the town's list of priorities.

Also on Tuesday, the board heard an appeal from its representatives on the Orange Water and Sewer Authority board of directors asking for the town to help get the word out about the Taste of Hope program.

OWASA and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service created the program to help low-income customers who are having trouble paying their water bills. Under the program, OWASA customers can agree to round up their bills to the nearest dollar by checking a box on their utility bill.

Board member Randee Haven-O'Donnell praised the program and said the only reason people don't check the box is because they don't know about the program.

The board agreed to add a link to the program on the town's website and look at other ways to let residents know about it.

TAX FROM PAGE 1

Other commissioners said they hoped the county could begin collecting revenues from the tax as soon as possible.

"It seems to me that the need is considerable, and that each day, each month that we delay, we delay the opportunity to collect the money that we would use from this sales tax ... to modify the property-tax burden that we have placed on the public," board

Vice Chair Steve Yuhasz said.

A number of residents spoke in opposition to the tax referendum, saying that voters had already decided on the matter and that residents could not afford a tax increase.

"This appears to be the most blatant effort to set aside and circumvent the voters of Orange County," Bill Knight said. "We are asking you to reign in the tax and spending that's been going on for years."

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Matthew Lee launches his hawk kite at the 2011 annual Kite Fly sponsored by the Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department and held March 27 at Hank Anderson Park. Matthew won the prize for the youngest kite flier in this year's Kite Fly. PHOTO BY DEBORAH BENDER



A busy lot

PlowGirl Farm's apiarist Mark Zimmerman inspects his hives.

PHOTO BY LIZ HOLM

Local emergency plans in place

BY LOUIE HORVATH
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

While the rest of the world watches the destruction caused by the earthquake and subsequent nuclear complications in Japan with worry, local emergency-management employees watch with a different purpose.

These personnel are the ones charged with ensuring that no matter the catastrophe, their local community is ready if such an event does occur.

Instead of waiting for a catastrophe to happen in their



The UNC Cogeneration Facility is taken into account in a broad-based plan to be activated in the event that what happened in Japan happens closer to home. PHOTO BY LOUIE HORVATH

area, they are constantly probing and tinkering with their plan should such an event occur. So far, they feel good about the quality of the plan in light of the disaster in Japan.

"We have not made any changes to the plan," Orange County emergency planner Darshan Patel said. "Our plan is pretty robust right now. Through the planning process, we take many things into consideration. We don't have any immediate changes yet."

Carrboro fire inspector Ethan Cicero echoes much of the same opinion.

"This is something that's been worked on, planned for and revised, but specifically to the Japan catastrophe? No," said Cicero.

While both emergency personnel stressed that the emergency-preparedness document is an ever-changing tablet, neither felt the need to add to it or make changes because of the events in Japan.

They can't give out those plans to the community because of the threat of a terrorist plot that would disable the county's contingency plans.

"The specifics of these items

are not given out outside of the county, in case someone's trying to plan something," said Cicero. "They are reviewed annually if not quarterly. It's something that many people are involved in. Not just EMS or police."

The contingency plans also include larger-risk buildings, like the UNC Cogeneration Facility on Cameron Avenue, to help safeguard against electrical problems like those that have afflicted Japan. But emergency planners know that no matter how fool-proof a plan appears, there is always a risk factor involved.

"Any sort of large facility that does power generation, whether it's hydroelectric, cogeneration, nuclear or coal burning, there are always inherent risks in there, and some may be more than others," Patel said.

There is no higher risk than at Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant just outside of New Hill. While Orange County lies outside of the 10-mile emergency planning zone, it's still well within the 50-mile radius that could be affected by a nuclear plant meltdown. Carrboro is roughly 30 miles from the nuclear plant.

"We have emergency drills that we perform with the county and the state," said Julia Milstead, Progress Energy spokeswoman for the Shearon Harris plant. "We are required by federal law to have these drills twice a year, but ... we typically, here at Harris, have eight emergency drills every year."

On April 26, the Shearon Harris plant will have a test that is graded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Patel confirmed that along with the local Wake County officials, emergency preparedness responders from Orange County would be taking part in the drill.

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Look for white-flowering black locust on the bypass soon. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
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Pioneer botanist Mark Catesby observed that early settlers commonly used locust wood for the foundation support posts that stabilized their cabins. Because of its resistance to decay, locust has been so prized for fence posts and arbors that one must search far and wide these days to find a substantial source for traditional 'locust posts.'

Though locust is not the common forest tree in the piedmont that it is in the mountains, it's valuable here as a naturalized plant that thrives in harsh conditions on disturbed sites. Like other members of the bean family, the locust's 'nitrogen-fixing' roots improve barren soils for eventual succession by a diversity of other plant species. Thickets of black locust also provide essential habitat for numerous wildlife species.

Insect pests like the locust borer keep the plant in check. Whole populations of black locust develop a 'burned' look about them during the summer months because of the ravenous appetites of the locust leaf minor.

Though black locust was introduced as an ornamental tree in England in the 17th century, its overabundance in parts of the European countryside is attributed to British journalist William Cobbett's early 19th-century promotion of the locust for its fast growth and long-lasting hard wood, "superior to oak for ship and house-building." Those uses for the locust never fulfilled Cobbett's expectations, and this American native now runs wild across some of Europe's countryside, looking like a white wisteria in early spring.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Old Doll, 1978

As a Seasoned Citizen, I've been thinking a lot these days about de-cluttering. When I pop off to the big darkroom in the sky, I don't want my kids to have to clean up after me – as I did after my mother died unexpectedly at 51. So I've been going through a lot of Old Stuff here lately. Each box and trunk tucked away in the attic or basement is a time bomb, which upon opening sucks you in like a black hole where time is forgotten and time travel is real. When I opened the lid on this trunk, a long-forgotten handmade doll startled me with her size and relentless grin. "Polly," as I remember her name, was the favorite of my now 40-something daughter. But what does an aging parent do with the toys of his now-grown children? You could start by making a photograph. Happy birthday, Selena!



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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