Chancellor Holden Thorp talks about his new job

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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE The tall flower-covered Northern Catalpa behind Weaver Street Market

FLORA By Ken Moore

The catalpa of blackberry winter

s usual, Mother's Day and the university's commencement have been accompanied by the typical cool stormy weather of "blackberry winter," signaled by the flowering of wild blackberries along roadsides and woodland edges.

This past weekend's blackberry winter weather was particularly stormy, as it delivered more needed rainfall, hopefully not the last before a harsh drought, as occurred last year.

In spite of the strong winds and rain, the tall Northern Catalpa, Catalpa speciosa, crammed in between Weaver Street Market and the Carr Mill main building remains covered with flowers. At the western end of the central walk of the UNC Coker Arboretum, there is another one. And the grandest specimen of all the Northern Catalpas is standing tall against the southeast corner of the Kenan Chemistry Tower across from the Coker Botany Building. You'll have to examine the flower carpet on the ground beneath any of them to appreciate the beauty of the individual

flowers. In dramatic contrast, there is a huge spreading Southern Catalpa, Catalpa bignonioides, in a yard on the east side of Martin Luther King Blvd. near the intersection of Timberlyne. I remember that last year I was confused that the two trees flowered several weeks apart. I'm a bit wiser now. That big spreading one up near Timberlyne is the Southern Catalpa, which normally flowers several weeks after the northern species.

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Budget cuts can't match sluggish economy

Manager calls for 3.23 cent tax increase

by Kirk Ross Staff Writer

The town is cutting expenditures by close to 6 percent, but taxes are headed up under a budget proposal detailed for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen at Town Hall Tuesday night.

Town Manager Steve Stewart outlined a \$18,476,375 budget that delays vehicle purchases and uses part of the town's fund balance to help make up for increased costs and lackluster revenue projects.

town raise property taxes 3.23 cents, putting the total tax rate at 68.60 cents per \$100 of assessed value. For the owner of a \$200,000 home, the increase would be about \$65.

In presenting the new budget, Stewart told the board he was not happy to recommend another tax increase, but given only a 2 percent growth in the tax base and a continuation of weak local sales tax receipts, he said he had no choice.

"I don't recall in recent history a more dim outlook for revenue," Stew-

Stewart is recommending that the art said early on in his presentation to the board.

> He noted that this year's expansion budget contains only three items — a \$77,313 request to fund two new police officers, \$4,000 for support for the Orange County Land Trust and \$4,800 for six new flushless urinals at the Century Center. The new urinals are expected to pay for themselves within six years and save the town about \$128 per year each year after that.

> One of the additional police officers would be assigned to the department's community division and the

other to investigations as part of the department's effort to step up its narcotics enforcement.

A grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is assisting the town in covering the costs for three new firefighters who will be added in anticipation of the opening next year of the new northern fire station on Homestead Road. That will bring the number of new firefighters to nine over the past three years. The town plans to add

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Century Center buzzing

by Kirk Ross Staff Writer

Pardon the pun, but it didn't take too long last Tuesday for the buzz downtown to get around.

Late Tuesday morning, calls and emails poured into *The Citizen* offices about a large number of bees swarming next to the Century Center, specifically in the Foster Holly (Ilex x attenuata) on the northeast corner of Main and Greensboro streets.

As thousands of honeybees swirled in and out of the bushes, onlookers did a bit of swarming as well.

"It was a pretty amazing sight," said Brendan Moore, facilities administrator for the Century Center. He took in the spectacle and the rapid response of the local beekeeping community, but, he said, "I did it from afar."

Paul Hellwig, the town's landscaping and grounds supervisor, said

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Beekeepers to the rescue — Scotty McLean and Kirk Right of McLean Builders load up a bee box full of honeybees from the Century Center.

School budget fueling tax increase

by Susan Dickson Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district has requested a budget increase of more than \$6.8 million this year, including more than \$2.4 million to fund salary and benefit increases and other state mandates.

This would be a 12.5 percent increase over last year's budget.

Based on last year's state-mandated salary increases, school officials estimated salary increases for locally paid teachers to cost about \$860,000, while the increase to the local supplement for statepaid teachers would total nearly \$300,000. While teacher and

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IFC makes plans for new shelter after deal with town, UNC

by Rich Fowler Staff Writer

The Inter-Faith Council finally has the land it needs to build a new men's residential facility, thanks to an agreement between UNC and the Town of Chapel Hill. The university is buying 13 acres of land on Homestead Road from Duke Energy and will lease about one and a half acres to the town for the next 99 years for \$1 per year. The town will donate the land to the IFC so it can replace the Community House men's shelter on Rosemary Street with one that can better meet the needs of homeless people.

The Rosemary Street men's shelter has 30 beds and 20 floor spaces. The new shelter on Homestead Road will have about 50 beds, plus about five more for residents with medical problems that require them to be separated from the rest of the residents. It will also provide medical services for the women and children who live at the nearby HomeStart shelter for homeless women and children.

The new shelter will have a dramatic they're not interested in working with the shift in focus. Chris Moran, executive program that we have in mind. director of the IFC, said that they are trying to concentrate on a model that rehabilitates residents who need assistance. Residents will learn how to get the skills they need to get jobs that pay a wage they can live on. They will be supported by professional staff and volunteers, and residents who have been through the experience will help men-

tor new residents. There will be more volunteer opportunities for people in the community to help at the shelter, which, Moran said, will help people who are still suspicious of homeless people understand that they have a lot of skills that are useable in the workplace once they get jobs.

The shift in focus also means that the IFC will be unable to help some

"It's not going to be a facility where you can come and go as you please," Moran said, "which means that there will be people left behind. There will be people that are not getting beds every night if

"[W]ith us leaving downtown, there has to be an understanding that there needs to be other social services in place after we leave."

The IFC's goal is to move into the new shelter by 2011. Moran said the university and the town still need to work out some of the details of the lease. The IFC also needs to meet with architect Josh Gurlitz to design the facility and make renderings.

"We have a pretty good idea of what we want to do. We just have to shape it," said Moran.

Reducing the shelter's impact on the environment is important to the IFC. Moran said they have an obligation to make their facilities as environmentally sensitive as they can. A lot will be determined by cost, the availability of grants and help from other organizations to reduce the environmental impact of the shelter.

The project will have to go through the town's development process.

"We have a piece of public land that is zoned about the best it can be for a men's residential facility," Moran said, "so I don't think the zoning process is going to be terribly complicated. The permitting process and all that will be expedited because we're a nonprofit."

The IFC will need to raise some money to meet expenses for architect's renderings, engineering costs and anything else that will be required to make the property ready for construction. When \$247,000 of federal money is released, they will have about \$400,000 to do the predevelopment work.

After that, they will need to start a capital campaign to raise money for the construction of the new shelter. Moran said the IFC needs to consider staffing costs as well. Hiring a full-time and a part-time manager for both the men's and women's shelters would cost around \$110,000 a year, and adding two full-time case managers and

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Tar Heel born, bred and moving to Richmond

RECENTLY ...

By Valarie Schwartz

Last Friday, Stephen Allred looked comfortable and relieved in his office on the west side of South Building, where he has been executive associate provost since March 2004. The day before, it had been announced that colleague, friend and fellow Equinox band member Holden Thorp would begin occupying the offices on the east side of South Building starting in July.

But when Thorp becomes chancellor of the University of North Carolina, Allred begins his new job as provost — of the University of Richmond.

It's a big change for the Raleigh native who has known since the age of five that UNC was in his future.

"I came here with my father, UNC Class of 1934, to a football game," Allred said. "He parked the car and we walked through campus and past Old East and he said, 'When I came to school here, this is where I lived. Maybe when you come to school



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ALLRED FAMILY

A Carolina Family: The Allred family includes Meredith (rising junior in Class of 2010), Stephen (Class of 1974), James (Class of 2007) and Julia (Class of 1975)

here, you can live here too.' When I started school in the fall of 1969, I had applied to one school: the University of North Carolina," Allred said warmly.

His father, the first in his Randolph County family of mostly mill and railroad workers to go beyond high school, "came here in the depths of the Depression, in the fall

of 1930. He stayed for his doctorate," Allred said. "It's one of the reasons I love this place. It transformed my father's life."

And his. Steve graduated in 1974, having met his wife, Julia, who graduated in '75, in a statistics class.

They went out into the world together, where Steve received a law degree, a doctorate in education and work experience. In 1986, he returned to UNC, where his journey up the academic ladder started by teaching law, before he became director of the masters of public administration program in the School of Government, was appointed to associate provost for academic initiatives in 2001 and in 2004 was promoted to executive associate provost.

During the professional climb, two children rose and bloomed as well. James, who was a Morehead Scholar and student body president for the class of 2007, now teaches in England. Meredith is a rising junior in the UNC Class of 2010.

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THE CARRBORO CITIZEN 2 THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

MUSIC CALENDAR

Chorus

FRIDAY MAY

Blue Horn Lounge:

The Cave: Early: Gui-

General Store Café:

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Cartridge Family

Andy Coats

David Spencer Band



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Nightlight: Jooklo

The Cave: Late: Cape Fear Songwriters Guild, DL Token

Local 506: The Cotton Jones Basket Ride, The Graves of Fairmount

Nightlight: Irata, Boat Burning

THURSDAY MAY 22 Blue Horn Lounge: Tennessee

The Cave: Chop Chop, Reid John-

son, Filthy Bird, Soft Company General Store Café: Bo Lankenau & Friends

Nightlight: Veronica Blood, Dead

FRIDAY MAY 23

Blue Horn Lounge: Troy Smith & Jeremy Blackford

The Cave: Late: Mayhem String Band, Lucky

General Store Café: Brian Mc-Gee & The Hollow Speed

Local 506: Efterklang, Slaraffenland, Lost in the Trees

Nightlight: Bibis Ellison, Lake Inferior, Lacrymosa, Lonnie Walker

Open Eye Café: Lucy Langlas Reservoir: Caltrop, Colossus, Legion of the Fallen

SATURDAY MAY 24

ArtsCenter: Lise Uyanik & The Mobile City Band, The South Wing Band

Blue Horn Lounge: Lucy Sumner & The Second Thirds

The Cave: Early: DTL Trio, Late: Le Weekend, Audubon Park

General Store Café: Armand & Bluesology

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The Cave: Early: Joe Hero Late: e-s





ZOMBIE PARTY

Zombies get in free on Sunday at The Cave. Ormon Grimsby, host of the horror TV show Monster Creature Feature, will be filming at The Cave, remodeled as a monster dungeon for the night, and needs extras. Dexter Romweber, The Tremors and Killer Filler perform, with special guests Melissa Swingle and Billy Sugarfix. The living pay \$5 to get in.



Red Stick Ramblers will be at the ArtsCenter Saturday night.

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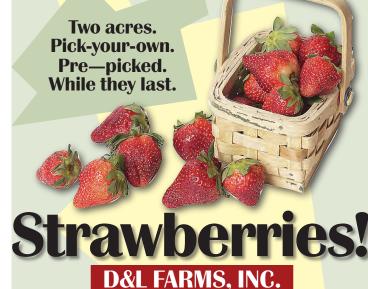


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News Briefs

Edwards to endorse Obama

As The Citizen was going to press, ABC News was reporting that John Edwards is expected to endorse Barack Obama on Wednesday, May 14 at a nighttime event in Grand Rapids, Mich. Sen. Hillary Clinton, Obama's opponent in the nationwide primary race, defeated Obama in West Virginia's primary by 41 points on Tuesday. The endorsement is more bad news for the Clinton campaign, which, despite recent victories, remains behind that of the Illinois senator.

Golf tourney

UNC's Finley Golf Course will host the Third Annual Dre' Bly Celebrity Golf Classic on Saturday, May 17, starting at 11 a.m. The event is open to the public and admission is \$5 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

Dre' Bly will host and be joined by Phil Ford, Marshall Faulk, Torry Holt, Alge Crumpler, Butch Davis and others. Proceeds benefit the Dre' Bly Foundation, which awards sports-related scholarships, and CarolinaPros, a public service organization of former Carolina athletes.

Farmers' market at children's hospital

UNC Health Care will sponsor a new farmers' market for employees on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday, May 21 and lasting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NC Children's Hospital lobby. The market features fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables throughout the summer. Early-spring offerings will include herbs, asparagus, lettuces, strawberries, jams and much more. All of the produce is grown within a 100-mile radius of UNC Health Care.

The farmers' market is sponsored by UNC Health Care's Healthy Heels Employee Wellness Program in collaboration with the department of Nutrition & Food Services.

An additional farmers' market will be held at the Hedrick Building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18.

NC immigrant rights

Dani Martinez-Moore, immigration network coordinator for the NC Justice Center, will discuss her work with various organizations providing assistance to immigrants in their struggles against unjust treatment, in a presentation entitled "How are Immigrant Rights Addressed in North Carolina?" The talk is at 7 p.m., May 22 at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive. For information, call 942-2535.

District 2 commissioner runoff

The District 2 Board of County Commissioners seat is up in the air after primary candidate Leo Allison submitted a request for a runoff against Steve Yuhasz about four hours before the board of elections deadline.

Yuhasz won 37.23 percent of the votes, Allison took second with 27.72 percent. Because the winning total is below 40 percent, Allison is entitled to a runoff election.

Yuhasz criticized the request on the basis that it would cost the county extra money while revenues are expected

Both candidates say they are concerned with reducing property taxes and encouraging economic development.

Local employers recognized

Debra Dihoff, executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness-North Carolina, will be the keynote speaker at Club Nova's 10th Annual Employers' Reception on Thursday, May 22.

The event will be held to celebrate Club Nova's Transitional and Independent Employment program and the local businesses that have provided jobs for the program this year. Those to receive awards include the Mental Health Association of Orange County, UNC School of Social Work, Staples and Open Eye Cafe.

Club Nova is a clubhouse for adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses. The clubhouse provides its members with the support they need to live and work independently in the community. Club Nova's Transitional Employment Program provides training to members for part-time jobs with local businesses. The member is paid by the employer for nine months in the position. After nine months, another member is given an opportunity to do the same.

To learn more about the program, please contact Elena Fowler at 968-6682 or efowler@clubnova.org.

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School board to approve CHHS walk zone

by Susan Dickson Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education is expected to approve a plan tonight (Thursday) that will create a walk zone around Chapel Hill High School and eliminate bus stops for 66 students.

A sidewalk network on Homestead, High School and Seawell School roads was completed in December, allowing students to safely walk to Chapel

said most students already use the sidewalk, drive to school or are dropped off at school by their parents, so very few students use the bus stops in the potential walk-zone area.

According to Steve Scroggs, assistant superintendent for support services, creating a walk zone around the high school would eliminate the two bus stops that serve Camden, Winmore, Claremont and Rogers Road past Sylvan Way.

Hill High. District officials have However, the financial benefit of creating the walk zone is minor, he said

"The savings are absolutely minimal," Scroggs said. "The real objective here is that we're stopping buses that we don't need to stop because nobody's riding them."

The initial walk-zone plan included Homestead Village, but parents expressed concern regarding safety at the intersection of Seawell School Road and High School Road.

Scroggs said bus service will continue to Homestead Village until improvements - such as a stop sign, stop light or crossing guard - have been made to the

However, he added, almost no students ride the bus from the Homestead Village bus stop.

District officials have informed families potentially affected by the plan of the proposed changes, which would go into effect during the 2008-09 school year.

Fires strike Carrboro residences



PHOTO BY EMILY BURNS

Employees of Disaster Restoration Services Corp. remove damaged furniture from the home at 1604 Pathway Drive Wednesday. The home was damaged by a fire that broke out early Saturday,

A lightning strike caused a fire to burn through the attic of a Carrboro home early Saturday, May 10, according to the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department. No injuries were reported.

Emergency personnel were dispatched to the home at 1604 Pathway Dr. just after midnight and firefighters had controlled the fire after approximately 23 minutes. The home, owned

by David and Adele Roth, received an estimated \$200,000 in fire, smoke and water damage.

Another fire was reported Sunday morning, May 11 at Berkshire Manor Apartments. The resident of the apartment, who was awakened by the newly replaced smoke alarm, extinguished the fire before it caused major damage. —Emily Burns

Rain shortens Carolina's commencement

A steady rain that began shortly before the 9:30 a.m. Sunday start of Carolina's commencement celebration in Kenan Stadium shortened the ceremony.

Outgoing Chancellor James Moeser conferred the degrees of the undergraduates, who were led in the traditional turning of their mortarboard tassels by Senior Class President Ashley Shores, who gave remarks as planned.

Shortly before an enthusiastic student processional into the stadium, Moeser also conferred honorary degrees in the Kenan Stadium Football Center to Peter Agre, 2003 co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in chemistry; Philip Green III, professor of genome sciences at the University of Washington; Heather Munroe-Blum, principal and vice chancellor of McGill University; soprano Jessye Norman, one of America's best known performing artists; and Tony Rand, a prominent attorney, alumnus and state senator.

Norman, the featured Commencement speaker, did not deliver her remarks as planned. Her speech is posted at http:// uncnews.unc.edu/news/campus-and-community/jessye-norman-commencementspeech.html.

About 15,000 people attended the ceremony, which was cut to about 35 minutes. Typically, the event lasts up to two hours.

Commencement only moves inside to the Dean E. Smith Center for severe weather - heavy rain accompanied by high wind as well as thunder and lightning.

OBITUARIES



Irina Yarmolenko

Irina "Ira" Yarmolenko had a sunny spirit, a quick smile and friends everywhere she went. She wasn't supposed to die at age 20. The UNC Charlotte sophomore was found Monday, May 5, 2008 next to her car on the banks of the Catawba River in Mount Holly.

Yarmolenko was born in the Ukraine but grew up in Chapel Hill. Her family moved to North Carolina in the 1990s as refugees and her parents found science jobs in Greensboro and later moved to Chapel Hill.

Ira was a dedicated student who loved to travel and learn about other cultures. She played piano and tennis. "She was incredible," "There's nothing bad about her." She graduated from Chapel Hill High in 2006 and began studying at UNCC. There, she was a member of the Russian Club and more recently, a photographer and occasional writer for the student newspaper. She also worked as a computer assistant.

She had always talked about doing something to help people make their lives better or easier.

"Everything that she's ever done was to help people," She'd planned to transfer to UNC Chapel Hill to major in public health after finishing this semester in Charlotte. She was connected to a lot of organizations on and off campus.

Visitation will be held at Walker's Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill (919-942-3861) from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2008 and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Interment will be at 4 p.m. SatHill Memorial Cemetery.

Street Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

Condolences may be sent to www.walkersfuneralservice.com

Marvin Poythress

Marvin Poythress, 78, passed away Saturday May 11, 2008 after several years of declining health. A Chapel Hill native, Marvin was the son of the late Ila and Furman Poythress. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Ann Phelps Poythress, and by his brothers Robert Poythress and Durrell Poythress.

Marvin graduated from the old Chapel Hill High School, located at that time on Franklin St. Though big in stature, he had a soft heart and was affectionately called "Teddy Bear" by his friends. As a lifelong active member of Damascus Church he served as treasurer and enjoyed singing in the choir. Marvin retired from UNC Hospitals after 33 years of service in 1983. After retirement, he continued working with UNC Athletics, where he began as a young man selling buckets of iced drinks up and down the bleachers. He then progressed from usher to supervising operations on Kenan Stadium's southside. He enjoyed his many years working with basketball operations as well, especially enjoying the championship victories. After 50 years of working at Kenan Stadium, Marvin retired in 1999. The UNC Athletic Department established The Poythress Service Award presented to the volunteer staff member who most exemplifies Marvin's work ethic, dedication and attitude. He loved his God, his family, his country and his Tar Heels.

Using his carpentry skills, he crafted not only functional furniture items used by his family, but also a truck camper as well as a pop-up type camper complete with canvas sides, giving his children many fond memories of family vacations. Marvin also enjoyed his time on the family farm, tending the cattle,

urday, May 10, 2008 in Chapel grooming the fields and driving Ann (whom he met on a blind date on Halloween) spent their retirement years enjoying time with their five grandchildren, attending country and gospel music concerts and traveling. One of their most memorable trips was to the Holy Land. Marvin also enjoyed the many years he served on the Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation board of directors and the many friends he made there. He served his country in the U.S. Army and enjoyed his friends at American Legion functions, especially dancing.

He is survived by his son, David Poythress and wife, Tricia; daughter, Sharon P. House and husband, Durward all of Chapel Hill; and daughter, Peggy P. Utley and husband, Dale of Garner. Grandchildren are Jordan Poythress, Wesley House and wife, Kim, Caroline House, Kevin Utley and Kaitlyn Utley. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and his special friend Maxine Lacy of Sanford.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday May 14 at Damascus Church. Visitation is at Walkers Funeral Home, 120 West Franklin St in Chapel Hill on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m., and other times at Marvin's residence.

Flowers are welcome, but memorial donations can be made to the Damascus Church Cemetery Fund and can be sent to Damascus Church 522 Damascus Ch Rd Chapel Hill NC 27516 or to the charity of one's choice.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff of Britthaven for the care they gave Marvin.

Arrangements by Walker's Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin Street Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Condolences may be sent to

www.walkersfuneralservice.com Samuel Moyle

Boone Samuel Moyle Boone 89, of Chapel Hill, died Monday May 5th, 2008 at UNC Hospital.

Mr. Boone was a native of his tractor. He spent many a Gates County, NC, son of the Arrangements by Walker's morning sharing coffee and bis- late William Jordan and Minnie Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin cuits with friends. Marvin and Belle Williams Boone. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was retired from UNC-CH Academic Affairs Library as librarian after 30 vears of service, and went on to Duke University's Perkins Library for 5 years.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy Bates Boone; daughter, Dr. Nancy Anne Boone of Chapel Hill; and sister Mary E. Richardson of Powhatan, VA. He was preceded in death by his three brothers William J. Boone Jr., Sidney G. Boone and Roger H. Boone.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2:00 pm, Saturday, May 10, 2008 in Walker's Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Jamie Eubanks.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Academic Affairs Library at Campus Box 3900, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Arrangements by Walker's

Funeral Home, 120 W. Franklin Street Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

Condolences may be sent to www.walkersfuneralservice.com

Jake Billings

Jake Billings of Wilmington died April 30 from injuries sustained on April 26. He was 21.

He was a 2004 graduate of Chapel Hill High School and a graduate of the Cape Fear Community College Wooden Boat Building Program. He was pursuing a career as a chef.

Survivors include his parents, Charles Billings and Jane Cousins of Chapel Hill; three brothers, Sam Billings and Josh Billings, both of Chapel Hill, and Thad Billings of Wilmington.

Memorial donations may be made to an environmental cause of choice.

A memorial service for Jake Billings takes place Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 at the Rock Quarry

Rock Quarry Farm is located at 1700 NC Highway 54 West, approximately 3 miles west of Carrboro, across from American Stone Quarry.

Community

Community Briefs

Healthy Hearts reunion

The N.C. Children's Hospital will host the 19th annual Healthy Hearts reunion from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday. The reunion will provide an opportunity for pediatric heart surgery patients and their families to meet cardiaccare staff, receive information about surgery logistics, care and emotional support, and enjoy food, games and other entertainment.

The celebration will take place at the UNC Faculty and Staff Recreation Facility, located at 1 Alice Ingram Circle on UNC's campus. About 250 pediatric heart surgery patients, their families and cardiac-care staff are expected to attend the event. The reunion is sponsored by the Carolina Parent Network, a statewide support group for pediatric cardiac surgery patients and their families.

Kidzu receives grant

Chapel Hill's Kidzu Children's Museum has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by The Grable Foundation, a Pittsburgh-based organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth. The two-year grant will be used to support education and outreach programs, exhibit development and other operating costs of the museum. The grant is the third Kidzu has received from The Grable Foundation.

According to Kidzu executive director Cathy Maris, the support provided by The Grable Foundation over the last several years has made it possible for the nonprofit museum to serve the community's children and families. Since opening its doors in 2006, Kidzu has outgrown its 2,700-square-foot East Franklin Street location, and museum organizers are planning for a move to a larger, permanent location. Sites in Carrboro and Chapel Hill are under consideration.

Theological discussions at the Advocate

The Episcopal Church of the Advocate, the new Episcopal church in Orange County, will host a series of theological discussions Thursday evenings this month. Topics for discussion include "Who is Jesus?" on May 15, "Darwin was an Anglican!" on May 22 and "Why Suffering?" on May 29.

All discussions will be held at 5:15 p.m. at 403 W. Weaver St. in Carrboro, and the discussions are open to all members of the community. For information, visit ouradvocate.org.

New Cornucopia House executive director

The Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center has announced the appointment of Mary M. Lawrence as the organization's new executive director. Lawrence, an experienced nonprofit manager, has served as the CEO for several social service and health organizations and she has an established history of bringing creative thinking to the nonprofit sector. Additionally, she has provided consulting and coaching services to nonprofit leaders in areas such as volunteerism, community relations and board development.

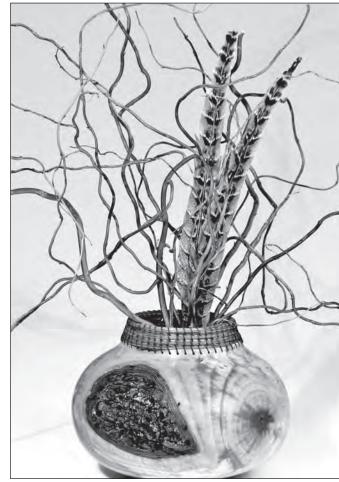
Lawrence identifies closely with the mission of Cornucopia House to provide comprehensive support services to people with cancer, their families and their caregivers. Services include support groups, restorative yoga, health and educational programs and more. All support services and programs provided by Cornucopia House are free of charge and open to anyone who has been touched by cancer. For information, visit cornucopiahouse.org.

Hidden Voices benefit

The ArtsCenter will host a benefit for Hidden Voices May 16 at 8 p.m. The event includes a slideshow of past projects by Hidden Voices. Broadway performer John Feitch emcees. Authors Clyde Edgerton, Allan Gurganus, Jaki Shelton Green and Nancy Peacock share from their writings. Christen Campbell will perform jazz. The evening will end with a preview of the new Hidden Voices project, "Speaking Without Tongues," which explores violence and survival in history and folklore of women around the world.

Hidden Voices creates artistic projects to share the voices of the

ARTS CALENDAR



Birdpeck Crabapplle Pot by Pat Lloyd, on display at the Hillsborough Gallery of Arts.

CARRBORO

THE ARTSCENTER Center Gallery—community photography contest

EAST END GALLERY ELEMENTS—the fifth annual Community Art Project through May 28

THE BEEHIVE SALON Sincerely Yours—works depicting life in Chapel Hill by Washington Capps

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paintings CENTURY CENTER

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CLAY CENTRE GALLERY

New works by the gallery's resident potter

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FLEET FEET GALLERY Seascape Poetics—paintings exploring the interactions between light, sky, water and land by Carolyn B. Levy

NC CRAFTS GALLERY Art Nouveau—ceramic tiles by Raleigh artist Marina Bosetti. Reception during Artwalk

NESTED Kerri Lockwood—Condition, Circumstance, Order

OPEN EYE CAFÉ ELEMENTS—the fifth annual Community Art Project through

May 28 **PANZANELLA** Local Farms/Local Art—an

art exhibit celebrating the 13th Annual Piedmont Farm Tour Through Jun 1

SCOOTERS INCORPORATED Photographs by Caryl Feldacker Through May

WEAVER STREET REALTY Call for details WOOTINI

Leftfield Project presents the kickoff for the "Right to Left."

CHAPEL HILL

ACKLAND ART MUSEUM

New Currents in Contemporary Arts: UNC-Chapel Hill Master of Fine Arts Thesis through May II

Contemporary Drawings from the Ackland Collection Through Aug 17 The Art of Love May 9-Sep 7

ANIMATION AND FINE ART OP-TiCaL aRt—lithographs and serigraphs by Victor Vasarely & Yaacov Agam May 9-Jun 12

COMMUNITY **CHURCH OF CHAPEL**

The Face of the Earth—watercolor mixed media by Nerys Levy May 4-Jun 29

FEDEX GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER

Judith Earnst—expressions of life, love and faith through paintings and pottery through May 30

TURNING POINT GALLERY

Mixed media on canvas and bronze sculptures by Maeve Harris and Wayne Salge

SOUTHERN VILLAGE

BAGWELL, HOLT, **SMITH, TILLMAN & JONES, PA**

The Color in No Colorpaintings by Amy White through May

BLOOM

Flowers and abstracts by Marcia DiMartino through May

HILLSBOROUGH HILLSBOROUGH GALLERY OF ARTS A Walk in the Woods—new work by Pat Lloyd and Jude Lobe through May 24

PITTSBORO

CHATHAMARTS

GALLERY

New artwork from Chatham County high school students through May 31

FUSION ART AND FINE CRAFT GALLERY Recycled Art—works by Michele Bonds through May

OPEN STUDIO

SPRING OPEN STUDIOS SHOW & SALE

May 17, 10am-5pm and May 18, 12-5pm Hand-built ceramics by Cathy Kiffney and contemporary porcelain by Susan Filley Both studios are off of Dairyland Road near Maple View Ice Cream Store. Call or visit web sites for directions. www. cathykiffney.com, 968-8438 and www.susanfilley.com 933-9117

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Citizen **Cryptoquote** By Martin Brody

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This week's answer appears on page 10.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — I'm Gavin, a 10-yr-old male domestic shorthair. I was the only animal in my house for 10 years and then I was given up because of a new baby. I would prefer to be the only or one of two cats in your house. I am very affectionate and laid back when I am with my person. I am litterbox trained and keep myself glimmering clean. No one can believe I am IO because I am in GREAT shape. Come see me at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES —Meet Chloe! She's an adorable lab/shepherd mix who is around 2 months old and ready to find

a new home! If you're looking for a new addition to your family this summer, come see Chloe and her littermates today!! Stop by Orange County's Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 967-7383. You can also see them online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp.



Community Briefs

International party

The Internationalist bookstore is holding its Hello Goodbye Internationalist Fundraiser Party on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. The party will bid goodbye to one manager and welcome another, and it will include food and music. The after party will move to Southern Rail until midnight. Donations are welcome.

Free laughs

DSI Comedy Theater will now perform its show *Mr. Diplomat* for free on Friday nights to celebrate the show's fifth anniversary. In *Mr. Diplomat*, a local celebrity will describe experiences while improv comedians act out the story on stage. The show is every Friday at 9:30 p.m.

Library friend

The Friends of the Carrboro Library have selected David Dusto, a rising second-year student in the School of Information and Library Science at UNC, as this year's recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship.

According to the Friends of the Carrboro Library, Dusto was selected because he demonstrated a clear desire to pursue a career in public librarianship. In exchange for the scholarship, Dusto will work a minimum of 100 hours at the Carrboro Branch Library during the 2008-09 academic year. He plans to develop a website for the Friends of the Carrboro Library and the library itself, archiving materials from the last 15 years and developing ways to increase membership in the Friends of the Carrboro Library.

The scholarship will be awarded at the Carrboro Branch Library on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Toddlers needed for research study

Families of toddlers living within 100 miles of Chapel Hill are needed to participate in a research study. Participants may include parents and their toddlers under age 25 months who have difficulty with social communication as compared with other areas of development like gross motor skills. One goal is to build a foundation upon which verbal language can develop. A diagnosis of autism is not required and there is no cost to families. Referrals will be assessed for eligibility and eligible participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To refer participants or find out more about this study, contact Martha_Lee@unc.edu or 962-3982.

NOTICIAS EN BREVE

Que jueguen las niñas

¿Tiene una niña quien quiere ser futbolista? ¡Regístrela ya! El programa es gratis. Para niñas de 6 a 13 años de edad. Martes y jueves en la tarde, junio y julio. East Chapel Hill High School. Para más información, llame al 636-5969.

Para familias de niños chicos

Head Start provee servicios de guardería totalmente gratis para los niños quienes califican para el programa. El programa de Early Head Start o de Head Start es para niños chicos (menores de 5 años) de familias de bajos ingresos económicos. Para más información y las solicitudes, visite al Orange County Head Start/Early Head Start, 800 Eastowne Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 o al Head Start/Early Head Start, Fairview Child and Family Center, 125 Lawndale Avenue, Hillsborough, NC 27278. Llame al 490-5577 x233 (Chapel Hill) ó 643-4000 (Hillsborough.)

Fotos de la frontera

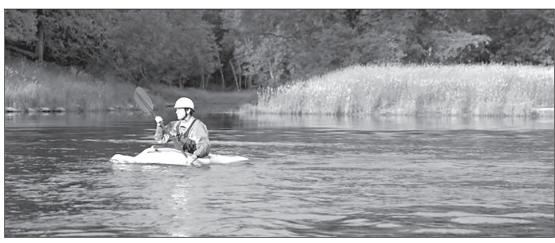
"Longing: Personal Effects from the Border" Son fotos de pertenencias dejadas por los inmigrantes en la frontera entre los EEUU y México. Usted puede ver el expuesto de fotos de Susan Harbage Page en el Love House and Hutchins Forum, 410 E. Franklin Street. Abierto al público los jueves 2-4:30pm. Gratis. La fotógrafa estará en el Love House de 4-6pm el 20 de mayo. Patrocinado por UNC's Center for the Study of the American South.

Discurso de Guatemala

Discurso: La historia de la comunidad Nueva Alianza en Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Javier Jimenez habla de la historia de Nueva Alianza y de su participación en la cooperativa. La historia se trata de los temas de la opresión, los derechos del obrero y la lucha por el control de la tierra. En español con traducción al inglés por Matt Rudolph, quien trabaja con Nueva Alianza. Gratis. 5pm el domingo 18 de mayo. CHI-CLE, 101 Weaver Street. 3er piso, en el mismo edificio que Weaver Street Market. 933-0398

¿Está usted leyendo esta sección del periódico? Díganos que piensa de la información. ¿Sabe usted de actividades, reuniones, programas u otros eventos que le interesará a la comunidad? Escríbanos por correo electrónico al <
betsy@carrborocitizen.com>> ¡Esperamos sus comentarios!

Community Calendar



Kayak Adventures host flatwater trips

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Artists' Salon" — Friday, May 16, 6:30-9pm in the West End Theatre at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro. For artists of all kinds. Topic for May will be "Arts Marketing via Social Networking: Blogging & Podcasting."

"Faces" — A photographic exhibition curated by John Rosenthal. Reception May 18, 2-4:30pm. Carrboro Branch Library.

Fourth Friday Studio Stroll

— downtown Pittsboro artists open studio doors from 6-8pm, May 23. Demonstration at Side Street Gallery, 6:30pm. pittsboroshops.com

Classic Car Show — Saturday, May 17. 10am-2pm at the Walnut Grove UMC. Classic American and European cars. Refreshments will be available. \$20 entry fee. Winners receive a dash plaque certificate and gift. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society and the Orange/Hillsborough Relay For Life. donwollum@gmail.com or 732-5722

Talent Auditions — for Senior Springtime Gala. May 15, 2pm. Must be 55 or older. Seymour Center. Performance dates May 30 and 31. 968-2070

Endangered Species Day Tours

— Friday May 16, 11am, 11:30am, noon, and 12:30pm. North Carolina Botanical Garden.

"A Prelude to Butterfly"

— Opera About Town performs informal concert about Madame Butterfly. May 18, 3 p.m. Chapel Hill Public Library.

"Sundays at the Seymour Center" — The East Chapel Hill High School Jazz Combo performs jazz on Sunday, May 18, at 3pm at The Pearl and Robert Seymour Center on Homestead Road. \$7

Save a Songbird — USDA wildlife specialist speaks on songbird conservation. Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center in Efland. May 20. 10:30am

Rogers-Eubanks Community Party and Open House — invitation to all Orange County residents to come for food, music and presentations. May 17, 2-pm. Faith Tabernacle Oasis of Love Church, 8005 Rogers Road, Chapel Hill. 260-3699

The Orange County Democratic Women Annual Meeting

— election of 2008-2009 officers and reception. Thursday, May 22, 7:30pm. The Chapel Hill Museum. 644-0869

"Discovering Magic in the Garden" — May 18, 2-4 pm, at

Garden" — May 18, 2-4 pm, at the NC Botanical Garden. Family event! Dress in your most magical costumes and spend an afternoon discovering magic in nature. Rain or shine. \$10 per vehicle (please carpool). Space limited. Pre-register 962-0522

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Niche Gardens guided garden walks — Saturdays through June, 10am. Spring planting, garden maintenance, design & gardening for wildlife with bird and butterfly gardens. Free. Niche Gardens, 1111 Dawson Rd, Chapel Hill. 967-0078 or www.nichegardens.com

Senior Morning Walk on the Trail — Bolin Creek Trail walk wi

Trail — Bolin Creek Trail walk will be led by Greenways Commission member Mary Blake. Wednesdays, May 14-Aug 6, 8:30-9:15am. 55 years and older. Chapel Hill Community Center Park. Pre-registration is required by May 12.

Guided Tours — of the N.C. Botanical Garden's Plant Collections, every Saturday at 10am. Led by trained volunteer tour guides and Botanical Garden curators. Free.

Digital Camera Workshop —Lecture and photo sessions in

— Lecture and photo sessions in the gardens. Free, Fridays from 12:30-4pm

Kayak trips — small-group, local flatwater trips hosted by Kayak Adventures. 929-3805, kayakadventuresnc.com

KIDS

Toddler Time — at the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. 969-3006

Preschool Story Time – at the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am

Express Yourself! — art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers.

Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, 933-1455, www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Nature Tales: Storytime in the Garden — NC Botanical Garden. Thursdays, 10-11am Children 3-5 years old are invited to attend a storytime in the garden. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

VOLUNTEERS

\$5/family.

— seeks volunteers to match other volunteers with opportunities for public service. 968-2056

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program

Meals on Wheels — seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. 942-2948

English as a Second Language Conversation Club — seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students Fridays from II:30am-I:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin St. 967-I448,

HEALTH & WELLNESS
"Child's Play: Early Childhood
Development and Behavior

harwellja@bellsouth.net

from Birth to Age 5." — How can a parent distinguish normal developmental behavior in children from clues that may indicate a potential problem? Free class Tuesday, May 22, 12-1:30pm at the UNC Wellness Center at Meadowmont. To register, call 966-5500

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer — a bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center. 401-9333, cornucopiahouse.org

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the

death of a child — free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 967-3221. chapelhilltcf.org

MUSEUMS Planetarium & Digital Theater

Shows — science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. moreheadplanetarium.org

DANCE

Havana Nights — Cuban Salsa. Ist and 3rd Thursdays, IOpm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net

Salsa/Mambo —3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa_4u2@yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham.

Ballroom — 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070

Carrboro DanceJam —free-style dance to an eclective mix of music. First Fridays. Balanced Movement Studio. 304 W Weaver St, upstairs. Smoke & alcohol free. Call 968-8776 for more info.

Contra — Friday, May 16, Carrboro Century Center. Live caller and performance by Carolina Cut-Ups. Workshop at 7:30pm, dance at 8pm. Clean soft-soled shoes required. \$8 donation requested. Call 967-9948

LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS & OPEN MICS

Open Mic —Poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays, 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Village. 933-5111, www.marketstreetbooks.

History of the Nueva Alianza Community in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala — Javier Jimenez shares his story. Sunday, May 18, 5pm. chi-cle.com

"How Are Immigrant Rights Addressed in North Carolina?"

— Dani Martinez-Moore, Immigration Network Coordinator, NC Justice Center, will discuss her work with various organizations providing assistance to immigrants in their struggles against unjust treatment. 7 p. m., May 22, Chapel Hill Public Library, 942-2535.

LITERARY

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time — discussion of the book by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Carrboreaders Non-Fiction Book Club. 7pm May 22, Carrboro Cybrary.

Then She Found Me — May 28 at 7pm. Movie/Book Club meets to discuss Then She Found Me and the book by Elinor Lipman on which it was based. See the movie, read the book or both and you are invited. Carrboro Cybrary. 918-7387

Not a Drop to Drink: America's Water Crisis (And What You Can Do) — by Ken Midkiff. Join a discussion with panelists from the Sierra Club, OWASA, and UNC. Mon., June 2, 7pm. Carrboro Century Center.

The Alchemist — by Paulo Coelho. On Friday, May 30 at 7pm, the Contemporary Fiction Book Club. Carrboro Cybrary,

Nim's Island — Monday, May 12 at 7pm, the Movie/Book Club meets to discuss the film and book by Wendy Orr on which it was based. Carrboro Cybrary.

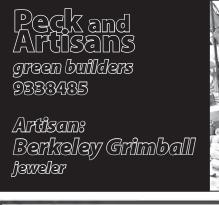
Then She Found Me — Thursday, Jun 5 at 7pm, the Movie/Book Club meets to discuss the film and book by Elinor Lipman on which it was based. Carrboro Cybrary.

One Fell Swoop — Virginia Boyd will read from her first novel at the Meet-the-Author Tea on May 16 at the Chapel Hill Public Library. Refreshments at 3:30pm, program from 4-5pm.

OTHER

Seven Points of Mind Training
— Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm. All are
welcome. Piedmont KTC Tibetan
Buddhist Meditation Center, 35
Perkins Dr. 933-2138, piedmontktc.org

Do you have anything for one of our calendars? Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com



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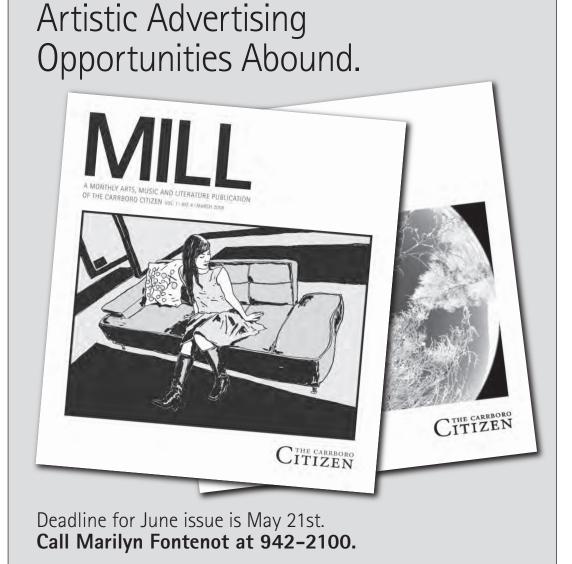
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FOR THE RECORD

A friend of ours who used to work at the Inter-Faith Council once lamented over another in the string of attempts to find a new home for the downtown homeless shelter by noting that, "If we were talking about dolphins, we'd have no problem."

He was absolutely right. If Chapel Hill and Carrboro suddenly found themselves inundated with homeless dolphins, we'd go all out. There'd be the best dolphin shelter money could buy.

But his point — and ours — is that the homeless in question are instead human beings, and what a commentary it is that we are so reluctant to extend ourselves in the same way about our own kind.

Reluctant, even though most of us were brought up in one among the traditions of faith that demand of us compassion for those less fortunate.

The shelter at the corner of Rosemary and Columbia has been more than the last refuge for some or a hot meal for many. It has also served as a reminder — a large, prominently placed reminder - that we've work to do, that even in this seemingly prosperous community there is poverty and addiction and that there are some among us who are trapped in a hopeless cycle and are unable or unwilling to reach for that tattered, frayed safety net we all talk about. And we are reminded that such conditions fall disproportionately among minorities, young families and those who have served our country in uniform. If you have not pulled up to the corner of Rosemary and

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That was the point, or part of the point, of having the shelter there in the first place — that it would be right in front of us.

Moving the shelter has been a difficult and wrenching process.

But it has also led to some very thoughtful debate and discussion and, even more importantly, a critical examination of our commitment.

Those discussions will continue as the shelter is built and moved and as the IFC attempts to find a new home for its community kitchen. The recent agreement on the men's shelter sets in motion a need to find that solution soon.

As a community, we have made enormous progress in understanding the intricacies of homelessness and revised and adjusted our efforts to address it.

We have gotten better at "dealing" with the problem, but let's not lose sight of the fact that the numbers — so many beds, so many meals — are connected to actual people.

Having the right facilities are important, but they are only the means. Our commitment and our compassion should outshine anything made of bricks and mortar.

Three lives far too short

Two accidents and a senseless act of violence, and this community is without three bright lights that once walked among us.

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of James Karpinos, Jake Billings and Irina Yarmolenko, who grew up here and, just as they were taking wing, are now gone. Each had left for college and was just preparing to show the world what they were made of. Their deaths, coming in rapid succession over the past couple of weeks, have left many of us with a profound sense of loss.



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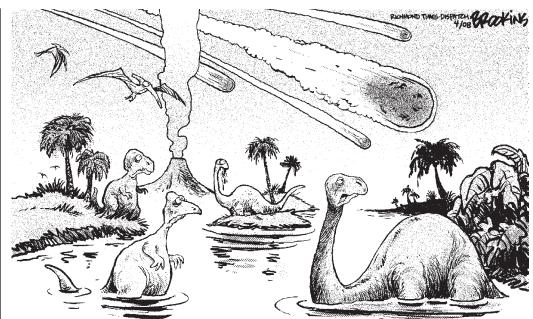
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Easley's important stands

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON

It has been quite a few days for Gov. Mike Easley. After being booed at a Democratic Party rally last weekend by the progressive party faithful for his endorsement of Sen. Hillary Clinton, Easley made headlines Thursday by proposing new investments to help people who are struggling and by speaking out again for undocumented students who want to continue their education in community college.

Easley is scheduled to release his complete budget proposal Monday morning, but Thursday he announced he wants lawmakers to find a total of \$31 million this year to expand health care coverage for children, help people facing foreclosure stay in their homes, reduce the number of kids on the waiting list for a child-care subsidy and hire more workplace inspectors to improve working conditions in the state's poultry industry.

Not a bad start for a list of investments that the General Assembly should make this session. Ten million dollars for children's health care would mean coverage for more than 10,000 currently uninsured kids when combined with available federal funding.

Easley wants a million dollars to help housing counselors find ways to keep people in their homes when they are at risk of losing them and wants \$9 million of federal block-grant money to pay to remove more than 1,000 children from the waiting list for a child-care subsidy so their mothers can go back to school or take a low-wage job to gain work experience. There are now 27,000 kids on the waiting list.

The plan to increase workplace safety inspectors would also cost a million dollars, which seems like the least lawmakers could do in light of the revelations in a recent *Charlotte Observer* series about injuries and unsafe conditions at poultry plants. The paper also found that companies often fail to report injuries as required by law and make it difficult for employees to protest their treatment.

It is State Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry's job to protect workers, but she doesn't seem too interested in doing it, brushing aside the need for more inspectors and larger fines for companies who violate the law, dismissing the disturbing stories of worker's injuries and intimidation in the *Observer*

Now Easley is forcing her hand, in effect demanding that she become as interested in protecting workers in the state as she is in shielding corporations from liability when they mistreat their employees.

Easley also wants more money to help rape victims, increase compensation for foster care and adoptive parents, expand pesticide education efforts among farmworkers and standardize health care for some chronic illnesses.

All worthwhile goals, and the \$31 million price

tag isn't much in a \$20 billion General Fund budget. Lawmakers should use Easley's proposals as a floor in their deliberations, not a ceiling, and let's hope Easley's budget also includes new investments in affordable housing and mental health services.

As encouraging as Easley's early budget proposal is, his comments about access to higher education for undocumented students are even timelier. Attorney General Roy Cooper's office sent a letter to the state community college officials this week questioning the system's policy of allowing undocumented students to enroll if they pay out-of-state tuition.

"Demagoguery and fear can't be allowed to make policy, and Easley seems to get that."

Anti-immigrant groups and the politicians who pander to them railed against the policy last fall. Easley joined former Community College president Martin Lancaster in standing up for the rights of the students to continue their education.

Legislation to reverse the policy was expected early in the General Assembly session that begins Tuesday and legislative leaders have told advocates that the bill would pass, denying the right of children who have excelled in public schools to attend community college.

The ruling by Cooper's office may allow law-makers to avoid the debate in an election year, which may have been the point of the letter in the first place.

The ruling seems to contradict a federal court decision that found that admission to public universities and community colleges is not a benefit, a point reinforced by the fact that by paying out-of-state tuition undocumented students in North Carolina are actually subsidizing the community college system, paying more than it costs the state to educate them.

Then there are the lives of the students, many of them brought here by their parents when they were young, who have succeeded in public schools and become part of their communities and now simply want to continue to learn.

They deserve the chance, whether legislators are worried about talking about it or not. Demagoguery and fear can't be allowed to make policy, and Easley seems to get that. Nobody ought to be booing the governor this week.

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

The truth about TASERs

SARAH PRESTON

It's not like the North Carolina TASER Safety Project is asking for much - just a few common sense regulations put in place in every county or municipality that arms law-enforcement officers with TASERs. In a recently released report, the project makes suggestions such as adopting policies restricting tasing children, obviously pregnant women and people with disabilities.

Currently, seventy counties in North Carolina arm their sheriffs' field deputies with TAS-ERs. Some of these counties have no policy at all in place regulating how law-enforcement officers should handle the weapon. This is, by any fair analysis, if you'll pardon the pun, shocking.

Since the fall of 2006, six North Carolinians have died after being tased. In 2003, the U.S. Department of Justice suggested that TASERs should be labeled a "less-lethal" rather than "non-lethal" weapon. The obvious conclusion that can be drawn from the department's suggestion is that TASERs can cause death.

TASER International, the primary distributor of TASERs to law enforcement, includes warnings in their own materials that suggest as much. One such warning states that the risk of death is greater if an individual is shocked multiple times with a TASER. According to the "TASER International Instructor and User Warnings, Risks, Liability Release and Covenant Not to Sue," which all law-enforcement officers must sign before being issued TASERs, "Persons who are . . . pregnant are among those who may be at higher risk" of "serious injury or death." Yet right now, only 42.9

percent of counties using TASERs reported restrictions on tasing pregnant women.

Ultimately, it doesn't really matter whether you want to define the TASER as a "lethal," "less-lethal" or "non-lethal" weapon. The point is that it is still a weapon, and a pretty terrifying one at that. Law enforcement-issued TASERs shoot 1,200 volts of electrical pulses through the body at a rate of 19 pulses per second for five seconds. This can cause miscarriages or stillbirths in pregnant women, vomiting in children, muscle contractions, spinal fractures and can ultimately contribute to the risk of death. It is ridiculous to arm law-enforcement officers with such a weapon without making training and a comprehensive policy regarding use a priority.

The TASER Safety Project makes this need clear in its report "Not There Yet: The Need for Safer TASER Policies in North Carolina." Any law-enforcement agency in North Carolina equipping or planning to equip its officers with TASERs should consult this report to fully understand the complex safety issues surrounding this weapon. Communities should also read the report and demand that their local law-enforcement agencies using TASERs put these minimal requirements in place to help prevent any more of these tragic and unnecessary deaths in North Carolina.

To read the report, go to: http://www.acluof-northcarolina.org/documents/NotThereYet.pdf.

Sarah Preston in the legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.

LETTERS

Thanks for a great day

A belated Bravo to the Carrboro High School football team, several dozen of whom turned out to volunteer on Carrboro Day. The purple-jerseyed Jaguars and their super coach, Jason Tudryn, arrived in time to help set up and stayed all afternoon moving tables, chairs, books and band equipment. They played with little kids and ran the water balloon toss. And they danced.

Much applause goes also to all of the "usual suspects" who keep Carrboro Day special every year. Naming names can be a big mistake, but I can't resist singling out volunteer coordinator Meg McGurk and our dedicated Rec & Parks administrator Kim Andrews. Check out Jackie Helvey's new photos on Carrboro.com!

CATHERINE DEVINE Carrboro Day Committee

First and worst

Just a few weeks before they are to graduate, hundreds of high school seniors in North Carolina have been punched in the gut. Today, the North Carolina Community College system announced that no community college will accept undocumented students.

These children did not make the decision to come here, and most do not have the option to return to their native countries. Mexican universities do not accept U.S. diplomas. Columbia is mired in a civil war. Crushing poverty makes life in Guatemala and El Salvador impossible.

This is a dark day. North Carolina had the proud distinction of being the first state to offer publicly available higher education, and now it is the first state to take it away. We are leaving hardworking students who have struggled to overcome unbelievable obstacles utterly without hope. Please, talk to your legislators, and encourage them to make higher education available for ALL our NC high school graduates.

LAURA WENZEL Pa'lante www.palanteprogram.org

Vote Allison

Leo Allison is the better choice to fill the Orange County Board of Commissioners position in the June 24 run-off election because he is caring, thorough and a tireless contributor to the community he has loved since childhood. And, he is known to do his homework!

At Efland-Cheeks Elementary, "our school," where we both volunteer for RSVP, who would ever guess Leo's credentials as he checks in early Wednesday mornings at the bell, regular as the school year, same as he has done for eight years? (We began the same year.)

The kids adore this grandfatherly soul who listens and probes to discover their needs as together they grapple with math. (His career began as a high school physics and math teacher.) The children would never believe that their soft-spoken friend had been an IBM quality-control manager with a \$15 million budget and a large staff!

Beyond this, Leo's history of caring commitment and consensus building includes participation and leadership roles in many organizations - among them, the comprehensive, five-year Orange County Task Force for Shaping Orange County's Future; Legal Aid of North Carolina (as treasurer, then the first non-attorney named to serve as chair); Orange County Planning Board (chair); Department of Social Services board; Orange County Task Force for Central Orange Senior Center Design and Development and its bond drive; Orange Congregations in Mission board (chair, treasurer); Orange-Alamance Water System board; the ABC Board; the Human Rights and Relations board; United Voices of Efland (chair); and AME Gaines Chapel (trustee, steward, class leader).

The Efland-Cheeks teachers wanted to formally endorse Leo's candidacy but found they could not – BUT I CAN! So, please vote "Leo Allison" as another effective voice for our Orange County Board of Commission in the June 24 run-off election! (Early voting begins June 5.)

NANCY S. GUSTAVESON *Chapel Hill*

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"It sounds crazy now, but I only sent in one college application."

(Following is Chancellor-elect Holden Thorp's acceptance speech at the Spangler Center in Chapel Hill after being introduced by President Erskine Bowles and elected by the UNC Board of Governors on May 8.)

Members of the Board of Governors; President Bowles; Trustees Perry and Schwab and all of the UNC Board of Trustees; members of the Search Committee ... Thank you!

This is an incredible day for my family and me. And I am so grateful for the opportunity to lead the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

I want to introduce you to my family:

My wife, Patti, and our children, John and Emma.

My mother, Bo Thorp, Carolina Class of 1956.

My brother, Clay, Carolina Class of 1990, and his wife, Laura, Carolina Class of 1991.

And my cousin, John, is here, Carolina Class of 1979.

A couple of weeks ago, President Bowles and I went to Greensboro to talk with Chairman Phillips about my candidacy for this position.

I guess it went OK.... On the way home, we stopped for gas. Erskine got out and put the nozzle in the tank. Then he leaned back in and said, "Holden, I know this probably isn't the place where you thought you'd get the most important job offer of your life, but I'd like you to be the chancellor at Chapel Hill."

And, so I said, "Erskine, I'm never going to forget the Exxon on Wendover Avenue." I'm sure glad I didn't run in and get some Nabs.

I know y'all are far more fa- dreamed.

miliar with how these searches work than I was. So you know that I've had about seven months to think about whether I might be standing here today. And I tried not to think about it. I tried not to think about what it would be like to stand here before you. But I did.

And let me tell you, it's even better than I ever thought it would be.

Members of the Board of Governors, I truly appreciate this vote of confidence. This is the best job in American higher education, and it is a great honor to be chosen.

I see my mentor James Moeser here, and I am even more humbled. He has been a magnificent leader for Carolina, and he is leaving the University in a position of great strength.

Ever since I was a kid growing up in Fayetteville, Carolina has been that light on the hill. My father used to sing "Hark the Sound" to me at bedtime. Usually after a few choruses of "I Zigga Zoomba." It sounds crazy now, but I only sent in one college application.

Thank goodness I was ac-

Thank goodness I had the opportunity to attend a world-class research university, because I got to work in chemistry labs with some of Carolina's best faculty. Those experiences inspired me to be a college professor and instilled in me the hope that one day I would get what I thought was my dream job - to be chair of the chemistry department at Chapel Hill.

Now, you've given me the opportunity to serve my University and my state in a way I never

PHOTO COURTSESY UNC NEWS SERVICES

UNC's new chancellor, Holden Thorp, was elected by the UNC Board of Governors on May 8.

These are challenging times, I know. But North Carolina, in spite of the difficulties we face, promises a great future. Why? Because the idea of a research university - a place where research and teaching are done by the same people - is a bold and audacious idea, the very fabric of American prosperity and in-

And you know what? There's one idea that's even better than a research university - and that's a public research university. Thank goodness our founders went down to my hometown of Fayetteville in 1789 to convince the Legislature that our state needed a university here at home.

And thank goodness we have a General Assembly that has long recognized the value of our universities.

President Bowles and the Board of Governors have shown great leadership in launching the UNC Tomorrow initiative. As a result, we all have a deeper understanding of the state's needs. I pledge to you that Chapel Hill will work with our sister campuses to create solutions that will propel North Carolina into the future.

We have so much work ahead of us. Our to-do list is nothing less than the greatest problems of our time: Cure diseases, and get those cures to all the people who need them. Find and invent clean energy. Inspire students in our public schools. Feed seven billion people. Describe the world, and replace conflict with understanding.

Today a child of modest means was born somewhere in North Carolina. And despite the long odds of her circumstances, she's going to excel in public school and have the potential to solve one of these big problems. She probably won't want to go to college very far away from her family. And eighteen years from now when that happens, we'll be ready. We'll be ready to promise that she has a fair shot to get in to Carolina. We'll be ready to guarantee she can afford to be here. And we'll be ready to see to it that she gets a world-class education from a great research university right here in her home

And that's why Carolina is today what she has always been ... the light on the hill.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it

Thorp is the right choice for chancellor

ROBERT DICKSON

I shuddered last fall when I read that UNC Trustee Roger Perry had said that the search firm hired to find the new chancellor knew every "player" in the country.

That description implied to me that our school was in for yet another development-minded leader and that the university of never-ending construction would continue its march across the Orange County landscape.

I yearned for an educationoriented chancellor, one who revels in the history of the place as well as in its future. What was needed, I thought, was someone who understands at his or her core what this university has meant to North Carolina.

These feelings of ownership of my university come quite naturally. An ancestor, William Dickson, was in the first class at UNC. In the past hundred or so years, there have been at least 20 of us to matriculate at UNC, including grandfather, great uncles, father, uncle, brother, wife, both daughters, cousins - well, you get the picture.

There's a legend in my family that holds that my grandfather and his brothers (he had 12 brothers and sisters) kept the same room in Old East for 20 years running, from 1903 to 1923, when the last of them graduated. My father lived in a new dorm, Steele, when he came to Chapel Hill in 1933.

And my family is hardly unusual in our historical attachment to our university.

In choosing Holden Thorp as our new chancellor, the trustees have given all of us who love Carolina a great gift. The same trustees who are driving Carolina North like the Queen Mary up Bolin Creek have gotten this decision exactly right.

Having lived many years in Mr. Thorp's hometown of Fayetteville, where his mother is nothing less than a force of nature in the arts community, I've

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Carolina."

marveled at his progress. From the banks of the Cape Fear, I've sat and listened to his music.

With Erskine Bowles as UNC president and Holden Thorp as chancellor of the flagship branch, it sure feels like our great university is in better hands than it's been for a long time. We've now got two leaders who love this place like no other and who are likely to be around for a long time.

Sure, the building will continue, and that cruise ship of a development will be pushed into dock somewhere on the Horace Williams tract. As another famous alumnus of our university once penned, you can't go home again. Just maybe, though, we've now got two fellows who can at least remember what home was like.

Robert Dickson, UNC class of 1973, is the publisher of The Carrboro Citizen.

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Allred, 56, said, "I've had the greatest opportunities in the world here, to work with the best people in higher-education administration: John Sanders, Mike Smith, Robert Shelton, Bernadette Gray-Little, James Moeser, Holden Thorp."

But how could a man "Tar Heel born and bred" leave North Carolina?

I'm going to work with another great leader — Ed Ayers," Allred said, speaking of the University of Richmond president, Edward L. Ayers, the former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia. "He's extraordinary. It's an opportunity to work with Ed and help him implement his vi-

"I got the offer and Julia and I went up," Allred said. "It was not an easy decision, but one about which we are both very excited."

For their daughter, Meredith, it means being at college away from her parents without leaving her hometown. She was two when the family moved into their home in Ironwoods.

"I'm excited. It's weird. I'll have to learn to pack," she said

And her parents will soon be walking to work, after buying a house three-tenths of a mile off campus. Julia will be working in admissions, as she has done at

Followers of the local jazz band Equinox will have to wait and see what happens next with the band's bassist living in Virginia and its keyboardist living at Quail Hill.

Allred only knows that, "I'll miss an awful lot about this place."

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Thursday — Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Fruit Cocktail; Cherry Cobbler

Events

Calendar

May 17 Chapel Hill High School Prom, Sheraton Hotel, 8-12 p.m.

June 4-10 High School Exams

June 10

Last day of classes/ exams for all students

June 14

East Chapel Hill High School Graduation 9 a.m. Chapel Hill High School Graduation 2 p.m.

Dean Smith Center

May 26 Memorial Day Holiday

School Briefs

Poverty roundtable



Burmadeane George

Burmadeane George, director of Phoenix Academy, was one of 30 educators from across the country selected to attend an Oxford Roundtable entitled "Child Poverty: Educational Initiatives and Consequences."

The Oxford Roundtable is a nonprofit organization aimed at conducting gatherings that allow citizens of the United Kingdom and the United States to discuss public policy issues bearing on education. Participants are selected based on several criteria, including nominations of earlier attendees, courses taught, presentations and writings and professional involvement in a relevant area of interest.

The roundtable will be held July 27-August 1 at Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England.

Doodle 4 Google

Allison Press, a freshman at Chapel Hill High School, was chosen on Monday as one of 40 finalists in Google's nationwide Doodle 4 Google competition.

The Doodle 4 Google competition asked students in grades K-12 to design a Google logo inspired by the question "What if...?" The winning student's doodle will be displayed on

Google's homepage on May 22. Press's doodle was one of 40 chosen from thousands of entries. Her doodle, along with those of the 39 other finalists,



Students arrive at Carrboro High's first-ever prom at the Century Center Saturday.

will be displayed online at www. appeared on WCPE's "Great Porter Graham Elementary google.com/doodle4google, where the public can vote on the doodle of their choice.

Press will attend the Doodle 4 Google awards ceremony at the Googleplex in Mountain View, Calif. on May 21.

Teen group lunch

The Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Free Teenagers of Chapel Hill and Carrboro will hold a spring lunch meeting at Squid's Restaurant on May 22

Members will provide an update regarding coalition initiatives and hear concerns and other input from participants.

To make an announcement at the meeting, contact Dale Pratt-Wilson at dalepratt-wilson@nc.rr.com. Those who plan to attend the meeting should RSVP to Pratt-Wilson by May

Choir TV

The Honors Chamber Choir of Chapel Hill High School

Sacred Music" show on Sunday from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

The choir received an honorable mention in the Triangle Youth Chorus Awards.

Jeremy Nabors directs the

Photo gallery

Students participating in the 21st Century Community Learning Center program will hold a gallery exhibition of their photography on Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Extraordinary Ventures on South Elliot Road.

The show, entitled "Through Our Eyes: Reflections on Social Justice," will display the photography of Jonathan "Chuck" Beck of Carrboro High School; DeMario Farrow of Chapel Hill High School; and William Cook II, Quentin Lyght, Tracey McCauley Jr., Devante Riggsbee and Jonathan Smith of East Chapel Hill High School.

Storytube champs

Three students from Frank

School recently advanced to the national finals in the Storytubes Competition, in which students submit a video of themselves talking about their favorite books.

The students who advanced in the competition are firstgrader Euniiq Harrell and fourth-graders Jacob Zinn and David Maffly-Kipp.

To support these students in the competition, visit www. storytubes.com to vote on their videos. Winners will receive \$500 in free books and will get to select a school, library or educational association to receive \$1,000 in books.

String musicians

Seventeen string students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools represented the district at the North Carolina Junior All-State Orchestra Concert on May 3 at North Moore High School.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro All-State Orchestra students are:

Chia Yen Sung, Forrest Li and Jonathan Dolan, Culbreth Middle School; Alice Huang, Cissy Yu, Sandhya Mahadevan, Tsai-Wei Cheng, Sirui Wang, Eric Chiou, Angie Edwards, Lewis Peel and Kyle Jordan, Phillips Middle School; and Oskar Marzalek, Chisung Cho, Paul Lee, Galen Kirkpatrick and Addy Rigdon, Smith Middle School.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

The students were selected to the orchestra after auditioning among more than 400 of the best string students in the state.

Stone Soup

Kristin Lengowski's Children's Theatre will present Miss Spider's Tea Party and Stone Soup at Carrboro Elementary School this Saturday and Sunday.

The plays will be presented in the Carrboro Elementary auditorium at 3 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$5.

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staff salaries are paid by the state, the district funds additional teaching positions as well as a salary supplement for state-paid certified teachers.

Last year, the state increased salaries for certified teachers by 5 percent and pay for staff whose positions qualify by 4 percent. However, Gov. Mike Easley's budget, released on Monday, includes a recommended 7 percent pay increase for public school teachers in order to bring the North Carolina average pay up to the national average.

While Easley proposed funding the teacher salary in"It looks like our enrollment is on the swing upward again."

> -RUBY PITTMAN Director of finance for

Chapel Hill-Carrboro CitySchools

crease with a 20-cent-per-pack increase on the cigarette tax, locally funded positions and salary-supplement increases based on the state-mandated salary increase would be funded at the local level.

"We have to go to the county to request that money, and of course that means tax changes," said Ruby Pittman, director of finance for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. Pittman said she has not yet determined how much more a 7 percent salary increase would cost the district.

"The [cost of the] increase on the teachers' side could be offset by the benefit rate," Pit-

than projected. The district's proposed budget includes more than \$300,000 in employee benefit increases.

Other budget drivers for the school district this year include enrollment increases, opening Morris Grove Elementary School and adding a senior class at Carrboro High School.

Enrollment is expected to increase by 323 students, which is consistent with enrollment increases of the last few years, but more than the increases in prior years, according to Pittman.

"It looks like our enrollment is on the swing upward again," Pittman said.

According to the district's

tman said, explaining that the proposed budget, costs associincluding the costs of opening Morris Grove Elementary and adding a senior class at Carrboro High, total more than \$2.8 million.

> Overall, about \$6.2 million of the \$6.8 million budget increase request would fund the continuation budget, while the remaining \$600,000 would pay for new programs and services.

> County staff will present a proposed county budget, including budgets for both public school districts, to the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday. The commissioners will approve a county budget by the end of June.

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Carrboro High's athletic director builds new foundation

By Sean Umstead Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

When the Charlotte Bobcats began their inaugural season in 2004, they won a modest 22 percent of their games. Setting up one team clearly has challenges; setting up 20 new teams could be overwhelming.

That is what April Ross, Carrboro High School's athletic director, has on her plate after taking over for Steve Reinhart, who resigned in December.

Ross, originally from Bath, was an athletic administrator at Briggs High School in Columbus, Ohio before returning to North Carolina.

"I had been looking to come back home, and to open a brand new building to start something great from the beginning, which was one of my career goals," Ross

Ross said her responsibilities include managing coaches, monitoring athletes' academic eligibility, ordering transportation, scheduling and everything else that's required to make a program run smoothly.

Ross said the new student-

athletes are putting forth an extraordinary effort to get teams off to a good start.

"The student-athletes try extremely hard," Ross said. "They give it 100 percent."

Ross said she understands the difficulty of a new school trying to compete with established and perennially successful teams.

"We don't have that experience factor," she said.

Ross said chemistry within each team is key to building strong foundations and that such foundations can be established by athletes working with their teammates throughout the

"That is where the work is actually done," Ross said. "That's really where you build skills and chemistry."

Although winning is the dream of every team within the athletic program, Ross said there are more important goals in high school sports. She said the school must first establish its identity in order for the athletic program to be highly successful. This, she said, can be done in the classroom, where every student, athlete or not, is able to come together.

"My goal is that our athletes achieve in the classroom and have a great experience playing, because high school is where competitive [sports] end for most people," Ross said.

Ross said she also hopes to see major facility improvements, including grandstands, bathrooms, concession sales, a press box and lights for the tennis courts and baseball field.

"If we are going to put a great product on the football field, we have to have the facilities to support them," Ross said.

Ross is looking forward to the future and sees a lot of potential for improvement. According to Ross, such success can be achieved through hard work in three specific areas.

"Academics, sportsmanship and teamwork," Ross said. "Those are the three things I stress, because those are the foundations of interscholastic sports."

Sean Umstead is a UNC-CH student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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he got the call from a street crew and "went running up there."

Hellwig said that in 30 years on the job, he'd never had to deal with a swarm before. "On my way, I was thinking, 'What am I going to do when I get there?"

He called the Orange County Cooperative Extension Service, which directed him to the Orange County Beekeepers Association. He finally reached a beekeeper and very quickly a swarm alert hit the association's listserv.

Although he'd been told that swarming bees are generally not aggressive, Hellwig decided to close off the sidewalk.

"I wasn't worried about them stinging anyone. I was more worried that a person on a bicycle or someone jogging would be startled by the bees and try to avoid them and swerve into traffic," he said.

Hellwig said he was impressed by how quickly the beekeepers responded.

Kirk Right said he and Scotty McLean of McLean Builders, who are both beekeepers, got a call about the swarm around 1 p.m. from Mike Sparrow of Sparrow's Plumbing. They grabbed their gear and McLean got a bee box ready.

Right said McLean estimated there were more than 20,000 bees in the swarm. "It was a basketball-sized clump," Right said.

"We filled up the box, threw them in the back of the truck and took them out to a place in White Cross. I checked this morning and they were doing fine."

Right estimates that he and McLean were able to get about 80 percent of the bees.

Hellwig said he's been told the rest will likely stay for a little while because the scent of the queen - now residing in western Orange County — is still

'There was a clump about the size of a tennis ball this morning," he said Wednesday.

Bees tend to swarm this time of year as hives swell in size and become overcrowded. It's a natural occurrence and part of the creatures' reproductive cycle.

Hellwig said the local beekeepers were very helpful and probably saved the town from having to extract the hive from somewhere higher up on the building should the swarm have found the Century Center a suitable spot for a new home.

For more information, please visit the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association at ncbeekeepers.org or the Orange County Beekeepers Association at www.theocba.org



Habitat builders

Crews of women helped build affordable homes in Chatham County May 7 and 10 as part of Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build Week.

Of the 85 people who volunteered, nearly 70 of them were women. According to Chatham Habitat for Humanity, the crews made progress on five houses on Westmont Drive in Siler City during the two workdays. Crews worked on floor systems, did prep work for laying tile, placed roof sheathing and more.

National Women Build Week focuses on celebrating the compassion, dedication, talents and abilities of women from all walks of life. For more information, visit www.chathamhabitat.org.

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15 firefighters in all by the time the station opens, allowing for round-the-clock crews at both stations.

The FEMA grant absorbs 90 percent of the cost of the three new hires the first year, with the federal percentage gradually phasing out over three years. Stewart said the town plans to apply for a similar grant this year

Key changes in the budget include:

• Savings on vehicles

One major area in which the town cut costs for this year could have long-term implications. Clayton Hearne, who manages the vehicle fleet, said a hard look at the town's vehicle replacement policy led to a shift from a 6 year/60,000 mile standard to a 10 year/100,000 mile standard. That, along with better maintenance record keeping, which allows the department to better pick and choose which vehicles are costly, will save the town \$77,000 this year in debt service on new vehicle purchases.

• Capital improvements

The biggest capital project highlighted in this year's budget is \$260,000 for the Weaver Street reconstruction project. The project, which includes extensive excavation and replacement of the street bed and infrastructure, is expected to start next year.

Other major capital projects include \$13,230 for tennis court resurfacing at Wilson Park and \$10,500 for dog park fence renovations at Anderson Park, including creating separate largeand small-dog spaces.

Cost increases

One bright spot in the budget was a smaller than expected increase in health insurance costs. Last year, the town grappled with an increase of 13 percent. But Stewart said that this year, thanks to increased participation in wellness programs and reduced claims, the cost would rise 8 percent.

Alderman Dan Coleman praised the town's effort to keep the increase in single digits and noted that rocketing health care costs for local governments were another reason to push for broad reform to the health care sys-

• Fee increases One indicator that the economy has slowed down considerably is a projected drop in town income from permits and fees. Stewart said he expects the town to end this fiscal year in June having issued only about 50 certificates of occupancy for residences.

"The last time that number was that low was 1981," he said.

The budget calls for a \$10 automobile fee increase, raising the annual cost from \$20 to \$30.

The town has scheduled a public hearing on the budget for May 27 and another budget work session for the board of aldermen on June 3. The final budget is scheduled for adoption on June 17.

The complete budget proposal is available on the town's website at www.townofcarrboro. org/docs.htm

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one part-time case manager would add another \$110,000. Extra managers are needed for the men's shelter because it will become a 24-hour facility. Case managers would help residents at both shelters get the help they need to get back into the community.

The IFC wants to consolidate its remaining services in downtown Chapel Hill and Carrboro into one facility by 2012. About 1,260 homes depend on the food pantry every month. Moran said that the pantry and kitchen have to be in the downtown

area. "You can't expect people to go out to Homestead Road or farther out to eat a meal and go back to work in a half an hour," he said.

In 2007, the food pantry in Carrboro provided over 9,200 bags of food and 700 holiday meals to local residents and the community kitchen on Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill served over 89,000 meals.

"My hope is that the other governments will join this unusual and dynamic partnership that's been formed to settle the question about where the food pantry and the community kitchen are going to be co-located," Mo-

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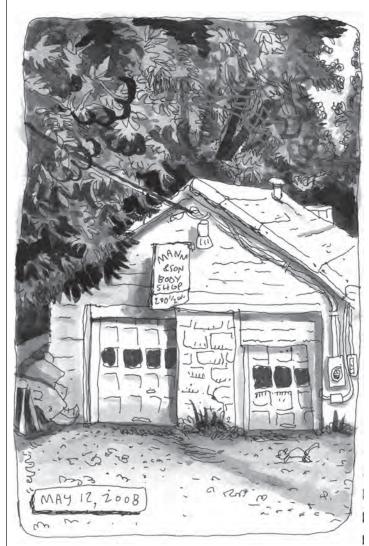


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Carrboro environmental planner Randy Dodd (left) wins an award for his efforts to reduce pollution. Also pictured: Anne Tazewell of the NC Solar Center and Larry Shirley of the State Energy Office.

Planner takes green award

Randy Dodd, environmental planner for the Town of Carrboro, received, on May 6, the 2008 Mobile CARE (clean air, renewable energy) Award. This award honors excellence in environmental stewardship for those working to reduce pollution from transportation emissions.

The awards were given, along with presentations on new clean technology, at the second annual NC Mobile CARE Symposium.

Dodd received the "Special Citizen" award both for his role as the town's environmental planner and for his use of clean technologies in his private life. Dodd runs an electric scooter from solar energy produced at his house, drives an efficient biodiesel compact car and uses public transportation daily.

State Energy Office director Larry Shirley presented the awards on behalf of three state departments: Administration, Transportation and Environment and Natural Resources.

The event was hosted by the NC Solar Center and NC State | University as part of the Clean Fuel Advanced Technology

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Recipe Provided by: Leo Gaev

2T extra virgin olive oil

2 medium onions (diced)

2 medium ripe tomatoes (chopped) *greenhouse tomatoes available at Market

I bunch of broccoli raab (coarsely chopped) *got from Eco Farm I pound of fettuccini pasta

2 cans of anchovies

I tablespoon of balsamic vinegar

I tablespoon of white wine vinegar

I tablespoon of Marsala wine

I teaspoon red pepper flakes black pepper to taste

Over medium-low heat, sauté the onions in olive oil until translucent. Add the 2 cans of anchovies. Continue to cook over mediumlow heat to caramelize the onion mixture. Once caramelized, add the chopped tomatoes. Let the sauce cook down until it becomes thick. Once the sauce is thick and begins to stick to the pan, toss in the balsamic vinegar, white wine vinegar, and Marsala. Add the red pepper flakes and black pepper. Cook until syrupy and thick.

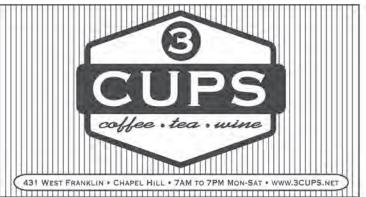
Boil the fettuccini in a separate pot. Right before the pasta is ready to drain, pour about I cup of the pasta water into the sauce and raise the heat to medium. The starch from the water helps to thicken the sauce. Drain the pasta once al dente. Once the sauce thickens and becomes syrupy, add the pasta. Coat the pasta in the sauce, then add the broccoli raab. Toss all together. The broccoli raab will wilt and slightly cook in the sauce. Serve in bowl and drizzle fresh virgin olive oil on top.

*Note: no salt is needed since the anchovies provide a great deal of saltiness to the dish. *Ingredients Available at Market



Dodd's electric scooter on the left. On the right, a retrofitted bike good for carrying up to 200 pounds of cargo. Foreground, a recumbent bicycle.





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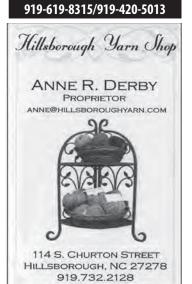
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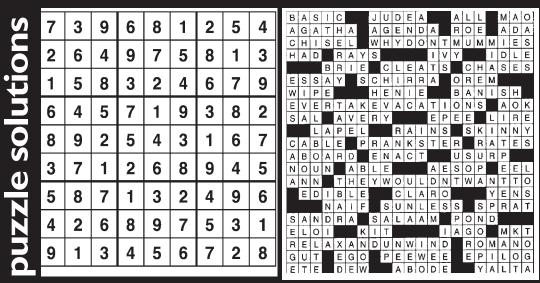
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Catalpa, sometimes called Indian bean or cigar tree because of the long, slender bean pod-like capsules that hang on through the winter, is one of our most beautiful flowering trees. It appears that most of the specimens in and around Chapel Hill and Carrboro are the Northern Catalpa. There is a specimen of the Northern Catalpa with flowering branches at eye level, for easy close-up viewing, next to F & F Automotive Repair on Carrboro's Weaver Street. Several smaller specimens are scattered throughout Carrboro, all exhibiting the taller, uprighthabit, larger individual flowers and a pod a bit thicker than the smaller-flowered, shorter, wide-spreading Southern Catalpa. The heart-shaped leaves of both species usually occur in threes at the nodes along the stems.

Frequenters of Open Eye Café in Carrboro hopefully will encourage the management to make room for the little catalpa that has volunteered along the concrete pavement on the building's south side. Perhaps they can get the town to break up the pavement a bit to allow it more freedom to grow.



Take a close look at these flowers of Northern Catalpa. Flowers of the later-blooming Southern Catalpa are a little smaller and just as beautiful.

Don't miss taking a close look now while the Northern Catalpas are still in flower, and you'll be in practice to catch the Southern Catalpas when they begin to flower in another week or two. In addition to the one up near Timberlyne, see if you can spot the Southern Catalpa along Weaver Street and the others in our community.

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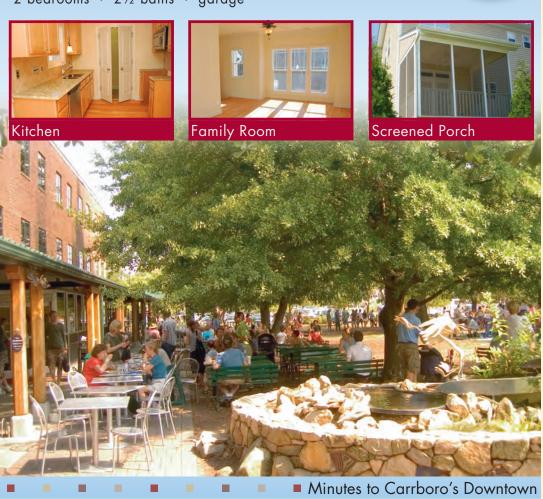


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