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Yellow moth mullein is uncommon in our locale. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE With luck, you'll spot a yellow one

uring the past week, I've been catching glimpses of little white flowers hovering just above the tops of grasses in rural areas outside Carrboro and in some of the unmowed roadside edges

closer into town.

I'm particularly aware of them because I remember discovering a few some years ago in my infrequently mowed yard. Most plants of moth mullein, Verbascum blattaria, are whiteflowered, or at least that's been my experience in observing them for more than 30 years. Whenever I see a yellow-flowering one, I always linger to enjoy, for me, a rare occurrence. Earlier this spring, I spied a characteristic flat, round rosette of coarsely margined, deeply veined leaves at the end of my gravel driveway. Not having spotted any in the tall grasses of my yard yet this year, I took great care to avoid driving over this single plant. Just this past week, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that it is a yellow-flowered specimen, and several of the more common white-flowered ones are beginning to express themselves above the grasses out in the yard.

# Northside development moratorium likely

### **BY SUSAN DICKSON** Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL – Taking steps toward a development moratorium for the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously on Monday to schedule a June 20 public hearing regarding the moratorium, setting the wheels in motion for a possible June 27 decision.

In March, the council received a petition from Sustaining OurSelves Coalition (SOS), which includes the Chapel

CME Church, requesting a freeze on development in the neighborhoods, as well as improved enforcement of existing zoning and occupation regulations and tightening of restrictions in the Northside Neighborhood Conservation District.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward said he fully supports a development moratorium.

"My biggest concern is in this redevelopment," he said. "It's not just the loss of those houses; it's the tearing up of the fabric of that community."

Residents have expressed concerns that the neighborhoods are losing their

Hill-Carrboro NAACP and St. Joseph's history as developers come in and modify single-family homes for student housing. In 2004, Chapel Hill established the Neighborhood Conservation Districts to help prevent student-housing development, but according to town senior planner Rae Buckley, the zoning changes haven't helped much.

> What we've been hearing lately is these regulations are just not enough," she said. "People can figure out their way around those regulations."

> NCD regulations prohibit new duplexes, limit single-family dwellings to 2,000 square feet and limit bedroom-to

bathroom ratios for houses occupied by unrelated residents.

Buckley identified several properties in the neighborhoods that were redeveloped - within regulations - for student housing, with as many as eight bedrooms.

The moratorium would apply to properties within the borders of the Northside and Pine Knolls Neighborhood Conservation Districts and properties located on the north side of Rosemary Street, South Graham Street, Merritt Mill Road and Pritchard Avenue Extension.

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# Hands on: Jay Miller and his 'natural support'



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# Jay Miller at the Murphey School PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS

### **BY TAYLOR SISK** Staff Writer

It's not that Jay Miller doesn't like the government, or the tax dollars it sometimes returns to his community. He's all for support from Raleigh and D.C. for social services and the arts.

from without aren't sufficient to provide those social assets that define genuine community, we must look more within – to "natural support" for such community.

It's a term Miller learned from state Rep. Verla Insko a few years ago, as she

But he's also a realist. When funds warned of diminishing governmental support.

> "I didn't know then what she was talking about," Miller says. "But turns out what she was talking about was communities supporting the agencies and the work that's being done within the communities, because there is less

government money right now, and there may be for a long time."

At which point it falls upon individuals to more fully define community. Individuals like Jay Miller.

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# **Carrboro calls for** tax to fund rail, bus

# **BY SUSAN DICKSON**

Staff Writer

CARRBORO – The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday to support a measure paying for public transit - including local bus service improvements and light rail between UNC and Durham – through a half-cent sales tax.

Under a 2009 bill approved by the N.C. General Assembly, the Orange County Board of Commissioners could choose to put a halfcent sales tax on the November ballot to pay for public transit service. In addition, the bill authorized a \$10

increase in vehicle registration fees to further support public transit.

Elected officials have developed a draft plan for transit changes, including bus service expansion and improvements and light rail connecting UNC and Durham - which could be completed as early as 2025.

Costs for the light rail would be shared between Orange and Durham counties, with Orange County's share projected to be about \$3.2 million annually for operations and \$330 million for construction.

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# **Rural fire departments** ask for tax increase

### **BY JOSHUA LUCAS**

Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL - Fire protection, waste disposal and schools were the hot topics Tuesday night at the Orange County Board of Commissioners' public hearing regarding next year's proposed budget.

Tuesday's meeting, held at the Southern Human Services Center, provided county residents the chance to weigh in on the county's proposed \$177 million budget. County Manager Frank Clifton presented the budget to commissioners at their May 17 meeting. In keeping with commissioners' directives, it keeps funding largely flat and does not propose to increase property taxes.

That last point was the cause of several rural volunteer fire departments' concern. Leaders from several of the groups spoke at the meeting to urge commissioners to allow an increase in the ad valorem fire tax in those fire districts to pay for capital needs and to cover shrinking revenues.

Bill Waddell of the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Company told commissioners that his firefighters had two basic needs - a new roof for the fire station and new radios - that would increase the safety of both the fire company and the residents it serves.

"I plead with you to allow us to improve safety for our firefighters," he said.

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# **Town officials surprised by landfill fees**

### **BY JOSHUA LUCAS** Staff Writer

Carrboro and Chapel Hill leaders say they're frustrated and disappointed by Orange County's surprise decision last week to increase the fees it charges those who dump waste at the county's landfill on Eubanks Road.

"I was disappointed," said Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt. This is new to us."

County commissioners unanimously agreed May 17 to close the landfill within three and a half years, and to levy a \$5 surcharge on each ton of waste dumped at the landfill. According to county solid waste management director Gayle Wilson, about 46 percent of all waste dumped at the borhoods around the landfill and allandfill comes from the two towns.

For years, residents of the area around the landfill have complained of unlawful dumping, odors, suppressed property values and slow development, all of which they have said is connected to the presence of the landfill in their community. When Chapel Hill opened the landfill in 1972, Mayor Howard Lee told community residents the facility would close within a decade and become a park. Leaders of both Chapel Hill and the county - which now owns the landfill – have extended the life of the facility several times since.

The county intends for the new fee to pay for improvements to the neighlocated \$750,000 to start a fund for that purpose.

Municipal leaders say that while they support the goal of improving the neighborhoods around the landfill, the fee is being sprung on them at the last minute of a very tight and difficult budget season. Town Manager Steve Stewart estimated the fee would cost Carrboro an additional \$20,000 in the coming year.

"It is an unfair burden on (town staff) to ask them to scramble to find additional savings either at the 11th hour or after we are in the new fiscal year," Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Dan Coleman wrote in an email to his colleagues.

Carrboro's board voted Tuesday to tell the county it doesn't have enough information to agree to participate in the program and asked the county to propose such fee increases by February in future budget years.

In adopting the fee, some commissioners expressed frustration at what they saw as reluctance by the towns to participate in a plan to address the landfill's problems. Commissioner Earl McKee said that if towns weren't making a direct contribution to a fund, they shouldn't be part of any board that allocated the money.

'Whether or not the towns are on board is their choice to live with," he said.

# MUSIC CALENDAR



#### **THURSDAY MAY 26**

Cat's Cradle: Corrosion of Conformity, Scream, Devour. 9pm. \$16/18

The Cave: LATE: Science in the Cave, Animal Alphabet

General Store Cafe: Justin Johnson, 7pm

Hanes Auditorium: CHHS Orchestra, Red Clay Ramblers. \$6 adults/\$3 students

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Dry River Trio, The Morning After, Erin Brown, 8pm

Local 506: Matthew Mayfield, Nick White, 9:30pm, \$8

Nightlight: Dan Mac and the Bullet

#### **FRIDAY MAY 27**

Bynum Front Porch: Dmitri Resnik and Bootleg Beat, Chatham County Slim and Papa Mike. 10am-2pm

Carolina Inn: The Gravy Boys. Cat's Cradle: dub Addis, Alex Weiss and Different Drum, Diali Cissokho. 9:15pm. \$8/10

The Cave: EARLY: Pagan Hellcats LATE: Puritan Rodeo, Kelly McFarling, Patrick Dyer Wolf

**City Tap:** The Breaks, Kitty Box and The Johnnys, Chatham County Slim and Papa Mike, 7pm

General Store Cafe: Tommy Edwards and Leroy Savage. 8pm. \$5 Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Twilligher, Robobilly, Simple. 8pm Local 506: Henbrain, Rootzie, Ash vs Leaves. 9pm. \$7

Nightlight: Where the Buffalo Roamed, Collides, White Cascade, Battle Star Canada

#### **SATURDAY MAY 28**

The ArtsCenter: Sacred Arts Tour 2011, 7pm Caffe Driade: Onward, Soldiers.

8pm Cat's Cradle: Fan Modine,

Chris Stamey, Trepak, Antibubbles. 8:30pm, Free

The Cave: EARLY: Climb Jacob's Ladder LATE: Blag-ard, Transportation

**City Tap:** Leah from Not Dead Yet, Daniel Sean. 8pm

General Store Cafe: Mahalo Jazz. 8pm

Local 506: Audubon Park, Aimee Argote, Actual Persons Living or Dead. 10pm. \$7 Nightlight: Church of Zahn,

Mouth of Ghost

**SUNDAY MAY 29** The Cave: LATE: German

Shepard, Astronomers

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Justin Johnon, 8pm

Local 506: The Biters, The Booze, Richard Bacchus and The Luckiest Girls. 9pm. \$8

Milltown: Wilde Geeses. 8pm Southern Village: Magnolia Klezmer Band, 7pm

Weaver Street Market: The leff Brown Quarter. 11am

**MONDAY MAY 30** Nightlight: Little Victory, Aye Nako, 11pm, \$5

**TUESDAY MAY 3I The Cave:** LATE: Vintage Flood

Local 506: Bad Manners, Archbishops of Blount Street. 9pm. \$14/16 The Station at Southern

Rail: Michael Bellar, As Is Ensembler. 10pm

# WEDNESDAY JUNE I

The ArtsCenter: Triangle Jazz Orchestra open rehearsal. 7:30pm. Free

Cat's Cradle: Okkervil River. Titus Andronicus, Future Islands. 9pm. \$16/18

The Cave: LATE: Infrastructure

Local 506: Dinner At The The Thompson's, Ani Stark. 9:30pm.

#### **THURSDAY JUNE 2**

Cat's Cradle: Matt and Kim, The Hood Internet. 9pm. \$25

Auction, Doombunny

7pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Unsubs. 8pm

Local 506: Times New Viking, The Toddlers. 9:30pm. \$10/12 Nightlight: Triangel Rhysing:

MusicFor Massed Guitars The Station at Southern

Rail: Chip Robinson, 10pm

FRIDAY JUNE 3 Bynum Front Porch: The

Caffe Driade: Saludos Compay. 8pm

Koffin Kats, Terry Anderson and the Olympic Ass Kickin Team. 9pm. \$16/18



**SPOTLIGHT: CHIP ROBINSON** 

The Station on Thursday, June 2.

Stellar front man of the critically acclaimed band The Backsliders, Robinson will debut his solo record Mylow for his home state. After more than a decade since his last release with the local honky-tonk hard rockers, Robinson showcases his soulful musicianship more than ever. His intimate songwriting and personalized folk sound is sure to melt your heart. Come out early to be warmed by North Carolina's Americana roots.

The free show starts at 10 p.m.

#### General Store Cafe: New

Horizons Swing Band. 7pm Katy's Music Bar: 20 Years Gone. 9:30pm

Local 506: Twin Sister, The Ropes. 9:30pm, \$9/11

Nightlight: Soft Company, Some Army, The Dirty Lungs, The Spacement. 9pm. \$6

**Open Eye:** Arthur Alligood. 8pm Southern Village: North Carolina Symphony. 7:30pm. Free

**SATURDAY JUNE 4** The ArtsCenter: Justin Vivian Bond. 8pm. \$20/22

# **MOVIES** We suggest you call for exact show times

**CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM** 

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030 The Screwball Comedies of the '30s and '40s Film Series, Friday-Tuesday at 7 & 9:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2, 2:15, 4:15 & 4:30 p.m.; Potiche, nightly at 7:20 & 9:20 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:20 & 4:20 p.m.; 13 Assassins, nightly at 7:10 p.m.; Everything Must Go, nightly at 9:30 p.m.



Caffe Driade: Constellation. 8pm

Cat's Cradle: Paul Thorn, Dark

The Cave: EARLY: Turntable

Graveyard LATE: Buterflies, Jon

Jessee's Coffee and Bar:

JokesandJokesandJokes. 8pm

Nightlight: Chest Pains

Slingshot Cash, Wind and Willow,

General Store Cafe: Onward,

Water Rising. 8pm. \$15

Lindsay

Soldiers, 8pm





**CORROSION OF** 

CONFORMITY

Thursday May 26

Cat's Cradle

Hotwires. 7pm Cat's Cradle: Nashville Pussy.

> The Cave: LATE: Wild Wild Geese, Wooden Toothe

\$8/10

The Cave: LATE: Radio Silent

General Store Cafe: Jazzbeau.



TH 5/26 CORROSION OF CONFORMITY AND SCREAM W/DEVOUR\*\*(\$16/\$18) FR 5/27\*\*(\$8/\$10) DUB ADDIS, ALEX WEISS & DIFFERENT DRUM AND DIALI CISSOKHO

SA 5/28 FREE SHOW FAN MODINE ALBUM RELEASE PARTY W/CHRIS STAMEY, TREPAK (SEAMUS FROM SNMNMNM) AND ANTIBUBBLES DANCE PARTY TO FOLLOW

> SU 5/29 \*\*(\$8) L IN JAPANESE DANCE PARTY **NO ALCOHOL SERVED**

SOLD OKKERVIL OUT RIVER

W/TITUS ANDRONICUS AND FUTURE ISLANDS TH 6/2 MATT AND KIM OLD

W/THE HOOI INTERNET OUT FR 6/3\*\*(\$15/\$18) NASHVILLE PUSSY W/KOFFIN KATS AND TERRY ANDERSON'S

OAK TEAM

SA 6/4\*\*(\$15) PAUL THORN W/DARK WATER RISING

WE 6/8 THE JET LIFE TOUR CURREN\$Y W/TRADEMARK, YOUNG RODDY, FIEND AND CORNER BOY P\*\*(\$16/\$18)

TH 6/9\*\*(\$15) SONDRE LERCHE W/NIGHTLANDS AND KISHI BASHI



SA 6/11 FREE SHOW AL R **BRICE RANDALL** BICKFORD W/LEE WATERS, DJANGO HASKINS AND HEATHER MCENTIRE

SU 6/12 SEATED SHOW **JOE PURDY** W/THE MILK CARTON

KIDS \*\*(\$15/\$17) TU 6/14\*\*(\$15) SEATED SHOW JONNY (NORMAN **BLAKE FROM TEENAGE** FANCLUB AND EUROS CHILDS OF GORKY'S ZYGOTIC MYNCI)

# W/APEX MANO

TH 6/16\*\*(\$17/\$20) DAVE ALVIN AND THE GUILTY ONES AND LOS STRAITJACKETS

SA 6/18 FREE SHOW SPLIT 7" RELEASE PARTY! JENNYANYKIND / THE MOANERS

W/SPECIAL GUEST PINCHE GRINGO

FR 6/24 BEN SOLLEE W/THOUSANDS\*\*(\$15/\$17)

SA 6/25 UNC BURN UNIT BENEFIT (\$15 DONATION) THE BILLITONES, SOUTHWING, REBECCA & THE HI TONES AND WILLIE PAINTER BAND

MO 6/27\*\*(\$25/\$28) DINOSAUR JR.

LAYING THE ALBUM BUG IN ITS ENTIRETY PLUS: HENRY ROLLINS

INTERVIEWS

DINOSAUR JR. LIVE!

MO 8/8 DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE OKA BOOTH AMPHITHEATER (CARY)



**RALEIGH AMPITHEATRE** TU 6/28 MUSIC FROM THE FILM WINTER'S

BONE PERFORMED LIVE FEATURING: MARIDETH SISCO, DENNIS CRIDER, BO BROWN, VAN COLBERT, TEDI MAY AND LINDA STOFFEL\*\*(\$15/\$18)

SA 7/9\*\*(\$25/\$30) AN EVENING WITH THE PSYCHEDLIC FURS

SU 7/24\*\*(\$12/\$14) THE DEVIL MAKES THREE

MO 7/25 EELS\*\*(\$18/\$21) W/THE SUBMARINES

WE 7/27 \*\*(\$18/\$20) JOSH RITTER

MO 8/6\*\*(\$14/\$17) CHATHAM COUNTY LINE

SOLD OUT FR 8/19 ARCHERS OF LOAF

W/ELECTRIC OWLS AND SCHOONER

WE 8/31\*\* THE HOLD STEADY ON SALE THURS 5/26 @ 10AM

SA 9/10 \*\*(\$28/\$30) BRUCE COCKBURN **ON SALE FRIDAY 5/27** 

FR 9/16\*\*(\$14/\$16) ATARI TEENAGE RIOT

FR 9/23\*\*(\$16/\$18) MELISSA FERRICK

FR 9/30\*\*(\$15) WHO'S BAD

TU 5/31 **BAD MANNERS** LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)



**BEN SOLLEE** 

# ALSO PRESENTING

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL) TU 5/31 BAD MANNERS W/AR SA 6/11 THAO & MIRAH W/BOBBY AND LED TO SE SU 6/12 MISHKA W/A **TU 6/14 THE PARLOTONES** WE 6/15 DAVID MAYFIELD PARADE WE 7/15 BILL CALLAHAN W/ED THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO) SU 6/5 SAM BRADLEY W/HOLLY CONLAN FR 6/17 LLOYD COLE M0 7/11 DAVID WILCOX RALEIGH AMPHITHEATRE ST CO TIX VIA TICKETMASTER CO-PRESENTED WITH LIVE NATION FR 7/29 BON IVER W/THE ROSEBUDS VIA TICKETMASTER LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH) TH 6/16 NOAH AND THE WHALE IS POSTPONED KOKA BOOTH AMPITHEATRE (CARY) M0 8/8 DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE ERIS

TIX VIA TICKETMASTER CO-PRESENTED WITH OUTBACK CONCERTS TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CAT'S CRADLE WITHOUT SERVICE CHARGE M0 9/19 RAY LAMONTAGNE

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Southern Village, 932-9000 The Hangover 2; Kung Fu Panda 2; Bridesmaids; Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides; Thor

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# **Briefs**

### Hearing on OWASA rate increase

OWASA will hold a public hearing today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. on the proposed fiscal year 2012 budget, five-year capital improvement program and a proposed rate increase.

The proposed rate and fee increase is a 2 percent increase in monthly water and sewer rates. The public hearing will be part of an OWASA Board meeting at Chapel Hill Town Hall. The meeting will be televised live on local cable channel 18. Comments for the OWASA Board can be emailed to webmaster@owasa.org.

# **Holiday closings**

Most municipal offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Schedule changes include:

• Chapel Hill Transit will not operate;

• Chapel Hill residential refuse scheduled for Monday collection will be collected Wednesday;

Carrboro residential refuse scheduled for Monday collection will be collected Tuesday;

 Chapel Hill commercial refuse collections scheduled for Monday will be collected Tuesday and Wednesday;

• Carrboro Town Hall and the Carrboro Century Center will be closed;

• the Orange County Landfill will be closed;

• the Chapel Hill Public Library will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.; and • the Chapel Hill parking office will be closed, and on-street parking meters, town-owned lots and the Wallace Deck will be free.

# In-town bus starting in Hillsborough

The town of Hillsborough and Orange County will begin free bus service around town June 6. The bus will run four hours in the morning and four hours in the afternoon Monday through Friday.

The bus will connect to the 420 Triangle Transit's bus route to Chapel Hill at Durham Tech's Orange County Campus. The route will serve various residential areas around Hillsborough, as well as the library; the Orange County Courthouse; the county Social Services Center; the Shops at Daniel Boone area; UNC Family Practice; Durham Tech; the Hampton Pointe and Maxway shopping centers; and the Meadowlands business park.

The circulator bus's route and schedule are posted on the Parking and Transportation page of the About Hillsborough section of the town's website, ci.hillsborough.nc.us. For more information, contact Orange Public Transportation at 245-2008.

# Weaver Street work continues

The east block of Weaver Street is likely to remain closed until as late as mid-June, as work continues on the removal of existing road surface.

The yearlong project involves the replacement of the street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old sewer line beneath it.

Water main installation in the west block of the street is complete, and connections are being made to adjacent water mains on side streets. Pedestrian access remains open along both blocks.

# **ALERT** Operation

The multi-agency Alcohol Law Enforcement Response Team conducted an enforcement operation focused on implementing impaired driving and other alcohol related laws on Saturday resulting in 16 charges.

Seven people were ticketed with various charges, including one count of driving while impaired, three counts of driving after consuming by a person less than 21 years old, two counts of underage possession or consumption of alcohol, two counts of possession of open container in a motor vehicle, one count of careless and reckless driving, one registration violation, one stop light violation, one safe movement violation, one count of trespassing and three speeding violations

# **Bear spotted in Chapel Hill**

### **BY JOSHUA LUCAS** Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A small black bear caused a stir Monday morning as he ambled through parts of southeast Chapel Hill, including UNC's Finley Golf Course and the N.C. Botanical Garden.

The young black bear - a witness estimated its weight at no more than 250 lbs and its height no taller than 4 feet - was spotted shortly after 10 a.m. by some UNC workers in the Chapel Hill Transit park-and-ride lot at the Friday Center off N.C. 54.

"The bear just literally ran right in front of us," said Thomas By-thell, a UNC forester and ground services supervisor. Bythell and colleague Chris Koltz got some blurry, Bigfoot-style photos of the animal as it darted from the parking lot toward Finley.

The wayward ursine was seen at about the same time by golfers on the links at Finley - "the third hole, from what we were told," said Chapel Hill Police Lt. Kevin Gunter. From there it padded up to a wooded area behind Glenwood Elementary School, along Highland Woods Road.

A resident of that neighborhood reported the animal to Chapel Hill police, Gunter said, but took pains to note that it was not acting violent and seemed calm.

Visitors and workers at the N.C. Botanical Garden on Old Mason Farm Road got a visit from the lumbering stranger after 11 a.m., they said. He just seemed to be exploring.

"He saw a lot of greenery, I guess," garden employee Shanna



A black bear causes a stir in the Friday Center parking lot in Chapel Hill on Monday. PHOTO COURTESY OF THOMAS BYTHELL

Oberreiter said.

The animal was last seen Monday moving southward through the Kings Mill Road area.

One potential home for the bear nearby would be UNC's reserve land south and east of where it had been seen.

"I wouldn't mind if he found his way into the biological reserve," Bythell said. "He's got lots of land to live on and things to eat."

Chapel Hill officials contacted the N.C. Wildlife Commission, but said there's really nothing to be done – or worry about – if the bear isn't threatening people or damaging property.

This is a wild animal," Gunter said. "If it's just kind of meandering through, it's eventually going to make its way back to where it's supposed to be."

But why did the bear show up near people to begin with? One biologist said it may just be part

of the natural population cycle of the bears, not an indication of any change or encroachment on the part of humans.

When young male bears become adults, they typically seek new areas away from where they grew up to call home. That searching can involve some amount of exploration, said Beth Gardner, a quantitative wildlife population biologist at N.C. State University.

"Young males are known to sort of disperse, as we call it," she said. "They hang out with their mothers for a while and then get pushed out.

The black bear – the only kind of bear native to North Carolina - is more common on the coast and in the mountains, but is not unheard of in the Piedmont, as Monday's sighting and a weekend bear-spotting in Garner attest. A black bear has also been sited recently in Greensboro.

If you see the bear, don't panic, Gardner said.

"If you see a bear, it's good to keep your distance, make yourself known. They're basically not going to be aggressive unless they get spooked or scared.

"Otherwise, stay where you are, back up slowly, and keep your distance," she said.

# On the web:

The N.C. Wildlife Commission has some great information about bears, including how to discourage them from taking up residence in your backyard: ncwildlife.org/wildlife\_species\_con/wsc\_black\_ bear.htm

Someone claiming to be the Chapel Hill Bear (and who are we to argue) has begun tweeting, of course. Follow him @ chapelhillbear on Twitter.

# **Staff access to dual-language** program draws fire

## **BY JOSHUA LUCAS** Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL - Teachers and school district employees - including those who don't live in the school district - might have unfair access to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro system's competitive dual-language elementary school programs, some

school board members say. The program's adm

ture instruction in everyday subjects in both English and a second language. The programs are offered at four Chapel Hill-Carrboro district elementary schools: Carrboro, Frank Porter Graham, Scroggs and Glenwood. The Glenwood program is in Mandarin Chinese; the other three are in Spanish.

Admission to the program for non-native speakers of the languages is by an annual lotterv svstem at each school.

mentary students from outside the district, 12 of them are enrolled in the dual-language program. He said that's about twice the rate of in-district students.

District staffers stressed that no preference is given to staff members' children for enrollment in the program.

Expanding elementary language instruction ultimately would solve the problem of demand outstripping access to the program, Kelley said. Ultimately, this problem goes away if every child can get into the program if they want to," he said. Kelley also questioned why pupils in the pre-kindergarten duallanguage program at Carrboro elementary were allowed to stay at that school for kindergarten rather than attend the schools to which they are zoned, as pupils in other pre-kindergarten programs do. District stafffers said that was how the program was originally designed, and that the goal was to afford dual-language pupils at Carrboro a seamless experience moving from pre-kindergarten into elementary school.

# Website issues fixed

The Carrboro Citizen's website became temporarily unavailable last week after the site was flagged by several Internet service providers as a host for malicious software, but the malware has since been removed. The website has been submitted to Google for removal from its blacklist.

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policies came under scrutiny at a May 19 school board meeting, with some board members questioning whether it was appropriate that district employees may have easier access to the program than other parents.

'If I live out of district, I could pick to go to the FPG lottery or I could pick to go to the Carrboro lottery. But if I live in-district, I cannot pick to go to Carrboro Elementary unless I live in Carrboro Elementary's attendance zone," board member Michelle Brownstein said. "The way we have it set up now, it's not equitable for people who live in-district. They don't have the same level of access."

Dual-language programs fea-

District staff are allowed to enroll their children at the district school of their choice if there is room. Because all schools are potentially open to them, district employees have access to all four dual-language elementary schools. Parents with children in the district have access only to the school to which they are zoned. Superintendent Neil Pedersen stressed that the distinction isn't between outof-district students and in-district ones, but between district staff and ordinary parents.

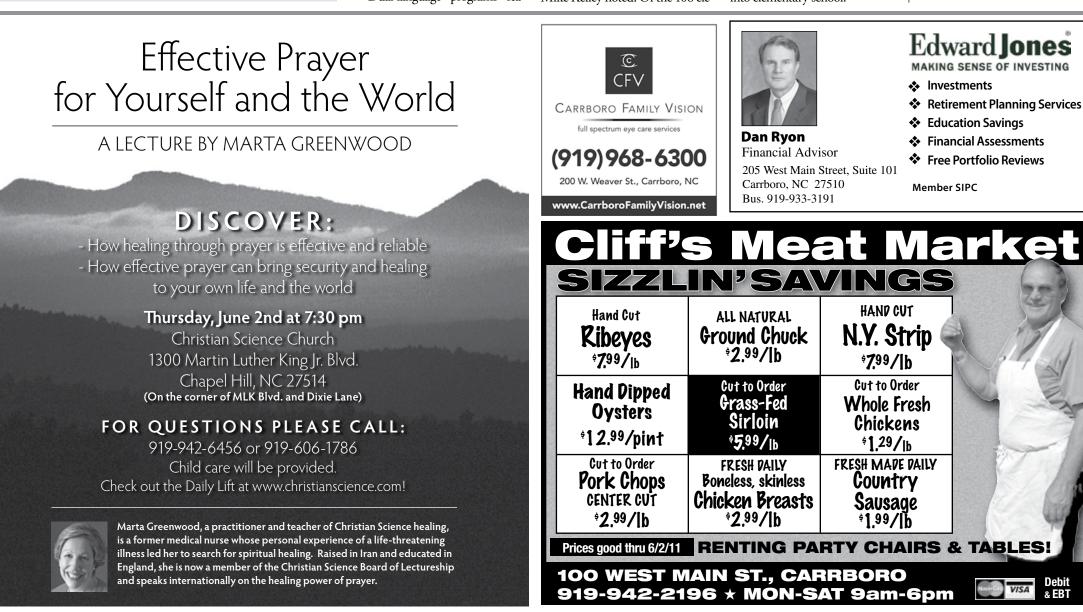
Out-of-district staff children are disproportionately represented in the programs, board member Mike Kelley noted. Of the 108 ele-

Beginning last Thursday afternoon, some visitors to the newspaper's site, carrborocitizen.com, were told by antivirus software or ISPs that the site was insecure.

We don't know how it happened, but as best we can tell, nobody was actually having their computer infected," Citizen publisher Robert Dickson said.

The paper will upgrade its security and change website hosting providers to improve service to readers, Dickson said. The Citizen apologizes for the inconvenience the outage may have brought.

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# Community

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Linda Bynum serves food at the picnic thrown for the Habitat for Humanity homeowners by St. Paul's AME Church and the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association on Saturday. PHOTO BY MARY-ALICE WARREN



Cyclists head up West Main Street at the Bike Chapel Hill-Carrboro 8 Mile Cruiser Ride held Friday as part of the Bike Month celebration. About 200 cyclists enjoyed the ride. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

# HOUSE Calls

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

This week we respond to questions about adult ADHD and doctors not listening.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I recently went to my family physician and he asked me if I had ever been diagnosed with ADHD. He said I seemed to have a hard time staying focused. After reading more about it, I think he's right on target. All my adult life, it has been difficult for me to complete tasks, finish conversations, study and read. Do adults really develop ADHD?

That's a great question. It is wonderful that you have that kind of relationship with your doctor that he might bring up something like this. ADHD is attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. It is fairly common in children. It does not generally start in adulthood. However, many children with ADHD will continue to have ADHD into adulthood. And for some, this is not diagnosed until adulthood. They might realize that they never quite met their potential in school, but perhaps they were smart enough to get OK grades. Adults with ADHD

zone out in the middle of a conversation, have a hard time staying on track and may overlook important details. In the exam room, the patient may be all over the place in conversation. Your doctor should consider alternative explanations, such as depression and anxiety, and the degree of impairment, in considering treatment. If you are doing well at home and work, it may be more of a personality type and not a disorder. Treatment can definitely help. Good luck.

Dear HOUSE Calls, Why is it that so many doctors don't take the time to listen? My mother recently broke her hip and the doctors who took care of her came in and out of the room so fast you would think they had a train to catch. They seemed to resent our questions.

We're sorry for your experience. Thank you for raising this important issue and reminding us how important it is to listen. We encourage you to speak up when you or your loved one has a question. Make a list before the team visits in the



hospital and share the list as they enter the room. That way, they can address all critical issues immediately, and perhaps send somebody back later to answer your other questions. It is fair to recognize that hospitals are very busy places with lots of competing demands. Health care providers often see many patients early in the process and are needed to finish documentation, complete discharges and get to the operating room, clinic or other responsibilities. You remind us that without engaging in the act of listening, we are not providing good care. You should feel free to say, "We really need a few more minutes of your time. If you can't do it right now, can you come back?" Negotiate for the time that you need. Most doctors want to do this effectively, but sometimes don't realize that they are not.

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

# Briefs

### **Memorial Day** events

Local veterans will join together at the American Legion Post 6, at 1714 Legion Road in Chapel Hill, on Memorial Day (Monday) to remember deceased veterans. Events start at 8 a.m. with a memorial service. There will be an open house at 10 a.m. and another service at 11. The Village Band will hold a concert at 12:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Veterans of Foreign Wars members, joined by American Legion Post 6 veterans and Boy Scout Troop



the ceremony and assist in flag placement. For more information, visit americanlegionchapelhill.com

### **Community Canning** Series

The Carrboro Farmers' Market and chef Sheri Castle introduced the new "Year Round Food: Community Canning Series" at this week's Wednesday afternoon market. All proceeds will benefit the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service hunger programs.

The program is a series of monthly workshops led by local food experts dedicated to putting up local food all year round. The classes cost \$10 on a sliding scale and are open to the community.

the Carrboro Century Center. The plan will address quality of life for Orange County's current seniors, as well as the future ones, and their families.

The focus groups will include representatives from the senior community, caregivers, family members, boomers, faith communities, health care providers, civic groups, the business community, nonprofit agencies and town government, in addition to Orange County government departments. A diverse group is needed to think creatively about the future.

Additional workshops will be held throughout the summer. For more information, contact Janice Tyler at 968-2071 or jtyler@ co.orange.nc.us

#### **Beehive Salon braid challenge**

The Beehive Salon is issuing its annual art challenge. This year's theme is the braid. Anyone may submit a piece of artwork of any medium, style or size celebrating the braid by June 25 at 7 p.m. The top seven winners will have their artwork displayed inside the salon through the months of July and August. There will also be gift certificates for the top three finishers and gift packages for the fourth- through seventh-place finishers. The salon is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

835, will decorate the graves of veterans at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.

Flag placement begins at 6:30 a.m. at Memorial Cemetery on Legion Road. Locally, more than 500 flags are ready for placement. Following the decoration, the veterans will hold a memorial ceremony at 8 a.m., and scouts from Troop 835 will play taps.

Community are invited to attend

Cabinet re-facing & Carpentry

Door & window installation

Screened decks & porches

Hardwood flooring

Ed Gill Jr., vice commander of VFW Post 9100, and his wife, members Karen, decorate veteran graves at last year's Memorial Day grave decoration. PHOTO BY LAURALEE LONG

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This series is made possible at the Carrboro Farmers' Market from grant support from BALL Jar Company and the Farmers' Market Coalition. For more information or to sign up, contact Sarah Blacklin at carrborofarmersmarket@ gmail.com

### **Master Aging Plan**

Another beautiful day in Carrboro!

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The Orange County Department on Aging will hold a workshop series to create a Master Aging Plan, with a workshop on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at

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# Calendar

**THURSDAY MAY 26** Film Showing — Scraps, by local screenwriter Kate Burgauer, to be shown. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm Free

Bocce Tournament — To benefit the Foundation for a Sustainable Community. The Farm, 3:30-8:30pm Imorrison@carolinachamber.org

Movie Night — The Wind That Shakes the Barley about the struggles of the IRA in 1919. Internationalists Books, 7pm

**SATURDAY MAY 28 CPR Course** — Sponsored by the South Orange Rescue Squad. 9am-12pm Free Registration required: erin.faith.spence@gmail.com

Used Book Sale — To benefit the scholarship program for camps and lessons at Blue Skies of Maplev-

iew. Rocky Ridge Road Mapleview Ice Cream Store, 12-4:30pm 933-1444

WEDNESDAY JUNEI Screenprinting Workshop — Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

**THURSDAY JUNE 2** 

Out of the Studio — An evening of Tibetan Culture and Performance for all ages. Ackland Art Museum, 6pm Free

Movie Night — Winged Migration shows the migratory patterns of several species of birds. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

### **SATURDAY JUNE 4**

Cackalacky Event — Family event in celebration of the 10-year anniversary, with proceeds from barbecue sandwiches going to The Diabetes Bus initiative. A Southern Season, Ilam-4pm

**Golf Clinic** — For community youth, sponsored by Volunteers for Youth and UNC Football, UNC Finley Golf Course driving range, 11am-Ipm Free volunteersforyouth.org

#### ONGOING

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

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

Legal Workshops — Third Thursday of each month, running through October. The Women's Center, 6-7:30pm Free 968-4610

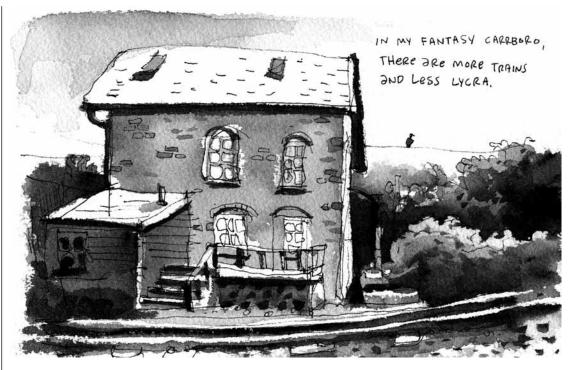


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# COUNCIL FROM PAGE I

The Northside NCD is bounded by North Columbia Street to the east, West Rosemary Street to the south, the Carrboro city limits to the west and the Tanyard Branch Trail to the north. The Pine Knolls NCD includes the area bounded by Crest Street to the north; Merritt Mill Road, Raintree Lane and Edwards Street to the east; Fordham Boulevard to the south; and the Chapel Hill city limits to the west.

If approved, the moratorium would apply to all projects for which an application was not accepted prior to the council's vote on Monday. Council member Donna Bell, a resident of Northside, said she supported the moratorium as a way to give the town time while it develops strategies to preserve the neighborhood.

Residents urged the council to act quickly on the moratorium.

Hudson Vaughan, association director at the Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History, said he and his colleagues had identified more than 30 properties "at risk" for sale and development, including homes already for sale, empty homes and those lived in by residents more than 80 years old.

"Waiting all the way until eptember would mean a really horrific summer for a lot of those at-risk properties," he said. Michelle Laws, speaking

on behalf of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP and SOS, asked the council to impose the moratorium to slow down "growth that is tearing the community apart.

"We cannot forget about the citizens who helped build this community," she said.

Vernelle Jones, a former longtime resident of Northside, said she moved out of her home because of student-housing developments on either side of her property that brought student neighbors who had loud parties late at night and threw garbage in her yard.

"I had no choice in order to maintain my peace but to move to Durham," she said. "Consider and do something about what is happening to Northside. ... Help us to preserve our history."

Buckley identified several properties in the neighborhoods that were redeveloped - within regulations - for student housing, with as many as eight bedrooms.

The moratorium would apply to properties within the borders of the Northside and Pine Knolls Neighborhood Conservation Districts and properties located on the north side of Rosemary Street, South Graham Street, Merritt Mill Road and Pritchard Avenue Extension.

# **OBITUARIES**

#### **Glenn Michael** Sparrow

Glenn Michael "Micky" Sparrow, 76, passed away on Sunday, May 22, 2011 after a long illiness at his residence.

He was a retired mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Sparrow, of the home; two daughters, Catherin Smith (James) and Kimberly Maxwell, both from Hillsborough; one son, Thomas Glenn Sparrow, of Durham; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Eric and Myrtle McCarthy Sparrow; a son, Jodi Sparrow; and two brothers, John and William Sparrow.

A visitation will be held on Saturday evening, May 28, 2011 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Walker's Funeral Home. Flowers are acceptable or memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 7669, Atlanta, GA 30357.

#### John Hurst

John "Johnny" Hurst, 68, of Chapel Hill, N.C., passed away peacefully on Monday, May 16, 2011 after an extended stay in UNC Hospitals. He was born in Durham, N.C., on Oct. 12, 1942, and was the son of Leonard and Josie Hurst. He retired from the UNC General Storeroom in

Johnny enjoyed fishing and Carolina women's softball and was a member of the Historic Speedway Group. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Elgie Crabtree Hurst, and a sister, Jean Herring of High Point, N.C.

The family received friends on Wednesday evening May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of Robbie Crabtree in Chapel Hill. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 19 at Walker's Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

#### **Ruth Hill Simpson**

Ruth Elizabeth Hill Simpson, 91, of Siler City, N.C., died peacefully on Sunday morning, May 22, 2011 at the Care View Nursing Home. She was preceded in death 15 years ago by her husband of 61 years, the Rev. Claude Lee Simpson. Ruth is survived by her three children: Delane Winfree of Greensboro, Joan Holder of Chapel Hill and Mitchell Simpson (Betty Brooks Simpson), also of Chapel Hill; six grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren; a brother, M. D. Hill of Charlotte; a sister, Fran Harris, also of Charlotte; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Born July 24, 1919 in Waxhaw, N.C., to Walter and Elizabeth Hough Hill, the second of eight children, Ruth had six brothers and one sister. Married at age 16 to her 19-year-old

she was his faithful and loving companion through a lifetime of ministry. During the first years of their marriage, they lived in rural Union County, where they labored together as partners in farming. Strong people of faith, they were active members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Claude served as a deacon. When he surrendered to a call to ministry, Claude completed his college requirements at Wingate College and the family moved to New Orleans in 1952 for Claude and Ruth to pursue seminary education.

In an era when theological education was generally limited to men, Ruth combined homemaking duties with a strict regimen of study alongside her husband, and in 1955 she became a proud graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Through the years of their marriage, Ruth was a constant companion and full partner in the busy life of the pastorate. Ever the teacher and encourager, she instilled in her children a love for books and reading and an abiding respect for the learning process. She loved music and singing, and was blessed with an easy laugh and a constant willingness to see the best in others. She embodied the Christian conviction of faith as "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not

Simpson will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28 at the Rocky River Baptist Church of Siler City, where Claude Simpson, Pastor Emeritus, is also buried. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the University Baptist Church of Chapel Hill. Smith & Buckner Funeral Home of Siler City is assisting the family.

#### **Diane Irving Lassiter**

Diane Irving Lassiter passed away on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the age of 79. She was born in Boston, Mass., on Sept. 9, 1931. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, William Edmund Lassiter; her four children, William Lassiter, Susan Lassiter, David Lassiter and John Lassiter and wife Tina; and seven grandchildren. She was a loving caregiver and comforter, both to her family that she nurtured and raised and to those she cared for as a registered nurse.

She received her nursing degree from Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore in 1951 and worked as a registered nurse in Boston (where she met her husband) and at Gravely Sanatorium in Chapel Hill, N.C., for several years, before pausing her career to devote time to her family. After her youngest child was grown, she returned to nursing after completing a degree at WakeMed. She worked for sev eral years as staff development coordinator at Hillhaven Convalescent Center in Chapel Hill. After retiring from nursing, she continued to cultivate her love for reading, church activities, Meals on Wheels, travel, music and, especially, gardening. A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Holy Family (200 Hayes Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517; (919) 942-3108) on Thursday, May 26, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, a contribution in her honor to a charitable organization of choice is suggested.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

### by Linda Thistle

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# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: $\star \star$

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seen."

During the early 1960s, when Claude accepted the challenge of leading a newly established mission congregation, Brookdale Baptist Church of Siler City, giving up the security of an established pastorate, Ruth began work as a representative for Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, selling World Book encyclopedias. Through her diligence and dedication to the notion of helping provide educational materials to families of all income levels, she quickly became a senior area manager for Field Enterprises, a calling she considered a ministry in its own right.

Memorial services for Ruth

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# A draconian twin

### **CHRIS FITZSIMON**

You would never know it from listening to Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger, but the Senate budget released Tuesday is basically a carbon copy of the draconian budget the House approved a few weeks ago, with a handful of changes in education designed to distract attention from the massive job cuts and shredding of the state's safety net for the most vulnerable residents.

Senate leaders, clearly trying to preempt a repeat of the torrent of criticism the House budget received for its devastating cuts to education, launched a tour of newspaper editorial boards in the last few days touting their proposal to reduce class size in the early grades. They didn't seem to talk nearly as much about the 13,000 jobs they were eliminating in public schools, most of them teacher assistants.

While the Senate budget spends \$62 million more than the House in K-12, it still falls \$345 million short of what Gov. Perdue recommended, and hers was an austere budget that made deep cuts of its own.

The Senate also wants to cut the university system slightly less than the House, but the Senate proposal would still slash almost 3,000 jobs and result in thousands of fewer class offerings across the UNC campuses, making it almost impossible for many students to take the classes they need to graduate on time.

The Senate finds some of the money to pay for the handful of differences with the House by cutting community colleges and human services more, including making deeper reductions to community mental health services and Medicaid.

The rest of the Senate budget nearly mirrors the House's dreadful plan. It mimics the House proposal to sharply slash funding for both of the state's nationally recognized early-childhood and preschool programs, Smart Start and More at Four, and the Senate agrees with the House's wrong-headed plan to move More at Four from the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Health and Human Services, cutting the important ties between the program and public schools.

There are plenty of other damaging cuts throughout the plan that abolishes more than 20,000 jobs overall, 18,000 of them in education and most of those from the classroom.

The Senate and the House made the reductions that will take North Carolina back 20 years to pay for tax cuts: the end of the temporary sales tax hike and a quarter percentage reduction in personal income tax rates across the board. There's also a \$50,000 income tax exemption for small business and the simplification of the state incometax calculations.



# Soon to be a major motion ing schedule of community gatherings in Century Hall starting with the Vision 2020 charrette. The following

### **CATHERINE DEVINE**

Summer of '97: I'd recently moved into Carrboro with too much stuff. In purge mode one morning, I rolled Mom's old Hoover to my office down the street, smack into the middle of the Fourth of July parade.

This little movie called Carrboro is in production year round. The director at that time, Mike Nelson, deserves an Academy Award. Mayor Mike created the Carrboro Arts Committee toward the end of '97 as a fully sanctioned advisory board with a license to make things happen. At one of our very first meetings, Mike floated the notion of a town-wide music festival. We said why not, and pulled it off six months later.

And we had so much fun doing it the first time, against all odds, that the Carrboro Music Festival was here to stay.

Not long afterward, at the apex of the Nelson era ('95-'05), Mayor Mike spearheaded the purchase of the former Carrboro Baptist Church with an eye toward resurrecting it. The Carrboro Century Center Dedication Committee produced a marathon grand opening – seven straight days of daytime and nighttime events ranging from dance to celebrity bingo in Century Hall. Gosh, that was a blast. There were no rules to break back then, so we had a field day.

The Dedication Committee was informally charged with keeping the dream alive in the Century Center's early stages of operation. In any case, we were too enamored with the Century Center's possibilities (and each other) to disband anytime soon. First, we produced a dandy Monday night offering called Food for Thought. This eight-week test drive preceded a naturally evolving schedule of community gatherings in Century Hall starting with the Vision 2020 charrette. The following spring, Carrboro was the first stop on a nationwide tour of *Out & Elected in the USA*. That photo exhibit knocked our socks off. We were too dazzled by its importance to collapse under its weight.

So much has happened in the last decade, it's like the film projector went haywire. 2ndFriday Artwalk, Carrboro Film Festival, West End Poets Weekend ... the Arts Committee is unstoppable! And they're taking applications. So are most of the other advisory boards (Planning, Appearance, Transportation, Adjustment and the list goes on) that meet on a regular basis to weigh in on town-related matters.

To check out board vacancies, visit townofcarrboro.org. My only gripe about the application process is this: You have to resign from one advisory board before applying to get on a different one – no doubledipping allowed. One can, however, sign up for any number of Recreation & Parks volunteer gigs – Carrboro Day, Independence Day, Carrboro Music Festival, the fun stuff you don't have to swear on a bible. I personally recommend some of each. Advisory board membership gives me access to Town Hall; event organizing gives me pleasure.

The Carrboro Centennial Celebration was my swan song, folks. The next wave of trailblazers will get plenty of guidance from town staff and seasoned volunteers, aka, The Usual Suspects. We know the drill and we love telling stories. Anybody watching this movie could take my place.

Catherine DeVine is a member of the Carrboro Board of Adjustment, Centennial Committee and Carrboro Music Festival Committee and was the 2008 Volunteer of the Year.

# An attack on women's health

## JANET COLM

Who could possibly believe that denying women breast exams and cancer screenings is working to improve life in North Carolina? As out of touch as it seems, that is exactly what will happen if North Carolina's new House majority gets the budget they've proposed.

In a move unprecedented in our state, state House leaders have inserted a budget provision that bans Planned Parenthood from receiving any state funds. This includes teen pregnancy-prevention grants, state contraception funds and federal family-planning dollars that pass through the state for community health care providers.

Banning Planned Parenthood from receiving funds doesn't save the state 1 cent. In fact, during the first Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services meeting on the budget rider, N.C. HHS Co-Chair Justin Burr, a Republican from Stanley County, admitted there's no budget impact.

No money is cut. Instead, they've just reduced the number of health care providers available to North Carolinians – so much for improving life in North Carolina.

After nearly shutting down the U.S. government last month in a failed assault on Planned Parenthood, extremist politicians in state capitals have started pushing the same misguided proposal.

The real targets of this effort are family planning and women's health care. If this misguided measure goes into law, it will lock hundreds of women out of the Planned Parenthood health centers they rely on for lifesaving cancer screenings, affordable birth control and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections. It will stop Planned Parenthood's evidence-based sex education programs. And while endangering women's health, the bill would also increase unintended pregnancy and the need for abortion.

One in five women has turned to Planned Parenthood for care at some point in her life. For the 25,000 North Carolinians Planned Parenthood serves every year, those health centers are a ready source of affordable, high-quality care that no one else provides. If the ban becomes law, its impact would be measured in undiagnosed cancers, untreated sexually transmitted infections and a flood of unintended pregnancies and abortions. Not surprisingly, the recent assault on Planned Parenthood, a 95-year-old organization, has provoked a backlash. Women and men have come forward in vast numbers to stand with Planned Parenthood - and reasonable policymakers are paying attention. By continuing to pursue this senseless proposal, the House leadership is displaying not only moral bankruptcy but also political foolhardiness. A new poll released by Public Policy Polling shows that 54 percent of North Carolinians are less likely to vote for a legislator who supports these policies, and 60 percent want Planned Parenthood to continue receiving government support for teen pregnancy-prevention programs and 58 percent for lifesaving cervicalcancer screenings and breast exams. The poll shows that 66 percent of people under 30 oppose the assault on Planned Parenthood, as do 62 percent of women and 56 percent of African Americans. Family planning saves taxpayers nearly \$4 for every \$1 invested. HHS Appropriations Co-Chair Nelson Dollar has said that women have other options if Planned Parenthood is defunded. What options? Local health departments are already filled to capacity. In Wake County, the next available appointment for a new family-planning patient is July. At many Planned Parenthood health centers, a patient can walk in and be seen today. If our legislature is serious about health, serious about good governance and interested in staying in office, it will do what's right and reject this misguided measure.

Both budgets really come down to this: House and Senate leaders would rather provide small tax cuts in service of their ideological agenda than provide vital services to people with a mental illness or developmental disability.

They would rather cut the sales tax rate than keep a teacher assistant in a first-grade classroom helping kids who are struggling to read.

And they would rather abolish 20,000 jobs at a time when nearly 10 percent of the state's workforce is unemployed, because shrinking government is more important to them than almost anything else.

They claim their tax cuts will create thousands of jobs, but the only evidence for that is a UNC study whose author warned legislators that it did not take into account the economic impact of the budget cuts or the public jobs lost.

The Senate budget is not about creating jobs anyway. Like its almost identical draconian House twin, it is about dismantling important public institutions from education to human services to environmental protections.

It's another radical call to take North Carolina backwards, and the people of the state deserve far better from politicians who call themselves leaders.

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

# CORRECTION

In last week's "Chatham discusses proposed ICE resolution" story, Marty Rosenbluth should have been identified as working for the N.C. Immigrant Rights Project.

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# LETTERS

# Don't cut environmental education

Geographically speaking, North Carolina is one of the most diverse and beautiful states in the union. Bordered by mountains in the west and the ocean on the east, North Carolina's diverse ecosystems are home to many rare plants and animals. The Venus flytrap, sea turtles and the bald eagle are native to North Carolina, and are the reason many people visit. Environmental education is essential to preserving North Carolina's diverse habitats.

As the state legislature works on creating a budget for next year, they have proposed many cuts to the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources. While many of the cuts are aimed at regulatory functions, there are also proposed reductions to the Office of Environmental Education. The House of Representatives' budget cuts the current staff of five down to two positions. This cut has been overshadowed by the larger changes thus far, but North Carolina's citizens should know the decisions being made on their behalf.

A savings of \$221,000 in the state budget is in essence cutting that amount in grants and in-kind support the office brings in annually to fund professional-development programs for educators, adult education, job creation and the 200 Environmental Education Centers in the state.

The Office of Environmental Education has spent more than a decade working to become a communication tool for educators, both formal and non-formal, to find curriculum, educational events, professional development, resources and publications. It is a critical economic resource to educators at a time when budgets and teachers are being slashed across the state. Making the investment in a well-informed citizenry can be a cost-effective alternative to environmental regulation. It has also been identified as a critical 21st century skill that will enable us to be competitive in a global economy while ensuring that our communities have clean water and air.

> JULIANNA PARKS Orange County

# Cuts to health fund would hurt youth

As a young person in North Carolina who is passionate about eradicating the use of tobacco, I am very concerned about the budget cuts that would abolish the TRU Movement. The TRU Movement is a statewide program that focuses on preventing youth from using tobacco products and is funded by the N.C. Health and Wellness Trust Fund (HWTF). If the current budget proposal passes the Senate, the HWTF would be dissolved and lose all funding forever.

I joined the Tobacco. Reality. Unfiltered. (TRU) Club at my high school this year and I have been able to make a huge impact in the lives of my peers. I have learned several negative effects about the use of tobacco that you would never hear about on a daily basis. This has aided me in my quest to stop my peers from using tobacco products.

Recently, our school's TRU Club invited Reena, the cancer survivor who appears in the TRU commercials speaking with an electronic voice box, to give a presentation that greatly impacted several students. Many of them confirmed their efforts to quit smoking and others, who had contemplated smoking, informed me that they were not going to think about it again because they were very inspired by Reena to remain tobacco-free.

I know our legislators have tough budget decisions to make, but tobacco prevention is an important investment. Thanks to the HWTF and the TRU Movement, there are 53,000 fewer smokers, with the result that North Carolina currently has the lowest youth smoking rate in its history. We urge you to contact your senators and tell them to save the Health and Wellness Trust Fund! We are the solution, not the problem.

> VANESSA AMOAKO Media/editorial coordinator, Tobacco. Reality. Unfiltered. (TRU) Club Carrboro High School

## May is Children's Mental Health Month

Unbelievable, but true: 9 to 14 percent of children from birth to 5 years of age experience depression, anxiety or some other social and emotional problem that negatively effects their functioning and development.

Whether the condition is brought on by mistreatment, trauma or is just part of the child's DNA, the result can be the same: Without proper treatment, some of our youngest community members face a bleak future.

That's where a program like KidSCope fits in. We offer a range of services to improve the lives of children who have or may be at risk of a mental or developmental disability. We run two inclusive five-star development day programs – the Children's Learning Center in Hillsborough and the Chatham Child Development Center in Siler City.

We also train teachers, physicians and other earlychildhood professionals to recognize the warning signs of mental or developmental disabilities and to work with those in their care. On average, KidSCope staff work with 600 families, children and service providers each year in both Orange and Chatham counties.

I've worked in children's mental health for 23 years. I've seen what happens when families have to travel this road alone and what happens when they receive the wraparound support our community is fortunate to provide. Join me in celebrating Children's Mental Health Month and supporting those who care for children and families in need.

> LINDA FOXWORTH Director of KidSCope Hillsborough

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# History repeats in Northside

Very early on, it was evident that the effort to create Chapel Hill's first Neighborhood Conservation District for the Northside neighborhood was not going to be easy. The meetings, held around a big conference table in the basement of Town Hall, were driven by a long-sought vision that somehow Northside could, through public policy, be protected. Specifically, that meant protection from the growing influx of students and the steady conversion of what were once family homes into off-campus housing.

With UNC growing rapidly, it meant, in short, swimming briskly

against the tide. Driving the urgency at the time was a gross exaggeration of the term "duplex."

There were duplexes under construction that were aptly described by neighborhood advocates as "monstrosities." They had four or five bedrooms a side and were designed to be built as big as the town would allow on the neighborhood's relatively small plots. With shared kitchens, these large student-housing units were effectively minidorms. The neighbors and their allies saw them as a disconcerting signal that change was suddenly on a very fast track. To buy the new committee time to work, the town council imposed a moratorium on duplexes throughout Chapel Hill.

The group that met at Town Hall in 2003 was charged with charting a new course for the neighborhood and, through the new conservation-district process, a new course for the town in terms of neighborhood protection. Under the conservation-district process, the committee included representation of property owners, including people who either owned these new monstrosities or planned to do something like that on their

own. That meant consensus was not going to be easy.

Usually when a neighborhood gets together and petitions the town, the people doing the organizing, gathering petitions getting people out to meetings and so on, are the actual residents - homeowners and renters. With the advent of the neighborhood-conservation process, we saw a very different constituency joining residents in the public discussions. Landlords and property investors were also at the table, protecting their interests. It's a group that has always wielded some serious clout in Chapel Hill, but often behind the scenes. This time, they were doing so right out in the open.

For much of what the proponents of the conservation district aimed to do, there was consensus. But when it came to constraints on what a person could build on their property, there were clashes – and in the end, while the district rules that emerged were indeed a breakthrough, they were not nearly as stringent as many had hoped starting out.

So it is not so surprising to hear that almost a decade down the road the rules aren't cutting it and that the constraints imposed and the town's own extensive requirements for development are not deterring developers and speculators intent on carving up the neighborhood into more and more student-oriented rentals.

It's right for the town council to take up a revision of the plan, just as it's right, again, to call for a moratorium on new projects in the area.

Not only should the neighborhood-conservation rules particular to this area be fixed, but the lessons learned in how a plan plays out over time should also be incorporated into the way the town approaches all of its conservation districts.

And the new rules for Northside will have to take into account a different reality than that in 2003. With a new elementary school in the pipeline, Northside is about to change in even more dramatic ways.

History has that strange way of repeating itself. We are about to take a hard look at Northside again while the town is in the process of rewriting its comprehensive plan. The problems confronted today are very close to the same as the ones seen almost a decade ago and decades prior, long into our history.

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However, board members said they were concerned that county commissioners might hold off on the referendum, given that a quarter-cent sales tax to fund economic development and schools is already on the November ballot. Board member Joal Hall Broun said she felt that the commissioners were concerned about asking for another tax increase given the current economic climate.

"I really disagree with the way that the county commissioners are looking at this right now," Mayor Mark Chilton said. "I think it's pretty clear that they feel that the quarter-cent sales-tax proposal that they're already planning on having on the ballot in November is very important to the Orange County budget and they don't want to do anything that they perceive jeopardizes the quarter-cent sales tax passing."

David King, CEO and general manager of Triangle Transit, pointed out that the Triangle was just identified as the nation's top gas-guzzling region per household by *Forbes*.

"When [gas] prices go up, we suffer disproportionately," he said. "Whereas it may be pleasant to have that sort of spread-out demographic we've got, there's a cost associated with it."

Planning for transportation alternatives, such as light rail and bus, is crucial, he said.

"It's a way to assimilate the 1.2 million people that we're all told are coming our way, without it destroying us," he said.

Chilton said if gas prices continue to rise, transit changes become increasingly needed.

"This is what I got involved in local government to do 20 years ago – to make this kind of transformation in our public transit system," Chilton said. "When ordinary working people can't afford ... to fill up their gas tank, I think people are going to look at us and say, 'What were you doing? Why has this taken so long? We need this now."





# Tar Heels band together to get similar results

# LANDRETH Staff Writer

This year, there are no Tar Heel baseball superstars grabbing the limelight, no big-time prospects waiting to be selected in the top eight of the Major League Baseball draft in early June.

Even when the team began the year with three huge victories on the West Coast and continued to win with regularity throughout the season, there were doubters. How could there not be? This team did not have a Dustin Ackley, an Andrew Miller, a Daniel Bard, an Alex White or a Matt Harvey.

Levi Michael is a pro prospect who will probably get drafted early, but even Michael has not done what some of the stars did from 2006-09.

There is not likely to be a first-round draft choice from Carolina baseball. Virginia, Florida State, Georgia Tech those team had the big names. The Cavaliers have the two best pitchers in the country. Entering last week's series against UNC, the Cavaliers' Will Roberts was 10-0 for the season, 17-0 for his career, and had an astounding 1.41 earned run average. Former ACC rookie of the year Danny Hultzen had a 1.42 ERA and was 9-2.

But Carolina used the then-No. 1-ranked Cavaliers to prove they can play with anyone on any given day, as they showed when they took two out of three at Florida State and when they defeated Cal State Fullerton and Southern California on the road.

UNC swept Virginia, and it was Carolina's pitching staff

on the better show. The nation's topranked team scored three runs in three days, and UNC senior Patrick Johnson shut the Cavs out in the opener to finish the regular season 10-1.

"We pitched exceptionally well," coach Mike Fox said. "I never thought we would have held them to three runs in three games."

Carolina has a lot of good baseball players who stick together, compete and have the mindset that they are going to find a way to win. This is what has carried the Tar Heels to a 44-12 record during the regular season, one of the finest records in the nation. They will begin play in the ACC Tournament today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. against Miami (34-20) at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

'Nobody thought we could do it," senior Greg Holt said of the series against Virginia. "Everybody thought Virginia was just going to come in there and beat us all three games. We played the whole weekend with a chip on our shoulder. In the back of our minds, we knew we could beat them.

We knew we had the better team. We went out this weekend and proved it. [The energy] comes from the leaders in our locker room. We did it the whole weekend. We played together as one team, one unit and with one goal."

The confidence is deeply rooted. While Carolina wants to first win the ACC Tournament, the program reached a new



consecutive College World Series. So no matter what happens this week, it's hard to imagine that Carolina will not be ready to go when the NCAA Tournament begins in Chapel Hill the following weekend.

level when the Tar

Heels went to four

"We feel like we're one of the best teams in the nation," said pitcher Chris Munnelly, who earned the victory in the 3-2 series-sweeping victory on Saturday. "This is no surprise to us to beat Virginia. When we're playing at our best level of baseball, I feel like we're unbeatable."

One big reason is the Tar Heels have a superstar in the making. Freshman third baseman Colin Moran was named the Rookie of the Year in the ACC. He leads the league with 68 runs batted in, 38 of those coming with two outs. He did it again in the third game against Virginia, when he took a slider away with two strikes and drove it into the right-center field gap for a double that drove in two runs. He leads the team with a .355 average and nine home runs and he's struck out only 27 times in 203 at-bats.

It's the kind of performance that no longer surprises his teammates.

"You could tell as soon as that kid got here in the fall that he was going to be a special player," Johnson said. "But the way he came out and played at that level the entire season and has not fell off at all and leads the league in RBIs, it is unbelievable. He is unreal."

# **School Briefs**

#### Teacher of the Year

Patty Berge, a science teacher at East Chapel Hill High School, has named the been 2010-11 Teacher of the Year for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. The announcement was made last Friday at the district's annual Recogni-

Reception. tion

Berge received a \$1,000 check from Harrington Bank, a plaque and other prizes donated by area businesses. She has taught at East since 2007 and will enter regional and state Teacher of the Year competitions in the fall. She received her master's degree in teaching science from UNC.

### **Phoenix Field Day**

Chapel Hill's Phoenix Academy High School will host its first-ever field day Friday, and they need your help. The school needs donations of food items (trays, snacks, refreshments, cups, plates, ice) and gift cards to purchase items for games and activities. Phoenix is also seeking community partners to sponsor the event. Anyone interested in donating to or helping sponsor field day should contact Tyson Miller at 918-2300, ext. 0 or tyson. miller@chccs.k12.nc.us

### Hands for Habitat expo

Orange County Schools will hold an event to celebrate the district's Hands for Habitat program today (Thursday) from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Sports Endeavors, 431 Hwy. 70A East in Hillsborough. This event will celebrate the work students and teachers have done for Habitat for Humanity. There will be food, games, building activities, student performances and expo tables displaying students' work. The house dedication for the Hands for Habitat program will take place Friday at 9 a.m. at 552 Harper Road in Hillsborough.

### Students win scholarships

Four high school seniors in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will receive scholarships at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP's annual Freedom Fund Banquet and Dance held at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday.

This year, Teon Dolby, a senior from Carrboro High School, will receive the first scholarship given in honor of the late civil rights attorney Ashley Osment.

The other students who will receive scholarships and their high schools are: Benjamin Daniels Rose, Carrboro; Brianna Dillon, Chapel Hill; and Alice Keith, East Chapel Hill.

### Chinese honors

Students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' Chinese Dual-Language Program won top honors at the N.C. Chinese Speech Contest held May 7 at N.C. State University.

McDougle Middle School eighth-grader Samuel Kennedy received the Outstanding Prize, while McDougle eighth-grader Tom Kennedy won first prize and McDougle seventh-grader Max Mahadevan won second prize. Glenwood Elementary School fourth-graders Kyla Speizer and Maggie Sheely earned third prize. Students receiving honorable mentions are: Morgan Alderman, McDougle Middle; Conrad Weiden, McDougle Middle; Flora Horne, Glenwood; Zoe Roth, Glenwood; and Neela Mahadevan, Glenwood.

Both McDougle and Glenwood were named "Excellent Organizations" in the program.

### Teens support wellness

Local teens recently attended a rally in Raleigh to convince the N.C. Senate to preserve the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund and its successful programs addressing teen tobacco use and childhood obesity.

Orange County students met with Rep. Verla Insko and Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, who represent Orange County and expressed their support for the fund, which was formed as part of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with major tobacco companies. One-fourth of settlement funding was allocated to the fund to address teen tobacco use and preventable health issues. The budget approved by the House dissolves the Health and Wellness Trust Fund.

## Lunch Menus

Friday 5/27 Chicken parmesan bowl – Breaded Chicken Cutlet, Seasoned Pasta, Marinara Sauce, Mixed Vegetables

Monday 5/30

No School - Teacher Work Day **Tuesday 5/3 I** Chicken Nuggets w/ Sweet Mustard Dressing, Wheat Roll, Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli

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# The right fit

The son of a savings and loan executive, Miller was reared on the edge of the tony Birmingham, Ala., suburb of Mountain Brook. He came to this community in 1977 to attend Duke. Inree years later, history degree in hand, Miller pondered law school and pursued a passion, landing a gig that was a natural fit: He'd long been a musician, and found employment in a fledgling instrument store – a keen decision in a propitious moment. "Dave Lovett started this tiny little music store in a loft in Durham," Miller says, "and he hired me to work there six months after it opened. And six months after that, he was like, 'I'm moving to Memphis. Would you like to have the store?" The shop was called the Music Loft, approximately 300 square feet of floor space on Perry Street, off Ninth, at \$54 a month. Under Miller's ownership, the business grew to six stores in the Triangle, Triad

### and Wilmington.

By the turn of the century, though, Miller had come to believe that you could be a mom-and-pop or you could be big business, "but trying to get in between," as he was, "you're going to be in trouble."

So he sold, offering each shop to its manager. By 2002, his last store, in Carrboro, was under new but simpatico ownership. Miller was 43, and had some cash in his pocket. Now what? He reconsidered law school. "And then I thought, well, if I went into law, I'd go into nonprofit law, because I was already thinking nonprofit. "I felt I'd been very fortunate. And I really kind of thought I wanted to do something fulfilling and give back – all the typical stuff you hear." He did volunteer work, at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service and elsewhere, and took classes at Duke and online in nonprofit management. "I decided that's how I wanted to concentrate myself" - on the business of nonprofits -"and I wanted to concentrate on Orange and Durham counties, because I didn't have but so much time and money, and so I wanted to keep it tight, and also those are the areas where

I've lived and worked." (He and his wife, the visual artist Ebeth Scott-Sinclair, live west of Chapel Hill off N.C. 54; their three kids are now grown and gone.)

"So I decided I wanted to be in the nonprofit philanthropist/ service business - hands on."

With Scott-Sinclair, he launched the Shared Visions Foundation, with a mission 'dedicated to building the organizational capacity of and promoting cooperation among nonprofit agencies that directly benefit communities" in Durham and Orange counties. Shared Visions works closely with several mental health care and other human service agencies, cultural organizations and a few environmental groups. Among the nonprofits the foundation is providing with financial and developmental support are Club Nova, Mental Health America of the Triangle, XDS Inc., Freedom House, The ArtsCenter, The Women's Center and Stone Circles. The foundation also has renovated the Murphey School on N.C. 10, in rural Orange County between Hillsborough and Durham. The school, built in 1923, is now home to Just Right Academy, a nonprofit learning

center, and also functions as a retreat center that can be rented dirt-cheap by nonprofits. It houses a performance space for fundraisers, like the Murphey School Radio Show, which features local luminaries and will hold its second performance at the school in November.

The bulk of Shared Visions' work is assisting small nonprofits with the drudgery of finances and facilities, because, as Miller stresses, "the business end is just as important for a nonprofit as it is for a for-profit." It's Miller's experience that, too often, nonprofits' mission statements don't "say anything about the facilities and the business end of things." A nonprofit's first inclination when faced with an influx of money, Miller says, is to provide more service. "And that makes sense; that's their mission. You can't find one that isn't interested in doing more of what they're already doing and doing it better." But sometimes it costs more to provide that service than the funds will afford.

provide more service, which is good for the community, but they end up in a worse situation financially.

"So we try to help. ... There's often a gap between the needs they have and the resources they have, and we do what we can to bring that together."

"Promoting cooperation" is there in the mission statement. "In theory," Miller says, "if you can work together, you can get more done. So I'd like to see more collaboration" among nonprofits.

"and we want to run up there some."

He'll continue to play music. He played bluegrass as a teenager in Birmingham, then succumbed to rock 'n' roll, by temperament and in vocation. Now, he says, he's back full circle, once again playing bluegrass guitar. "I put it down at 16 and back up at 50."

The Murphey School Radio Show is jazzing him – engaging the artist within.

"A nonprofit will go out and hire somebody new, and all the work that goes around that sometimes isn't considered," Miller says. "They actually do

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## Solid Waste Services Memorial Day Schedule

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Curbside recycling will be collected Monday, May 30 as regularly scheduled. Please have your bins out by 7:00a.m!

# The Orange County Landfill will be CLOSED on Monday, May 30.

All other landfill services including hazardous waste collection and mulch sales will be closed. The landfill and all other services will reopen Tuesday, May 31.

### Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be CLOSED May 30.

Normal operating hours: 7:00 am-6:00 pm will resume Tuesday, May 31.

### The Solid Waste Administrative Office, 1207 Eubanks Rd. will be closed on May 30.

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# Shifting gears "I spent 22 years waking up

every day and making decisions," Miller says, "and it's a little bit hard to do committee work. I find board work to be pretty difficult. I'm on some boards, but more and more I'm trying to just do projects. 'How can I help you? This is what you need? I'll help you this way.'

"I do sit through board meetings, and some of them are tedious, and some of the time I'm going, 'Gosh, we don't need to sit around and talk about this for two hours; let's just do it.'

"I'm not saying it's the wrong way to do business. I'm not proposing a new model for nonprofits. I just personally struggle with it.

"But, OK, sometimes the consensus reached is better than what I would have done."

Miller hopes to further develop the Murphey School, with plans to add a building when the permits come through. He'll continue in his role as philanthropic handyman while also doing maintenance on the properties he owns, which are his source of income.

And: "We've got a little cabin up in Wilkesboro now," he says,

"We want to do the radio shows on a regular basis. The first one, I have to say, was wildly successful," meshing music, comedy and literature. It aired on WCHL and is available on podcast. The next one will be Nov. 12-13, with an as-yet undetermined cast, though local author Lee Smith is already on board. The beneficiaries will be Housing for New Hope, based in Durham, and the Community Home Trust in Carrboro.

"When we do these radio shows," Miller says, "it's a drop in the bucket; but it's individuals making up the difference."

In fact, more than \$10,000 was raised with the last show, "and people were glad to do it, and it was a lot of people giving a little money, which to me is the way to do it ... because they're family": the natural sources.

"I think that's the only way out," Miller says. "I wouldn't have wanted to be too dependent on the state and federal government anyway.

"It's a bummer that all this is happening," he says of the curtailing of institutional largess. "But where else is it going to come from?

"If it's not going to come from them, it's got to come from us."



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# What's at Market? New Item this Week: White and red

potatoes, summer squash, broccoli, cauliflower, strawberries, cilantro, arugula, asparagus, green garlic, green onions, leeks, mini-romaine, baby red bibb, whole head lettuce, beets, radishes, carrots, turnips, spinach, beet greens, campanulus, saponaria, peonies, lilies, bachelor buttons, sweet williams, iris, greenhouse sungold tomatoes (limited), greenhouse tomatoes, veggie and herb starter plants, golden turnips, parsley, chard, kale mix, bok choy, sweet potatoes, eggs, sun-dried tomatoes, homemade raviolis with local fillings, fettuccine, tomato-basil sauce, cornmeal, wheat flour, pecans, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc., cow's and goat's milk cheeses, breads, doughnuts, tortes, nut butters, pies, cakes, jams, relishes, local wine and more ...

### **Recipe of the Week** Kohlrabi, Radish and Carrot Slaw (Serves 6)

Recipe provided by Susan Reda

### Ingredients:

- kohlrabi bulb I bunch of radishes I bunch of small carrots olive oil lemon juice salt & pepper
- parsley

### **Procedure:**

Wash all three vegetables and remove their green tops. If the kohlrabi is young, there is no need to peel it. The carrots may require a gentle peeling.

Use a mandolin or very sharp knife to slice each into matchsticks. Toss equal amounts of the vegetables with 2 tablespoons of olive oil, a squeeze or two of lemon juice and I tablespoon of finely chopped parsley. Finish with  $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon sea salt and ground black pepper to taste.

# PET OF THE WEEK

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#### **FLORA** FROM PAGE I

Each flower opens for only a single day. The descriptive species name, blattaria, "moth-like," is attributed to Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder's description of the similarity of the flower's hairy stamens to antennae on the heads of moths.

The flower is definitely worth a "closer look," and you don't need your trusty hand lens to see the beautiful purple-haired stamens crowned with vivid orange anthers. You can almost imagine some amorous moth approaching one of these flowers with more than food on its mind.

Bumblebees are frequently seen wrestling with the moth antenna-like stamens as they forage for the pollen. They must be effective pollinators, because the stems eventually display numerous round capsules holding countless seeds for dispersal later in the season.

In contrast to the common woolly mullein, Verbascum thapsus, with its large woolly leaved, cabbage-like basal rosette, the smaller moth mullein generally goes unnoticed. The basal leaf cluster of moth mullein hunkers flat on the ground like a pancake-sized, shiny, dark-green doily. You may notice the flat leaf rosettes in late fall and winter when the ground is more



Moth mulleins, most often whiteflowered, occasionally show up in unmowed fields.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE (carrborocitizen.com/flora).

Rosettes of shiny, deeply veined leaves characterize moth mullein. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

exposed to view. If you are lucky enough to spot some in your yard, mow around them to watch them flower next season.

Both mulleins are naturalized in open, sunny sites, having made their way across the Atlantic long ago with the settlers from Europe. Though in some states mulleins are considered invasive, they don't pose a problem in North Carolina. The beautiful flowered moth mullein is hardly noticed as it struggles to compete with the lush, perennial vegetation of our open areas.

These plants will be in flower for the next couple of weeks, so keep a lookout for yellow ones.

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### Mrs. Lillie turns 83

o what do you give the last of the Franklin Street Flower Ladies on her 83rd birthday? Why, a bouquet of new friends, of course. When Lillie Mozelle Pratt turned 83 on May 16, I brought my summer school photojournalism students downtown to meet my venerable friend. Lillie, who's been selling Chapel Hillians her homegrown flowers since s the '60s, told my kids, "I ain't no quitter. I'm a survivor. I'll be here till the Lord calls me home." And after introductions, many more photos and some hugs, she told them, "Now, all you are my children too!" Then "Mrs. Pratt" posed for her birthday portrait along with her new friends, (front row, left to right), Chris Lane, Katie Bailey, Ryan Davis, Bryce Butner, Lizzie Cox and Josh Clinard; (back row) Nick Kepple, Kathryn Rathbun, Katie Holt, Jennifer Davis, Norman Gossett and Amy Fourrier.



# **A THOUSAND WORDS**

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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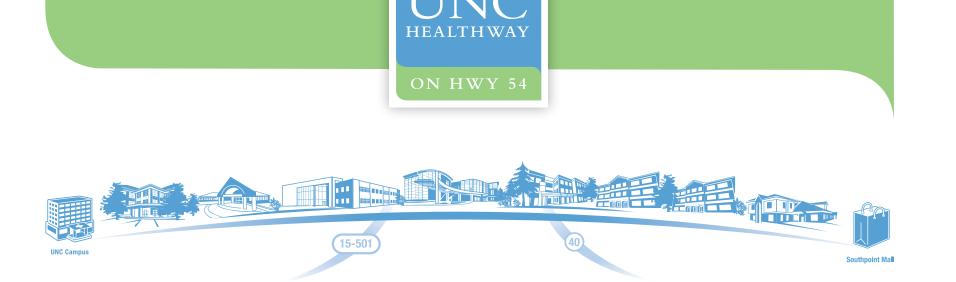
In all, four volunteer companies - New Hope, White Cross, Orange Rural and Orange Grove – expressed interest in discussing increased revenues with the commissioners, Clifton said. He said such discussions would be appropriate and expected during upcoming public work sessions. Other county residents spoke to commissioners about the county's solidwaste convenience centers and the recent decision to use a tipping-fee surcharge to fund improvements in the Rogers Road neighborhood near the county's landfill on Eubanks Road. While they praised remediation efforts, the speakers from Orange County Voice, a group that advocates for rural communities, urged commissioners not to commit county money to expanding compacting and other site improvements at the convenience centers. "Send a message that we are no longer investing in our out-of-date solid-waste infrastructure," Voice's Stan Cheren told commissioners. "Everything on the county's plan can wait." Other Voice members urged the commissioners to look to other options - including residents' requests to keep the centers open on Sundays. Norma White told commissioners that some convenience centers are unsafe because of crowding on Saturdays.

# The road to recovery just got more convenient.

"Except for the hours, the convenience centers are not broken," Steve Graf, of Cedar Grove, said. "There's no rush for these improvements."

And several speakers lined up to urge the commissioners to continue funding public education in the county, or even increase per-pupil funding. They also urged commissioners to back the proposed quarter-cent increase on the county's sales tax that will be on November's ballot.

"I would love for Orange County to be nationally recognized, and distinguished from that other Orange County in California," said school activist and parent Tiki Gwynne.



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